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Amendment allots funds to research

\$500 million will be split between seven universities

By MEGAN KEYSER
STAFF WRITER

Texas voters approved Proposition Four on Tuesday, an amendment to the Texas Constitution that will establish a \$500 million National Research University Fund for seven emerging research universities, not including Baylor.

According to the League of Women Voters of Texas voter guide, the fund is intended to help the following universities develop into tier-one research universities: Texas Tech University, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at

Dallas, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Houston and University of North Texas.

In order to receive part of the \$500 million fund, each of the seven universities will be required to meet rigorous criteria, including benchmarks established by the Texas legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, research spending, the number of doctoral degrees awarded and endowment levels.

Baylor alumna Diane Patrick, Texas representative on the committee of higher education, said the money will be transferred from the dormant Higher Education Fund to the new National Research University

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BAA, Baylor move forward

After talks of uniting, both sides plan for progressive futures

By ADDIE ARO
STAFF WRITER

The spirited exchanges between Baylor Alumni Association and the university took a new turn yesterday – they softened.

Despite Baylor's recent withdrawal of a proposal for the Baylor Alumni Association to give up its independent status and become a part of the university, Baylor and the BAA now say they now hope to move forward in a spirit of shared commitment and harmony.

"We hope they will be an encouragement to Baylor alumni

and we're glad of their commitment to the university and we are looking forward to what they will do," said Lori Fogleman, director of marketing and communications. Speaking on behalf of the university Interim President Dr. David Garland and Board of Regents Chairman Dary Stone, Fogleman said the university will continue to support the BAA as it has in previous years.

David Lacy, president of the alumni association, said the 150-year-old BAA, which gained financial independence in 1976, intends to achieve a harmonious relationship with Baylor by doing what alumni has asked of them.

The last few weeks have been anything harmonious as both

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SHANNA TAYLOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPH

Waco junior Colin Powell chawks a checkered finish line on fifth street Wednesday in front of Fountain Mall in preparation for Bear Downs.

1 tradition, 30 miles

Bear downs bike race makes return after seven-year hiatus

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

"Glory," said Dayton senior Brazos Fielder and Bear Downs race director. "They ride for glory."

Wednesday was the first Bear Downs, a 30-mile bike race around campus, since 2002.

There was only one all-girls team, making Pi Phi's team the instant winner.

The winner in the men's race was Baylor Cross Country. Second and third went to Trinoceros, a triathlon team, and Hoosheartsed respectively.

During the race, there were a few crashes, but they only resulted in minor injuries. The ambulance never left the race route.

Though Student Foundation set the limit at 30 teams, only 19 competed in the event, putting the number of participants at 76.

One team is The Cyclist Manifesto, whose members wore red shirts with the team name written in magic marker. Team members included Chicago, Ill., sophomore and team captain Ryan Donahue, Magnolia sophomore Conner Anderson, Lorena sophomore Steven Diedrich and Livermore, Calif., sophomore Maria Knorr.

"Have fun and not get hurt — that's the goal," Donahue said.

The team was excited to participate this year but pointed out that some of the other teams looked really good.

"We're underdogs," Donahue said. "We're not extreme cyclists."

Fielder's opening speech for the event for the race was unusual, but did the job.

"It's going to hurt. You're going to have tears streaming down your face," Fielder said. "Push through the pain."

Bear Downs was postponed from Thursday after heavy rains made the course too dangerous. Fort Worth senior and another race director Aaron Bryant said

that it was difficult for student foundation to choose a date six months before the event, not knowing what the weather would be like.

"If there's any bad weather at all, this cannot happen," Bryant said.

Now that the race has finally happened, there is excitement throughout Student Foundation.

"It's something cool for the students," Bryant said.

The route started between Fountain Mall and the Vera Martin Daniel Plaza, traveling down 5th St to the Bill Daniel Student Center, just before the Bill and Eva Williams Bear Habitat. The racers then turn left, barreling down to seventh street, where they took another left. The third turn is at Speight, where racers nod to Judge Baylor's statue before making their final left turn back onto fifth street.

Each of the 43 laps is .7 miles, making the entire race 30 miles. Teams in the relay were required to trade off riders every three laps, giving members time to rest between.

"[Riders] had a meeting and they've practiced the course," Christy said.

Bryant explained that the racers know a number of different colored flags, each of which

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is a different signal to the riders. One will inform them of a crash, another tells them to slow down or go full speed.

There were precautions taken along the route to keep riders safe. Each of the four turns had hay bales to provide cushioning if there was an accident and there was no pushing allowed. The race route was also inspected for holes or unevenness and were filled and smoothed.

Following this year's race, Student Foundation and Baylor's Risk Management will reassess to see if the Bear Downs tradition is something that could be continued on Baylor's

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Gay leaders blame TV ads, Obama for loss in Maine

By LISA LEFF
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Stunned and angry, national gay rights leaders Wednesday blamed fear-mongering ads — and President Barack Obama's lack of engagement — for a bitter election setback in Maine that could alter the dynamics for both sides in the gay-marriage debate.

Conservatives, in contrast, celebrated Maine voters' rejection of a law that would have allowed gay couples to wed, depicting it as a warning shot that should deter politicians in other states from pushing for same-sex marriage.

"Every time the citizens have voted on marriage, they have always sided with natural marriage," said Mathew Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel, a Florida-based Christian legal group. "Maine dramatically illustrates the will of the people, and politicians should wake up and listen."

Gay activists were frustrated that Obama, who insists he staunchly supports their overall civil rights agenda, didn't speak out forcefully in defense of Maine's marriage law before Tuesday's referendum. The law was repealed in a vote of 53 percent to 47 percent.

"President Obama missed an opportunity to state his position

against these discriminatory attacks with the clarity and moral imperative that would have helped in this close fight," said Evan Wolfson of the national advocacy group Freedom to Marry. "The anti-gay forces are throwing millions of dollars into various unsubstle ads aimed at scaring people, so subtle statements from the White House are not enough."

The White House had no immediate comment.

The marriage debate is simmering in at least a half-dozen states where a same-sex marriage bill is pending or where a court ruling or existing law is being eyed by conservatives for possible challenge.

Had Maine's law been upheld by voters, it would have become the sixth state to legalize gay marriage — and the first to affirm it by popular vote. In Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Iowa, gay marriage resulted from court decisions or legislation.

"The results in Maine underscore exactly why we are challenging California's same-sex marriage ban," said Chad Griffin, president of the American Foundation for Equal Rights, the Los Angeles group spearheading the lawsuit.

"The U.S. Constitution guarantees equal rights to every American.



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Two people argue their differences regarding same-sex marriage Wednesday in front of City Hall in Portland, Maine, a day after voters rejected the gay marriage law.

Planned parenthood files injunction against past director

By MATTHEW WATKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRYAN — Planned Parenthood has filed a temporary injunction to prevent a former director of its Bryan clinic from teaming up with a local anti-abortion group to release records from her eight years of work at the family planning clinic.

The employee, Abby Johnson, said Monday that she never planned to release the records.

Either way, the case, which

has gained national attention on conservative online media sources and anti-abortion blogs, has caused a skirmish between the clinic and the Brazos Valley Coalition for Life, which recently moved its headquarters several hundred feet away from the clinic.

A hearing on the issue is scheduled for Nov. 10 in the 85th District Court.

The injunction was filed Friday and signed by District Judge J.D. Langley. It prevents Johnson

and the coalition from releasing anything that Johnson, who was executive director for about two years, may have retained while working at Planned Parenthood — at least until the hearing.

Coalition director Shawn Carney said Monday that there was not a campaign to reveal private information.

He said Planned Parenthood's actions were unnecessary and an overreaction.

Lawyers for Planned Parenthood wrote in court documents

filed Friday that Johnson was seen copying confidential personnel files and possibly other documents in the days before she abruptly resigned on Oct. 6.

The clinic's lawyers expressed worry in the filings that Johnson might release clients' medical records, information about doctors who work at the clinic and the clinic's security measures.

Johnson said in a telephone interview with The Eagle that she didn't turn over any docu-

ments to the Coalition for Life.

"I didn't provide any because I don't have any," she said.

The 29-year-old said she resigned from the clinic because she felt guilty after witnessing an abortion in September.

She also said she was concerned about pressure from the organization's regional manager that the Bryan clinic focus on more abortions because of financial reasons.

"Definitely the most lucrative part of their business was

abortions," she said. "One of the things that kept coming up was how family planning services were really dragging down the budget, and family planning services include education about contraceptives.

It was a drain on the budget, but abortion services were really running up the budget and that was keeping the center afloat."

An employee at Planned Parenthood's Bryan clinic de-

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Lariat Letters

Baylor parent advocates possible athletic attendance incentive

Baylor football message boards are abuzz this week about the disappointing student turnout at the Nebraska game.

I look back at the first game vs. Connecticut and remember wave after wave of Freshman Line members descending upon the field, and how packed the stands were.

Then, as the season progressed, fewer and fewer students have attended games. I think about my own daughter, and I wonder why she attends Baylor when she could have easily attended CowU or WhoopU at half the price.

Is she at BU for football, or academics? She's attended every game as a member of BUGWB, but what would she do if she were a regular student, or her Mom and I had not purchased season tickets?

I hope she attends Baylor for the rich academic tradition and would still attend a game or two, but I completely understand that she, like many students, has her own list of priorities.

Football games may not be high on the priority list.

(As a side note, I also noticed that there were a lot of empty seats in non-student sections, too, but the message boards fail to mention that. They focus only on the lack of students and the empty stands on the east side.)

Still, the attendance situation at BU football games is what it is, and has not changed dramatically over the years.

The fundamental question is: How can the athletic department attract students who are more focused on academic success than athletics to a Big 12 home football game?

As an outsider to the athletic department and the Baylor Bear Foundation, I see those two organizations benefiting the most from a full house. Large student body participation attracts positive attention and good will, especially for TV games that are broadcast across different regions.

It helps with recruiting efforts, and improved recruiting produces a better product on the field.

High student attendance attracts faculty, staff and parents to campus and to weekend games. If Baylor would like to fill the stands, what could Baylor Bear Foundation and the athletic department do to help that occur?

One thought would be to offer up non-athlete students who attend home football games a chance at a financial reward. A \$1,000 scholarship raffle immediately comes to mind.

Scholarship raffles occur at many universities now under a variety of different scenarios. Baylor Bear Foundation or the athletic department could fund three-six scholarships per game (\$1,836,000 for the season), and any student who enters the game before kickoff (and swipes their ID's), would have a shot to win a raffle for an extra grand during the fourth quarter to help fund their education.

Parents would insist their kids get down to Floyd Casey Stadium and support the home team, especially with the impending 6.5 percent tuition increase in 2010. Students who participate in organizations like BUGWB or non-scholarship cheer squads that attend games would also be eligible. I believe that students who believe they have a reasonable chance for a payout would come out and attend the game just for the potential award, and once they are there, would support the home team.

If attendance dropped, the higher the odds to win would attract the students back to the games.

Would the non-athlete student population support such an incentive, and if offered, come out in mass for the games? Would the Baylor Bear Foundation or athletic department fund such a program? How large of a program should they fund? Can this be implemented prior to the CowU game on Nov. 14?

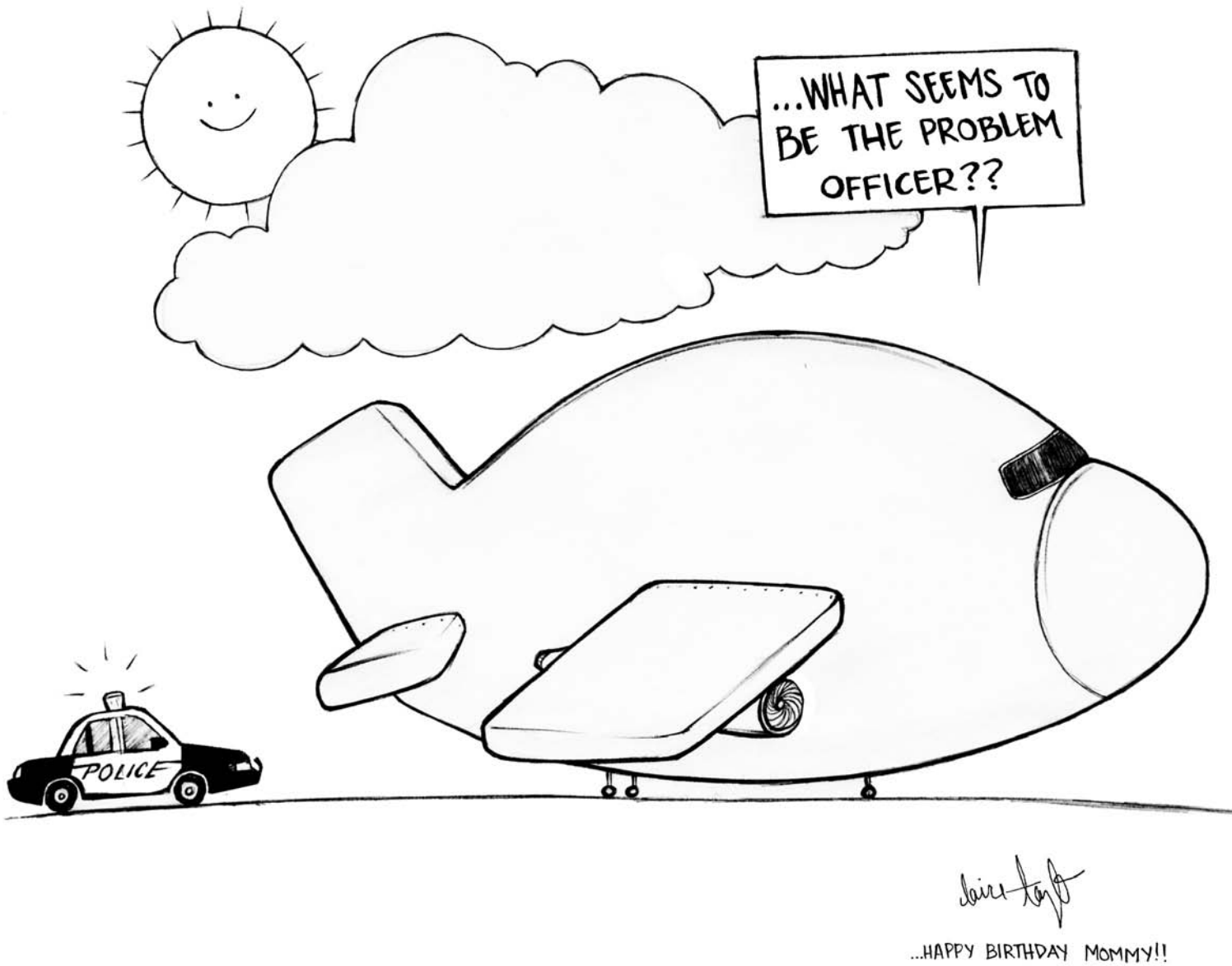
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Pilots who flew 150 miles off course should put laptops away

Editorial

Two pilots for Northwestern Airlines had their licenses suspended last week after flying 150 miles off course during NW No. 188, a routine commercial flight.

After 91 minutes of no radio contact, several military jets in the area were scrambled and put on high alert, and the White House was notified for fear that the plane had been hijacked.

Fortunately, the only problem was that the two pilots, instead of concentrating on how they were supposed to be flying the plane, were more concerned with their laptops.

Sure, the excitement's a little down once you get up to cruising altitude, but did they really need to be neglecting protocol in order to make sure that their Farmville Farmers had enough grapes and berries for the coming winter?

We live in a time where autopilot comes standard, electronics make many of the most advanced choices, and the less human contact

there is with a machine, the more it takes over for itself.

After the massive amount of security measures taken post-Sept. 11, pilots and the rest of the staff on the airplane at not allowed nearly as much freedom as was allowed in the past. Flight attendants and pilots and co-pilots could easily engage in conversation to pass the time and make the trip seem to go a little faster.

But now, with a solid wall separating the cockpit from the rest of the plane, there isn't anything for the pilots to do except to monitor the plane's location every 15 minutes to make sure that they're still on track. After that, what are they going to do? Pilots should have options available to them to keep them alert and focused

on what is happening in the cockpit.

Pilots have enough to deal with already. Having laptops in the cockpit only diverts their attention. Additional measures to keep pilots focused on the task at hand, such as more consistent contact with ground control and their flight crew, would keep their attention from being diverted to other, less-safe means of passing the time.

In a story published on Wednesday in the Aero News Network's Web site, North Dakota Sen. Byron Dorgan said he is going to propose a bill in the upcoming week to ban all laptops, MP3 and DVD players, as well as other personal electronic devices, in the cockpit. He expects no opposition to the bill, and other senators have already verbally stated their approval.

Unless those guys were Googling "How to Fly a Plane" or trying to MapQuest directions,, they should not have been on their laptops.

Facebook statuses need to be removed or annoying updating practices must change

"Word to the wise: don't mess with my friends or family in the least way possible. Cause if you do, you've got another thing comin', my friend."

Because why wouldn't you use the Facebook status application to threaten someone? Why wouldn't you use it to tell everyone on your friend list what you're doing or have done that day and who you did it with?

There are 1,440 minutes in a day, and according to my friends list it is crucial to update your status by the minute letting everyone know what you are up to or what you want to be up to, in that moment.

I mean, I know for a fact that I love signing on to Facebook and seeing my newsfeed be blown up with song lyrics from Hinder that a girl put on her status about her breakup with her boyfriend. Because why wouldn't everyone want to know about it? Let's be honest here ... nobody cares and the fact that you are using Hinder as a lyric-go-to, means you should probably be allocating your time broadening your musical horizons rather than updating your status.

Point of View

BY SABRINA LANDWER



Or my personal favorite, the daily Bible verses from the constant partygoer whose current default picture is one of them "living it up." Hal-lelujah!

If you think about it, the status application is a funny concept, providing me with lots of laughter. I actually want to thank Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Facebook, for the extra laughs that the status application has offered. Because thanks to the application, I know more than I would ever want to know about "Betty Baylor" and her boyfriend's private life and I have only met her once.

I mean it only makes sense to update your

status letting everyone know you're headed to the gym, then you're going to shower, and then you're going to eat a turkey burger WITH the bun toasted, and THEN you will do your homework, and hoping to possibly go to bed at a decent hour.

I, Sabrina Landwer, vote to have the status application removed. I can't tell you how many times I've met someone that I wanted to possibly invest my time into hanging out with, only to find out that no time was needed.

Not only do I learn about relationship troubles daily, but I'm also constantly updated on people's faith, day-to-day activities, musical taste and which party is happening where. Also, every Monday my friend list never ceases to remind me of how much everyone truly hates Mondays, and every Friday they let me know that "It's the weekend!"

Now that I've finished writing my column, I'll go update my status letting everyone know how accomplished I feel making my deadline. And I might just add a heart symbol to the end of it.

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‘They ride for glory’

The Bear Downs Race Wednesday was the first since 2002.



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Top left: Representing Team Accounting, Copperas Cove graduate student Bruce Moss rides ahead of other bikers Wednesday during the Bear Downs Race.

Top right: Representing Team Cyclist Manifesto, Magnolia sophomore, left, Conner Anderson and Chicago, Ill., sophomore Ryan Donahue make some final adjustments to their team's bike before the start of the Bear Downs race Wednesday.

Bottom left: The first racers of each team anxiously wait for the signal to start the Bear Downs race Wednesday evening.



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Study abroad: the adventures not advertised

OLGA GLADTSKOV BALL
REPORTER

Studying abroad provides students and professors an opportunity to explore new countries by putting them in situations where students get private tours of the Sistine Chapel, get lost in a foreign land, and take a picture in a meat freezer.

Vatican closure

Dr. Alden Smith, associate dean of the Honors College, ran into a snag in his plans in 1994 when the Baylor in Italy program was in Rome — he forgot to check the papal calendar. “Everything was going so well — we were congratulating ourselves when a student looking at the guide sheet at the hotel said the Sistine Chapel was going to be closed on Saturday,” Smith said.

Pope John Paul II had made a special closing for the three-day weekend.

They would not have another opportunity to visit it since they had exams that Monday and

their flight was at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday. However, Smith noticed that the Vatican Museum opened at 8 a.m. for tour groups.

“We would just have to convince them it’s a tour group,” Smith said. The group arrived to the Sistine Chapel at 6 a.m., after Smith called a man at the airport and convinced him that his uncle owned Delta Air Lines and that they absolutely had to let them come an hour late to check in.

Smith walked to the front of the line, with everyone hissing behind him and holding a mug that said Baylor.

Smith told the person in charge that he had a gift from Baylor for the director of the Vatican museum, whom Smith had met the year before.

Paolo Liverani, the director of restoration of classical antiquities in the Vatican museums, came down and recognized Smith.

Smith gave him the mug, to which Liverani replied, “I am touched. No one brings me a gift.”

Liverani told Smith to bring his students to the front of the line, and they got into the building at 7:40 a.m. Liverani, who said

his English is “terrific,” proceeded to lecture the students about topics related to the Vatican.

Smith reminded him that they would like to see the Sistine Chapel, to which Liverani replied that the Sistine Chapel does not open until 10 a.m. Then Liverani thought for a moment and said, “What am I saying? I am the director; I have the key.” Liverani escorted the group into the Sistine Chapel.

“No one else was in there — just me, a Catholic family [that traveled with Baylor in Italy], Baylor in Italy students and my new best friend,” Smith said.

Lost alone in Russia

Abilene senior Caroline McCurdy’s study abroad experience wasn’t quite as pleasant. While studying in Spain, McCurdy decided to go to Moscow when a friend found tickets for 78 euros. She flew into a small airport an hour outside of Moscow and took a taxi to her hostel.

“The cab driver wouldn’t let me buckle up because he said he’s really safe,” McCurdy said.

McCurdy’s hostel was nowhere to be found. Her phone from Spain wouldn’t work in Russia, so she walked around for two hours until she found two men who were able to phone her hostel.

“Turns out my ‘hostel’ was in the alley area, in an apartment building on the eighth floor,” McCurdy said.

The hostel was really a Croatian man renting out rooms in his apartment, which is illegal in Russia, so he was unable to advertise it.

McCurdy’s troubles really began when she was trying to fly back to Spain from Russia.

She was completing self check-in for her flight when she realized that her passport was missing. Thinking it was on the train, which was leaving in six minutes, McCurdy ran across the airport.

“It was something to see since I was wearing my enormous mountain climber’s backpack,” McCurdy said.

After being kicked off the train because it was leaving, McCurdy decided to head back to Moscow (her airport was an hour outside

of Moscow) to see if her passport was at the hostel. At this point, McCurdy’s cell phone died, right after she had sent a text message to her mother, containing the phrase, “You’ve got to call me right now.”

By the time McCurdy was able to get back into her hostel, after hours of waiting outside, and make her way back to the airport, her two-day visitor’s visa had expired.

After assuring the consulate that she would get out of Russia the next morning, she met up with a man in a suit and a briefcase to obtain a new visa who said, “You pay me in American dollars.”

“It was like the trip of Murphy’s law — everything that could have gone wrong, did,” McCurdy said.

The next flight found out that day was not until 7:25 a.m. so she had to sleep at the airport because the tickets could not be purchased until 5 a.m.

“The bench in the Moscow airport that I attempted to sleep on was the equivalent to concrete with armrests,” McCurdy said.

McCurdy was able to buy a

spot on the 7:25 a.m. flight and fly back to Spain.

Meat freezer scare

Austin senior Ross Irons also had an experience when he was living with a host family in Russia.

His first week there, Irons’ host brother and a family friend of his decided to go to the friend’s pilimini factory. Pilimini are small dumplings with various types of ground meat inside them.

“He said to me, ‘I really want to take a picture of you in my meat freezer,’” Irons said.

Irons agreed and they went to his factory, where the friend showed off his meat grinder. Irons went inside the meat freezer and allowed the family friend to take a picture.

“The whole time I was thinking, please don’t close the door on me,” Irons said.

Studying abroad can lead to extraordinary circumstances, but Baylor professors and students show that in the end, it is important to find the best in every situation and go along for the ride.

Employers believe it’s a lazy, unprofessional generation

BY TRENT GOLDSTON
STAFF WRITER

Many new college graduates lack the desired professionalism deemed necessary by employers, according to a recent study by York College of Pennsylvania.

The study sampled 520 business leaders and human resource professionals from across the nation, in attempts to better understand what type of professional skills hiring employers are looking for in potential employees.

Personal interaction skills, work ethic, professional appearance and the ability to listen were among the top desired skills for employers. Though these concepts seem basic, the study re-

flected that some of these abilities in newly produced college grads are floundering.

J. David Allen, director of the John F. Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship, said that while the results of this study were disappointing, they are based in some truth.

“These are just common sense things, but people do seem to be getting more lax about that,” Allen said. “You need to give the employer what they’re paying for.”

Allen said that portraying a professional attitude and appearance can be simple, but it must be done deliberately.

“Dressing appropriately and conservatively really makes a

difference,” Allen said. “Use all your communication skills. Be

“There are jobs out there still, but the competition is severe.”

John Boyd
Director of Career Services

polite and listen intently. Baylor students, I think, generally do a pretty good job at that.”

According to the study, one-third of those surveyed believed that professionalism has decreased among college grads in entry-level positions over the past

five years. The survey cites some negative qualities like poor grammar, weak work ethic and a sense of entitlement as unprofessional traits most commonly cited in recent grads.

Dr. Blaine McCormick, associate dean for undergraduate programs at the Hankamer School of Business, said students need to be proactive in learning how to be professional.

“The number one thing anyone at Baylor can do is work with career services. There is a host of great things that they do,” McCormick said. “It’s paid for; it’s part of your tuition and they are waiting for you.”

McCormick also agreed that an applicant’s attire during an in-

terview is a key element in a potential employer’s evaluation.

“Dress professional — it shows whether you’re serious and if you know what your getting into,” McCormick said. “If you dress like you’re going on a date, it’s not going to go well.”

McCormick said that in terms of interviewing, experience is very helpful, and that participating in mock interviews with career services and interviewing with a lot of companies can be very helpful.

“The more you do it, the better you get,” McCormick said. “More exposure equals better mastery.”

John Boyd, director of career services, said there are many opportunities for students to prepare for the professional world.

“Every semester we offer many work shops that address many of these issues [from the survey],” Boyd said. “We are sensitive to what employers tell us.”

Boyd said employer feedback on Baylor students has always been very positive.

“What we hear time and time again is how impressed [employers] are with Baylor students,” Boyd said.

Boyd said despite what the economy may be doing, employment is still possible and that professionalism has never been more important.

“There are jobs out there still, but the competition is severe,” Boyd said. “It behooves you to concentrate on those [skills].”

Church desires to revive community one block at a time

BY ALYSSA MENDEZ
REPORTER

Block by block and month by month, Antioch Community Church will work to beautify and empower their surrounding community through “Come Together,” their communitywide restoration project.

Each month, starting Nov. 14, Antioch will minister to one block surrounding their church by mowing lawns, raking leaves, and painting. They also plan to do minor carpentry and repairs.

“I’ve had a heart for our neighborhood for a while, specifically the issue of poverty in our neighborhood and trying to find out ways to address the issues of poverty,” said Josh Lawson, director of the financial restoration ministry at Antioch.

The church is specifically ministering to neighborhoods between 18th and 26th streets and between Waco Drive and Bosque Boulevard.

Those who serve each month will be put on one of three teams, which include a task-force team, a hospitality team and a pastoral team.

The task-force team is a hands-on team that will do the actual renovations needed in the community.

“We’re the ones that help put feet to the idea,” said Holden Thomas, who is also a part of the task force team.

The team will minister to people with tangible needs as well as intangible needs.

The hospitality team will provide services such as childcare to neighbors and people in the community. This gives those who have children the opportunity to be a part of the beautification.

“The heartbeat of what we’re doing is we are coming alongside our neighbors and putting value back into our neighborhood,” Lawson said.

Some people of the community are in need of things such as job training or freedom from addictions, and the pastoral team

will attempt fill those needs.

“As we do that our goal is to really keep a relationship with the people in the community to find out what are the deeper needs, spiritual and emotional,” Thomas said.

Antioch has been researching and taking surveys of the community in order to find out its needs.

A social justice team has also gone out to find needs in the community that must be met.

The internal needs range from job training to guidance in marriage issues and issues with children.

“When Jesus came, I believe he really was about the whole and total person, so I feel like when we come and we care about a relationship with Jesus and who he is for our life, it shouldn’t just impact one area of our lives, but more holistically,” Thomas said.

Antioch has partnered with the city of Waco, the Waco police department and many businesses, such as Sherwin Williams, that are sponsoring their efforts.

The church not only wants transform a part of the city, but transform the lives of those living in that community.

“The goal is not to go out there and do a bunch of work that we’re going to come back and do next month or the next month, but the goal is to create an atmosphere of people taking responsibility,” Lawson said.

Thomas said people in the community will only do what they see those doing around them.

“If one person has a broken window and they don’t fix it, then their neighbor across the street won’t do anything to fix their problems either,” Thomas said.

“We believe environment affects people more than they know,” Thomas said.

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Theater festival honors legendary playwright

By Kim Douglass
Reporter

Playwrights and theater professionals from around the country will gather on Baylor's campus for the bi-annual theater event, the Horton Foote Festival, named for the late Texas playwright.

The three-day event, held today to Saturday in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Building, takes a different look at various plays that many theater directors, both professional and educational, have reviewed many times during their careers.

Many events have been planned to give guests the opportunity to see all that the festival has to offer. Some of the events include play readings, panel discussions and performances. Also included in the festival are master classes. This year's classes will be presented by 2009 honoree Craig Wright and MAC and Bistro award-winning duo Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich.

Sulphur Springs senior and student assistant Brandon Woolley gives a high recommendation since he knows the festival very well. Woolley is a member of the front-of-house planning committee and became Wright's assistant after he arrived in Waco.

"I am a huge fan of the Hor-



Associated Press

The Horton Foote Festival, a bi-annual celebration of American play writing, will take place today through Saturday. The festival's namesake died in March. This will be the first year since the festival's inception that he will not be in attendance.

ton Foote Festival because it brings us, as students, in contact with working professional actors and playwrights," Woolley said. "It allows us to pick their brains for a few days while hearing multiple play readings and seminars on academic papers on the world of theater."

Tonight, the festival will do a brief tribute to Foote at

the award ceremony. This will be the first festival without its namesake in attendance. Foote made many contributions to the American theater and film society all the way up until the time of his death.

Theater arts professor Dr. Marion Castleberry said, "I have been struck time and again by the intensity and clarity of Foote's dramatic vision, and by his commitment to the American theater."

Crowley junior and student assistant Jodi Breneman said her role in the festival was based solely around Foote as she put historical information together as a tribute to him.

"I also have a lot of love and respect for Horton Foote," Breneman said. "His plays and screenplays are so beautiful and true to the common American man; they are written simply, yet within the simple language are very complex, deep, hurt characters. He was a wonderful playwright whom I wish I could have met; he has definitely made a great impact on our theater department."

As a special treat, this year will include a Friday performance of Wright's off-Broadway play, "The Unseen."

A psychologically gripping tale of two men trapped in isolation, together the two attempt to

figure out why they were imprisoned. However, because neither can see the other or the outside world, the two men are left to converse through their cell walls

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Jodi Breneman
Crowley junior and student assistant

about everything going on both outside their prison and from within themselves.

Included in this performance are associate professor Steven Pounders, as one of the prisoners, and assistant professor Thomas Ward, as their torturous prison warden.

Saturday, as part of the theater's Broadway Concert Series, there will be a special performance from Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich.

Though the festival is short, it still manages to encompass all that live theater has to offer. When describing the festival, theatre arts department chairman Stan Denman said, "What we see on stage originates with the playwright, and the Horton

Foote Festival is a privileged glimpse into the minds of these creative artists. One would be hard-pressed to find another theatrical experience like this in

Texas." Festival coordinator Sherry Ward shares a similar opinion. "The entire event is artistically and intellectually fulfilling for all participants," Ward said. "The discussions are topical and relevant and often extend beyond the weekend."

A special part of this event is its student involvement. Rather than allowing students only the chance to attend the festival, some are chosen to work behind the scenes as well, allowing them a different perspective on the event. "Personally, I think the Horton Foote Festival is a unique opportunity for the students to host theater professionals from across the country who share a

common passion for the creation of drama," Ward said.

Fort Worth junior Jodi Breneman, the second student assistant during the festival, also enjoys the festival.

"This festival is wonderful for theater students because it offers numerous opportunities to network with actors, directors, playwrights, agents and other people within the theater and film industry from all over the nation," Breneman said. "We can go to play readings of plays written by prominent playwrights as well as up-and-coming playwrights and hear paper readings from theatre scholars to receive insight into what is going on currently within the theater world outside of Baylor."

"Most importantly, it's reassuring to students to meet individuals who are successful within the entertainment industry; it shows us that we really can do what we love and that life is not as scary as we think it is outside our Baylor Bubble."

The festival will run today through Saturday with an all-inclusive festival registration of \$150, available online at www.baylor.edu/hortonfootefestival.

Single tickets are available for The Marcy and Zina Show and for The Unseen. For more information, call the theater box office at 254-710-1865.

Award-winning author urges readers to listen to cultures

By Steve Bennett
The New York Times

Unlike its title character, "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" has the legs of a distance runner.

Junot Diaz's debut novel, which in 2008 won the nation's highest literary award, the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, continues to keep the Dominican American writer slammed with events even as he teaches creative writing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"I wish I wrote fast enough to have something new ready," he says about reading from the novel – which also won the National Book Critics Circle Award – during a recent appearance in

San Antonio. "It just ain't going to happen."

"I'm just rooting around in the dirt right now," added Diaz, whom the New Yorker has called "one of the top 20 writers for the 21st century."

Oscar Cabral is unlike any character you've ever met in American literature, unless you've read a book with a hero who is a 300-pound, J.R. Tolkien-worshipping, comic-book-quoting, New Jersey sci-fi nerd virgin of Dominican ancestry who falls in love with every attractive girl he encounters – disastrously.

Diaz makes us care about Oscar ("I've lived with him for years and years and years"), just as he enlists our empathy for the

people of the Dominican Republic, squashed for decades under the boot heel of strongman Rafael Trujillo, "the Dictatingest Dictator who ever Dictated." He does it through his love of language – English, Spanish, Spanglish – along with a keen eye for popular culture and a crazy-smart narrator's voice.

"There are few writers I can think of who possess that level of virtuosity on the sentence level, who can pack that much meaning into every sentence," says Andrew Porter, a faculty member in the English department of San Antonio's Trinity University.

Time magazine's Lev Grossman called Oscar Wao "an immigrant-family saga for people

who don't read immigrant-family sagas," and that's a good point: Much of America knows or cares little about the Dominican Republic or its people, unless they happen to be baseball fans – think native sons Albert Pujols and Pedro Martinez.

"We should pay attention to Dominican voices for the same reason it's important for people of color to listen to literary voices from a global minority like white people – because in every instance of our human artistry we might find ourselves," Diaz says.

"And to be more specific: The United States as a culture, as a historical entity, cannot hope to understand itself, cannot hope to pierce its true self and heal

some of its chronic ills, without first coming to terms with that historical dead zone that is the Caribbean, of which the Dominican Republic is the first and, in my humble opinion, the wildest exponent."

The 40-year-old Diaz speaks with authority of the Dominican diaspora: As a child, he immigrated to New Jersey with his family in the mid-'70s and grew up less than a mile from what he has described as "one of the largest landfills in New Jersey."

"Diaz is one of the most original and innovative writers of our generation," Porter says. "When his stories first began to appear in print in the early '90s, I think most people, like me, were aware that we were reading the work

of a major new talent, someone who was casting a new light on the immigrant experience and who was also doing things with the short-story form that had never been done before.

"And his approach to the novel was similarly revolutionary. When people look back on 'The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao' in the years to come, I think it will be viewed as one of the great literary achievements of the past decade."

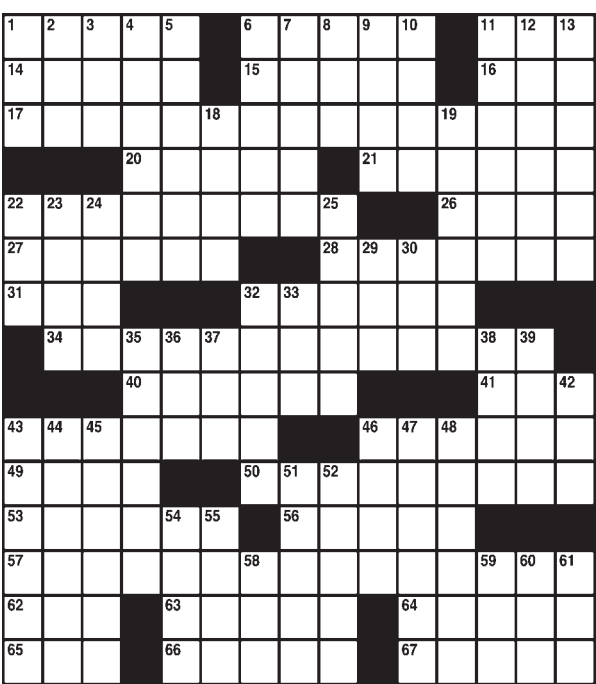
Despite the accolades, Diaz keeps his cool.

"I'm lucky to have any attention at all. Sometimes it helps fuel your art, sometimes it screws you up. But which one hits you at any given time is not in your control."

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OU sweeps match, series from Bears

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 20-ranked Baylor volleyball team was unsuccessful in securing its 20th win of the season, as it was swept by the University of Oklahoma (25-22, 25-20, 25-22) Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center.

Coming into the match with a 19-5 record, the Bears were in prime position to record their first 20-win season since 1999. However, Baylor was unable to take a set from a Sooner team which recorded a combined 52 kills and .311 hitting percentage.

Katie Sanders led the Bears offense with 11 kills, while outside hitter Torri Campbell and setter Taylor Barnes both contributed eight of their own. However, the defense struggled, as senior middle blocker Anna Breyfogle believes Baylor's 22 errors played a big part in this loss.

"We beat ourselves," Breyfogle said. "Oklahoma has a good program and a great team, but I think that if we had played our game, it would have went the other way. We had a lot of errors that hurt our team focus. We couldn't get into a run with error after error."

In the first set, Baylor jumped out to an early 4-0 lead as Campbell recorded her first kill of the game and followed it by teaming up with Elizabeth Graham and Sanders for back-to-back blocks. The Bears extended their lead to 9-3 on a service ace by Allison King and got kills from Graham, Ashlie Christenson and Anna Breyfogle as well. However, Baylor couldn't hold off Oklahoma for long as the Sooners scored seven consecutive points to take a 17-15 lead.

From there, the Sooners took advantage of Baylor errors and continued to score as they as they took a 24-19 lead. Katie Sanders recorded back-to-back kills followed by another kill by Campbell, but Baylor couldn't finish off the comeback as Oklahoma's Sarah Freudenrich recorded a kill to give the Sooners the set 25-22.

Baylor head coach Jim Barnes said the Bears' inability to stop the Sooners from producing kills was a key to this game.



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Members of Baylor's volleyball team huddle during Wednesday's 3-0 loss against the University of Oklahoma. The defeat puts the No. 20-ranked Bears fifth in the Big 12 standings.

"We jumped on them early, and they made a charge back. We didn't handle that well," he said. "We basically couldn't stop their middles tonight, and for the most part of the season we did a good job of stopping middles. But tonight Oklahoma was just on. They probably played one of their best matches this season, and we weren't up for the challenge."

In the second set, Baylor traded points with the Sooners as Christenson and Sanders both recorded three kills and Graham and Campbell combined for three to tie the score at 9-9. From there Baylor scored on a kill by Sanders and a block from Campbell, but the Sooners went on a 6-2 scoring run as they extended their lead to 18-13. The Bears were able to

get points on two kills by Barnes and Breyfogle, but they could not keep the Sooners from continuing to score as they extended their lead to 23-16. Baylor cut into the Sooners' lead by scoring three consecutive points on a serving ace and a kill by Sanders and followed by another kill by Graham. However, the Bears could not come back from a 24-20 deficit as the Sooners took the set on a service error by Allison King.

In the third set, the Sooners jumped out to an early 8-2 lead by scoring six consecutive points on five kills and an attack error by Campbell. However, Baylor wasn't going down easy as it got back-to-back kills by Sanders and another by Campbell to get within one point of the Sooners to make the score 11-10. The Bears

were able to take advantage of two Sooner errors and a kill by Breyfogle to take their first lead of the set at 16-15. From there Baylor traded points with the Sooners, with Barnes recording consecutive kills, but were unable to ever regain a lead as they fell 25-22.

Despite this loss, Taylor Barnes notes the importance of practicing hard and bouncing back on the road against Texas A&M this Saturday.

"We need to come into practice and focusing on playing against Texas A&M and putting this behind us," she said. "We need to come together as a team, because we don't want to be what Baylor volleyball has been in the past. We want to make the tournament and finish the season strong."

Sports Briefs

Men's basketball begins play tonight against University of Central Oklahoma

The men's basketball team takes its turn opening the season with an exhibition match against the Broncos of Central Oklahoma at 7 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center.

The Bears host the Lone Star Conference champions seven months removed from their trip to the NIT Finals in New York City.

Junior and senior guards LaceDarius Dunn and Tweety Carter lead the way for the Bears, who boast nine freshmen and sophomores and only four upperclassmen.

The team looks to University of Michigan transfer Ekpe Udoh to bring depth and defense to the post position.

Baylor soccer team bows out of Big 12 Tournament

The Bears were knocked out of postseason play Wednesday night in San Antonio as they fell to No. 20-ranked Texas A&M University 2-0.

The Aggies' Rachel Shipley and Bri Young were responsible for Texas A&M's goals for the night, and Baylor was held scoreless for the seventh time this season. The Bears finish the season with an 8-6-5 overall record.

Lady Bears selected No. 4 in ESPN/USA Today poll

The Lady Bears basketball team has cracked the top five in the ESPN/USA Today Pre-season Poll, despite returning only one starter from the 2008-09 squad.

The talented departing class led the Lady Bears to the Sweet 16 round in the NCAA Tournament before getting knocked out by a Louisville team bound for the championship game.

A promising handful of freshmen led by the nation's top recruit, Houston post Brittney Griner, look to fill the gaps. Dallas guard Kinmetria Hayden made her presence known in

the exhibition game against St. Edwards University on Monday evening, with 11 points. She joined Griner as the two freshmen to post double figures in scoring on the night.

Waco's Ahmad Dixon tabbed No. 15 recruit in the

ESPNU's top 150 high school athlete rankings dubbed Midway High School's Ahmad Dixon the 15th-best high school recruit in the country.

The 6-1 safety has verbally committed to Baylor after also considering Auburn University, the University of Alabama, the University of Florida and Oklahoma State University.

ESPN gives him a four-star rating and ranks him third amongst the nation's high school safeties. The top two safeties, Jonathan Dowling (Bradenton, Fla.) and Demar Dorsey (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), have both verbally committed to the University of Florida.

Dixon is Baylor's highest rated recruit for the 2009-2010 recruiting class.

Rux and Broosova represent Baylor men's and women's Tennis in ITA Indoors Championship

Junior Jordan Rux and senior Lenka Broosova both secured at-large bids to the singles ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor National Championships on Nov. 5-8.

Yale University will play host to both the men's and women's 32-player tournaments at the Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center in New Haven, Conn.

Rux and Broosova made themselves eligible to earn one of the twelve at-large bids by advancing to the quarterfinals of the ITA South-Central Regional Tournament.

Ranked 27th nationally in the preseason, Rux holds onto a 10-2 record, and is 1-0 indoors.

Broosova enters nationals at No. 23 in the nation with a 4-3 record.

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Yankees snap drought, clinch 27th title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
MIKE FITZPATRICK

NEW YORK — Paint the town in pinstripes! Nearly a decade after their dynasty ended on a bloop in the desert, the New York Yankees are baseball's best again.

Hideki Matsui tied a World Series record with six RBIs, Andy Pettitte won on short rest and New York beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 in Game 6 on Wednesday night, finally seizing that elusive 27th title. It was the team's first since winning three straight from 1998-2000.

Matsui powered a quick rout of old foe Pedro Martinez — and when Mariano Rivera got the final out it was ecstasy in the Bronx for George Steinbrenner's go-for-broke bunch.

What a way for Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter and crew to christen their \$1.5 billion ballpark: One season, one championship.

And to think it capped a season that started in turmoil — a steroids scandal involving A-Rod, followed by hip surgery that kept him out until May.

About 100 miles south, disappointment. For Chase Utley and the Phillies, it was a frustrating end to another scintillating season. Philadelphia fell two wins short of becoming the first NL team to repeat as World Series champions since the 1975-76 Cincinnati Reds.

Ryan Howard's sixth-inning homer came too late to wipe away his World Series slump, and Phillies pitchers rarely managed to slow Matsui and the Yankees' machine.

In a fitting coincidence, this championship came eight years to the day after the Yankees lost Game 7 of the 2001 World Series in Arizona on Luis Gonzalez's broken-bat single off Rivera.

New York spent billions trying to get back. At long last, it did. Hey Babe and Yogi, Mr. October and Joltin' Joe — you've got company. Mark Teixeira, CC Sabathia and a new generation of Yankees have procured their place in pinstriped lore.

And for the four amigos, it was ring No. 5.

Jorge Posada, Jeter, Pettitte and Rivera came up together through the minors and were cornerstones for those four titles in five years starting in 1996.

Now, all on the other side of age 35, they have another success to celebrate. And surely they remember the familiar parade route, up Broadway through the Canyon of Heroes.

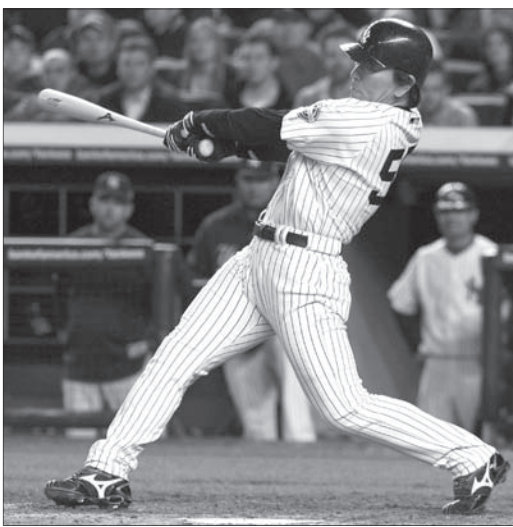
Indeed, a New York City-sized party is next. Nine years in the making, with all the glitz and glamour this tony town can offer.

For Steinbrenner, it was the seventh championship since he bought the team in 1973. The Yankees had talked about winning another for their 79-year-old owner, who has been in declining health.

Though he stayed back home in Tampa, Fla., he certainly wasn't forgotten. The grounds crew wore "Win it for The Boss" shirts last week, which were on sale outside the ballpark Wednesday.

New York wasted its chance to wrap things up in Game 5 at Philadelphia, then set its sights on clinching the World Series at home for the first time since 1999. While nine years between titles is hardly a drought for most teams, it was almost an eternity in Yankeealand. New York's eight seasons without a championship was the third-longest stretch for the Yankees since their first one, following gaps of 17 (1979-95) and 14 (1963-76).

Reggie Jackson's three homers in Game 6 against



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New York Yankees' Hideki Matsui hits a two-run scoring double during the fifth inning of Game 6 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday.

the Los Angeles Dodgers made the Yankees champs in '77. On this November night, Matsui delivered a sublime performance at the plate that must have made Mr. October proud.

Playing perhaps his final game with the Yankees, Matsui hit a two-run homer off Martinez in the second inning and a two-run single on an 0-2 pitch in the third.

A slumping Teixeira added an RBI single in the fifth off reliever Chad Durbin, and Matsui cracked a two-run double off the right-center fence against lefty J.A. Happ. A designated hitter with balky knees, Matsui came off the bench in all three games at Philadelphia. Still, he had a huge Series, going 8 for 13 (.615) with three homers and eight RBIs. His go-ahead shot off an effective Martinez in Game 2 helped the Yankees tie it 1-all.

Bobby Richardson was the only other player with six RBIs in a World Series game, doing it for the Yankees in Game 3 against Pittsburgh in 1960. Richardson had a first-inning grand slam and a two-run single in the fourth.

Matsui's big hits built a comfortable cushion for a feisty Pettitte, who shouted at plate umpire Joe West while coming off the field in the fourth. Still, Pettitte extended major league records with his 18th postseason win and sixth to end a series.

The 37-year-old left-hander, pitching on three days' rest, became the first pitcher to start and win the clincher in all three postseason rounds. He beat Minnesota and the Los Angeles Angels in the AL playoffs.

Pettitte lasted 5 2-3 innings, allowing three runs, four hits and five walks. Joba Chamberlain and Damaso Marte combined for 1 2-3 innings of scoreless relief before Rivera secured the final five outs.

Steinbrenner's well-paid players hadn't soaked themselves in bubbly after the season since Bernie Williams gloved Mike Piazza's midnight flyout at Shea Stadium to win the 2000 Subway Series and cap the Yankees' third straight championship and fourth in five years.

Two outs from winning in 2001, the Yankees stumbled in the desert. New York then spent more than \$1.6 billion after that trying to regain glory, falling short with infamous flops such as Kevin Brown, Javier Vazquez and Carl Pavano.

But last offseason the Yankees got smart, adding a trio of top free agents — Teixeira, Sabathia and A.J. Burnett — for \$423.5 million. They jelled with Rodriguez, the game's highest-paid player but a winner for the first time in 16 major league seasons.

A-Rod became a newly minted champion following a sordid spring in which he admitted using steroids from 2001-03 with Texas and then needed hip surgery.

Departures of Daniel, Maclin have Tigers searching for answers

BY CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

Four games into Big 12 play, it is obvious that Baylor's upcoming opponent is not the same Missouri Tigers team that remained ranked throughout all of last season.

But given the chaotic nature of the Bears' season, they cannot—and will not overlook any of the Tigers' facets in Columbia this Saturday.

The Tigers have been searching for ways to replace Heisman Trophy candidate Chase Daniel and standout wide receiver Jeremy Maclin, who has 293 receiving yards as a Philadelphia Eagles rookie.

Similar to last year's offense, they have relied heavily on the passing game. In eight games, sophomore quarterback Blaine Gabbert has racked up 1,896 yards through the air.

Prior to his team's first game against Illinois, Missouri coach Gary Pinkel addressed the challenge of youthful inexperience.

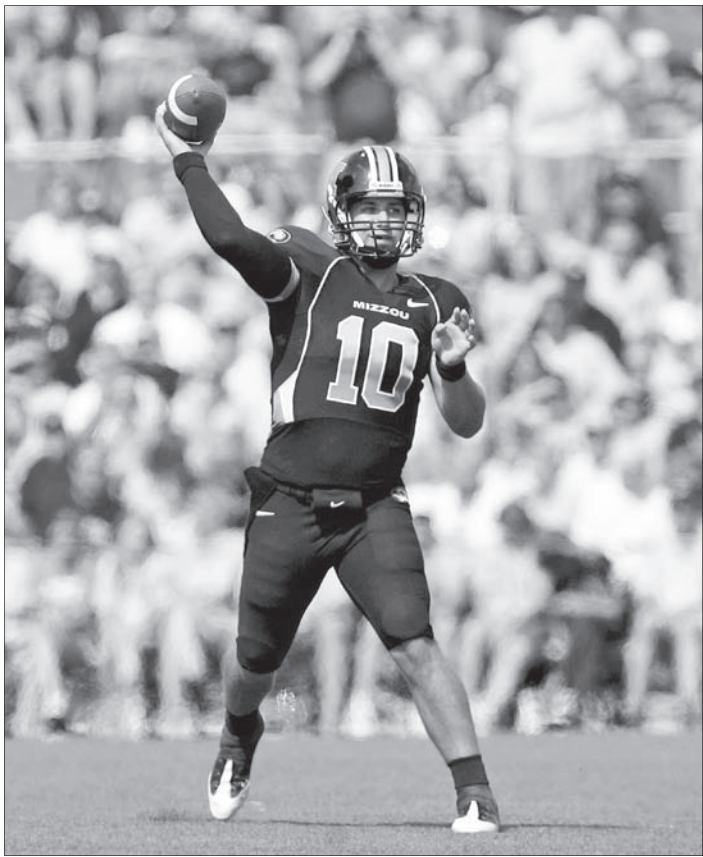
"There are several areas to look at. One is on what you're asking a young quarterback to do. Another part, I think it's more so the people around (Gabbert)," Pinkel said.

The running effort, led by Derrick Washington, has produced 1,210 total rush yards, and Danario Alexander has been Gabbert's leading target, hauling in 58 passes for 824 yards.

To stop Missouri's offense, the Bears hope to match their defensive play from the second half against Nebraska.

"At least we played how we know we are capable of playing. Everybody was doing their job; everybody was being where they were supposed to be," senior defensive end Jason Lamb said.

Although Missouri has less offensive firepower this season, it has tightened up its defense. Op-



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Missouri's offense has been searching for a viable solution to the departure of Chase Daniel (pictured above). The Tigers have struggled offensively, but Baylor head coach Art Briles says it is still a dangerous unit.

ponents average 325 yard of total offense against the Tigers, down from the 2008 average of 412, and the 2009 team has already recovered eight fumbles, as many as the previous year's squad collected all of last year.

Senior center J.D. Walton and the offensive unit have spent this week preparing for the many different looks it expects to see.

"(Missouri's) defense is all over the place. They're bringing a bunch of blitzes, their defense slants a lot and they're twisting up front," Walton said.

Art Briles recognizes the differences in both teams' situations between last year's and this year's game and looks for the positives his team can build on Saturday.

"At that time (the Tigers) were a pretty high-ranked team and we

were a pretty hot football team; we felt pretty confident about what we were doing as a football team," Briles said.

Despite Missouri's lack in the win column, Baylor realizes that it must solve its own offensive woes to be successful. Quarterback Nick Florence will once again lead the unit, looking to move the ball more effectively and capitalize on red-zone opportunities.

"We have to be consistent and have positive plays on every down. We can't gain five, then go back three," Florence said.

At home against the Cornhuskers, Missouri's loss was similar to that of Baylor. The Tigers struggled to move the ball in wet weather and only managed three second-half points, eventually losing 27-12.

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proponents and opponents of the university's proposal made their sentiments clear, mostly in local media reports, including op-ed columns and letters to the editor in the Lariat.

"The hundreds of alumni who formally replied to us made it clear that they want us to seek ways to work with the school to further alumni relations, and that is what we plan to do," Lacy said. "We intend to respond [shortly] to Baylor and seek new ways to work together to expand the relationship and communication of all constituency, including faculty staff."

Lacy said he hopes both organizations will work together and work for the betterment of the school.

"It would be good for us to meet regularly with regents and administrative representatives so we can make sure we are all on the same page of the common goals we have," Lacy said.

Jeff Kilgore, executive vice president of the Baylor Alumni Association, said that in order for the communication process to occur, both parties must have mutual respect for each other.

"If both parties are willing to sit down and understand each other position ...[in order] for Baylor to be successful, we have to have a relationship that includes everyone," Kilgore said.

He said the BAA hopes to look past the [controversy] surrounding the proposal.

"We have a presidential search that is going on; I am sure that all of our respected constituents are excited to hear a report back from the different advisory boards," he said. "People are ready to turn the attention from conflict and discourse, and move back into things that are more produce for the university as a whole. We look forward to do out part."

Kilgore, like Lacy, said the BAA is looking for ways to better communicate with the university and regents.

The BAA has not contacted the university since the proposal was delivered on September 19 and did not reply when the university delivered a letter on October 27 that formally withdrew the proposal. However, Kilgore said, the BAA hopes to set up communication in the near future.

The BAA cited media reports one of the reason for the silence. Kilgore said that before the BAA could respond to the initial proposal, BAA representatives were called to respond to the media, and thus did not expect to have to give a formal response to the proposal. "The university made a statement last week," Kilgore said. "We are at a point where we felt like we didn't want to contribute to it and it was probably best to be silent over the weekend and not respond in a way that people might expect us to or even want us too."

The BAA noted that the alumni association and the university do not cross paths in the services they provide.

"There are many alumni who would contend that it's irresponsible for us to intentionally work at cross purposes because we would be duplicating costs," Kilgore said. "We'd be spending twice (the amount of) the same pot of money to do the same thing."

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clined to comment and referred questions to the organization's regional office in Houston.

A spokeswoman from the regional office released a statement but declined to answer any questions. The injunction filed Friday came two days before the end of Brazos Valley Coalition for Life's 40 Days for Life community campaign. Planned Parenthood lawyers said in court documents that they had heard that "something big" was going to happen on the final day of the campaign, and they believed that it could be the release of Johnson's documents.

Court documents filed by Planned Parenthood stated that Johnson told a nurse practitioner who works at the clinic that she gave Coalition for Life a document with the nurse's home address and phone number. Johnson declined to comment on that allegation.

The group was planning on going public with Johnson's decision to leave Planned Parenthood in December, but they wanted to present it as a story of an employee having a change of heart and not as a way to expose any people who work for or visited the clinic, Carney said.

"This was a spiritual experience," he said. "This was a religious change of mind or change of heart and it has nothing to do with documents."

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Fund. Patrick said money from the new fund will be distributed to universities according to each school's individual accomplishments.

In response to concerns about the fund, Patrick said the effects will happen simultaneously as the universities work toward achieving tier-one status. Patrick also said that as these universities grow in the area of research, they will leverage money from other sources. Marianne Lewis, director of public affairs at UTSA, said the university is happy with the election results.

"We're very pleased that the voters across the state thought this was important," Lewis said.

Lewis also said the fund will open a lot of doors for the university.

"I think it will help us grow our graduate programs," Lewis said. UTSA is working on developing more doctoral programs, and the funds established by Proposition Four will help current and prospective students see that the university is moving forward.

"We are staying ahead of the curve," Lewis said. "We're not stagnant."

Although Proposition Four will provide funding specifically for the emerging research universities, Lewis said it will also impact higher education in the entire state of Texas.

"I think it puts all of the institutions on a trajectory toward excellence," Lewis said. "It's like an affirmation for higher education."

Jon Engelhardt, dean of the School of Education, said expanding university research is positive for all Texas institutions of higher education.

"I think it benefits all institutions," Engelhardt said.

Patrick agreed and said the fund and the opportunities it will provide emerging research universities will have the potential to create jobs.

"Top tier universities attract industries and create them," Patrick said.

Although there are many positive perspectives regarding the new fund, there are some concerns about how big of an impact the \$500 million can have on seven universities, according to the League of Women Voters of Texas voter guide. This is not a huge amount of money," Engelhardt said.

"It's not going to turn them immediately into a research university."

Engelhardt said the \$500 million would have a greater impact if the fund focused on a few universities.

However, despite his concerns, Engelhardt said the fund is a promising change.

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campus. Christy pointed out that restarting this tradition after so many years has been a long process.

"It's a lot of work, a lot of sacrifice, a lot of care," Christy said.

The race was started in 1972 as a fundraising event for the Student Foundation scholarships. Christy explained that the most recent canceling of the race, in 2002, was because the event was no longer raising money and merely breaking even.

"It's an awesome tradition for Student Foundation and Baylor," Bryant said. "It's extremely exciting. There's been lots of response. There's so much history."

One nod to this history is the prizes for first through third place. Student Foundation used wheels, helmets and handle bars of old bicycles and painted them gold for the winners. "We wanted to make it a little different than a normal race," Christy said.

The Noze Brothers made their presence at this year's race known, starting off at the line with the other riders. Their conformity ended here; the four brothers didn't seem to know the meaning of a relay, running and carrying their bike beyond the first turn.

"I know a lot of people riding in it and I wanted to see if I could ride next year," said Lake Jackson junior Ryan Parker, who watched the race. Parker and Plano junior Lauren Garofalo started watching the race at the first turn, expecting the worst.

"We expected the first turn to be bad," Parker said.

Garofalo remembers seeing old photos of the race during the 80s, where riders wore short exercise shorts.

"I think it's a cool tradition to bring back," Garfalo said. "I think it's always good to see traditions come back."

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