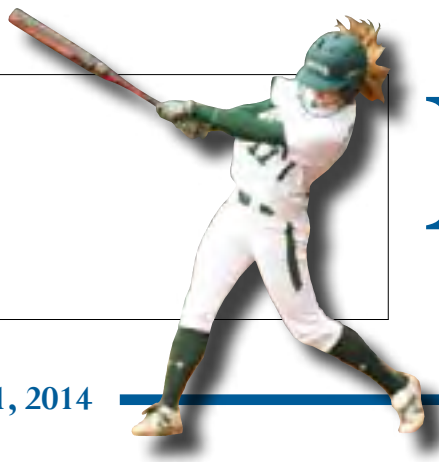


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Votes counted, Edwards wins

By ALLYSSA SCHOONOVER
REPORTER



Dominic Edwards
Student Body President



Lawren Kinghorn
Internal VP



Kristyn Miller
External VP

After a competitive campaign season for student body elections, Arlington junior Dominic Edwards was elected student body president. He received 1,617 votes, 502 more votes than his opponent San Antonio sophomore Chase Hardy.

Katy sophomore Lawren Kinghorn was elected the new internal vice president, and Woodville sophomore Kristyn Miller was elected the new external vice president. Both candidates ran unopposed.

Edwards has served in a number of student government positions, including his current position as internal vice president for this school year. He said he is devoted to this position and has high aspirations for the coming year. He said his previous experience has prepared him to serve the student body and to be a voice for the students.

"I'm in disbelief," Edwards said. "I'm humbled and I really felt that I was called to this position. I feel great about my [vice presidents]."

Edwards said his first action as Student Body President will be to meet with his other officers.

"It will take a team to get our goals accomplished," Edwards said.

He said he is dedicated to what his campaign stated he would do throughout his

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama pay their respects to the three soldiers killed in the April 2 shooting at Fort Hood on Wednesday.

A nation mourns at Ft. Hood memorial

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
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FORT HOOD — For the second time in the past five years, Army officials have been forced to reexamine the level of security available to residents of Fort Hood after another deadly rampage claimed the lives of three soldiers.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said authorities are reviewing security procedures at Fort Hood, also known as "The Great Place," after Spc. Ivan A. Lopez, 34, released 35 rounds on his soldiers in eight minutes, injuring an additional 16 soldiers and taking his own life in the end.

"What motivated this person to do this," Hagel asked. "Where was the gap, why did we have a gap, why did it happen?"

But these questions are the same that were asked by many in 2009 when 13 soldiers were killed and 31 injured at the same base and by one of their own. Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, opened fire on unarmed soldiers in a medical facility at the base.

In response to that attack, Fort Hood posted more guards, armed

them with long-barreled weapons and trained soldiers on response tactics for insider attacks. An attempt was also made to better identify troubled service member, a joint effort with an FBI intelligence-sharing program.

But in the end, another troubled soldier made his way onto base and a tragic history was repeated in the Fort Hood community.

President Barack Obama was grieving this part of that repeated history as he stood before a familiar crowd Wednesday and mourned alongside soldiers and families at the memorial for the three soldiers fallen soldiers.

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Michael Ferguson, 39, Staff Sgt. Carlos Alberto Lazaney-Rodriguez, 38, and Sgt. Timothy Wayne Owens, 37, were killed on that ill-fated day April 2.

"Today, four American soldiers are gone," Obama said. "Four Army families are devastated. As commander in chief, I'm determined that we will continue to step up our efforts, to reach our troops and veterans who are hurting, to deliver to them the care that they need, and to make sure we never stigmatize

those who have the courage to seek help."

"This tragedy tears at wounds still raw from five years ago," Obama said. "Once more, soldiers who survived foreign warzones were struck down here at home, where they're supposed to be safe. We still do not yet know exactly why, but we do know this: We must honor their lives, not 'in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.'"

Obama referred to Scripture often from 1 John and 1 Corinthians as part of his message of hope and love for the families of those fatally wounded struggling to understand how this could happen twice. Obama said to the 3,000 members of the Fort Hood community in attendance at Sadowski Field that love could bear all things and guide the nation through this tragedy.

"In our lives, in our joys and in our sorrows, we've learned that there is 'a time for every matter under heaven,'" Obama said. "We laugh and we weep. We celebrate and we mourn. We serve in war and we pray for peace. But Scripture also teaches that, alongside the

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Students pave way for bike sharing service

By ASHLEY ALTUS
REPORTER

The founders of Campus Bike, a company created to support more environmentally sustainable campuses, plan on changing the way students use on-campus transportation by bringing bike-sharing to Baylor's campus.

Bike-sharing is an automated system that gives users 24/7 access to a group of bicycles shared by a community.

"Right now, you can look around campus and see there are messy bike racks everywhere, and it's an eyesore," Glenrock, N.J. freshman and co-founder Kyle Bogert said. "Our mission is streamlining transportation and environmental awareness and sustainability."

Houston freshman and co-founder Jonathon Permetti said one of the advantages they have as a company is being their own customers.

"I wake up every day pretty much running to class to be on time," Permetti said. "We know the needs and are able to suit them because we're living them. We feel that it's a need that needs to be filled."

Bogert said Campus Bike does not provide the bicycle-sharing but instead is a consultant firm for universities to license its technologies.

Permetti said the company is looking to be on Baylor's campus within a year with its goal of about 350 users and 160 bikes.

Campus Bike offers different packages for students. A yearly pass with Campus Bike is \$79.95 which includes unlimited 45 minute rides.

Bogert said he drew his original concept of his docking system full-to-scale on his dorm room wall.

Bogert pitched his bike-sharing concept to his roommates to get them to be a part of his idea in the Entrepreneurial Living-Learning Center in North Village.

"We weren't really on board at first, but then after looking at how things go, we hopped on board and decided to keep working on it," Dallas freshman and co-founder Paul Worrell said.

The group meets three to five days per week in the Dottie S. Riley Conference Room in Moody Memorial Library to work on Campus Bike.

The team said they work 40 to 60 hours per week on their company and have seen their social lives and grades slip.

"It's like having a full-time job and taking classes," Clinton, N.J. sophomore and co-founder T.J. Gwalis said.

Campus Bike will also have a chance to gain more funding for the company by presenting on the FOX

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Obama celebrates 50 years since Civil Rights Act



Obama

By JOSH LEDERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A half-century after the passage of sweeping civil rights legislation, President Barack Obama declared that he had "lived out the promise" envisioned by Lyndon B. Johnson, the president who championed the push for greater racial equality.

Marking the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, which Johnson signed into law, Obama lauded his Democratic predecessor's ability to grasp like few others the power of government to bring about change and swing open the doors of opportunity for millions of Americans.

"They swung open for you and they swung open for me," he said. "That's why I'm standing here today."

Obama spoke at the end of a three-day summit commemorating the landmark law that ended racial discrimination in public places.

The anniversary has spurred a renaissance of sorts for Johnson's domestic agenda, which included the creation of Medicare, Medicaid and the Voting Rights Act.

And against the backdrop of Obama's own troubled relationship with Congress, there have also been fresh bouts of nostalgia for Johnson's mastery of congressional deal-making.

"No one knew politics and no one loved

legislating more than President Johnson," Obama said. "He was charming when he needed to be, ruthless when required."

The president also offered rare personal insights into his views on the office he has held for more than five years, casting it as a humbling perch with powerful possibilities.

"Those of us who've had the singular privilege to hold the office of the presidency know well that progress in this country can be hard and it can be slow, frustrating. And sometimes you're stymied," he said.

"You're reminded daily that in this great democracy, you are but a relay swimmer in

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Baylor athletes strengthen faith, find victories on and off the basketball court.



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Magician/ hypnotist Max Major wowed the audience at Diadeloso with his gravity-defying tricks.



Current stadium parking plan best option

Editorial

Thousands of people will make their way to Baylor's campus come football season with the opening of McLane Stadium. With this comes several changes to game day, such as parking and tailgating. Baylor administrators have worked to plan for these activities for the past few months. Originally, the editorial board was dissatisfied with the plan for parking. However, after sitting down with Brian Nicholson, the Associate Vice President for Facility, Planning and Construction, we have a better understanding of why the plan was chosen. It is clear Baylor administration thought through this plan and are willing to alter it as it is tested on the first few games. On game days, the law school parking lot, Dutton garage and Speight garage will be closed to students without a gameday pass. Students will be asked to move their cars from these locations the day before the game. This was one of the biggest issues the editorial board saw with the plan. On the average weekend, there are 529 cars in the Dutton garage out of 1112 spaces. There are 55 cars out of 900 in the Speight garage. The law school lot offers 379 spaces. This means only about 584 cars would need to be moved prior to game day. For the cars that aren't moved by game day, Nicholson said parking services would make every effort to reach the owner of the car to remind them to move their car. Students have the option of relocating their car to any other location on campus, including the East Village garage, which has

an average of 350 spaces being used on the weekends out of 1100. Attendees will have the option of purchasing a parking spot at the Ferrell Center, Robinson Tower, Speight garage, Dutton garage or at the law school. This way, more people will have access to parking close to the stadium beyond just the season-ticket holders. The City of Waco has also offered four public lots for people to use on game days. There will be a shuttle from these lots to the game. For those who are disabled or who are working at the games, parking is available at the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative building. Shuttles will transport these people to and from the game. Next semester, there will be more variety in parking passes available. On-campus, off-campus and law school student stickers are being made in order to help organize game days. Campus will also be easier to access on game days for students with parking passes. Campus will be blocked off starting a few hours before the game until around half time. Students that do not attend the game can gain access to campus through Third Street as long as they have an on-campus parking sticker. The point of this plan is to avoid a gridlock on campus. Students who don't have an on-campus sticker would need to come to campus earlier in the day to park or wait until the lockdown is lifted. The lockdown only lasts around five hours on game day, so this shouldn't be too much of a problem with a little extra planning on the student's part. One key factor in making this plan work is the shuttle schedule. Shuttle locations around campus can carry students, faculty,



staff and other attendees to the game and back, which helps alleviate any concern in finding a parking spot. Baylor administration used a company to examine several options, including the possibility of building a parking garage specifically next to the stadium. However, a garage so close to the stadium with so many cars going in and out of it would be

bottlenecked quickly, so this option isn't as appealing as the current plan. Floyd Casey Stadium had 4,700 parking spots available for attendees. Now there are 5,400 total spots, with some reserved specifically for students as seen with the East Village garage. Baylor administration has planned well for the inevitable 45,000 people who will

flock to campus on game days. There are still kinks to work out, such as how parking will work on Thursday games or whether or not student cars will be towed if they aren't moved in time. This plan helps protect student parking on campus during games and seems like it will be affective at directing traffic. If not, Baylor is willing to reformat its plan.

Focus on jobs, not careers

"So, what are you doing after graduation?" That has to be the single most hated question for college seniors everywhere, the perfect answer to which is "lunch."

That answer effectively deflects all further communication about the matter and will often result in hilarious expressions of shock and confusion from your interrogator. The question has earned the ire of students. It forces many to give an answer that explains an all too uncertain future.

If you're one of the graduating seniors who either has a job lined up already or who has been accepted into graduate school, you hate the question because it has been asked approximately one billion times by now.

If you are one among the masses of graduating seniors who have no clear idea of what you will be doing, you hate the question because you hate scrambling for an answer that will make you seem like a sleep-deprived college student whose undecided future is enough to send them into an anxiety attack for the record books.

I'm talking a knee-bending, hair-pulling, shock-inducing type of panic attack that ends with the victim left in a catatonic state for days. OK, maybe it's not that bad. Many graduating seniors, however, are genuinely frightened by the prospect of not having a job by graduation.

That fear is understandable because many seniors hear the question "What are you doing after graduation?" as "What are you going to be doing for the rest of your life?"

In those terms, the search for a job after college is a search for the answer to what your lifelong career will be and whether you will be a successful, independent adult. Extra question marks are tagged on to the end of that question for anyone with a major in the humanities.

If I had a dollar for every time I heard, "Can I have fries with that?" in response to me saying I'm an English major, my coffee addiction would be so well funded it would have killed me last year. That's a lot of dollars.

On a side note, there are actually many ap-

plications for an English degree in the working world. You just have to market your skills well.

One of the reasons many seniors do not yet have a job lined up is that they are paralyzed by the belief that they must find a job in the field or company in which they want to stay for the rest of their lives.

The truth is that no one in his or her early 20s knows what he or she is going to do for the rest of their lives, and we should not worry about answering that question at that stage of life. The idea that the job you get after college is

the one you are supposed to want to stay in for the rest of your life is enough to make anyone panic, but it is a false and groundless idea.

The company for which you work after graduation likely will not be the company with which you stay for the rest of your life, unless you are Steve Jobs reincarnated and are going to start your own company, in which case I beg of you, please use your technological wizardry to make all of Tony Stark's technology a reality.

My point is this: Do not stress about finding the perfect job. Remember that this stage of life affords you the opportunity to try your hand at things that interest you. Yes, you need a job, but it is OK if when you take the job you are not certain that you want it to become your career.

So go work as a dive instructor in Florida, travel to a foreign country to teach English for a year, write stories for a magazine or travel to a place that interests you. Heck, you could even fulfill your childhood dream of being a pirate. I hear they're hiring in Somalia (please don't actually do this).

There is an entire world of potentially interesting jobs out there beyond the graduation stage. Don't worry about starting a career or the perfect job, just find one that seems interesting and will pay the bills. Just remember to be proactive in pursuing whatever job you set your sights on unless it's being an arms dealer in Sudan. Then, by all means, be lazy.

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Josh Gill | Reporter

NFL should ban n-word, racial slurs

At the end of the 2014 NFL owners meetings in Orlando, the Competition



Paula Solis | Staff Writer

Committee voted on issues concerning player safety and officiating. But perhaps the most interesting issue was the one that didn't make it to the voting phase — the banning of the n-word.

When news of a possible ban on the n-word first made its way around the league, several players, commentators and fans voiced their opinions in favor and in opposition of the change.

Seattle Seahawks' cornerback Richard Sherman said in an interview with Sports Illustrated that African-Americans were unfairly targeted by the possible ban.

"It's an atrocious idea," Sherman said. "It's almost racist, to me. It's weird they're targeting one specific word. Why wouldn't all curse words be banned then?"

Sherman also said the way it is used, dropping the hard -er ending in place of an -a ending, changes the meaning.

Sports journalist Stephen A. Smith said in an interview on ESPN's SportsCenter that he agreed the ban was unfairly targeting one group of players.

"Who outside the black community doesn't know that it's not a word that you need to be uttering to black folks or in the company of black folks?" Smith asked.

Later on ESPN's First Take, Smith

said the real insult around the possible ban derived from the people who would vote on it — non-African-Americans.

"I'm going to say this respectfully to people outside of the black community, particularly white people, who the hell do you think you are," Smith said. "It's crossing a line."

In the end, Rich McKay, committee chair and president of the Atlanta Falcons, said the ban was not voted on because a current rule already addresses this issue, and he's somewhat right.

"Using abusive, threatening, or insulting language or gestures to opponents, teammates, officials, or representatives of the League" is banned according to a subsection of Rule 12 in the players' handbook.

But does the n-word fall into this category? According to an interview with Seahawks receiver Doug Baldwin with the News Tribune, African-Americans have turned the word into a term of endearment. African-American players never hear the word used towards them in a disrespectful way on the field and members of the "opposite race" don't use it, Baldwin said. And like Sherman said, just avoid that hard -er ending and voila, you have a new meaning.

So is the n-word covered in this abusive, threatening or insulting clause of Rule 12? No, but I think it should be, and I think referees have been sleeping on the job.

I have a question for Baldwin. How exactly do you interpret the word "endearment"? As I understand it, a term of endearment is a word or expression used to address people we care for. I would never use the n-word at the end of "Goodnight, I love you," when tucking my 8-year-old nephew in or when talking to my roommate, and both of them are African-American.

But wait, I fall under the "opposite race" category and am therefore in violation of the "it's for us, not them," unwritten rule. Maybe those who abide by this rule are right. But I don't want to live in an us-versus-them world that

separates me from the people I love, and I don't want my nephews to live in one either.

When I talk about this controversial issue with my African-American friends and family members, I get various responses. Some of my friends tell me I can use the n-word around them because they know me, and they know I'm not racist. But the very fact that you have to analyze my character before I use the word says something about the issue.

Maybe I have no right to join in on this conversation. After all, I'm a Mexican-American. Just because I have African-American relatives and friends doesn't mean I have a say. Well if you have to be African-American to have a voice on this topic, then I'm glad Hall of Famer Harry Carson, who played 13 seasons for the New York Giants, agrees with me.

"I find it very disheartening that in our society today we're having a debate about the n-words being used as a term of endearment," Carson said in the same Sports Illustrated article. "If that's a term of endearment, go up to your grandfather, or an elderly black person, and use it on them. See how they react. For those who use it, I say they have no sense of history."

As a writer, it goes without saying that free speech is a precious part of our democracy, and I never want to see it unnecessarily weakened. But how many times did I use the term "n-word" instead of spelling out the word? The answer is every time. I am not allowed to use that word at work and neither should athletes.

What if, instead of listening to Sherman and just dropping the hard -er, athletes just drop the word altogether and act like the role models they're supposed to be for young people watching the sport such as my 8-year-old nephew who, by the way, I hope Sherman never meets for fear he would find him too endearing and call him by a racial slur.

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Players seek more than on-court victories

By ANJA ROSALES
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From dunking balls into baskets to dunking players into holy water, the Bears have experienced a season of immeasurable growth.

The bears concluded their season with a trip to the Sweet 16 and a final ranking of 18 in the USA Today Coach's Poll.

When the bears look back on the 2013-14 season, a winning record isn't all they will remember. They will also remember how a single season changed their lives and their way of playing the game.

"God allowed us to experience something this season that was more powerful than anything that could be won on the court," said Scott Brewer, Baylor basketball's character coach.

During this season, five players were baptized, two of which committed their life to Christ for the first time.

Mark Wible is an associate pastor at Highland Baptist Church and has served as a team chaplain since 2003.

Wible does chapel for the team before every home game.

He said he and Brewer tag team to lead bible studies and chapel among the team.

This is Brewer's first year working full-time with Baylor. He works for an organization called Nations of Coaches.

It was through this organization that he was able to be on staff with the bears to minister to coaches and players.

Wible said the theme of this season was "one".

"Before each game, we talked about one aspect for that game whether it was one attitude, one mentality or one heartbeat on the court," Wible said.

Wible said when they were in the middle of a losing streak, ques-

tions were raised as doubts slowly slithered into the minds of players and fans.

"When you are in the middle of trials and you get squeezed, what comes out of you?" Wible said. "This is what we started asking our players when times got tough."

Tim Maloney, director of basketball operations, is in his fifth year as a coach on Scott Drew's staff and said the biggest statement that resonated with him was when the program was 2-9, and Drew was most concerned with who these guys were as people.

"I think who Scott [Drew] brings to the team and hires as coaches all have a faith walk," Maloney said. "He has Pastor Wible and Scott Brewer on our team for a reason."

Maloney said when the team went through a tough patch of losses, it allowed players to see how others responded to circumstances.

"Scott doesn't force anything on players," Maloney said.

"It's just about being available for them when they have questions regarding how you act in certain circumstances."

Brewer said he remembers Drew coming up to him and looking him in the eye saying that he wasn't concerned with what his reputation was as a coach, but whether or not his players would come to know Christ.

Brewer said this was the moment that became a turning point of his job.

It was here he realized what was most important for these guys.

Brewer said he realized how serious Drew's statement was.

He said this prompted him to lead a bold bible study that presented the opportunity for players to publicly proclaim their faith if they were serious about it.

"I got tears in my eyes as I explained to the players how im-



Baylor Head Coach Scott Drew coaches the men's basketball team at the Ferrell Center on January 18, 2014.

portant it was that they proclaim their faith if they want to believe," Brewer said. "I couldn't stand the thought of thinking if something terrible happened while traveling to a game one day and these players would die in their sins."

Wible said the opportunity presented itself again the following day during his talk with the team.

"The next day my topic was 'one answer' and helped present the opportunity to be saved as well," Wible said. "I asked the players if God asked them one question regarding why they should be accepted into heaven, and they had to give one answer,

what would it be? It would be that they have a relationship with Jesus Christ and accepted him as their savior."

Wible said after a couple of days Drew came to them saying a handful of his players have expressed a great interest in Christ, and that they needed to set up a way to get them baptized.

He said they discussed how some players were to go through a believer's baptism, which meant that some of these players were baptized as infants, but never personally proclaimed their faith on their own in as an adult.

The Tuesday before the Bears

were to play Texas, the whole team and staff went to Highland Baptist Church after practice to witness five of the players make public proclamations of their faith as Wible dunked the players into the baptistery waters.

Maloney said that after this, players started to realize what it meant to accept Christ and incorporate that onto the court.

"When it comes to our faith, its not about the scoreboard, its about the heart board," Maloney said.

"The heart board is really what God wants us to focus on. God clearly wants us to be the best that we can be and it only happens if we include him.

Maloney said a player who plays for Christ doesn't exactly look different from other players, but emotionally they are separated from the pack.

He said this creates a sense of peace and calmness during the game that allows a player to play at his or her best without being afraid of failure.

"There isn't anything you can physically see about a single player who plays for Christ," Maloney said.

"A player who plays for Christ is all about being in the moment. They don't worry about a previous mistake they made in the game or stress about the end result. They simply just give it their best every moment of the game."

Maloney said the difference made on the court comes not only from knowing and playing for Christ, but also who's coaching the team.

"A coach who knows the concept of playing for Christ also realizes that there is so much more to life than a mistake a player makes in the game.

This allows him to keep his cool and handle the situation appropriately.

Through this the players know that there is confidence among the team from the coaching staff to the players on the court.

They know they won't have to worry about making a mistake as long as they are giving it their all in that moment," Maloney said.

Maloney said he knows coaches get caught up in the heat of the moment and that there is a difference between anger and passion.

"The climate of what goes on with our team is really all put together by Scott Drew," Maloney said.

"His passion and love for his players and is just so contagious."

Brewer said it is such a blessing to see the work God has done in this team, and knows the journey for these players is just beginning.

He said he likes to refer to Philippians 1:6 that reads "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

"I don't want the public to think that these players will be perfect from this," Brewer said.

"But that they realize it starts in their playing. I know there was a new found commitment in these players for playing the game of basketball for an audience of one — Jesus Christ."

Maloney said how great it was to be at a school that allows for experiences like this to take place so publicly and how much of an impact President and Chancellor Ken Starr and Athletic Director Ian McCaw have on coaches like Drew and others in the athletic department.

"Its amazing to be a school where everyone can openly talk about faith and grow in our faith," Maloney said. "We are able find Jesus in one another."

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New studies show Materialism hurts

By RAE JEFFERSON
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If gratitude only makes an appearance once a year over a steaming plate of turkey and stuffing, something may be way off, a recent Baylor study found.

“Why are materialists less happy? The role of gratitude and need satisfaction in the relationship between materialism and life satisfaction” is a study lead by Dr. Jo-Ann Tsang, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience at Baylor. The study looked at the correlations between gratitude, materialism and happiness and found that gratitude helps lead to a happier life.

“Materialism is related to less life satisfaction and gratitude is related to more life satisfaction,” Tsang said.

The study began in 2012 and was published in February 2014. Tsang said 246 undergraduate marketing students participated in the study and were required to complete a 15-minute online survey that assessed patterns in materialism and happiness levels.

According to the study, life satisfaction is negatively impacted by materialism because materialist people tend to neglect important psychological needs. These needs, also called need-satisfaction, include innate human needs like belonging to social groups, making decisions autonomously and being competent.

“By making life satisfaction contingent on the acquisition of material possessions, materialists may be likely to neglect other important needs, fostering dissatisfaction with life,” the study said.

Dr. James Roberts, the Ben H. Williams professor of marketing and study

co-author, said the study was of particular interest to him because of his 15-year-long history of studying gratitude and materialism.

“It’s a topic that’s very near and dear to my heart,” Roberts said.

Materialists tend to struggle more with greed, selfishness and an inability to make deep connections with others, Roberts said.

According to the study, materialists may be less happy because they focus on the things they do not possess, which creates feelings of longing for more possessions and an overwhelming dissatisfaction with life.

Tsang said she speculates that many Americans tend to believe a lie that having more will lead to increased life satisfaction.

“We get a lot of that from our society,” she said. “People want to try and sell you stuff, so they tell you it will make you happy so that you buy it.”

Roberts said he agreed that Americans have falsely begun to think wealth equates to happiness.

“That’s just not the case,” Roberts said. “Helping others and having healthy relationships makes us happier. Nothing’s wrong with money — we need money — but it’s when we get out of balance that it leads to lower life satisfaction.”

The study has very practical implications, Roberts said. Learning how to foster a life filled with gratitude can help people to become happier and more fully satisfied.

“Gratitude is a good way to appreciate what we have and the role other people have in our lives,” he said. “We can increase life satisfaction with gratitude.”

Local charter school provides primary school alternative

REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Early registration for the Waco Charter School, located on N 25th Street will come to a close today. The school provides a limited number of students in the area with the option to leave the school district they’d otherwise attend.

The Waco Charter School takes only 20 students per class, and provides only two sets of classes per grade level from kindergarten to the fifth grade, including one pre-kindergarten class. Students are enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis, and must meet certain criteria to enter. Early enrollment began on April 1, and a second round of enrollment will take place in July.

The school’s principal, Sabrina Gray, said the requirements to enter the Waco Charter School are the same as most public schools, including proof of residence and

vaccination records. Income level is not taken into account. Gray said, however, that some parents will lie on their child’s application.

“It doesn’t fare well if the parent lies on the application,” she said. “I have had some parents lie on their application about discipline. One child was on medicine and they said he wasn’t. One child had been to alternative school and they said he hadn’t. We do want parents to be honest in the application process.”

The Waco Charter School receives many children who would have attended Waco, La Vega, Lorena and Midway Independent School Districts, Gray said. The National Center for Education Statistics stated that the school is a Title I school, and in the 2011-2012 school year, 230 of the 235 students attending were free-lunch eligible. The same year’s data showed the school had an almost even ratio of boys to girls, and a majority of Hispanic students,

preceded by African American and Anglo.

“Charter schools are public schools just like an independent school district,” Gray said. “Sometimes you have charter schools that are very specific to an academic area such as science or math or liberal arts. They can be very specified in their curriculum. They try to offer something very unique that most campuses don’t offer.”

Publications like the famous documentary ‘Waiting for Superman’ sometimes show charter schools to be a form of escape from bad school districts, said Dr. John Wilson, clinical professor of education administration at Baylor. Wilson said the idea of charter schools being an escape is not necessarily true.

“There are people out there that seem to want to find the silver bullet — the thing that’s going to solve all of these issues, and that

suddenly we’ll have 100 percent of our students who graduate from high school and are college ready,” Wilson said. “But the difference is not made in school structure. Structure can help. But, the difference is made by the teacher and the group of students in there.”

Wilson said though charter schools can be good, he feels the media has become enamored by the idea of charter schools, and said research shows only a minority of charter schools out-perform regular public schools.

Gray said parents who apply for their children to attend Waco Charter School are looking for a small, structured setting for their children to be educated in.

“One of the great things we like to focus on is small classrooms,” she said. “We keep our kids’ classes at 20 students or fewer. We have an instructional aid for each grade level. We do provide art and daily

physical education as part of our curriculum. We have in-school tutorials and Saturday school offered.”

The parents who send their children to Waco Charter School feel the students are getting a better experience, Gray said.

“Some parents have been very displeased with the overcrowding in independent school districts,” Gray said. “They like the level of attentiveness that their kids get here at the Waco Charter School.”

Gray said some parents worry about what will happen for their children after they leave Waco Charter School, as the school only offers classes up through the fifth grade. She feels children are being taught skills at the charter school that they can carry on in another school district.

“Some parents are a little petrified about putting their kids back in the independent school district after the fifth grade because of some

of the things they may be exposed to,” she said. “But we do have an emphasis on character education — rules and routine respect, and responsibility.”

Wilson said parents like having different options in how their children are educated, and that some people believe different types of schooling are better for their children than others.

“I support us having education for children, no matter where it is or how it’s delivered,” Wilson said. “Whether it’s homeschooling or charter schools or some other kind of setting like that, the real key is that we want our children educated to the highest level we can get them.”

Gray said the Waco Charter School will attempt to add a sixth grade in the 2015-2016 year.

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A Dia for the record books

No Dia tickets or arrests made Thursday, police say

By JORDAN CORONA
STAFF WRITER

Waco police reported no arrests or citations in connection with Diadeloso celebrations yesterday.

“As a police department, we have to plan for the worst,” Waco Police Department Public Affairs Officer, Sgt. Patrick Swanton said. Though a large number of officers had been assigned to patrol in neighborhoods about the periphery of campus, Swanton said police encountered few noise violations, no alcohol-related concerns and issued only a few traffic citations.

Boerne junior Margaret Riggins spent the day with friends and an inflatable pool in a backyard off Ninth Street. She said she thought there were more police about the neighborhood than in years past.

“I think the police can be not very nice,” Riggins said. “It’s almost like they prematurely assume we’re doing something wrong.”

Riggins said though officers had not confronted her at all that day, she had seen more people being pulled over for traffic citations with the increased number of squad cars in the area.

Ashville, N.C. junior Phillip Roberts said this year’s celebration

wasn’t much like his experience two years ago.

He said he felt like the police weren’t as involved during previous Diadeloso celebrations.

“There’s no one here this year,” Roberts said. “Coming back from the BSR Cable Park, there were a bunch of state troopers looking for speeding.”

Members of a few fraternities organized a private party with musical guest Woka Floka Flame at the BSR Cable Park on Old Mexia Road with rides to shuttle attendees between campus and the event.

Swanton, who manages Facebook and Twitter for the department said on the social media sites, “Whoever’s idea it was to have a private event at a secure location...that was OUTSTANDING!!”

In an interview later that afternoon, Swanton said he thought social media was helpful preparing Baylor students and the community in being informed, and to bridge a distance between the police and partiers.

“So much of the time we’re involved with people’s lives in a bad ways,” he said. “We want our Facebook and Twitter to be a little lively. We think it’s important getting information out there.”

“As a police department, we have to plan for the worst.”

Sgt. Patrick Swanton | Waco Police Department



Members of the Baylor community gathered to watch various acts on the main stage in Fountain Mall for Dia del Oso. Sgt. Patrick Swanton of the Waco Police Department said this year’s celebration was largely safe and free of police interference.



Students give a sic’em during one of the many performances that took place during Dia del Oso festivities.

Walk for eating disorders to raise campus awareness

By ANJA ROSALES
REPORTER

Diadeloso has come and gone, but the festivities and fun aren’t quite over. Students and the Waco community are invited to join the Body IQ team at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at Fountain Mall to experience games, booths and a free concert for a National Eating Disorder Association walk.

The walk has a registration fee of \$15 for students and \$25 for everyone else. All of the proceeds will

go to the National Eating Disorder Association, also known as NEDA.

After the walk, there will be a health and wellness fair around Fountain Mall. The fair will include games, zumba, a silent auction, snacks, booths and tables to help educate the community on the cause. Brian Cuban, brother of Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban is in recovery for an eating disorder and will be at the walk to talk with people and share his story. A free concert will be put on by French exchange student Pierre

Hatier during the fair.

The body IQ team works to increase awareness on campus related to body image and eating disorders.

Dr. Emma Wood is chair of the team and is a psychologist who deals with body image and self-esteem.

“NEDA has a rule that the walk must be less than a mile,” Wood said. “This helps discourage excessive exercise, which is part of an eating disorder. Because of this, the walk is more symbolic and re-

ally focuses on raising awareness.”

Wood said having a NEDA walk on a college campus is really important.

“Eating disorders are very prevalent on college campuses,” Wood said. “Students live with each other and are around each other every day. This causes them to start comparing themselves to others and causes their self-esteem to go down.”

Kat Evans is part of the Body IQ team and is helping run the event. She said it’s important to help raise

money and awareness in the fight against eating disorders.

“Our Body IQ team want to support individuals of families that have dealt with an eating disorder and to celebrate with this who have won their battle,” Evans said. “This topic continues to be discussed on a college campus and I want to support the cause and assist in the chance to save a life.”

Gabriella Olaguibel is a graduate apprentice in the wellness department and is also helping to plan the event.

“We really encourage students and community members to come visit the fair whether or not they participated in the walk,” Olaguibel said.

Wood said the goals for this event consist of raising awareness and educating people about eating disorders as well as using this opportunity to give back to the community by raising funds for research.

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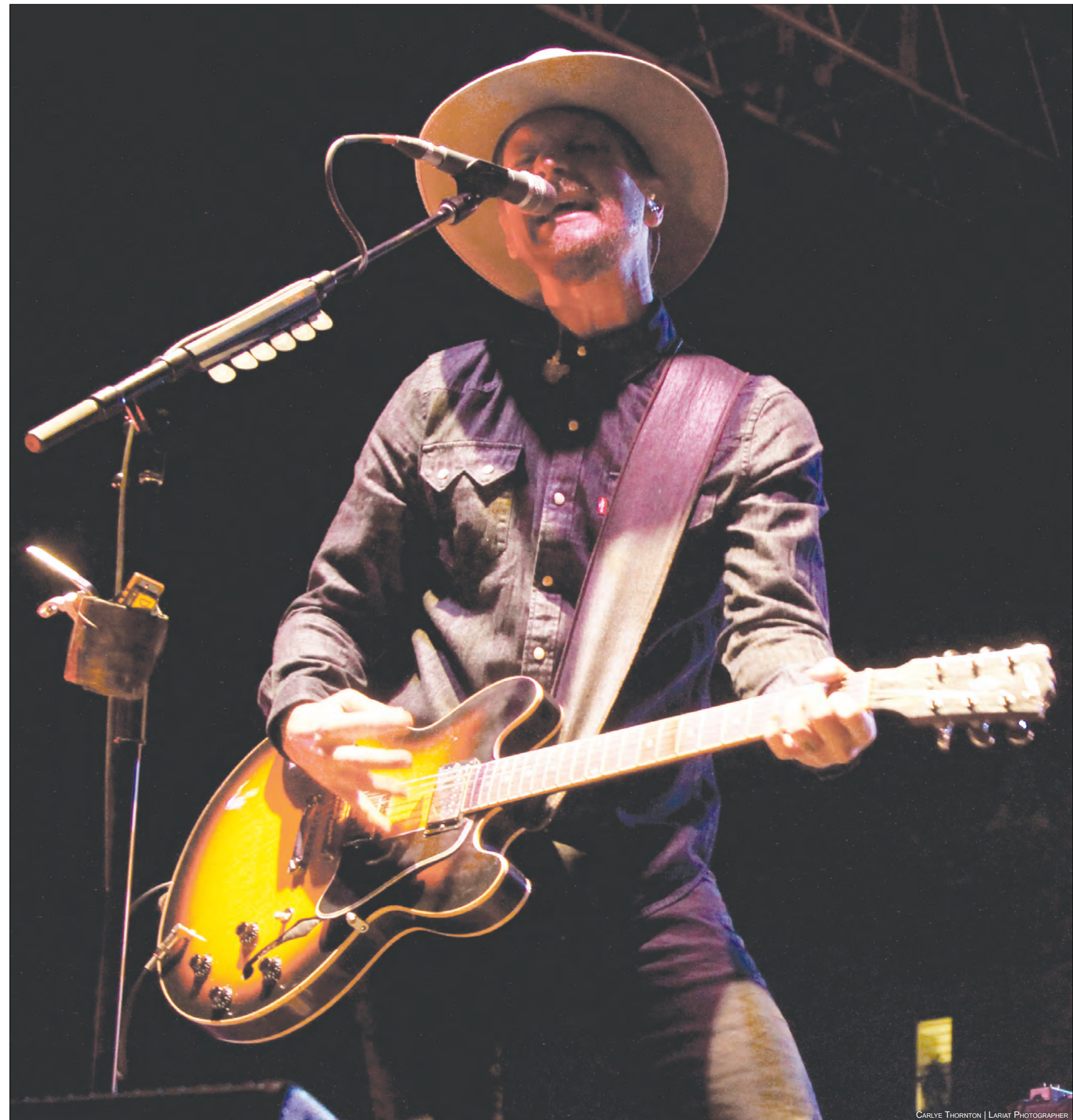
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Top left: Tug-of-war teams "Dia Even Lift?" and "Crew" faced off in the tug-of-war finals during Dia Del Oso 2014. Team Crew ended up winning the championship.
Top right: Participants in the Dia foam run cheer each other on at the beginning of the race.
Above: McDonough freshman Daniel "Peaches" Dorminy focuses on holding up two, 100 pound dead weights while performing the "Hercules Hold" portion of the strongman competition during Dia.
Right: Baylor alumnus Casey Floyd, '13, drops to one knee to propose to Baylor alumna Kelsey Stein, '13, on stage at Dia before Needtobreathe comes out to perform.
Far right: Needtobreathe frontman Bear Rinehart engages the crowd during the final musical performance of Dia.



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Gravity-defying entertainment returns to Diadeloso

By TAYLOR REXRODE
A&E EDITOR

As students walked along Fountain Mall on Diadeloso, several stopped to see a man sitting on what appeared to be an invisible chair, suspended for 30 minutes in a restful pose with one leg crossed over the other.

Several students were confounded as they swiped their hands beneath the seated man, finding that there was no invisible chair or wires supporting the man's weight.

Midland sophomore Jordan Causey said the "physics doesn't make sense."

The seated man was Max Major, a magician and hypnotist from Washington D.C. who returned to Baylor for his second Diadeloso performance.

"Performing at Baylor is amazing," Major said. "This is one of my favorite events each year. When it ended last year, I couldn't wait for it to be back. It's just the

energy of the whole place and the stage and the size of the crowd. It's a really fun chance to connect with students."

Major said his love of magic and performance began at a young age. His first paying gig which he calls his "big break" happened at 14 when a neighbor hired him to perform at a birthday party. From there, he continued performing through high school and college, working his way from private parties to corporate events.

He said much of his success came from his parents supporting his passion and from the business knowledge and life experience he gained from his years at the University of Maryland.

"College is an environment where you can try something and get your feet wet before you dive in the real world," Major said.

He also said that there is no "magic formula" to making it in the show business other than perseverance. On top of doing

magic shows during college, Major also said he did other night jobs like bartending to help pay the bills.

"The beautiful thing is that the worst thing that could happen is you have to get a normal job. There really isn't any risk. The risky thing to me is never knowing what might have happened if you tried."

Max Major | Diadeloso Magician

Then in 2006, a year after he graduated, he decided to take a leap of faith and perform magic for a living. He said that

anyone should approach his or her passion with the same amount of risk.

"You need to force your own hand," Major said. "The beautiful thing is that the worst thing that could happen is you have to get a normal job. There really isn't any risk. The risky thing to me is never knowing what might have happened if you tried."

Major's risk paid off. Within two months, he said he had been more successful than he had in the previous two years.

Major said part of his passion for magic comes from his fascination with people, body language and psychology.

"I'm really interested in suggestion and hypnosis because that is the ultimate form, as a magician, of experimentation," Major said. "I'm on the quest to really understand how these things work and what makes people tick."

He said that his shows tend to involve pulling members from the audience to

demonstrate hypnosis. He said unlike popular belief, the people best suited for hypnosis are those who are not gullible but are actually "hyper-focused."

"It's about conviction, about totally believing in an idea," Major said. "If you think that you're a ballerina, you actually believe it. That conviction, not being gullible."

With shows that involve audience members and experimentation, Major said he can often run into problems.

"In what I do, failure is an option," Major said. "But you roll with it. What you have in your favor is that the audience doesn't know where the show is going."

More than anything, Major said performing for others is what makes his job rewarding.

"It's a win-win," Major said. "They get to see something interesting, but I get this really human experience where they are in the moment and just enjoying the show."



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Max Major, magician and hypnotist from Washington D.C., entertained the Diadeloso crowd on Fountain Mall with his gravity-defying performance. Major has followed his passion for magic and illusions for eight years and this is Major's second visit to Baylor's campus. Several students approached Major and slid their hands through the air with disbelief that he could sit for 30 minutes without any support beneath him and with such ease.

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Celebrate Waco provides fun for all

By KAT WORALL
STAFF WRITER

Waco is constantly evolving. From new restaurants to the new stadium, there is a steady stream of new reasons to celebrate Baylor's home, and the Waco Symphony Council is teaming up with local businesses and the City of Waco for a day of celebration.

Celebrate Waco is the fundraising event for the Waco Symphony Orchestra. The weekend event, which is part of "Weekend in Waco," begins Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and continues throughout the day Saturday until 4 p.m. in downtown Waco on Austin Street.

Debbie Thornton, Waco Symphony Council's president, and Shelly Phipps, the Celebrate Waco chair, have teamed up with their committees to create a special two-day event.

The event was originally formed as a tour of various lofts downtown, but soon grew from there, Thornton said.

"Our thought was, 'What is going to bring people down here, besides touring the lofts?'" Thornton said. "What do people like to do? Eat and shop. So that's what they can do — eat, shop and then tour. Things took off from there."

From '20s themed parties to downtown loft tours to a downtown walk or run, Celebrate Waco can give participants several reasons to enjoy Waco this weekend.

Jay Gatsby Invites You to a Party

Celebrate Waco begins Friday night with "A Night With Gatsby," a '20s themed party that aims to transform the Palladium into the speakeasy era.

"As you walk in, you're supposed to feel transported into the '20s era," Phipps said.

Nursel Birler Carroll, a local Turkish artist, will have some of her artwork, or as the event will call it, samples of "Jay Gatsby's private collection," on display.

Two of the pieces will be auctioned off in a silent auction while the others are for sale. Half of the proceeds will go towards the symphony.

Friday's event will also give a first glimpse into one of the private homes across the street at 714 Lofts that will be shown in a tour Saturday morning.

There will also be a screening of the 2013 version of "The Great Gatsby" movie projected onto the Palladium's walls during the event.

"There will be people there that are dressed in Gatsby theme and hopefully some Charleston dancing," Phipps said.

The event begins at 7:30 p.m. and goes until 11 p.m. The 21 and up only event costs \$65 and tickets can be purchased online at celebratewaco.eventbrite.com or at the door.

Downtown Diva Dash

Boas and tiaras are recommended — even for the men — for Saturday morning's 9:30 a.m.

one-mile Downtown Diva Dash. Participants will begin at the Hippodrome and walk or run around downtown Waco.

At the end, racers will receive a "blingy" medal, Phipps said, as well as an event T-shirt and mimosas with a complimentary champagne glass for racers 21 years and older.

"I would encourage people to dress up," Phipps said. "It doesn't mean you have to wear heels, but just dress up as much as you can. We are even encouraging the dudes to dash too."

Event registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Hippodrome. It costs \$45 for adults and \$20 for children 18 and under. Tickets can be purchased online or at the race's registration.

"Sharp Flats" Guided Loft Tour

Following the race, tour goers can get a sneak peek at three lofts in the Kress Building and two in 714 Lofts, as well as a behind-the-scenes hardhat tour of the Hippodrome.

The hour and 15 minute tour will be accompanied by snacks, beverages and music in each loft. The loft themes vary, Thornton said, as well as the beverage, snacks or music.

Participants will also receive a "swag bag," Thornton said, a Celebrate Waco canvas tote bag full of a few items.

"It won't be too full of goodies," Thornton said. "That way they can purchase items from our sidewalk vendors."

Sign-up for the tour begins at

10 a.m. at the Hippodrome with the last tour leaving at 3 p.m. Tickets costs \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 10 to 18, and can be purchased online or at registration.

Food Trucks and Merchant Vendors

Throughout the day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., food trucks and merchant vendors will set up shop and line the streets of the 600 to 800 blocks of Austin Avenue.

"Merchants that are on the Austin Avenue are participating as well," Phipps said. "They have been really great working with us."

Food vendors will include Common Grounds, Sergio's, Sironia Café, Nathan's Hot Dogs and more. Congress Clothing, Amelia's Fashion Exchange, Sironia, Hippie Chick and others will make up the merchants.

"It's a variety, from children's items to jewelry to clothes," Phipps said.

Music

Celebrate Waco will also have music playing throughout the event, from local street performers to Chris Lowe Band, the Union Revival and Lomelda on Celebrate Waco's live music stage.

"There will be some music in the loft tours, the music on the live stage, activities going on throughout the day that will have its own specified music, and then maybe just a guitar player on the

street," Phipps said. "We are trying to mix the music into the entire event."

For the Kids

There will also be a Children's Creative Corner where kids can decorate cookies, make musical instruments and play games.

The event will be in the gated outdoor area outside of Metro and the cost for children is \$5. It is free for Downtown Diva Dash participants.

Weekend in Waco Shuttle

Waco Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with Celebrate Waco to run a free shuttle to Saturday's four events.

The shuttle will take visitors to Celebrate Waco from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Art on Elm Avenue from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Creative Art Studio and Theater's Second Saturday Artisan Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the Waco Downtown Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thornton and Phipps said they believe there is a lot to celebrate in Waco, such as the growth of downtown dining, shopping and living, and said they hope Wacoans and Baylor students alike will attend the event.

"The resurgence in what's happening downtown with the close proximity to the campus and with the new stadium opening this fall, I feel like the time is right to celebrate what is going on in Waco and more specifically downtown Waco," Thornton said.

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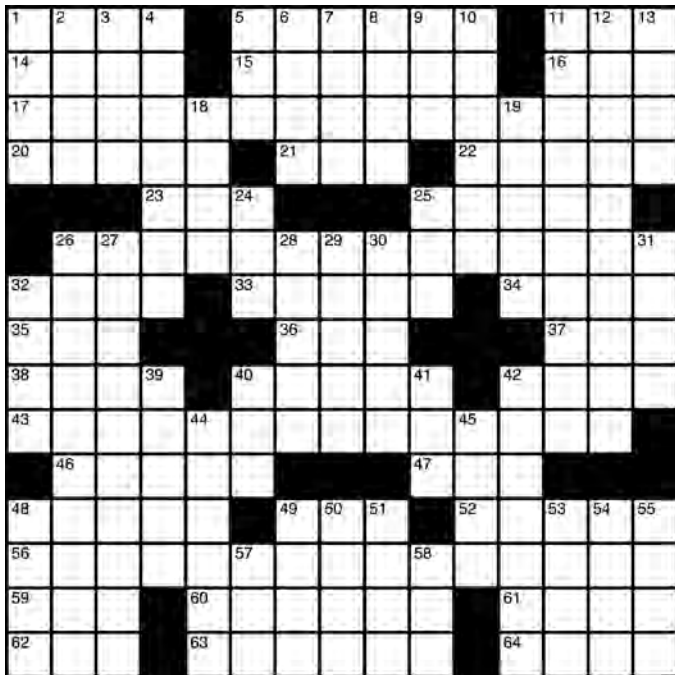
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Baseball faces Dallas Baptist

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball has suffered from sloppy form, after going win-less last weekend against No. 8 Texas and dropping a mid-week 4-3 decision to Sam Houston State, but the Bears have a chance to turn it around this weekend with a three-game series against Dallas Baptist.

After conceding runs to Sam Houston State off of fielding errors, the Bears look to rectify their defensive lapses from Tuesday and get back to their characteristic form of prototypical efficient fielding.

“Last weekend we really didn’t do well on the road, but we’ve just got to get back to playing Baylor baseball,” senior pitcher Dillon Newman said.

The past few games have been close for the Bears, including two games that were decided by a one-run margin, but the reality is that the Bears have lost four straight games and dropped 10 straight road games. Baylor head coach Steve Smith addressed what he thinks is the real issue with the team.

“It’s kind of a combination of things. Particularly, when you’re not scoring a bunch of runs then little things are going to be emphasized and they’re going to matter,” Smith said. “We’ve made some, what turned out to be, timely errors. That’s part of the game, but the thing that’s magnifying is just our inability to score runs.”

A lack of offense has been a chronically recurring issue for the Bears this season.

Baylor has only scored more than five runs in three games this year.

The Bears do not have a player with a batting average above .300. Junior outfielder Adam Toth, holds a .276 batting average.

There are not many positives to take away from Baylor’s offensive production at this point in the season, and if scoring does not come easy then winning certainly will not come easy.

One of the main reasons the Bears have been able to pull off some wins this season is pitching. When the pitching staff hits even a minor slump like they did against Texas and Sam Houston State, the Bears have a difficult task to win.

“You have to be able to just forget about the lack of offense and get out there and get it done,” se-

nior pitcher Austin Stone said.

The Bears carry the weight of a 1-11 road record going into this weekend. Only game one will be away from home for the Bears.

“We haven’t played very well on the road. We’ve got to find a way to win on the road [tonight],” Newman said.

Game one against Dallas Baptist starts at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Horner Ballpark. Dallas Baptist is 7-1 at home this season.

Games two and three will be a double-header starting at 3:05 p.m. Saturday at Baylor Ballpark. There will be a special pregame tailgate event hosted by the Heart of Texas Community at Turner Riverfront Complex. The tailgate starts at 1 p.m. Saturday and will feature giveaways, free food Dr. Pepper, Blue Bell ice cream and carnival games.



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Senior right-handed pitcher Dillon Newman follows through on a pitch against UCLA on Feb. 23 at Baylor Ballpark.

Newman, Kuntz lead rotation with experience

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
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Being a pitcher in the rugged Big 12 Conference can be a cruel position at times. Pitchers are often plagued by various arm injuries, surgeries and long roads to recovery before getting to play again.

It can also be a painfully unrewarding position, but any good college baseball club is anchored by a deep pitching staff.

“I think if you look at the best teams in college baseball, you’ll see that most of them, if not all of them, have a good pitching staff, and I don’t think that’s coincidence,” head coach Steve Smith said.

Two upperclassmen pitchers

for the Bears battled injuries to get back on the mound.

Senior Dillon Newman and redshirt junior Brad Kuntz are two of Baylor’s starting pitchers, and both start on the mound for Big 12 Conference games.

Earning those starts and continuing to produce has been an eventful saga to fight through.

Last season, Kuntz was expected to be in Baylor’s starting rotation. Two days before the first game of his junior year, all that changed.

Kuntz did not play his entire junior season due to a serious back injury that took him by surprise.

“They said I had a chronic stress fracture from high school that healed over but didn’t heal all

the way,” Kuntz said. “Just over the time I went from fall to spring to summer for three straight years without any break I think just gave constant tear without giving myself a break.”

Like most college athletes, Kuntz has never really had an off-season or time to relax in his college career. All that time training and throwing took its toll on Kuntz though. It was devastating news to hear.

“I think the worst part about it all was the timing of it,” Kuntz said. “All my hard work up until that point was looking like it paid off, but it was kind of taken away from me.”

Newman went through a much shorter phase of recovery in the

middle of this season, but any time away from the mound to deal with an injury can be a tedious and frustrating process for any athlete.

“It gets better each time out I think. My mentality going into the season was that I’m glad to be out here. I cherish it.”

Brad Kuntz | junior pitcher

Newman started in each of Baylor’s non-conference series games leading up to Big 12 play,

but had to sit out for over two weeks before getting a start against a conference opponent. He was benched to nurse a minor injury soon before his expected start in game three of the conference series opener against Texas Tech on March 14.Sitting out for any period of time can be agonizing for a competitor, but Newman had already seen what Kuntz had to go through last season. Newman said he admires and commends Kuntz for his discipline during his recovery.

“That thing with his back last year had to be really hard with him,” Newman said. “I can kind of relate with my arm, having to miss those two conference series, but I can’t imagine having to miss a whole season.”

Kuntz’s road back was proof in and of itself that injuries can come out of nowhere, but hard work can put you right back. However, that of course is never a guarantee. Newman certainly did not face the career-ending doubts that Kuntz faced, but both of their injuries have made them stronger and more mature competitors. The good news for Newman and Kuntz, as well as all of Baylor baseball, is that they are pitching exceptionally well. Newman and Kuntz hold a collective record of 7-2, each throwing over 35 strikeouts in five games. Each also boast an ERA between 2.64-2.68 this season. The pitching staff led by Newman and Kuntz has been the pulse of the Bears’ success this season.

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Canion earns legacy as an all-time Baylor great

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes it feels like senior pitcher Whitney Canion has been at Baylor forever. Thanks to multiple injury-plagued seasons, this is Canion's sixth year on campus. Throughout all the adversity, Canion has forged her path as the unquestioned greatest pitcher in Baylor softball history.

"A lot of pitchers look at the top athlete in that particular position and she's raised the bar," Baylor head coach Glenn Moore said. "You look at the record books, you see her name all over it, and I think there are more records that she'll break before she leaves here."

Canion arrived on campus after being named Texas Gatorade Player of the Year as the best softball player in the state of Texas after posting a 31-0 record with a 0.07 ERA, seven no-hitters and three perfect games her senior year.

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Glenn Moore | head coach

Soon after arriving on campus, she began to forge her way as one of the best players in the nation. She won her first ever start after pitching a complete-game shutout against No. 1 Florida. Over the course of her freshman year, she set records for innings pitched, starts, complete games and strikeouts on the way to being named Big 12 Pitcher of the Year and Freshman of the Year.

"When she came here freshman year, she was throwing by people at 70-71 miles per hour which is one of the best in the country," Moore said. "She had a great down and out to a lefty, down and out to a righty. She just works all the players."



Canion

Only 11 games into a heralded sophomore campaign, Canion injured her forearm and was forced to miss the 2010 season.

She came strong out of the gates in 2011 and was named to the USA National Team for the summer of 2011. Despite being only a redshirt sophomore, Canion broke the all-time Baylor record for strikeouts and started every game for a Baylor team that advanced to the College Softball World Series. For her efforts, she was named a Second-Team All American.

Canion started 2012 off with a bang, throwing a five-inning no-hitter and striking out all 15 batters that she faced. After the strong start, Canion was lost for the season in 2012 after tearing her ACL in only her eighth game that season.

"The knee was 10 times harder than the arm," Canion said. "I thought several times throughout that my career was over; the knee was harder than I expected. I had to learn patience with my knee."

Despite an off season for the Bears in 2013, Canion has been dominant this season. Through 36 games for the No. 12 Baylor Bears,

Canion has a record of 16-5 with a 1.41 ERA, including 11 complete games and seven shutouts. She leads the Big 12 in strikeouts per seven innings with 9.21 and holds opponents to a Big 12-low .154 batting average when she is in the circle. More than that, Canion is well on her way to rewriting the record books.

"The most positive effect she's had is not on the pitchers but all the athletes that she's played with who saw her have the position and effort to come back from adversity and continue to complete," Moore said. "She's done that twice now. With anyone that's dealt with adversity, they can look at her back out on the field."

Similar to Canion, senior quarterback Bryce Petty was another forced to wait for years before really getting to play to the best of his ability on the field.

"I have a few classes with Bryce, and we were joking the other day about what's in the water [in terms of being patient]," Canion said. "I think you come to Baylor, you learn patience, you learn discipline and become a better athlete, whether you're performing your freshman or senior year."

Following her strong start to the season, Canion was named a Top 25 Finalist for the 2014 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year on April 9. The Bears are on striving towards playing in another World Series, and Canion is taking advantage of every second.

"I've definitely got a new meaning for patience. I've gone through a lot of adversity, but it's all starting to pay off now. I'm really enjoying all I have left at Baylor," Canion said.

No. 12 Baylor will take the field against the defending national champion No. 13 Oklahoma in a three-game series on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Gettman Stadium. All three games will be televised.



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Senior pitcher Whitney Canion winds up to deliver a pitch in Baylor's 2-0 win against Texas State on March 18 at Gettman Stadium. The Bears are 29-7 and 3-1 in the Big 12 Conference.

No. 12 Baylor softball hosts No. 13 Oklahoma

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
STAFF WRITER

No. 12 Baylor softball will welcome defending national champion No. 13 Oklahoma to Gettman Stadium in a three-game conference showdown this weekend from Friday to Sunday.

"It's as big as it gets this weekend," Baylor head coach Glenn Moore said. "We're happy to have it here in our park, and it's a big series. We've done everything to prepare for it, so we're excited about playing them."

The Bears come into this game after splitting a double-header against the University of Houston at Cougar Softball Stadium. The Bears struggled to earn hits off Houston sophomore ace Julana Shrum but scored runs when it mattered in the first game. In the second, the Bears had two runners in scoring position in the seventh with only one out, but could not drive them home in a tight 3-2 loss.

Junior right fielder Kaitlyn Thumann has been the most consistent Bear in the lineup with a batting average of .410 in 36 starts this season. The always reliable senior catcher Clare Hosack has hit nine home runs this season and posts a team-high slugging percentage of .691. Sophomore Linsey Hays has come on as of late to hit .340 with a .617 slugging percentage in 29 games this season.

Senior pitcher Whitney Canion has been dominant. In 19 starts, she has an ERA of only 1.41 and a record of 16-5 with a save. Opposing batters are hitting an absurdly low .154 when she is on the mound. Sophomore starter Heather Stearns has added a record of 10-2 with a 1.18 ERA.

The Sooners have won 12 straight games, including a sweep of Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. Most recently in conference play, the Sooners swept Kansas in Norman by a combined score of 25-3, including two shutouts.

Junior infielder Shelby Pendley has been one of the best players in the nation this season. In 38 starts, she has a batting average of .441



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Baylor junior outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann focuses on the pitcher during an at bat against Missouri in Baylor's 2-1 win on Feb. 16 at Gettman Stadium.

and a slugging percentage of .864 to go along with a team-high 45 RBIs.

Pendley was recently named one of the top 25 finalists for 2014 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year.

As a team, the Sooners hit .316 and slugged an elevated .547. The Oklahoma lineup features six players with batting averages over .300 and two with averages over .400 — Pendley and sophomore outfielder Kady Self. Pendley has also posted a career batting average of .333 against the Bears.

Opponents only hit .239 with a slugging percentage of .360 off of Oklahoma's pitching rotation. Sophomore pitcher Kelsey Stevens has started 29 of the Sooners' 38 games, and is posting a 2.00 ERA with a record of 21-5.

Four different pitchers have appearances in nine games or more this season. Pendley has appeared in nine games and has recorded three saves.

All three games of the series will be televised in some form. Saturday night's game in Waco will be broadcast on the flagship ESPN station.

"Putting Baylor on TV, that's just a great experience for the school and for the program," Hosack said. "It is another series in a sense, but at the same time, it's OU. They have a great team, so much history and we need to be prepared no matter what."

Friday's game is at 6:30 on Fox Sports Southwest Plus, Saturday's is at 4 p.m. on ESPN and Sunday's game is at 12 p.m. on Fox Sports Southwest Plus.

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