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## Monsters at McLane

New stadium to serve  
as venue to truck rally

By JON PLATT  
REPORTER

Cars will soon be crushed on campus thanks to an upcoming monster truck rally at McLane Stadium on May 2, 2015.

“We were talking about how big this show could be,” said Ed Beckley, who calls himself the world’s largest motorcycle jumper. “It’s not going to be like anything in the state of Texas.”

Beckley, a long-time veteran of the daredevil entertainment industry, spoke to a crowd of reporters about the coming event at a press conference Tuesday morning. He said not only will 10 monster trucks entertain crowds, but there will also

be a hotrod tractor-trailer pull and an attempted world record jump.

According to a press release from Service Management Group, the stadium’s management service, Fort Worth based Checkered Flag Productions will bring the event to McLane Stadium,

The size of the stadium is what solidified the deal between SMG and Checkered Flag, Beckley said.

“You couldn’t do this in the state of Texas,” Beckley said. “You couldn’t do this in San Antonio. But, you can do it here because Baylor, the best school around with the best football team around, built the best stadium around.”

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JON PLATT | LARIAT REPORTER

After the press conference, Corey Schlicher drives Bigfoot 8 onto a Baylor-themed car outside McLane Stadium to announce plans for the “No Limits Monster Truck World Championship” scheduled May 2.

## Weekend of worship, learning to transpire in Ferrell Center

By ABIGAIL LOOP  
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Antioch Community Church is bringing back World Mandate for the 26th year, offering a weekend of worship, concerts and inspirational sessions.

Carl Gulley, World Mandate producer, said the church is preparing for an exciting conference that is expected to have between 4,000 to 7,000 people in attendance from the moment doors open 6 p.m. Friday at the Ferrell Center. The event will run through Sunday.

Gulley, also Anitoch’s college pastor, said the best thing about World Mandate is the union it creates.

“This conference is about the family of God coming together, he said. “We’ll have people from Austin, to Boston, to Scotland and even some from India.”

Gulley said the conference will offer inspiration to attendees through worship and speakers. The conference will feature a new seminar as well.

The new seminar, called Not in My City, will give people a look at the problems of human trafficking.

“It’s based on our Unbound program, which is an anti-trafficking ministry we have at Antioch,” Gulley said. “We’re hoping to spread awareness to people and show people what to look for.”

According to the Unbound website, the group works with prevention, advocacy and aftercare dealing with human trafficking.

In addition to the seminar, Gulley said a number of inspirational speakers will be in attendance.

“We’ll have a former army ranger speak who’s been liberating

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COURTESY ART

World Mandate will coincide with Family Weekend this year and will be held in the Ferrell Center. This marks the 26th World Mandate hosted by Antioch Community Church.

## Students celebrate diverse Hispanic culture

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REPORTER

To observe National Hispanic Heritage Month, student organizations at Baylor have joined together to organize events for the fourth consecutive year to spread awareness of Hispanic culture and celebrate its diversity.

Sept. 15, which marks Central America’s Independence Day, was the first day of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The month’s tradition dates back to 1968 when president Lyndon Johnson ap-

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## U.S. to send 3,000 troops to aid Africa with Ebola



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Ebola survivor Dr. Kent Brantly speaks with Emira Woods, right, Director of Social Impact at ThoughtWorks, Tuesday before the start of a hearing on Ebola.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD AND JIM  
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama declared Tuesday that the Ebola epidemic in West Africa could threaten security around the world, and he ordered 3,000 U.S. military personnel to the region in emergency aid muscle for a crisis spiraling out of control.

The question was whether the aid would be enough and was coming in time. An ominous World Health Organization forecast said that with so many people now spreading the virus, the number of Ebola cases could start doubling every three weeks.

“If the outbreak is not stopped now, we could be looking at hundreds of thousands of people af-

ected, with profound economic, political and security implications for all of us,” Obama said Tuesday after briefings in Atlanta with doctors and officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Emory University.

Obama called on other countries to join in quickly supplying more health workers, equipment and money. By day’s end the administration asked Congress to shift another \$500 million in Pentagon money to the effort, meaning the U.S. could end up devoting \$1 billion to contain the outbreak.

“It’s a potential threat to global security if these countries break down,” Obama said, speaking of the hardest-hit nations of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. At least 2,400 people have died, with Liberia bearing the brunt. Nearly

5,000 people have fallen ill in those countries and Nigeria and Senegal since the disease was first recognized in March. WHO says it anticipates the figure could rise to more than 20,000, and the disease could end up costing nearly \$1 billion to contain.

Obama described the task ahead as “daunting” but said there was hope in the fact that “the world knows how to fight this disease.”

His expression grim, he described the “gut-wrenching” scene of a family in Liberia. The father had died, the mother was cradling a sick 5-year old, her 10-year-old was dying, too, and the family had reached a treatment center but couldn’t get in.

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# UT Safe Ride is lesser of two evils



ASHER FREEMAN

## Editorial

It is sometimes viewed as pessimistic to have to choose the lesser of two evils, but many times it comes to that.

This is what the University of Texas Parking and Transportation Services and UT student government are doing. This semester was the start of a trial period for a program called Safe Ride. The program is designed to get university students home from the downtown entertainment district after midnight. The rides are free of charge and sponsored by the student government.

The pickup location is at the intersection of San Jacinto and Eighth Street, just two blocks from the infamous Sixth Street. Riders are dropped off at their homes, apartments, condos or dorms. During the trial period, the rides are provided to East Riverside and West Campus residential areas between 11:59 p.m. and 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Waco does not have the large entertainment district that Austin does, so there has not been a need for a program like Safe Ride. Austin Avenue does not experience masses of people roaming up and down the street each weekend, though on certain holidays,

Waco Transit organizes a similar system. Since 2006, Waco Transit has been offering free rides on New Year's Eve.

However, if Waco did have a large entertainment district, would it be right for Baylor to support such a program? At first glance, the program seems to support students drinking.

However, the program is really an attempt to keep them safe. It is far better to keep students off the road than to risk having them drive drunk because such a program isn't offered.

The program does not provide rides to the entertainment district, so it does not give students access to an area where alcohol is served. Instead, it simply gives students a safe way to get home.

Ultimately, with UT being in close proximity to Sixth Street, it is a given that some students will visit some of the local establishments, including places where alcohol is sold. Student drinking is inevitable, so providing a safe way home is a good way to combat drunk driving.

The university is not accepting the problem of drinking; it is protecting those who make the choice to drink from potentially hurting themselves or other people.

The possibility of preventing a drunk driver from killing other drivers makes this program worth the time and money.

According to the Department of Transportation, last year in Texas, 81 drivers under the age of 21 died from driving while intoxicated, and 205 drivers between the ages of 21 and 25 died driving under the influence of alcohol.

Almost 30 percent of drivers statewide that died from driving drunk were below 25 years old. Programs like Safe Ride can help lower the grim statistics.

While the program is designed to keep students safe, the university should also take another form of protection into account: education. If UT can afford to provide rides to residential areas in two different zip codes, it should be able to afford a program to educate students on the dangers of alcohol.

Perhaps raising awareness of the harm that comes from abusing alcohol could ultimately cut down on the number of people to go to Sixth Street.

Even if one student decided not to drive drunk or get drunk at all, the education program would be worth it.

## Lariat Letters

### Baylor needs to update the restrooms on campus

I am a so called "starving college student" who is frustrated with the incredibly expensive tuition that I have to pay each semester. I understand that a quality education is expensive, but could Baylor University spare some of the enormous amounts of money they receive each year to update the facilities on campus?

Specifically, Baylor should consider updating the restrooms on campus. I am sure that there are probably more important things to address before the university focuses on the restrooms, but they do need attention eventually. Some of the restrooms are so outdated that I feel as though I am using a facility from the 1950s.

The sink counters are always covered in water, and I hate having to lean up against them to turn on the faucet because my shirt almost

always has a huge water stain after. The faucets spew out too closely to the back on the sink that my hands rub against the porcelain ... that can't be sanitary. The mysterious pink soap dispensers make me question whether or not my hands were cleaner before I began washing them.

My final comment about the campus restrooms can be viewed more as a plea from a health conscious individual. If we can afford a multimillion-dollar stadium, do you think we can spare some toilet seat covers? Think of all the germs the students could avoid with seat covers.

What a wonderful place Baylor could be with just a few adjustments to the campus restrooms.

— San Antonio sophomore Ariana Shannon  
Psychology major

### Dining halls should stay open late during the week

Being a new transfer student I have learned to accept the concept of unfamiliarity. Everything is new, a new campus, new people and new restaurants.

After what seemed like an endless day of class and meetings I could finally relinquish that hunger that had been building all day. I decided I would go get dinner from a building that even I knew how to get to: the SUB. On my short walk from Sid Rich to the SUB, it dawned on me I could finally use those Bear Bucks I had yet to use. Like almost any other college student, I'm kind of broke.

So of course I was all for using those Bear Bucks instead of that money I didn't have. My happy ending to the day was soon cut short when I felt those locked doors and saw that sign

that said it closed at 8 p.m. It honestly shocked me to see them close this early. I had other options for getting dinner but what about those students who live on campus and don't have cars?

I try not to compare Baylor with the school I transferred from, but there was always one campus-dining restaurant that stayed open until midnight. I think Baylor should consider extending these hours of operation.

I don't expect them to be open all night or even midnight, but they should stay open until somewhere between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

— Crandall sophomore Madison Wood  
Journalism major

### Renovations to Penland make for a smoother visit

As a junior Baylor student, hearing that the Penland Dining Hall was going to be completely redone, I was extremely nervous for the new changes. For the past two years I have grown extremely custom to not only the food but also the atmosphere that the dining hall has to offer.

Coming back this August, I was anxious to see if the new renovations lived up to my expectations as well as keeping the same traditions such as "Wing Wednesday" that I have grown to love.

Eating in the dining hall the first Monday back at Baylor, I was thrilled to see that not only was the food of top notch quality, but that there was an abundance of options to choose from. The interior was fresh and open, as well as clean with more than ample seating. I could hardly believe that this was the same building I had sat in only three months prior.

As for "Wing Wednesday," I was very im-

pressed that they not only kept the tradition going, but they had worked to make it a smoother and faster process for the students. There were at least three different stations serving various styles of wings, cutting the wait time from 30 or more minutes during the previous semester to maybe five minutes at most in the new dining hall. I'm personally glad to be no longer spending my whole time at lunch waiting for my food and instead can enjoy more time sitting and eating with my friends.

Penland's new dining hall renovations overall have thoroughly impressed me, and I continue to look forward to lunch there each week. If you have not had a chance to have a meal there, I would highly recommend stopping by and experiencing it for yourself.

— Houston junior Kendall Baer  
Journalism major

### Wifi on campus is unreliable, should be revamped

Wifi is valuable to not only students but to everyone who needs to use the internet on or off campus. Wifi is especially important on a college campus because many people rely on it to get assignments done, study and do other work.

The wifi at Baylor is not reliable. Many students including myself have been disconnected from the wifi while taking an online quiz or while doing homework online. I know it is

even more difficult for the students who live on campus because they can't go anywhere to use great wifi because AirBear is all around them. The wifi on campus needs to be upgraded so students and faculty can effectively get their use of the Internet while on campus.

— Colleyville sophomore John Thomas Stanford  
Journalism major

You need to take ...

## The Lariat Challenge

For this week's challenge, follow @BULariatArts to help us reach our goal of 300 followers by Thursday. Your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize. Winner will be announced Friday.

#300byThursday

### From the Lariat blog



"Food & Feminism"

"Mondays won't give us grace, so we have to provide it for ourselves and for each other."

— Austin senior Ada Zhang,  
Lariat blogger

# Conference affiliation shouldn't matter in polls

With the growing disparity in college football nowadays, it's easy to get the idea that there might be a bit of bias in regards to the major rankings. To see an example of this, look no further than the recent polls just released.

The latest AP poll released features five members of the Southeastern Conference in the top 10. One of those members finished last season on a two-game losing streak, and started the year off in unimpressive fashion, yet they are third in the country. Another

ers they had a "solid win over a top-10 SEC opponent." So does this automatically erase the sub-par performances in the first two weeks of the season then? Apparently.

The SEC did have a terrific stretch, winning six consecutive National championships from the 2007 season through the 2012 season. But predicated on that statistic doesn't necessarily mean that every member of the conference should be granted immediate access into the polls based solely on their conference affiliation. What about

Ohio State, who before losing in the Big 10 championship this past season was slated to play in the National Championship game against Florida State? This was all but certain until questions arose about the Buckeyes, and their "strength of schedule". One-loss Auburn was even getting votes to jump ahead of that undefeated Ohio State team going into the final weekend of the regular season.

Were there any other one-loss teams from conferences outside of the SEC even getting remotely

mentioned for an at-large bid in the title game? Can't think of any. Auburn then went on to lose in the title game to Florida State, and Alabama had a poor showing in the Sugar Bowl against Oklahoma, which led to remarks of, "Well Alabama just wasn't interested because it wasn't the National Championship."

The point I'm getting at is based on the premise that your conference affiliation shouldn't matter. The voters look too much into that. What should hold the most substantial weight in determining poll position is who you've beat, who you've lost to, and how you've looked doing either one.

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team had started the season ranked outside of the top 20, and after beating another member of their own conference, actually moved up more than 10 spots into the top-10 rankings.

The SEC has been on the forgiving side of what some college football fans might refer to as "favoritism." For fans of Baylor and the Big 12 Conference as a whole, the topic of "SEC bias" has long been a debate that we are tired of talking about.

Take a team like South Carolina, who had a barely-passable showing a week ago against East Carolina, as well as playing horrendously to open the season against Texas A&M, is able to jump three separate undefeated teams after a win against another, you guessed it, SEC opponent. To AP vot-

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# Aramark visits campus

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Eric Foss, CEO and president of Aramark, visited campus Tuesday to discuss employment opportunities for students at Baylor University, a top-tier recruiting school for the company.

“We employ several hundred people at Baylor today,” Foss said. “We’re looking to up that number, so we’ll be on campus in a couple of weeks interviewing and we’d love to find as many associates and future leaders from Baylor as we can.”

Foss said Aramark will visit again in the coming weeks, looking for students eager to build their resumes, expand their skill set or even start a lifetime career.

While on campus, Foss met with Baylor Aramark employees and offered his professional insight

during a variety of classes, including an advanced sales class.

Andrea Dixon, associate professor of marketing, said she was excited Foss decided to take time to speak with her business students. Dixon also serves as the executive director for Baylor’s Center for Professional Selling and said his advice was critical to their future employment opportunities.

“We were pleased that Aramark’s CEO Eric Foss shared time with our students to discuss the process of making a sales call to an executive in the C-Suite,” Dixon said. “Mr. Foss explained to our professional selling majors his expectations when someone calls on him as a senior officer. In particular, he delineated for our students how they can prepare properly and create value when calling on a senior officer.”

Aramark, a food and uniform

services company, has worked with Baylor for decades providing meal services through dining halls as well as internships and positions to several hundred Baylor students. They also have a partnership with the Baylor University Medical Center where they provide food and uniform services.

“Baylor’s been a great partner of ours for over 50 years,” Foss said. “We were on campus last year hiring internships from Baylor as well as permanent hires and we expect to do the same this year. I think as we look to the future, this is an important geography for us, and so it’s an important source of talent for us.”

Foss said that while considering candidates for employment, Aramark focuses less on the functional discipline and more on a couple of key attributes, namely, making sure they bring the right value set

because Aramark’s mission is focused on enriching and nourishing lives.

“For us, character is very important so that is something we certainly look for in anybody we would bring on board,” Foss said. “We are looking for people who can deliver results and ultimately have a passion for life and a passion for people.”

For more than 20 years Aramark has been feeding and fueling Olympic athletes to record setting performances across the globe, Foss said. And while the company is in the food service facilities and uniforms business, they are most impor-



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Eric Foss, CEO and president of Aramark, visited campus Tuesday to discuss employment opportunities for students at Baylor, which Aramark considers a top-tier school.

tantly in the customer service and people business, providing services to a wide range of customers.

“We do this where people learn, like Baylor University, we do this

where people play, like the Houston Astros and other major league teams, and we do this where people recover, like Baylor Health across the state of Texas,” Foss said.

# History books spark new Texas classroom battle

By WILL WEISSERT  
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AUSTIN, Texas — The long-running ideological dispute over what gets taught in Texas classrooms flared anew over proposed history textbooks Tuesday, with academics decrying lessons they said exaggerate the importance of Christian values on the nation’s Founding Fathers while conservatives complained of anti-American, pro-Islam biases.

The Board of Education will approve new history textbooks for the state’s 5-plus million public school students in November. But it heard hours of complaints about 104 proposed books during

a sometimes heated public hearing.

Jacqueline Jones, chairwoman of the University of Texas’ History Department, said one U.S. history high school book cheerleads for President Ronald Reagan and the significance of America’s free enterprise system while glossing over Gov. George Wallace’s attempt to block school integration.

“We do our students a disservice when we scrub history clean of unpleasant truths,” Jones said “and when we present an inaccurate view of the past that promotes a simple-minded, ideologically driven point of view.”

Debates over academic curriculum and textbooks have for years thrust Texas’ Board of Education



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State Board of Education board members, from left, Donna Bahorich, David Bradley, and Thomas Ratliff, raise their hands to ask questions during a public hearing for new textbooks.

into the national spotlight, sparking battles over issues such as how to teach climate change and natural selection.

Kathleen Wellman, a history professor at Southern Methodist

University, said many books give Moses credit for influencing the U.S. Constitution, so much so that Texas students might believe “Moses was the first American.”

Amy Jo Baker, a retired history teacher and former social studies director for the San Antonio Independent School District, said she was saddened that one book for sixth graders incorrectly described jihad, for many Muslims, as the struggle to be a better person. She also noted a high school history text that said young people in Cuba receive “many benefits” from the communist government, while also noting that they live in a police state.

A group of experts convened by the left-leaning advocacy group Texas Freedom Network has objected to some proposed books’ overemphasizing the influence of the Ten Commandments and other Christian tenants on the American Revolution.

Board member David Bradley, a Beaumont Republican, noted that some of the academics doing reviews for Miller’s group were paid and that she was “a hired gun” because she is a registered lobbyist with the Texas Legislature.

Despite some testy moments, Mount Pleasant Republican and board vice chairman Thomas Ratliff joked that the exchanges were cordial compared to past board ideological clashes.

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## Heart Art

Granbury senior Jordan Reid focuses on her painting of the human heart, in her beginning oil painting class. The her work is an impressionistic and expressionist interpretation of the life-giving organ. Reid has been painting for more than eight years and is a studio art major.

## Trucks

Scott Neal, SMG general manager, said the event will help expand McLane Stadium beyond football.

“This is a good opportunity for families or the general public who generally can’t visit McLane to experience the stadium,” he said.

Neal also said the current football field will be transformed into the monster truck rally-ready arena through a careful process.

“Obviously, protecting the field is very important to us, so we’re going to be covering it with a layer of plastic,” he said. “When we’re done with it, we’re going to be bringing in 9,000 yards of [dirt]. There will be semis coming in for a day.”

At this time, ticket prices have not been listed, nor has a date or location of ticket availability been

given by SMG.

Corey Schlicher, an experienced monster truck driver, said he was amazed at the size of McLane Stadium.

“I came yesterday afternoon when, all of a sudden, out of the horizon this stadium comes up, and I was like, ‘Man, that’s got to be the place where we’re going,’” he said. “Most of the buildings we’ve been to are a lot older and a little bit smaller. This is huge, huge.”

Because of McLane Stadium’s size and dynamic shape, visitors will be able to get a good view from wherever they sit, Beckley said.

“Any seat is going to be a good seat,” he said. “Whether you’re up in the top or down in the bottom, something is going to be going on

where you’re sitting.”

After the initial press conference, Schlicher, who has been working with monster trucks for seven years, climbed inside of Bigfoot #8 and crushed a Baylor-themed junk car. As the 9,000 pound truck crawled the side of the old Pontiac, it’s roof quickly gave in and all four tires blew.

After flattening the car, Schlicher said his interest in monster trucks originated from racing Tonka toys down his driveway as a kid and jumping them off ramps he’d constructed.

“The best part about doing this – well, there’s really nothing bad – is the fans,” Schlicher said. “Seeing a kid’s smile after you just crushed a truck is awesome.”

At the event, Beckley will be

attempting a world record jump across 10 semi-trucks. At 300 pounds, even with his special built Harley and years of experience, he said this will not be an easy task and he will be spending many hours rehearsing and preparing for the jump.

Tyler Gambrell, SMG marketing manager, said she was excited to see this event come to McLane Stadium and thinks it will be a big draw for crowds.

“Everybody likes to watch a car get crushed,” she said.

Gambrell also said SMG plans to offer stadium tours soon and they are hoping to make another announcement in the coming months.

“This is just the beginning for McLane Stadium,” she said.

## Mandate

people both physically and spiritually in Burma,” Gulley said. “We’ll also have Scott Drew, Baylor’s basketball coach, speak, as well as Francis Chan, a pastor and author of the book ‘Crazy Love.’”

To attend the conference and take part in the five different sessions, people can register online or pay at the door. Regular pricing for registration online ends today and is \$100. People can register for the whole conference or just for indi-

vidual sessions.

At the door pricing is \$120 and youth pricing for ages 13 to 17 is \$50. Children aged 12 or below are admitted for free.

“Since this will be taking place during Family Weekend, we’re telling students to bring their parents too,” Gulley said.

Jady Griffin, associate college director at Antioch, said he couldn’t be more excited with the preaching, worship and informa-

tional sessions of the conference. He said World Mandate plays a critical part in bringing people together and giving people a chance to hear the story of God who haven’t heard it before.

“I’m fired up for this week,” Griffin said. “This lets us take time out of the chaos and look to God and see what he’s doing all around the world.”

Gulley said he’s expecting many students along with other

registered attendees to come in large groups to the event.

“This week is like Christmas for us,” he said. “All week long we’ll have people coming for this conference. We’ll have some people bringing a group of 20 from Baton Rouge and a group of 120 from College Station. It’s fun to see who’s new to the family and who’s been with us for a decade.”

More information can be found at worldmandate.com.

## Heritage



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Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the various cultures of Central and South America

proved Hispanic Heritage Week, which was expanded to a month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, according to the Library of Congress’ website.

Richmond senior Cassandra Gutierrez, president of Hermanidad de Sigma Iota Alpha, said Hispanic Heritage Month allows her to feel at home when she’s away from home, with people she doesn’t know.

“Hispanic Heritage Month is about coming back to my roots,” Gutierrez said. “And finding my home.”

The events kicked off Monday with members handing out pieces of festive red-and-yellow-frosted cake in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Members also gathered Tuesday to watch “Cesar Chavez,” a biopic about the Latin-American civil rights activist by the same name.

Cypress senior Thalina Garcia, chair of Hispanic Heritage Month at Baylor, said a recent video of a college student belittled for speaking Spanish and having an accent prompted a stereotype discussion forum, which will take place the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month, 7:30-9 p.m. Oct. 15, in the den inside the student center.

Other events include a service day, a tailgate event, a potluck and a banquet to close out Hispanic Heritage Month, on Oct. 22, a week after it ends.

“It’s a month to spread awareness about Latino culture in the

United States,” Garcia said.

Gutierrez also said one of her goals is to increase cultural awareness, because Latinos aren’t necessarily seen a lot at Baylor.

The term Latino refers to the diverse groups of people and races from Spanish-speaking cultures, including, among others, Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Brazilians and Mexicans. The theme for this year’s events is “United Through Diversity,” a fact Garcia said she wanted to show through Hispanic Heritage Month events.

“It’s a mixture of a lot of cultures, not just one,” Garcia said. “We just want to show the different cultures of Latinos, because I know that Latin America is a huge continent, People aren’t just Mexican, there’s different cultures and they’re rich cultures and they’re very diverse and not the same.”

The next event is a game night when attendees can play Loteria, a Mexican game of chance similar to bingo. Loteria Night will be from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

“Come out and embrace different cultures,” Garcia said. “It’s for the Baylor community. So, anyone is welcome to come and be participating in the discussion, We want diversity. It’s not just Latinos who are going to be voicing their opinions. We want the Baylor community to be voicing their opinions.”

More information about Hispanic Heritage Month and its events can be found at <http://www.baylor.edu/multicultural/index>.

## Ebola

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“These men and women and children are just sitting, waiting to die, right now,” Obama said. “And it doesn’t have to be this way.”

The U.S. is promising to deliver 17 hundred-bed treatment centers to Liberia, where contagious patients often sit in the streets, turned away from packed Ebola units. The Pentagon expects to have the first treatment units open within a few weeks, part of the heightened U.S. response that also includes training more local health care workers.

“This massive ramp-up of support from the United States is precisely the kind of transformational change we need to get a grip on the outbreak and begin to turn it around,” said WHO Director-General Margaret Chan.

Doctors Without Borders, which has sounded the alarm for months, also welcomed the U.S. effort but said it must be put into action immediately — and that other countries must follow suit because the window to contain the virus is closing.

“The response to Ebola continues to fall dangerously behind, and too many lives are being lost,” said Brice de le Vingne, the group’s director of operations. “We need more countries to stand up, we need greater concrete action on the ground, and we need it now.”

Dr. Kent Brantly, an American physician who survived Ebola he contracted while working in Liberia, met with Obama at the White House Tuesday. He is one of three aid workers with Ebola who have been treated at Emory.

Later, he told a packed Senate hearing, “We must move quickly and immediately to deliver the promises that have been made.”

CDC’s Dr. Beth Bell told senators the outbreak is “ferocious and spreading exponentially.”

“If we do not act now to stop Ebola, we could be dealing with it for years to come,” she warned.

The U.S. already has spent more than \$100 million fighting the outbreak. Obama administration officials said some of the costs of the new military response would be covered by \$500 million in overseas contingency operations, such as the war in

Afghanistan, that the Pentagon already has asked Congress to redirect for West Africa and for humanitarian assistance in Iraq. The Obama administration submitted a request to Congress late Tuesday to reprogram another \$500 million in defense money for efforts against the disease.

Congress still must vote on an Obama administration request for \$88 million more to help the Ebola fight, including funding CDC work in West Africa through December and speeding development of experimental treatments and vaccines.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said urgent action was needed. “We must take the dangerous, deadly threat of the Ebola epidemic as seriously as we take ISIS,” he said, referring to the extremist group in Syria and Iraq.

But some lawmakers questioned if the heightened U.S. response will be enough.

Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., said, “My math says we’re going to be behind the eight ball on Day 1 because we won’t have enough beds.”

An aid worker from Sierra Leone put a face on the region’s desperation. Ishmeal Alfred Charles of Freetown told senators that as he prepared to leave home, his 10-year-old daughter asked, “They said there is no Ebola in America. Why can’t you take us along?”

The U.N. Security Council will hold an emergency meeting Thursday on the crisis, and the head of the United Nations said the General Assembly will follow up with a high-level meeting next week as the world body “is taking the lead now” on the international fight.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed Obama’s plan, his spokesman said in a statement, and called on the international community “to be as bold and courageous in its response as those who are on the frontlines fighting this disease.”

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said the 3,000 troops would not provide direct care to Ebola patients. In addition to delivering the 17 treatment facilities, they will help train as many as 500 local health care workers a week.

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‘Sesame Street’ turns 45, adds afternoon time slot

By Rob Owen  
McClatchy-Tribune

PASADENA, Calif. – Hard to believe it has been 45 years of Sunny Days and Everything’s A-OKs, but PBS stalwart “Sesame Street” indeed turned 45 this month and expanded to include a second, half-hour daily show.

The 26 new one-hour episodes air weekday mornings on many PBS stations and half-hour episodes, which are culled from the one-hour shows, air in the afternoon. (Check local listings for times.)

Not that it has always been smooth sailing for the iconic children’s show, which has found itself caught up in politics and scandals, most recently charges, since dismissed, of child sexual abuse by puppeteer Kevin Clash, who operated the Elmo puppet. He resigned from parent company Sesame Workshop in 2012 after the allegations were made public.

“Kevin was my mentor, and Kevin is an amazing performer, an amazing man,” said “Sesame Street” puppeteer and head writer Joey Mazzarino at a January PBS press conference. “As you could pretty well imagine, it was devastating for us, and it’s still, on a daily basis, hard. But we came together, and we know it’s bigger than any one of us, and we just keep going.”

It’s the characters, not their performers, who are most memorable to the show’s target audience. Jim Henson died, Frank Oz moved on from voicing characters, and even Kermit the Frog no longer appears on “Sesame Street” after Disney bought the Muppets. But the core cast – Big Bird, Grover, The Count, Oscar the Grouch – remain.

“The characters for sure are iconic, and I think the genius of

them, when they were created, is that they are still relevant today,” said “Sesame Street” executive producer Carol-Lynn Parente. “We compete a lot against animation, but there’s something about that, knowing that Elmo and Cookie Monster and Murray can look at you and they are alive, and they are on this real neighborhood, and that it’s a real play date.”

And not just for kids. The show’s producers make an effort to engage parents, especially through its parody segments that spoof pop culture or with celebrity cameos. This season look for first lady Michelle Obama, the boy band One Direction, and actors such as Viola Davis, Jonah Hill and Tina Fey.

For the parodies, Mazzarino said producers look for something coming out or trending that seems like it will have a shelf life and also travels well when “Sesame Street” airs internationally. Producers also try to film the spoofs late in the production schedule to maximize their freshness when they air.

“Every one of those very funny parodies has some lesson we are teaching,” Parente said. “And that’s the genius of the show. Sometimes you don’t even realize that there was a curriculum to the piece because you get lost in the humor.”

Of course, not every new segment or character introduced works over the long haul. There’s even a wall of dead Muppets, also known as The Dead Muppet Society, where puppet flops are housed, including a bear who’s a writer named Flo Bear and Stinky the Stinkweed.

“What I love about the show is, on our research document, it says, the 45th experimental season, and it’s been true,” Mazzarino said. “I’ve been there 23 or 24 years, and every year, we change the show.”



‘Sesame Street’ is celebrating its 45th year of production. Some retired puppets are on display at the National Museum of American History.



Students and faculty from Baylor’s fashion department participated in a study abroad program in Europe this summer. They are using the connections they made with professional European designers to improve the department.

Fashion students study abroad, make connections in Europe

By Elly Spencer  
Reporter

Baylor students left behind the classroom and explored the European fashion circuit on a study abroad trip this June. Plaids, outrageous colors, unusual haircuts and ever-changing trends spattered the streets of Europe as students traveled through London, Edinburgh and Paris, exploring the world of modern trends and the latest additions to couture design.

“They’re so much more edgy over there, especially in London,” said Shreveport, La. fashion student Courtney Cook.

The trip is biennial, lasting an average of 15-21 days. There were 12 women traveling in the fashion group, accompanied by two professors, Lorynn Divita and Mary Simpson.

“This study abroad trip really emphasizes the artistry in fashion,” Divita said. “It gives students a very historic, global, and high-end look at the industry.”

Baylor’s Apparel Design and

Fashion Development has traveled to Europe for study abroad programs since the 1980s, and has seen several coordinators, with Divita being the latest.

The appointments, clients and events change with every trip. The variety is created by the Baylor fashion department’s many connections throughout the world, giving the students advantages and access to opportunities other universities have never had.

“It really does give them an advantage,” Simpson said. “They are able to see Old World techniques, and understand the value of how long the couture garment takes.”

Students on the trip toured couture handbag designer Louis Vuitton’s house and museum, a contact made through a Baylor alumni connection.

They also met with high-end designer Zandra Rhodes, a British designer known for her unusual textiles and wild pattern designs. This was an appointment the study abroad program hasn’t seen before, and proved to be a once-in-a-life-

time opportunity for the students, said Cook.

“She is a really quirky and fun designer and it was cool being able to meet her,” Cook said. “She is inspiring because she has been designing for so many years, and it was just a reminder to never give up on your passion.”

Students had the opportunity to meet with the former president of the French Federation of Couture, Didier Grumbach as well. While he might not be an American household name, he was the president of the epicenter of French and European couture fashion.

“I don’t know of any other college that gets to meet with him,” Divita said.

Simpson said receiving such exclusive appointments had everything to do with connections and the fact that Baylor has a prestigious fashion program.

“We are a university and they are catering to us because we are an academic institution,” Simpson said. “They help us with the academic side of it, by giving us the

opportunity to go into places that people usually would not be able to get into.”

Baylor has won countless awards for apparel design, and has been highly ranked in many fashion university lists, including Top 20 in the nation on Fashionista.com. Baylor fashion students regularly receive internships in other states, and jobs immediately after graduation.

Trips such as the Europe study abroad program allow Baylor students to have an advantage through their experiences in different designs.

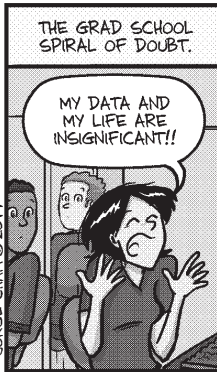
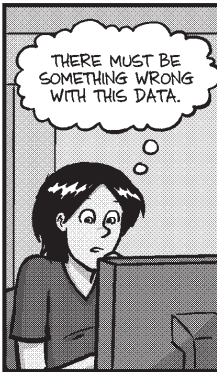
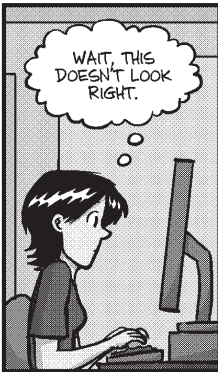
“You can’t get these experiences through just a vacation to Europe,” Divita said.

Cook said the trip proved to be the experience of a lifetime for students.

“It’s amazing how much I learned traveling to these different cities and meeting people who are already working in the industry,” Cook said. “The advice and insight I got from going on these trips are priceless.”



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- 1 Fraternal title for a fictional fox
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  - 10 Former Mach 2 fliers, briefly
  - 14 Top-rated
  - 15 Hawaii hello
  - 16 Butterlike spread
  - 17 Steak cut
  - 18 U.S.-Canada defense letters
  - 19 With 54-Down, longtime Jeep competitor
  - 20 Hockey player's blade cover
  - 22 \_\_ Place: Butch and Sundance companion
  - 23 Music rights gp.
  - 24 Wonderland cake words
  - 26 Bolivian capital
  - 30 Ticked off
  - 33 www help pages
  - 36 Old vendor of cold blocks
  - 39 French king
  - 40 Sch. in Columbus
  - 41 Regain, and hint to a hidden letter arrangement in 20- and 59-Across and 11- and 35-Down
  - 42 Sound system part
  - 43 Xbox 360 competitor
  - 44 Log-on requirement
  - 45 Work on a keyboard
  - 46 Mechanic on TV's "Taxi"
  - 48 Foil maker
  - 50 Sinclair Lewis' " \_\_ Gantry"
  - 53 Swampy areas
  - 57 Senate gofer
  - 59 Meticulous, as premium service
  - 63 Swine's supper
  - 64 No longer squeaking
  - 65 Fifty-fifty
  - 66 Get a glimpse of
  - 67 Do a bakery job
  - 68 Socially awkward type
  - 69 Bustle
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- 5 Sign of hunger
- 6 Baseball family name
- 7 Afghanistan's \_\_ Bora
- 8 Divvy up
- 9 When tripled, "and so on"
- 10 Serious
- 11 Roofing color
- 12 No-frills shelter
- 13 Fountain drink
- 21 Org. concerned with greenhouse gases
- 25 Gas holder
- 27 Bakery array
- 28 French play part
- 29 Striped equine
- 31 One-sided win
- 32 "Holy cow!"
- 33 Pheasant or turkey
- 34 Sri Lanka setting

- 35 Rather nice
- 37 Letters in a box
- 38 Electrical adapter letters
- 41 Largest of the Mariana Islands
- 45 Final part
- 47 Compulsive thief, for short
- 49 Texter's "Zounds!"
- 51 Furry "Star Wars" creatures
- 52 Thick-skinned beast
- 54 See 19-Across
- 55 All-inclusive adjective
- 56 Ships
- 57 Subtle "Over here!"
- 58 Kibbles 'n Bits alternative
- 60 Robert of "The Sopranos"
- 61 Fabric mishap
- 62 Whirling current

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