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Lady Bears Send-Off

Coach Kim Mulkey and the Lady Bears received a cheerful send-off as supporters rally Thursday outside the Waco Regional Airport. Baylor is one of only five schools with both its men and women's teams reaching the Sweet Sixteen. They will play their next game against the University of Tennessee at 11:04 a.m. Saturday in Memphis, Tenn.

Green and Gold Days

Mayor DuPuy recognizes men, women's basketball

BY LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy made a proclamation declaring Friday and Saturday Baylor Green and Gold Days in honor of the double advance of both the Bears and Lady Bears to the Sweet Sixteen Tournament.

"We are trying to get everybody to think green and gold tomorrow," DuPuy said. "We need to paint this town green and gold. Friday and Saturday we just wish for the best. We'll be listening or watching."

DuPuy hopes that this will extend support for Baylor beyond campus.

"We feel sure everybody on Baylor's campus is going to be green and gold," DuPuy said. "We just want to have the rest of the city in green and gold."



DuPuy

DuPuy explained that the city has mailed local schools to encourage those groups to participate in Green and Gold Days as well.

"We need to support them and let them know, and the community needs to let them know, how proud of them we are and the work that they do," DuPuy said.

This is not the first time that DuPuy has encouraged the city to participate in Baylor sports. Aug. 31, 2007, was named College Colors Day, and everyone in the Waco and McLennan County area was

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Teams play different roles in Sweet 16

Baylor no longer underdogs

BY JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

American society tends to attract to the underdog in a competition. Whether it was the 1980 United States hockey team defeating a powerhouse in the Soviet Union, the unknown George Mason University making it to the Final Four in 2006, or the New Orleans Saints' resurgence following Hurricane Katrina, the country becomes captivated by the dark horse.

That was the case for Baylor when two years ago, the team that was just five years removed from one of college sports' most infamous scandals captured an NCAA tournament bid.

With Baylor's success this sea-

son, it is no longer an underdog. However, the Bears have still collected a large following with the novel success.

"We were just in New Orleans, so we're relating to the Saints. They've had some tough years and I know their team was really excited when they were able to give their fans a lot to cheer for," head coach Scott Drew said. "And that's how we feel."

The Baylor squad that everyone empathized for quickly exited in the first round in 2008 when the Bears were walloped by Purdue University, 90-79.

The Bears garnered vast expectations the following season after returning the majority of the team. However, a disastrous conference

slate spoiled the preseason hype.

The squad made a strong post-season run, streaking all the way to the NIT finals where it lost to Penn State University. But this season, everyone predicted Baylor to struggle after losing three, 1,000-point scorers (Curtis Jerrells, Henry Dugat and Kevin Rogers), including the Big 12 coaches, who predicted the Bears to finish 10th in the conference.

"Everything happens for a reason, but at the same time when you know what type of team you have especially as the leader of this team, I took it as disrespect," senior point guard Tweety Carter said. "They

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Seasoned Lady Bears face rematch against Tennessee

BY CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

When the Lady Bears saw that the No. 1 seed in their Memphis Regional was Tennessee, thoughts of a possibly rematch from earlier this season were on everybody's mind. Two wins later, the Lady Bears have one more shot at Pat Summitt and the Lady Volunteers as the teams compete in a Sweet Sixteen matchup this Saturday.

"I think we are much improved. What set us back was the injury to Melissa Jones but the improvement of the players that replaced her on the floor is unbelievable. They are more confident now," coach Kim Mulkey said.

Baylor hopes this time ends differ-

ently than their season opening contest against Tennessee. In that Nov. 15 game, the Lady Bears led 26-24 at halftime but conceded a 14-2 run that sealed the game for the Lady Volunteers, who won 74-65.

Brittney Griner blocked four shots and made nine of 10 free throws as part of her 15 total points, but she committed her fourth foul with 17:29 remaining in the game. With the 6-foot-8 post on the bench, Tennessee racked up 22 points in the paint in the second half compared to 12 in the first 20 minutes.

Now Griner has a whole season of collegiate experience to use on Saturday. Like Mulkey, Griner has seen the change

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Students lobby affordable education in D.C.

BY CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

Student government is lobbying in Washington D.C. this week with Big XII on the Hill to bring more affordable higher education to students.

Jordan Hannah, student body president, said this is a great opportunity for student government to represent Baylor students.

"Our overall goal is to make sure we are presenting student interests to the federal government also, especially with funding," Hannah said.

Baylor sent five representatives to Big XII on the Hill, who were chosen based on previous lobby experience and their involvement in leadership at Baylor. Rochonda Farmer-Neal, governmental relations director at Baylor, chose the representatives.

Farmer-Neal chose Jordan Hannah, student body president; DaNae Couch from Baylor Ambassadors; Katie Jo Baumgardner, legislative relations director, student senator and a member of the Baylor Ambassadors; Logan Snow, student senator and a Baylor Ambassadors member

and Paul Baumgardner, senate finance chair, student senator and Baylor ambassador.

Hannah said the federal level approaches funding differently from local schools.

"At the federal level, they are much more focused on federal funds to all students," Hannah said. "It is more geared, I think, towards making our nation a more educated nation and to be more successful economically."

Katie Joe Baumgardner, who attended the event last year, said Big XII on the Hill was created to unite student government associations for the purpose of get-

ting student support in lobbying about higher education issues.

The event started Tuesday and ended Thursday. It included all of the Big XII schools.

"This is our second year doing Big XII on the Hill. This is a way to bring students to lobby on the national level," Katie Jo said in an e-mail to the Lariat.

Katie Jo said she believes Baylor's representation in Big 12 on the Hill is necessary, especially since Baylor is the only private Christian university in the Big 12.

"We feel that our unique voice should really be represented in lobbying," Katie Jo said.

Hannah said Big 12 on the Hill coincides with the work Student Government has done on campus to address students' concerns about financial aid. According to the Issues of the Week poll, student government does for students concern about financial aid and is one of the greatest worries students' have.

"This is a part of the broad plan to make sure we are making the Baylor education as affordable as possible," Hannah said. "At the Baylor level, that is through Baylor financial aid, but at the

federal level, that is loans — Pell Grants. We just want to make sure the government and our school is doing the best they can to alleviate the financial burden on our students."

Wednesday was 'Big XII Day,' Katie Jo said.

"Student groups are comprised of four to five students, each from a different Big XII university," Katie Jo said. "Each group is assigned meetings with numerous members of Congress, throughout the day. Meetings last approximately thirty min-

utes.

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Professor, student to present research in Hong Kong

BY TORI LIGGETT
REPORTER

A Baylor professor and graduate student were invited to attend the 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development in Hong Kong.

The international social work conference, held in June, will feature more than 2,000 professionals, academics and policy makers in an effort to develop a global social work agenda, ac-

cording to the conference Web site.

Dr. Michael Sherr, director of the Ph.D. program in social work and chair of the institutional review board and Trevor Stephen, a social work graduate student will have the opportunity to present research papers at the conference.

"As a professor and director of the Ph.D. program and social work at the world leading Christian university, I am encouraged to have the opportunity to pres-

ent my research to such a diverse and international group of professionals," Sherr said.

Sherr will present his research and findings from his paper entitled "Prevention of HIV/AIDS with At-Risk Youth: Findings from a Randomized Control Study of Inner City High Schools in Miami, Florida," which is the culmination of three years of research on the topic from a five-year, \$3 million federal grant to evaluate abstinence-based education with at-

risk adolescents.

He will also present his paper on, "Analyzing the Practice Methods of Jane Adams: Lessons for Building Partnerships, Social Capital and a Global Civil Societies."

Sherr spent 2005 researching social worker Jane Adams in depth. He said he reviewed her handwritten letters and speeches to help him discover the methods she used in her work.

He focused on four methods that Adams used in her social

work. He found that Adams developed a diverse network of relationships and saw people for who they were no matter what their status in life was. She also created opportunities to bring people together to take action and became the type of volunteer that knew when to lead and when to follow.

Sherr said Adams' methods can be used anywhere. Adams' life displayed how social work and relationships in community help move people to a unified

action.

Stephen, who is also a student of Truett Theological Seminary, will accompany Sherr to the conference and present his own research on culture.

Stephen will be presenting with two other students from other schools on the organization of culture from three different perspectives. Stephen said the team will be looking at

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APPLICANTS



Hamilton College should earn praise for becoming need blind

Editorial

At a time when college tuition rates are on the rise and many families are struggling under the financial burden, Hamilton College in upstate New York has announced its decision to move to a need-blind admissions policy.

Colleges that are need-blind vow to admit applicants without consideration as to their ability to pay, relying solely on their merit qualifications.

This is a refreshing change from many universities that show preference to applicants who can pay out of pocket for tuition rather than depending on financial aid. While this step may be risky, Hamilton College is taking an admirable stance in its decision to assist students with footing their academic bill, regardless of financial status.

This fall's freshman class will be the first admitted under the new policy. Dean of Admissions Monica Inzer told the New York Times that when the financial aid budget ran out in the past, some academically qualified students would be cut from admissions based on their inability to pay Hamilton's estimated \$50,000 total cost per year. Other potential students who wouldn't require aid were then admitted in their place.

Rather than continue this unfair practice, Hamilton is pledging to do what it takes to meet the financial aid needs of every qualified student. Students should be admitted to a university based on their academic merit, not on their ability to pay. By leveling the playing field, Hamilton is ensuring that more students have the opportunity to receive a quality higher-level education.

"We are taking this step now to make a bold statement about what we value as a college and to position Hamilton for the long term," said Chairman of the Board of Trustees A.G. Lafley. "Protecting our legacy as a school of opportunity is our highest priority. We are fortunate to have the resources to meet this objective, because it's the right thing to do for Hamilton."

In a nation where education reform is being hashed out in Congress and the education system seems to be in constant limbo, it is steps like these that individual institutions can take to ensure quality education for more deserving students. It is time that elite private colleges stop relying on the children of more privileged classes to sustain their student base. By pledging to

become need blind, Hamilton will be on the road to attracting a wider range of students.

Current need-blind colleges and universities that also meet the full demonstrated need of each accepted student include all of the colleges in the Ivy League, Duke, Georgetown and the University of Chicago, along with liberal arts colleges such as Amherst, Bowdoin, Middlebury and Wesleyan.

What is notable about Hamilton's decision to join these ranks is the fact that, while wealthier than some private colleges, it doesn't have a multibillion-dollar endowment already established like most institutions that are need blind and meet the full need of every accepted student. Hamilton has recognized that its new admissions policy will be costly at first, and has planned to raise \$40 million as a permanent endowment.

Hamilton College should be applauded for its efforts to make itself accessible to any student who qualifies for admission. Although they may not currently be able to make the same pledge, other education institutions should take note of Hamilton and focus their attitudes about admissions along the same lines.

America's two-parties: The remains of a broken system

BY THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN
NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST

President Barack Obama's winning passage of national health care is both exhilarating and sobering. Covering so many uninsured Americans is a historic achievement. But the president had to postpone trips, buy off companies and cut every conceivable side deal to just barely make it happen, without a single Republican vote. If the Democrats now lose seats in the midterm elections, we're headed for even worse gridlock, even though we still have so much more nation-building for America to do — from education to energy to environment to innovation to tax policy. That is why I want my own Tea Party. I want a Tea Party of the radical center.

Say what? I write often about innovation in energy and education. But I've come to realize that none of these innovations will emerge at scale until we get the most important innovation of all — political innovation that will empower independents and centrists, which describes a lot of the country.

Larry Diamond, a Stanford University democracy expert, put it best: "If you don't get governance right, it is very hard to get anything else right that government needs to deal with. We have to rethink in some basic ways how our political institutions work, because they are increasingly incapable of delivering effective solutions any longer."

My definition of broken is simple. It is a system in which Republicans will be voted out for doing the right thing (raising taxes when needed) and Democrats will be voted out for doing the right thing (cutting services when needed). When your political system punishes lawmakers for doing the right things, it is broken.

That is why we need political innovation

that takes America's disempowered radical center and enables it to act in proportion to its true size, unconstrained by the two parties, interest groups and orthodoxies that have tied our politics in knots.

The radical center is "radical" in its desire for a radical departure from politics as usual. It advocates: raising taxes to close our budgetary shortfalls, but doing so with a spirit of equity and social justice; guaranteeing that every American is covered by health insurance, but with market reforms to really bring down costs; legally expanding immigration to attract more job-creators to America's shores; increasing corporate tax credits for research and lowering corporate taxes if companies will move more manufacturing jobs back onshore; investing more in our public schools, while insisting on rising national education standards and greater accountability for teachers, principals and parents; massively investing in clean energy, including nuclear, while allowing more offshore drilling in the transition. You get the idea.

How best to promote these hybrid ideas? Break the oligopoly of our two-party system. Diamond suggests two innovations. First, let every state emulate California's recent grass-roots initiative that took away the power to design congressional districts from the state Legislature and put it in the hands of an independent, politically neutral Citizens Redistricting Commission. It will go to work after the 2010 census and reshape California's congressional districts for the 2012 elections. Henceforth, districts in California will not be designed to be automatically Democratic or Republican — so more of them will be competitive, so more candidates will only be electable if they appeal to the center, not just cater to one party.

Second, get states to adopt "alternative voting." One reason independent why

third-party, centrist candidates cannot get elected is because if, in a three-person race, a Democrat votes for an independent, and the independent loses, the Democrat fears his vote will have actually helped the Republican win, or vice versa. Alternative voting allows you to rank the independent candidate your No. 1 choice, and the Democrat or Republican No. 2. Therefore, if the independent does not win, your vote is immediately transferred to your second choice, say, the Democrat. Therefore, you have no fear that in voting for an independent you might help elect your real nightmare — the Republican.

Nothing has held back the growth of independent, centrist candidates more, said Diamond, "than the fear that if you vote for one of them you will be wasting your vote. Alternative voting, which Australia has, can overcome that."

Obama won the presidency by tapping the center — centrist Democrats, independents and Republicans who wanted to see nation-building at home "to make their own lives and those of others better," said Tim Shriver, the CEO of the Special Olympics. They saw in Obama a pragmatist who could pull us together for pragmatic solutions. But hyperpartisanship has frustrated those hopes. (Alas, though, it is not equal. There are still many conservative Blue Dog Democrats, but the liberal Rockefeller Republicans have been wiped out.) If that radical center wants to be empowered, it can't just whine. It needs its own grass-roots movement to promote reforms like nonpartisan redistricting and alternative voting in every state. It's tea time for the center.

Thomas L. Friedman won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, his third Pulitzer for The New York Times. He became the paper's foreign-affairs columnist in 1995.

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Altruism and its why's

Point of View

BY MELANIE CROWSON



Random acts of kindness have become rarities, according to our pessimistic society. Many students participate in service activities for the sake of beefing up resumes and earning brownie points.

Random acts of kindness, where have you gone? Driven out of the hearts of many, replaced by daily concerns of social life, financial burdens or kindness that is tainted with ulterior motives.

Kindness seems to be spat upon, to be something of which to take advantage. With the recent crime against a Baylor student due to his efforts to be kind, the community is further shrinking from altruism for fear of danger.

I recently encountered a random-act-of-kindness-but-not-really while in Chicago. My friend and I had just arrived

from the airport into the "L," or subway system, and we needed to switch lines.

A man grabbed my friend's suitcase, telling her that he'd carry it up the flights of stairs for her; she hesitantly accepted. We proceeded up stairs, down a long tunnel, up more stairs — all the while the friendly man was talking about TV shows. When we arrived to the platform of the new subway line, he put down her giant suitcase and said, "Now give me a sandwich."

She was shocked. I wasn't. "I don't have a sandwich, sir," she replied, her blue eyes wide with fear. "Well," he said, "Can you give me like five dollars or somethin' so I can get me a sandwich? I'm really hungry." She stared at him, shaking her head, replying, "I ... I don't have any money to give." (She actually had about \$500 in her wallet but did not want to give him a 20 and expect change.)

He stood there, gave her a sad but menacing look and walked back down the stairs from which we had come.

Random acts of kindness, where have you gone? What constitutes as a random act of kindness, anyway? Altruism is a great commonality between the major religions of humanity, from Buddhism to Islam to Christianity to Judaism. There must be something significant about that.

I have a list, it is very long. It consists of my personal life goals — things to do and/or accomplish before I am called Home. One of the entries is:

"do at least one random act of kindness every day." I have tried my hand at it and remain consistent — giving small gifts, doing small favors, flashing smiles to strangers, giving encouraging words to those who need them, and just being nice to those around me. Not judging. Not saying unkind things. I have even walked two old ladies around a slippery corner in the rain so they would not fall. Seriously. And I smiled for the rest of the day, happy in the serendipity that kindness brings about.

But I still have the feeling that my efforts are not enough. If I were really taking altr-

ism seriously, I would sell all of my possessions and give the money to the poor. But who is really willing to do such a thing? Honestly, that is also on my list of goals. I think ridding oneself of material objects would be quite liberating — less to carry in life. After all, we can't take these things with us in death.

People appreciate kindness, but no ordinary person is ever really commended for it. I do not think this is a necessity anyway. Fame for kindness, these are the likes of Mother Theresa and Oprah, whose charitable efforts have made them into icons. But must charity or altruism be commended and praised by humanity in order for it to be significant? Is that the prize for most people — being recognized and praised?

I hope not. Kindness should be done for the sake of kindness, not for fame or glory. I think both Mother Theresa and Oprah have been great examples of this as well. Oprah has given money and Mother Theresa gave her whole life to serve others and it was not for show, but to set the example of how humanity needs to be.

One person can make a difference. I can touch the lives of many just by being kind, but for what purpose? Just to be nice? Honestly, being nice to others just for the sake of being nice does bring joy to the heart, even if others are bitter enough to assume you are a fake.

I know many people who are like that and it saddens me. A few of them are friends or acquaintances. But I have been trying to be nice for the sake of kindness since I was kid, and I don't plan on stopping now because of the pessimism of others.

When you consider treating others as you would like to be treated, or are juggling with the possibility of taking on "pay it forward," ask yourself: Why am I being nice? What can I do to love others? Am I doing this as a means to a favorable end result for me or for the other person?

And, will this person accept my kindness or expect more? There is too much bitterness in the world and the kindness of others is something rare but significant. People need to hope for kindness, need to care for it and the possibilities lie within it.

Kindness is more than a shiny resume or praise from your peers, but cautionary tales seem to be the winning theme of kindness to others — being kind means making yourself vulnerable.

As we continue to grow not only as humans but also as humans with religion and ethics, altruism must be a great consideration. Will it define you as a person or make you wish later in life that you had done more of it?

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Art students win choice award for works

BY JAMES BLAKE EWING
REPORTER

Art students gathered Thursday night at The Martin Museum of Art in anticipation, hoping to see their work on display.

Last night the art department opened The Annual Art Student and Studio Faculty Exhibition at The Martin Museum of Art.

"It's always in the back of your mind. It always feels good to walk in and see your piece on the pedestal," Houston junior Chris Bhai, one of the winners, said.

Art students are required to submit a work each year to the exhibit.

"The work has to have been done in an art class in the last year," Karin Gilliam, director of The Martin Museum of Art, said.

In addition to the students' work, studio faculty is also invited to submit work. It wasn't until the opening reception that was held last night that students discovered whether or not their work made it in.

"There was a good deal of hype and anticipation," Houston

junior James Andras, one of the winners, said.

A juror, in this case Bill Wiman, professor emeritus of art from the University of Texas at Austin,

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Bill Wiman
Juror of the art exhibition

chose from the 220 initial student submissions down to 80 pieces to be displayed today.

Wiman has juried student exhibits and art societies for 35 years.

He came to Waco on Friday to pick the 80 student pieces on display.

"I think it's important to me to be open to all ideas in this community ... and pick the best works from those ideas," Wiman said.

Wiman says some of the more

interesting pieces addressed questions of personal identity.

"I found those pieces to be very interesting. They were some of the more sincere pieces," Wiman said.

Of the 80 student pieces on display, seven of the pieces won a juror's choice award and the students received a \$100 awards.

Wiman said when selecting the seven winning pieces, he was looking for "uniqueness and technical proficiency" as well as a "powerful artistic statement."

"It is a strong program. There really shouldn't be 80 good pieces but there are," Wiman said.

Wiman was particularly impressed with the works of life drawing and sculpture students.

"I had a pretty good feeling about my Brontosaurus Tripod," Irving senior Andy Pottkotter, one of the winners, said.

Some of the pieces on display are also for sale.

The museum has a list of over 60 works that are available for sale and all of the money goes directly to the artist.

The exhibit will be open until April 14th.



MATTHEW HELLMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Springtown freshman Catherine Young and Waco freshman James Padlock view the exhibit prior to the reception and awards ceremony for the annual Art Student & Studio Faculty Exhibition held Thursday evening in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center.

Baylor to participate in worldwide Earth Hour

BY HOGAN ALLCORN
REPORTER

Baylor and the World Wildlife Fund are teaming up Saturday for Earth Hour, an event where thousands of landmark buildings around the world turn off their lights for one hour.

Members of the Baylor maintenance crew and Baylor employees who work at Pat Neff Hall will turn off all of the inside and outside lights of the historic building from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Baylor Sustainability Coordinator Smith Geterman was in charge of committing Baylor University to Earth Hour.

"We chose Pat Neff because it is Baylor's most iconic building," Geterman said. "I think it's one thing that people identify Baylor as. We really wanted to make an

impact for the first time we are doing it and show that Baylor is behind this movement about conserving energy."

Pat Neff joins worldwide landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Vegas Strip, Big Ben and the Empire State Building.

"For me personally, that's kind of my motivation," Geterman said. "Just think about all of the thousands of occupants and all of the offices in the Empire State Building. If they can coordinate to turn off the entire Empire State Building, then Baylor can coordinate to turn off one building."

Australia's World Wildlife Fund created Earth Hour in 2007 to spread awareness about climate change. According to U.S. Managing Director of Earth Hour Leslie Aun, a staggering two

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Leslie Aun
U.S. Managing Director of Earth Hour

million people, 10 percent of the country, participated in inaugural Earth Hour.

"The WWF is the organization with all the pandas and we

try to save all of the animals and stuff," Aun said lightheartedly. "Climate change is one of the main reasons that so many animals are in danger. That's why Earth Hour was initially created."

This year, more than 130 cities and 31 states in the U.S. are participating in Earth Hour, along with 3,100 cities worldwide. Celebrities such as Tom Brady, Edward Norton, Leona Lewis and Steve Nash have given their endorsements through public service announcements to support the event.

Houston, Dallas and Austin are just some of the cities in Texas that are turning out lights in the global event. Committed to the event in Texas alone are 138 businesses, 46 organizations and 55 schools. Assistant to the

Vice President for Finance and Administration Dorynda Brock is one of the Baylor employees who will be doing her job this weekend at Pat Neff.

"I'm already doing this at home and it's great to bring that into the work place," Brock said. "Everyone here is on the recycling kick and we all try to turn off lights and computer monitors when they are not needed."

Brock said that every staff member who works at Pat Neff was notified of the event via email and is encouraged to do his or her part.

While the WWF's Earth Hour is saving electricity, Aun said that its purpose is symbolic.

"Turning off every light in the world for one hour isn't going to do much," Aun said. "What it will do is make a statement on

how serious Americans are taking the climate change. Even people who don't care about the Green Movement should still care about saving electricity because of the cost."

Baylor Facility Services Web site notes that Baylor spends over \$9.5 million on electricity per year.

Also, over 25,000 light bulbs are changed per year, which is the same as SMU.

According to Geterman, it costs Baylor an estimated \$60 every time a classroom's lights are left on over night.

If we can turn Pat Neff off for an entire hour, the hopefully students, faculty and staff members will see that they have no excuse in not turning off a light whenever leaving a classroom or office," Smith said.

Baylor students to attend virtual social work event

BY SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Four graduate students in the School of Social Work will be attending the 2010 Student Social Work Congress, a virtual event, April 22-23. The event will work in conjunction with the 2010 Social Work Congress.

Eric Bean, Kate Bean, Kari Stelzer and Emily Mathew will be the students representing Baylor at the SSWC. Each of them is currently participating in an internship: Eric Bean with Bread for the World, Kate Bean with Salvation Army National Headquarters, Kari Stelzer with Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and Mathew with the National Institute of Health.

Eric Bean said the 400 social work professionals at the event would be considering the direction that social work is taking, and that the 400 social work students participating in the SSWC

will get to voice their opinions on some of the same topics.

"They're going to get together and come up with what the profession as a whole is going to be doing and lobbying congress for, as far as where the profession is going," Eric Bean said. "While that is going on, there will be a virtual event. This virtual event will be for 400 BSW and MSW students. Students will vote on the imperatives created by the 2010 Social Work Congress, and we will also create one imperative as a class, per class and then that will be included in the final congress report – the final list of what the profession as a whole will be trying to lobby for in the next ten years."

Kate Bean said she feels that the Social Work Congress holds importance because it helps others to see the impact of social work.

"It's important because social workers impact millions of

"It's important because social workers impact millions of lives on a daily basis, yet are not always given due credit for the work they accomplish."

Kate Bean
Graduate student of social work

lives on a daily basis, yet are not always given due credit for the work that they accomplish," she said, "so I think this congress is important to bring to light the impact that social workers have on our nation."

Stelzer said being able to participate in the congress virtually would allow a more diverse group of social work students to be reached.

"Technology has come such a long way and we have so many

benefits from it," Stelzer said. "If you think back before the possibility of watching a congress being streamed live, that limits the amount of people who can have a say, but by being able to participate through a virtual environment, we're being able to reach so much further and have input from a variety of people experiencing social work in different ways as well as interacting with a variety of populations, because social work isn't about just one setting."

"Everywhere you look there's probably social work involved and it's important to have that rounded voice. Overall, it's going to give a more inclusive voice to our future," Stelzer said.

Eric Bean said he is glad students are being included in the conference and that he is interested to see what the members of the congress expect for the future of social work.

"Technology has come such a long way and we have so many

"I think it's an honor to be

asked to do it and I think that it is great that the profession as a whole is interested in the perspective of social work students since we are the future professionals," Eric Bean said. "And I'm just looking forward to seeing what other professionals think about where the profession is going as a whole for the future and because this internship that I'm doing now has really given me a completely different perspective on social work. I am learning how important it is to advocate for ourselves as individuals in addition to advocating for other people; that as a profession we need to learn to advocate for the betterment of the profession, to be a recognized profession, to receive the same amount of recognition that other professions get."

Mathew said she hopes the congress will help social workers use their skills in other areas, so that they can advocate for greater groups of clients.

"I think my main focus would be not just for the development of the profession, but more of the way our work impacts everything else," Mathew said. "Through the congress, I'm hoping it gives more room for social workers to get outside of their field. I don't want people to be limited by their social work degree, but that it opens up avenues in the government or in the executive administrative areas, that they get to advocate for more clients than they just directly work with."

Mathew said she wants social workers to be able to help clients like the ones she sees everyday at her internship — clients who legitimately need medical insurance or government aid, but can't seem to get it.

"I'm hoping that social workers can make a difference for those people, because they're the ones who need a voice, the ones who are stuck in between," Mathew said.

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Dance Company to hit the stage this weekend

BY JAMES BYERS
REPORTER

Erin Cothran, a member of the Baylor Dance Company, has a confession.

"I have these little people that dance in my head all the time," said Cothran, a Deer Park sophomore.

But Cothran isn't crazy. She just has a talent for choreographing dances.

Visualizing the movements of dancers in her mind was the first step that Cothran took when choreographing "Dearly Loved," a song written by Christian musician Jimmy Needham.

Students will have an opportunity to see "Dearly Loved," and 16 other dances, when the Dance Company presents its annual spring showcase at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Jones Theater. Tickets to the showcase are \$5 at the door.

Cothran said she'd been waiting for a chance to choreograph "Dearly Loved," and the showcase provided the perfect occasion.

After listening to the song many times, she began to visualize and choreograph the middle sections of the song.

The beginning and end of the song were the last parts she choreographed.

"I don't like the beginning of

dances," Cothran said. "So I wait and see how the dancers react to the choreography before I decide whether to make the beginning difficult or simple."

The dance style of "Dearly Loved" is lyrical, which means the movement of the dancers matches the meaning of the song.

"The point of it is to convey God's love for people," said Cothran. "I told my girls to dance as if they were listening to a song about Christ."

A variety of dance styles will be performed at the showcase. Along with lyrical, the Dance Company will also perform ballet, jazz, modern and hip-hop dances.

Guest performers at the showcase include the Latin Dance Society, Swing Dance Society, Joy's School of Dance and the advanced tap dance class in the theater arts department.

But the showcase is mainly an opportunity for the Dance Company, a group of 18 girls, to show off the dances they've been rehearsing and perfecting since January.

Houston junior Jazzmine Woodard choreographed two pieces, a group dance to "Pretty Wings" by R&B musician Maxwell, and a solo dance to "Come Home" by the band OneRepublic.

Woodard said she often im-



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This weekend, Baylor Dance Company members will perform a routine they have been rehearsing since January for audiences at Jones Theater.

provises when performing solo.

"You have a much greater range of movement when you're choreographing yourself," she said. "Sometimes I don't really know what's going to come out until I dance."

Becoming a member of the Baylor Dance Company, which

was formed five years ago, is no easy task. Prospective members must first audition before a panel of judges. This year about 50 girls auditioned and less than half were selected for the Dance Company. All members except officers must re-audition each year.

According to Albuquerque,

N.M., junior Abbie Ricks, Dance Company president, the selectivity guarantees that all the dancers are on a similar skill level. Many of the girls, including Ricks, have been dancing since they were 3 years old.

"The reason I really love [dancing] is because I can let go,

release all of my emotions and challenge my body to do things that it wouldn't normally do," Ricks said. "I'm not an artistic person. I don't draw and I don't paint. Dancing is my artwork."

Cothran, the organization's treasurer, finds similar solace in dance.

"I don't talk about my emotions very much, so dancing has always been my release," she said. "Some people like sports and hitting people. I just like to dance."

When the members aren't rehearsing for the showcase, they attend recreational dance classes taught by the organization's sponsors.

To build group chemistry, members often dine out after class or congregate at a member's apartment to watch "So You Think You Can Dance."

The showcase this weekend is the Dance Company's biggest event of the year, but the girls will also perform at Chapel, Spring Premiere and Diadeloso.

Ricks said she's hoping for a strong turnout at the showcase despite the fact that many students will be traveling to Houston to watch the men's basketball team play in the NCAA tournament.

"If there are 20 people, or 200, we'll still perform exactly the same way," she said.

Antioch brings Biblical parable to life

BY RACQUEL JOSEPH
REPORTER

"Children's pastor. Mobster. It's a great mix," Sean Dunn said.

Dunn has been the children's pastor at Antioch Community Church for six and a half years, but is now taking on a new role in service to the church.

Dunn is one of the cast members of "Sons of the Field," Antioch's Easter musical production. He is playing a character that he describes as "a lovable mobster - if a mobster can be lovable."

"Sons of the Field" will be performed at Antioch at 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The production is a creative interpretation of the parable of the prodigal son that will attempt to make a universal storyline even more relatable.

"It's a fresh take; not like it's un-fresh in the Bible," said Robert Fuller, college worship pastor and co-writer of the script with Fred Nelson, the District Zone Pastor.

"Everyone can identify with the story," Fuller said. "Everyone has a journey of returning to the

father, which of course represents God."

Fuller has been involved with the production of the church's Christmas and Easter musicals for the past ten years.

Fuller said that this interpretation of the prodigal son takes place in the 1920s, which he calls a fun period in history.

This version of the Biblical story of the father and his two sons was updated to take place on a farm in a Midwestern town and in the excitement of Panama City.

Fuller began writing the story last May with Nelson.

After a host of rewrites, by fall Fuller and Nelson assembled leadership teams to direct, produce and handle the technical aspects of the play.

Auditions for roles were held

in January and since then, rehearsals have been held weekly.

"I think the youngest [actor] is probably 8 years old and the oldest is probably 70," Fuller said, demonstrating the congregation's level of participation.

With a large cast the logistics of putting on a play in a church can be complicated for the minds

involved in the planning of the production.

"We always have issues of there not being enough backstage space, especially with a cast of 30. And there are no huge sets because we don't have enough space for them," said Erin Rambo, adjunct professor in the theater arts department at Baylor. Rambo is also the co-director of "Sons of the Fields" with Antioch member Sherrae Cornett.

But despite challenges, the cast and crew make adjustments and the show goes on.

"It's definitely a collaborative process," Rambo said.

Getting the church involved is one of the goals of the production.

Fuller said creating the play gives people the ability to use their gifting.

From music, editing, acting, lighting and publicity, every role possible is filled with members of church staff and the congregation.

However, the primary goal of the production is to advance the ministry of Antioch.

"Our bottom line goal for doing this isn't just to have fun en-

tertainment," Fuller said.

"Different people are reached in different ways. Something about a story... it changes people."

The original choice of the prodigal son was based in the demonstrative power of parables and in the hope of bringing people into the church.

"If it's a play, a musical, it's a hook and the next thing you know, they're impacted by truth," Fuller said.

The hard work of the congregation is completed in hopes of affecting the audience with the words of Jesus while entertaining them with a little old-fashioned song and dance.

Fuller also works to retain the meaning of the story.

"Although I want it to be good and the best it can be as a production, the most important thing is the message: the lost being found," she said.

Admission for "Sons of the Field" is free, not just to members of Antioch but to the public, as well. Spanish translation of the production is provided, and childcare is available for all showings beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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2 (1 ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs, beaten
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1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Grease and flour a 9x9 inch pan.

In a microwave oven, melt shortening and chocolate together,

stirring frequently until smooth. Set aside to cool.

In a medium bowl, blend together the sugar, eggs, applesauce and vanilla until smooth.

Stir in the chocolate mixture. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt, gradually stir into the chocolate mixture.

Spread evenly into the prepared pan.

Bake for 35 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

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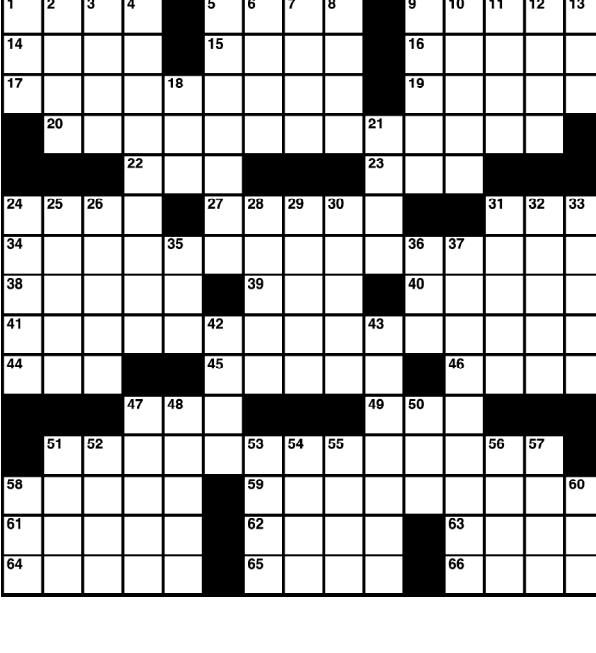
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Softball opens Big 12 slate against No. 15 Cowgirls

BY MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

An already battle-worn No. 23-ranked Baylor softball team opens conference play this weekend as it travels to Stillwater, Okla., to take on No. 16 Oklahoma State University.

Enduring the season-ending injury of its ace Whitney Canion as well as the growing pains that come from a new, young No. 1 on the mound, the 19-8 squad enters the Big 12 slate with a determination to keep on fighting.

"We just have to treat it like our back is in the corner and come out scratching and clawing," head coach Glenn Moore said. "Prior to Big 12 is really to prepare you for Big 12. I'm not really happy with the way we're finishing non-conference, but I'm always excited to start Big 12, because the level of competition is always consistent."

The Lady Bears have seen a wide range of competition in non-conference play, but have faced their fair share of ranked opponents in contests with No. 2 Arizona, No. 6 UCLA, No. 22 Ohio State and No. 24 Louisville.

Moore believes these matchups have prepared his hitters for what they will see in Big 12 pitchers as a whole as well as this weekend against an Oklahoma State squad that has posted a 27-7 record.

"(Anna) Whiddon), their No. 1 pitcher, now a senior, lost a lot of games in the late portions of the games over the years, that now, she is winning," Moore said. "That leadership they are gaining gives them an advantage."

Though he will be starting a freshman in Courtney Repka against a seasoned pitcher, Moore knows that his young starter needs to lead like a senior, and better yet, he knows she is capable of it.

"The team will lose confidence if she continues to walk batters," he said. "To earn the respect of the team, it's not a matter of get-



MATTHEW HELLMAN | LARIAT STAFF

Freshman pitcher Courtney Repka winds up to pitch against Prairie View A&M on March 2. Repka has inherited ace role since the decision to sit Whitney Canion for the rest of the year because of injury.

ting hit occasionally, it's a matter of giving us a chance. She doesn't give them a chance when she gives free passes to the bases.

"The kid has good control. She only walked six batters her whole senior year (of high school)."

Senior Nicole Wesley voiced her confidence in her pitcher as well as the team's responsibility to supply the runs she needs to win games.

"As long as we step up, and she feels comfortable with her team behind her, supporting her and scoring runs for her, then she is going to be an amazing pitcher," the Shreveport, La., native said.

When it comes to providing run support, Wesley has set the pace. Her .468 average is No. 1 in the Big 12 among hitters with more than 10 at-bats.

Her twin sister Tiffany has not been far behind, posting a

.402 average of her own. Often times, the pair leads off the order, Tiffany batting first and Nicole second.

"The big thing is that regardless of where they are in the line-up they are producing and producing in a phenomenal way," Moore said. "To hit above .400 is All-America numbers. Having them back-to-back, I like that combination. Right now those two are setting the table."

As for the sisters themselves, they enjoy leading off together.

"I definitely like us together at one-two," Tiffany said. "We actually hit that way in high school. It's kind of like the good old days, and I feel like we can definitely start the game out well being in the one and two holes."

"I can start the game off with a little power, and she can come behind me and either bunt me over or she has the power as well."

"When she started playing



DANIEL CERNERO | LARIAT STAFF

Senior Lenka Broosova sends a backhand across the net during Thursday night's 4-0 victory against SMU. The No. 5-ranked player defeated Marta Lesniak 6-2, 6-1.

Lady Bears win in-state tussle

BY DANIEL CERNERO
REPORTER

The No. 7-ranked women's tennis team shut out in-state rival SMU 4-0 Thursday behind a courageous effort from No. 5-ranked senior Lenka Broosova at the No. 1 position.

After struggling with a fever the night before, Broosova faced off against No. 29-ranked Marta Lesniak for the Lady Mustangs.

At the beginning, the match was close with each player exchanging points. Then, Broosova made the most of pivotal points in the match to take the lead.

"I've been sick, and I knew I had to focus on important points to make my life easier so that I didn't have to play three sets," Broosova said.

Once gaining the lead, Broosova didn't let up, finishing off Lesniak in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

With the win, Filipiak now holds a singles record of 10-3 this

season.

No. 18-ranked sophomore Nina Secerbegovic locked up the win for Baylor, pushing her season record to a perfect 16-0.

Secerbegovic started the match down 0-3, but then rallied off 11-straight games to win in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1.

"I was really scared that this was the match I was going to lose," Secerbegovic said. "But then I thought about the match against USC (against No. 20-ranked Alison Ramos), and in the third set I was also down 0-3 and then I came back."

The win over SMU concluded a four-match home-stand that began with taking down No. 4-ranked North Carolina nearly two weeks ago. Next, the Lady Bears travel to Austin to take on the Longhorns. Texas has been the closest competitor to Baylor in recent years, being one of two Big 12 teams to beat the Lady Bears in the past five years.

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Baylor one of five schools with both teams in Sweet 16



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We're talking about practice

Baylor senior point guard Tweety Carter (No. 45) converses with head coach Scott Drew during Thursday afternoon's practice at Reliant Stadium in Houston. Carter and the Bears take on St. Mary's College in the South Regional semifinal game today at 6:27 p.m.

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didn't give us any respect coming in this season, and it's something that you've got to take ... At the same time it comes up in the back of your mind, and we got to go out there and show them why we're better than 10th."

Drew's squad quickly announced its presence to the Big 12 and then the rest of college basketball, generating waves as a team that could be a serious contender. When the NCAA tournament bracket released March 14, the 3-seeded Bears were no longer considered an underdog. As a matter of fact, several large media outlets predicted Baylor to advance to the Final Four.

"I think the Bears have just as good a chance as any team in the South to emerge and play in Indianapolis on the first weekend of April," ESPN.com blogger Eamonn Brennan posted on March 16.

The Bears have been in unfa-

miliar territory throughout the NCAA tournament compared to other years, as they have been favorites in their matchups against double-digit seeded opponents throughout the tournament.

However, the team embraces its newly adopted role as a fore-runner.

"You know, that's what we came to this program for, to be a part of something special," Carter said in a press conference Thursday. "But at the same time, we've got a big game tomorrow and we've just got to stay focused. Get ready for that game and take one game at a time."

While the Bears have detached from the underdog role, there may not be a bigger Cinderella team in the tournament than St. Mary's College, Baylor's opponent tonight in the regional semifinal at Reliant Stadium.

Led by media darling Omar Samhan, the Gaels have wooed over America for their gritty, fundamental style of play. Sam-

han has averaged 30.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per in the first two tournament games, but he is also surrounded by the nation's fifth-best 3-point shooting team.

Still, Baylor is the distinct favorite to advance because of its height advantage and the leadership from Tweety Carter and LaceDarius Dunn. However, that doesn't faze Samhan.

"We're definitely the underdog and don't get a lot of respect," Samhan said Thursday. "People think we should be scared for some reason, because we don't play in gyms this size, because we don't have McDonald's All Americans on our team."

"I don't even think I'm saying anything crazy. We don't need McDonald's All Americans to win. We don't need a huge gym to win. We're 11 guys that work hard and play hard together. I think that's what I want America to know and everybody to know, that we are America's team."

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between the Lady Bears in November and now.

"I just feel like we have grown so much together as a team and that the chemistry on the team is good. We have everybody back now and we are playing good so I just feel like we will have a better outcome this game," Griner said.

At the beginning of the season, Mulkey expressed the problems she had with designing plays that her team, giving significant playing time to four freshmen, could successfully run. Some players may have run a particular play correctly, she said, but the five players on the floor had not yet developed cohesion.

Making things more complicated was the zone defense almost all teams ran against Baylor. While the Lady Bears were still learning Mulkey's offense, opponents took away Baylor's bread-and-butter option by double and triple-teaming Griner under the basket.

"The way that we attacked the zone (against Tennessee), we didn't know what we were doing. We have seen (the zone) tons of times now and how we attack the zone is so much better," Mulkey said.

Meanwhile, Summitt's squad has already suffered its growing pains last season. Like this year's Baylor team, last year's Tennessee was inexperienced and had three freshmen and a sophomore starting in its first round NCAA tournament loss to Ball State.

The Lady Volunteers returned stronger for their 2009-2010 campaign, as three returning starters, Angie Bjorklund, Shekinna Stricklen and Kelley Cain now lead their team in scoring.

Bjorklund and Cain present an especially difficult challenge with Bjorklund's outside shooting (100 of 233 from beyond the arc for 43 percent) and Cain's 6-foot-6 stature.

"Kelley has been a go-to player in the paint for us. Shekinna has taken on the role of point guard and really made a difference. Angie has an excellent skill set and has made some very big shots for us and has become one of our best defenders," Summitt said after those three players were named finalists for the State Farm Coaches All-America Team.

Baylor battles back with its inside-outside attack of Griner and Melissa Jones. Despite missing 13 games this season, Jones has still knocked down a team-

high 22 3-pointers and can hit a mid-range jumper when defenses collapse down to Griner.

The Lady Bears' supporting cast also factors into the team's victory chances. Junior point guard Kelli Griffin, responsible for setting up the offense on the court, moved into third place among all Big 12 players with her 1.99 assist to turnover ratio. Morgan Medlock hauled in 16 rebounds against Georgetown and looks to do everything she can to further her senior season.

"I think (I do) get into a rhythm. I just have this thought in my head that I am going to go and get everything that comes off of the glass," Medlock said.

Saturday may become a home game for Tennessee with the FedEx Forum located in Memphis and many Baylor fans opting for the shorter drive to support the men's team in Houston. Regardless, the Lady Bears' goal remains clear to Jones and her team.

"We are clearly going to be outnumbered in terms of fan base but we still have a lot of fans going up to (Memphis) from our side as well. It is just going to be like any other game. We just want to get to a Final Four and a national championship game," Jones said.

Work ethic has yielded success for Bedell

BY JEREMY JOSEPH

REPORTER

Some call her "Coach Erin." Coach Clyde Hart calls her Bedazzle, but the one thing everyone calls senior Erin Bedell is a hard worker.

"She is very no nonsense, and she is one of the hardest workers that I've ever coached," Baylor track and field coach Todd Harbo said.

Bedell enters her last year of competition looking to continue her strong career. She finished the 2009 track season as an All-American and earned All-Midwest Region honors in the steeplechase.

Not only has Bedell won All-American honors, but she also is a Big 12 champion in the 1500 meters and the 3000 meters.

"She has a couple of Big 12 championships and we don't have many of those. They are hard to come by," Harbo said.

Bedell still runs the 1500 and enjoys doing so, but she will

spend most of her time this season running the steeplechase—a race with various obstacles on the track.

"I played sports in the past where it's fun to have obstacles on the course, and I really like it. I still like doing the 1500, but I was very competitive in the steeplechase so I just kept with that," Bedell said.

Bedell was also an accomplished runner for the cross country team where she received three All-American honors from 2006-2008.

All together Bedell has earned seven All-Americans—four in track and three in cross country.

"I'm really competitive and I'm my biggest enemy, so as long as I go after it all the way I can't have any regrets. That's why I run like I do, and that is why I work like I do," Bedell said.

Bedell set the school record in the 3000-meter steeplechase at the 2009 NCAA Outdoor Championships where she placed sixth.

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Ceremony focuses on global awareness

BY NEELY GUTHRIE
REPORTER

The Global Living and Learning Community and modern foreign language professors will strive to illuminate the cultural diversity on campus Wednesday.

The Fourth Annual Candlelight Procession will begin at 8 p.m. at the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl. The night will include singing in various languages, a tribute to Haiti, and a candlelight walk through campus.

Emily Rodgers, program director of the GC-LLC, said, "It's a chance to create an experience where students have a symbolic way to remind each other of themselves."

According to the GC-LLC Web site, this is an event to serve Baylor by highlighting the importance of multiculturalism and showing people how important it is to adopt a lifestyle that promotes intercultural interactions.

Rodgers said the event started two years before the GC-LLC was

formed, and at the time it was a joint effort between the Modern Foreign Language department and Alpha Lambda Delta.

German professor Jennifer Good, who was involved with the event in its first year, said they didn't know how many students would show up to the event.

"There was a tremendous amount of interest that first year ... the goal is to show how much interest we have in learning languages and learning about the world at Baylor," Good said.

Once GC-LLC was started, they took a more active role in it and last year two Community Leaders led the procession.

"There are a lot of us here that speak other languages and represent so many different cultures, but at the same time we're all here pursuing common goals and so there's kind of a communal thread to it," Rodgers said.

Rodgers also said the modern foreign language faculty gathers some of its students to perform songs in the different languages.

While everyone's gathered around in little groups at the SUB Bowl. They have their flags and in no particular order begin singing their anthems.

"German always tries to put together a great group. All the professors teach their class the songs ahead of time ... We tend to use folk songs, because when you get to Germany they're songs everyone knows," Good said.

Attendance has been increasing every year from about 200 students to 300, then 400 and Rodgers said they are expecting 400-500 students this year.

In between some of the songs students will do a small tribute to Haiti.

"It was such a big deal when it happened ... I kind of kind [find?] myself forgetting that it happened and being less cognizant of it, so [we're] using this opportunity when everyone is gathered to remind everyone that people are still suffering," Rodgers said.

After the songs and Haiti tribute, they will pass out the candles,

light the candles and do a procession winding through campus.

"It creates a really neat visual." Rodgers said. "You're walking and then you look back and see just this stream of candlelight through the campus, illuminating all kinds of faces."

Rodgers also said that students sometimes keep singing or playing instruments while walking through campus.

"It's a very simple, straightforward kind of thing, you don't have to be in a language class to do it, there is an open invitation to all campus groups who want to participate," Rodgers said.

If groups want to sing or be involved, they can contact Professor Janet Norden, the GC-LLC faculty director. All students are welcome to attend and participate in the candlelight walk.

"We're getting into where [the event] is something people know about, so people are looking forward to it and that's a great thing, to become part of the traditions of Baylor," Good said.



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Cedar Hill junior Jenny Abamu lights a candle at last year's Candlelight Procession, which took place across campus.

Student Senate allocates money for April events

BY KATY McDOWALL
REPORTER

Student Senate passed SA 57-13 Thursday night, a bill allocating \$5,050 from the Student Government Allocation Fund to Baylor's Hispanic Student Association to hold Fiesta.

HSA's Fiesta will be held on April 15 in the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl and Vera Martin Square, according to the bill.

"Our purpose of Fiesta is to show our Hispanic culture, to teach it to both Baylor community and the Waco community, which is one of our biggest goals this year — to bring in more

people from Waco," said Decatur sophomore and HSA vice president Delia Martinez.

Fiesta is an entirely free event, with food, live entertainment and games.

"I believe it started about 23 years ago, and ever since then, it started really small, but we've always been able to provide free stuff to Baylor students and the Waco community," Martinez said.

HSA is preparing for 2,300 attendees at this year's Fiesta, according to the bill.

This year's Fiesta will also be in support of relief efforts in Chile, following the earthquake

that struck there, said Dallas sophomore Polette Galvan, HSA president.

"We want to sell T-shirts and 100 percent of those proceeds will go to a fund supporting Chile," Galvan said.

Student Senate passed the bill with 37 for, zero against and one conflict of interest.

SA 57-14, a bill allocating \$3,125 from the Student Government Allocation Fund to the Kenya Medical Missions Team and Baylor Spiritual Life to fund the Kenya Medical Missions Benefit Concert, was also passed.

The concert will be held on April 29 in Waco Hall, featuring

Nelo, a nationally known group, and Zoo Studio, a signee from Baylor's Uproar Records. Tickets are \$10, according to the bill.

Revenue from the ticket and T-shirt sales will be donated directly to the Kenya Medical Missions trip.

The trip is an ongoing partnership with Pastor Habil Ogola, a medical technologist and pastor in Keyna, who provides care for about 60 abandoned elders and orphans in a community known as the Bethlehem Home, according to the bill.

"We're doing things that are carrying out the dreams of those people," Dr. Lisa Baker, the su-

pervisor of the trip, said. "We aren't taking our own agenda and saying this is what you need to do."

Last year, Baylor students built a 10,000 gallon water tank, replaced mud roofs with metal to collect water and operated a free clinic, according to the bill.

"This year we're trying to be able to buy every orphan a goat so they'll have milk," Baker said.

Baker said they are also planting fruit trees in yards and constructing gutter systems to collect rainwater.

The bill passed 37 for and zero against, with one abstention.

Student Senate also passed SR 56-16, a support resolution in appreciation of the Baylor Police Department.

Also at the meeting, Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life and Student Senate faculty advisor, said there was a lot of student feedback from Wednesday's town hall meeting.

"We had some great feedback from our students," Jackson said. "We recorded that feedback and will follow up on it."

Student Senate meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in Cashion 403 and meetings are open to the public.

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