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Symphonic Band

The Baylor University Symphonic Band will perform under the baton of associate director of bands Isaiah Odajima, guest conductor Gary Green and graduate conductor Steve Dailey at 7:30 p.m. today at Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. This event is free and open to the public.

Bruins vs. Bears

Men's tennis will face the sixth-ranked UCLA Bruins at noon Sunday at the Baylor Tennis Center.

Out of Egypt, but with reservations

Students escape violence, miss adopted home

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

As tensions and political unrest began to rise in Egypt over the past two weeks, two Baylor students studying there found themselves caught between recommendations that they leave and their own de-

sires to stay in a country they had grown to love.

McKinney junior Vanessa Onguti and Austin junior James Laughlin were both attending a study abroad program at American University in Cairo when protests broke out. They had not yet begun classes at, which had been slated to begin Jan. 30, but were postponed until Sunday and then postponed again until Feb. 13.

Both students left the country Tuesday. Onguti is now in Kenya, the country where she was born and has family, and Laughlin is

staying in Abu Dhabi with the family of his AUC roommate. Baylor has given the students until Feb. 13 to see how the situation plays out in Egypt before helping them return to America.

Onguti said she did not want to leave Egypt, but left at her parents' request.

"I left just because my parents were not comfortable with me being there, because in the news it looks like we're all just in terror and it just looks terrible," Onguti said, "but the area of my school [that the dorms were in] wasn't too far from

downtown, and I guess that was a reason for concern, but it was very safe. There was a lot of security."

Lori Fogleman, director of media relations at Baylor, said the students were strongly encouraged to leave Egypt.

"The students were in Egypt as part of a Baylor program when the facts were such that we could ensure their safety," Fogleman said, "but when the circumstances changed, the university put the program on hold and arranged at Baylor's expense to move the students to a safe location in the vicin-

ity of the country for a period of time while we monitor the situation there in Egypt."

Laughlin said his decision to leave was made out of compliance with Baylor's request that he do so.

"They proposed it as basically 'You're leaving,' so I just chose not to fight that and said OK, all right, I will leave," Laughlin said.

But having been to Egypt numerous times, including a study abroad trip last semester, Laughlin had a difficult time leaving the

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Dragon tales

The 2011 Chinese New Year celebration provides entertainment in the form of prancing dragon routines Thursday in the Barfield Drawing Room at the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Parking issues hashed out at meeting

By WILL DEWITT
REPORTER

With winter comes cold temperatures, multi-layers and congestion, and that's just in the parking garages. Though the parking problem persists all year round, leaving students with limited options for parking, Matt Penney, director of parking and transportation services, explained at the Student Senate meeting over how his department is working to fix the current parking situation at Baylor.

"The university is taking a new look into how they do parking," Penney said. "It didn't take long to recognize that we have unutilized

parking spaces; we have more student parking spaces than we sell permits."

Penney noted there are currently about 3,000 parking spaces that are going unused — about 2,300 at the Ferrell Center and 1,000 in the East Campus parking garage — and that a main focus of his department was to create legitimate ways of utilizing those spaces.

Penney said that Baylor will be using a tiered parking structure in which parking at the Ferrell Center will cost students only \$95 a year, \$135 to park in the East Campus parking garage and \$245 to park anywhere on campus. This would be accompanied by a bus service

that would transport students to and from campus and the Ferrell Center parking lot and would run at intervals of seven to eight minutes.

Penney also said parking for bicycles would be more organized. The department is looking to bring a rental bicycle system where students would swipe ID cards to rent bikes in order to ride to another part of campus. The bikes may then be locked in another station for another student to use later.

After Penney spoke, the senate voted on the Texas Equalization Grant Support Resolution. The Texas Equalization Grant gives money to those who need financial

aid and wish to attend private institutions and. Consequently, Baylor receives the most funding from the TEG than any other institution in Texas. The proposal would cut 41 percent or \$87.4 million, of the funding to the program. There are currently more than 3,500 students, which is roughly 25 percent of the student body, who are currently receiving funds from the TEG. The Student Senate voted to support the Baylor Ambassadors lobbying for the TEG in any upcoming legislation.

"Supporting Baylor Ambassadors is a good way of supporting our students," said Beaumont senior and bill sponsor Will Fuller.

Frontage bridges to enhance downtown, I-35

By ADE ADESANYA
REPORTER

The Texas Department of Transportation hosted a final public hearing Thursday night on the construction of two new frontage road bridges over the Brazos River, which runs parallel to University Parks Drive in Waco. The bridges will span between University Parks Drive and Martin Luther King Boulevard on Interstate Highway 35.

Under the corridor expansion plan, the existing frontage road, which runs parallel to I-35, will extend the I-35 frontage over the bridge northbound and southbound.

"This project will give our city's downtown a signature element which is just in line with our downtown economic revitalization project," said Chris McGowan, the urban development director of the Greater Waco

Chamber of Commerce.

Leaders of the Waco project hope that opening access to the downtown area will improve the economic development of Waco. These bridges will include three new exit ramps to decongest the highway in case of high traffic while giving motorists alternate routes to downtown destinations.

"The new bridges will allow motorists to make safer lane changes while not compromising the safety of pedestrians and cyclists who will be on wider sidewalks and road shoulders," said Jodi Wheatley, the TxDOT I-35 information specialist.

The southbound exit ramp for University Parks Drive will be moved closer to the street and the remaining entrance to the road will be closed.

The hearing also detailed the blueprint of the bridge and mentioned an additional 50 feet of right-of-way that will be needed



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Bob Austin, a project engineer, discusses the Interstate Highway 35 frontage road bridge construction project.

on the west of I-35.

"We expect minor residential or business displacement and in event of displacement, individuals affected will be compensated the fair market value of their property in compliance with the

Texas purchase of right of way guidelines. We have independent appraisers determine property value," said Sharon Rejcek, the right-of-way agent for TxDOT.

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Educator brings passion to Waco

Superintendent candidate loves seeking knowledge

By NICK DEAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When Dr. Bonny Cain was in school she was the kid who fed on education. New knowledge was her lifeblood, extra worksheets were sweeter than dessert and going to college was inevitable.

After several bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and nearly 23 years as an administrator, 19 days now stand between Cain and her new role as Waco's most recent catalyst in its education system.

Tuesday night, the Waco Independent School District Board voted unanimously in favor of naming Cain as its sole finalist to fill the



Cain

city's vacant superintendent seat. The search for a new superintendent was sparked when Dr. Roland Hernandez, the former superintendent, suddenly announced he was leaving to take a position as the chief administrative officer in Corpus Christi ISD.

Waco's school board sifted through more than 40 applications and eventually settled on Cain, the current superintendent of Pearl and ISD, after two interviews and a trip to her current district on Monday to interview a spread of Cain's colleagues, including teachers, administrators and Pearl and businesspeople.

Cain has been Pearl and's superintendent for 11 years — far surpassing the average tenure of a Texas superintendent by nearly nine years.

"Education became a priority because it was so much a part of my life and it is an environment I love. I was one of the ones who asked the teacher for extra worksheets so I could teach school to my dog," Cain said.

Cain grew up in an impoverished setting, and her roots parallel the current status of Waco's youth as poverty runs rampant throughout the city's schools. Eighty-eight percent of Waco students are classified as economically disadvantaged — a statistic four times greater than Pearl and ISD.

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Beauty and God: Why pageant girls can follow Christ

On Jan. 15, 2011, Teresa Scanlan, 2010's Miss Nebraska, was crowned Miss America. She



Stori Long | Reporter

is the youngest girl to win the pageant since the 30's. She wants to go to law school and become a politician. Moreover, she is, by her own admission, a devoted Christian.

This alignment with Christian values and "pageant values" has been a source of some concern for Dr. Melody Maxwell, who earned a Ph.D in religion from International Baptist Theological Seminary. In her article, "Christians and the Miss America Competition," Maxwell describes her concern for the disturbing "model of womanhood" that the Miss America pageant represents and the message it sends that to be successful young women must be eloquent, driven, graceful, as well as beautiful and desirable.

While I can certainly see where some of her concern may come from, I myself am more disturbed by the continually narrowed definition of what a "model of womanhood" is. One of my favorite things about the times we now live in is that a woman is able to pursue success in any field she desires. I think often in an effort to balance out an extreme obsession with exterior beauty that exists in our world, Christians swing too far to the opposite side of the spectrum where appreciation of beauty is equated with vanity and shallowness.

Obviously, obsession with the outward appearance is not consistent with Christian values, as Maxwell rightly observes

in her article, and sometimes an "appreciation" of beauty morphs into something dark and twisted. However, I believe this can be said of any pursuit, including pursuit of intelligence, pursuit of money, pursuit of athletic ability. All of these focuses can be dangerous if they become the ultimate good in anyone's life.

I think that Maxwell mistakenly looks at the Miss America says the message of the pageant is that the women portrayed are what a woman must be to be successful, but I do not think this is the case at all. The pageant is saying that this is what a woman must be to be successful in pageants, but how is this different than any field or interest that a woman, or anyone, may enter into? If a woman is to enter academia, the business world or motherhood, there is still a standard she must meet to do well in that particular field and the keys to success are not the same across the board.

I would be far more prone to agree with Maxwell if I thought there were as a general stigma against those who do not fall into the beauty pageant ideal, but I have never observed this. In fact, I would say the opposite is true. I am not a pageant girl, and I have never once been mocked because of it. On the contrary, I have heard many judgments made about girls who choose to participate in them. There is a stereotype and stigma concerning those who participate in pageants and I think this is very limiting and unfair. I also think it is narrowing to say that a pageant is not a place where a young woman can use Christianity as a platform. It reminds me of the beauty pageant in the book of Esther in the Bible, where because of her spirit, compassion, willingness, and physical beauty, God is able to use Esther to fulfill his purposes. This is not to say that God does not use certain people because of their physical appearances, but rather God equips us with qualities that allow us to best be used in the specific context he places us.

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Detrimental credit habits stifled by new initiative

Editorial

The average credit card debt per household in the United States is \$15,788. The U.S. has a revolving debt of \$852.6 billion as of March 2010, about 90 percent of which is composed of credit card debt. The average age a person obtains a credit card is 20.8 years.

With staggering numbers like these, it is no wonder one of the primary reasons for the Great Recession was Americans living out of their means — and it should not come as a surprise that if American's don't get their spending under control, then the American economy will continue to struggle.

The new initiative launched by the Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to help students learn financial responsibility is

addressing this grave problem by educating the younger generation: college students.

As a general rule, college students are ignorant about money and how money decisions will affect their life in the future, as is evident in how card debt continues to grow among college students.

Abbott's new CD, "Money Crunch," is designed to educate students about financial matters and will give them tips on how to handle financial freedom.

These money tips could not come too soon for a generation that grew during a spending frenzy and is now facing recession, job loss and economic hardships. Students need to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about finances, especially since the lifestyle of living outside of one's means, the atmosphere in which they learned about finances, turned out to be

an epic failure for the United States' economy.

Students now need to take the time to relearn financial tips and learn financial responsibility, some of them for the first time.

Baylor and President Ken Starr are also doing what they can to stave off credit card debt for college students, in launching "Money Crunch" with Abbott as well as forbidding credit card companies to solicit on campus for the past 10 years. College students, without a thorough understanding about credit cards, finance fees, interest rates or loans, are susceptible to falling prey to the credit card companies' enticing campaigns.

Most of these "deals," however, tend to be exaggerated or a scam. The average APR on a new credit card for example is 14.48 percent, according to creditcards.com, a market place for consumers to compare credit

cards.

The stigma of credit cards does not negate the fact that it is imperative for college students to establish credit.

This editorial is not meant to treat credit cards as the plague, but they should be handled with care and responsibility.

In addition, learning about financial responsibility is not limited to just credit cards.

Students would do well to not just learn about credit card debt, but also the importance of being frugal and taking out few student loans.

According to MSN Money, most students take out an average of \$21,000 in student loans, which can take upwards of 10 years to repay.

Some students manage to amass as much \$40,000-\$50,000 in student loans. Loans of that magnitude can easily take a lifetime to repay.

Well-rounded 2011 recruiting class is prescription for future seasons' success

Make no mistake, on paper Baylor's 2011 recruiting class is nothing to get too excited about.

With the fewest four (or five) star recruits to find their way onto the list since head coach Art Briles' first season at the helm, in 2008, one would immediately question the success of this year's efforts on the recruiting trail.

The Bears also slid a few slots in the national recruiting class rankings, going from No. 39 in the nation in 2010 to No. 47 in 2011.

While the sheer numbers may not be there (Baylor hauled in the fewest total number of recruits in the Briles era) and the stars may be in short supply, Baylor's 2011 recruiting class seems to possibly be Briles' best-fitting class yet.

We all have those birthday-gift shirts that never seem to fit quite right.

For the Bears, this class is hand-crafted and tailored to fit like your favorite suit coat.

As the Bears say goodbye to Rotary and Lombardi Award Watch List member and senior



Matt Larsen | Sports writer

offensive tackle Danny Watkins, and look to a starting offensive line with two seniors and junior, they usher in four-star tackle and Cedar Park freshman Spencer Drango.

Drango anchors what Briles tabs as the best lineman class in school history, featuring two three-start recruits and one two-star addition.

On the defensive side of the line, the Bears will also replace

one key departing member in nose guard Phil Taylor, who posted more tackles last year (28) than any other member of the D-Line, and look to bring some youth to a starting line that will likely boast two seniors and a junior.

New defensive coordinator Phil Bennett will also look to get to the quarterback a few more times this season (the Bears finished ninth in the Big 12 in sacks last year), and Briles believes the five new D-Line members will help them toward that end.

Most importantly, the Bears' defense would be wearing nothing more than nicely tailored sleeves if this class did not include some help for the secondary that gave up 265 yards passing a game last year (10th in the Big 12) and managed just 10 picks.

The Bears also graduate three starters and five significant members of the secondary.

That's where the five newest Baylor defensive backs come in. Bennett also welcomes two

three-star linebackers to his new unit that lost two members in Chris Francis and Antonio Johnson. Francis and Johnson finished with the third and fourth most tackles in 2010.

Newcomers Kyle Boyd and Devante Davis will fill those two vacancies.

At the offensive skill positions, the Bears remain youthful.

The one big departure will be running back Jay Finley, who ran for 1,218 yards and 12 touchdowns. Briles' answer: all-state running back and state-champion hurdler B.J. Allen.

Six defensive starters, a senior-bowl O-lineman and a record-setting tailback say goodbye.

Say hello to 12 defensive recruits, a four-star offensive tackle and a tailback that runs a 4.4 40-yard dash. Baylor's 2011 recruiting may not be flashy, but it seems to be just what they needed.

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Dallas junior Erica Nichols and Houston junior Daphne McGee trade desserts during the Black Heritage Banquet Thursday in Cashion Academic Center. This event is put on annually by the Association of Black Students.

Former Packer advises patience, preparation

CAITLIN GIDDENS
REPORTER

He bleeds green and gold, but not just for Baylor.

Santana Dotson, retired defensive lineman for the Green Bay Packers and former Baylor student, served as keynote speaker for the 24th Annual Black Heritage Banquet Thursday.

"I'm assuming everyone here is a Packers fan," Dotson said with a laugh. "The teams that are playing in the Super Bowl this year weren't talked about in the beginning of the season. But they fought through and stayed focused on the task. And that's the type of faith you have to have as a leader."

The Association of Black Students partnered with the department of multicultural affairs to host the banquet in the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Building.

"We wanted to make this event more than just something we do now, but something that will become part of black history here at Baylor," Houston sophomore Amber Lee, ABS corresponding secretary and co-chair of the Black Heritage Banquet, said. "As the 24th banquet, the perseverance of this event shows the commitment of African-Americans at Baylor. We constantly seek opportunities to represent our university and ourselves well. Each year we try to add a theme behind the event that will help excel students."

This year, the banquet's theme was discovering the leadership in you. Leaders in the community and on campus joined together to listen to Dotson discuss his Baylor

experience and football career.

"I didn't start on my high school football team until my senior year," Dotson said. "It was frustrating because I knew I could lead. But with leadership, you have to wait for it and be ready for it. The biggest challenge was my first year at Baylor because I came from inner-city Houston and thought I was big man on campus."

"When you lead with bravery, I can't guarantee you'll win, but you won't lose the lesson."

Santana Dotson | 1991 alumna and former Green Bay Packers defensive lineman

Dotson sits on the board of directors for Texas Orthopedic Hospital and serves as the celebrity spokesperson for Project Love Santa's Angels, a nonprofit organization for children. He also established the Santana Dotson Foundation in 1992, providing financial and emotional support for economically challenged high school students seeking a college education.

"ABS asked Mr. Dotson to speak because he has taken his career at Baylor and gone national with it," Lee said. "It takes more than just talent to be part of a football team. He's led his community by encouraging Baylor and high school youths."

Before beginning his professional football career with the

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Dotson was a first team all-American player for Baylor from 1988-1991.

In addition to Dotson's inspiring speech, the banquet featured performances by Heavenly Voices Gospel Choir and Diverse Verses, a new Baylor organization spreading diversity through reciting poetry.

"This is a chance for us to realize there's leadership beyond Baylor," Houston junior Jasmine Nkrumah, a member of Diverse Verses, said. "You can find leadership through sports and other outlets."

Dotson was welcomed to the Baylor Hall of Fame and later named NFL Rookie of the Year in 1992.

"When you lead with bravery, I can't guarantee you'll win," Dotson said. "But you won't lose the lesson."

While playing for the Green Bay Packers, Dotson befriended Reggie White, a player known as "The Minister of Defense" for his Christian leadership on and off the field.

"He taught me that each of us needs to develop a sense of purpose," Dotson said. "We need to ask what do we want to do, what do we want to be known for while we're here and what we want to be remembered for."

The ABS presented Dotson with a football plaque and awarded a scholarship to Houston senior Daphne McGee.

"I was so excited and surprised to receive the scholarship," McGee said. "We were lucky to have Mr. Dotson here and get to hear from him."

Health event not just 'pushing organic'

Waco Health Nutrition Initiative offers free assessments

By MOLLY DUNN
REPORTER

The nation has been exposed to numerous methods to lose weight and educated on the importance of healthy lifestyles and diets, but with this overload of information, many people don't fully understand what to do. On Saturday the Smithson Chiropractic and Nutritional Healing Center team will host a free natural health improvement event to address this problem.

The Waco Nutrition Health Initiative will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waco Hilton Hotel on University Parks Drive.

Two Baylor 2010 alumnae, Jena Willard and Michelle Messenger, work on the healing center team with Dr. Patrick Smithson, a leader in chiropractic, nutrition and alternative healthcare. They have been planning this event since September.

"The goal for this weekend started off with the hopes of doing a seminar," Willard said. "But then it just progressed to more than just a seminar on educating the public on different topics that we are covering."

The Smithson Chiropractic and Nutritional Healing Center website explains that this event will discuss information on the reasons and natural solutions for heart disease, digestive disorders, weight loss and stress and fatigue in four seminars lasting one hour each.

"It's really a holistic mindset

of knowing that it doesn't just end with our nutrition; it is a whole big picture," Willard said.

The event will include at least a dozen different vendors from the Waco area, specializing in whole foods, vitamin supplements, vegetarian food, Tai Chi exercise and even spinal decompression.

"We have over a dozen vendors that are going to be there that have the same vision and hearts as we do and think the same way," Willard said. "We are just teaming up with them as well as promoting them and just educating our Waco community."

Willard and Messenger said attendees should expect to gain an ample amount of information from this event and leave knowing more about their body and its needs than before.

"People can walk away with their initial nutrition program," Messenger said.

Unlike other health seminars, this event will offer free nutrition response testing for each individual who attends.

"Anyone who wants to be tested can just fill out an information sheet and they can go up there and Dr. Smithson will test them and let them know what their body is saying," Messenger said.

Smithson's website says each person will gain the knowledge to start an improvement in their lives in regards to health.

"If we start making these lifestyle changes in college, that's going to change our kids," Messenger said. "The way we raise them, that's going to change our future generations."

Willard said the team is not hosting this event to promote itself, but rather to give back to Waco and create a movement to educate, teach and inform the community

correctly.

"We really want people to understand that it is more than just a one-day kind of event," Willard said. "We are expecting people to see a change because they are going to get a chance to get tested and it is going to leave them asking and wanting more."

Willard and Messenger share a passion for bringing the community together by informing and inspiring healthy lifestyles.

"I think the heart behind our event is different. Our heart is not to make money," Messenger said. "This is how God created it. This is the most raw way to do it and on this side of heaven we are not trying to be purists, we know that, but we do think that an organic carrot with prayer can do a lot of healing."

Smithson said he and his team base the event heavily on the power of God and what he has done for them.

"This is just one of our dreams being fulfilled and seeing how it's not just that we both love whole foods supplements, but God has been so good to open doors," Messenger said. "Waco has really been home, and the Baylor family, we are still part of it."

Both Willard and Messenger came back to Waco after graduating to pursue their dream of educating and bringing the community together with this initiative event.

"It is really us trying to get back into Waco and more than just pushing organic. It's just coming underneath the city and hopefully serving them," Willard said.

Students are encouraged to come to at least one seminar throughout the day. For more information on the event, visit <http://smithsonchiro.net>, or pick up a fliers or postcard on campus.

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Point of view: Is Facebook ruining relationships?

By Liz Hitchcock
REPORTER

In these times of technological progression and the social networking explosion, friends become enemies and vice versa easily. Without body language, intonation of voice or the ability to quickly speak your mind, relationships are built and just as effortlessly destroyed.

While browsing the infinite world of Facebook last night, I ran into a post from a "friend" of mine regarding the band The White Stripes and their break-up that was reported on almost every major news publication.

The link was to an article posted online by CNN that this friend titled "Very sad day. They will be

missed." Like any Internet post, the writer or person linking should expect varied responses.

Scrolling down the page, I saw comments that expressed sadness, bewilderment and even some reminiscing of the times these users were not able to see The White Stripes play.

As I progressed down the list of now around 10 comments, I came across a few that I personally found amusing. The controversy began with this: "Good they were a waste of talent." This provoked a barrage of comments defending the band and attempts to show this one person that their opinion isn't correct, nor should it be expressed in any way.

The comment below that, stood out the most to me, was a com-

ment from the original posted thread user. He boldly stated this, "The White Stripes are one of the most influential rock bands of ALL TIME. Their legacy will live on as long as rock itself does."

Not only was this an opinion, but it was an opinion backed with no facts, no statistics and this user certainly did not take a poll on the matter.

After being dragged into the debate through a comment posted by my actual friend (in real life) that mentions that I enjoyed a chuckle at the expense of that user, I decided that it was time to step in and clear the air.

I was met with bullets flying. Not only did I discover that my opinion (that the words "most" and "all time" weren't necessarily reality

or applicable to The White Stripes) was considered incorrect, but I uncovered my extreme distaste for some of my Facebook friends.

Later on that night, after posting a few comments trying my hardest to explain why exactly people's opinions should be expressed, whatever they may be, and defending myself against multiple people calling me an elitist, I came to the conclusion that not only are these people not my real friends, but apparently my opposing views, over time, facilitated latent anger within these certain people.

This fellow who had initially posted his link, claiming a band that came out in the late '90s had somehow influenced all contemporary rock bands, later explained to me that he has never posted

anything on Facebook to get a response from people, and that no one ever does.

Aside from using the words "never" and "ever" excessively, his sheer brazenness showed me that his opinions were formed upon uneducated and ill-informed standards. His unwillingness to be swayed in any direction other than that which he had already decided led me to believe that he not only refused to read what I had explained to him, but he didn't understand my responses either.

After nonchalantly unfriending this person from my friends list and saying my piece in his private message inbox, I received yet a few additional vulgar messages from this person's friend.

So, my question is, when exact-

ly does a friendly Facebook debate turn to all-out war? This brings me to the cliché: If you can't handle the heat, get out of the kitchen.

The fact of the matter is, if you decide to enter into a multi-user media forum, such as Facebook, Twitter, 4chan, YouTube or even a blog, and wish to express your opinion, get ready for fire to come your way.

Many people still remember cases like Jessi Slaughter, where a teenage girl was emotionally trampled by YouTube user comments.

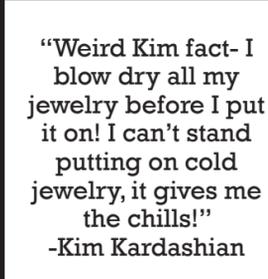
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- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can of cream of mushroom Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/3 cups instant mashed potato flakes or buds

Directions

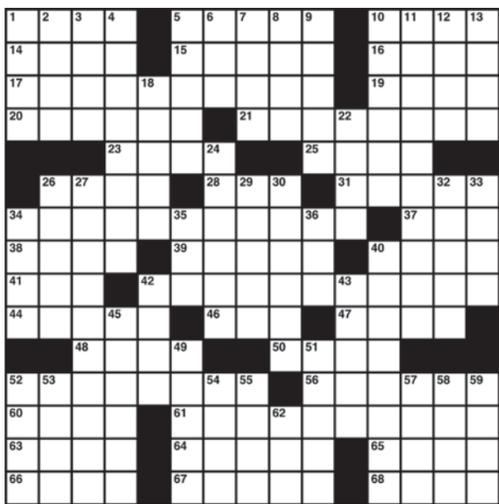
Cook beef and onion in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat until well browned, stirring to break up meat. Pour off fat.

Stir soup, ketchup, black pepper and peas and carrots into skillet. Spoon beef mixture in 9-inch pie plate. Heat milk and butter in 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Remove from heat. Slowly stir in potatoes. Spoon potatoes over beef mixture. Bake at 400 degrees F for 15 minutes or until potatoes are lightly browned.

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The middle match of a three-match home stand for the men's tennis team will be noon Sunday when the UCLA Bruins visit Waco.

>>> **Women's tennis**
In a battle of two of the top teams in the nation, the No. 3 Lady Bears travel to Gainesville, Fla. to play the No. 2 Florida Gators Saturday at noon.

>>> **Track and field**
The Baylor track and field team will compete in the New Balance Collegiate Invitational today and Saturday in New York. Both the men's and women's teams are ranked 25th nationally.

>>> **Competitive cheer**
Two weeks removed from their first-ever home meet, the 1-2 competitive cheer team faces Azusa Pacific, Quinnipiac and Fairmont State at 1 p.m. Saturday in Azusa, Calif.

Bears enter Aggieland

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS EDITOR

After a nightmare-ish bus ride home following a 73-66 loss to Oklahoma, the Bears are glad to be back in Waco. Unfortunately, there's no time to enjoy home sweet home.

Scott Drew takes Baylor to College Station for a 1 p.m. matchup with Texas A&M Saturday, hardly a reward for a team that faced a whirlwind schedule earlier this week.

The Bears rolled into Waco Thursday at 12:10 a.m., more than seven hours after they departed Norman, Okla.

"When you've got McDonalds and places like that closed, you know it's still pretty bad," Drew said about the wintry conditions on the road.

Thursday was supposed to be an off day, but because the game against the Sooners was moved from Tuesday to Wednesday, Drew's team used Thursday to practice.

Much of Thursday's agenda addressed the problems that turned a

50-43 lead at the 15:57 mark into a 24-3 Sooner run that buried the Bears. Oklahoma also held Baylor scoreless for 6:41 to seize a 53-50 lead.

The run included eight Baylor turnovers that added to a second half total of 14, a stark contrast from the Bears' two in the first half.

"In that whole segment where we didn't score, I don't think we got the ball to the paint," sophomore A.J. Walton said. "We weren't making the extra pass, doing the things that we were doing to get the lead."

The Bears were down as much as 14 but did pull to within 69-66 with 31 seconds remaining. But on a missed Oklahoma free throw, the Sooners snagged the rebound and sealed the game.

"To be able to come back 14 points down and give yourself a chance shows a lot of grit and a lot of heart," Drew said.

Senior LaceDarius Dunn was the only player absent from the court during Thursday's practice. Dunn drew a charging foul on Cade Davis with 8:21 left in the first half, but in the process Dunn suffered what team trainer David

Chandler called a hip contusion. Dunn finished with 15 points and is expected to play Saturday.

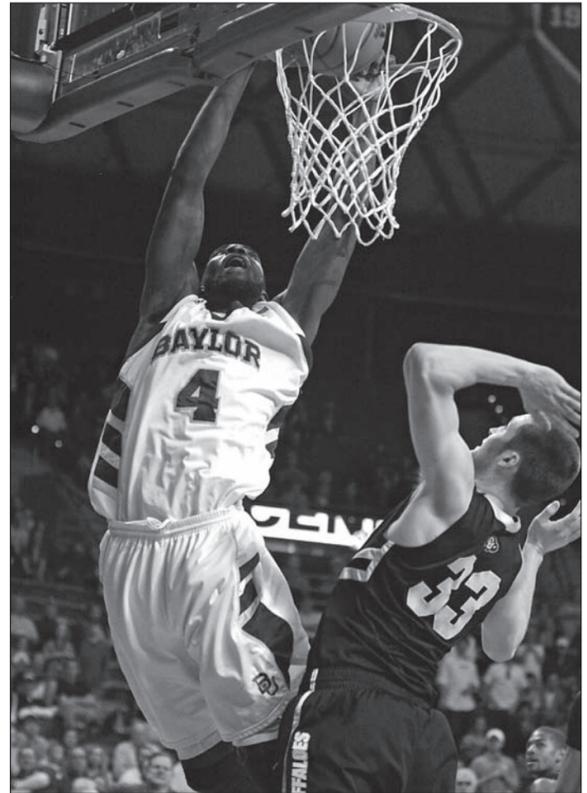
Texas A&M enters Saturday after a 69-49 loss to Texas on Monday and a 57-48 loss at Nebraska Saturday.

If the Bears want a victory, they must stop several key players. Leading the Aggies in conference scoring is forward Khris Middleton at 14.1 points a game, and forwards Nathan Walkup and David Lombeau notch an average of 9.3 and 8.9 points respectively.

Point guard B.J. Holmes also tallies 9.4 points on average and boasts a 1.9 assist to turnover ratio against conference opponents.

Saturday's game could be one of the Bears' toughest road tests of the year, as Texas A&M's official athletics website reports a near sellout for the game. The Aggies have also won 30 of their last 32 game in Reed Arena.

"It's going to be crazy. Fans are going to be loud and hyped. We've got to, like at Oklahoma, communicate with each other. We've got to be our own fans," freshman Perry Jones III said.



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Junior No. 4 forward Quincy Acy dunks the ball against Colorado in the Bears' 70-66 win last Saturday at the Ferrell Center. Baylor, now 4-4 in conference play, next faces Texas A&M Saturday in College Station.



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Sophomore No. 42 Brittney Griner attacks the rim against Oklahoma on Wednesday. Baylor won, 92-70, and next plays Oklahoma State on Sunday.

Women look to repeat success at OSU

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

After staying in Waco long enough to welcome and quickly usher out No. 11/13 Oklahoma 92-70, the No. 1 Lady Bears now hit the road again to take on the Sooners' in-state rival, Oklahoma State at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Cowgirls have struggled to get their conference season rolling, bringing a 13-7 overall record but a 1-6 conference mark into Sunday's matchup.

Their only conference win came at home, where they took down Colorado 58-49.

During nonconference play they lost just one home game, falling to No. 3/5 Duke 73-45.

Baylor hosted Oklahoma State on Jan. 15 of this year, and the Lady Bears (20-1, 7-0) will look to pack up just about everything from their first meeting with the Cowgirls this season and take it up to Stillwater.

"The only way you're going to

win a Big 12 championship and if you're going to carry number one in front of your name, you've got to win on the road," head coach Kim Mulkey said after the first matchup.

So far in 2011, the Lady Bears have done so in conference play.

Baylor claimed victories over Texas and Kansas on their home floors and most recently held on to defeat Texas A&M in Reed Arena, 63-60.

The trip to Stillwater will be a little different for Mulkey's squad, though.

"We don't have fond memories of Stillwater from last year," she said after the Oklahoma game.

In the 2010 conference opener, then No. 23 Oklahoma State upended No. 5 Baylor's 13-game winning streak with a 78-65 upset.

The 43 points scored by then-senior guard Andrea Riley made the biggest difference for Oklahoma State in that game.

The Cowgirls miss their second-team All-American guard for

her points and her senior leadership.

OSU features just three upperclassmen and its three leading scorers consist of two freshmen and a sophomore.

"If you're going to carry number one in front of your name, you've got to win on the road."

Kim Mulkey | Head coach

Without Riley, the Cowgirls have shifted their scoring focus to the inside, where sophomore Toni Young and freshman Vicky McIntyre average 13.5 and 10.1 points a game.

Young and McIntyre are also two key reasons why OSU leads the Big 12 in offensive rebounds, hauling in 17.8 a game.

The battle under the Cowgirls' basket will likely be a focus for both teams as the Lady Bears lead the conference in defensive rebounds, plucking more than 30 boards a game off opponents' glass.

Baylor outrebounded Oklahoma 32-7 on the Sooners' end of the court Wednesday and outscored them in the paint, 52-6.

"That's horrific," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said of her team's lack of inside success against the Lady Bears.

Sophomore post Destiny Williams, who had 19 points and 11 rebounds against Oklahoma, joins sophomores Brittney Griner and Brooklyn Pope as the dominant forces under the basket on both ends of the court.

"It's all because of [Griner]," Williams said. "All of the attention went toward her and that gave all of us a great opportunity to cut, or stay close to the rim and knock down easy shots, or get offensive put backs or things like that."

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country that now feels like home to him.

"I truly, truly fell in love with the culture, the way of life that I found in Cairo and Egypt and just everything from the people to the language I just felt very inclined toward," Laughlin said. "I guess that definitely has a lot to do with it, and just having a lot of connections there — what feels like to me is family. I feel like I have a home both in Cairo and in Austin, and it's a very neat feeling so it's hard."

Onguti said she found it hard to say goodbye to the new friends she had made.

"No one was ready to leave, or no one was voluntarily saying 'Hey, yeah, I want to leave, I feel so unsafe,'" Onguti said. "No. For most people, their schools were pulling them out, their parents were pulling them out. ... So people had to leave. It wasn't like their personal choice or anything."

Although he didn't see any of the violence firsthand, Laughlin could see evidence of it in the hours he left

his apartment between curfews, and has been keeping up with the situation by watching the news from Abu Dhabi.

"It really does make me just feel sick and this is something much more than me being there for a couple days or reading about it. It's just knowing people that have actively been taking the streets and calling me afterward, telling me what it was like," Laughlin said. "The violence just doesn't really sit well with me; it doesn't seem like something that is representative of these people and of this country, and I think it's not to be looked at in a way, maybe in the way the media portrays it."

Laughlin said he learned a lot by watching the protests and seeing the people's unity as they worked to create neighborhood watches, direct traffic and pick up trash from the streets.

"What I saw in those people is they weren't afraid of their government anymore. They weren't afraid to stand up and go walk over to them and knock on their door and ask

for change, because basically for 30 years they've been operating out of fear and just getting in line with the rest of everyone else," Laughlin said. "So, honestly, I learned a lot about them and about the Egyptian people and saw them take their pride and handle themselves very well."

Onguti said she was also proud of the people's protests against corruption and of the military's response to the situation, but that she hopes Egypt can return to normal soon.

"I pray that this country will get back to the former way it was because it's such a beautiful country, very peaceful. The people are really nice and it's very busy during the night," Onguti said.

"I loved it, loved it, absolutely loved it, and I just hope it'll get back to how it was sooner rather than later."

In the meantime, Onguti is following the situation by watching the news daily.

"I'm watching the news very, very, very much," Onguti said.

BRIDGE from Page 1

The "extradosed" style of the bridge is a result of a combination of ideas by representatives of the Waco community, city officials and TxDOT. The style of the bridge combines a girder bridge and a cable-bridge design to create a modernized appearance.

"This extradosed design is so unique; the bridges here in Waco will be one of the few in the United States and the only one in Texas," said Greg Malatek, the Waco deputy district engineer.

Russell Devorsky represents the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization and Robert Braswell represents McLennan County in the I-35 segment committee whose input expresses the needs and economic development plans of Waco and McLennan County respectively.

Funding for the bridges was approved in October and will be paid for by Proposition 12 funds. The bridge construction project will be clear for bidding in August 2011.

In coming months, TxDOT will engage the community by conducting public involvement studies and environmental studies prior to commencing construction.

These studies will assess the environmental effects the construction of the bridges will cause.

"The idea behind the expansion of the I-35 corridor is to make the corridor a multimodal system of transportation where the railway will run alongside the highway system to improve transportation of people and goods," Ken Roberts, the public information officer for the TxDOT Waco district, said.

This is another step forward for the downtown and the Greater Waco economic development plan. Construction may begin as early as spring 2012.

"We are pleased to have this project, which will move our community forward," said James Vaughan, president of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

CAIN from Page 1

Cain says her background will help her overcome the challenges associated with grave poverty in schools.

She stands as a testament that impoverished upbringings don't preclude paths to higher education and she attributes that success to her family's unceasing advocacy for continuing education.

"I was raised in a low-income environment and my parents and extended family — from the very beginning — told my brother and I that education was the key to a fulfilling and productive life, that it was the difference maker," Cain said.

"I didn't even know that people quit school at 12th grade. It was always, 'When you get out of college, when you get out of college.'"

With family support, Cain always entertained the thought of continuing her education and she spent many years as a student herself.

She graduated from Gladewater High School and earned her first degree, an associate of science degree, from Kilgore College. She

then enrolled at the University of Houston at Victoria and completed a Bachelor of Science in elementary education.

Cain also holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling from the same university. But three degrees didn't fulfill her appetite.

"I began teaching reading in Alvin and I realized I didn't know everything I needed to," Cain said. "So I went back."

She entered the University of Houston at Clear Lake and finished a master's in reading from the university. Following that, she enrolled at the University of Houston's main campus and completed her doctorate in education and cultural studies.

Step toward new beginning

Cain has been working at Pearland ISD for 23 years, holding various positions in the district's administration. After her 11 years as superintendent, the Pearland school board did not renew Cain's contract. The vote was a split 4-3 decision and was initially a point of concern for

the Waco School Board.

Angela Tekell, a Waco board member who traveled to Pearland Monday to visit with some of Cain's closest colleagues, said the reasons behind the nonrenewal was "very subjective" and involved "particulars to Pearland."

Five of the seven Pearland School Board members are serving their first terms and have expressed desires for a "new direction," Cain said.

"It is really not a bad thing; there is not a bad guy in this. They just want a different direction," Cain said.

"If you make really tough, not popular decisions, you know that over time a lot of people get upset. Chances are you are going to wear out your welcome."

Tekell said all concerns about the nonrenewal were quelled after Monday's meetings and the board is enthusiastic for the future of the district.

"We were convinced after visiting all those people that the decision [not to renew] was very particular to

"When I wake up, I eat, breathe, live CNN because I just want to see how the situation is unfolding in Egypt."

The students' academic situations remain uncertain at present, but neither is worried.

Onguti is looking into other study abroad programs in case she cannot continue the semester in Egypt. Otherwise, she will return to Baylor where she will work with her advisers to make a new plan for her studies.

"Right now I'm just doing some research on some other schools because I'd really like to study abroad and I'm a junior, so this is like my one-time opportunity because next fall I have to take the LSATs and then in the spring it's my last semester. So this is it," Onguti said.

Laughlin said he believes God will help him find the right solution.

"If this door is closed I know there's another one open and I'm just ready to walk into it," Laughlin said. "So whatever happens, I know that I'm going to be taken care of and God will instruct me in my ways."

good about being there," Cain said. "They have to think that it is the next best thing they have next to home. A place they can be safe and successful."

Cain will also look to increase the participation and success of Waco's athletic and fine arts departments.

"We consider our athletic department as crucial to student success, because it is the group element. We want them to seek out a group to be in," Cain said.

"We use our athletic department and fine arts departments to be a place for the students to not just be academically successful, but be socially successful and successful in athletics and fine arts. At one time Waco ISD was a powerhouse in football and other areas, and I would like to see that again."

Waiting in anticipation

"I can't wait to get to Waco ISD," Cain said.

Unfortunately for her, Texas law requires a 21-day period between

the announcement of a superintendent finalist by a school board and the meeting "at which a final action or vote is to be taken on the employment of the person."

Both Tekell and Cain tied the period of waiting to matrimony.

"I think the idea is that it makes boards accountable and lets the community know who it is before the ink is on the paper," Tekell said. "It is kind of like a marriage in that if anyone has a reason against it they can say it now."

Cain took the opportunity during her two visits to Waco to delve into the atmosphere of the city. She said she talked to residents while at a convenience store or a restaurant to gain further understanding into the public's perception of Waco schools.

"If it was something that didn't match me, I didn't want it. It is kind of like getting married. If it is not a good match, it won't be a happy marriage," Cain said.

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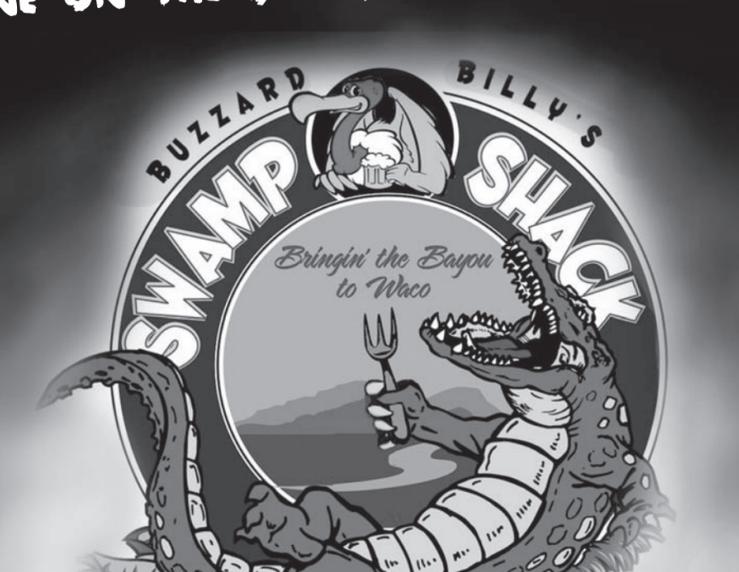
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