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### I will destroy you

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# Family helps others become Bears

By Sara Tirrito STAFF WRITER

He was an upperclassman; she was a freshman. And they fell in love.

Richard and Karen Willis worked their way though college at Baylor taking various jobs - he drove a delivery truck, worked at the Penland dining hall washing dishes and worked in a tuxedo shop; she worked at Dillard's, the Alico building and Cox's department store.

They married the day after Richard graduated with his master's degree in 1982. Karen graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1985, and four years later the couple began giving back to Baylor in an effort to help students who need financial support as they did when they were in college — a practice they have continued ever since. "From not having a lot of money when we were here, we just noticed that over the years, you can't work your way through school anymore. We did that," Richard said. "It's impossible." And so the giving began.

by both Richard's and Karen's offices, the donation became large enough to turn into a scholarship.

Today, the Willis family has endowed seven scholarships and has also given back to Baylor by funding other projects, such as the building of the Willis Family Equestrian Center. The family has established scholarships in the Hankamer School of Business, the School of Social Work, the School of Engineering and Computer Science, the George W. Truett Theological Seminary and in Baylor Athletics for the Baylor equestrian team.

Richard, a member of the Baylor Board of Regents, and Karen chose to give back to Baylor because it was something they had in common throughout the various changes in their lives and also because the students here touched their hearts. "We shared Baylor, so I think for us it was something that we could do together. With all the moving around, and all the different changes we had, Baylor was a constant we had," said Richard, who works as an operating partner at Advent Interna-

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# Woman requests dismissal of charges

By JADE MARDIROSIAN Staff Writer

Waco Police filed an emergency protective order Tuesday on behalf of 21-year-old Lacharlesla Edwards, girlfriend of Baylor senior guard LaceDarius Dunn, following his arrest earlier that day on aggravated assault charges. The emergency protective order prohibits Dunn from having any type of contact with Edwards.

On Sept. 27, officers were called to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center to investigate an assault, according to a public information release from Waco police. Authorities said Edwards was suffering from a broken jaw.

On Wednesday, Edwards released a statement through her lawyer, Jason Darling, saying what occurred between the couple on Sept. 27 was an accident and Edwards went to the emergency room as a precautionary measure.

Edwards did not ask for the police department to be called when she went to the emergency room, Darling said.

"I am fine and my jaw is not broken as is being reported," Edwards said in the statement.

Darling added that Waco police were informed when they began their investigation that Edwards did not wish to pursue charges against Dunn for aggravated assault.

"I never expressed any interest in pressing charges nor will I in the future press charges on this incident," Edwards said in the statement.

Dunn turned himself in Tuesday and was released after posting \$12,500 bail. Head basketball

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### **Bear Briefs**

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### **Guest violinist**

Steven Greenman, an internationally recognized violinist, will perform at 12:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall of the Glennis McCrary Music Building

### From Russia with Love

Dr. George E. Munro of Virginia Commonwealth University will present a lecture titled "The Most Intentional City: Russia's St. Petersburg," at 3:30 p.m. today in 100 Morrison Hall

### Summer camp

Camp directors from Peaceable Kingdom, Mustang Island and Camp John Marc will tell students about involvement opportunities at 5 p.m. today in 107 Mary Gibbs Jones Family and Consumer Sciences Building

### Symphony Orchestra

The Baylor Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall of the Glennis McCrary Music Building

The couple decided to make a donation to Baylor in 1989, but with fund matching Richard and Karen Willis are shown with their kids (from left) Katie, Sarah and Marc, a junior at Baylor. The family has endowed seven scholarships at Baylor.

coach Scott Drew released a statement Tuesday announcing that Dunn had been indefinitely suspended from all team activities.

Edwards said she was not in favor of the protective order or Dunn's suspension from the team.

"I respectfully request that the district attorney's office dismiss

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## Law school wins award for service excellence

#### By CARMEN GALVAN STAFF WRITER

The Sheila & Walter Umphrey Law Center has been awarded the 2010 Commitment to Service Award, an annual award honoring one Texas law school for the outstanding promotion of community service and justice among its students.

The law school was notified of the award last week by the award's sponsor, the Texas Access to Jus-

tice Commission. The law school was self-nominated and was chosen from the nine accredited law schools in Texas. The school will be recognized and presented with the award in November at the New Lawyer Induction Ceremony in Austin.

"I think it's a nice recognition of the work that our students and the school itself is doing," said Bridget Fuselier, associate professor at the Law School. "Public service is a really important part of being a lawyer, and I'm glad that someone took recognition of the fact of what our students are doing."

The award is based upon the law school's promotion of justice issues and service, which is one of the most important aspects of the law profession, said Heather Creed, assistant dean of professional development and student relations for the Law School.

"We've really been trying to do even more to promote the idea that is service in our profession to our

students, and we're really glad to see that someone recognized our efforts," Creed said.

The law school students host and participate in various service projects, one of their largest being the annual National Adoption Day held in November on the law school's campus.

The Baylor Public Interest Legal Society coordinates and hosts the event to make the day special for families finalizing their adoptions, said Anjulie Patel, president of the Baylor Public Interest Legal Society and a third-year student at the Baylor Law School.

According to Patel, attorneys and a judge from the Waco community go to the law school to legalize child adoptions pro bono. Each family is then given an individual cake and gift basket including a picture frame for their first family portrait, stuffed animals and donated passes to the zoo or

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## Air Force ROTC grabs Commander's Cup

#### BY COURTNEY SKELLY Reporter

The Baylor Air Force ROTC claimed victory over Baylor Army ROTC, the defending champions, in the second annual Commander's Cup on Wednesday.

The competition ended with a sudden death game of tug of war between Army's 2nd Platoon and Air Force's Bravo flight, after which the Air Force received the Commander's Cup trophy to keep in its detachment, or headquarters.

The Commander's Cup, played on Russell Fields and Fountain Mall, consisted of four military events in which the Army and Air Force competed.

Each ROTC program elected two events for the competition. Air Force's events consisted of a modified version of Ultimate Frisbee and tug of war.

"It's more of a frustrating experience than a fun experience," said Willow Park junior Caleb Lyons, Air Force cadet. "We put SEE ROTC, page 6



Army ROTC 2nd Platoon competes against Air Force Bravo Company Wednesday for the finals match of tug a war during the second annual Commander's Cup at Russell Field. Air Force won the competition and took home the cup.

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# Take time to help the poor and start with Waco

We all live in a city that, for at least nine months each year, we call home. It's known for its proximity to the Koresh tragedy, it's not thought to be a very lively place and never makes the list of the most glamorous U.S. cities. But it is ours and we are all here for a reason.

Another known fact about Waco — it has the fifth-highest poverty rate in Texas. At more than 26 percent, Waco's critical poverty rate is a serious problem.

Poverty across the state has risen, too, with the Census Bureau's recent announcement that Texas saw an 11 percent increase in the number people living in poverty across the state.

The existence of poverty within Waco is not new — it is an ongoing battle the city has faced for years. The city has taken a firm stance to support the

### Editorial

tween Baylor and the city of Waco produced Waco's 10-year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. Meant to combat the high poverty in the city, the plan has now housed more than 40 residents.

Another coalition between graduate students in the School of Social Work and the city of Waco has been meeting for more than a year and a half and hopes to support the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Coalitions such as this that combine our city officials with eager, selfless and ingenious college students are exactly what will help to cure our ailing city. This weekend, the national Poverty Summit will Projects and will be a source of information and discussions on poverty and social and environmental justice for students. "Hungry for Justice: Social, Economic, Environmental" is an opportunity for all who recognize the need for our generation to step up and become servants to learn what is being done across the nation to reduce poverty. In Waco, it is easy for students to think so much is already being done for the city's poor.

From Mission Waco to the Salvation Army, there are indeed several places dedicated to the cause. As students, we should plug into those organizations and aid the needy as much as possible. We cannot sit idle, thinking that poverty is being effectively eradicated because the numbers tell us differently. The numbers show that despite our best efforts, more people are slipping into poverty. that more ideas and innovation must be put into action. The Poverty Summit will foster many ideas that will put Waco, Texas and America a step toward eliminating poverty. Will you show up and offer your ideas? Will you be the innovator that chips away at our poverty rate?

The summit is Friday, Saturday and Sunday and registration is open until Friday. The cost of the event is \$40 and includes three meals, a dessert and all conference materials.

As students, we have the ability to provide so much to the poor and as citizens we should want to care for one another. Baylor's commitment to ridding Waco of poverty is admirable and provides ample opportunities for students to do their part. Hopefully, as students we will step up and make this place — a place we call home for so many months a year — a true home

eradication of poverty. In 2007, a collaboration be-

commence on campus. This year the three-day conference was co-sponsored by The Campus Kitchens

Current initiatives are not enough. This means for all.

# Finding purpose in so-called useless knowledge

"I will never need to know this."

We have all said it about a class at some point. Especially in classes that don't seem to really fit into our plan for our lives, we long to petition the university to change its requirements, or at least we say that when we vent our frustrations to our friends. All too often, these frustrations have come from foreign-language classes.

During my past two years at Baylor I have taken French. Now finished with my foreign language requirement, I have to say I kind of miss it. I was never very good at learning other languages, nor did I have the time to devote to fully immersing myself in whichever language I was interested in at the time. Thus, I never considered a language program when I was looking to study abroad.

I already knew I loved Britain, so I decided to go on the Baylor in Oxford trip in the summer of



Jenna DeWitt | A&E editor

2009. I have far too many good things about this program to list them here, but one true surprise for me came when my friends and I sat down at a table in London and heard French being spoken next to us. We knew France was close, but somehow expected our experience in England to be entirely in English.

We did travel to Paris later in the trip. Experts say going to

the country of the language you are learning will teach you more than any other method. Since we were only there four days, all I learned was that I didn't know much of anything about the language. Especially when trying to purchase tickets for a certain mode of transportation outside of the city, I desperately wished I hadn't quickly memorized (and just as quickly forgotten) my way through my first two semesters of French. Knowing I was only halfway through my foreign-language credits, I dreaded the next two semesters, mostly because I had begun to believe I could never learn it.

Due in part to a better and healthier schedule, but also due to a change in professors' teaching styles, I started to like the language more during my third and fourth semesters. I don't know whether my professor actually ever said it aloud or not, but at least through his actions, he taught us that languages were not secret codes reserved for the specially gifted. They are for everyone to learn, love and share.

As I gained confidence, I started to translate my thoughts into French, find similarities between French and English and posted Facebook statuses in French. I listened to French pop music and translated it for my friends. I could get the gist of a news story from a Francophone news outlet. However, now, without any practice or accountability, I can tell that the language is already slipping out of my memory when I attempt these feats.

This past summer, I traveled to Italy. Rome reminded me a lot of Paris in its personality, rhythm, atmosphere and other factors. Therefore, every time someone would ask a question, I would respond with "oui" instead of "si" or even "yes." I thought about how I would say things in French when we were struggling to make the Italians understand our Texan English. I even started randomly teaching my sister some phrases when we would be walking around. (She is a longtime fan of Spanish and wants to be fluent after taking it at Baylor, which I'm told is entirely possible with the level of difficulty of the program).

Our combined Latin-root skills from our foreign languages helped us team up to decipher bits and pieces of the Romance language surrounding us.

When she wouldn't know a word from her Spanish vocabulary, I would compare it to a French word and vice versa. I did get to read a bit in French on art explanation guides in the museums and on a few menus, but most of the time everything was posted in English if it was in a language other than Italian. We were grateful, but I was also a bit sad that I wasn't able to use more of the language I had worked for four semesters to learn.

On the other hand, the Italian and French people that I have met on my travels are great language-learners.

Maybe it is an all-European thing or that they start learning languages earlier, but my European acquaintances have said they speak at least two or three languages conversationally.

One Italian girl selling tickets to an opera said she spoke four or five and her friend spoke more. Together they could speak pretty much any language they would encounter from tourists in Venice, a city that thrives on international tourism.

I found this very impressive and convicting.

When we least expect it, socalled pointless classes can turn into sources of essential information to everyday life. So much of the world is left undiscovered when we cannot understand it in its true form.

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# Career Services advertises with food, fun

BY WAKEELAH CRUTISON Copy Editor

Students discovered how prepared for the real world they really were on Wednesday at the Baylor Career Services Reality Check.

Passing by Fountain Mall, students were greeted by sounds of Guitar Hero blasting out of a Game2U trailer and air redolent with the promise of free food.

"The primary goal is to get people to think about Career Services and make it a fun activity to draw people here," Dr. John Boyd, director of Career Services, said from the Dr Pepper trailer, where he gave out free cans of soda to students.

Members of the Career Services

staff stood at the ready beneath two tents riddled with tables brandishing pamphlets, pens, packets and fliers to inform students about the workshops and services Career Services offers.

At the Reality Check, students ate free pizza, got free T-shirts, played games and got a dose of reality in relation to how prepared they are for the job market.

Kat Evans, career adviser, and Kevin Nall, associate director of Career Services, sat across from students, reviewing resumes and advising students on how to prepare for the job hunt.

Evans said most of the resumes she looked at had good information but needed work on presentation.

"Most just really need tweaking and finding out what businesses like to see," Evans said. "But some students just want to know how to start. If we can give them feedback on how to make it better and make them feel more comfortable and so they're not starting from scratch, then we've met our goal."

Nall said the majority of the students he's seen needed more information tailored to potential employers.

"Students usually just have a list of jobs with no indication of what they did. That's not real useful," Nall said. "Students should quantify what they did and demonstrate any achievements they've made."

Nall said listing accomplishments shows employers that the applicant has been successful and will continue to be successful, as opposed to someone who just provides a list of jobs.

Harker Heights sophomore Sydney Garcia decided to stop by the Career Services tents on her way to class.

"I thought it would be a good idea to get as many people looking at it as possible," Garcia said holding up her resume. "The more opinions, the better. I'm just trying to prepare as early as possible."

Many students don't take advantage of what Career Services offers because they don't know about it, Houston senior Sarah Kerr said.

Kerr, a student worker for Career Services, interacts with people, helps with events and updates

the department's social media. She said she now has a job when she graduates in May because of her experience.

"I don't think students understand what Career Services really does," Kerr said. "They teach you how to brand yourself in a way that will get you hired. With the economy the way that it is, getting a job is so competitive, and Career Services really prepares you for that."

Nall said he conducts a survey every semester asking recent graduates of their employment status.

"I always get students who said they never used Career Services or that they'd wished they'd known sooner," Nall said. "So we're just trying to be more visible to students?

This is the second year that Career Services has held the Baylor Career Services Reality Check.

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"Last year it rained, and we didn't have as many people as we would have liked," Boyd said.

Members of Career Services reached their goal of having a better turnout. This year, more than 300 students stopped by the Career Services tents, encouraging the staff to make the event annual.

"Reality Check gets the word out and makes people aware of what Career Services does and [allows] people to get feedback on their resumes," Kerr said. "For the students who can't get to the office or don't know where the office is or what services we offer, we're bringing the services to the students."

# Award winner re-vamps math

#### By Meghan Hendrickson STAFF WRITER

Math class is not just about mathematics, but about finding creative ways to look at life, said visiting professor Edward Burger.

"Whenever you are faced with a very serious, complicated challenge in life, don't do it," said Burger during the Central Texas Council of Teachers of Mathematics Fall Conference on Tuesday night in Bennett Auditorium.

"Instead, create," Burger said. "Create easier questions. This is how the frontiers of mathematics and science move forward. With the creation of questions, we build insight. And in time, we are able to make a daunting challenge mathematically simple."

Tuesday night was the first of a series of lectures that Burger is giving at Baylor this semester. He was named the 2010 recipient of the Robert Foster Cherry Award. The first Robert Foster Cherry Award was given in 1991 and has since been awarded biennially.

Part of the award allows the winner to teach in residence at Baylor for a semester and provides a large monetary prize.

Also, \$25,000 is awarded to the winner's home department, as candidates are chosen from schools other than Baylor.

Burger has been teaching in the new ideas. mathematics department at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., since 1990 and has recently been named the Lissack Professor for Social Responsibility and Personal Ethics.

ics courses and meeting with various departments that invite him to talk about different issues.

Beyond this, he started a lunch series with faculty from departments across the university to foster conversation about important aspects of education.

Tuesday evening's event, "How to Discretely Teach Creativity: From Doodling to Discover," was geared toward math educators but open to all students and faculty from Baylor and Waco Independent School District.

For example, everyone in the audience drew their own doodles, drawing whatever squiggly lines came to mind at the time.

Burger was able to take each person's doodle and relate them to a mathematical equation, making a boring math equation a fun and exciting exercise.

Burger said when students see equations such as the one above, they are likely to be intimidated, which is why creative teaching, especially in math, is so necessary.

Burger also provided his top ten life lessons that he hopes students will take with them after they finish his class:

1. Just do it. 2. Make mistakes and fail, but

never give up. 3. Keep an open mind.

4. Explore the consequences of

5. Seek the essential

MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Edward Burger gives a lecture Tuesday in Lecture Hall 116 of Draper. Burger is a recipient of the Robert Foster Cherry Award, a distinction that allows him to lecture at Baylor while maintaining his position as a math professor at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

10. Look for patterns and similarities.

"I'm a third-grade math teacher dealing with the TAKS test," Kerri Jolliff, a teacher at Cedar Ridge Elementary in Waco ISD and a '94 Baylor alumna, said. "I tell my kids, 'You learn from your mistakes.' I like that he brought up the life lessons."

Burger held the audience's attention throughout the evening as he used creative ways to inspire learning, which provided a real-life example of engaged teaching for

to several people in audience by name and always has a wonderful

way of articulating his message." Burger closed the lecture with an inspirational message to math educators.

"If someone asks a former student of yours what they remember from their math class 10 years ago, you should hope that they respond, 'Well, there were a lot of graphs and formulas I don't remember," Burger said. "But my math teacher taught me how to ask questions and not give in until I was able to understand. My math teacher taught me how to look at the world and see it in a crystal focus. My math teacher taught me how to think and create. Now there is a vision for the future."

# Honors program grows, challenges

#### By Samreen Hooda Reporter

With an increase in enrollment by nearly 50 students since 2003, Baylor's Honors College has grown physically and intellectually growth that highlights incoming college students' goal to get more from their college.

"Students like to be challenged," Dr. Alden Smith, assistant dean of the Honors College, said. "The more challenged they are, the more they want to be."

Honors College graduates leave the university with the secondhighest average of student credit hours, second only to the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

The college has done well because it emphasizes personal growth in work ethic and critical thinking, Smith said.

"We have a large emphasis on reading great texts, which leads to thinking great thoughts," Smith said.

"So, ultimately, that's pervasive in the Honors College. It's the idea that if we read great texts we can do great things?

As a result of high-quality teaching and great content selections, Smith said, more students are staying in the program and recruiting their peers.

'The Great Texts courses, they address really important issues that pertain to life in general. It's not just another literature course," said

the next relationship? This allows you to stop and see what life is really about, and hopefully catch a

glimpse of that at some point." A central tenet of the college is to allow students to learn from varying fields of study in order to influence their ability to think analytically.

"The greatest minds have always transcended specific disciplines," the Honors College's website says.

The challenging content, Smith said, along with innovative ways of presenting that content, has gotten people excited about joining the college.

Every semester, the Invitation to Excellence program allows the Honors College to advertise its content, the quality of its students and the way the program goes beyond any discipline to shape intellectuals.

"The Invitation to Excellence program has helped us a lot in getting out the word," Smith said. 'It gets students excited about the program to where they say, 'Hey, I'm coming to Baylor because I want to be a part of this content."

However, it is not just the challenging content and the awardwinning faculty that bring people to the program.

"The honors program gives you more of a sense of community because there is something else that connects you with other people on campus," Welch said.

"The students really come together to work hard and belong to something bigger than them. It's not just reading. It is also thinking about it. You can't just read the material and be prepared; you have to contemplate the meanings behind what's being said."



While in residence at Baylor, Burger is teaching two mathemat6. Understand the issue.

7. Understand simple things deeply.

8. Break a difficult problem into easier ones.

9. Examine issues from several points of view.

time management advisers and

stress management tips say tak-

ing time to relax, breathe and step

away from stressful situations will

stress may also decide that a work

out buddy, someone who will talk

and get students' minds off stress,

Students looking to relieve

improve energy.

the educators in the room.

"He's got an incredible presence, and I've seen some very good teachers in my time," Dr. Lance Littlejohn, professor and chair of mathematics, said. "He makes eye contact with everybody, refers

Bancroft freshman Amy Welch.

"It's kind of a sad thing when you go through life and don't really think about what it's all about. You just go through college with the idea that you want to get to what's next, what is the next job or

## Sleep, food, exercise help beat midterm blues

#### By Rachel Stobaugh Reporter

Midterms tend to stress students out, sometimes to epic proportions. The experts at Baylor's Counseling Services have some tips to maintaining sanity during stressful test weeks.

"Sleep, exercise and good nutrition are the basics," Dr. Jim Marsh, director for counseling services at Baylor, said.

Getting enough sleep is key to a healthy brain, and according to a recent student survey, 77 percent of Baylor students reported not getting enough sleep.

Often times students will get caught up in all the assigned work, and begin to feel that there isn't enough time in the day.

Mind-Body Health Services advises that students should arrange their schedule so that they can finish their homework in a timely manner and not be stressed about it all day long.

"There is widespread recognition that stress plays a major role in depression and anxiety, insomnia, suicide, substance abuse and other mental health problems," according to a flier from Mind-Body Health Services.

These things can be prevented in several ways.

Mind-Body Health Services suggests squeezing in 30 minutes or an hour to work out and alleviate stress. Deep breathing, meditation, tai chi and yoga can also help reduce stress.

Also try going for a walk. Many



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MAKENZIE MASON AND NICK BERRYMAN

could help, too.

"My plea to students is to learn how to manage stress now," Dr. Roderick Hetzel, a psychologist for Counseling Services, said.

Hetzel said students should put their health first.

"Go to bed earlier. Walk on the Bear Trail. Add some fruit and vegetables to your diet," Hetzel said.

If stress is becoming unmanageable, Hetzel recommends trying the Meditation and Mindfulness hour.

The M&M hour is offered at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Counseling Services, and walkins are welcome.





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# 'Funny Story' looks at issues from teenage perspective

MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Ryan Fleck and Anna Boden have collaborated on some of the most acclaimed films of the past decade. "Half Nelson," their penetrating portrait of a drug-addicted junior high school teacher, earned Ryan Gosling an Oscar nomination for best actor. "Sugar," about a Dominican baseball player and his quest for success in America, was as insightful as it was absorbing.

Although both films scored with critics, who were impressed with their originality, neither attracted audiences beyond the art-house crowd. But with the comedy-drama "It's Kind of a Funny Story," opening Friday, the married writing-directing duo just might break through to the mainstream.

The film boasts a strong supporting cast that includes Zach Galifianakis, Emma Roberts and Viola Davis. Still, its greatest asset is Keir Gilchrist, who turns in a potentially star-making performance as Craig Gilner, a smart but mixed-up teenager who checks into an adult psychiatric ward.

With their latest film, Fleck and Boden are primed to make the transition from independent-film stalwarts to Hollywood power players in much the same way as those before them - Spike Lee ("Inside Man"), Martin Scorsese ("The Departed") and Steven Soderbergh ("Ocean's Eleven").

In a recent phone interview from Boston, however, the duo emphasized that whether their films are considered indie or mainstream

is secondary to getting them made. "It's tough," Fleck said. "But we just stuck with it, and we've been very lucky."

"It's Kind of a Funny Story" is based on Ned Vizzini's young-adult novel. But the screen version was also inspired by the films of writer-director John Hughes, particularly "The Breakfast Club," in which five teenagers, each representing a high-school stereotype, are forced to deal with each other during a stint in detention. Hughes' other teen-oriented works include "Sixteen Candles," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and, as a screenwriter, "Pretty in Pink."

"Those were some of our favorite movies growing up," Boden said. "When we read the book, we thought it was a great opportunity to do something in that vein."

Like Hughes' films, Fleck said, Vizzini's book "dealt with teenage issues from a teen perspective, not through an adult lens, looking back with a hint of cynicism or sarcasm."

Accordingly, "It's Kind of a Funny Story" unreels from Craig's viewpoint. While struggling to deal with his depression, he becomes involved with some of his fellow patients, including Noelle (Roberts), to whom he becomes attracted despite her physical and psychological

scars, and Bobby (Galifianakis), who's generally friendly but given to mood swings.

Galifianakis, who is soon to appear in "Due Date" opposite Robert Downey Jr., was something of a casting coup.

"He'd seen 'Half Nelson' and really liked it," Fleck said. "He's a comedic actor, but he has tastes that range from indie films to more dramatic films. So we met with him, and he was such a charming and warm guy that we thought it would be great if he could put some of himself into the role."

Gilchrist, who recently turned 18, lends the film just the right note of anguished honesty.

"We were really searching for somebody who was a teenager," Boden said. "We didn't want the 22-year-old just out of college, pretending to be 16 or 17. Keir was just so genuine and real, and blew us away with what a serious actor he was."

Stylistically, the film is more adventurous than Fleck and Boden's previous work, allowing room for whimsical cutaways that may remind film buffs of the work of director Jean-Pierre Jeunet ("Amelie") while mostly remaining in a conventional mode.

"The novel is told from a first-person point of view," Boden said. "It's very subjective - we get to go inside Craig's head - his flashbacks and his projections and his fantasies. So that was really exciting to us, since our first two movies were so grounded in reality."



Writers/directors Ryan Fleck and Anna Boden talk on the set of their new film, "It's Kind of a Funny Story," a Focus Features release. The film is set to release nationwide Friday.

### Oscar ceremony up several weeks Academy looks to move 2012

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Organizers of the Academy Awards are ironing out the logistics of moving the ceremony up to late January or early February starting in 2012, and the potentially accelerated schedule means Oscar voters may be watching contending films and voting for the winners on their laptops.

Next year's ceremony will be held Feb. 27, but an earlier date could allow the academy to steal back some of the thunder from other award shows and boost TV ratings.

But any date switch which has yet to be approved by the academy has been complicated by the NFL, which is considering adding two games to its professional football schedule. That could push the league's divisional championships or Super Bowl on top of a new Oscar date.

"There are only a limited number of Sundays in January and February," Bruce Davis, the executive director of the Academy of Motion

Picture Arts and Sciences, said Monday.

In their ongoing discussions about advancing the ceremony by about a month starting in 2012, academy officials tentatively have decided that nominations for foreign-language movies could be announced later than the main group of nominees. Such a delay would be necessary because members of a special academy committee have to consider all of the eligible films last year there were 65 — before assembling a shortlist for the final round of voting.

Because there may not be sufficient time to mail out DVDs and ballots, the academy is looking for solutions on the Internet. A committee is examining how balloting for the nominations and awards can be done online without opening the voting process to tampering, and how movies can be distributed to members around the globe securely.

The academy said in June that it was considering moving the 2012 ABC broadcast from February to January. A task force headed by academy President Tom Sherak has been meeting to figure out if such a move is feasible, and the academy has informed ABC of the possible date change. The network did not object.

"It's not a done deal yet," Sherak said. "I think we would like to do it. Progress is being made, but we don't have it all right just yet."

As it stands, the Oscar show is the caboose in a very long award season train.

Academy officials worry that the television audience, along with the nominees, are burned out by the time the Oscars are presented two months after the very last eligible films are released.

Next year, the Oscars will follow Jan. 14's Critics' Choice Movie Awards on VH1; Jan. 16's Golden Globe Awards on NBC; Jan. 30's Screen Actors Guild Awards on TNT and TBS; and Feb. 13's British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards on BBC America.

Oscar contenders also attend (and campaign for) a number of nontelevised awards from Hollywood labor unions, including

ceremonies hosted by the Writers Guild of America and the Directors Guild of America, and several luncheons and dinners where prizes are handed out by local and national film critics' organizations.

"We still are the mother of all awards shows," Sherak said. "But in today's world, everybody wants it now. People don't want to wait. You need to stay relevant."

The academy assumes that even if it changes the date, the Oscars still will be the last movie award show because other award shows will move up in response. Still, even a few weeks could help the ceremony, organizers say.

"I think some people feel it has lost some of its energy, and we're looking for energy," Davis said.

The academy's primary source of revenue comes from selling ABC the rights to the telecast.

During the academy's 2008-2009 fiscal year, \$73.7 million or more than 90 percent of its total income came from the television broadcasts, according to tax filings. The Academy spent more than \$23 million to stage the Oscars, the

Governors Ball and other events related to its glitzy award season.

Because of lower TV ratings in recent years, the Oscars have not been as lucrative for ABC as they once were. In response, the academy has made several tweaks in the ceremony, such as increasing the number of best picture nominees from five to 10 to include more mainstream movies. And the date has already been moved up; the 2003 ceremony was held in late March, and some past shows were in April.

Academy officials also abolished a prohibition against running movie ads during the Oscar telecast and moved the honorary awards out of the televised ceremony.

Ratings for the 2010 show, the first to feature 10 best picture finalists, were up 14 percent, with 41.3 million people tuning in the largest audience since 2005. This year, the average price of a 30-second spot was \$1.4 million (up slightly from 2009), according to Kantar Media, which tracks ad spending. From 2006 to 2008, ABC was charging more than \$1.6 million per spot.

Michele Robertson, an award strategist and academy member, said some studios might move up the release date of their year-end films and reduce their "for your consideration" advertising if the Oscars are held earlier. She also said she was uneasy about online streaming. "The key is to make sure that you don't lose sight of the films and that you can enjoy them the way they are supposed to be seen," Robertson said.

Davis said some academy members are worried about watching movies on their laptops and desktops.

"There has been some concern expressed about the visual quality on computers," Davis said.

He said that after the NFL announces its decision on adding games and the academy reviews its options, the Oscars nevertheless might stay in their current place on the calendar.

"There are sets of circumstances," Davis said, "where we could say, 'Let's try to make it more exciting where we are.' "

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# **1ST AND 100**

Sports writer Matt Larsen talks about each Big 12 South team, getting 100 words per squad in a weekly installment

### Baylor

After a program record 678 yards in their 55-7 Big 12 opener victory over Kansas, the Bears (4-1, 1-0) are hitting their conference season in stride. Quarterback Robert Griffin set a career and school record with 444 total yards, 380 of those coming through the air.

Sophomore receivers Josh Gordon and Terrance Williams hauled in the most of Griffin's big-yardage passes, **Terrance Williams** picking up 161 and

101 respective yards and a pair of touchdowns each. The defense forced four turn-

overs but will have to handle a

Texas Tech team with its back against the wall at 0-2 in conference play.

Oklahoma

The No. 6/7 (AP/ USA Today) Sooners (5-0, 1-0) managed a 28-21 win this last weekend against Texas but received some

The Longhorns turned the ball over twice and notched nine penalties at critical moments. Meanwhile, the Sooners fumbled three times but never lost it.

help.

The opportunistic Sooners did squeak out another

win as Landry Jones passed for 236 yards and two touchdowns and DeMarco Murrav added 120 yards on the ground with two touchdowns.

But four of their five wins this season have come by a combined 20 points.

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#### Demarco Murray **Oklahoma State**

The No. 22/21 Cowboys (4-0, 1-0) join their in-state rivals as the only two teams still unbeaten in the Big 12 South after outlasting Texas A&M last Thursday for a 38-35 win. Like the Sooners, the Cowboys also had some help from their opponent as Aggie quarterback Jerrod Johnson threw four picks and fumbled once.

Oklahoma State quarterback Brandon Weeden threw two picks but bounced back to lead the team from a 14 point deficit. The Cowboys are No. 1 in total offense in the Big 12, averaging 534.8 yards Texas

the first time in 10 years. There is no need to panic for Longhorns fans as it appears the team is just experiencing some growing pains. Against the Sooners, those growing pains took the shape of nine penalties for 81 yards, an interception with no touchdowns from sophomore

After a pair of tough-to-

stomach losses to Oklahoma and

UCLA, the Longhorns (3-2, 1-1)

dropped out of the AP Top 25 for

Garrett Gilbert, and a costly m u f f e d punt.

Unfortunately for the Longhorns, their op ponents don't get

easier in the near future as they face No. 7/6 Nebraska at Lincoln this weekend.

#### Texas A&M

The good news for the Aggies (3-1, 0-1) is that quarterback Jerrod Johnson threw for a careerbest five touchdowns against Oklahoma State and sits at the top of the Big 12 in individual total offense.

The bad news is that he also committed five turnovers.

A&M has led the conference on third down, converting 51.4 percent and keeping opposing offenses to a mere 26.9 conversion percentage.

They will need to tone down the turnovers and play stingy defensively all four downs as they take on Ryan Mallett (averaging 357 passing yards per game) and No. 11/13 Arkansas.

#### **Texas Tech**

The Red Raiders dropped to an unfamiliar 0-2 in the Big 12 last week after losing 52-38 to Iowa State. They seemed to take a trip back to their Mike Leach, run-andgun aerial attack as quarterback Taylor Potts went 42 of 62 for 377 yards and five touchdowns.

The Red Raiders lost in spite of notching more first downs (28-22) and more overall yardage (508-441). Texas Tech's defense will need to shape up for its matchup against Baylor this Saturday as the Red Raiders sit dead last in the conference in scoring defense, giving up 30 points a game.

Photos by Lariat photographer Makenzie Mason and McClatchy newspapers

# Rangers beat Rays with Lee

By The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Cliff Lee, postseason ace for hire.

Picking up where he left off during in a dazzling October run a year ago, Lee shut down the Tampa Bay Rays while outpitching David Price and leading the Texas Rangers to a 5-1 victory Wednesday in the opening game of the AL playoffs. These days, no pitcher is doing it better.

Lee matched a postseason best with 10 strikeouts while allowing five hits - just two after escaping a bases-loaded jam in the first inning. During one dominating stretch, he retired 16 of 17 batters before giving up Ben Zobrist's homer in the seventh.

Nelson Cruz and Bengie Molina homered for the AL West champions.

Game two starts at 1:37 p.m. CDT today.

# Volleyball wins marathon match at Texas A&M

in a hole, down 0-4, but came back

and answered with a five-point

run. However, Baylor's higher hit-

#### BY RACHEL ROACH Sports Writer

Baylor's volleyball match against Texas A&M proved to be victorious after a 3-2 (25-15, 22-25, 25-23, 20-25, 15-13) marathon. The Bears improved to 9-8 overall and 2-4 in Big 12 play.

Despite its conference record, No. 54 ranked Baylor was one of seven Big 12 teams to be a NCAA RPI top 60 squad; Texas A&M was No. 85

Baylor dominated the first set with its side out percentage. The team hit .389 and began to see sophomore Torri Campbell catch fire after acquiring six kills. The Bears were off to a strong start with a 25-15 set win.

Five errors hurt the Bears in second set. The Aggies took a 15-6

lead, but Baylor answered with a 19-19 tie. However, the Bears were unable to turn the score completely around and dropped the set, 25-22.

The third set was full of ties, both teams continuously battling back and forth and keeping the score within an arm's reach. Texas A&M initially took the lead, but the Bears fought back keeping the spread within two points during the entire set. After a block by junior Allison King, the Bears finally took the lead 23-22. The Aggies answered with another point, but later King's kill quieted the opponents and finished the set 25-23.

The Aggies came out strong in the fourth and kept the lead. Even though Baylor had a few runs and closed the gap, the Aggies' momentum lead them to a 25-20 victory. The Bears started the fifth set ting percentage led it to a 15-13 win for the set, and 3-2 win for the match. Winning four of the last five matches in College Station, the Bears prevailed 3-2 in the two

teams' last meeting as well. Sophomore Torri Campbell put the ball away with force during the match, acquiring 18 kills, besting her previous season high of 15. Senior Elizabeth Graham had 14 kills, falling one short of her career high of 15.

King recorded a double-double with 24 digs and 10 kills. Campbell also led Baylor with eight block assists for the night.

The Bears next play Colorado at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Boulder.



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER No. 6 middle blocker Ashley Byrd celebrates after a Baylor point against Oklahoma on Saturday. Byrd had four block assists Wednesday night.

# **Quest for** the Cup

After suffering several defeats, Baylor tennis begins day six at the ITA All-American Championships.

And then there was one. The men's only remaining competitor is No. 28 preseason ranked John Peers, who plays at 11:30 a.m. today.

The women are also down to one player after Sona Novakova fell to Stanford's Mallory Burdette, 6-4, 6-1. Nina Secerbegovic, the tournament's No. 8 overall seed, will wait for her match today against Hilary Bartlett of Princeton in the singles' main draw.

Information compiled by Lariat reporter Krista Pirtle

## Women's golf takes tenth at tourney

By Tyler Alley Reporter

Baylor women's golf finished 10th Tuesday at the Johnie Imes Invitational in Columbia, Mo., a Princeton. Oklahoma State won the tournament with an overall score of 1-under-par 863.

Junior Chelsey Cothran carded Baylor's best individual score with a 7-over-par 223, tying her for

better."

Senior Lene Haftsen-Morch carded a 14-over-par 230 to tie for 41st place. Junior Jaclyn Jansen and senior Jordan Rhodes both tied for 45th with a 16-over-par



tournament in which only one team finished under-par. Oklahoma State teammates

Courtney McKim and Victoria Park tied for best individual performances, each finishing at 4-under-par 212. Only five individual players in the whole tournament finished under-par.

"There should be no excuse," head coach Sylvia Ferdon said about the results. "It was perfect weather, dead calm. The golf course is designed with a lot of strategy involved."

Baylor is now ranked 51st by Golfstat among 243 NCAA Division I women's teams.

The Lady Bears carded a 53-under-par 917, finishing four strokes behind ninth-place Texas State and two strokes ahead of 11th-place 15th. Cothran also had the best score each round for the Bears, including her lowest round score

*"We need to make"* some corrections. I never like to see a Big 12 school beating us."

Sylvia Ferdon| Head coach

of an even-par 72 in the second round. She has finished in the top 15 in both of Baylor's 2010 tournaments.

"[Chelsey] went into the tournament as a very strong golfer with a lot of confidence," Ferdon said. "She kept her emotions intact. I think her mental game is getting

232. In her collegiate debut, freshman Kaylin Terry tied for 78th at 30-over-par 246.

"I'm a little disappointed in our performance in Missouri because they are the host for the Big 12 Championships," coach Ferdon said. "We need to make some corrections. I never like to see a Big 12 school beating us."

The Baylor women next head to Price's "Give-Em-Five" Invitational from Oct. 11-13 in Las Cruces, N.M. Last season the Lady Bears finished fourth out of 18 teams at the event with a 30-over-par 894.

"Next week we go to New Mexico State; we should have a very strong lineup," Ferdon said. "We're going to set up a good plan for everyone. Our top three girls are good ball strikers.

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these charges, and further request that Baylor University lift their suspension," Edwards said in the statement

Vikram Deivanayagam, lawyer to Dunn, said he is waiting for the police report to be forwarded to the district attorney's office before taking further action.

"Ultimately, I hope at some point that we can resolve it to the satisfaction where he can continue his career at Baylor," Deivanayagam said.

The district attorney's office will ultimately decide how the case is charged.

"They can do anything from present it to a grand jury, to indict it on a felony case, to file it as a misdemeanor, or dismiss it outright," Darling said. "Basically that is the sole discretion of the district attorney's office."

Deivanayagam expressed his

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tional, a private equity firm. "Another thing beyond that ... once we got personally involved with the students, that's just where our heart was."

The family's broad span of scholarships has come as need in various programs on campus has been brought to the family's attention, Richard said.

"It's amazing all the things that Baylor does that people don't really know about. Even as a regent, I still am surprised by different programs we have that are terrific," Richard said. "Every one of our scholarships sort of comes from that — we just didn't know this school existed or this school had a need."

Richard and Karen were also named as the co-chairs of the steering committee for the President's Scholarship Initiative, to which they committed \$1 million. The initiative was launched by President Ken Starr in September.

"It's hard to put into words how much this means to us to be able to give back to the students, to make sure the students are number one and they get everything they need to get out of their education," Karen said. "So I think that's what we want to accomplish is to make sure that every student who has a need, who wants to be here, has that opportunity. That's number one to us, always has been."

Bill Dube, director of the Endowed Scholarship Program at Baylor, said the couple was chosen to lead the committee because of their desire to help students through the endowed scholarship programs.

"They have been on the other end of financial aid," Dube said. "They've experienced the need, they've been recipients and when they were able to give back, which was very early ... they wanted to immediately begin to give back without even thinking about doing an endowed scholarship. It was 'We want to give back client's concerns regarding the case. "While he is concerned about

his basketball future and his future with Baylor educationally, he has some real hurt over just not being able to communicate with someone that is very important in his life," Deivanayagam said. "That is someone that he has had a relationship with for 10 years now. They have a 3-year-old son and he would like nothing more than to be able to talk with her, visit with her and see how she is doing."

Both lawyers said that Dunn and Edwards are still a couple.

"She wants to continue their relationship, and my understanding is that he also wants to continue their relationship and be a father figure for their child," Darling said. "As soon as the emergency protective order is vacated they are going to go back to having a relationship."

to help other students,' and then of course as they were blessed they began to want to even do things on a bigger scale."

Enabling students to attend Baylor despite their financial need is important to the Willis family, in addition to providing those students with a religious background that they can later apply in their workplace, Karen said.

to be a deterrent," Karen said. "If this

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#### Karen Willis

is where you want to be, this is where you feel like you need to be, we want to make sure you get here. We want to make sure that the kids that come out of Baylor are not only prepared for their job educationally, but that they have this Christian background that they are able to take into their job as well."

Karen said it is also important for donors to remember that even small gifts help students.

"It doesn't matter how much you give ... it can be any amount. They can combine it with other people, smaller amounts, and make a big amount," Karen said. "There are so many places where other people could make a donation, no matter what the amount is, and it would make a significant impact."

"We don't want the lack of funds

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local museums.

Patel, who has helped organize National Adoption Day for the past three years, said she was pleased after learning of the award.

"I was just really excited about it and honored about it," Patel said. "I have definitely noticed since I've been at Baylor that they put a huge emphasis on taking a part in the community."

The law school has also raised awareness about service and justice by adding a community service component to the new student orientation, and the school has seen almost complete participation from students, Creed said.

"It exposes them to various services around town and they get familiar with Waco, and shows that there are various opportunities to serve," Creed said.

This is the first year the Baylor Law School has been awarded the Commitment to Service Award, and Creed said the school plans to continue applying for it in the future to recognize their students.

"Our students have worked very hard, and they have big hearts," Creed said.

"They really want to use their degrees to serve others, and we're really glad they're being recognized for that."

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a bunch of rules on you, so you're more worried about discipline than playing the game. So basically there's no jumping, sliding, diving, and if you do, you're called as out of control. Then you report to the penalty box."

If a cadet finds himself in the penalty box, he is required to do more exercises until the other team scores and he is retrieved by his teammates.

The events elected by Army ROTC included a sprint relay and a pushups, sit-ups and plank competition. The plank position requires the cadets to go into a modified pushup position, resting on their forearms while keeping the body straight for as long as possible.

The sprint relay involved a buddy carry, where cadets alternate carrying each other on their backs.

The second relay component is a low-crawl from the starting point to the midway point and back with a dummy rifle. The third component was a typical crab walk.

Despite the intense competitive fervor throughout the competition, relations between the two programs remain friendly.

'We don't look at it so much as a loss but as a chance for camaraderie and sportsmanship, and a way to encourage friendly competition," McGregor junior Ruston Thompson, Army cadet, said.

Plano junior Emily Trop, Air Force cadet, believes the same.

"We are excited, we are thrilled, and we plan to carry this excitement throughout the rest of the year," Trop said.

"I think we really bonded with our sister force today."