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Baylor updates computer system

ISABELLA MASO
Reporter

In partnership with Cray Inc., the Baylor Libraries will update its current high-performance computing system (HPC), also referred to as a supercomputer.

"The supercomputer will replace Baylor's current HPC system, enhancing and expanding its capacity for computational research projects," Cray Inc. announced on their website through a press release.

The current HPC that Baylor uses has not been updated since 2003.

"You can consider this an update," said Richard Gerik, the director of client services for the electronic library. "You replace the technology when it gets too old and isn't as useful anymore, so that's what this was."

The new computer will benefit the research component of many departments throughout campus such as chemistry, physics, engineering and family and consumer sciences.

Mike Hutcheson, associate director of academic and research computing services, explained the need for the new technology.

"We have several researchers here at the university whose research requires a lot of computation, and your typical laptop or desktop is insufficient to run those programs," Hutcheson said.

"You replace the technology when it gets too old and isn't as useful anymore."

Richard Gerik | Director of Client Services for the Electronic Library

Both Hutcheson and Gerik said they are excited about the partnership with Cray Inc.

"Cray has been in the HPC business for decades. They are a very well-known, very well-respected supercomputer provider," Hutcheson said.

The new technology will arrive at the end of November and will be put to use starting mid-December.



Timothy Hong | Lariat Photographer

OPEN DISCUSSION McKinney junior Jathan Young, chairman of Young Conservatives of Texas at Baylor, lead a panel conversation about campus carry on Wednesday evening. The panel consisted of McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara, McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna and Baylor alumnus Zach Maxwell, all supporters of second amendment rights.

Campus Carry

Young Conservatives of Texas opens conversation with panel

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer

The Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) displayed its belief in the Second Amendment through a panel in Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation on Wednesday night, featuring speakers that strongly expressed their feelings about campus carry, which Baylor doesn't have.

"I believe strongly in the Second Amendment," said McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara. "I believe in people having the right to protect themselves."

The event featured McNamara, McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna and Baylor alumnus Zach Maxwell, a campaign manager for Republican State Rep. Candidate Mike Lang.

The purpose of the panel was to learn the facts about gun violence and how it affects students, according to the event flyer. The speakers discussed the qualifications for concealed carry. McNamara said these qualifications include going through a class, being 21 years old, having a clean record with no felony conviction at all nor class A or B misdemeanors in the past five years.

"One of the biggest arguments that we get from campus officials is that this is a learning environment, and there are a lot of things we discuss that could get heated," Maxwell said.

"However, the Texas Capitol can get very heated, and there are a lot of representatives that carry on the House floor, and no one has ever gotten shot."

Another big topic of discussion was the private versus public school rulings on concealed carry, because every private university in Texas opted out of open carry.

Reyna said signs that say concealed carry is not allowed provide a false sense of security. Maxwell suggested that if a university receives any type of government funding and government programs, such as Title IX, it may not be considered truly private and questioned its ability to opt out of government law.

"Part of the requirements of the carry include a provision that say you must be confident and strong in being able to carry that weapon in itself," Reyna said when asked about the argument that students would sit and it would go off. "So that's ridiculous; that couldn't be further from the truth."

The final big point discussed was the discussion of the age of citizens allowed to carry being lowered to 18. Reyna said the focus shouldn't be on the age because individuals vary; all that is needed is to provide a level of displayed proficiency because of military people who are 18 and

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Wally Skali | Los Angeles Times/MCT

KXA worship night seeks to unite campus



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

LIFTED UP A banner hangs above Vara Martin Daniel Plaza to announce the campuswide worship night taking place at 7 p.m. today in the SUB Bowl.

TALIYAH CLARK
Reporter

Kappa Chi Alpha will host its annual Worship Night at 7 p.m. today in the SUB Bowl.

The worship night is free and open to all students. This year's event will include prayer and worship led by Kappa Chi Alpha members and the special guest of the night, John McKay, a worship leader at Highland Baptist Church.

According to its website, Kappa Chi Alpha (KXA) began in 1990 at Baylor as a non-denominational sorority for Christian women. The sorority chose the Greek letters KXA to mean "Keeping Christ First."

Each year, KXA members participate in numerous service events such as picking up trash off of Texas highways, volunteering with Mission Waco and hosting the worship night.

Members of KXA look forward to

seeing people come out and participate in the worship night, including Beverly Hills, Mich., senior Michelle Hockenbrocht, KXA vice president.

"People should come out to campuswide worship because it is a great time to reflect on what's important and have a night of worship as a Baylor community," Hockenbrocht said. "This event is also an opportunity to meet and get to know students from different organizations and classifications."

Hardin, Mont., junior Charity Ratliff, a member of KXA, helped plan the worship night and sees the event as a time for rest and reflection.

"One of the best things about planning worship night is knowing that it is not just a KXA event but an event for the whole school," Ratliff said. "We don't want it to be about KXA but about community and coming together to reflect and focus on

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COLUMN

Baylor should require students to take world religion courses

BAILEY BRAMMER
Staff Writer



I have always loved mythology. When the "Percy Jackson" books first came out, I devoured them, and then while waiting for the next installment in the series, I re-read them.

This was the first time another culture's beliefs had been presented to me in a way that made me want to know more, and I began to research

not only the religion of the ancient Greeks, but the religions of other societies and groups.

One of the reasons I came to Baylor is because of its faith-based academics and community. While I admire the school's requirement of courses like Christian Scriptures and Christian Heritage, I believe students would also benefit from taking a course in other world religions as well.

Baylor's mission statement is "to educate men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community."

By requiring students to take Christian religion classes, Baylor is meeting its goal of integrating Christian commitment in the classroom. However, if the only religion courses a student ever take have to do with Christianity, how can we be leaders in the world and go out and interact with people from all religions?

I am not saying that a world religion course would take the place of either of the Christian religion classes, Christian Scriptures is my favorite class this semester, and I think most of my classmates would agree with me.

A required world religion class would be beneficial to students because not everyone they're going to encounter in life will be Christian. Out in the workplace, Baylor students will come across people from all walks of life with various beliefs, and when they do, how will they discuss and defend their own beliefs if they are unaware of their peers' belief systems?

And, as I mentioned before, studying other religions can be fascinating. There's a reason the "Percy Jackson" books are a New York Times Bestselling series, and it's only partially due to Rick Riordan's extremely engaging writing style. For those of us who grew up in Christian homes, the concept of multiple gods and specific rituals and practices can be intriguing.

For those questioning why a Christian university would teach their students about other religions knowing what our friends and neighbors regard as religion, and being able to either dispel or agree with their beliefs is the first step in evangelism.

Another benefit in taking a world religion class would be gaining respect for those who practice and preach other faiths. Some Christians can be dismissive of those who believe differently than themselves — this is not entirely their fault, though, because they were never taught otherwise.

And, if Baylor were to require students to take a world religion class, they would not even have to create a new curriculum. World Religions 3345, although not mandated, is already offered to students, and the prerequisites are Christian Scriptures and Christian Heritage.

In many cultures, religion is everything. It dictates what they eat, what they wear, where they work, where they go to school. In order for us to respect what a religious community believes, we must understand why they believe what they do.

Religious toleration begins with understanding, and Baylor can further enlighten its student body by requiring them to learn about more than just Christianity.

Bailey Brammer is a freshman journalism major from Phoenix, Arizona.

EDITORIAL



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

Religion isn't about hate

We can all agree that ISIS has it wrong — the extremist group is responsible for the almost weekly terror attacks across the globe that have killed thousands and forced millions to flee their homes. ISIS is masquerading behind a gross perversion of Islam, using tangential interpretations of scripture to rationalize their "just terror operations." It's easy to rally ourselves against the group, dismissing the Islamic faith tradition as a whole and hailing the Christian tradition as civilized, almost paternal in its superiority.

It's much harder, however, to turn this critical lens on our own faith, to recognize and examine the places that we, as Christians, have failed. We have misinterpreted Scriptures and perverted traditions to justify our actions and substantiate our long-held beliefs. It's hardest to realize that, while we use different tactics, hate is hate, and in using religion as a shield with which to support our prejudices, we are far more similar to ISIS than we may want to believe.

To put it frankly, regardless of the denomination or tradition to which you subscribe, religion shouldn't be about hate.

The casualties of ISIS's attacks have never been faceless. We watched through our fingers when videos of beheadings were released and broadcast all over the internet. We cringed at the haunting images of the aftermath of jihadist suicide

bombers. We cheered silently for refugees who stepped foot on land and cried for the children who never saw the shoreline.

Simultaneously, we've ranted on social media about allowing refugees into our country, our state, our city and endorsed political candidates who have threatened to bar, without question, Muslims from entering the U.S. We ridicule people whose sexual orientations don't adhere to our Scriptures and whose beliefs don't align exactly with our own. We justify our actions, our words, by claiming that we're maintaining the sanctity of Christianity, but in doing so, we've made religion exclusionary. We've begun to define our beliefs by what we hate rather than what we love — by what we disavow than by what we accept. We've begun to shape our religion around what we keep out, rather than what we let in — an ideology that teeters precariously close to ISIS's "all or nothing" manifesto.

As human beings, in the interest of self-preservation, we have a tendency to manipulate situations so that they benefit ourselves. We pick the easiest professors; we take the classes in which we are most likely to succeed. We pick the political candidate whose views most align with our own in hopes that our immediate world will not have to adjust significantly to accommodate the views of others.

It's when self-preservation begins to influence our religious ideologies that the situation becomes dangerous: when ISIS militants kill those who don't conform in the name of their religion, or when Christians use the Bible to ostracize and alienate those who don't adhere to our traditions. Yes, religion is not finite, not clear cut, and we are each entitled to our own interpretations. Those interpretations should never infringe on the rights of others or make them feel less than human. Regardless of beliefs, religion was never meant to be about hate.

In a poem titled "Home," Somali poet Warsan Shire wrote the following:

"No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark.

You only run to the border when you see the whole city running as well...

You have to understand, that no one puts their children in a boat unless the water is safer than the land...

The 'Go home, blacks, refugees, dirty immigrants, asylum seekers, sucking our county dry... they smell strange, savage, messed up their country and now they want to mess ours up.'

How do the words the dirty looks roll off your backs? Maybe because the blow is

softer than a limb torn off... or the insults are easier to swallow than rubble, than bone than your child body in pieces."

ISIS: Religion shouldn't catalyze the transformation of people into refugees. It isn't about being the judge and the jury. It isn't about hate, and it isn't about terror.

Christians: Religion shouldn't be about exclusion. It isn't a lingering question of whether or not an individual is enough: American enough, White enough, straight enough, similar enough. Hate comes in many forms, and Christians have become adept at under-the-table hatred.

While beliefs and texts vary, the baseline tenets of religion transcend denominational traditions. From Islam to Christianity, religion should be about acceptance and salvation. It should be about creation, not destruction. It should be about hope, about life, not fear. Not isolation. Not death.

You have it wrong, ISIS. We can all agree on that, but maybe you aren't the only ones. Maybe some Christians have it wrong, too, in a way that is all too similar. It's up to us to bring religion back to what it was meant to be. Despite what history might have us believe, religion was never meant to be about hate.

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Associated Press

COOPERATION Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, left, and his Greek counterpart Nikos Kotzias sign a Consultation Program of Greece and Russian Foreign Ministries in Athens on Wednesday. Lavrov said other countries involved in Syrian peace negotiations have “sabotaged” the process by backing militant groups intent on toppling President Bashar Assad.

Russia calls for unity with US

DEREK GATOPOULOS & NICHOLAS PAPHITIS
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Russia’s foreign minister on Wednesday said the next U.S. administration would have to work with Moscow to solve world crises and argued that the peace process in Syria had been “sabotaged” by other countries involved in talks.

Days before the U.S. presidential election, Sergey Lavrov made the remarks on a visit to Greece, a NATO and European Union member that has maintained close ties with Russia.

“If you remember a few

months ago (President Barack Obama said just that: ‘We are the ones who should lay down the rules.’ It may have been arrogant but at least he was honest,” Lavrov said.

“If this is the way our American partners think, it means we will have to go through a painful period of realization that no one can do anything on their own.”

Lavrov met with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, President Prokopis Pavlopoulos and Foreign Minister Nikos Kotzias as part of a friendship initiative between the two countries that included multiple cultural exchanges and a visit to Greece in May by Russian

President Vladimir Putin.

Over the weekend, the Russian navy destroyer Smetlivy reached Greece’s main port of Piraeus before sailing onto the east Mediterranean to join warships backing government forces in Syria’s five-year-old civil war.

Lavrov argued that U.S. backing of Syrian rebels opposed to President Bashar Assad was extending the war.

“Unfortunately on many occasions, efforts for a political resolution have been sabotaged. That is not in accordance with U.N. Security Council resolutions. Some parties are backing extremists aimed at removing the Assad regime,”

he said.

“If those resolutions had been carried out in an honest way, the situation in Syria would have already improved.”

He didn’t name any countries. Peace talks have involved U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and the foreign ministers of Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Iran.

Russia’s relations with the U.S. and its allies came under further strain after Moscow used airpower to back a Syrian government siege of Aleppo, Syria’s second-largest city. Peace talks resumed after Russia halted the airstrikes last month.

Members of Bush family may vote Clinton

PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

SAN MARCOS — George P. Bush’s suggestion at a Texas rally that the last two Republican presidents — granddad George H.W. Bush and uncle George W. Bush — could vote for Democrat Hillary Clinton is another remarkable sign of the influential family’s distaste for Donald Trump and a general election they’ve conspicuously sat out.

America’s dominant Republican political dynasty has let the 2016 presidential race’s final months pass with barely a peep. George H.W. Bush, 92, has skipped endorsing his party’s nominee for the first time since leaving the White House in 1993. His son also isn’t publicly taking sides.

Historians say that silence by ex-presidents in an election year is rare. Now the only Bush still in elected office isn’t ruling out Clinton voters in his family.

“I’m the only member of the Bush family that will be voting straight party-ticket Republican,” George P. Bush told a small rally near Austin Tuesday night.

Pressed afterward, the Texas land commissioner and 40-year-old son of vanquished Republican primary candidate Jeb Bush told The Associated Press that he was “speculating, to be honest” about how his uncle and grandfather might vote. But he acknowledged they “potentially” could mark their ballot for Clinton.

Asked why he believed that, George P. Bush told the AP: “Because they haven’t endorsed yet.” He did not elaborate.

There are no indications of an endorsement coming from the former Bush presidents with less than a week until Tuesday’s election. A spokesman for George W. Bush declined to comment Wednesday. A spokesman for George H.W. Bush did not immediately return a message.

It’s hardly difficult to fathom why the Bushes would spurn a nominee who has upended and divided the party they defined for decades.

Trump has bashed the Bush family’s legacy, particularly the unpopular Iraq war under George W. Bush, who said while campaigning for brother Jeb that America doesn’t “need somebody in the Oval Office who mirrors and inflames our anger and frustration.” He did not mention Trump by name.

Mark Updegrove, director of the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, Texas, said a situation in which former presidents do not endorse their party’s nominee is “virtually unprecedented.”

What’s Happening on Campus?

Hang out with friends and get connected at these fun and free* events

Thursday, Nov. 3

Baylor Free Farmers’ Market

11 a.m. Free produce will be available to Baylor students on Fountain Mall at this Free Farmers Market! Bring your mat for yoga at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Chalk Talk

12:30 p.m. Every Thursday before a home football game, join Baylor football players, coaches and fans for free food and a breakdown of each week’s game, in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

Men for Change

5:30 p.m. Join Men for Change every Thursday in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center Chapel to meet and discuss ideas of spirituality and masculinity in a brave space.

Friday, Nov. 4

Annual Bed Races Tournament & Chili Cook-off

6 p.m. Don’t miss the 2016 Chili Cook-off and Bed Races Tournament at Burluson Quadrangle and Fifth Street! Check-in time for competitors is 5:30 p.m. Watch the Bed Races for free and enjoy unlimited chili and refreshments for \$7. For Chili Cook-off or Bed Races registration information, call Student Activities at 710-2371.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Game Day: Baylor vs. TCU

11:30 a.m. Bear Walk. Cheer on the Bears as they arrive for the game and enter McLane Stadium.

Noon. Enjoy a live concert by Clare Dunn, brought to you by the Baylor Football Tailgate Concert Series outside Gate D, near the south plaza.

2:30 p.m. Kickoff! Remember to wear your green Baylor gear and #GreenOut McLane. Sic ‘em, Bears!

Fifth Quarter

After the game. Gather on Fountain Mall for a dessert social hour! Sweet treats including free Pokey O’s, Steel City Pops and s’mores will be provided.

Monday, Nov. 7

Movie Mondays at the Hippodrome: *Project 22*

7 p.m. In the United States alone, 22 Veterans commit suicide per day. *Project 22* follows two combat-wounded Veterans on a mission to find hope. Riding motorcycles from San Francisco to New York, Daniel and Doc speak with Veterans about post-war challenges that lead to suicide and the healing Veterans are finding in alternative forms of therapy such as sailing, pottery, education, service dogs and more.

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Dr Pepper Hour

3 p.m. A Baylor tradition since 1953, enjoy a Dr Pepper float and catch up with friends in the Barfield Drawing Room or at Robinson Tower on the 6th floor.

Cross Cultural Engagement Dinner

6 p.m. Bring your friends and join us in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center for a delicious meal, presented by Baylor Formation and the Filipino Student Association.

Diwali

9 p.m. Come celebrate the traditional Hindu festival of lights that takes place every autumn in the northern hemisphere, presented by the Indian Subcontinent Student Association at Fountain Mall.

For more, join Baylor Connect at baylor.edu/baylorconnect

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*Unless otherwise noted.

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Jesus for a night.”
Baton Rouge, La., junior Rosemary Watson, KXA chaplain, looks forward to worship night and hopes students enjoys it.
“I really enjoy KXA worship night because it was one of the first places I learned about KXA,” Watson said. “I also love this night because it not only shows people who we are but what we are about. We really like to think of this event as a time of rest for students. It’s not a super long service, but it is a chance for students to come and take a break and worship with the Lord for a little while.”

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because of military people who are 18 and using more than just handguns. But, Reyna said they are being trained and have an ability to use those weapons.
“No one should have the right to say that we don’t have the right to protect ourselves,” McNamara said.
McKinney junior Jathan Young, chairman of the Young Conservatives of Texas, said this panel is something that has been conducted in the past. Because of the shooter that was near campus about a month ago, Young said that the club members felt like this was something they really had to do. After getting in touch with the sheriff and district attorney, they decided to have a question-and-answer about campus carry. Young said the speakers were selected because they are big second amendment proponents, which goes along with a principle value of the Young Conservatives of Texas.
“I thought we really need to get the dialogue going here again,” Young said. He noted that even though Baylor opted out of campus carry, “we can still talk about it, and I think its really important to talk about still.”

Bubble Bump Soccer



Timothy Hong | Lariat Photographer

PLAY BALL Baylor Delta Tau Delta hosted a bubble soccer tournament to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The event was held Wednesday evening on Fountain Mall.

Obama calls for peace in oil pipeline protests

JAMES MacPHERSON
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — President Barack Obama has called for “peace” and “restraint” on the disputed Dakota Access oil pipeline, and says the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is examining whether the four-state project can be rerouted in southern North Dakota to alleviate the concerns of American Indians.
Obama told the online news outlet NowThis that his administration is monitoring the situation closely but will “let it play out for several more weeks.”
“As a general rule, my view is that there is a way for us to accommodate sacred lands of Native Americans, and I think that right now the Army Corps is examining whether there are ways to reroute this pipeline,” Obama said an interview Tuesday.

Corps spokeswoman Eileen Williamson said Wednesday the agency had no immediate comment on the president’s remarks. She said a statement by the agency was expected later in the day.
The White House said the Corps was exploring a range of options that would address concerns raised by tribal officials and others. Separately, the Army, the Justice Department and the Interior Department are discussing with tribal governments how to prevent future disputes with the federal government over public works projects, according to the White House.
Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Dave Archambault welcomed Obama’s statement but said the administration and the Corps should go farther and stop work on the pipeline and do a full environmental impact study.
The 1,172-mile, \$3.8 billion pipeline will

carry oil from North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point at Patoka, Illinois. It will skirt the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation that straddles the North Dakota-South Dakota border.
The tribe objects to the project, saying it could threaten drinking water and destroy sacred sites. The tribe has sued federal regulators for approving permits at more than 200 water crossings.
Protests that have included clashes with police and pipeline security also have gone on for several months in North Dakota, where hundreds and at times thousands of people have set up a large camp on corps land. More than 400 protesters have been arrested since August. No serious injuries have been reported.
Obama called it “a challenging situation.”
“There’s an obligation for protesters to be peaceful, and there’s an obligation for

authorities to show restraint,” he said. “I want to make sure that as everybody is exercising their constitutional rights to be heard, that both sides are refraining from situations that might result in people being hurt.”
The Dakota Access pipeline’s capacity is about half of North Dakota’s current production at present. The state, the No.2 oil producer behind Texas, this summer slipped below 1 million barrels daily for the first time in two years due to a slump in world oil prices.
About 350 miles pipeline would pass through North Dakota at a cost of about \$1.4 billion, making it the longest leg of the project and its most expensive.
The pipeline’s path in North Dakota would cross beneath the Little Missouri River once and the Missouri River twice, near Williston and at under Lake Oahe, a river reservoir, near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation.

Details from fatal bus crash unfold

BRIAN WITTE
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore school bus driver who died along with five others in a collision with a commuter bus was found at fault in three traffic-related cases in the last eight years, according to civil and criminal court records and an attorney interviewed by The Associated Press on Wednesday.
Glenn R. Chappell, 67, lost a civil case over hitting a parked car in Baltimore in 2008. Nationwide Insurance said in its complaint that Chappell’s vehicle “veered from the roadway” and struck the car.
The complaint alleged he was negligent for “failing to pay full time and attention to the roadway, operating at excessive speed, failing to maintain control of his vehicle, failing to avoid colliding with other vehicles.”
The court ordered Chappell to pay about \$2,400, which he did, according to Nationwide’s lawyer, Michael David Johnson.
Chappell was convicted in 2014 of

failing to show a registration card during a traffic stop, and convicted again last November of driving a vehicle with suspended registration. Neither of these offenses involved a school bus.
The records also show that Chappell was convicted of violating three protective orders issued in 2012. He spent much of the fall of 2012 in jail, awaiting judgment in those cases. In December 2012, he was sentenced to seven days for a second-degree assault conviction.
Chappell’s employer, bus contractor AA Affordable Transportation, didn’t immediately respond to calls and emails about Chappell’s history.
None of the 18 elementary school students served by Chappell’s bus was aboard when it hit a car and roadside pillar before crashing into an oncoming Maryland Transit Administration bus early Tuesday, killing both drivers and four mass transit riders.
On Wednesday, Baltimore police spokesman T.J. Smith released the names of five of the deceased, including Chappell and MTA bus driver Ebonee

Baker, 33.
Federal records show that AA Affordable had no violations or other crashes reported during the two years ending this September. In 2012, an AA Affordable school bus was involved in a crash that injured at least 13 people, including students, when it collided with a minivan. Smith said the company was not at fault in that case, because another vehicle ran a red light.
The company’s five-year contract with the school district ends in June 2018, according to online public records.
Investigators hope Chappell’s autopsy will reveal whether he suffered a medical emergency, which Smith described Tuesday as a working theory, since there were no skid marks indicating hard braking.
“We don’t know if the driver of the yellow bus suffered any type of medical condition,” Smith said at a Wednesday news conference. “I do not have any information on a previous medical history to discuss.”

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Squash your hunger



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

CURB YOUR HUNGER Baylor's Free Farmers Market will take place from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today on Fountain Mall. Students are encouraged to stock up on fresh produce, bread, eggs, bottled water and other groceries donated from organizations at Baylor and in the Waco community.

Baylor Free Farmers Market offers abundance of fresh produce

LINDSEY MCLEMORE
Reporter

The Waco community has donated more than 45,000 pounds of food for the first Baylor Free Farmers Market Today.

From 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., organizations from across campus will be on Fountain Mall with a wide selection of fresh produce, bread, eggs, bottled water and other groceries available free to students.

Cara Cliburn Allen, a research assistant and doctoral student of higher education studies and leadership from Ada, Okla., and Nathan Alleman, associate professor of educational leadership, have organized the event with the help of many partners across campus, which include Aramark, Career and Professional Development,

Department of Wellness, Office of Community Engagement and Service and more.

"There has been enough food donated to the farmers market for every undergraduate and graduate student at Baylor to have three and a half pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables," Allen said.

Last year, Alleman and Allen researched the eating habits and food security of the student body to gather information about how hunger affects the lives of students. Thirty out of the 300 students who responded to the survey reported not being able to access healthy foods on a regular basis, making them food insecure.

The United Nations World Food Programme defines food security as "the state of having reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable,

nutritious food."

Several months following Allen and Alleman's research, who were put in contact with Rev. Ruben Andrade Jr. of Family of Faith Worship Center, who organizes a local food pantry.

"A few months ago, I felt in my heart that I needed to give back to the Baylor community," Andrade said. "They have always helped our church community so much, that I really felt the need to give back."

Andrade's food pantry helps all kinds of people in the Waco community, and Alleman felt it was important to make that distinction to the Baylor community as well.

"We want to highlight that, even at a private university, there are students that struggle to keep enough money available for food," Alleman said.

However, this event is not just for those struggling.

"Students are always on the go," Andrade said. "There isn't always time to stop and eat a healthy meal, even in a dining hall, so that's why I wanted to make sure this food could be enjoyed by all the students ... This is for everyone to enjoy together."

Allen hopes the farmers market will be an annual event and launching point for more food initiatives on campus which are found on the BU Food Links website.

Family of Faith Worship Center's Family Resource Center is open to the Waco community Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., where the same wide selection of food is available, and everyone is welcome, regardless of their food security or income.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

7-10 p.m. — The Stars Over Texas Jamboree event. First Thursday of every month. Lee Lockwood Library and Museum. \$10 admission for college students

7 p.m. — Kappa Chi Alpha presents campuswide worship featuring John McKay. Bill Daniel Student Center SUB Bowl. Free

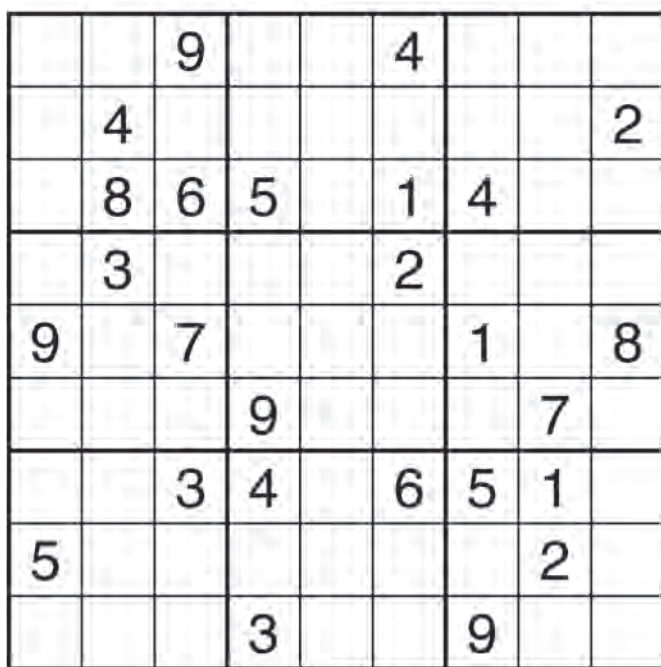
>> Friday

Noon to 7 p.m. — Junior League of Waco presents "An Enchanted Christmas." College Day. Complete your holiday shopping early with over 100 merchants showcasing various gifts. Waco Convention Center. \$7 at the door

6 p.m. — Chi Omega and Kappa Sigma Chili Cook Off and Concert. Chili served at 6 p.m. and Judah and the Lion concert begins at 8 p.m. Waco Hall. Tickets are \$15

>> Saturday

2:30 p.m. — Baylor football vs. Texas Christian University. McLane Stadium



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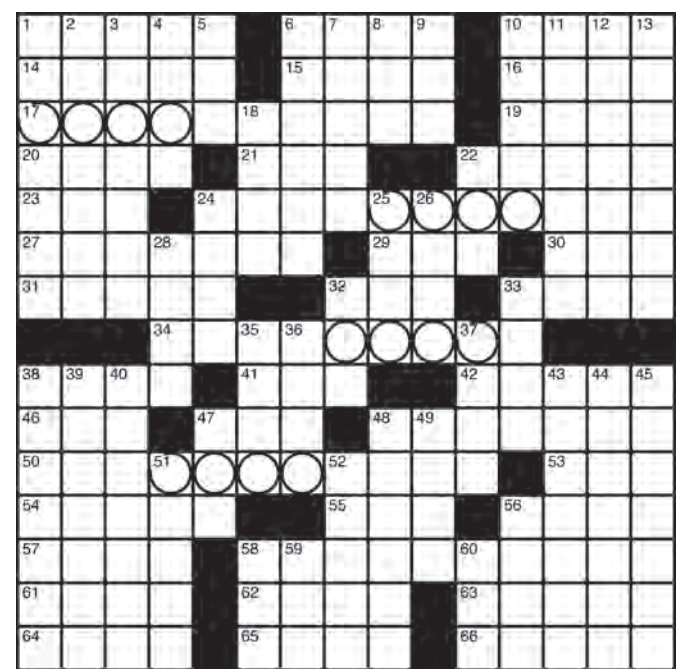
Today's Puzzles

Across

- 1 Less-played song, usually
- 6 Big name in big projections
- 10 Skips, as TiVoed ads
- 14 Like Andean pyramids
- 15 Bumpkin
- 16 Touched down
- 17 "Gotta go!"
- 19 Without serious thought
- 20 Cuts down
- 21 Single
- 22 Garson of Hollywood
- 23 "Do it, ___ will!"
- 24 Peter Parker's alarm system
- 27 Bed blossoms
- 29 Hyundai rival
- 30 Vineyard cask
- 31 Stainless ___
- 32 Agent
- 33 "Looney Tunes" stinker, familiarly
- 34 Kaiser roll topping
- 38 Hide from a hunter?
- 41 "Yet cease your ___, you angry stars of heaven!": "Pericles"
- 42 E-cigarette output
- 46 Firefighter's tool
- 47 Lanai music maker
- 48 Has a conviction
- 50 Henry VIII's third wife
- 53 "Noah kept bees in the ark hive," e.g.
- 54 ___ acid
- 55 Capp and Capone
- 56 Poet Whitman
- 57 Manner
- 58 Sign of deceit, and a hint to this puzzle's circled letters
- 61 Years, to Livy
- 62 Navigation hazard
- 63 ___-garde
- 64 Establishes
- 65 Fancy jug
- 66 Nutty green sauce

Down

- 1 Vatican personnel



- 2 Show disdain for
- 3 Dessert drink made from frozen grapes
- 4 Weekly septet
- 5 Disney doe
- 6 Modern Persians
- 7 Subdued
- 8 Civil War nickname
- 9 Boomer's kid
- 10 '70s-'90s African state
- 11 Pasta preference
- 12 Forms a big stack
- 13 Compound in many disposable coffee cups
- 18 Easy pace
- 22 Govt. property overseer
- 24 Corn Belt sight
- 25 Barely makes, with "out"
- 26 "Geez!"
- 28 When the NFL's regular season begins
- 32 Canadian whisky
- 33 BlackBerries, e.g.
- 35 Seattle's ___ Place Market
- 36 Antelopes, to lions
- 37 At any point
- 38 Sleepover need
- 39 Check out
- 40 Lax
- 43 Tropical fruits
- 44 Rich
- 45 Charges for use of, as an apartment
- 47 GI hangout
- 48 Club owner?
- 49 Toss from office
- 51 County seat of County Clare
- 52 Thanksgiving decoration
- 56 "___ Only Just Begun": Carpenters hit
- 58 Ship, to its crew
- 59 "Hee ___"
- 60 Go on and on

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Kiara Nowlin: Golden girl

Senior leader takes A&T to even greater heights

SHAYLA KELLEY
Reporter

Kiara Nowlin, an Oxnard, Calif., senior on the acrobatics and tumbling team, is not only a superstar at Baylor University, but she has also captured many other titles from her past sports.

Monique Nowlin, Kiara's mother, said she spotted something different about her daughter from early.

"Her father and I noticed how coordinated Kiara was at an extremely young age," Monique said. "She began walking at 9-and-a-half months, and by age 2-and-a-half, she was throwing back handsprings. By age 3, Kiara was tumbling in exhibitions on behalf of her gymnastics program, and she quickly progressed to advanced tumbling from there. Some people are born with special gifts, and for Kiara, one of them is her tumbling ability."

Through her hard work and determination, Nowlin claimed the 2007 World Age Games gold medal in power tumbling, the 2008 and 2009 USAG Winter-Classic first-place titles and the 2009 USASF Gold Medal Young Athlete Merit Scholarship.

"It was a truly unbelievable experience winning my first gold medal. I wasn't even expecting to place well because it was such a prestigious competition," Nowlin said. "I was shocked when I won. It really boosted my confidence knowing I could do well against other amazing power tumblers."

This special moment was also shared by Monique, who watched her daughter in the crowd.

"I was overcome with pride that my little girl was representing her country, and when Kiara stood on the podium and they raised the American flag high and played our national anthem. I teared up, and her father swelled with pride. We were so very happy for her," Monique said. "All the hard work she put in, all the sacrifices she made, paid off. To this day, I still tear up thinking about it. Just a moment one never forgets."

Nowlin did not stop there. In 2009, she claimed the World Age Games gold medal in both tumbling and double mini trampoline.

"I did not think I would ever win two gold medals," Nowlin said. "This time around, I knew I could place well if I hit my passes, but I definitely thought winning again was out of the question."

Because of her success in athletics, Nowlin had many opportunities that young middle and high school students are not usually given.

"Kiara has had some amazing opportunities: representing her country as an athlete of USA Gymnastics in places like Russia and France, being a special guest on shows like the 'Ellen DeGeneres Show' and 'Steve Harvey Show' and other unique experiences people her age have not had," Monique said.

Kiara Nowlin became an all-star cheerleader, where her team claimed gold three times at the world championship. She now competes for the acrobatic and tumbling team at Baylor and has been All-American for three years, in addition to capturing the Rookie of the Year award.

"I chose [acrobatics and tumbling] because it combined the skill sets



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RISING ABOVE Senior acrobatics and tumbling member Kiara Nowlin, left, and junior Shayla Moore take part in their team routine on April 29 at the Ferrell Center during the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association tournament. The Bears took home their second straight national title.

of gymnastics and competitive cheerleading," Nowlin said. "There was little opportunity for either of these sports at a collegiate level, so [acrobatics and tumbling] was the perfect sport for me."

Although Nowlin has traveled the world claiming gold medals for the USA, she said that acrobatics and tumbling has tested her.

"[Acrobatics and tumbling] is definitely the most challenging sport I've ever done," Nowlin said. "Of course, every sport I did required strength and agility, but [acrobatics and tumbling] takes it to a whole new level. A part of training for this sport is weight lifting, which was something that was completely new

to me as a freshman. The fact that we train and compete on a dead mat requires us to be very strong."

Senior acrobatics and tumbling team member Hannah Henke said Nowlin makes a huge impact on the team.

"Kiara helps the team in so many ways," Henke said. "Yeah, she is extremely talented, but I think the way she carries herself and her constant choice of putting others first is what speaks highly of her character. She is such a team player."

Nowlin said her favorite competitive sport is acrobatics and tumbling.

"I love the skill set, and although the meets are extremely competitive,

my team and I always have so much fun," Nowlin said.

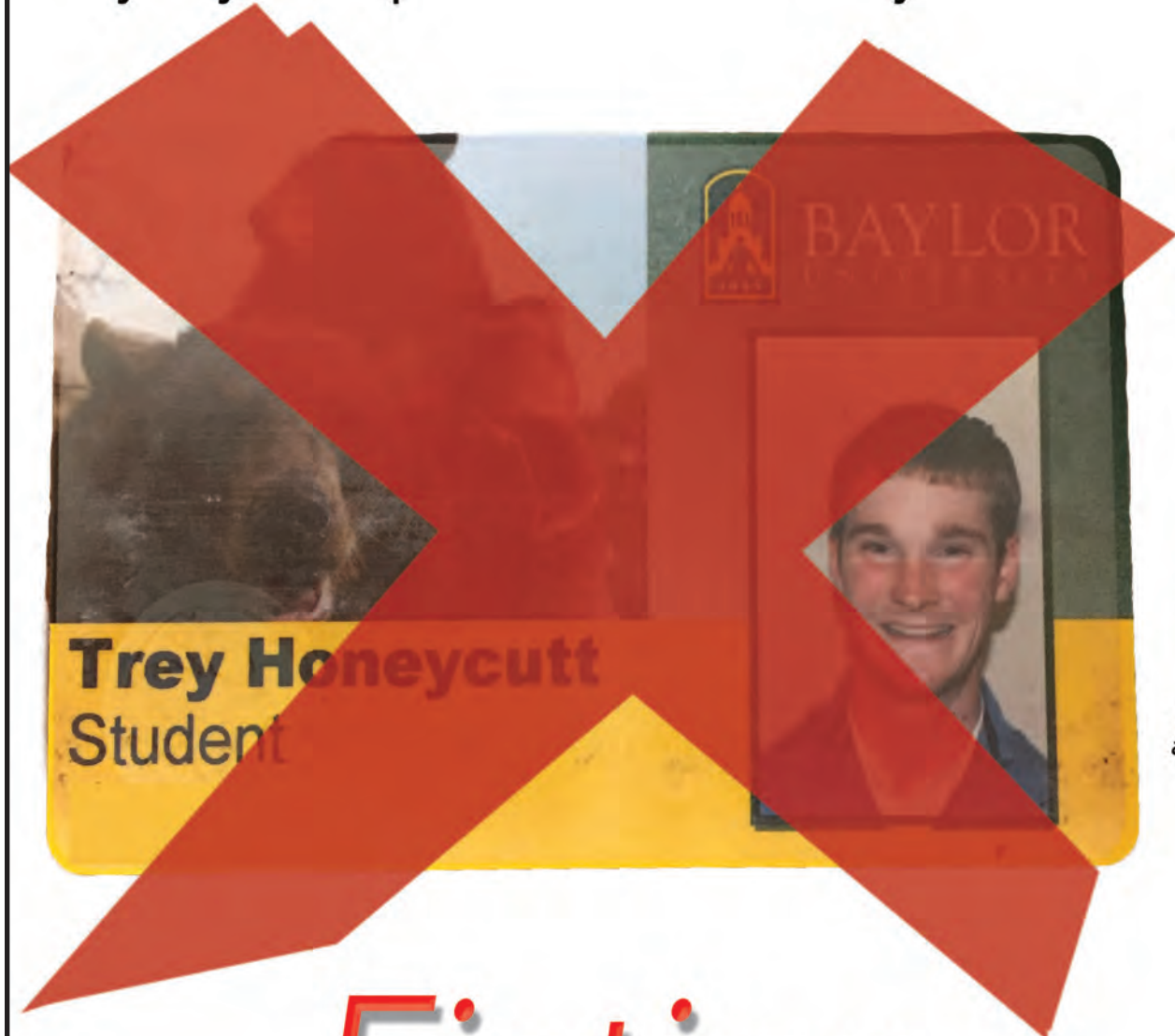
Henke said she is honored to get the privilege to compete with Nowlin.

"It is truly a privilege to be Kiara's teammate," Henke said. "She is genuine, humble and always encourages those who are around her. She tends to set the mood at practice because of her contagious laughter and sense of humor. I can always count on her for a good laugh or story. She is also super dependable, and her work ethic and talent is out of this world."

Baylor acrobatics and tumbling will compete at the Ferrell Center Feb. 12 in its first competition of the season.

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