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Looking for a way to help the community? Check out Campus Kitchen. To pick up food from the dining halls and deliver it to Salvation Army, meet in the Family and Consumer Sciences Building parking lot at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Want to cook? Meet in the FCS kitchen at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, or 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Find job, make money

Career Services is hosting a career fair for students seeking full-time and internship employment opportunities in a variety of industries today from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Ferrell Center.

Sustainability enters parking debate



JED DEAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

The university will consider removing some student parking around Moody Memorial Library to make Baylor a more residential campus, one of the Baylor 2012 goals.

As more spots may vanish, students perplexed

By LEIGH ANN HENRY
REPORTER

A response to a survey on Baylor's sustainability efforts has sparked debate on the hot-topic issue on campus: parking.

Smith Getterman, sustainability coordinator at Baylor, filled out the Sierra Club Survey in March 2010, a national survey designed to measure the sustainability of colleges around the country.

One question on the survey asked what the school has done to promote bicycling as a transportation method.

Getterman's response in the survey states that Baylor has more than 100 bike racks on campus and that plans are under way to create a bike program.

Additionally, Getterman wrote, "Baylor sustainability continually promotes the positive effects of riding a bicycle to class, rather than drive. We've also cut the

number of parking spots on the interior of campus in order to encourage other methods of transportation."

Wichita Falls junior Daniel Cervera, a junior senator of student government, disagreed with the idea of removing student parking spots for sustainability.

"On the one hand you've got people doing all that they can to assure the student body that they're working to resolve the parking issue, to relieve the stress," Cervera said. "On the other hand you've got another administrator saying they've cut parking for the primary purpose of going green."

Cervera is in the process of drafting a bill opposing "green" reasons for decreased parking, which he hopes to have finished in the next two weeks.

Cervera has collected about 120 signatures for his petition since last week, mostly at the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Cervera said although he chooses to ride his bike to campus, he still does not believe Baylor should force students' hands by eliminating parking.

"The benefits of cutting parking interior does benefit us and does benefit our

mission, so we're going to talk about it," Getterman said. "It'd be ignorant of us not to, but that is not the reason parking spots are being cut."

Cervera said he intends to meet with Getterman during the drafting of his bill, but at this point has not.

Getterman said parking is not being cut solely for the purpose of going green and said he looks forward to meeting with Cervera in the coming weeks.

"I think he's taken this out of context; if I had that power that'd be great," Getterman said.

"We'd have a lot more green stuff on campus, but I don't have the power to be able to say, 'We're cutting parking due to sustainability.'"

Matt Penney, director of parking and transportation services, said the reason behind cutting interior-campus parking spaces is in support of the Baylor 2012 vision, the master plan for the future of campus.

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NICK DEAN | EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dr. Lewis Lummer, a communication sciences disorders lecturer, signs to one of his American Sign Language classes as one of his students, Midlothian sophomore Presley Newman, practices.

Museum urged to accommodate deaf

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series on issues in the deaf community.

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Progress is important to Dr. Lewis Lummer, lecturer of communication sciences and disorders, and he has plans to bring it about, if only others will listen.

As a member of the deaf community in Waco, Lummer has noticed a lack of accessibility to the

deaf at many local institutions. But there is one in particular that he would like to help change.

After visiting the Mayborn Museum Complex, located across the street from Baylor's campus, Lummer said he felt the museum didn't have sufficient accommodations for the deaf.

He was frustrated by not having sufficient information available so he could explain the exhibits to his two children, and the lack of captions on some exhibits that have auditory functions, among other

things.

Lummer expressed his concerns to the museum staff in August and November 2010 and left his contact information. Though he thought the staff had seemed willing to help address his concerns at the time, Lummer said he never heard back from anyone at the museum.

The Lariat became aware of the situation in January and contacted the museum.

When the issue was brought to the attention of the museum's staff,

they said they were unaware that any complaints had been made.

"We're a large place and we have lots of staff, volunteers, student workers, and most of the time they're in my office with any sort of comments or suggestions from people for us to follow up on," Dr. Ellie Caston, director of the museum, said. "We just obviously did not get that message."

Communication was then

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Belize trip to equip teachers with needed school supplies

By CAITLIN GIDDENS
REPORTER

Most students' spring break plans include sunbathing, relaxing and escaping from the classroom.

But for eight family and consumer science students, spring break will be an application of what they've learned in the classroom as the childhood development team travels to Belize for an academic mission.

The students will be partnering with Teachers for a Better Belize to improve teacher training in the rural Toledo district of Belize.

"We'll be going to observe and help out with preschools," Laredo senior Suzanna Frey said. "We get to see what the preschools do in Belize and how the teachers cope with a lack of resources. It's just as much a

learning experience for us as it will be for the teachers."

The family and consumer science class began preparing for the Belize trip at the beginning of the year by holding weekly meetings and gathering school supplies.

"Teachers here can just run to Walmart to get supplies," Frey said. "But in Belize, there's a total lack of supplies. Even the kind of paper they use is more like newspaper."

Teachers in this impoverished district earn about \$6,000 per year, which makes purchasing supplies on their own difficult.

"We have so many things here in the U.S. that we don't think to be resourceful," said Dr. Joyce Nuner, assistant professor in family and consumer sciences and leader of the team. "But in rural parts of Belize,

one marker can cost \$2 at the local store. This is what challenges us to be creative when we go there. We have to figure out what we can bring that teachers can continue to use or find again."

The team is holding a supply drive for the Belize trip. Donations, ranging from children's books to crayons and construction paper, can be made in the first floor of the Mary Gibbs-Jones Family and Consumer Science Building.

"Of course, we need more material things," Nuner said. "We all plan to bring an extra suitcase to bring supplies. But when we're there, we also plan to encourage them. The teachers are excited for us to come, and we're



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Dr. Joyce Nuner, assistant professor in family and consumer sciences, plays with preschoolers on previous trip to Belize.

Disappearing act: Inconvenience increases one 'initiative' at a time

Editorial

Baylor has recently pulled out all the stops in its efforts to create a sustainable and picturesque campus. From the demolition of Ivy Square to the newest plans to fill in the roads surrounding of Fountain Mall, students have been subjected to the forces of the administration who are determined to fulfill the Baylor 2012 imperatives calling for "useful and aesthetically pleasing physical spaces" in order to "create a truly residential campus."

To do this, the university is making campus more "pedestrian friendly" by adding additional grassy areas on campus – which has already happened at Ivy Square as well as the connecting road from Eighth Street to the Interstate 35 access road located by Brooks Residential College.

The administration is also attempting to remedy overcrowded parking, hoping the lack of parking issue will be resolved by asking students to park in outlying and unutilized spaces such as the Ferrell Center and the East Campus Park-

ing Facility. The administration has offered the Baylor shuttle system to reach the main part of campus.

While these are efforts to create a greener, more eco-friendly campus, the university has gone too far and plans to go further. The university plans to remove the parking in front of Moody Memorial and Jesse H. Jones libraries.

These new plans to eliminate parking spaces hinder student life. Masquerading these plans as "student friendly" isn't right either, and the university has ignored, time and time again, the loud and consistent protests of students irate at the hassle the university has made out of getting to class.

The Ferrell Center and the East Campus Parking Facility, which have a combined 3,000 spaces, are not a safe or practical choice for its students.

The Ferrell Center, located across South University Parks Drive, would either require students to ride the bus to campus or to walk a little less than a mile along University Parks Drive — one of the busiest bordering streets of campus. The East Campus Parking Facility, located on

Daughtrey Avenue, is a considerably safer place to park, but is not practical, as students who live off campus are required to drive to Daughtrey Avenue and still walk a significant distance just to reach the outskirts of campus.

It may seem trivial to some that students, including us, are complaining about having to walk to class. But, as the most frequent visitors to campus and the population most affected by these changes, why have we been left out of the equation? The decisions have had no student input.

The administration seems to expect that the aesthetic changes on campus and better awareness of parking alternatives – like biking – will fix our parking problems, but that's only a pipe dream.

The fact is, the ease of driving one's own car to campus is far superior to the convoluted, unpractical public transportation system the university has constructed.

Shuttles don't stop at every house; in fact, they only frequent the major apartment complexes and few stops in between. Students who do not live near stops still have to use their car

to get to a shuttle. At that point, it is easier and faster to simply drive to campus.

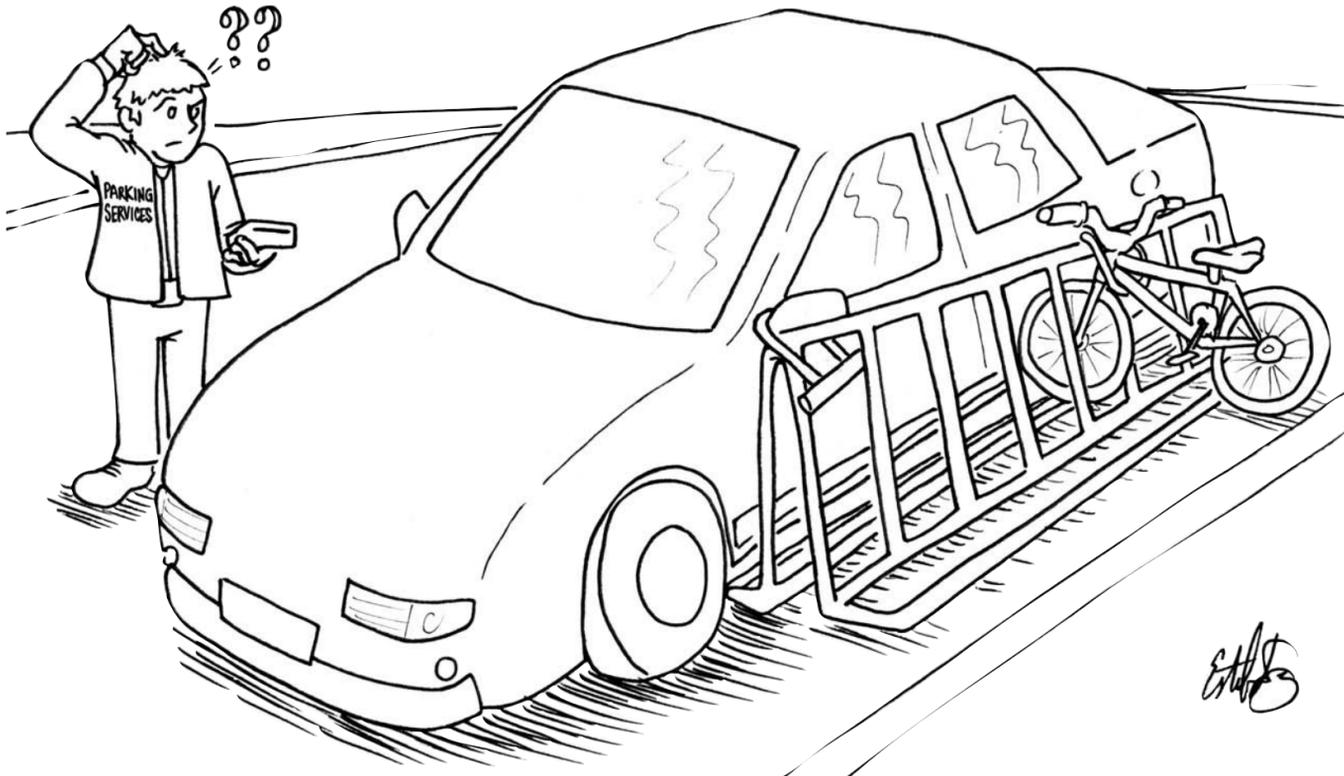
The students who must drive to campus are left with no alternative but to fight against other students for a parking spot and to find a way to make up the distance from across South University Parks Drive or Daughtrey Avenue.

The neverending changes for an eye-pleasing campus that ranks high on sustainability reports are continuing to anger students who have lost even more in the battle for convenient and safe parking.

If Baylor truly wishes to serve the needs of its tuition-paying students, then the administration should begin listening.

Haphazard changes to campus parking cannot be tolerated any more. Eventually, students will be at wit's end and the administration should avoid major conflict by including students and implementing changes to improve parking, other than telling us to bike.

There is a point where green efforts actually hinder efficiency. We hit that point two green pastures ago.



Relationship redo: Student repeatedly falls for same type person

By ALESSANDRA PETRINO
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As much as we would all like to think that romantic relationships spring up out of nowhere and happen simply because two people are "meant to be," such notions only apply in rare circumstances.

Whether we are consciously looking for a romantic relationship or not, there are always certain characteristics we all look for in prospective significant others.

Without knowing it, most of us have a subconscious "checklist" for the people we are attracted to. However, I am not speaking about a person's physicality.

Yes, perhaps it can be said that many people have a certain "type" that they are attracted to. And more often than not, when someone discusses having a "type," the characteristics they are referring to

are physical attributes.

Although I do believe that physical attractiveness is one of the first things one notices about a possible boyfriend or girlfriend, a person's "type" has become a list much more extensive than just physical attributes.

So, after my recent heartbreak with someone who was the complete opposite of my "type" physically, I began going through the motions, asking myself what went wrong and, more specifically, what I did wrong.

Like most of us, I resorted to the comfort of my closest friends to console me.

I prompted them to tell me what was wrong with me. And, like the good friends they are, their answers were merely, "There's nothing wrong with you."

Well, most of them, anyway. While speaking to my best friend about what I could have done differently to have made

things work out, he said something that had never really occurred to me.

"There's nothing wrong with you," he said. "It's the kind of guys you fall for."

Clearly, that made absolutely no sense to me. For the first time, I had fallen for someone who didn't fit one bit into my "type." Or so I thought.

"You fall for these guys who make you feel needed, and once they don't need you anymore they hurt you," he added.

It finally made sense. My "type" had little to do with physical attractiveness and more to do with how the emotional stability of the person made me feel.

Finally recognizing this as my mistake, it got me thinking. Are we all, in fact, dating the same person over and over?

No, I don't mean in the sense that we are all dating one person (I'm not into polygamy) and no, I don't mean we just

keeping taking our exes back.

When I ask "Are we dating the same person over and over," I mean to say, are we all dating a person that makes us feel the same emotionally as we did in our past relationships? Are our love lives stuck on repeat? Or are we perhaps just experiencing dating déjà vu?

"We're not dating the exact same people, because everyone is unique," said Whitney Dunning, a 4th-semester political science major at Brigham Young University. "But there are certain personality traits that we are attracted to and therefore we seek out people with those traits, even if it is not blatant but hidden within them. And sometimes those traits can be destructive."

For example, if a person gets cheated on, is it more likely they will get cheated on in another relationship because they accept or even expect to be treated

that way?

"We all have certain things we like and don't like after being in many relationships or one wrong one," said Brigham Young University student who wished to remain anonymous. "So, we search and search for that perfect soul mate that meets all the requirements that we think is for bliss but it never pans out that way. Well, I suppose I shouldn't say never, but most often not. It's easier to try and find someone when you already know what you're looking for."

The problem is that it puts blinders on all of us to the billions of different kinds of people there are that we deem 'not our type,' so we miss out."

Perhaps those of us stuck in this pattern need to learn from our experiences and come to terms with the fact that our "type" may not be right for us in an emotional sense.

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Forum broaches topic of skin color

By SALLY ANN MOYER
REPORTER

Baylor students discussed how perceptions of skin color have created dissension within the African-American community Wednesday. Baylor's collegiate chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hosted the first Light Skin vs. Dark Skin forum in Morrison Hall.

The inspiration for the event stemmed from a similar forum held at Texas Southern University by its NAACP chapter. Approximately 200 people attended Texas Southern University's forum. Baylor's forum filled Morrison 100, leaving standing room only for attendees.

Houston sophomore Taylor Felton, Baylor NAACP health chair, led an activity where participants closed their eyes and raised their hands if they had ever discriminated or been discriminated against by other African-Americans because of their skin color.

"A lot of the dark-skinned people raised their hands for discriminating and a lot of light-skin people felt like they were victimized, so this is definitely a big issue in our community," Felton said.

She said she has struggled with these perceptions in her own life because of her lighter skin.

"Darker-skinned people look at you and they look down upon you," Felton said.

Houston sophomore Michelle Singleton traced the bias back to the days of slavery, citing a letter written by slaveholder Willie Lynch. The letter's purpose was to encourage dissension among slaves by creating conflict between the dark-skinned slaves and the light-skinned slaves.

"That's where it started. From there to now we have this humongous problem," she said.

Participants in the forum were divided over the real root of the issue. Slavery, media portrayals and family perceptions were all cited as possible sources.

The event hosts said the media tends to have a more positive portrayal of light-skinned African-Americans while within the community itself, light-skinned members face more discrimination.

"It's not just the media. I think the problem is when we come from our families. I know I've heard before from my grandmother, 'You're too dark,'" Houston sophomore Trikeah Henry, Baylor NAACP



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An audience member addresses issues during the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Light Skin vs. Dark Skin Forum Wednesday in Morrison Hall.

education chair, said. "I'm the only black person in a lot of my classes. I feel like I have to go above and beyond. I'm getting it from three ways. It's not just the media," Henry said.

Lake Charles, La., sophomore Joe Guillory shared his experiences.

"I don't want my kids to have to struggle with identity issues," Guillory said. "I think it's a matter of realizing we're all black, and black is black. If we're unified through our skin color, then we should rise up through that."

The discussion emphasized dating preferences. Even though some members of the audience said showing a preference was shallow, other members voiced an adamant preference for one skin tone over

another.

One participant expressed a preference for dark-skinned men, but said she does not completely rule out light-skinned suitors.

"But he might be the best candidate for my husband, and just because he's light-skinned, I won't necessarily rule him out," she said.

The forum concluded with possibilities of how to solve the issue on Baylor's campus. In the search for love and tolerance, one text has much advice.

"Being a Christian campus, we can go straight to the Bible to get it," one participant said.

Baylor's NAACP chapter meets every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Cowden Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Edu-nation

Students plan to improve education system

By SOBIA SIDDIQUI
REPORTER

Baylor students applying to Teach for America, a national program that places college graduates in schools in low-income areas, are hoping to make a difference as teachers.

Fulshear senior Kristin Boxleitner and Victoria senior Nadya Garcia hope to make an impact on the lives of students if accepted to the program.

"I want to go in and start a new movement in a school someday," Boxleitner said. "I want to use my Spanish and go in and change the way kids perceive educators."

According to the Teach For America website, the program trains teachers and sends them to work in one of 39 rural and urban areas to teach for two years.

Anyone can apply to Teach for America, but the criteria for acceptance is selective.

"They're trying to get the best of the best," Boxleitner, an applicant to the program, said.

Teach for America has observed the chosen applicants and found that the most successful

share core skills.

"We're looking [at] people who we have already seen have success in the classroom," said Kaitlin Gastrock, the regional communications director for Teach For America. "Those [skills] include leadership and achievement; perseverance in the face of challenges; some of them exhibit strong critical thinking and the ability to influence and motivate others."

Teach for America trains its teachers in classroom etiquette and ways to encourage and challenge students, motivating them to want to learn and progress.

"One goal is that one day all students in the nation will have the opportunity to obtain an excellent education," Gastrock said. "Our teachers are having bigger impacts in the classrooms than [regular classroom] teachers."

Garcia has already applied to Teach For America in hopes of joining as soon as she graduates.

"I feel that if you have the ability to teach, of having students actually understanding you, then you should want to teach," Garcia said.

Boxleitner and Garcia are not the only Baylor students to feel this particular call. Gastrock said 11 members of the Baylor class of 2010 joined the Teach For America corps last year, and 4 percent of the senior class applied this year. Applicants will be notified April 4.

Newly approved research center focuses on Baptist studies

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
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The Baylor Board of Regents has recently approved the Baptist Studies Center for Research, which will work to uphold the Baptist heritage by providing various types of resources and research opportunities.

The center, which was established through the religion department and approved last Friday, includes thousands of Baptist documents and materials, many of which will be digitized to create a virtual collection.

Dr. William Bellinger, chair of the religion department, believes the center will serve a great function both to Baylor and

the greater Baptist community.

"I think its purpose is to make a difference to the future of the global community of Baptists," Bellinger said. "And also to make a difference to the future of Baylor University by researching into the Baptist story and discovering its depth and riches and variety. I believe that will help the university in its mission."

Bellinger said the center will focus on research while serving through other outlets. The Baptist Studies Center for Research will aid visiting scholars who lecture at Baylor, support faculty research projects, sponsor an essay contest for students, encourage students to travel and study various historical Baptist sites, as well as provide an emphasis in Baptist

studies for the Ph.D. program in religion.

Bellinger explained that Baylor is the only university that offers a Ph.D. program in religion, and according to a press release from Baylor, the program has risen significantly in recent rankings by the National Research Council and has made major strides in faculty productivity.

Bellinger said the center will put an identifiable focus on researching a promising area.

"It has a real potential to be a very active research component that can do lots of things that can make a difference for Baptists and the university," Bellinger said. "It will give us a way to explore some of the parts of the Christian story that we have not explored very well, including Latin

America and African American Baptist life. It will be real live research that has to do not only with the past but with today as well, and in that way I think lots of students will be interested in finding ways to be involved."

Dr. Doug Weaver, assistant professor of religion and director of undergraduate studies, said the center fits with Baylor's commitment to research as well as its standing as a Christian university.

"I think it honors Baylor's niche," Weaver said. "Baylor is a Christian university in a Baptist tradition, and this center honors that in a way that hadn't been done before and hadn't needed to be done with Baylor's focus on research. Now with the wonderful resources that are being given

to students and professors, we might be able to do that in a way that has never been done."

Bellinger said the center will provide opportunities to see the broader Baptist tradition and how rich and varied it is.

"It really will give students lots of opportunities to participate in research and seek Baptist tradition in ways that we really haven't been doing," Bellinger said.

Weaver is excited about the center and also the opportunity it brings for Christians to reflect on their identity.

"This is really a way for Baylor to say that the tradition from which we have come has made contributions and we would like to preserve and study those," Weaver said.

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Singer Keri Hilson blends 'edge, spunkiness, grace'

BY MELISSA MAGSAYSAY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES – These days, pop stars' outlandish get-ups sometimes eclipse their music, making them seem more like side-show attractions than serious musicians.

So it's almost a surprise to know there are still some singers who can maintain enviable chic.

Keri Hilson is one of those singers. The 28-year-old stunner turns a few heads when she walks through the pool area of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel for an interview on a recent sunny weekday morning.

Hilson commands attention not only for her looks but also for her place in the R&B and pop worlds as a songwriter and Grammy-nominated singer. (She was in contention last year for best new artist and best rap/sung collaboration for "Knock You Down" with Kanye West and Ne-Yo and performed at this year's official post-Grammy party Sunday night alongside the Roots.)

It also doesn't hurt that she is statuesque, has a perfectly coiffed bright honey-blond bob and has limbs so long and toned that she hardly needs the extra height her Report Signature 5-inch black platform wedges give her. (And, OK, maybe wearing a fuchsia bodysuit at 10 a.m. could also have something to do with all the necks craned in her direction.)

Hilson's lithe 5-foot-9 frame came from a childhood spent swimming regularly in her hometown of Decatur, Ga. At 14, she went on to compete in the U.S. Junior Nationals.

Her involvement in swimming and basketball also dictated her early look, influencing the self-proclaimed tomboy to sport baggy pants and plaid shirts rather than the look-at-me platform shoes and fine jewelry she dons today.

"Growing up, I was a lot more boyish," says Hilson, who at this point has swaddled herself in a bathrobe for warmth and comfort, covering up her Brian Lichtenberg body suit and black suspender trousers from Hollywood Boulevard boutique Lallure.

"I only shopped in the men's department of Rich's and Macy's. My mom would drop me off in the men's section and do her shopping in the women's section."

Hilson's preference for men's khakis, plaid button-down flannels and polo shirts as a teenager was also a reflection of the musicians (and fellow Georgians) she listened to growing up.

"TLC had a lot to do with bringing back the tomboy look," she says. "The '90s was an era of mixing masculine and feminine. You might wear a cutoff shirt and show your girlie parts but then sag your jeans. I always loved the blend of hard and soft. Like, 'OK, if I'm showing this, then I'm not showing this.'"

It wasn't until she dived head first into music – majoring in theater and performing regularly at Emory University – that her current look started to emerge.

"My style is always a good blend of edge and spunkiness and grace," says Hilson, who loves really bold, angular prints and is obsessed with houndstooth.

She collects it in all forms, including scarves and armchairs, and

has worn the print in every one of her videos. She even incorporated it into album covers and the background of her Twitter page.

Hilson describes her day-to-day look as "spunky with hard lines and polish." Case in point: She favors Dsquared's sharp street-aesthetic, oversized sunglasses.

Gucci sunglasses are also a mainstay, but at the moment she loves a huge square pair from Grey Ant), flat boots from Miu Miu and accessories from designer Melody Ehsani, with whom Hilson collaborated to create a gold "No Boys Allowed" pendant in honor of her new album.

Onstage – where she has been a lot lately, promoting the new album and the single "Pretty Girl Rock," an anthem encouraging women to be confident with their looks – Hilson's style is drastically different from her everyday look. "Onstage, I'm the superhero version of myself," she says. "When I perform, there's more leather and a lot of black, very strong pieces." The style is more an extension of her sound than a costume teetering on performance art, a la Lady Gaga or Cher.

"I dress a lot stronger because that's the way I feel my music is. In my everyday life, I'm more relaxed and carefree, but when it comes to music and relationships, I am really strong-willed. My (onstage) clothes are almost like putting on body armor," she says. There's that hard and soft again.

One of her softer, more fashion-y moments came at last year's CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund Awards, which she attended with designer Chris Benz, wearing a single-sleeve, brown, blue and

marigold circular print dress from Benz's spring 2011 collection.

It's no surprise that Hilson is a fan of Benz's uber-colorful graphic prints and bold and quirky sensibility. And the admiration is mutual.

"Keri is such a confident, talented woman that her personality and beauty really shine through. She knows how to really wear clothes," Benz says.

The onetime tomboy also represents a global beauty brand as the face of Avon's Imari fragrance, joining the ranks of the company's other celebrity reps: Reese Witherspoon, Derek Jeter, Fergie and Zoe Saldana.

"The idea behind Avon is very empowering. They allow women of all backgrounds, colors and sizes to be entrepreneurs," Hilson says. "It's the same message in 'Pretty Girl Rock'; no matter what society says, whether we're too big, too thin, too light, too dark, we deserve to feel beautiful. And that makes this more gratifying to me."

The beauty deals, red carpet ensembles and time spent in the hair and makeup chair do take her far from her days of baggy pants and basketball shorts.

"It is very ironic," Hilson says through a characteristic wide grin. "My family laughs all the time, they ask me, 'Hmm, do you really like those heels? Or are you just buying them just because?'"

"I say, 'No, I actually really like them, thank you.' I can appreciate them. I don't like the way they feel, but I can appreciate a good heel. The tomboy part of me is still very much present, but as undertones. I'm grown now, and I want to look womanly."



Singer Keri Hilson rocks her "Pretty Girl" look at this year's Grammys. McClatchy-Tribune

Point of view: 2011 is the year of the drunk

BY BONNIE BERGER
REPORTER

It is no surprise that the American public takes guilty pleasure in celebrity happenings, from their plush lifestyles to their frequent tangles with the law, alcohol, drugs and extramarital affairs. Tabloids and gossip blogs are not bereft of juicy material with big names like Christina Aguilera, Charlie Sheen and the infamous Lindsey Lohan stumbling down the streets of Hollywood this year.

Aguilera's blunders are considerably more publicized than those of Sheen and Lohan, with the star stumbling through the national anthem at Super Bowl XLV and literally falling on her face following her performance at last week's Grammy awards.

Pals close to Aguilera voiced their concerns for her heavy partying and "erratic behavior," which

may stem from a recent divorce from Jordan Bratman. "It's got her acting too crazy," said one concerned comrade.

After an intervention following a night of excessive partying and doing drugs, Viacom intervened with "Two and a Half Men" star Sheen, encouraging him to seek help for his addictions. The star then retired to his home for weeks of rehabilitation.

On two separate interviews on Direct TV's "The Dan Patrick Show," Sheen shared indirect advice for Lohan, the "Mean Girls" star far from grace. "Impulse control" ranked highly among his wise words to the actress most recently charged with jewelry theft.

This may be an iconic example of the pot calling the kettle back, or simply one individual who struggled with addiction attempting to save another traveling a remarkably similar path.

The lives of the talented glitterati we so adore are characteristically ridden with mistakes, drawing our attention to the sensationalistic lifestyles and choices we love to judge.

Sadly, we have grown accustomed to famous actors and performers falling into dangerous patterns. I find myself less than phased with the shocking headlines we can expect from the rich and famous. The desensitization that pairs with being overly exposed to choices from the likes of Sheen, Lohan and Aguilera, has become a plague of sorts.

We see it everywhere, from Los Angeles to our hometowns. Addictions afflict those around us, as well as the singers we listen to or the TV personalities we love.

Although it isn't practical to attempt an intervention on Lohan's behalf, we do have the power to impact those we encounter on a

daily basis. Friends who are struggling need someone to step in and voice concern. Youngsters who look up to Miley Cyrus need someone to remind them what a viable role model looks like.

Despite the entertainment factor springing from wacky celebrity actions, we should remind ourselves that this is not normal, healthy behavior that we should expect from anyone. Challenge yourself and those around you to seek a better way of life through caring for their bodies.

I don't know any of these struggling celebrities myself, so I can only hypothesize why they engage in such behaviors. I believe that when you care for your mental, physical and emotional health, you may be less prone to addictions and other self-destructive choices.

Bonnie Berger is a junior journalism major from Austin and a reporter for the Lariat.

Easy Baked Fish Fillets

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds grouper or other white fish fillets
 - Cooking spray
 - 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
 - 1 tablespoon light mayonnaise
 - 1/8 teaspoon onion powder
 - 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1/2 cup fresh breadcrumbs
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons butter or stick margarine, melted
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- Preparation
Preheat oven to 425°.

Instructions

Place fish in an 11 x 7-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Combine lime juice, mayonnaise, onion powder, and pepper in a small bowl, and spread over fish. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs; drizzle with butter. Bake at 425° for 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Sprinkle with parsley.

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Tennis

The Baylor men and women's tennis teams will both be in action this week-end trying to continue their spring season success. The Baylor men will be traveling to Dallas to face the SMU Mustangs on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 12 p.m. The Lady Bears will be traveling to Charlottesville, Va., to compete in the ITA Team National Indoor Championship. This tournament will be the Lady Bears toughest of the year as it features 16 of the Nations top 25 teams and nine of the top 10. The third-ranked Baylor women's tennis team will be hoping to make a championship run through the tournament that lasts begins Friday and ends Monday.

Baseball and Softball

Both teams take the field in Waco this weekend, with baseball opening its season against Oral Roberts at 4 p.m. and softball welcoming New Mexico to Getteman Stadium for a three game series. The Lady Bears battle the Lobos in a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m. Friday and play once more at noon Saturday. Baseball, ranked No. 16 in Baseball America's preseason poll, plays at 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Soccer

The Baylor Lady Bears soccer team heads to Houston on Saturday as they begin their first competitive action of the spring season. First up for the Lady Bears will be the Houston Cougars at 11 a.m. followed by a showdown with the Sam Houston State Bearkats at 5 p.m. in the same location. These games cap off an exciting week in which the Lady Bears signed six student athletes from five states to join the team next year.

Equestrian

The Baylor Equestrian Team will try to bounce back from a tough loss against the Texas A&M Aggies as they play host to a doubleheader this Saturday in Waco. First up for the Lady Bears in the Hunter Seat competition will be the Southern Methodist University Mustangs at 10 a.m. followed by a matchup with the Sacred Heart Big Red noon.

Ending the Cycle: Armstrong retires for good

By JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lance Armstrong is calling this one "Retirement 2.0."

Almost a month after finishing 65th in his last competitive race in Australia, and nearly six years removed from the last of an unprecedented seven straight Tour de France titles, the 39-year-old cyclist made clear there is no reset button this time.

This time, he's leaving professional racing behind for good.

"Never say never," Armstrong laughed at the start of an exclusive interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, then quickly added, "Just kidding."

His retirement ends a comeback effort that failed to produce an eighth title or diminish talk that performance-enhancing drugs helped his career. The timing has as much to do with his growing responsibilities and family as it does with the physical limitations time has imposed. He's tired, and tired of being hounded. Armstrong will miss competing — let alone dominating a sport like none before him — but not the 24/7/365 training regimen that made it possible.

"I can't say I have any regrets.

It's been an excellent ride. I really thought I was going to win another tour," Armstrong said about his comeback attempt in 2009, four years after his first retirement. "Then I lined up like everybody else and wound up third.

"I have no regrets about last year, either," he added, despite finishing 23rd. "The crashes, the problems with the bike — those were things that were beyond my control."

Armstrong spoke to the AP in a telephone interview and in a videotaped interview from his office in Austin.

Armstrong zoomed out of relative obscurity after a life-threatening bout with testicular cancer to win his first tour in 1999, then set about recalibrating both the popularity of his sport and how much influence athletes can wield as advocates for a cause — in his case, on behalf of cancer survivors and researchers worldwide.

International Cycling Union President Pat McQuaid had high praise for Armstrong.

"His contribution to cycling has been enormous, from both the sporting point of view and his personality. All sports need global icons and he has become a global

icon for cycling," said McQuaid, speaking to The Associated Press by telephone from the Tour of Oman. "The sport of cycling has a lot to be thankful for because of Lance Armstrong."

Along the way, Armstrong also became one of the most controversial figures in the evolving battle against doping in sports. He claims to be the most-tested athlete on the planet during his career. Armstrong came back clean every time, and vehemently denies ever using performance-enhancing drugs.

Even so, he remains shadowed by a federal investigation into the sport launched last year following accusations by former teammate and disgraced 2006 tour champion Floyd Landis that Armstrong used drugs and taught other riders how to beat testing. Though the probe is continuing, lawyers familiar with the case told the AP recently that any possible indictments are a long way off.

"I can't control what goes on in regards to the investigation. That's why I hire people to help me with that. I try not to let it bother me and just keep rolling right along. I know what I know," Armstrong said. "I know what I do and I know what I did. That's not going to

change."

What won't change, either, is his tenacious campaigning to raise funds and awareness in the fight against a disease his doctors once believed would keep Armstrong from competing at anything more strenuous than gin rummy.

That was 1996. A year later, he set up the Livestrong Foundation and raised \$10,000. In the intervening years, Armstrong used his story, his celebrity and hard work to sell millions of those ubiquitous plastic yellow wrist bracelets and enlist policymakers in Texas and global policymakers on the scale of Bill Clinton in the cause.

By the end of last year, despite tough economic times, the foundation had raised nearly \$400 million total.

After lobbying successfully for a Texas state constitutional amendment to provide \$3 billion for cancer research over a 10-year period. This summer, he'll work with legislators there to draw up and put on the ballot a measure mandating a cigarette tax with the proceeds to fund further research. Come September, Armstrong will also plead his case before a United Nations General Assembly special session on non-communicable diseases

that he provided much of the impetus for.

"We knew we'd be able to have some impact, but we didn't know we'd pick up so much momentum," he said.

That's how Armstrong broke through nearly every barrier the sport had erected over a century and more — by leading with his chin.

He spilled blood on the roads, came back from crashes and more than once, crossed the finish line of a stage race draped over his handlebars like a man hanging on for life instead of an unbreakable machine.

Armstrong will be at this year's tour, bringing the oldest of his five kids, 11-year-old Luke, back to the race this summer. He may even climb into a team car to do reconnaissance work for some of the Radio Shack riders he used to race alongside.

One thing Armstrong vowed not to do was spend much time reliving his accomplishments on the bike.

"In 10 years time," he said, "if I'm sitting around saying, 'I was so strong on L'Alpe d'Huez in 2001,' then I got a problem."

Baylor golf strives to improve game

By DANIEL WALLACE
REPORTER

A top-five finish to start the spring season is what the Baylor men's golf team comes back to Waco with, from the UTSA Oak Hills Invitational in San Antonio.

Ranked No. 50 in the nation, the Bears tied with Louisiana-Lafayette for fifth place at 25-over 877.

Despite playing in tougher conditions on Tuesday, the team jumped up four spots on the leader board after Monday's ninth-place finish.

"Tuesday's round set up harder with the pin placement and the course played the entire length," coach Greg Priest said.

However, the team was able to find a way to improve after finishing Monday at 15-over 583. Priest added that he feels his team is solid, and once they shake off the rust, they will be fine.

Junior Joakim Mikkelsen represented Baylor in the top-25 individually tying for 21st place at 4-over 217.

"Joakim's someone we really lean on," Priest said. "For us to play well, he has to step up and play well and continue to be our leader."

Junior Lorenzo Scotto finished tied for 30th place shooting 7-over 220. Texas Tech ran away with the tournament finishing 15-under 837. Oklahoma, North Texas, and Tulsa rounded out the top five, along with the Bears.

The next tournament for Baylor will be the Charleston Shootout on Feb. 28-Mar. 1 in Charleston, S.C.

Although they came up a little short on their goals for the tournament, the women's golf team can boast two players in the top-25 after competing in the UCF Challenge in Sorrento, Fla. Junior Chelsey Cothran finished tied for 11th place at 1-over 217 while fellow junior Jaclyn Jansen ended tied for 22nd at 5-over 221. Coach Ferdon was pleased with her two star golfers in the first tournament of the spring season.

"Jaclyn and Chelsey both had good tournaments," Ferdon said. "To me, their play was really solid."

The team came into the spring season with the goal of placing three golfers in the top 20 of every tournament. Having two in the top 25 is certainly a step in the right direction.

As a whole, the team finished in 11th place of 17 posting a 39-over 903 score. That is an average of 301 per round and Ferdon stated that you certainly can't be competitive shooting over 300. Coastal Carolina took the title shooting 3-over 867.

Ferdon is optimistic her team can learn from their experience they had this week opening the season.

"I'm hoping that now having this tournament under our belt will help us prepare for next week's Central District Invitational," Ferdon said. "We need to work on our mindset and learn how to finish off a round."

The Lady Bears will travel back to the Sunshine State next week for the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla.

Track awaits Big 12 indoor meet after strong weekend performance

By LINDSAY CASH
REPORTER

The Baylor track and field team ventured back to College Station on Saturday for the A&M Challenge. The Bears joined forces with Texas A&M and Nebraska to take on three teams each from the SEC, Pac-10 and Conference USA for the A&M Conference Challenge.

The SEC brought along Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi State, while the Pac-10 had representatives of Arizona, Arizona State and USC. Houston, UTEP and Rice were the face of Conference USA.

"Coming from two travel weekends, in Arkansas and New York, overall, I'm pleased," coach Todd Harbour said of his team. "We really got a lot out of this week."

Baylor entered the A&M Challenge gripping eight top 25 NCAA performances; four of those being in top 10 nationally.

Junior Jessica Ubanyionwu, sophomore Skylar White, senior Tiffany Townsend and freshman

Tiffani McReynolds are among the top 10.

The Bears' final regular meet of the season revealed successful performances from an array of Baylor women.

Townsend, an All-American, automatically qualified for NCAA in the 200-meter, with her personal second-best time at 23.16.

"This was huge for Tiff. She's a great leader, a great person. She competes hard, even through being banged up with this sore knee," Harbour said.

"When it comes to being a senior and team leader," Harbour said, "she has more All-American honors than any other female that's come through Baylor."

Junior Brittany OgunMokun duplicated a victorious performance in the 600. OgunMokun's 1:21.68 time set the meet record as well as the fourth-best mark all-time at Baylor.

Ubanyionwu placed second in the triple jump at 42-11.5 on her final attempt.

White finished up with a solid fourth place throw of 53-10.5.

"We're at a good place with the women's performances. Along with Jessica, Skylar and Tiffany, we're looking to see even more qualify for nationals," Harbour said.

The men's 4-x-400 meter relay team was also able to reach the NCAA qualifying mark with the second-fastest time nationally, at 3:05.92. Junior Whitney Prevost, senior Marcus Boyd, sophomore Drew Seale and sophomore Zwede Hewitt combined for the second place finish.

"This is good, this is good for our men. They had a strong 4-x-4 race. Now, we're looking to get a good number for the guys qualifying individually," Harbour said.

The Bears are one week away from the 2011 Big 12 Indoor Championships in Lincoln, Neb. On Feb 28-29.

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campus," Penney said. "It is specific enough to say to move parking to the exterior of campus."

Penney said more than 6,000 student parking spaces have been sold while Baylor has more than 9,000 spaces available to students. The majority of unutilized parking is the Ferrell Center lot and the East Campus Parking Facility.

Penney said plans for next year are to sell specialized parking passes for each of these areas at a reduced price.

This year parking passes sold for \$225, but Ferrell Center parking passes will cost \$95 and the East Campus Parking Facility passes will cost \$150.

Additional motivation to utilize these areas is an updated shuttle route.

"To make it work there has to be a good bus route. I mean, it has to be convenient. It can't be a pain because if it's a pain to park and to ride the bus, then why ride the bus?" Penney said.

This new route will include the area where Third Street passes in front of Moody Memorial Library and create a more centralized dropoff for students using the library or the McLane Student Life Center.

A shuttle route running on that street creates unsafe conditions for parking, so the parking spaces bordering only that side of the library may be removed.

"While green is a consideration, it is not the driving force," Penney said. "There's a master plan in place to make Baylor a residential campus."

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sparked between the two parties, which eventually led to conversation between Caston and Lummer. Though no plans have yet been set to improve the museum's accessibility to the deaf community, Caston said she and Lummer are in the process of discussing what can be done.

"At this point I think it's very positive and we look forward to hearing what he has to say and what we might do to make things better," Caston said. "I do think the outcome has been very positive and that we've established genuine communication, because I think a lot of it was sort of caused by miscommunication."

Lummer said he believes the museum is now headed in a positive direction as far as becoming more accessible, and that he will be meeting with Caston in the near future.

"I believe that Dr. Caston and I will have a wonderful professional relationship and we look forward to working together to develop plans that represent our image at Baylor," Lummer said. "It is a good start for both sides."

In making the museum more accessible, Lummer hopes to involve various members of the Baylor family. Among other things, he would like to involve students with ASL interpretation and deaf education minors in giving tours to deaf visitors at the museum and involve the English and visual arts departments in helping to shoot scenes for video demonstration clips that have text and are narrated in American Sign Language.

Having ASL narrators at the museum would also help enhance the experience of deaf visitors, Lummer said, because it allows them to relax from reading in the same way that listening allows hearing visitors to relax.

"How will people like the idea of reading, reading, reading, reading all the day at the museum without getting [to relax], taking a break from reading English everywhere?" Lummer said. "Why are there voices being narrated? It is for the pleasure."

Currently, the museum does not have any ASL interpreters or narrators on staff, but staff members often try to learn some signs if they are expecting a group of deaf visitors, said Lesa Bush, assistant director of visitor experience.

"We don't have any on staff, but we have a lot of former educators that have picked up some [ASL] in the classroom; they've had a lot of exposure to a lot of different kinds of special needs and so we're very, very flexible by the nature of what we do," Bush said. "So if we know for example that we're going to have a hearing-impaired group, we might look at the program that they've signed up for and then maybe figure out a few of the signs that would help us to interact with one another within that program, but a lot of times the

groups that come will bring an interpreter with them."

Safety concerns, such as making sure those who are deaf have a way to communicate if they are stuck in an elevator, also need to be addressed, Lummer said.

Making changes at the museum and getting his students involved is important to Lummer because he wants to see progress made toward equality for the deaf community.

"Just equal opportunity. Increased knowledge, increased awareness," Lummer said. "The Mayborn, that's one way it can promote progress. I think that a lot of the deaf people — they should have equal opportunity and they have their rights for equal sharing of information, and so it's really just to keep that going and make progress."

Sonya Maness, assistant education coordinator, said having access to professors and students at Baylor who are professionals in their fields is a benefit to the museum because they can be resources in creating a more accessible museum experience.

"Part of the reason that we don't specifically have special needs programming is because we know and respect our boundaries," Maness said. "We're not going to create a special needs program for hearing impaired people because we don't have hearing impaired specialists on staff, and if we create the wrong thing that's more damaging and more offensive than if we say to Baylor professors and students who are doing this for a living and preparing to do this for a living, 'Please come in and work with us.'"

Caston said the museum staff is interested in ideas to make the exhibits more accessible to all visitors.

"One of the things that we find in the museum profession ... is that usually when we make an exhibition or an exhibit more accessible for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired, it just makes the exhibit better for everybody, because we all like to touch, we all like to listen — if we can't see something — to sounds and sights and more entertainment than just reading a label," Caston said. "So we've found that good programming is good programming, and we're always happy to make it better."

Museums in general need to expand their programs and become more people-centric for all groups of people, including both the hearing and the deaf, Lummer said. He hopes the Mayborn Museum Complex will soon become an example to other museums.

"That's my goal: progress. That's all. For everybody to benefit, everybody to benefit," Lummer said. "I want the museum to be a great example of taking the lead and becoming the model for how things are supposed to be. I want other people to look at them and copy them. That's my goal."

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excited to see them?" Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Michaels in Waco have donated supplies. But the team needs more help.

"Because the trip itself was so expensive, about \$1,700, we wanted to get as many supplies as possible so that's not an additional expense," Nashville, Tenn., senior Sarah Hall Simmons said. "ADPi has donated paper and pens, which has been so helpful."

While they are equipping teachers with more school supplies, the teams also hope to learn how to be more resourceful.

"Resourcefulness is just part of their culture in that area," Simmons said. "We're not looking down on them because they lack resources. In fact, we can learn how to be more resourceful from them."

Teachers for a Better Belize began this mission in Belize because of the high poverty rates. The childhood development team will aid Teachers for

a Better Belize in helping students escape poverty by increasing education.

"We're not going there to 'fix' anything," Nuner said. "We're just working with [Teachers for a Better Belize] to improve these students' lives."

From scissors to pipe cleaners, students' donation of common preschool supplies can help rescue kids from poverty.

"I was changed when I first went to Belize," Nuner said. "It's such a change of culture. It inspires you to make a difference in those schools, and then bring what you've learned to America."

The majority of the students on the childhood development team are seniors, so the lessons they learn in the Toledo classrooms will help as they enter their career.

"I want to be a children's minister," Frey said.

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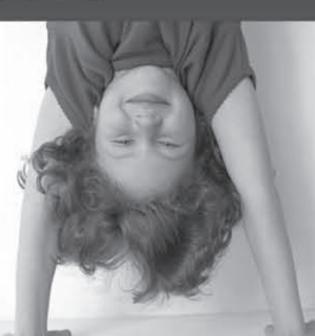
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