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Hasan faces attempted murder

By ANGELA BROWN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — An Army psychiatrist who may face the death penalty after the mass shooting at Fort Hood was charged Wednesday with 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder relating to the scores of soldiers and two civilian police officers injured in the attack, military officials said.

Maj. Nidal Hasan has already been charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder after the Nov. 5 shooting in a building at the Texas Army post where sol-

diers must go before being deployed. Witnesses said he jumped on a desk and shouted “Allahu Akbar!” — Arabic for “God is great!” Army officials have said he was armed with two pistols, one a semiautomatic capable of firing up to 20 rounds without reloading.



Hasan

The additional charges come less than 24 hours after Hasan’s civilian attorney was notified that the Army plans to evaluate Hasan to test his competency to stand trial as well as his mental state at the time of the shooting.

John Galligan, Hasan’s attorney, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Army officials had not returned his calls so he did not know when or where the “mental responsibility” exam would take place. Galligan said he had filed an objection to the evaluation pointing out that Hasan was still in intensive care at a San Antonio

military hospital recovering from gunshot wounds that left him paralyzed.

“I’m incensed at the way the military is handling this, serving additional charges on my client when he’s in the hospital and defense attorneys are not present,” Galligan told The AP by phone from his office near Fort Hood, about 50 miles north of Waco. “And nobody will tell me what the plans are for the evaluation.”

Authorities have received a request from Hasan’s superior for a mental exam but have not yet ordered it, said Chris Haug,

a Fort Hood spokesman.

The results of the mental evaluation could prevent Hasan from being sent to death row or even being tried at all, although those scenarios are unlikely, experts say.

The exam is done by a board of mental health professionals to determine whether the suspect had a severe mental illness at the time of the crime; if so, his or her clinical psychological diagnosis; whether that prevented him from knowing at the time that his alleged actions were

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Student tells of lessons learned

Internships in D.C. prove to BU student that ‘anything is possible’

By SARA TIRRITO CONTRIBUTOR

The worst thing they could do was say no.

Thus, Emanuel Gawrieh, a sophomore at the time, plunged into two lengthy internship applications, one to the Supreme Court and one to the White House. Though applicants for the Supreme Court internship typically had to be juniors or seniors, and although the process was sometimes intimidating, Gawrieh had support from those around him.

“[The applications] were about as extensive as graduate schools’, just minus the standardized tests. What kind of pushed me to apply to [the Supreme Court internship] was that the worst that they could say was no. So, I figured that I had much more to gain than to lose,” Gawrieh said. “I have a best friend who was there for me and really encouraged me the whole way. His name is James Nortey. And my father and then the faculty master [of Brooks], Dr. [Douglas] Henry was a great mentor to me, and was really encouraging and then the former dean for student learning and engagement, Dr. Frank Shushok.”

Shushok found it easy to support Gawrieh in applying for the internships because of the potential he sees in him to make change on a large scale.

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You Better Not Pout

Ava Swartz, 14 months, of Taylor Mill cries on Santa’s lap at the Thomas More College annual Winter Wonderland event in Ky. on Wednesday in Crestview Hills, Ky.

Study: Spirituality peaks in college

By ALYSSA MENDEZ REPORTER

Although college is a time when students strive to develop intellectually, a study by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California-Los Angeles found that college students today have an increased interest and involvement in spirituality and religion.

“Generally speaking, a college environment gives young adults the opportunity to think and explore and deepen or discover the realm of faith,” said university chaplain Dr. Burt Burleson.

In fall of 2004, 14,527 fresh-

men entering 136 colleges and universities nationwide were surveyed. Those same students were surveyed again in the spring of 2007.

Although there was a steep decline in the number of students who attend religious services, the number of college students seeking to integrate spirituality into their lives increased from 41.8 percent in 2004 to 50.4 percent in 2007.

“Many students are emerging from the collegiate experience with a desire to find spiritual meaning and perspective in their everyday lives,” Alexander W. Astin, UCLA Emeritus Professor and co-principal investigator for the project, stated in

the study. “The data suggest that college is influencing students in positive ways that will better prepare them for leadership roles in our global society.”

Compared to other schools, students at Baylor are presented with many resources and opportunities to grow spiritually and discover religion within a Christian realm.

There are churches and campus ministries surrounding the Baylor community that are eager to connect with students and give them spiritual guidance as they deal with life experiences.

The Higher Education Research Institute found that 67 percent rate the role they want their college highly play in de-

veloping their personal values.

Baylor is unique because of its affiliation with the Baptist denomination and its desire to educate students by integrating academic excellence with Christian commitment.

“Baylor provides an environment in which students can explore their spiritual lives among those other students, faculty and staff, who will help them reflect and grow without trying to tear down their beliefs,” said Dr. Dennis Horton, a professor of religion at Baylor. “This is less likely to happen at other schools without a commitment to education within a Christian context.”

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Troops hopeful plan will wind down war

By DENIS GRAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORWARD OPERATING BASE AIRBORNE, Afghanistan — U.S. service members in Afghanistan said President Barack Obama’s decision to send 30,000 more troops offered hope that they can go home — if the reinforcements can build up the Afghan army to protect civilians against the Taliban.

Commanders applauded the reinforcements announced Wednesday, which they say are needed to turn the war around. “Counter-insurgency in the state we are in now, for the en-

emy we face, mass matters,” said Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue, as howitzers firing in support of a nighttime operation against the insurgents shook their camp.

The troops at this base in Wardak province, west of Kabul, learned of Obama’s decision while watching TV clips of his speech during their breakfast of sausage, eggs, hash browns, fruit and cereal. Obama said that if conditions permit, the troops could begin coming home in 18 months.

“Really, I’m truly happy,” said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Phillip M. Hauser, an explosives demolition expert from Salina, Kan-

sas, who is on his fourth tour of Afghanistan and Iraq. “As soon as the Afghans can do it on their own without our help, we can go home.”

Hauser said the Afghans were inexperienced — but he didn’t question their determination.

“They charge in and start pulling the wires” on the explosives, Hauser said. “It’s not the safest way to do things, but these guys have the guts.”

Capt. Mark Reel from Norfolk, Virginia, a civil affairs officer, said more troops mean nothing unless they can give local Afghans a sense of perceived

security.

“They have to believe they are more secure. You get thousands of troops on some of these bases here, but what are they really doing? The troops just have to get out there.”

The reason the surge worked in Iraq, he said, is because troops were able to get into the field and make Iraqis feel safer.

“The additional forces will allow us to partner with even more units of the Afghan army and police and deliver even more relationships with those local influential leaders who may be sitting on the fence,” said Col. David Haight, com-

mander of Task Force Spartan, which has about 4,000 troops in Wardak and Logar provinces.

Commanders say a troop surge which began in January dramatically improved the security situation in the two strategic provinces, located at the gates of Kabul.

Gallahue, who commands the 2nd Battalion, 2-87th Infantry Regiment, said he and other officers from across eastern Afghanistan were “optimistic” following a briefing by the top U.S. commander in the country, Gen. Stanley McChrystal. He quoted

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# New college ranking system gives more accurate view

The American Council of Trustees and Alumni has formed a promising new system of ranking universities based on the comprehensiveness of the courses required by their core curriculum.

The system gives a more comprehensive look at the liberal arts education a university provides rather than zoning in on the prestige or reputation of a university like many other ranking systems such as U.S. News & World Report.

Because college is such a life-changing, as well as expensive, decision, it is crucial for students to take into consideration what kind of comprehensive education they will be receiving. By taking a more expansive approach to the rankings, this will provide students and parents with a more complete picture of a university.

The idea is to ensure that students are brought into contact with subjects that span the scope of arts and sciences and mathematics.

The ACTA Web site, WhatWillTheyLearn.com, focuses specifically on seven core subjects at universities: composition, literature, foreign language, U.S. government or history, economics, mathematics, and natural/physical science. The more of these core subjects a given university requires, the higher their “grade” will be.

These criteria are legitimate ways to measure the value of a school’s core curriculum. Writing is an essential skill in any job since. Communication spans into all careers and fields. Foreign language requirements are another key component to measure. Regardless of what field graduates enter, they will undoubtedly be working with or in contact with people from other countries. Proficiency, or at least competency, in a foreign language is something employers are actively seeking out.

The ACTA defines this requirement as at least three semesters of college-level study, three years of high school training or an appropriate examination score.

## Editorial

Out of the top 100 leading colleges in the nation, 42 received a D or an F rating, meaning the required two or less of the required criteria subjects for graduation.

Though the site is newly released and can’t be held in the same esteem as other more established ranking systems, its efforts are commendable.

A student can get an excellent education as a science major or a business major, but in order to be truly viable candidates for employment after graduation, students must also have a strong and broad-based general education.

The site reports that only 24 percent of employers thought college graduates were excellently prepared for entry-level positions.

U.S. News & World Report has gotten complaints in the past of not measuring the true quality of universities. Some of its categories of criteria include peer assessment, faculty resources, alumni giving rate and financial resources. The ACTA rightfully states that it takes more than these areas to ensure success after graduation.

In an increasingly globalizing world and marketplace, it is important to equip future graduates with an expansive knowledge of the world and the intricate ways different fields intertwine.

This new system of ranking could also serve as a reminder that the decision about college and worth of a college cannot be determined by any stand alone ranking. Many aspects of a university are beyond numerical measurement.

A well-rounded education cannot be considered one where the university requires one random course in humanities and one semester of foreign language. A wide-ranging core curriculum is necessary to a well-rounded education, and a ranking system that takes that into account is one that should be respected.

# Females often under unreasonable appearance pressure

## Point of View

BY MEGAN KEYSER



“You don’t have to be pretty.”

This is a somewhat strange, if not difficult, concept to digest, and one that I had never really consciously considered until one of my friends posted a link to a blog with this very title on my Facebook wall a couple weeks ago.

While I consider myself a pretty independent female, I am not a hardcore feminist, or even a “softcore” feminist. Still, when I read this blog it really struck a chord with me.

I grew up in a family of women who spend hours in the bathroom styling their hair, “putting on their faces” and picking out the perfect “fashion forward” outfit to best flatter their specific body types.

There is nothing inherently wrong with this practice or in the desire to look your best. However, for the most part, all of my adult female role models as I was growing up – my mother, most of my many aunts, my grandmothers and even some of my cousins who are older than I am – would not, and still will not, leave the house without at least some makeup on their faces or some amount of styling applied to their hair.

While I do not actually style my hair or spend three hours getting ready in the morning like many of the women in my family, I find that I am uncomfortable going out — even if it is just to class — without first having decorated my face with all of the tools that I think make me look prettier.

Prettier than what? And for whom?

Am I any less happy – is any woman any less happy – without makeup or styled hair than she is with them? I hope not.

I hope the presence or absence of a synthetic flesh-colored powder or an aerosol product doesn’t determine our happiness or satisfaction with ourselves.

However, when I wake up late and have to jump out of bed and run straight to my 8 a.m. class without even a touch of mascara, my confidence is much lower than it is when I wake up on time and apply my tried and true daily products.

When I read the blog my friend sent to me, I felt as if it should have borne the title, “You Don’t Have To Be Pretty, Megan.”

The author said her inspiration to write the blog came from several comments to an online discussion about the not quite universally flattering nature of leggings.

The gist of her touching message: It isn’t a woman’s duty to be pretty; it is her duty to be happy beyond her appearance.

So I challenge every woman who ever feels obligated to make herself pretty for others to the same challenge I am taking on myself: To try, for one day, to leave the house without just one of the things she thinks makes her look prettier to those around her.

Because even if it is a difficult concept to accept — and possibly an even more difficult one to live — what this blogger said is true:

“You don’t owe prettiness to anyone. Not to your boyfriend/spouse/partner, not to your co-workers, especially not to random men on the street. You don’t owe it to your mother, you don’t owe it to your children, you don’t owe it to civilization in general. Prettiness is not a rent you pay for occupying a space marked ‘female.’”

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Please Recycle This Issue

# Living in Waco: It’s what you make it

I don’t think I’m the only Baylor student used to life in a metroplex like Houston or Dallas, who felt disappointed with the city of Waco and its entertainment options.

After a few years of bouncing around venues like Common Grounds, Vitek’s, and the infamous “ghetto HEB,” however, I got a job at Diamond Backs that led to a change in the way I feel about living in Waco.

Through my co-workers, many of whom were not Baylor students, I started to meet people and visit places outside of the “bubble.”

Not only did I learn about places Baylor students do not normally visit, but I also got to know a lot more about the places students do frequent.

Although I had spent a lot of time at Cricket’s with my friends, I had never known it the way locals do.

That “creepy” man hanging around at the bar was really a CEO, and that couple in Wranglers actually owned half of Waco. The man in the Hawaiian shirt was a local radio show host, and that young woman had moved here from Italy.

I also started to learn things about these people. They had arrived in Waco in such strange ways.

The town that housed Ted Nugent, David Crowder, and Jessica Simpson’s grandparents also held people who weren’t country bumpkins or burnouts — they might have ended up in Waco by accident, but they stayed by choice.

## Point of View

BY RANDI DUBE



After shedding my fear and disappointment in Waco, I started to explore the city in a different way.

I stopped reminiscing about the long strips of restaurants I was familiar with — stretches of highway lined with strings of corporate chains — and I traded them in for homegrown locales, like D’s Mediterranean and the Café Cappuccino on Bosque.

D’s, I discovered, was in a part of down I was wary of, and the interior atmosphere was, well—lacking, but as my food came out and a man asked in a thick accent, “Who ordered falafel?” I was hooked.

Café Cappuccino on Bosque, unlike the Ikea-esque location downtown, is more quaint and quiet.

I even found a burger place that was more of a dive than the well-known Health Camp.

In Harris Creek Grocery, down Highway 84 in

Southwest Waco, three women run a burger joint out of their convenience store.

The burgers aren’t anything unique, but people support them. These places, I realized, were Waco staples. They weren’t new just because they were new to me, but I was discovering a new appreciation for them.

I soon discovered that I was enjoying these places not because of the amazing food or atmosphere, but because of the people.

I liked talking to the owners of the places I visited and realizing that the employees knew each other.

Outside of Baylor, Waco was a small world, a sort of small-town network that I could appreciate.

It’s interesting that the thing that brought me out into Waco was my part-time job at a local place.

Getting outside of the university for a few hours a day introduced me to people I would never have met otherwise and showed me that Waco can be a great place if you put in a little effort.

No, the university is not mixed up in the city, like UT in Austin, but how can it become that way if students don’t get out there and find the things in Waco that they appreciate?

My answer to all the students who are disappointed in Waco is that this town is what you make of it.

*Randi Dube is a Houston senior majoring in English and a contributor to the Baylor Lariat.*



# Texting while driving proves risky

MELISSA PERRY  
REPORTER

Most drivers think they can get away with it. People believe they are not part of the problem, but because of the increasing number of people who text and drive, motorists are more at risk than they think.

Even in the face of legislation at the national and local levels to ban texting while driving, many drivers still do not fully comprehend the dangers of distracted driving.

While Baylor and Waco police may not make a traffic stop solely on the basis of text messaging, they have seen the way it affects both drivers and pedestrians.

Officer Steven Anderson of the Waco Police Department said they have attributed 17 of the past year's car crashes to texting while driving.

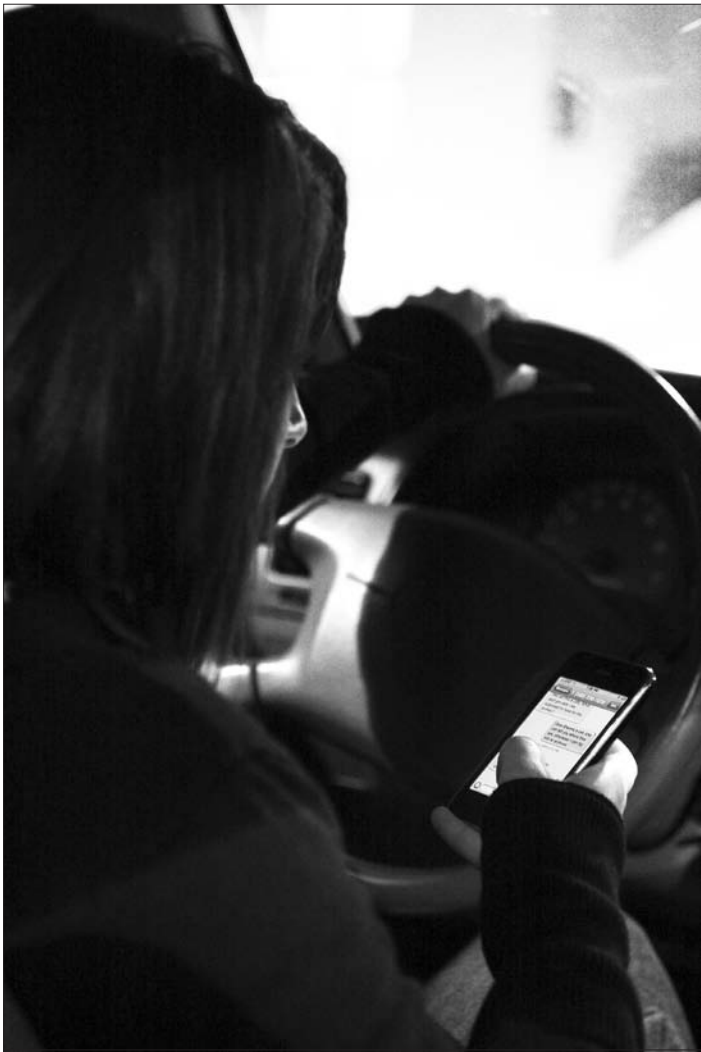
Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak has also seen the influence texting while driving has had on the Baylor campus.

"We see a lot of students driving and texting that are just oblivious," Doak said. "Just as bad is pedestrians walking and texting. They lose sight of the fact that they are vulnerable too."

In a 2009 study, the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that the risk of a crash or near-crash event for a driver

"Texting while driving is asking for an early grave."

Jim Doak  
Baylor Police Chief



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Texting while driving increases the risk of crashing by 20 times and research has show texting while driving decreases the reaction time more than driving while under the influence of alcohol.

simply dialing a cell phone is 2.8 times higher than a non-distracted driver.

The most astonishing results of the test showed that texting while driving increases the risk of crashing to 20 times higher than the non-distracted driver. The study also reported specifically on the consequences of drivers taking their eyes off the road to engage in cell phone use.

"VTI's research showed that text messaging also had the longest duration of eyes off road time (4.6 seconds over a 6-second interval)," the study reported. "This equates to a driver traveling the length of a football field at 55 mph without looking at the roadway."

In a similar study, the Transportation Research Laboratory found that texting while driving slowed

a driver's reaction time by 35 percent. Drivers under the influence of alcohol have a 12 percent reaction time increase and drivers under the influence of marijuana a 21 percent reaction time increase.

The study also concluded that drivers who text are aware that their driving is impaired and therefore attempt to reduce their speed. However, crash or near-crash events are mainly caused by drivers drifting into adjacent lanes.

Doak also stresses the fact that driving is an activity that must be done free from distractions.

"Your brain can only do a certain amount of tasks at one time," he said. "Texting while driving is asking for an early grave. It's a disturbing trend that we fear will end in calamity."

# Baylor family texts and drives despite dangers

By LENA WATERS  
REPORTER

With a bill currently in the U.S. Senate that could prohibit drivers from reading or writing a text message. The Lariat took to the street to see what the Baylor family thought about driving while texting and whether or not they thought the bill would stop it.

What are your driving while texting habits?

"I'm horrible! It's really bad. When I hear the little ding, I just want to grab it and look at it. It's bad. I actually almost had a car accident because of it, but I still keep on doing it."

Carmen Torres  
Dallas junior

"I don't do it, because I can't spell right anyway and I want to drive as safely as possible."

Liz Palacios  
Dean for Student Development

"If I have a passenger, I let them do it for me. If I do text, it's only in an emergency or if it's really important. I am uncomfortable with people doing it. Whenever I am riding with friends, I ask to do it for them."

Dustin Ingold  
Bonham freshman

Do you consider safety when making a decision about whether to text?

"A lot of the time, I think to myself, this isn't really the best thing to do. But it depends where I'm driving, if it's on the highway — no, but just around town, I'll do it."

Ben Newcome  
Allen junior

"Yes, that's why I don't do it. I know that my daughter probably does, though. I've warned her about it. We've seen a very graphic video on it. I believe that every teenager needs to understand how dangerous it is. You are totally distracted; your head is down. Two seconds, and you're dead."

Julie Burdoin  
Baylor Parent

Do you know of anyone who has been in an accident because of driving while texting?

"Our pastor's son was driving about a mile away from his house at three in the morning. He ran into a tree and died. It is possible that it was because of his texting."

Julie Burdoin  
Baylor Parent

"Yes, I've known too many acquaintances, friends or students who have been injured or killed in doing exactly that."

Liz Palacios  
Dean for Student Development

"One of my friends was driving home and hit a tree while texting her mom. She was OK though."

Dustin Ingold  
Bonham freshman

"No, but I have seen a lot of girls swerving in and out, in and out, and almost hitting someone riding a bike on campus."

Yong-Yong Huang  
Houston junior

How do you think legislation to make driving while

texting illegal would affect people's decisions?

"If it's illegal, people are less likely to do it. People will still do it, but probably not as many."

Jonathan Mensah  
Corpus Christi freshman

"I hope it will. I hope it will make the streets safer. I feel like it's necessary since most people do it a lot. I hope it has a good impact. If they enforce it enough, I think it will be helpful."

Kiffer Davis  
Sulfur Spring senior

"It probably wouldn't be because how could you honestly enforce that? Cops would have to look through windows. It would be so ridiculously hard to enforce. And let's face it, people speed even though there are laws against it."

Ben Newcome  
Allen junior

What would it take for you to never text and drive again?

"I'd probably have to get in an accident before I stopped doing it."

Ben Newcome  
Allen junior

"Maybe if I would have hit a car or gotten in an accident, then I might stop."

Carmen Torres  
Dallas junior

"I think people have to learn from experience. Something bad happening would have to teach them."

Sanmai Gbandi  
Houston freshman

## ADVERTISING CLASS TAKES ON LAW FIRM AS CLIENT

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## ITALIAN RESTAURANT

HE STUDENT ORDER PIZZA AT RESTAURANT

What began as a typical dining-out experience quickly turned into a scary situation yesterday when sophomore Danny Rivers and his friends realized that the Italian restaurant that they had chosen for lunch... was completely Italian-speaking.

Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Barn, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

"I swear it was the scariest moment of my life," Karl Winsey, a friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was like we time-warped into Italy or

something. The waiter came over and started talking in Italian! Um... what? I had no idea what to do."

Fortunately, the group

Danny Rivers

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While Mark hasn't had much

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way. The Junior is currently negoti-

ating rental agreements for food,

tuition, back massages and


toiletries. "If I could rent all that,

I'm pretty certain I wouldn't ever

need a real job." And if he does?

"I'll probably rent a guy to do that

for me too."



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# Annual Civil War re-enactment relives hard times

BY JOANNA WUERTZ  
CONTRIBUTOR

It is early afternoon when the soldiers begin to assemble for battle in the open fields of Liendo Plantation. The Confederates are gathered at one end while blue-clad Yankees take the opposite side.

Women wearing colorful hoop skirts and carrying fans and lace parasols observe from the safety of the sidelines. Someone hums the tune of "Dixie."

The soldiers line up and prepare their weapons. There are old men, for whom this fight may be the last, and boys who look too young to even hold a rifle.

This will be an important battle; the Union fights to gain control of the Plantation and the South fights to defend its home.

The Yankees are the first to fire. A cannon explodes and white smoke immediately clouds the field. Its report shakes the ground, startling the innocent bystanders and subsequently setting off a car alarm.

The annual Civil War weekend, held every November at Liendo Plantation, located near Hempstead, is well under way.

"The Confederate cavalry is moving over from the right at the back of the field, but they're being opposed by what looks like a regiment of Yankees," said an announcer, who provides constant commentary through a microphone and a set of speakers, narrating the battle as if it were a football game.

He explains everything, from the military maneuvers used to historical trivia regarding the artillery.

Spectators sit in stands or on lawn chairs set up behind the lines. Some are dressed in full period costume and wave Confed-

erate or Texas flags.

Although the Union is represented amongst the reenactors, support from the crowd is unilaterally for the Rebels.

Robert Hall, a Texas resident and event attendee, has participated in re-enactments and dressing for the part for several years.

He describes his costume as that of a 'Texas Loyalist,' and only the Bluetooth earpiece he's wearing sets him apart from any other Confederate from the 1860s.

"I think the draw is the historical accuracy," Hall said. "They are meant to be as factual as possible."

While other historical festivals such as the popular renaissance fair are organized around a certain time period, a Civil War re-enactment captures one specific battle.

Liendo Plantation was built by slave laborers in 1853. It was a cotton plantation and a social hub for receiving and entertaining dignitaries.

The infantry's Camp Groce and the cavalry's Camp Carter were hosted here, as well as an internment camp and a hospital.

After the war, General Custer used the plantation home as his headquarters for a short time, although he had been ordered to burn it down. It is said that the general was so impressed by the plantation's hospitality and kindness that he decided not to destroy it.

Today the re-enactment is organized by the 11th Texas Cavalry, a group devoted to building awareness of Texas history. Members can enlist and participate in re-enactments and various other historical events as well.

Every November, on the weekend before Thanksgiving, Liendo Plantation presents this event. Aside from viewing battle



COURTESY PHOTO

Soldiers line up and prepare their weapons in the open fields of Liendo Plantation, near Hempstead, for the annual Civil War weekend.

re-enactments, visitors can get a glimpse of everyday life during the Civil War, such as weaving, quilting and soap-making.

Musicians play tunes of that time period and visitors can view traditional dances.

For an additional fee, Liendo Plantation offers tours of the sprawling white two-story house, a stately historical landmark with a view overlooking the battlefields.

The Civil War Weekend draws

a number of different people to observe every year. Some are history buffs and others are enthusiastic supporters of the South.

A few are there to experience an older, better time, when women were ladies and men practiced chivalry.

Martin Wissenbaker, a Baylor graduate in 1964, has attended the Civil War Weekend re-enactments since 2003 and serves as the chaplain. This year the service on Sunday morning was about loving your enemy.

Wissenbaker feels that the spirit of Civil War Weekend is "upholding the spiritual and moral values that the South stood for."

In addition to these attractions, vendors sell homemade ice cream and soda drawn from wooden barrels, traditional clothing, and quilts. An authentic antique Colt pistol is on display for a raffle. Musicians play "John Brown's Body" while a blacksmith hammers out iron in front of a small audience.

The main event for the weekend, the re-enactment, is not only a battle, it's a show of Civil War weaponry, military tactics, uniforms and procedures.

When a soldier falls, his role in the battle does not end. The soldier must await the horse-drawn hospital wagon which arrives to pick him up. There must also be theatrics.

One of the medical personnel stands and frantically waves a yellow flag to deter enemy fire. His comrades heave the soldier up into the bed of the wagon on top of the other wounded or dead.

Tears are shed. As the wagon drives away, one might catch a glimpse of an arm hanging limply over the side.

The battle may be entertain-

ing for some, but it also strives to be realistic.

Nearly an hour after the battle began, the Union soldiers retreat. The commander of the Yankee army waves a white flag, visible even through lingering cannon smoke.

"At this point in the battle, what will happen is the commander of the Federal and the commander of the Confederate will advance to the center of the field to discuss terms." The announcer said of the silence after the ceasefire. "Both sides will be bound by honor to honor those terms."

The commanders greet each other, exchanging pleasantries for a moment or two before beginning negotiations.

The audience and the announcer wait patiently with mild interest; they already know how the battle ends.

After a few more minutes the announcer said that the Union soldiers will be allowed to withdraw from the field honorably. "Resurrect! Well done!" He cries. The wounded and the dead all rise together. The crowd cheers.

For the first time that day, the re-enactment departs from the past: while the war went on for years, thousands dying in the process, these soldiers have normal lives to return to when this battle is over.

Guns and cannons are packed away. The vendors close down their stands. Women exchange their corsets and hoop skirts for something a bit more comfortable.

The Civil War at Liendo Plantation is disassembled and stored until next year, when participants and spectators alike will come again to experience a piece of history.

## Baylor graduation goes green with caps and gowns, promotes recycling

BY CATY HIRST  
COPY EDITOR

Baylor is going green for graduation by ordering environmentally friendly caps and gowns and promoting recycling at the graduation ceremony.

Smith Getterman, the sustainability coordinator for Baylor, is excited about the efforts to make Baylor's graduation green.

"We are encouraging recycling, the environmentally friendly robes, and letting families and prospective students know that we are taking strides to positively affect our environment," Getterman said.

Jostens, the Minneapolis-based company providing the caps and gowns, is offering a new line of graduation regalia, the Elements Collection, for graduation.

Lois Ferguson, assistant to the Office of the Provost for commencement, was fundamental in making the decision to go green at commencement.

When asked why Baylor decided to go green at commencement, Ferguson replied, "The question is why not?"

"It seems to me to be a no

brainer," Ferguson said. "If we can do a cap and gown that is renewable without affecting the cost to the students, I think it is a no brainer."

"It is important because graduation is one of our biggest events on campus."

Smith Getterman  
Sustainability coordinator

The fabric fiber of the caps and gowns is made from wood sourced from renewable forests. When farmed, these forests are replanted to ensure the resources remain sustainable.

The new caps and gowns are made to decompose within a year when placed in soil. The zipper and teeth will also be made from recyclable material.

Gowns are only worn once. Though some people may save their gowns for a few years, Getterman said, most eventually

end up in the trash.

Getterman believes that this effort to go green is a big step for Baylor's sustainability efforts.

"It is important because graduation is one of our biggest events on campus, if not the biggest," Getterman said. "And it is an opportunity for us to make a positive impact on everyone visiting campus that weekend."

In other efforts to go green at graduation, Getterman said the "Baylor Renew, please recycle" logo will be stamped on the programs, urging attendees to recycle. There will also be multiple recycle stations set up during graduation.

Getterman urges the Baylor community get involved by raising awareness.

"[The Baylor community can] encourage their families members that are visiting to take a look at how they are getting from one graduation event to another," Getterman said. "If you can walk more that's great. Recycle while you are at gradation. Just encourage everyone to be more aware of the impact they are having while they are here for graduation activities."

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wrong; and if he is competent to stand trial, according to military law.

The evaluation usually takes several days and involves psychological testing and interviews by the board, said Richard Stevens, an attorney who specializes in defending military cases but is not involved in Hasan's case.

The board can review any evidence presented by prosecutors and defense attorneys, although the exam is closed to everyone except the doctors and Hasan, Stevens said.

"The government often requests a mental evaluation in cases where (insanity) may be the defense, because they want to know sooner rather than later what the doctors will determine about the defendant's mental status so they feel comfortable proceeding," he said.

If the board decides Hasan is not competent to stand trial, he

would be hospitalized until he is found competent, Stevens said.

If it deems that Hasan had a severe mental illness but did not lack mental responsibility at the time of the crime, the military must decide whether to proceed with the case or drop the charges and have Hasan discharged from the Army based on his mental illness, Stevens said.

Prosecutors likely would dismiss the case if the board determined that Hasan lacked mental responsibility, because in a trial they would be faced with trying to discredit their own military health professionals, Stevens said.

The attorney general usually asks the state to take over and place him in a mental facility, according to military law. If the state refuses, the attorney general would have him confined to a federal facility.

It's unclear if such a defen-

dant would ever be released, but his case likely would be governed by the rules of the state or federal system on involuntary commitments.

Authorities have not said if they plan to seek the death penalty. If they do, and Hasan is convicted and receives that punishment, he would be sent to death row at the military prison in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

There hasn't been a military execution since 1961, though five men sit on the military's death row at Fort Leavenworth. Before a military execution can be carried out, the president must personally approve.

George W. Bush signed an execution order last year for a former Army cook who was convicted of multiple rapes and murders in the 1980s, but a federal judge has stayed that order to allow for a new round of appeals in federal court.

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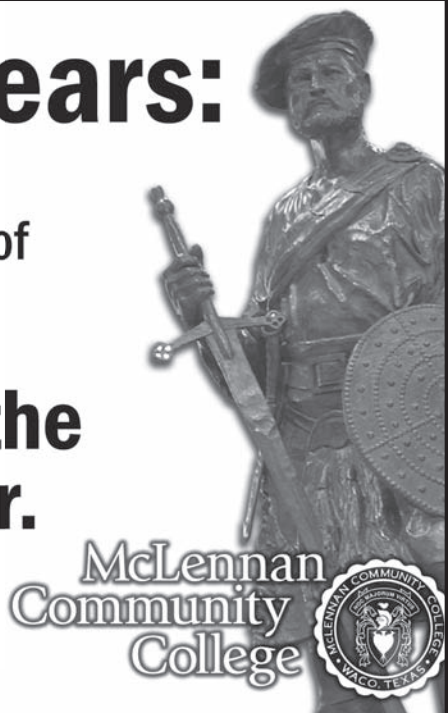
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# ‘Zoo Studio’ brings out its musical wild side

By LINCOLN FAULKNER  
CONTRIBUTOR

It all started in a hot tub. After brainstorming names last spring break at a ski resort at Lake Tahoe, juniors Max Helmerich, John Steen, Corbin Janssen and Kevin Cochran emerged from the primordial pool as Zoo Studio, one of Uproar Records’ newest bands.

The name originated from Helmerich and Steen, who crossed paths while recording for last year’s Uproar compilation album — Steen played with former Uproar artist Cami Stegar and Helmerich recorded a guitar track for current artist David Dulcie.

Like The Rolling Stones’ Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, who played together for their first time during college, their interests meshed to birth a musical mix.

According to Tulsa, Okla. native Helmerich and Southlake native Steen, Zoo Studio is a juxtaposition of the nicknames for their houses. Steen refers to his house as the “Zoo” and Helmerich refers to his to as the “Studio.”

“[The name Zoo Studio] is deeper than most people can ever understand,” Steen said. “Or



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Zoo Studio, one of the newer additions to Uproar Records, has been performing at live venues for the past two months. They hope to have an EP out by the end of the summer, and then tour to other universities.

want to,” Helmerich added.

Since the band spawned, members haven’t been monkeying around with their fresh musical career.

They have already played many venues including Common Grounds and at different student events around campus this year,

such as the Uproar artist showcase and Operation Rehydration. They plan to release an eight or nine track EP by the end of summer and go on tour at different universities and eventually surrounding states.

After graduation, they hope to start touring nationally as an

opening act for a larger band or independently, Helmerich said.

The band agreed that Uproar has been a great way to jumpstart their career.

“[Uproar] helped us out a lot,” Helmerich said. “We’ve had a pretty good start without ever having to do that much. I mean

seriously, we’ve only been a band for two months.”

The band’s Uproar artist and repertoire manager Taylor Pfeiffer, a San Antonio sophomore, recalled being impressed by how the band exuded energy and personality while performing.

“The first time I heard Zoo Studio, I was blown away by their unique and catchy sound, and I still am every time I hear them,” Pfeiffer said. “They are a great group of guys who work really hard at what they do while still having fun and it definitely shows in their music.”

The band agreed that live performances are their forte.

“Just to feel the energy, to feel other people enjoying our music is the greatest feeling ever,” Steen said.

Audience members may recall the band setting up stuffed animals, including a bright orange orangutan attached to Helmerich’s keyboard, a wildcat, and a large giraffe head at front stage, at the Uproar artist showcase at Common Grounds.

“Our shows will be extremely dangerous,” Helmerich said. “Tons of wild animals will be released.”

Contrary to the band’s antics while performing, members said

they take songwriting seriously.

“I like to write songs that make people think about what I’m saying,” Helmerich said. “I don’t ever want to write a song that doesn’t have a purpose for being written.”

Helmerich said that he wants to write something they can all rock out to and have a blast playing.

Steen said the band will also try to find a sound unique and true to it.

“I think what we’re leaning towards is trying to develop a sound that comes naturally out of what we like, instead of saying ‘we want to go for this sound,’” Steen said. “We’re still trying to work on what that will result in, but we’re just kind of letting it come more naturally.”

Steen said the band strives to write as a team — one member will come up with a riff or a melody and the rest will work to incorporate it.

“Anytime you combine music with other music or different people adding something together to create something as a whole, that’s what I think music is about,” Helmerich said. “That’s what’s awesome about it.”

For more information about

# Music books follow legendary artists’ exploits

By VICK MICKUNAS  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

DAYTON, Ohio — We now enter the gift-giving season. Here are some suggestions for music-related books that might make lovely presents:

“**Who Shot Rock & Roll: a Photographic History, 1955-Present,**” edited by **Gail Buckland (Knopf, 320 pages, \$40)**. This collection of photographs captures the magic of music and musicians.

Here they are in all their glory and excess. These mostly black and white shots preserve flashes

of charisma, excess, mystique, sensuality and doom. Here’s Jimi Hendrix in full trance. Belligerent Johnny Cash salutes his audience. Bjork wears nothing but well placed leaves.

“**The Way I Am,**” by **Eminem (aka Marshall Mathers) (Plume, 214 pages, \$25)**. Rolling Stone called Eminem “the biggest rapper in history.” He wanted to be a rapper when he was 14 years old. This is his story told in his own words. What makes him tick? This book offers some clues. Just out in paperback.

“**Let It Bleed: The Rolling**

**Stones, Altamont, and the End of the Sixties,**” by **Ethan A. Russell (Springboard, 240 pages, \$35)**. Ethan Russell was the only photographer on the Rolling Stones’ 1969 “Let It Bleed” concert tour. That tour ended in tragedy at the Altamont raceway in California when the motorcycle gang that was hired as security guards perpetrated acts of violence.

In a way, Altamont marked the end of the innocence of that period. The Rolling Stones were near their musical peak then. Russell was there — he has the stories and some incredible photos to

prove it.

“**Bob Dylan Revisited,**” by **various artists (Norton, 98 pages, \$24.95)**. Thirteen graphic artists took the lyrics to Bob Dylan songs and illustrated them in graphic novel form. They picked songs like “Blowin’ in the Wind,” “A Hard Rain’s Gonna Fall,” “I Want You,” “Desolation Row” and “Like a Rolling Stone,” and rendered them into superb artwork which tell the stories contained in these classic tunes.

What a treat for Dylan’s fans. This unusual project received his stamp of approval.

“**The Jazz Loft Project: Photographs and Tapes of W. Eugene Smith from 821 Sixth Avenue, 1957-1965,**” by **Sam Stephenson (Knopf, 268 pages, \$40)**. In 1957 W. Eugene Smith left his job as a photographer for Life magazine and moved into a building in New York City’s wholesale flower district. For the next eight years he photographed the jazz musicians who played almost every night in his building.

He took about 40,000 pictures and recorded about 4,000 hours of music as it was being performed by some of the greatest jazz mu-

sicians of the era. This book captures the flavor of what was once a very happening scene.

“**The Complete Lyrics of Johnny Mercer,**” (Knopf, 462 pages, \$65). The lyricist Johnny Mercer was born 100 years ago. This magnificent volume reproduces the lyrics to every one of his songs. Many of them became standards, songs like: “That Old Black Magic,” “Moon River” and “Days of Wine and Roses.”

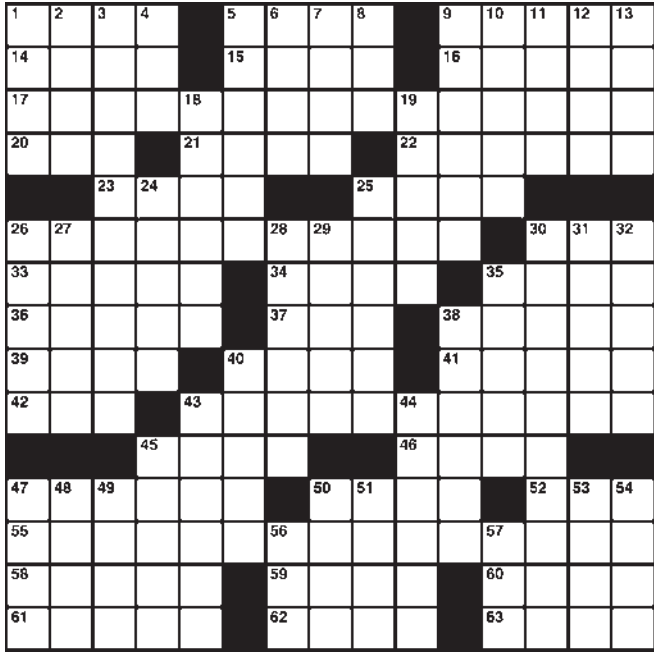
There are numerous marvelous photos of theatrical productions and performers who have covered Mercer’s work.

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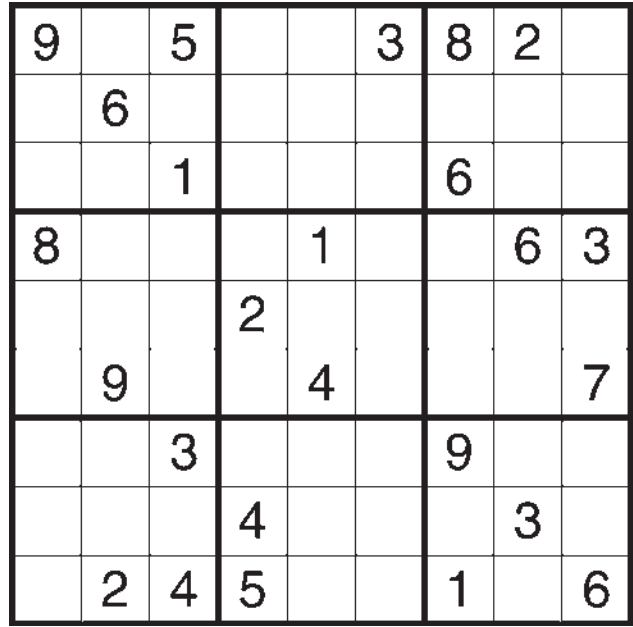
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# Saturday contest reunites hall of famers



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Head Coach Kim Mulkey discusses a call with the referee during the Nov. 28 game against Lamar University. Mulkey, alongside Louisiana Tech head coach and former mentee Teresa Weatherspoon, are in the women's basketball hall of fame.

By CHRIS DERRETT  
SPORTS WRITER

Although coach Kim Mulkey is fully committed to the Baylor Lady Bears' success, she has said numerous times that Louisiana will always be home for her. On Saturday night, Mulkey's home comes to Waco as the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters take on Baylor in a reunion of a hall of fame player and coach.

Louisiana Tech head coach Teresa Weatherspoon enters the game with a team that garnered five AP Top 25 votes in the Nov. 30 poll. But the fact that Mulkey is facing a tough opponent, one that lost to No. 7-ranked Louisiana State University by only three points, is not what makes Saturday's game special for both her and Baylor assistant coach Leon Barmore.

Mulkey served as an assistant coach for the Lady Techsters from 1985 through 1995 and assistant head coach from 1996 through 2000.

She assisted Barmore, who earned the team's head coaching job in 1985 and remained there through 2001 for all but three years of a short-lived retirement.

"It'll be fun; Teresa Weatherspoon is excited. I have a genuine interest in Louisiana Tech doing well because Weatherspoon is now in charge," Mulkey said.

The two coaches, now both inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, produced a 32-2 national championship team in 1987-88, which included the then-22-year-old Weatherspoon.

While Mulkey and Barmore continued their coaching careers after the 1988 title win, Weatherspoon played six years in Italy, two years in Russia and eight in the WNBA, where she helped the New York Liberty to three championship appearances.

Weatherspoon was named Louisiana Tech associate head coach in 2008 and interim head coach the fol-

lowing season, winning nine of the team's final 11 games in 2009 and earning a share of the Western Athletic Conference championship.

Now 21 years, eight months and two days after hoisting the championship trophy in Tacoma, Wash., Mulkey, Barmore and Weatherspoon share the court one more time, all looking for a very competitive night of basketball. In fact, the only thing greater than these basketball legends' desire to win Saturday night may be their respect for one another.

"First of all, away from the floor, I'll give Teresa Weatherspoon a big hug and thank her for taking the job because it takes a person like that to bring that program back to respectability," Mulkey said.

She cited Weatherspoon's work ethic and intensity as the key ingredients of bringing the Lady Techsters back to national prominence.

Barmore looks forward to competing against his former standout

athlete just as much as Mulkey.

"There's no question what is going through my mind. I want Teresa Weatherspoon to coach a great game and for Louisiana Tech to play a great game," Barmore said.

Weatherspoon guides her team with a motto that looks back to the great teams in the Lady Techsters' past.

"The tradition returns. That confidence in ourselves. That belief in ourselves. That's what we are embedding in our players. The mindset that it takes to be a part of this program ... of this tradition," she told the Shreveport Times.

Saturday's game marks the first meeting between Louisiana Tech and Baylor since the Lady Techsters won a 78-68 decision in Shreveport, La., in 1993.

A Lady Bears victory would be the first against Louisiana Tech since 1977; the Lady Techsters lead the series 4-1 and have never played in Waco.

# Men's basketball travels to Arizona for Big 12/Pac-10 Challenge

By JUSTIN BAER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Baylor men's basketball team (6-1) will compete in the third edition of the Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Challenge when it faces off against Arizona State University at 9:30 p.m. today in Tempe, Ariz and will air on Fox Sports Net.

The Sun Devils (6-1), like the Bears, are recuperating from major losses to the program following the departures of James Harden and Jeff Pendergraph.

The team's two leading scorers last season carried Arizona State to consecutive NCAA Tournament berths, and both were selected in the 2009 NBA Draft. (Harden was selected No. 3 overall by the Oklahoma City Thunder, and Pendergraph was selected No. 31 overall by the Sacramento Kings.) Head Coach Scott Drew claims the Sun Devils (6-1) can remain afloat in the Pac-10 conference in part to a

veteran backcourt and strong recruiting class.

"Both of our teams are similar from the standpoint that we lost a lot of players," Drew said. "A lot of people thought both teams would be down. Obviously (Arizona State) isn't."

The Sun Devils lone defeat came against No. 7-ranked Duke University in a game that Arizona State managed to remain within a four-point deficit at halftime.

"I think everyone on their team was excited to step up their roles and have a chance to do more," Drew said.

The Bears upset the then-No. 14-ranked Sun Devils in 2008 at the Anaheim Classic, which is just one of the reasons Drew and the Bears believe they can contend with Arizona State tonight. The Sun Devils feature a defense comparable to Washington State University, a team the Bears played in the two previous Big 12/Pac-10 Challenge games.

Arizona State head coach Herb Sendek also equips a slower-paced offense compatible with Baylor's team.

"We know that we can play anybody as long as we stay together, encourage each other and play hard," said Ekpe Udoh, who was named the Big 12 Rookie of the Week Monday.

## Jones Finds Stroke

Entering the Old Spice Classic in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Houston sophomore Anthony Jones' frustrations were magnified with every shot he took.

Jones remained in the starting lineup because of the mismatches caused on defense and rebounding capabilities, but his offensive woes were beginning to become a dire liability. Through the first five games, Jones shot a porous 33 percent (9-27) from the field and had missed all four 3-point shots he attempted. The four-star prospect had a knack for finding

the basket in high school, which helped attract interest from the University of Texas and Texas A&M University. But for an inexplicable reason, his notorious shot touch didn't transition into the college game.

That was until the Bears' most recent tournament.

The 6-10 forward finally discovered his shot during the Thanksgiving break and was a vital component of Friday night's 72-62 overtime victory against Iona University. Jones finished the game 5-for-6 from the field and drained all 3-pointers.

The former Houston Yates standout finished the tournament shooting 67 percent (10-15) from the field and nailed six of his seven 3-point shots.

"I had been struggling earlier this season," Jones admitted. "But I have been staying after practice and taking extra shots and just working on it, so I could come through for my team."



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# Tiger Woods speaks for first time since accident



McCLATCHY NEWS

Tiger Woods watches a tee shot during the Presidents Cup on Oct. 8. Woods made a press release in his first communication with the media since wrecking his Cadillac Escalade outside his home last Saturday.

By ALAN SCHMADTKE  
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Tiger Woods acknowledged Wednesday morning that he let down his family, saying he regrets “those transgressions with all of my heart.”

Woods penned a statement Wednesday that he put on his Web site, offering his “profound apology” to his family and friends.

UsWeekly magazine published a cover story that says a cocktail waitress in Los Angeles carried on a 31-month affair with the married Woods, the world’s top-ranked golfer.

“I have let my family down and I regret those transgressions with all of my heart,” Woods said in the statement. “I have not been true to my values and the behavior my family deserves. I am not without faults and I am far short of perfect. I am dealing with my

behavior and personal failings behind closed doors with my family. Those feelings should be shared by us alone.”

Woods has been thrust into the world of tabloid news, and he said Wednesday morning he doesn’t care about such spotlight.

He was particularly dismayed about speculation that some domestic abuse between he and his wife, Elin Nordegren, was part of his car accident.

Woods crashed his 2009 Cadillac Escalade into a fire hydrant and into a neighbor’s tree about 2:35 a.m. on Friday.

The Florida Highway Patrol on Tuesday closed its investigation of the accident, citing the golfer for reckless driving and fining him \$164. Woods has already paid the fine, according to court records.

As details and questions about the accident surfaced, tab-

loids began reporting about other women in Woods’ life.

The cocktail waitress, Jamiee Grubbs, told UsWeekly she had a voicemail of Woods asking her to do him a favor and take his name off of her cell phone.

“Although I am a well-known person and have made my career as a professional athlete, I have been dismayed to realize the full extent of what tabloid scrutiny really means,” Woods said. “For the last week, my family and I have been hounded to expose intimate details of our personal lives. The stories in particular that physical violence played any role in the car accident were utterly false and malicious.

“Elin has always done more to support our family and shown more grace than anyone could possibly expect.”

The rest of his statement: “But no matter how intense curiosity about public figures

can be, there is an important and deep principle at stake which is the right to some simple, human measure of privacy. I realize there are some who don’t share my view on that. But for me, the virtue of privacy is one that must be protected in matters that are intimate and within one’s own family. Personal sins should not require press releases and problems within a family shouldn’t have to mean public confession.

“Whatever regrets I have about letting my family down have been shared with and felt by us alone. I have given this a lot of reflection and thought and I believe that there is a point at which I must stick to that principle even though it’s difficult.

“I will strive to be a better person and the husband and father that my family deserves. For all of those who have supported me over the years, I offer my profound apology.”

## McCoy leads Heisman race heading into Big 12 Championship Game

### Longhorns quarterback vies to capture trophy predecessor couldn’t

By JIMMY BURCH  
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Boosted by last week’s breakout performance, University of Texas quarterback Colt McCoy has put some distance between himself and his closest pursuers in the 2009 Heisman Trophy race.

But not as much distance as McCoy put between himself and Texas A&M defenders during a 65-yard dash to the end zone that punctuated his 479-yard, five-touchdown effort in a 49-39 victory over the Aggies.

Instead, the separation between McCoy and other Heisman front-runners — notably Florida quarterback Tim Tebow and Alabama running back Mark Ingram — appears razor-thin

heading into Saturday’s conference championship games. And the big stage belongs to McCoy’s pursuers.

No. 1 Florida (12-0) and No. 2 Alabama (12-0) meet in a winner-take-all battle for the Southeastern Conference title and a berth in the BCS National Championship Game. Inevitably, Tebow or Ingram will emerge as a hero — with or without big statistics — because his team will win a battle of undefeated teams two days before the Heisman voting deadline.

Undecided voters love heroes. That is why McCoy, coming off a stellar game, is the flavor of the week in the Heisman Derby. But for how long?

In the Big 12 Championship Game, McCoy will lead No. 3 Texas (12-0) against No. 21 Nebraska (9-3), a team with a rock-solid defense but a papier-mache national reputation because of its punchless offense. Logic sug-

gests a low-scoring battle is likely to unfold at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

If so, can McCoy look heroic enough to sway Heisman voters while throwing for 140 yards in a 14-10 victory? It’s a legitimate question but one McCoy does not care to ponder.

“If we go in there, play well and take care of business, the votes and other things most likely will take care of themselves,” McCoy said. “For me, it’s all about winning.”

If that means earning a chance to play for a national championship but being a Heisman runner-up for a second consecutive season, McCoy is on board with that tradeoff. He’d love to have both. But he has no plans to immerse himself in self-imposed pressure to try to meet someone else’s expectations.

McCoy already has been there and done that in 2009. It led to what he described as an extend-

ed “funk” that reached its apex when McCoy threw for a season-low 127 yards in a 16-13 victory over Oklahoma on Oct. 17.

In a candid assessment of his up-and-down senior season, McCoy said climbing out of the mental hole he dug for himself “was the hardest thing I’ve probably done in my life.”

But after huddling with three current or former quarterbacks with NFL pedigrees — Vince Young, Peyton Manning and Roger Staubach — McCoy said he regained his passion for a sport that, in mid-October, reduced him to “asking myself the question, ‘Why do I play football?’ ”

McCoy acknowledged he was “making stupid mistakes” on the field and paying too much attention to outsiders who pointed them out before he sought the counsel of fellow quarterbacks. What did Young, Manning and Staubach suggest?

“Everyone was giving me the

same advice,” McCoy said. “They weren’t really talking about my play. It was all more about, ‘You’re the guy that everybody looks to ... that people respond to. You’ve got to be the one that’s having fun, that’s relaxed and calm out there.’ ”

The advice was not new to McCoy. But he said it made him realize he needed to lighten up because he’d reached a point where he “put so much pressure on myself that I couldn’t attain anything.”

The problem, said Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis, is that McCoy was “trying to play mistake-free football, and that’s not going to happen.”

After the OU game, McCoy told Davis and coach Mack Brown that he was starting the second half of the season with a clean, mental slate.


“I told them, ‘There’s going to be a change, and there’s going to be a difference,’” McCoy said.

In his last six games, McCoy has a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 16-2. In his first six, it was 11-7. In his last four games, McCoy has posted three of the top seven figures in school history for total yards: 483 against Central Florida, 425 against Kansas and 479 against A&M.

Now, he’s leading the Heisman race — barely. But he’s not dwelling on it. Brown said he plans to mention Heisman possibilities to offensive players this week because McCoy “is not interested in talking about it.”


Davis said he’s confident McCoy will not be distracted by Heisman-related thoughts in his final game before voters submit ballots.

“He has not mentioned that all year,” Davis said. “Obviously, we all know it’s there. But I think his total focus will be on whatever we have to do to win the game. And however that may transpire.”



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McChrystal as saying Obama’s speech provided “clarity, capability, commitment, confidence.”

Gallahue, of Frankfort, Kentucky, said the focus should not be on an 18-month timeline but rather “the conditions that will exist at that time.” He conceded that the Afghan police especially needed “a great deal of effort.”

In the United States, battle-weary troops and their families braced for a wrenching round of new deployments to Afghanistan, but many said they support the surge as long as it helps to end the 8-year-old conflict.

The idea behind Obama’s troop buildup is to provide enough extra security for a period of time to give the Afghans a chance to build up their government and security forces. Asked how the U.S. and international forces will prevent another resurgence of militant violence once the foreign forces leave, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. commander in the country, said that insurgents can’t afford to leave the battlefield while the ranks of trained Afghan forces swell.

“It makes it much more difficult for the returning insurgents to contest that,” McChrystal said.

Military officials say the Army brigades most likely to be sent as part of the surge will come from Fort Drum in New York and Fort Campbell in Kentucky. Marines, who will be the vanguard, will most likely come primarily from Camp Lejeune.

Theresa McCleod said she worries what Obama’s plans might mean for her husband, a soldier in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum. She said he’s already done a long combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, leaving her to care for their three children.

“First he was supposed to be pulling everyone out, and now all the sudden he’s throwing everybody back into Afghanistan and it’s like nobody can really make up their minds,” McCleod said of Obama.

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“One of the things that I really appreciate about Emanuel is that he is always looking for opportunities to learn and he also takes initiative to seek out unique experiences, and I think that has helped land him in some pretty extraordinary places,” Shushok said.

“Supporting someone like Emanuel is easy to do because he’s the kind of young person that has potential to change the world. The sooner that we’re able to get young people like Emanuel into places of influence where he can learn and grow and nurture his skills, the better off we all are.”

Gawrieh spent January to May working at the Supreme Court with Court fellow Dr. Melissa Aubin, and through her, working for Geoffrey P. Minear, the counselor to the chief justice.

Gawrieh began work at the White House the day after he left the court. There he worked for the Domestic Policy Council, particularly the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, under Joshua Dubois. That internship lasted until May, when Gawrieh came back to Baylor for community leader training, which has been his job since 2008.

As a community leader for Brooks Residential College, Gawrieh has earned the trust and admiration of his fellow residents Henry said.

“In his work as a community leader, Emanuel has thrived not only by attending to the little details of his official responsibilities, but also by seeing a larger vision within which his service has a place,” Henry said in his recommendation for Gawrieh.

“Because he understands the aspirations of our collegiate community, with its emphasis on a way of life marked by learnedness, social responsibility, and Christian faith and compassion, he is able to take up his work with a genuine sense of calling.”

Gawrieh cites his job as a community leader as an experience that aided him in his internships.

“It was really shocking to me but in the application process I came to understand that a big part of what I’d done was being an RA and it was because I had the ability to understand sensitive information and how to kind of handle that and discern between what I should and shouldn’t say,” Gawrieh said. “That was a big deal with both of the internships.”

Though they had some similarities, both internships gave Gawrieh unique experiences, from being entrenched in the atmosphere of the Supreme Court to working until nine or 10 many nights at the White House.

“They’re two completely different internships and I took completely different things from them. With the Supreme Court, it’s a great place, it’s just a phenomenal atmosphere; it’s incredibly scholarly. All of the people there are phenomenally intelligent; just some of the most caring people I’ve ever met. So I loved that for the experience and for the people,” Gawrieh said.

“The White House, I got exposed to a different form because by the nature of the Court, the work is substantive and it’s wide ranging, but it’s not the same as the White House. I got a great appreciation for the people that work at the White House. It was incredibly fun, but the most challenging experience that I’ve had so far.”

While a previous internship in Congress allowed Gawrieh to see that he didn’t want to pursue politics, he found his niche with the Supreme Court internship.

“I learned when I was in high school that I wanted to do something that was related to some form of communication, and from there when I made it to Congress between my freshman and sophomore year, I learned that politics was not what I wanted to do,” Gawrieh said.

“I had always had an affinity for what was just and this idea of an absence of compromise in the pursuit of justice.

When I made it to the Court, that’s when I ultimately realized

that’s what I wanted to do. It’s just a very virtuous place, and from what I learned from the people there, it’s a good job to love.”

Though he isn’t exactly sure what he in a career, Gawrieh knows where his passions lie and has plans to attend law school after Baylor.

“I have a passion for law and justice,” Gawrieh said. “I intend to go to law school. I’m applying to some schools in the north-eastern area ... and from there I would like to pursue federal court clerkships. And I guess in the interim, up until I can actually find out if I can make it into those places, my ultimate goal is to become a federal court judge.”

At one point in his life, getting a job in D.C. seemed unattainable to Gawrieh. But now, he knows it’s possible.

“The people I met and all the people I got to work with, that the individuals that work there, and that are able to get to those positions, are truly no different than the people that I see here and just about anywhere else,” Gawrieh said.

“Coming from a small town in east Texas ... there was a huge disconnect between the people that were able to attain those things, and me and the people that I associated myself with because it just seemed impossible from where I was.

And going there made me realize that essentially everything is possible. Anything is possible, even for the most unlikely of people.”

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As students enter college, they come from different religious backgrounds. The influence of their parents and home life, good or bad, has an effect on their spiritual lives and the choices they’ll make regarding religion.

“Most young people have a faith that is the faith of their parents,” Burleson said. “That’s a gift, but obviously not enough. Faith has to become our own and we have to separate from parents. The way our parents did or did

not do faith, will impact our journey at this point.”

San Antonio freshman Allie Boykins was not active in church or religion before coming to Baylor. She would occasionally watch church services on T.V. with her mother, but said she did not actively seek a spiritual life until she came to Baylor.

Boykins went to church with her roommates and realized she wanted to explore more in her spiritual life.

“Since coming to college I’ve seen religion and spirituality differently,” said Boykins, “I didn’t expect this, but it’s been surprising how much I’ve grown.”

Although a parent’s Christian influence is usually a foundation for students as they deepen their faith and seek a spiritual life at Baylor, there are those students who are seeking a lifestyle independent from their parents’ views or Christianity as a whole.

“Some students will use their college freedom to rebel against parental beliefs or simply to “experiment” a bit with different beliefs they encounter,” Horton said.

Tucson, Ariz., senior Erik Bamberg has experienced a change in religious views since his arrival at Baylor. “But my spiritual journey, independent of my church’s and parents’ ideas, was completely personal,” Bamberg said.

“I inquired of others, and learned much, but ultimately my ideas were something I discovered myself.” Knowledge became the biggest factor in his decision to part from his parents’ Christian views and begin searching for his own values and beliefs.

“My religious practices were very strict,” Bamberg said. “That included diet, worship practices and a lot of sheltering of ‘worldly’ ideas and media.

Looking at the history of the Bible and the history of the church, it is apparent to me that the level of truth claimed in the narrative of Jesus and friends is completely fraudulent.”

The institute also found that “despite their increasing interest

in spiritual matters, most students (59.7 percent) report that their professors never ‘encouraged discussions of religious/spiritual matters,’ and only 19.6 percent report that their professors ‘frequently encouraged exploration of questions of meaning and purpose’ (52.4 percent ‘occasionally’ encouraged such exploration and 28.0 percent ‘never’ encouraged it).”

In Bamberg’s experience, Baylor has not been encouraging of his discussion of spiritual/religious matters.

“Because I see Christianity as an overall negative thing, I can’t really say what Baylor is doing is positive,” Bamberg said.

“I believe that they should be more open to alternative ideas rather than suppressing them, as if to protect their students inside the ‘Baylor Bubble’ from ever learning of anything different.”

Results of the study found that students’ interest in spirituality and exploration of religion is helping students find their own positive values and morals, resulting in universities that are made up of ethically sound students. “This spiritual quest also extends to an ‘ethic of caring,’” according to the institute. Juniors who were interviewed after three years in college rated ‘helping others’ and ‘reducing pain in the world’ as essential and important.

Whether it is students at different universities around the nation or students at Baylor, this search for spirituality is leading students to develop their morals and values, practice caring, compassionate ethics and is allowing them to become better leaders in our society.

“Looking towards the future, we can envision a college educated workforce that is more inclusive and accepting of persons from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds, and at the same time more caring and more collaborative,” Astin said.

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