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What does Veterans Day mean to you?



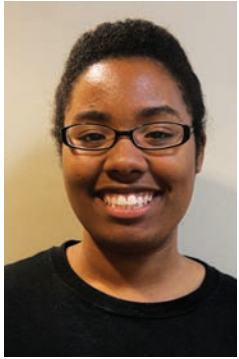
Cortney Shedd
HOUSTON SENIOR

“When I was at the parade, it got me thinking about all of the men that could go into the service and could potentially get shot or wounded. It all became real to me.”



Jay Kinderknecht
COLUMBIA, MO., JUNIOR

“Veterans Day recognizes people who have served for our country and make it what it is today.”



Paula Haynes
HOUSTON SENIOR

“I think of people I work with at the Myers Center [part of Mission Waco] that are veterans. It is a day for them to be remembered.”



Thank you, Veterans



Battle of the Brazos

Championship hopes on the line

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

It's always a rivalry, but as both Baylor and Texas A&M put their chances (though slim) for a Big 12 championship on the line Saturday at 6 p.m. at Floyd Casey Stadium, the stakes have climbed unusually high for both squads.

“It's going to be an epic battle,” head coach Art Briles said. “It's two really good football teams going at it really wanting the same thing.”

Both teams must win out and have some help from two of three schools playing Oklahoma State — Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma — in

order to overcome the conference-leading Cowboys.

When all the talk of which team must win “this” or lose “that” in order for the Bears or Aggies to play in the Big 12 Championship is put aside, though, what's left is a deep-seated, down-home Texas football rivalry known as the Battle of the Brazos.

“Everyone keeps talking to me about A&M coming [to town],” senior cornerback Clifton Odom said. “They play us tough every year and it's always a hard-fought game. We still have kind of a bad taste in our mouths from last year so we'll definitely be thinking

about that.”

Falling 38-3 to the Aggies in College Station a year ago, the Bears look forward to bringing the Battle of the Brazos back to Waco where they welcomed the Ags with a 41-21 win two years ago.

Both teams prefer to look at this season, though, considering that Baylor is having its best season since joining the Big 12 and A&M totes a three-game winning streak to Waco this Saturday after dropping its first two conference matches.

Despite throwing up numbers that turned eyes on a national level, A&M quarterback Jerrod John-

son also threw up interceptions at head-turning rates.

After nine picks in seven games and a two-game streak where he committed 10 turnovers, Johnson gave way to Ryan Tannehill, who has since brought the balance of production through the air and protection of the football that the Aggies sought.

Tannehill has thrown nine touchdowns in the past three games while tossing only three picks.

“I guess the change kind of provided a little spark,” Briles said.

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MAKENZIE MASON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Irving sophomore Todd Johnston, Gilmer sophomore Josh DeMoss, Westlake Village, Calif. sophomore Brendan Djernes, and Houston freshman Brian Smith stand post during a Veterans Day Flag Vigil, Thursday in front of Pat Neff Hall.

Vigil for those of valor

By COURTNEY SKELLY
REPORTER

Baylor Air Force ROTC guarded the American flag in front of Pat Neff from midnight Wednesday to midnight Thursday in honor of Veterans Day.

Ninety Air Force cadets volunteered their time during the 24-hour vigil, rotating out in 15-minute shifts. For some of the cadets, the vigil held a personal meaning.

“My grandpa was in the Vietnam War,” Indianapolis junior Katrina Cheesman, Air Force ROTC cadet, said. “He doesn't ever talk about it, but I know it affected him. I think it's not just respecting him and people like him, but it's also showing my personal pride for the military and for what I'm about to enter into. It's a reflection of the past and the future for me.”

Manchester, N.H., freshman Jennifer Jenkins, Air Force ROTC cadet, agreed, adding that the vigil was about respecting all the branches of the military.

For Fort Worth junior Evan Ross, an Air Force ROTC cadet, the flag vigil was a way to honor every veteran and fallen servicemen.

“So many people have died for the freedom of this country, and everybody that gives their life in service for our country is buried under an American flag,” Ross said. “And so, the American flag is the symbol of everything this country stands for. Our opportunity to guard the flag is symbolic to us giving back to the flag.”

Each cadet had to stand at full attention during the vigil and many cadets served multiple shifts to ensure the flag vigil was successful.



DANIEL CERNERO | LARIAT EDITOR

Flags on Fountain Mall Thursday commemorate Veterans Day. There were a total of 600 flags, each representing nine soldiers lost in the war on terror.

However, the student response was not what many would have liked to see. Many students avoided the flag vigil entirely, while others simply continued their day as normal.

Chris Holmes, employee of

the Office of General Counsel in Pat Neff, gave insight as to why the reaction was less than enthusiastic.

“I know Veterans Day is one of those things that once you've

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Father gifts ancient biblical texts

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

Baylor was presented Tuesday with two copies of what is described as the world's oldest manuscript of the Bible.

The two facsimiles are of the Codex Sinaiticus, which is written in Greek and includes the oldest complete copy of the New Testament.

One facsimile will be given to George W. Truett Theological Seminary and the other will be given to the classics department.

Father Justin of the St. Catherine monastery at Mount Sinai in Egypt gifted the facsimiles to Baylor.

Fr. Justin is the only American who has ever been accepted into the

monastic community at St. Catherine, which is the oldest working Christian monastery in existence.

Fr. Justin described the Codex as the most authoritative text for a number of the books of the Septuagint — the Old Testament in Greek.

The two copies are the result of the Codex Sinaiticus Digitization Project, which is an international collaboration effort to reunite the entire manuscript, which is currently held by the British Library in London, the Library of the University of Leipzig, the State Library of Russia in St. Petersburg and Saint Catherine's Monastery.

The project takes high-resolution digital images of the leaves of the Codex in order to create a life-like view of the pages, allowing the

Codex to be accessed by a global audience for the first time.

Through this project, all surviving parts of the manuscript have been published together for the first time.

Fr. Justin's personal connections to Baylor served a vital role in his decision to gift the university with these copies of the Codex.

Both of his parents attended Baylor before becoming missionaries in South America.

His father studied Greek in the classics department, resulting in his decision to give the classics department one of the two facsimiles.

Dr. Jeff Fish, associate professor of classics, said he believes Fr. Justin

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DANIEL CERNERO | PHOTO EDITOR

David White, senior lecture in the Classic Department, Woodlands junior Lance Forsythe, and Amery, Wisc. senior Amanda Swenson look over a copy of the Codex Sinaiticus Tuesday in Morrison Hall.



Baylor 2012 offers chance to transform concerns into change

Editorial

In a time of rising education costs and intellectual discoveries shaping the future, Baylor needs a plan to deal with what may come next.

By 2012, President Ken Starr says, the university will have one that addresses questions of integrating “academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community,” by completing its strategic planning process.

How much of this strategic planning is dictated by faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of Baylor depends on how much, or how little, input Baylor receives from these parties.

It is no secret that Baylor students find plenty of reason to complain about on-campus inconveniences. Students often complain to their buddies and parents about high tuition costs, a lack of parking on campus, a lack of space in the library and the sprinkler systems watering the sidewalks. But now students have

an opportunity to voice these opinions not just to their friends, not just on Facebook and not just to family. Students can take their concerns and complaints to the next level — those at the top of the university chain.

It is the Baylor community’s responsibility to take its concerns to the university, and Baylor is providing it with an easy opportunity to do so.

Next month starts the community input phase in which organizations and groups will discuss how Baylor can tackle these issues, as November is designated for community reflection. Between studying and extracurricular commitments, members of the Baylor family should follow Starr’s recommendation and reflect on several documents available on the strategic planning website: www.baylor.edu/strategicplan.

One such document, “Envisioning the Future,” written by Dr. Elizabeth Davis, executive vice president and provost, poses several questions regarding the areas of education, Christian commit-

ment and community.

These questions are not of the fill-in-the-blank, pop-quiz variety.

Some examples include:

What types of social, spiritual and physical programs should complement our academic offerings?

How do we extend our influence globally through our undergraduates or through our undergraduate programs?

What does it mean to claim that Baylor is a Christian university in the Baptist tradition?

More broadly, how are faith and learning to be related?

To address the basic logistics of attending college, she asks:

What practices might we change to manage the rising costs of higher education without sacrificing our fundamental core values?

In regard to building community through intramurals, sports, music, etc., she asks:

How should such pursuits be shaped toward this end?

These are just a few questions on which Davis invites Baylor

to ponder. To turn Baylor’s plan from paper to reality, those able to offer insight must take action and participate when opportunities arise.

Students say their concerns hinder their ability to learn and while some of Davis’ questions are more philosophical in nature, much of “Envisioning our Future” deals with areas directly impacting the Baylor family.

Whatever these issues are, Baylor wants to hear them. More importantly, the university wants to know how to fix them, and there is no better solution than input from faculty, staff and students who see the issues firsthand on a daily basis. This month, Baylor wants its family to formulate educated thoughts about the future. From December through April, there will be chances to apply these ideas toward tangible improvement.

Those involved with Baylor should be thankful for this opportunity and think about what affects them the most. With their suggestions, those issues won’t trouble those in the future.

Letters to the editor

CL should not have been fired

Clearly, the “termination” of Jeremy Goss in March 2010 was justifiable.

As of March 2010, Goss had, according to Lara Conrad, “repeatedly ... disregarded policies ... making a situation harder to handle while at other times resulted in violation of policy or cost to the university.”

Oh, just one thing — March 2010 wasn’t the date of Goss’s termination; it was the date of his promotion to Senior Community Leader.

Goss’s promotion was an affirmation of the strong leadership and outstanding character that he has demonstrated in the HRC. Subsequently, it was an affirmation of the success “Assassins” had accrued. To the critic that disagrees, I say, if

indeed CL&L had had an issue with “Assassins” and its use of student ID photos, surely, given two years’ (2008 and 2009) worth of “Assassins,” they would have indicated as such.

Thus, can one fault Jeremy Goss for proceeding to create a third installment of “Assassins?” Absolutely not. He had just recently been commended and awarded for his exceptional performance as a CL.

Consequently, one question is begged: “Would CL&L promote such a rash and undesirable person, as they have made out Jeremy Goss to be, to the position of Senior CL?” Surely not.

I have faith in what CL&L can be and am persuaded that they genuinely prefer and employ capable, consistent leaders. Pursuant of this faith, it is inherently impossible for CL&L to use

the argument that a gradation of alleged incidents involving Goss led to his termination while simultaneously having promoted Goss to one of the most prestigious student leader positions.

That multitudes of campus residents have demonstrated support for an excellent CL is no coincidence.

We stand to protect the job and stellar reputation of a young man that has encouraged, strengthened and impacted us.

Ben Aguiñaga is a junior political science, philosophy and history major.

Man supports hero

I want to thank Sara Tirrito for writing a terrific article (Nov. 9) on my hero, Harmon Parker, who builds bridges in Africa to transform lives and

to bring the gospel to people in remote regions of Kenya. He is a risk taker and adventurer like Indiana Jones, but with a purpose much higher than treasure hunting; namely, ministering to those who are economically and spiritually impoverished. I would like to urge all of the Baylor community to check out the two-minute video highlighting Harmon’s work in Kenya at <http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/living/2010/08/19/cnnheroes.parker.profile.cnn> and then vote for Harmon at <http://heroes.cnn.com/vote.aspx>.

Baylor engineering students and professors have been privileged to work with Harmon on his bridge building.

Dr. Walter L. Bradley Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Celebrities pose real crush threat

Now that we’re older, more mature and rational, you’d think we, as college students, would be immune to crushes. We’re not.

After seeing the show “Supernatural,” I developed a crush on one of the main characters: Dean Winchester, bad boy demon hunter extraordinaire, slaying baddies with nothing but snark and a shotgun full of rock salt. That crush traveled to his counterpart, the actor behind the brilliance — Jensen Ackles.



Wakeelah Crutison | Copy Editor

I must say, at first, I watched the show solely for a chance to stare at him for an hour. Who wouldn’t? The intense smoldering eyes, the light constellation of freckles spattering his nose, suggesting he wasn’t as tough as he appeared, the smile— indescribably charming. The more I stared at him, the deeper, more meaningful and more real our “relationship” became. Until at last, we were riding side by side in his black ’67 Chevy Impala after he rescued me from my doomed existence at the restaurant where I worked.

Before I knew it, my innocent crush morphed into infatuation. I had developed a celebrity crush.

The celebrity crush is a tricky thing. It actually feels real, as real as any regular crush that you may have — like on the girl who sits two rows in front of you in class or the guy you make eyes at across the room while eating in Penland or your classics professor.

With a celebrity crush those emotional stirrings are there, except they’re not actually for a real person. The crush is a product of feelings based on an image of a person, warped by your wishes and assumptions of what they would be like.

Though I know all of this about celebrity crushes, I was not impervious, and I was definitely not above it, as I had assumed.

Because celebrity crushes are fueled by the impossible, I was sure I’d never get to meet Jensen Ackles, and I was determined all the more to meet him. I figured there was always a chance, seeing as how he’s from Dallas and was bound to visit his parents who still live in Texas at some point. I could always run into him at a grocery store, right?

By the grace of God, one summer I got my chance. He was starring in “A Few Good Men” at Casa Manana in Fort Worth, a mere 20 minutes away from my house. As soon as I heard this little tidbit, I bought a ticket front row, of course.

After the play was over, I high-tailed it to the back of the facility where the actors come out. Amid the families and friends waiting to congratulate their loved ones, I waited with other fans waiting for Jensen to appear.

It took an hour for him to emerge. Longest. Hour. Ever. When he finally opened the double doors, it was like a movie — my mind saw him walking out in slow motion, wind blowing his

hair, the proverbial ting of the light glinting off his bright smile.

This was my chance. Unlike the superfans (who were at least 40 by the way) who showed their love for him with all the alacrity of screaming teenage girls, I wasn’t equipped to show the extent of my fanhood.

They had brought tons of Supernatural memorabilia and all I had was a sad little play program, wrinkled and creased after falling victim to my nerves, and a small Supernatural bonus dvd (that I must have subconsciously stuffed in my purse because I don’t remember putting it there).

He was bombarded with requests for autographs (which he gave graciously), pictures and hugs (which he promptly declined).

Finally, my time had come, and he made his way over to me (and by me I mean his Range Rover parked 10 feet to my left). Conversation ensued:

A really nervous Me: Hi. You were really awesome in the play. Better than Tom Cruise.

A blushing Jensen: Thanks.

Me (still nervous): I really like “Supernatural.” I’m a huge fan.

A slightly intrigued Jensen: Really?

A little less nervous Me: Yeah. I love it. Watch it every week.

Jensen: Thanks. I’m actually headed back to Canada to start shooting the next season next month.

Me: Can’t wait.

Jensen: Did you want me to sign that?

I looked down at my manhandled program and remembered the dvd in my purse. I pulled it out, and of course, with it came the entire contents of my purse. But surprisingly Jensen helped me restore order to my purse and ease my humiliation.

To my delight, my plebian efforts at maintaining decorum didn’t fail me. Jensen helped me with my purse, signed my DVD, and made physical contact — a high five — before heading to his car.

And at that moment I realized the only way I would be in the same car with him was if I became a limo driver or his security stuffed me in his trunk after they ran me over with his car.

I also realized that attempting to convey all the intense feelings you have for a celebrity with one look is a little crazy.

And that’s just what the celebrity sees. You project your adoration praying it acts like a beacon leading him to you like a candle in the dark, but all the celeb sees is CRAZY. It’s a distinctive look, broadcast as clearly and immediate as a text message. The look is one part excitement, one part panic, one part love, one part intense focus and all crazy.

Crushing on someone is not wrong by any means; if you like someone, you like them. I’m sure there is a higher explanation for why people develop crushes. Maybe crushes serve a higher purpose.

Maybe they serve to give hope or motivate or challenge people to pursue their romantic interests.

Or maybe it’s just a cruel joke meant to make us suffer and succumb to romantic tendencies. Who knows?

But regardless of the reason behind crushes, the fact is that they will probably never go away and will have us acting like lovesick school kids even when we’re well into adulthood.

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Jerry Park, professor of sociology, guest lectures during the NAACP State of the Union seminar Thursday in Kayser Auditorium.

Students discuss racism

By Rachel Stobaugh
Reporter

Thursday night Baylor faculty and students engaged in dialogue about what it means to be a minority in the United States and investigated the progression of racism in America.

"I felt comfortable being the only black person [in Delta Tau Delta Fraternity] because it's been that way my whole life," Eagle River, Ala., sophomore James Tunda Owolabi said at the Baylor NAACP meeting Thursday evening.

Owolabi was one of two students interviewed about being of the minority race in fraternities at the State of the Union Address held by Baylor University's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"I was raised in a predominantly white neighborhood – lots of white people," Owolabi said. "I went to a private school – more white people."

Despite being the only African American member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Owolabi has a positive outlook on the situation.

Several officials voiced their opinions about racism in today's society. Dr. Jerry Park, assistant professor of sociology, analyzed the ethnic diversity of the media.

"In the 1980s, diversity lauded greater media attention," Park said. "There were more emerging non-white elites: Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey."

While the 1980s changed in the

media aspect, Park said, the workforce shifted as well, such as hotels and restaurants. Moving out of the 1980s and into 2010, Park was able to relate the wealth differences between ethnic groups.

"The largest gap in wealth differences is still between blacks and whites," Park said. "In 2002, the median net worth for whites were at \$90,000, while blacks' median was at \$6,000."

Net worth is made up of assets minus debts possessed by white individuals and families. With "I STAND FOR EQUALITY" printed on the back of every member's NAACP T-shirt, members are attempting to change this gap.

In changing this gap, the separation of ethnicities during Sunday morning worship is surprising to most. Fifty percent of U.S. congregations have members of only one ethnicity, according to Park.

"Our churches are still experiencing the most segregated hour," Park said. "Ninety-three percent of U.S. congregations are homogenous, containing less than 20 percent members of a second racial group."

Churches are not the only community places that the divide is seen. Schools, both private and public, are becoming more segregated, according to Dr. Patricia Tolbert, lecturer of sociology.

"The public cannot use race when assigning students to particular schools," Tolbert said.

Even then, black students and white students tend to end up at

different schools because black children and white children are from different economic extremes, Park said.

"The more poverty-stricken schools have lower-paid teachers and lower-educated students," Tolbert said.

Kindergarten through 12-grade schools and universities both struggle with diversity, according to Tolbert, and the NAACP had two minority members of fraternities on Baylor's campus speak in regard to this.

While being the only African American in the fraternity, Owolabi enjoys shedding ethnic light on the other members involved. Owolabi said he lives a happy, care-free life – even when racism is involved.

"If one of my fraternity brothers tells me to stay away from a person because they are a racist, I'm going to go try to make his day," Owolabi said. "I'll learn something about the person because I have a fun time wherever I go."

While Owolabi maintains a positive attitude when racist people approach him, the NAACP is attempting to eliminate racial discrimination completely, according to Houston freshman Katherine Regalado.

Many experts at the lecture believe that even though the United States has its first black president, racism is still very much an issue in America.

ing providing more competitive stipends, implementing a greater research emphasis, making beneficial changes to the curriculum and recruiting faculty that would improve the rankings on a number of measures.

He said nearly 90 percent of hires since 1996 have obtained external funding, most of which has been federal funding.

"I'm very pleased and impressed, though not surprised, by that significant improvement," said Dr. Larry Lyon, dean of the graduate school and vice provost for institutional effectiveness. "Baylor has hired some exceptional new faculty in psychology and has provided existing faculty with major support for our research and I think this change in rankings shows the fruit of that investment."

Stanford said all of these changes began before Baylor 2012 was initiated, but once Baylor 2012 was implemented it helped accelerate the process even more.

"It's still been slow growing in some sense, but I also think it's been growing at a healthy pace," Granados said. "Could programs advance more quickly? They could. And if we had created a significant number of new positions, that would have gotten us growing a lot faster, but we really have done it by faculty attrition."

There are 22 students enrolled in the psychology doctoral program, while there are about 800 undergraduate psychology majors. Granados said this allows the department faculty and staff to give considerable attention to their graduate students.

"I think the way our program stands out is that we can offer a really quality education to the graduate students with all of the cutting-edge research in the department and an environment that allows

easy access to professors," Stanford said. "Even though this is a small program, the level of research and quality education is what you'd find in major large institutions. The opportunity here at Baylor is to be in a small program where you get a lot of individual training instead of getting lost in a large school."

Stanford mentioned the National Research Council rankings were consistent with the U.S. News and World Report rankings released this summer of the best graduate schools in America, where Baylor ranked in the 49th percentile.

He said the difference between the two rankings is the U.S. News and World Report rankings are based on reputation and what people think about the program, while the National Research Council rankings are based on details of the programs themselves.

Both Granados and Stanford agree there is still room for growth, and in order to improve they must continue what they have been doing.

This includes things such as increasing package benefits and stipends to graduate students, and very strategic hiring of individuals that are both teachers and scientists and have a high probability of gaining external grants.

Stanford said it is vital to always look to the future.

"I think it is important that we keep a continual watch of development in the field and keep up-to-date on training and curriculum," Stanford said. "We're making significant strides as we made a tremendous jump from being incredibly low to the top 50 percent, but now there will be much slower progression because there's not as far to grow, but I believe we do have an opportunity to continue to move forward."

Customers look back with cable

By Dorian Davis
Reporter

Time Warner has introduced a new feature to its Central Texas customers called Look Back, which allows customers to view television programs that have been aired in the last three days. The new feature, released Monday, gives relief to those dependent on digital video recording (DVR) or anyone who has ever missed a television show.

Customers of Time Warner's digital cable service won't require any new hardware other than the receiver box already issued to them, an electronic device that connects to the television and is used to receive digital cable. Customers will not be charged more to receive the service or be required to subscribe to Time Warner's DVR service.

According to a Time Warner Cable customer service representative, the feature is currently available on 22 channels, with a select number available in high-definition format. The list of channels is expected to grow in coming months.

Josh Wucher, a journalist for Waco's KWTX-TV, says Look Back will be a nice complement to his DVR service, which he feels is not always dependable.

"Sometimes I may forget to record something," Wucher said. "Occasionally it will malfunction,

doesn't record or something may go wrong with the station or channel to where I don't get it anyway."

Wucher said that with all the shows he records, he often has to perform maintenance on his DVR to clear out unwanted or old content in order to make space available for new recordings.

"If I can watch other shows without having to record them and take up space, then that would help," he said.

Time Warner Cable is instructing customers to use the service by operating the receiver's remote control and hitting the "select" button to bring up the enhanced menu.

From there, selecting Look Back on the television screen will bring up the required menu. Shows are categorized by the date they were broadcast.

Time Warner Cable is hoping customers do not confuse Look Back with Time Warner's OnDemand service, a library of more than 10,000 shows and movies available anytime to customers with a receiver, with some content requiring a fee.

"Some of the OnDemand programming has a cost associated with it. A lot of the time, it doesn't have the episode that played today. So this would be a more immediate feature," the representative said.

Unlike DVR, customers will be unable to fast-forward through programs, forcing them

to watch advertisements. However, it still retains the pause and rewind functions.

Galveston senior Oscar Boleman appreciates the ability to fast-forward through shows he's recorded using his DVR, citing the time he saves for other tasks.

"It allows me to watch in a more study-friendly fashion," Boleman said.

Critics believe Look Back is Time Warner's response to the growing alternatives to their digital cable service, which is listed at \$55.99 for the Waco area.

While it's still a more expensive choice over online subscription based services such as Hulu and Netflix, it will offer instant access to content instead of having to wait a select number of days for it to become available.

"I can't imagine how much ad revenue and audience Time Warner and cable companies are missing out by people going to Hulu and services like that," Boleman said.

Boleman said cable companies like Time Warner are becoming desperate to compete with online subscription services, so they're looking to add new features such as Look Back.

"I don't see cable as having that much of a future five to 10 years from now. It's going to evolve into the same thing as land-line telephones that a few folks will still use as a backup," he said.

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‘Morning Glory’ impresses

This weekend in Waco

By CARA LEIGH
CONTRIBUTOR

Any movie that dares to employ an enthusiastic, clumsy and disarmingly driven lead woman is sure to get a raised eyebrow and a roll of my eyes. Unfortunately for my cynicism, “Morning Glory” — with the help of a snappy script, polished talent and that oh-so-dreaded lead — proves itself a solid comedy with bite.

MOVIE REVIEW

From the moment Becky Fuller (Rachel McAdams) stumbles into the first scene, you’ve got her pinned: Perky. Intelligent. Hare-brained. A hardworking executive producer for broadcast news, Becky is a bright-eyed, invigorating ball of energy who, due to extenuating circumstances, was fired from a promising gig.

With a determination only palatable through the can-do Becky,

she starts a whirlwind of a job hunt, finally landing a position at Daybreak — notoriously the worst broadcast news station in the nation.

Rock-bottom ratings, unproductive staff and dull news bits plague the set of Daybreak. Turns out Becky is just what the doctor ordered, and in an effort to find a replacement for the lead male anchor, she enthusiastically offers the job to the “third-worst man in the world.”

And from the moment disgruntled news anchor Mike Pomeroy’s forearm does battle with the elevator doors, you start to surmise just what Becky has gotten herself into.

Pomeroy (Harrison Ford) looms over the camera like a grumbling storm cloud, and it is only the lively and likable Becky who is willing to fight thunder with lightning.

The only thing colorful about Pomeroy is his striped socks. Ford brings forth an incorrigible,

crotchety and arrogant grump of a man — a self-entitled braggart who sniffs at the notion of “entertainment news,” unaffectionately referring to it as sugared doughnuts.

Bran Flakes is what Becky then consequently ends up calling hard news. Her goal for the drowning Daybreak? “Bran-doughnuts.”

Caught up in contractual obligations, Pomeroy is forced to swallow his new position — but he refuses to do it with finesse.

If he’s an unstoppable force, then Becky is the immovable object. Their relationship is touchy to say the least, with heartwarming highs and devastating lows. And although cracked, beaten and badly bruised, the young producer is the only one to get a smile out of Pomeroy — even if it is only a little twitch of his mouth.

Usually exhausting and unappealing, a character like Becky Fuller has the highest potential to burn in one-dimensional hell. But McAdams breathes infectious

verve into Becky, inspiring sympathy in the only character that still has a reservoir of hope.

Absorbing Becky’s environment and day-to-day struggles, one can understand her frazzled personality. Between a semi-incompetent staff, edgy boss (Jeff Goldblum), sassy female anchor (Diane Keaton) and the additionally cross Pomeroy, banging her head against walls seems to be Becky’s only release.

The collage of these vibrant characters sews together a blanket of twisted familiarity and unexpected comfort around Becky, and with charm and ease the film convinces the audience (as well as Miss Fuller) to accept the nail-bitingly bad moments with the delightfully good.

“Morning Glory” is a well-choreographed and visually smart film, with contemporary comedic timing and emotional poignancy expected from such an expert cast.

Grade: B-

>> Today

8 p.m. — Jesus Said Rock will showcase James Mark Gulley, Ross King and Bret and Emily Mills at Common Grounds. Tickets cost \$15 for students in advance or \$25 at the door.

7:30 p.m. — The theatre arts department will present “Almost, Maine” in Mabree Theater in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Tickets cost \$15 and \$12 with a Baylor ID. For tickets and information, call 254-710-1865 or visit www.baylor.edu/theatre.

>> Saturday

7:30 p.m. — The theatre arts department will present “Almost, Maine” in Mabree Theater in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center.

>> Monday

8-10:30 p.m. — CROSSroads will present music from Dave Barnes and Flame and a message from Joe White at a free event in Waco Hall.



IMAGE.NET PHOTOS

Actor Will Ferrell poses with Megamind and Metro Man onstage as they commemorate the setting of the Guinness World Record for the Largest Gathering of Superheroes at the release of “Megamind” on Oct. 2 in Los Angeles.

By BRIAN SANDERS
CONTRIBUTOR

The good guys always win... or at least that's what we've been told. Good conquers evil and the good guy always gets the girl. In DreamWorks' new animated film, “Megamind,” things turn out a bit differently.

MOVIE REVIEW

Metro City is your normal, run-of-the-mill city. Skyscrapers dot the skyline, the streets bustle with traffic and its citizens are constantly terrorized by an evil genius. Luckily for them, they have their own superhero: Metro Man.

On the day that Metro City is unveiling a giant statue and museum dedicated to Metro Man (Brad Pitt), Megamind (Will Ferrell) concocts an evil plan. Breaking out of prison, he kidnaps Metro Man's

girlfriend, Roxanne (Tina Fey), and lures Metro Man right into his trap. When his plan unexpectedly works and he kills Metro Man, Megamind finally gets what he's always wanted. Though he soon realizes that maybe what he wanted isn't as good as he imagined.

Superhero movies are a well-established genre. In “Megamind,” the common roles of hero versus villain are reversed, sparking new life into what would have been a predictable movie. Instead of the obvious choice of having Metro Man as the protagonist, the villain Megamind is now the main character.

Everyone roots for the underdog and Megamind certainly is one. He's a self-proclaimed evil genius who spends his days developing schemes in his secret lair outside of the city. He claims to be ruthless and evil, but for the most part, is very nice, caring and lovable. For being such a genius,

he often makes extremely stupid mistakes, and the better part of his plans end in destruction. He tries to fit the supervillain role, but doesn't play the part too well.

One of the best things about “Megamind” is that it is genuinely funny. Most animated movies are devoted to children as their target audience, occasionally sprinkling in cleverly masked jokes for parents. “Megamind,” on the other hand, is funny throughout. It's easy to find yourself laughing at the same jokes that the child next to you is giggling about. Whether it is Megamind's inability to pronounce common words or a line claiming the Queen of England isn't real, the jokes are simple and hilarious.

In the past few years, more and more 3-D movies have been released. Almost all are just gimmicky, trying to get a few extra dollars out of you. Most of them leave me with a headache, but Megamind managed to make the 3-D

effect creative and interesting.

It does help to have some of the best animation of the year. The detail throughout is breathtaking. During epic, citywide fighting, concrete flies and breaks realistically and when it rains, tiny waves can be seen rolling off the street. It's nice to see a studio besides Pixar pay such close attention to detail.

Adults will enjoy the film's numerous references to the original “Superman.” Metro Man is a Superman-like hero, and Roxanne might as well be Lois Lane. One of the funniest nods to Superman is the perfect impersonation Megamind does of Marlon Brando as a superhero father.

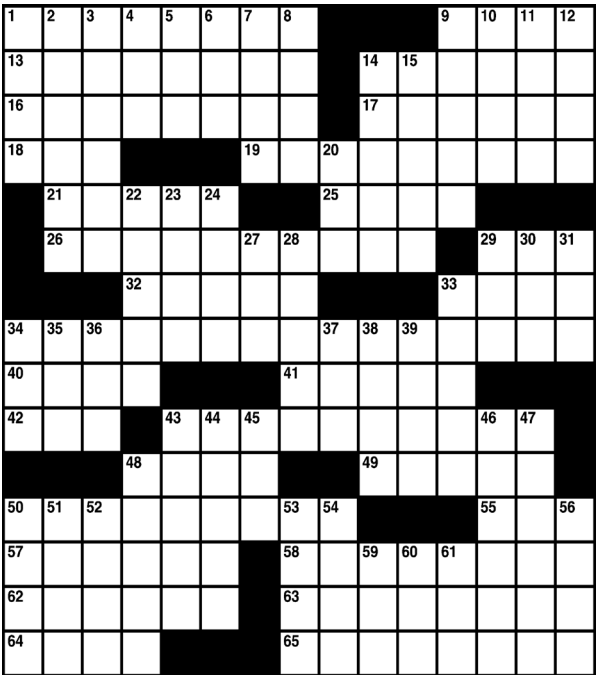
“Megamind” sets itself apart from most animated films. It delivers a surprisingly intricate story line, a colorful cast of characters, and great animation that makes it a perfect comedy for all ages.

Grade: A

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Bear Pit evidence of basketball’s high student support



Bear Pit members wave their hands as Midwestern State attempts a free throw in a Nov. 4 exhibition game. The Bears play Grambling State today at 8:30 p.m at the Ferrell Center.

By TYLER ALLEY
REPORTER

The Bear Pit is packed and on its feet. The cheers are loud and the fans are excited for some Baylor men's basketball. But this is not a conference game; it is an exhibition game.

“We were completely packed,” said Corinth junior and Bear Pit President Kattie Kerr. “It’s the biggest attendance we’ve had at an exhibition game ever. Even the home bench, which is never filled up, was packed and rowdy.”

With the team coming off a 24-win season with a visit to the Elite Eight, the only thing higher than the expectations might be the excitement level. Never in Baylor basketball’s history has the Bear Pit, the student-organized cheering section distinguished with its gold-and-black-striped jerseys, seen such a high preseason ranked team take the floor.

“I am so pumped,” said Ben Friedman, public relations official for Bear Pit. “I wouldn’t say I’m more pumped than I’ve ever been, but I definitely am really excited. I’m really excited that everyone else is excited. I cannot wait to see how well this team does. The team’s going to be amazing.”

The attendance for the game against Midwestern State was 5,510, 270 people more than last

year’s exhibition game. While football remains top dog for now, there is clear evidence that basketball is on the rise in Baylor Nation.

The Bear Pit is seeing an increase in membership over last year as well. The group of Baylor’s biggest basketball fans had about 1,200 active members by the end of last season; at the season opener this year, there were around 780 members.

“At Late Night at the SLC we had 250 members sign up,” Kerr said. “I printed 500 more signup sheets and we’ve gone through all of those, so I have had to print 500 more.”

Not only has the home crowd gotten bigger, but members of the Bear Pit and Baylor basketball fans in general traveled in numbers to away games last season and even at games in the 2010 NCAA Tournament. With members of the Bear Pit getting time on television during those big games, it is definitely drawing attention for fans wanting to join.

“During the UT game last year, people were saying the loudest people in the stadium are the 300 Baylor students at the top of the stadium in Austin,” Friedman said. “I think the people who did travel to New Orleans and Houston saw a large Baylor presence there and decided they wanted to be a part of that.”

Friedman and Kerr also said they get several e-mails each day asking about the Bear Pit. It appears not only the expectations for Baylor basketball gone up, but also expectations for the fans to show up.

“If we don’t sell out against UT and A&M, I’ll be disappointed,” Friedman said. “I honestly expect those two games should sell out. I sincerely hope that against teams like Colorado and Nebraska, who are leaving the Big 12, people show up.”

The March 5 matchup between the Bears and the Longhorns will host ESPN’s College GameDay, which will draw a raucous crowd, Drew hopes.

“What a tremendous privilege, honor and compliment to ‘Baylor Nation’ and everyone in Central Texas. Baylor’s campus and the Ferrell Center will be rocking come March 5,” Drew said.

Drew has also said he wants to turn the Ferrell Center into the “unofficial Bear Pit.” The Baylor Bookstore is selling replica Bear Pit jerseys for nonmembers to wear.

Those interested in joining the Bear Pit should look on the Bear Pit’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

Membership costs \$20 for new members and \$10 for returning members.

Fans have an opportunity to see the Bears play Grambling State today at 8:30 p.m.

Volleyball looks to gain ground in Big 12 standings on key road trip

By RACHEL ROACH
SPORTS WRITER

The Bears travel to Manhattan, Kan., to play Kansas State this Saturday. The team is going into the match after coming off a tough loss against Texas.

But the Bears are taking the defeat as a learning experience and will enter the match against the Wildcats more prepared.

“It proves to us that we can hang with these teams,” senior Ashlie Christenson said.

The loss to the Longhorns dropped the Bears to seventh place in the Big 12 with a 6-9 record in conference play.

Baylor enters the match having swept Kansas State (10-16, 4-11) in their last meeting. Despite Wildcats’ “big hitters and big block,” Christenson believes the team just needs to remain focused and not take Kansas State too lightly.

The senior sees that match as a way to improve the team’s confidence, but warns that the Bears can’t be too lax.

“They’re not the team that they used to be last year,” Christenson said. “It’s about gaining our confidence, but not getting too confident because if we do that we might get swept ourselves and get taken advantage of.”

Head coach Jim Barnes said the team needs to serve tough and continue to side-out well for the match.

“We have to continue siding-out. We’ve done well in the last two matches,” Barnes said.

The Bears also plan to target

Kansas State outside hitter Juli-Anne Chisholm.

“Their outside is playing really well and we have to slow her down,” Barnes said.

After stopping the hitter, Baylor needs to execute transition hitting.

“We’re just going to work on transition hitting. After we dig it, our hitters [must] transition off the net to get back and attack, and that’s how we need to score more efficiently. And we need to get more points by setting our right side,” Barnes said.

The team has the skill to compete with highly ranked teams, as it was proven in their first set against Texas on Wednesday evening. The Bears just need to work on polishing the mental aspect of their game.

Sophomore Kate Harris mentioned the team needs to focus on their attitude.

“We just have to be confident in ourselves. We need to be focused on what we’re doing and not the other team,” Harris said.

Barnes further explained the team’s need to work on staying focused. The main mistake the players are making is getting too excited about good plays during games, he said.

“When we get way up or way down we start thinking about winning or losing rather than focusing on that one skill,” Barnes said. “It’s mental because we stop focusing on what we did to get the lead. ... They get distracted and they start hoping to win instead of focusing on just passing and the fundamentals.”

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“He’s very intelligent ... has the ability to make plays ... and is a [player] that guys will rally around a little bit. It is imperative that we get him out of a comfort zone.”

Unlike some of the other high-octane Big 12 offenses, Tannehill heads an offensive unit that spreads the responsibility out over several of contributors.

Junior Jeff Fuller and sophomore Ryan Swope head the receiving core with 6.4 and 6.3 receptions per game respectively. Fuller leads the team in touchdowns with 11.

On the ground, the Aggies also feature two backs, spreading the handoffs between sophomore Christine Michael and junior Cyrus Gray.

Michael averages the most yards per game (78.9) while Gray has notched the most touchdowns (six).

As demonstrated by their balanced stats, Tannehill and company run a nearly perfectly balanced offense, having run just 10 more passing plays than running ones this

season.

On the defensive side, the Aggies don’t appear quite as balanced.

They lead the conference in rush defense as the only Big 12 team to hold its opponents under 100 yards rushing a game.

However, the teams that have beaten A&M (Oklahoma State, Arkansas and Missouri) have found ways to do so through the air.

The Cowboys, Razorbacks and Tigers each posted 284 yards and two touchdowns, the Razorbacks 310 yards and three TDs and the Tigers 361 yards and three endzone strikes.

Though it conceded 290 yards passing to Oklahoma in the 33-19 win last week, the Aggie defense dominated in the part of the field it has defended well all season: the red-zone.

“That has been a really good area for them on their football team,” Briles said.

“The defensive stands they had against Oklahoma [were] really im-

pressive. A lot of it has to do with the scheme and the personnel and the energy that those guys are playing with right now.”

The Aggies come to Waco playing confident on both sides of the ball.

Though his last two games were not his best performances, Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III will likely enter with a renewed confidence after being informed through a letter he received this last week that he has been named a Heisman contender.

Griffin will need help to continue putting up the numbers that earned him that recognition and believes the line in front of him can hold off the aggressive Aggie defense led by defensive end Von Miller. “I don’t try to avoid anyone,” Griffin said. “[Von] Miller is a great player, very quick, but we’ve got great players of our own. We’ve got Danny Watkins on the offensive line and numerous receivers on the outside that are perfectly capable and strong.”

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NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

President Ken Starr speaks to members of Student Government during a meeting Thursday in Cashion Academic Center.

Senior senator Katie Jo Baumgardner said the revisions are necessary because the code has become outdated in that it does not reflect changes such as the major role social media has come to play in student life or changes that have been made in Student Activities policies.

“I think one of the really important reasons that these changes needed to occur and do need to occur is because you’re looking at a document that hasn’t been seriously revised while any of us have been at Baylor,” Baumgardner said. “I’m a senior, and this is the first time substantial electoral code changes are being made. There have been various problems every year regarding elections that have brought forth the necessity of changes, but this is the first time that someone’s willing to really go forth with that.”

Last year’s internal vice president race, in which then-junior Paul Baumgardner was disqualified because of election violations involving Facebook and “coalition campaigning” with his sister Katie Jo, is only one example of why the revisions are needed, Houston said.

“We did not structure any of our changes around any one particular thing that occurred. We were looking at problems in the electoral process over the course of multiple years,” Houston said. “In my personal opinion, Paul Baumgardner’s disqualification was one

example of a reason why reform is needed.”

Katie Jo said the incident with her brother is not the driving force behind her support of the revisions.

“Our reasons for doing this are not based on last year. Our reasons for doing this are because there are flaws inherent in the system that need change,” Katie Jo said. “The fact that Paul is my brother is a fact and that can’t be separated, but again you’re getting to the heart of what was the problem was last year, and that failure that people have to separate between student government, campaign, who I am, who he is and the fact that we do share the last name.”

Houston chose to table the bill Thursday night because of what he called a surprising number of amendments that were brought forward. Houston said that although a form of the bill had been public for two weeks, he had not been contacted about the majority of the amendments prior to the senate meeting. There is not a set date for the bill’s second appearance in the senate. Katie Jo said she is confident Houston can make the necessary changes to the bill so it will be accepted by the student government.

“Daniel Houston has shown tremendous dedication and commitment to not only reforming the electoral code, but to making the Baylor student body constitution a

better document,” Katie Jo said. “I think there’s no doubt that Daniel

Houston can bring forth an electoral code that is agreeable to student government in every branch, to the senate, to the electoral commission and to the student court.”

In other business conducted at the meeting, Starr also took questions from the senators concerning various issues.

One issue brought up was the legislation recently introduced to the state House concerning conceal and carry handgun laws for college campuses. Starr said the university has begun discussions on the topic, which will be continued today, and does not support the legislation.

“We’re opposed to it. We think it’s unwise,” Starr said. “A number of us are aware that this is a very popular measure. It’s already been introduced earlier this week in Austin, so we will look for you to help us think this through in terms of an appropriate legislative strategy.”

A bill requesting \$12,249 from the Student Government Allocation Fund to the Interfraternity Council to put toward an event, ice skating on Fountain Mall, was also passed at the Student Senate meeting. A resolution was also passed determining that Baylor’s 101st Homecoming, at which Baylor gained bowl-eligibility for the first time since 1995, will now be referred to as “Bowlcoming.”

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also chose Baylor for its academic approach to the Bible.

“I think he is impressed with the fact that at Baylor there is both an enthusiasm for the Bible and an earnest dedication to learning its context,” Fish said. “He believes this gift will help students in better understanding the story of the Bible. We are quite honored that Fr. Justin would come all this way in order to present these to Baylor.”

Fish adds that this is a marvelous gift that serves as an act of love for what Baylor gave to his parents. Fish said the Codex is significant because it provides a more accurate copy and reading of the Greek Bible than is had elsewhere. “Students here can now understand the history of the Bible much better and in a kind of

face-to-face way that they couldn’t have otherwise,” Fish said. “I think it also established a kind of connection between us and St. Catherine’s, which is one of the great witnesses to Christianity over the ages.” Dr. Timothy Heckenlively, lecturer in the department of classics, believes having a copy of the Codex is very powerful. “One of the greatest gifts this brings is that students would be able to look and touch the reproduction and have a chance to connect with their Christian heritage,” Heckenlively said. “That’s a huge thing to bring to Baylor.”

Fish said the facsimiles will be accessible by students to work with and use for assignments and anyone is encouraged to stop by and view the replica. The facsimiles are not yet

completed and are expected to arrive at Baylor in the middle of December. Fr. Justin brought some pages from the copy of the Codex to the lecture he gave Tuesday in Morrison Hall to announce the donation.

“It’s amazing. Every detail on the page can be seen,” Heckenlively said. “It’s just beautiful, and when you see a piece of history like this and connect with it, it makes things immediate and real.” Fish said he was particularly moved by the students’ reaction to the gift. “It was remarkable to see the students afterwards wanting to look at some of the pages that Fr. Justin brought with him,” Fish said. “They were all amazed at the beauty of the page and were spending time trying to decipher the different hands of the scribes in the manuscript.”

VIGIL from Page 1

lived through the world wars, and the Vietnam War and the larger wars, one that the entire nation is involved, there is a lot more appreciation,” Holmes said.

“The more recent wars, until war reaches out and touches you personally, sometimes you don’t fully appreciate the sacrifices that have been made.”

Holmes’ 10-year-old daughter, Celia, also had strong opinions about Veterans Day.

“I think it’s very honorable. It’d be kind of hard to stand very still, and to just keep standing,” Celia said of the Air Force cadets.

“They’re honoring, or trying to get other people to honor the flag. They’re paying their respect toward all the people who have fought in the war.”

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Your Baylor Bears aren’t satisfied yet. After two weeks away, the Bears are back in town for the 107th Battle of the Brazos. Don’t miss this epic battle between historic rivals. Your enthusiasm continues to be key to the home field advantage. Rise up. Make some noise. And let’s finish the season strong. Sic ‘em Bears!

SATURDAY’S HOME GAME
107th Battle of the Brazos
6:00 p.m. - Baylor v. Texas A&M

March of the Bears
Join us for Baylor’s newest tradition at 3:30 p.m. Free food and drinks will be available at the Sports Network tent.

A “Golden” Opportunity to Support the Bears

Proudly show your support for the team by wearing gold to the game this week. You can pick up a “Rise Up Baylor Football” t-shirt (available in both long and short sleeves) at the SUB, Robinson Tower or Penland Hall. Prices start at \$5.

Visit www.baylor.edu/gameday

for more information about transportation, tailgating, the student halftime break and more.

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Student tickets available through today at the SUB Ticket Office and at the Floyd Casey East Stadium ticket booth on game day.