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Lyssy, Watson re-run for IVP spot

By KATY McDOWALL
REPORTER

As a result of the disqualification of Louisburg, Kan., sophomore Paul Baumgardner, there will be a runoff election today between internal vice president candidates Michael Lyssy, a sophomore from Falls City, and Austin junior Ross Watson.

Students can vote online from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at www.baylor.edu/sg/vote.

Baumgardner was disqualified from the IVP race by the electoral commission on April

22. The student court upheld the commission’s disqualification after which Baumgardner appealed to Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life

On Wednesday, Jackson ruled that the court’s decision was appropriate.

“In the constitution it says that the office of vice president for student life has the power to be the last stage of appeals, and he has the final say,” Baumgardner said.

Baumgardner said Jackson made the decision to uphold the student court’s ruling without



Watson

giving him another hearing.

“I was not offered an opportunity to argue my case for Dr. Jackson,” Baumgardner said. “He simply received the opinion of the court and sat down with court members to further assess their opinions.”



Lyssy

Baumgardner said the decision troubled him.

“There was an instance just two years ago when the vice president for student life, on the electoral commission and student court level, did overturn the wrongdoing and made a

judgment call to protect a student,” Baumgardner said. “We were hoping we would also at least receive a hearing and the possibility that such recourse would be offered.”

Baumgardner received 50 percent of the votes in last week’s election.

According to student court’s opinion released Wednesday, Baumgardner was disqualified by the electoral commission for not complying with the commission’s ruling following a coalition campaigning charge.

He was to cease electronic

campaigning within 24 hours with the exception of a video limited specifically to YouTube.

Several campaign-related elements remained on Facebook after the compliance period, including a campaign slogan below Baumgardner’s profile picture and the YouTube video forbidden from Facebook use, which led to his disqualification by the electoral commission.

Baumgardner also previously violated the electoral commission’s rule forbidding negative campaigning when he “made a

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Arizona’s Immigration Protests

An unidentified demonstrator wears a mask and holds a sign on a street corner Thursday in downtown Palm Springs, Calif., protesting the new Arizona immigration enforcement law.

Prof begins research into forgiveness

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Dr. JoAnn Tsang, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience, is conducting research into self-forgiveness and forgiveness of others as one of seven research projects funded by the Fetzer Research Network and Working Group.

“I think research on forgiveness is important because we have to live in groups and cooperate with one another to survive,” Tsang said. “Forgiveness helps us deal with those negative events and then move on from that so that we can still get along in groups together.”

However, Tsang said she thinks there are times when it’s not right to tell people they have to forgive those who have done them wrong, such as victims of domestic violence.

“Forgiveness isn’t good in all situations,” Tsang said. “It’s not a simple thing.”

Assistant professor of psychology and neuroscience Dr. Sara Dolan, graduate student Robert Carlisle and a group of undergraduate students are working on the research with Tsang. The researchers were given around \$72,000 to conduct their research.

The project will examine forgiveness in three areas. The first area will be focused on college students’ forgiveness of others and whether being religious or receiving an apology helps them to forgive.

“It’s an actual situation that I put people in where they have an opportunity to forgive somebody,” Tsang said. “I also have them fill out questionnaires in addition to that.”

The second area will focus on self-forgiveness in specific groups of people by having them write about a specific in-

stance where they hurt someone else and answer questions.

“We’re looking at populations of substance abusers and then we’re looking at giving those same questions to war veterans, and asking them think about a time when you hurt someone that’s related to your military experience, and what’s helped you forgive yourself or what’s been a barrier,” Tsang said.

The third area will focus on whether people associate themselves more with forgiveness or revenge, by using an implicit association test. The computerized test allows researchers to examine reaction times as participants match words related to forgiveness and revenge with either themselves or others. Tsang said she is planning for the college students, veterans and substance abusers to participate in this part of the study.

Currently, the first two areas are being researched.

Dr. Jim Diaz-Granados, chairman of psychology and neuroscience, said Tsang’s research methods give a broader range of feedback than is typical of forgiveness research.

“I think that her project is unique in the sense that it combines both laboratory experiments where she’s looking at observable behavior as well as what’s pretty standard in research of this nature, where it’s typically self-report,” Diaz-Granados said. “It’s nice to see in her realm of research where she uses both measures.”

Tsang said she has already received positive feedback from the substance abuse clients who are participating in the study.

“The clients who’ve been treated for the substance abuse are interested in the questions,”

see FORGIVE, pg. 12

Hannah readies for regents

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

Exiting student body president Jordan Hannah, along with other members of student government, will present plans for making Baylor more affordable to the university’s board of regents during the week of commencement in May.

“We’ve identified a strategic proposal to the board from student government that will be presented to them by the student body officers at the May regent meeting the week of graduation,” Hannah said. “What that proposal is calling for is a large-scale fundraising effort. Something like that hasn’t been done in the past as the main fundrais-

ing and development target. So that’s what we’re calling for.”

This plan originated from student government’s “issue of the week” campaign implemented this year.

“When we asked the big question of what concerns you the most on campus, the words of financial aid, costs and tuition – those were the buzz words we kept hearing,” Hannah said. “We identified that the affordability of Baylor is a really large concern for students, especially for upper-class students. As you go on in Baylor, your financial aid package at Baylor does not increase as tuition increases.”

University spokesperson

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RYAN BRINSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Student body president Jordan Hannah and members of student government will present plans to make tuition more affordable to the Baylor Board of Regents during the week of graduation.

Young Conservatives, BU Dems grab state honors

By KATY McDOWALL
REPORTER

Two of Baylor’s student political groups were named chapters of the year from their respective statewide organizations earlier this month.

At the annual Young Democrats of Texas convention on April 24, the Baylor chapter was named “Chapter of the Year” from the Texas College Democrats.

Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas received the same honor at the 30th annual Young

Conservatives of Texas State Convention on April 10.

Galveston senior Oscar Boleman, the former Baylor Democrats president, said he thinks the group won because it raised a lot of money for Relay for Life and Haiti.

The award is given to the chapter that best represents the ideals and mission of the Texas Democratic Party, and excels above and beyond in providing a truly democratic presence at their university.

“We had our dance party raising money for Haiti at Com-

mon Grounds a couple of weeks ago,” Boleman said. “I really felt that event was a big deal.”

Boleman said this year they also hosted an anti-death penalty forum with Baylor law professor Dr. Mark Osler and did tabling and petitioning in the Bill Daniel Student Center during the national health care debate.

Boleman said now that the group has received recognition from the statewide organization, it may attract more members.

“I was really happy; I was kind of dumbfounded,” Bole-

man said.

Boleman, who accepted the award, was elected to the position of secretary for the Texas College Democrats Executive Board at the convention.

“I’m going to be helping coordinate communications between different presidents around the state, and just pretty much being the communications facilitator and making sure things run as smoothly as possible,” Boleman said.

Sugar Land sophomore Cody Orr, the Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas Chairman said the

chapter of the year award for his group is a sign of appreciation, but the group isn’t motivated by awards or praise.

“If anything, I think it will encourage our members to work harder for next year and ensure that we maintain the same standard of activity,” Orr said.

Orr said the group has been working nonstop, planning and executing projects, working for campaigns and raising awareness of issues on campus.

“We have brought multiple speakers to Baylor to talk about student liberty, redistricting and

Social Security reform,” Orr said. “We have volunteered with the Waco Tea Party, Rick Perry’s campaign, Dave McIntyre’s campaign and are currently working with Brian Birdwell’s campaign.”

The group also supported the selection of President-elect Ken Starr as the university’s 14th president and protested against the health care bill, according to Orr.

“I was very surprised, but also excited at the same time,”

see GROUPS, pg. 12



Improvement needed in the realm of college internships

Editorial

With the number of unpaid internships on the rise in recent years, federal and state regulators are worrying that some employers are abusing students by using their internships as a source of free labor.

To address this spreading national concern, the U.S. Department of Labor is coming down hard on companies that don't provide the proper compensation for their interns. On Wednesday the department released a statement regarding the guidelines private companies must abide by in order for interns to work there without pay. Though this may not solve the problem, the department is doing the responsible thing by making a conscious and widespread effort to guarantee students aren't being cheated out of compensation and, furthermore, to ensure students as well as companies are knowledgeable about internship laws.

There is already a six-part test in place that internships must meet in order to be unpaid, including that the environment of the internship provides such training akin to that of an education environment. However, through the years there has been much dispute over what employers can classify as an "educational" internship. The statement the Department of Labor released seeks to remedy these disparities by noting that "the more an internship program is structured around a classroom or academic experience as opposed to the employer's actual operations, the more likely the internship will

be viewed as an extension of the individual's educational experience." This clarification will serve to minimize the number of students who get placed into an internship expecting to get real job training, and instead are forced to do tedious tasks that hold no educational value. Interns should be gaining skills that are applicable in multiple workplace settings and receiving training that will set them ahead when they enter the job market.

Other stipulations prescribed by the Labor Department include that the employer derive no immediate advantage from the intern's activities and that the internship be largely beneficial to the intern. Internships are undoubtedly a crucial aspect of job preparedness and the only way to get real world experience before actually entering the job market.

Students and recent grads are often eager to offer themselves to a company in exchange for training, networking, and experiences they expect to gain from the internship — even if they are working for free. There is nothing wrong with this tradeoff, where both the company and the individual student are benefitting. However, reports have shown that the economic downturn has forced many businesses to lay off regular employees and instead rely on unpaid interns to pick up the slack — a clear violation of the Labor Department stipulations. Under the department guidelines, an intern must work under close staff supervision, and

this or her employment must not displace a regular employee. If an intern is performing work of a regular employee, then the intern must be paid.

Interns who are taken advantage of in this way may be afraid to file complaints against their employer for fear of endangering their futures. They may be reluctant to bring these concerns out in the open because they are afraid of not getting hired by potential employers in their field in the future. The Labor Department made the right choice by fighting for these interns by attempting to increase enforcement efforts nationwide.

While these enforcements are necessary to prevent the exploitation of interns, some campus officials across the nation are concerned that tightening of regulations may discourage employers offering internships that are unpaid, but still legitimate, and cause them to simply withdraw the internship completely. However, all these employers need to do is educate themselves and their companies on what is expected of them federally in order to offer an unpaid internship — it's as simple as that.

The idea behind these guidelines is not to discourage employers from offering internships or to take opportunities away from students. Perhaps this is a chance for colleges and employers to work more closely together and ensure that all internships, paid or unpaid, are ultimately to the educational benefit of the intern.

Lariat Letters

Former president thanks students for participation in 'Senior Send-Off'

On behalf of the Baylor Alumni Association (BAA), I'd like to thank the more than 400 Baylor seniors and friends who came over to the Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center on Tuesday for our Senior Send-Off party, which we threw for all Baylor students scheduled to graduate this year.

It was a great time of fun and fellowship, and we were honored to welcome you into the ranks of alumni.

Along with free food, T-shirts and music, through the generosity of our sponsors we were able to give away a variety of door prizes, a Baylor class ring and a grand finale \$1,000 prize. Basketball star Tweety Carter even made a guest appearance to help give away the final prizes.

This new event gave us a great opportunity to get to know you, and we hope you came away with a better understanding of the role that the BAA plays in the life of Baylor and of our commitment to representing you as alumni.

For seniors who weren't able to attend, I encourage you to provide us with your contact information so we can enroll you for a one-year free membership in the BAA. You can sign up at the alumni center in person, by phone at 1-888-710-1859, or online at BaylorAlumniAssociation.com through the "Senior Send-Off" button. The BAA is also offering new graduates a life membership for \$500, half off the regular price.

Officially recognized as the general alumni organization of Baylor University and celebrating 151 years of service, the BAA is your connection to our alma mater. We welcome all opinions and encourage you to stay engaged with Baylor and the BAA. Once again, congratulations, Baylor seniors!

David Lacy '79
Immediate past president of the BAA

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Editor striving for progress in coming year

I wasn't going to be a journalist. I was going to be a veterinary surgeon. I picked animals over humans because I thought it would be easier to handle the death of an animal. (Sorry, PETA.) Either way, journalist wasn't on the agenda for Nick Dean's Road Map to Life.

After I realized I couldn't handle cutting into anything living — man or animal — I decided I was supposed to be knee-deep in snow, trenching to class everyday at Carleton College, a small private school in Minnesota.

My high school mentor was an alumna of the college and said I would be a perfect fit there; she said I would learn to love the cold.

Fortunately, Carleton College lost my application. I call it a fortunate because I ended up here. Also, I still hate the cold.

One day it hit me: I'll be a journalist.

It was pretty obvious that I didn't have a choice. My personality, my desires, my drive and my capabilities work at their best in journalism. A newsroom is where I belong.

With that, I am privileged to be the incoming editor in chief for The Lariat. I began as a sports writer last Spring (Don't ask why. Just know that I didn't stay there long.)

From there, I moved to a staff writing position where I learned an invaluable amount from my fellow writers — Sommer and Brittany — and the woman who has taught me more than I could ever thank her for — Julie Freeman.

This academic year I was the news editor. I designed the front page every night, sat on the editorial board, designed special issues and even was able to cover some late-breaking news.

Working as a part of the night desk this year, I realized my weaknesses. I would have never discovered my utter lack of patience or the fact that I am pretty much inept at spelling.

(Again, sorry KBH.) Had it not been for the year I spent as news editor I would have never developed my skills further.

My job also helped me to realize other staffers' amazing strengths.

Winning the best collegiate paper in Texas from the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors is not an easy task and

Point of View

By Nick Dean



we won, I think it was because of our staff's ability to collaborate. The night of the Fort Hood tragedy will always remind me of The Lariat staff's true talent.

I want to thank every reporter, writer and contributor that generated content for the paper this year — without you we would have had to throw in some more of those ridiculously hard sudokus. (We are working on getting easier ones. Please, don't send us another e-mail.)

As a newspaper, the Lariat covered this year's news with poise and professionalism. The Lariat always acted with one goal in mind — to inform students and be a resource of truth. I have no plans to change that.

So, what is it that I look forward to most as being editor in chief?

Getting better. That's it.

If I take one lesson away from this year, it is that I am in no way as good as I can be — in any aspect of life, really.

Our paper can and will improve. Our staff will be striving for better stories, better interviews and better papers.

We have no intention to sit stagnant. And you shouldn't either.

Dr. Samuel Brooks once said, Baylor students are the "new trustees" of this university. Baylor is yours; take care of it and we will do our part in reporting on it.

Oh! One more thing: Thanks, Mom!

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ADVERTISING CLASS TAKES ON LAW FIRM AS CLIENT

A local college advertising class is taking on the law. In fact, it's an entire law firm! The creative class is spending their semester trying to help the lawyers get more business. "We just don't get it," Brian Fats. "We really need creative help around here. As we really look forward to seeing their ideas and work, then we'll be able to help them with legal speak and making them change their minds. It doesn't matter and basically water it down until it's either funny, not creative or interesting in any way."

After submitting their first round of ideas, the class has been drowned in edits and changes, while deadlines loomed and advertising opportunities were missed. A Senior Cliff Runge commented, "It's like they are worried about getting sued or something. Talk about paranoia."

Cliff is currently being sued for libel.



GREEK SYSTEMS LEAVING OUT OF LETTER COMBINATIONS

Panic struck the heart of fraternities and sororities across the nation this week when word spread that the number of unique remaining Greek letter combinations was in critical condition.

"Unfortunately, with the induction of our newest chapters, Mu Mu Mu and Psi Phi Pi, we've exhausted just about every option out there," said University Greek Board President, Henry Boggins. "There were only about 18,000 possible letter combinations to begin with, so you had to know it was coming."

The news certainly left the Greek System in a state of turmoil, as rumors began to fly immediately. Some suggested a move to a 4-letter system, while others questioned why it always had to be Greek. "I think English is a pretty good language," said Debra Boomgarden. "I mean, this is the United States, not a foreign domestic country."

ITALIAN 101 CLASS HELPS 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 something. The waiter and started talking to us in Italian. What? I had no idea what he was saying. I was so confused."

everyone during the last-minute question frenzy? Apparently, tailgating.

According to Senior Ben Higgins, eight professors (including those who were involved) were not happy about the mascot's behavior. "It was a real mess," Higgins said. "I was so embarrassed. I was so embarrassed. I was so embarrassed."

MONEY MASCOT

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AREA SENIOR GETTING ANGRY ON SCRAPS PAPER

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FRESHMAN JUST REALIZES HE SPENT HIS ENTIRE STUDENT LOAN ALREADY

Junior Mick McConnell has decided that he will no longer buy anything. Instead, he says with confidence, "I'm gonna rent."



While Mick hasn't had much luck, he's determined to find a way to save money. "I'm pretty sure I'll probably find it too."

hacky-sack.

"They were freaking tailgating?" Ben exclaimed furiously. "Charcoal grill, coozies, Chinese horseshoes... the whole shebang! They're supposed to be helping us here... not grilling hotdogs and high-fiving."

The faculty did not deny the claim. In fact, Art History professor Michael Fineman spoke with great liberty.

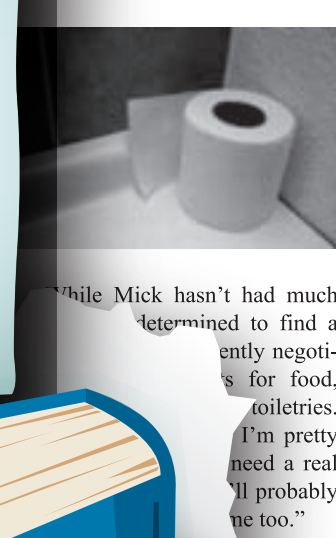
"Did we eat too many Doritoses? Maybe. Throw a little Frisbee around? Sure. But teachers deserve to have a little fun too. And it's not like it hurt anyone," said the 46 year-old Fineman. "In fact, I think the students should be thankful... I was so hungover the next day that I just gave everyone A's anyway. I think it worked in their favor."

While students are demanding answers, there's no word yet on how the school intends to respond. The matter is now in the hands of Chancellor Debra Pittman, who is rumored to have streaked through the tailgate earlier that day.



STUDENT WANTS TO RENT EVERYTHING

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Sophomore shares Dubai experience

By Lela Atwood
Reporter

Abby McNulty's life changed radically in two weeks.

When she was a freshman at a Houston high school, her mother gave her two weeks' notice that they would be moving to the United Arab Emirates, a Middle Eastern country across the Persian Gulf from Iran.

McNulty, a sophomore nursing major, was not too thrilled about this new adventure.

"It was really hard for me," she said. "I didn't know anything about the Middle East so I wasn't very excited about it."

She said the move ended up changing her life.

"Once you meet people from around the world, it opens your eyes to things and I think it shapes you a lot," McNulty said. "I wouldn't be the same if I hadn't lived there."

She lived in the city of Dubai for four years and developed an appreciation for Arabic culture.

"I see Arabs in general as people who are very connected to their family," McNulty said. "My best friend is from Lebanon and her family has this mentality that you keep your kids forever. She thinks it is really weird how most Americans throw their kids out of the nest."

She elaborated on the difference between Arab and American culture.

"In America, you're supposed to do the American dream and make it for yourself. That's completely not Arab. She's like 'I can't believe your parents are doing this to you. If you need money just let me know and I will send you some. I'm so worried about you,'" McNulty said.

London senior Sam Strickling, a friend of Abby, said her kindness allowed her to build bridges with the people.

"Abby said she had to break down some stereotypes to make friends," Strickling said. "In the

end, there was a reason she had a lot of friends. She has a great heart and people could see that she was an awesome person. She really enjoyed her time there."

When she returned to the United States to go to Baylor, McNulty said she experienced reverse culture shock when it came to what was in the news.

"In the news everything's so anti-Muslim," McNulty said. "I've lived in an Islamic country for four years, and it's hard for me to hear that and not be like 'OK, you don't understand.'"

Currently, McNulty is taking an Arabic class with William Baker, senior lecturer of Arabic.

Baker said Abby is a student who genuinely wants to learn Arabic.

"She's extremely interested in learning the language, I've found," Baker said.

"She's very motivated, as most of my students are. You don't wake up one morning and say, 'Well, I'll take Arabic as my language requirement.' She's a serious, dedicated student for sure."

Baker said that she often shares her experiences in the Middle East with her classmates.

"When I would mention some cultural aspect to either the lesson we're studying or word, I would see her smiling," Baker said. And so I look at her and say, 'Can you add something to that' and she'll give us an example of her experience with the Middle East. I think it helps definitely."

Strickling, who has visited Dubai, most of Europe, Greece, some former USSR republics and Turkey, said he really thinks students should study abroad if they can.

"If you get the opportunity [to study abroad], I would say take it," Strickling said. "It's a fantastic way to go over and see a different look at the world. U.S. standards don't equate what is normal in the standards of other countries."



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President Barack Obama leaves the Rose Garden of the White House after giving a speech about the oil rig explosion on Thursday.

Obama takes immigration reform off agenda

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Immigration reform has become the first of President Barack Obama's major priorities dropped from the agenda of an election-year Congress facing voter disillusionment. Sounding the death knell was Obama himself.

The president noted that lawmakers may lack the "appetite" to take on immigration while many of them are up for re-election and while another big legislative issue — climate change — is already on their plate.

"I don't want us to do something just for the sake of politics that doesn't solve the problem," Obama told reporters Wednesday night aboard Air Force One.

Immigration reform was an issue Obama promised Latino groups that he would take up in his first year in office. But several hard realities — a tanked economy, a crowded agenda, election-year politics and lack of political will — led to so much foot-dragging in Congress that, ultimately, Obama decided to set the issue aside.

With that move, the president calculated that an immigration bill would not prove as costly to

his party two years from now, when he seeks re-election, than it would today, even though some immigration reformers warned that a delay could so discourage Democratic-leaning Latino voters that they would stay home from the polls in November.

Some Democrats thought pushing a bill through now might help their party, or at least their own re-election prospects.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, whose campaign is struggling in heavily Hispanic Nevada, unveiled an outline — not legislation — on Thursday for an immigration bill at a packed news conference. Asked when it might advance, he declined to set an "arbitrary deadline."

If immigration goes nowhere this year, Democrats can blame Republican resistance, though in reality many Democrats didn't want to deal with an immigration bill this year either.

The Democrats' draft proposal, obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday, called for, among other things, meeting border security benchmarks before anyone in the country illegally can become a legal permanent U.S. resident.

Obama praised the outline and said the next step is ironing

out a bill. He said his administration will "play an active role" trying to get bipartisan supporters.

Republican Sens. Jon Kyl of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, who had been working with Democrats on immigration reform, criticized the proposal as "nothing more than an attempt to score political points."

By Wednesday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi offered little hope that the issue was still alive on Capitol Hill.

"If there is going to be any movement in this regard, it will require presidential leadership, as well as an appetite, is that the word? ... as well as a willingness to move forward in the Congress," she said.

House Republican leader John Boehner was more blunt. "There is not a chance that immigration is going to move through the Congress," he said Tuesday.

Rep. Luis Gutierrez, the Democrats' leading advocate for immigration reform, has said he voted for health care reform on the understanding that Obama and congressional Democrats would move a major immigration bill.

Even though he would like to see Latinos turn out to vote

for Democrats in 2010, Gutierrez said "many will probably decide to stay home." However, he added, a strict, new immigration law in Arizona may change that dynamic.

The law requires law enforcement officers to question anyone they suspect is in the country illegally.

"On one hand you are not going to vote because you don't believe people you voted for are doing a good enough job," Gutierrez said. "Then you say, 'I got to vote, because the enemy is so mean and vindictive, I got to get out there.'"

The Hispanic vote is growing, largely because of Latinos' increasing population. The 9.7 million Latinos who cast ballots in 2008 made up about 7.4 percent of the electorate, according to a 2009 Pew Research Center study.

Hispanic voters helped flip the battleground states of Colorado, Florida, Nevada and New Mexico from Republican to Democratic in the 2008 presidential election.

But even though Latinos' numbers have been increasing, in some parts of the country their portions of voting populations are not large enough to affect election outcomes.

Law students elect director of 'Blind Side' to speak

By Hogan Allcorn
Reporter

John Lee Hancock, director of "The Blind Side," "The Alamo" and "The Rookie," will be the keynote speaker for Baylor Law School's commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday in Waco Hall.

Dean of the Baylor Law School, Brad Toben, said the graduating class voted on Hancock because of the recent success of "The Blind Side."

"They thought John Lee would be an interesting, nontraditional speaker for commencement, and I think the students are proud that he is a Baylor lawyer," Toben said.

"The students chose very

wisely. I actually was worried that it would be difficult (to book Hancock), but John Lee was very gracious and quite flattered that the graduating class wanted him as the commencement speaker."

Hancock received a bachelor of arts degree in English from Baylor in 1979 and a juris doctorate of law from Baylor Law School in 1982.

"Though I only practiced law for three years, I look back on my experience at Baylor Law School with great fondness," Hancock said in a press release.

After working for a law firm in Houston for four years, Hancock struggled as a screenwriter until his screenplay, "A Perfect World," was turned into a film directed by Clint Eastwood in 1993.

Brian Elliott, senior lecturer of communication studies, admired Hancock's abilities in his breakout screenplay.

"It was pretty obvious when 'A Perfect World' came out that he could tell relevant stories with deep themes and could impact people," Elliott said.

"I use that film in my screenwriting class to this day just to talk about how to use symbolism to communicate thematic issues in film. I think in all of his films you can see a deeper meaning. He's known for that."

Hancock would later go on to produce the 2000 family film "My Dog Skip" and direct the ESPY's "Best Sports Movie" of 2002, "The Rookie."

After writing and directing "The Alamo" in 2004, Hancock

adopted the Michael Lewis book "The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game" into an Academy Award nominated film for "Best Picture" in 2009.

"I think 'The Blind Side' could have been really cheesy and very by the numbers, but it turned out to be inspirational, even for a guy like me who can be critical of film," Elliott said. "He can take a cliché or typical genre film and raise it to a higher level."

Elliott also said Baylor creates a unique community.

"Alumni share similar backgrounds and experiences just by going through Baylor," Elliot said. "They are always willing to turn around and give back to those who are coming behind them, and that's just invaluable."

While his degree in English

and law degree are seemingly unrelated to the world of film, Toben believes that Baylor's education adequately prepared Hancock for his career.

"What we hope our students learn is that the study of law prepares one for life," Toben said.

"John Lee Hancock epitomizes that lesson. Even though he only practiced law for four years, he uses the lessons he learned at Baylor Law in his work. Our education and training develops and improves communication skills, writing skills, confidence and the list goes on and on.

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Salary differences between genders have long history

By CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

As women try to merge domestic life with bustling careers, women and universities are trying to figure out how to create equal environments for both women and men.

Women traditionally make less money than their male counterparts, and a recent report done by the American Association of University Professors shows that employees at Baylor are no exception.

The 2009 study shows that female Baylor professors make \$12,600 less than males and female associate professors make \$7,100 less than males.

Institutional Discrimination

Dr. Elizabeth Davis, interim provost, explained some of the statistics of the difference in salaries.

"The primary reason for the differences is that men are more likely to go into fields, such as business or law, that make more money," she said.

"Now of course if we end up hiring more men in higher-paying fields, then you will see a salary differential," Davis said. "There are just some academic fields that pay more money, but if you look in a particular field, we are not paying men and women different salaries if they have the same credentials."

Dr. Judy Bowman, senior lecturer in economics, said there may be fewer women in these high-paying fields because women were precluded from participating in them until recently.

Bowman said based on her own experience in economics, she was kept from participating in certain aspects of academia un-

til the 1970s, and that more men will populate certain fields, such as business or law, because women were exempted from them.

"It wasn't until Title IX, which came about in 1972, that those things began to be neutralized," Bowman said. "So at least at the higher ranks, the women will have been there less time than the men."

Title IX, passed by Congress, states that "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Dr. Lenore Wright, associate professor of the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and philosophy, believes another reason men are more concentrated in the higher-paying fields is because they are competition based.

"Philosophy, for example, tends to be a competitive, argumentative environment," she said. "It is a very litigious environment. Some women feel excluded or outside of the culture of philosophy if they are not naturally predisposed toward that argumentative style or environment," she said.

Davis said another factor influencing the pay difference is that years ago, some faculty members were hired as lecturers, and when these positions were eventually converted to tenure-track positions they did not receive a pay increase.

This often hurt women the most, because they were the ones most likely to earn their terminal degree after being hired and then pursue tenure.

"So these days we are trying to prevent that from happening, but we are still living with the

"We want tenured women professors and we recognize that tenure-track women often choose to have children during their tenure process. They may elect to say home with their babies for a period of time because of either a personal desire to do so or because of their family situation. Let's value those women and their families by giving them time off without penalty with respect to tenure."

Dr. Lenore Wright
Associate professor of the BIC and philosophy

results of what happened many many years ago," Davis said.

Currently, when Baylor lecturers desire a tenure-track position, they must apply for an open tenure-track position, and will earn a pay increase if hired into the new position.

Unconscious discrimination

Unconscious discrimination could be another contributing factor to the pay inequities between men and women, according to Bowman.

"One possibility for discrimination, although I doubt that it would usually be overt or conscious, would just be the uncon-

scious kind of thing that we all have certain people we know better than others, certain people more in our in-group," Bowman said.

"Since the departmental chairs and deans and administrators on up are mostly males, there may be some preference toward males. I seriously doubt that's on purpose, but sometimes those things occur unconsciously."

Davis said it is in Baylor's best interest to have a diverse faculty and that Baylor tries to advertise broadly to reach diverse groups of people.

Before the hiring season begins, administrators have training sessions, which emphasize the importance of creating candidate pools that include underrepresented faculty.

"I think you have to do things like that hire specific efforts to hire underrepresented faculty because we might be subconsciously inclined to hire people that are more similar to us," Davis said.

Women and men in tenure tracks

Women are also less likely to be on the tenured track, according to a study done by the AAUP and Baylor statistics.

At Baylor, there are 198 male tenured professors and 39 female tenured professors.

Some believe that one reason women are less likely to be on the tenured track is because of a desire to have children. An article titled "Do changing diapers and helping with homework leave time for world-class scholarship" in the Yale Magazine explains the problems Yale faced in trying to increase female tenured professors.

The article stresses that women, even those that have full-time jobs in academia, are often the ones who bear the primary domestic burden of the homes — cooking, cleaning and taking care of children.

This takes a toll on their ability to produce scholarship in a timely manner.

Some women in the article refused to have children until they had earned tenure, causing complications in pregnancies or an inability to have children due to increased age.

Because of these problems, Yale decided to be friendlier to mothers and those desiring to be mothers by changing their leave and tenure policy and by being open to working mothers.

The policy emphasis shifted from "childbearing to childrearing" and extends a semester-long paid leave for those adopting or having children, to either males or females.

"That shows a real valuing of women," Wright said. "We want tenured women professors and we recognize that tenure-track women often choose to have children during their tenure process. They may elect to stay home with their babies for a period of time because of either a personal desire to do so or because of their own family situation. Let's value those women and their families by giving them time off without penalty with respect to tenure."

Davis said Baylor has also tried to accommodate for mothers in the work force, although in a different way than Yale.

Davis said the new tenure policies, called extending the tenure clock, allow men and women to request to stop the their tenure clock for up to a year for family emergencies or other life situations.

However, Davis is concerned that many women do not try to take advantage of the new policy.

"I think when you meet women who want to have a career and want to raise children, they will often have this 'I can do it all' attitude and that is not meant to be demeaning at all, but what will happen is they won't ask for that extra year because 'I should be able to handle it,'" Davis said.

Davis was emphatic that trying to provide for accommodations for women with families should not come at a cost to equal standards. Davis said faculty and administrators should take advantage of the resources offered by Baylor to ensure success.

"What we would not want to do is say females don't have to meet the standards because they have families," Davis said. "So we don't lower our standards. Instead we make our standards clear and fair and then the policies surrounding promotion clear and fair, and when people make choices based on those it is with the full understanding of what is expected."

Wright believes that while Baylor may need to readjust its maternity leave policy or other policies, she says Baylor administrators have been very understanding of her role as a mother and did not fail to grant her an extended leave when her son was born premature.

In addition, Wright said Baylor has been supportive of her career and research.

"I have had so much support from my male and female colleagues here—I have the best colleagues in the world," Wright said. "Colleagues across the disciplines have encouraged me to research what I am interested in, to write about that, to publish it."



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Fashion market thriving

75 percent of 2009 fashion graduates get jobs, go to grad school

By JAMES BLAKE EWING
REPORTER

Despite the reservations graduates may have about the job market, 75 percent of Baylor fashion merchandising and fashion design graduates of 2009 obtained a job or entered graduate school.

"In large part, it's because of our strong ties to alumni," Dr. Lorynn Divita, associate professor of fashion design, said.

Some Baylor fashion students have gotten placed in higher-end jobs at smaller, more exclusive companies.

"Last year some of our recent alumni got jobs in New York but then the bad economy hit. They were laid off because they were the newest," Divita said.

Divita said that when students are looking for a job in certain companies, she can contact one or two alumni from Baylor who have worked with that company.

Also, some companies contact Baylor when they have openings for fashion jobs.

"It's easier now with the social network of Facebook," Dr. Judith Lusk, program coordinator for family and consumer sciences, said. "I'm concerned that

the people who go through our program become viable professionals."

The department is geared toward creating an environment that will help students prepare for professional careers.

"We're very time oriented and deadline oriented," Lusk said.

Lusk said one of the programs the department uses, Product Life Management, teaches students how to budget their time.

The program shows students the timeline that professionals who have a say in the product are on when making a product.

"The software program helps us to show them how vital it is to stay on top of [their deadline]," Lusk said.

This department has also seen a placement of 100 percent of its students seeking internships due to what Lusk credits as creativity, determination and research on the students' part in applying for these jobs.

Lusk said that she sees internships as key in getting students a job in the industry, but that it can be hard for some students because most of the internships are not paid.

"I recommend that they work during school and put that money back [for an internship]," Lusk said.

The internship process begins during the student's junior year. Lusk said that most students take the internship as a senior over the summer and graduate in August.



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Fashion students display the work they completed this semester in the Mary Gibbs-Jones Family and Consumer Sciences Building.

Eighteen students will be doing that this summer.

Briana Molina, a senior from Elk Mountain, Wyo., is taking an internship with Hamilton Shirts in Houston.

"I'm gonna be sourcing fabrics, [working in] quality control ... public relations, marketing and other projects that they need," Molina said. Hamilton Shirts provides high-end shirts that start around \$300 to stores

like Barneys New York.

Fashion major Hallie Cole, an Atlanta, Texas, senior, accepted a job this week at a bouquet shop in Austin. While working on her degree at Baylor, Cole took an internship in Waco at Pink, where she worked with Mirriam Tastro.

"It helped me get more experience. ... I was able to go with her with everything she did," Cole said. And for some, the internship will lead to a job. "En-

try-level positions in fashion are assistant buyers, assistant product development and visual merchandising," Lusk said.

Being an assistant buyer can involve looking for items to sell through a catalog for a company like Neiman Marcus Direct.

Assistant product development involves making brand name products for a company, something Lusk said a few Baylor students are doing at Dillard's.

For those students who choose to go on to graduate school rather than find a job, there are currently only two options for graduate school for fashion students in Texas — University of Texas for fashion design students and University of North Texas for fashion merchandising students.

"We would like to have a graduate program [at Baylor] because we feel students would stay on," Lusk said.

Rep backs deportation of illegal immigrants' U.S. kids

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SAN DIEGO — Rep. Duncan Hunter said he would support deporting U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants, adding that "it takes more than walking across the border" to be an American citizen."

The San Diego-area Republican congressman spoke Saturday at a video recorded tea party rally in Ramona. Hunter was asked by someone in the crowd if he backed deporting natural-born American citizens who are the children of illegal immigrants.

"I would have to, yes," Hunt-

er said.

Hunter said in the video that some of his critics believe his stance is mean-spirited.

"And we're not being mean. We're just saying it takes more than walking across the border to become an American citizen," he said. "It's what's in our souls."

The 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees citizenship to all persons born in the United States. Hunter's spokesman Joe Kasper said Thursday that the congressman's position is that U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants should stay with their parents unless there is a le-

gal guardian who could take care of them.

"It was a short answer to a complex issue," Kasper said. "His terms have been very specific on this topic and it wasn't reflected in the answer."

Hunter's comments on Saturday were recorded and posted on

YouTube. Kasper said the event was open to the media and reporters were there. Hunter also supports a House bill that calls for the elimination of automatic birthright citizenship for children born to undocumented immigrants. It is unclear whether the bill would be constitutional.

Students, faculty bid farewell to Osler

By NEELY GUTHRIE
REPORTER

Students and professors said they will miss Dr. Anne Osler next year as she ventures to Minneapolis, with her husband and family.

Osler, lecturer in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core began teaching at Baylor in 2006 and has taught courses in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and Honors College.

Dr. Mark Long, associate professor of the Honors College taught with Osler in World Cultures IV.

"I think of Anne Osler as the velvet-covered intelligence. A historian trained at Wellesley and Wisconsin, she has ever been quietly brilliant and unfailingly fair and gracious," Long said. "I am honored to call her friend, but it is more appropriate to call her mentor. She embodies so much of the teacher I aspire to be."

Osler is originally from Michigan and she studied at Wellesley College where she received her bachelor's degree in history in 1985. In fact, she will be attending her 25th reunion in a few weeks.

After college, she taught high school history for two years at a boarding school and then continued to receive her Ph.D. in

American history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1995. Then Osler said her life took a turn from academics to motherhood. She got her degree in May and had her first child in October.

"I haven't taken a typical career path. I was really lucky to spend so much time at home with my kids and then transition back to the academic world," Osler said.

This marked a new chapter in her life and she became a full-time mom and had two more sons. After this 11-year interval from teaching, she returned to the classroom to teach at Baylor in 2006.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to go back to teaching. ... I am so grateful to Baylor and to the BIC program for giving me the chance to restart my career," she said.

Since then she has taught Rhetoric, World Cultures IV, a capstone course for the BIC and a class on American history in the history department as well. Memphis freshman Richard Ashley had Osler for Rhetoric, the BIC equivalent of an English course, and said she helped him improve his writing tenfold and that's why he took her for a second semester.

"I hung on every suggestion

and piece of feedback she gave me," Ashley said. "English as always been my weakest subject, but her teaching has helped me become the confident writer I'm proud to say I am today."

Osler discussed her passions for teaching and why she enjoys teaching Baylor students.

"I really like college students. I really enjoy that behavior modification is not part of the classroom experience; I do enough mothering at home," she said. "Teaching college students is so freeing. ... It's about the material. [The students] are smart and engaged and full of ideas, and [they] can articulate those ideas."

Moreover, teaching engages and encourages not only the students but Osler as well.

"I learn a lot from being in the classroom. BIC allowed me to read a lot of texts I hadn't read before. ... You learn to be a much better student so you can stand up and be a teacher, or an expert."

Next year she will embark upon a new journey. She and her family are moving to Minn. because her husband, Dr. Mark Osler, will be teaching at the University of St. Thomas Law School in Minneapolis.

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NAACP block party encourages community

By RACQUEL JOSEPH
REPORTER

Today is the last day of classes, a day of celebration. To help the community give its last hurrah, the Baylor chapter of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is hosting its third Annual Block Party from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fountain Mall.

But the event almost did not happen. True to form, the organization had to overcome a bit of adversity to host the event; first came a snag in funding, and then a couple of inches of rain.

But rescheduling has not slowed down the committee of students determined to execute the event.

Block parties in neighbor-

hoods require a street closed to traffic, a large, celebrating community, and plenty of games.

Duncanville junior Diamond Vaughn is the chair of this year's events. She says NAACP plans to blanket Fountain Mall with bounce houses, inflatable obstacle courses, field games for children, face painting, snow cones, raffles, gift card give-aways and free food.

All of the events are free. Donations will go toward supporting Baylor medical missions and the Children's Advocacy Center, a local charity organized to investigate suspected physical and sexual child abuse.

Sugar Land junior Page Animadu campaigned for the support of medical missions because of the connection she sees be-

tween the two organizations.

"Although we're a civil organization, it is a way for collegiate chapters to give back to developing countries such as Kenya," she said.

The students consider the most important component of a successful block party to be community, something the NAACP students have been working hard to advertise to the event.

"About a month ago, we sent formal letters to all public schools. Probably tomorrow, we'll distribute fliers at high schools, beauty shops. We really don't want this to be another Baylor event. I want it to be a community event," Vaughn said.

The students will redistribute fliers they had reprinted with the date and time. Planners placed

phone calls to make sure all of the activities would be in place for the date.

A dance team from Johnson High School for the Performing Arts will perform for the crowd.

Another highlight is an autograph signing with members of the Baylor men's basketball team. Attendees can bring whatever they like to have signed.

The NAACP has long moved from its focus on the advancement of African-Americans and become a champion for social justice. One of its objectives is "to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens."

The Baylor chapter will have information booths to educate the same community it is entertaining.

"We've gathered information about NAACP that we're going to give to everyone. Information about joining and our mission," Bastrop, La., junior Jeremy Harris said.

The booths will also feature college admissions information for the high school students that the chapter has been targeting to attend.

The committee has arranged for a community health booth rigged to administer blood pressure tests on attendees.

The booth will also include information on stress management, weight loss and cardiovascular health, common health problems for Americans, especially minorities.

The Woodlands sophomore Ashley Davis is head of the chap-

ter's health committee and cites community health as an important component of the NAACP's mission.

"Of course everyone's health is important. You can contribute more to the community when you're healthy," Davis said. She also explained how better health affects economic well-being. "Managing health means lower hospital bills due to health crisis. It's about maintaining and improving health."

Longview junior and vice president MaKenzie Hodge hopes people will understand the most basic goal of the block party.

"We just want people to have a good time ain a family setting no matter where you are in life or where the person across from you is," Hodge said.

'Nightmare' is more lazy than scary

By CHRISTOPHER KELLY
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Beware the "jump cut," that cheap scare tactic that involves the sudden appearance of a person or object in the frame, usually accompanied by a loud, startling screech on the soundtrack.

MOVIE | REVIEW

In horror movies, this device is the first and last refuge of the desperate; it's the means by which a director who has no idea how to build tension attempts to fool an audience into thinking that's he's scaring them. But when the same tactic is hauled out 10, 15, even 20 times – as it is in the mechanical new remake of Wes Craven's classic "A Nightmare on Elm Street" – it ceases being startling and soon turns laughable. Is this really the best they could come up with?

Alas, it is. Directed by Samuel Bayer, a music video specialist making his feature debut, this new nightmare doesn't reinvent the franchise, in the manner of Marcus Nispel's evocative and stylish "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (2003). (Both of those films, as well as last year's "Friday the 13th," were produced by Michael

Bay, the director of "Armageddon" and "Transformers").

Instead, Bayer and screenwriters Wesley Strick and Eric Heiserer take us through the paces of a very familiar retread, replaying the most famous moments from the original. The underwear-clad girl who gets slashed to death while thrashing in mid-air is here, as are those catatonic-seeming children who chant a terrifying nursery rhyme in gauzily lit flashbacks – but there's nothing resembling a fresh perspective or a driving purpose.

Once again, a beautiful teenager named Nancy (Rooney Mara) is plagued by terrifying nightmares, in which a gruesome figure with a scarred face and metallic razors in place of fingers stalks her. When a number of Nancy's friends are killed in their sleep, after reporting similar visions of this menacing weirdo, Nancy comes to realize that she can't allow herself to fall asleep, lest this monster make her his next victim.

The original film was a deliberately low-rent affair, filmed in less than two months for less than \$2 million; it had one foot in the 70s underground exploitation cinema tradition of "I Spit on Your Grave," and the other in the

'80s slasher tradition of "Friday the 13th."

But Bayer, with his cheesy jump cuts and buckets of gushing blood, never establishes what he's trying to do with this remake – it plays like every interchangeable horror movie of the last 20 years about impossibly good-looking teenagers struggling against deadly forces beyond their control.

Then there's the matter of Freddy: As played by Robert Englund in the original (and in a series of surprisingly effective sequels, including 1987's "A Nightmare on Elm Street 3: Dream Warriors" and 1994's "New Nightmare"), Freddy Krueger – the man behind all of this wrongdoing – emerged as one of the greatest villains in movie history; a serial child murderer with bugged-out eyes sunken into his melted, scaly skin, and a wicked, transgressive cackle that seemed to suggest he was taking an almost sexual pleasure in violence.

But as played by Jackie Earle Haley ("Little Children") in the remake, Freddy now has a more ordinary backstory (instead of murdering young children, he molested them) and a less interesting look (the make-up turns him less into a burned human

than a marauding zombie) – and not even a hint of sinister charm.

Meanwhile, those terrifying razor-fingers, which launched a million and one Halloween costumes a quarter-century ago, are so carelessly employed that you wonder if the filmmakers only remembered to include them mid-way through production.

The other actors running around here, including (briefly) Kellan Lutz of "Twilight" fame as one of Nancy's friends and Connie Britton of TV's "Friday Night Lights" as her mother, make little impression. Most crushing (at least for those of us dumb enough to get our hopes up for this remake) is how little the Elm Street of the title plays a role.

In the original, Craven conjured up an American No-whereville in which the sins of one generation were spreading like weeds on a perfectly manicured lawn and destroying the sunshine-filled lives of the next generations. In 2010, we get a quick shot of an Elm Street street sign, though it's not entirely clear which of the characters even live on this street – and then it's back to those jump cuts and thudding shrieks on the soundtracks. This movie sets a new standard for laziness.

Fire-Roasted Tomato and Spinach Pasta

Ingredients

6 ounces linguine pasta
1 tablespoon olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced

1 (14.5 ounce) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes, with juice
1 (9 ounce) box frozen creamed spinach, thawed
salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Fill a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rolling boil over high heat. Once the water is boiling, stir in the linguine, and return to a boil. Cook the pasta uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the pasta has cooked through, but is still firm to the bite, about 11 minutes. Drain well in a colander set in the sink.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the garlic, and cook until softened, about 3 minutes. Stir in the fire-roasted tomatoes and bring to a simmer. Cook 1 minute before adding the creamed spinach. Cook and stir 5 minutes; season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir the drained linguine into the tomato sauce before serving.

Best Pineapple Smoothies

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
1 cup 1% buttermilk
2 cups ice cubes

2 (8 ounce) cans unsweetened crushed pineapple
1/4 cup sugar

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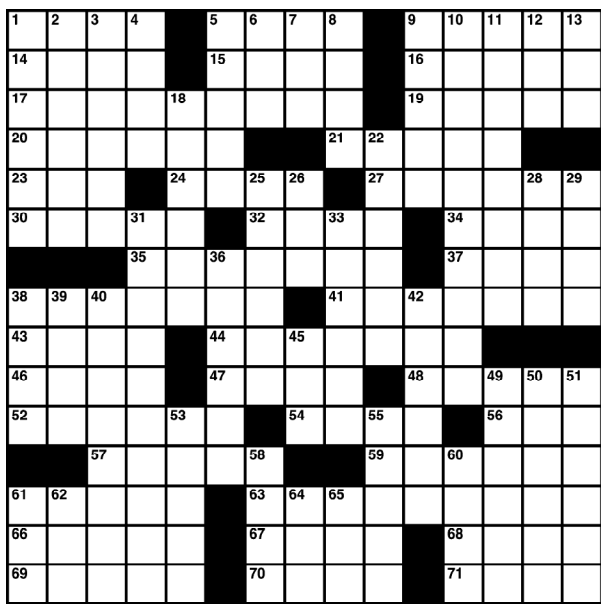
Combine all ingredients in a blender or food processor; cover and process until smooth. Pour into glasses; serve immediately.

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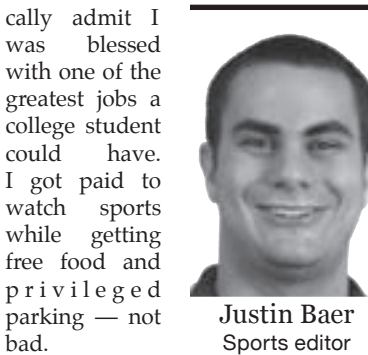
Three-and-a-half years ago, I timidly walked into the Lariat newsroom searching for a job. Honestly, I was just looking for a way to make some cash. I wanted a job on campus so the hours would be a little more flexible, and I had some newspaper writing experience.

Fate would have it that the Lariat needed a sports writer.

Julie Freeman's decision to hire me may have been a mistake on her part, especially considering my idiocy with many of the articles I composed. But after nearly 150,000 words hacked out during my career, I have learned a lot. I would like to think that I have become a better writer, but the people around me have made me a better person.

Some of my most cherished memories from college came during work — whether I was perched in a press box, slouched at my desk in the newsroom, or cooped in between the basketball and the Bear Pit.

Athletics have played an integral part of my life for as long as I can remember. And I can unequivocally admit I was blessed with one of the greatest jobs a college student could have. I got paid to watch sports while getting free food and privileged parking — not bad.



Justin Baer
Sports editor

The only regret that lingers over me was my inability to cheer at games. (Especially when Tweety Carter drained that 3-pointer at the end of the first half against Duke in this year's Elite Eight.)

I have worked with some of the most genuine people at Baylor. My co-workers suffered through my sarcasm, and my boss has been one of the most influential people throughout the duration of my college career. I really am going to miss this place.

My last year at the Lariat has

been the most memorable, thanks in part to the unprecedented, and somewhat unexpected, success of Baylor athletics. The basketball programs' accomplishments this year surpassed any expectations I had for either team.

The journey I enjoyed with the men's basketball team dragged me from Kansas City to New Orleans to Houston, but I embraced each second of it.

I am convinced that without Robert Griffin's injury, the football team would have gone to a bowl game this year, and a healthy Whitney Canion would place the softball team back in the Women's College World Series — where they were when I was a freshman following the team.

However, if there was one thing I have learned through my experience of covering college athletics, there will be triumphs (like when I covered the five-overtime thriller between Baylor and Texas A&M) and there will be ruthless disappointments (like Griffin's injury).

As a Baylor fan, it feels like we have experienced more of the latter, however, I know that the athletic program is geared for an uprising. So I thank the athletes and coaches that allowed me to be a minuscule part of the cornerstone of Baylor athletics.

To the 11 people still reading this column, (one of which is my mom and another a copy editor) the person assuming my position is a sports writing prodigy. Enjoy reading Chris Derrett's work, because I promise you he will be famous one day.

As for myself, I am graduating into grown-up world. I'm retiring from the journalism industry to make use of my marketing degree at Dell. But maybe one day I will find myself gorging free food into my mouth from a press box. That just might be the way fate has it.

Justin Baer is a senior marketing and business journalism major from Midlothian and WAS the sports editor for the Baylor Lariat.



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Mavs Fall to the Spurs

Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki, of Germany, falls on his back after his shot was blocked by San Antonio Spurs' Antonio McDyess during the first quarter of Game 6 Thursday in San Antonio.

Pitching is vital for series against No. 2-ranked Longhorns, Smith says



TREVOR SPRINK | BAYLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Logan Verrett fires a pitch March 6 against Oral Roberts University. Verrett will lead the Bears' pitching rotation this weekend, as he takes the mound Friday night against the No. 2-ranked Texas Longhorns.

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor faces a tall order this weekend as it takes on the University of Texas in a three-game series beginning Friday. Standing at 35-7 overall, the No. 2 nationally ranked Longhorns have won 17 straight games and top the Big 12 standings at 16-2 in league play.

Texas' pitching staff has earned a reputation this season for strangling batters en route to a conference best 2.36 ERA against Big 12 opponents, blowing away the next highest team at 4.12.

That team happens to be Baylor (25-17, 7-9), who hopes its hurlers hold the Longhorns at bay while the Bears' offense works at beating a stingy Texas staff.

Logan Verrett takes the mound on Friday, looking to get his team off to a strong start in Waco.

"I think we'll see some pretty good pitching duels this week-

end. I think it comes down to who brings the best stuff and who wants it more," Verrett said.

Verrett had not started a Friday conference game until last weekend's seven-inning no decision against Nebraska. Coach Steve Smith said he usually likes saving his strongest pitcher until Saturday, but the need to set an early tone in a much-needed series prompted Verrett's start last Friday.

Today's game is not the same case, Smith said.

"There's no rhyme or reason; we're not playing matchups. There's not any of (Texas' three pitchers this weekend) that are weak. (Verrett) just threw well last weekend," Smith said.

Verrett has started in all nine of his appearances on the year, tossing a team-high 60 innings and maintaining a 3.15 ERA.

Smith plans on giving Shawn Tolleson the nod on Saturday at Austin. Tolleson last saw action in the Bears' April 25, 4-1 defeat of Nebraska.

At 2-5, the Fairview junior has struck his share of tough luck this season. Only 27 of his 44, or 61 percent, of his runs allowed have been earned, although his 64 strikeouts are second to Verrett on the team.

Craig Fritsch makes his second career start against Texas on Sunday. Fritsch took a loss against the Cornhuskers last Saturday in a tie for his second longest outing of the season at 5.0 innings.

"I'm not as concerned about us offensively as I am pitching-wise. We have to pitch well," Smith said. "When you're facing a team whose pitching has been so good, that puts even more pressure, more demand for your pitching to be good."

After a disappointing hitting weekend at Kansas State in which the Wildcats swept Baylor, the Bears' offense bounced back against challenging midweek, non-conference opponents, as well as the Cornhuskers.

They weathered the slump in Manhattan, Joey Hainsfurther

said, and now the team feels in good shape.

"I think we match up well against (Texas). They're a fast-ball, breaking ball type team with a bunch of righties," Hainsfurther said.

Both Baylor and Texas are expected to use three right-handed starters this weekend. Only two players in Baylor's projected lineup, infielders Landis Ware and Raynor Campbell, bat strictly right-handed. Conversely, just one of the Longhorns starters is a lefty hitter.

On paper, strong pitching from both sides leads to low-scoring affairs emphasizing defense and timely hitting. But in his 16 years managing Baylor's ball club, Smith knows no game comes with a script.

"If you were giving us any chance at all on paper, you'd say we have to win 2-1 or 3-2, and certainly we need to be prepared to play that type of game," Smith said. "But for me to make any prediction, who knows?"

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From left: Seniors Tiffany Wesley, Nicole Wesley, Courtney McFarlin, Courtney Nieten and Mallory Craig. All are playing in their final games as Lady Bears.

Seniors embark on final journey

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

With less than 2 percent of college athletes going pro, the reality of life after sports hits the majority of student athletes as they end their days on the field, court, pool, pitch or whatever other playing surface they poured their sweat and heart into for the previous four years.

However, for college softball players the prospect of the pros is even less likely and less appealing than sports like football, baseball and basketball.

The National Professional Fastpitch player's average salary is between \$2,500 and \$5,000 a season while Major League Baseball players make close to \$3 million a year on average and a minimum \$400,000.

With these stats in mind, Baylor softball head coach Glenn Moore looks to produce competitive people rather than just competitive athletes and believes the philosophy rings true with this year's senior group.

"This year's class has made twice fewer mistakes than any other class," he said. "The No. 1 thing is that they are spiritu-

ally grounded. This is a game of failure, and they handle adversity much better [than they did as freshman]."

Unfortunately for these seniors, they encountered more adversity than they bargained for in their final season wearing green and gold. Injuries to sophomore ace Whitney Canion and more recently senior Tiffany Wesley combined with spotty hitting to land the Lady Bears at 26-20 overall and 6-9 in the Big 12 with three games left in conference play.

One has only to go back three years, though, to find the squad that found themselves in the Women's College World Series, and for the seniors, it's that freshman year they will take with them.

"We as an entire freshman class had a hall meeting in our dorm," senior catcher Courtney Nieten said. "We said, 'We're going to be in the starting lineup and we're going to the World Series.' We had five [freshmen] starters consistently throughout the year, and we went."

With a not-so-enticing pro salary, softball is winding to a close for the five Baylor seniors. The determination that landed them

in the World Series, as well as brought them through this season, will encounter new kinds of adversity in the ensuing years.

"I think I've really found how far I can push myself in this sport," Wesley said. "So I'm looking forward to pushing myself in some other field after this."

Wesley (who earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 as a sophomore and junior) plans to finish her undergraduate work and attend medical school.

"I would love to become an orthopedic," she said. "But they say you change your mind a million times once you get to medical school, so we'll see."

No matter where she ends up, Nieten knows Baylor softball sends her out with a refined perspective.

"People can grow and learn from each other even if they fight all the time," she said. "You can have the greatest team chemistry in the world, and the team can ultimately fail because people are too busy trying to avoid conflict."

"Then you have those teams where you fight with everybody all the time, and sometimes conflict like that is what makes a team so successful."

Lady Bears not satisfied yet

By DANIEL CERNERO
REPORTER

The No. 1-ranked women's tennis team picked up its sixth consecutive Big 12 regular season championship over the weekend, defeating Kansas State and Kansas to finish off its third straight undefeated season.

"The reason I'm really proud of what we've done during the regular season is because it takes discipline," senior Lenka Broosova said. "It takes three months in the Big 12 of winning every single match."

"I'm sure for any successful team, it's easy to think that it is going to go on forever," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "But it takes a tremendous amount of work and good fortune to keep it going. From my standpoint, we're going to try everything possible to keep this going as long as possible."

If a program wants to have continued success, Scrivano said, "you have to recruit the right people, you have to develop them, and then you have to coach them. I think with our tennis program, we're obviously excelling in those three areas. You can't have the success we're having with one of those areas being deficient."

Broosova identified hard work as being a key component to Baylor's success against conference opponents in recent years.

"Other teams and individuals (on other teams in the Big 12) want to win and want the trophy," Broosova said. "But I don't think they know what it takes to do that. This coaching staff knows what it takes to win and it gives (our team) an edge."

Now the Lady Bears head into the stretch of the year that really matters — the postseason.

"If we can continue to mature, then I expect we're going to continue to improve, and we can expect great things," Scrivano said. "If we take a step back in the maturity department, then it's going to be a challenge."

"That's been a big key to our success this year; our players have grown up a little bit. I don't



DANIEL CERNERO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 5-ranked Lenka Broosova delivers a backhand shot in her win against UT-Arlington. Broosova, the Big 12 Player of the Week, currently rides a seven-match winning streak for the Lady Bears.

think a lot of people realize that we're dealing with young adults. They have a lot going on in their lives; there's a lot of transition and a lot of change. If they're not mature, they're going to really struggle."

Following the 4-3 loss to Michigan at the end of February, Baylor responded by putting together one of the best weeks the program has ever seen. Starting with victories over No. 13-ranked USC and No. 2-ranked UCLA on the road, the Lady Bears returned home to take down No. 4-ranked North Carolina.

"I think we started catching our stride during that California stretch," Scrivano said. "That's when we really started coming together as a team."

Baylor is now riding an 18-match winning streak and is getting production through its entire lineup.

"Now it's more of a balanced attack," Scrivano said. "Every single position is competitive. That's what you want in the postseason; you really can't go in there with holes in your lineup if you expect to win it all."

Broosova added, "I don't think we've even peaked yet as a team. We've been playing really well and I'm confident that we can win this weekend, but I can see us getting better and dominating this postseason."

A key factor to the Lady Bears' success this postseason might be the health of junior Jelena Stanivuk.

"It's not going to get better till she has surgery (at the end of the year)," Scrivano said of the injury. "So you have to manage it day-to-day. We're basically saving her for the last stretch run (in the NCAA Championship) where maybe we can get a few days in a row of out her. That's what we're praying for."

The Lady Bears begin the Big 12 Championship today as the No. 1 seed against No. 9-seeded Colorado.

"We're glad that we can see the finish line," Scrivano said. "The players have put in a tremendous amount of work in, so they deserve to be in the position that they're in right now. It's going to be fun to try to close the deal."

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public statement during [a] candidates' debate which amounted to a clear suggestion that his opponents were operating intentionally misleading campaigns," the opinion said.

Student court chose to uphold the electoral commission's disqualification because Baumgardner's violations "represented manifest disregard for sanctions already in effect as the result of negative campaigning and coalition campaigning," and "the violations warrant disqualification," the opinion said.

Lyssy received 27 percent of votes last week and Watson received 16 percent.

Lyssy said Article V, Section 3 of the student body constitution makes it clear that an internal vice president candidate needs to have a plurality with a 12 percent or greater margin of victory.

"I, unfortunately, only had an 11 percent lead over the other candidate, so from the start I was in favor of a runoff," Lyssy said. "As an elected representative of the students and enforcer of the constitution, I certainly want to get it on constitutional grounds."

Lyssy said he was in touch with Baumgardner through the whole process.

"I sent Paul a personal letter agreeing with him that a particular accusation against him did not give him an unfair advantage," Lyssy said. "I was sad to see that such harsh sanctions were placed on one candidate and I certainly understand how Paul and his allies must feel after this recent loss."

Watson said he knows Baumgardner's appeal process was long, but he was glad Baumgardner was able to appeal.

"I can understand his case, why he wanted to appeal," Watson said. "He got a lot of votes. It's understandable. Clearly he won the election."

Lyssy said there are steps that can be taken to make sure a situation like Baumgardner's does not happen again.

As internal vice president, Lyssy said he would foster a comprehensive review of the electoral code, constitution and student body documents by creating a special committee and encouraging revisions to such documents.

"As an individual, I have always been motivated by a drive to do what is right," Lyssy said. "As a senator, and especially as a senator on the operations and procedures committee of Senate, I have encountered the strengths and weaknesses of the governing documents of student government and have subsequently authored and sponsored numerous comprehensive legislative enactments to fix problems in these documents and help Senate run more smoothly."

Lyssy said his job as internal vice president would be to encourage the continuation and success of the revision process.

Watson said students should vote for him because he's intelligent and motivated.

"I'm motivated to do the job that needs to be done," Watson said. "I feel like I'm pragmatic and will represent the students as a whole."

Watson said if he was internal vice president he wants to see drastic campus improvements and for more of the student body to get involved with student government.

"I want to take the PR committee we have and actually fund a lot of money into that, that way we can get students aware about student government," Watson said.

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Tsang said. "Just asking them to think about things, a lot of them say that it's really helpful."

Dolan, whose main research area focuses on substance abusers' brain functions, is working with Tsang on the second area of the project. She said the research could lead to better recovery procedures for them.

"I think it's incredibly important for substance abusers because self-forgiveness is a part of recovery, and the more that we understand about how they go about forgiving themselves, the better we're going to be able to help them through their recovery," Dolan said.

Dolan said she thinks the results from the veterans will be interesting because many actions they are trying to forgive themselves for are tied directly into their jobs.

"The nature of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are such that our soldiers are killing other people, they're killing insurgents, they're killing the enemy," Dolan said. "I think the process of self-forgiveness is going to look different because they were committing these acts as a part of their jobs."

Funding for the research began in August 2009, and Tsang said the project is slated for completion at the end of 2012.

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said Lorena freshman Reagan Artz, media and public relations officer for the Young Conservatives of Texas. "I felt that it was very humbling, almost, to receive that award so unexpectedly."

Orr said he did not think any specific activity stood out above any other when it came to comparing to the 11 other chapters of Young Conservatives of Texas.

"I believe our dedication and nonstop work ethic really impressed the state organization," Orr said. "It felt like we were planning, coordinating and participating in events every week."

Orr also said Wichita Falls sophomore Daniel Cervera won the Chairman's Award, an award given to any member who showed excellence over the year.

"I am pleased that we were able uphold the reputation of Baylor throughout the state of Texas," Orr said.

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Lori Fogleman confirmed the May presentation for the board of regents.

"Earlier in the academic year, the board chair challenged the students to be deliberate and thoughtful about their concerns and their ideas, and the students have certainly done that," Fogleman said.

"They have done great work. It's culminated in some pretty unprecedented access to the board, and it shows that the board respects the way the students have responded to the challenge. [Regents] look forward to the meeting with student leaders and hearing and discussing the presentation."

Hannah explained that the idea is an overarching goal.

"We're basically pitching the idea as a broad idea and we're letting the people who know the systems at Baylor, who know the financial models very well, who actually would implement this, decide how this would best be implemented," Hannah said.

"At this point, we as students and student leaders don't have the best grasp of that. It's better left to the administration."

Hannah said this process has been going on since early in the

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Kevin Jackson
Vice President for Student Life

fall semester.

Student leaders have been meeting with administration throughout the year, including during the Homecoming and February board of regent meetings and at the Ken Starr presidential announcement.

While rising tuition is a concern for all students, Hannah explained that it is the upper-class

students who are being most affected.

"We've identified that not enough scholarships are being afforded to upper-class students, and our endowment is not where it needs to be in order to keep the Baylor education affordable," Hannah said.

Hannah has been working with vice president of student life, Dr. Kevin Jackson, on the project.

He notes that the administration sympathizes with student concerns.

"We are aware and sensitive to the cost of attending Baylor," Jackson said.

"The administration is aware of that and sensitive to it, the regents are aware of it and sensitive to it.

What Jordan and Michael Wright and Emily Saultz have done is they have put the student voice, the student experience, together with the desire to make sure Baylor stays affordable.

Jackson wouldn't speculate on

what reaction the regents would have to the proposal.

"I can tell you from my experience in talking with the regents, they are astutely aware of and interested in our students ability to afford coming to and graduating from Baylor," Jackson said.

"What Jordan is doing here is bringing forward an issue that the students have identified. Michael Wright and Emily Sultz have also been a part of this, tremendous supporters."

Hannah said he isn't sure if the proposal is approved, how long it will take to have an effect.

"We know that we are not going to see immediate results with this," Hannah said.

"If the board does decide to move on with this proposal, accept it and implement it, we know that it's a good one or two years away and in its effectiveness, maybe three or four years down the road."

Staff writer Caty Hirst contributed to this story.



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