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Sweet Symphony

Students can listen to the campus orchestra play music by Antonio Vivaldi and Edward Elgar and Baylor Women's Choir at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

Local service

Students looking for an opportunity to serve the Waco community can participate in student activities' Steppin' Out on Saturday. To sign up as a group or an individual, visit the student activities website.

Starr, Jackson to host town hall forum

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Student Government will hold a town hall meeting Wednesday during which students can participate in a Q&A session with President Ken Starr, Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life, and Houston senior Michael Wright, student body president. The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in Draper 116.

"The purpose is to give every student an opportunity to come in and ask Jack Starr, Dr. Jackson



Starr

The meeting will give students a chance to engage in a real-time dialogue with campus leaders, Jackson said.

or myself a question that they might have about university life, and just give every student access to our president," Wright said

"I think it's always important to give students an opportunity to come and ask their questions in a format where you have university administrators and student leaders who can respond," Jackson said. "It gives students a chance to share what's on their hearts and minds and gives us a chance to hear that, as well as hopefully answer questions that they may have." Wright said students should take advantage of the opportunity to speak with Starr and Jackson, and to become more involved with the

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Student body president

university. "I hope to see a lot of students show up with questions ready," Wright said, "students that

are engaged in the happenings on campus and want to learn more about what's going on from kind of the top level of the university."

The panel anticipates questions on a wide range of topics and will answer students' questions to the best of their ability or find answers to those questions that they cannot immediately answer, Jackson said.

"To me that's the beauty of a town hall," Jackson said. "The students get to bring the topics forward and we'll do our very best to answer those."

Dems eye Senate for budget adjustments

State allocation debate may send Legislature to special session

By APRIL CASTRO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — After adopting a bleak state budget that catered to the conservative supermajority with staggering cuts to schools, highways, prisons and other programs, Texas House leaders and Democrats looked to the Senate on Monday to create something more palatable.

Lawmakers in the upper chamber — which isn't wracked by the political pressures that commanded the austere House budget — have vowed to find billions more for public schools, nursing homes and other social services.

But even if they do, House and Senate negotiators must then hammer out their differences to reach a compromise that can be approved by both chambers and sent to the governor.

Lawmakers are already digging in.

The lead House budget writer, Rep. Jim Pitts, has warned that the Senate will have to bring spending down from its early



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Texas state representatives gather around House Parliamentarian Chris Griesel, third from left, leaning over the dais, during debate of House Bill 1 in the House Chamber Sunday at the Capitol in Austin.

proposals to win approval from the 150-member House, where leaders said the drastic cuts were unavoidable.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has said House cuts that could force half of the state's nursing homes to close would be unacceptable to

the upper chamber.

And Gov. Rick Perry has cautioned that he won't sign any legislation that raises taxes or taps the state's reserve funds for the 2012-2013 budget.

The budget showdown will certainly stretch into the final

days of the legislative session at the end of May, but most observers expect the tussle will drag into a special session this summer.

For Dewhurst, history is not on his side.

During his eight years and four legislative sessions as presid-

ing officer of the Senate, his most contentious negotiations with the House have gone the House's way. In high-pressure showdowns, House negotiators have taken victories on congressional redis-

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Dorms compete to save energy

By LEIGH ANN HENRY
REPORTER

The residence halls are competing in an energy conservation tournament that began on March 21 and ends May 1.

The competition consists of a running energy usage count as well as an educational game component. The games are organized in a tournament-like fashion to decide who competes against who the following week, and focus on teaching students about energy conservation.

Games include trivia via Facebook, quiz games and blackouts.

"We are excited to be doing something like this on campus and that students are involved in helping us to reduce our energy consumption," Smith Getterman, sustainability coordinator at Baylor, said.

The six-week competition is designed to encourage and educate the campus community on daily energy conservation.

"This is not a money saving effort as much as it is an educational



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effort," Meghan Becker, assistant director for resident learning, first year programs and apartments, said.

The competition was developed as part of the energy awareness program Clare Paul, energy outreach manager at Aramark, said.

"Baylor energy madness is a fun way to involve students in energy conservation as well as a great start to creating a cultural change across campus. ... I can't wait to see who wins. I am also looking forward to involving all of the residence halls on campus in the fall," Paul said in an email to the Lariat.

Four teams are competing in this year's competition: North Village, Kokernot, Martin and both Russell dormitories, which are competing as one combined community.

The sustainability department has helped community living learning center and Aramark/Facility Services coordinate, Gettermann said.

Aramark is an outsourced company that handles energy consumption for several colleges in the nation. Aramark introduced the idea of Baylor's participation in an energy competition, Becker said.

The competition includes opportunities for student leadership — each team has one to two voluntary team captains. A few of the captains are community leaders as well.

The running totals for energy usage in each residence hall can be found online through the Facebook page "Baylor Energy Madness."

Last week's competing teams

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BU students find viable post-grad options in Corps

Peace Corps applicants span variety of majors

By CAITLIN GIDDENS
REPORTER

The Peace Corps finds its most precious resource in the American people and in their skills for improving the world — this is the asset the Corps seeks to tap across the country and at Baylor.

"I have found in recruiting at Baylor that students have a lot of volunteer work and mind for international affairs," Dallas regional recruiter Curt Baker said. "This, combined with their willingness to help others, makes Baylor students good candidates for the Peace Corps."

The Peace Corps recruits volunteers with its motto, "Life is calling. How far will you go?"

Participants travel to more than 70 countries, enlisting 4,000 new volunteers each year. The different areas these volunteers

can work with include health and HIV treatment, business and communication technology, environment, education and community and youth development.

"We always need people who can teach English," Baker said. "And that's not because we barge into the countries that we're helping and demand they learn English. We're just meeting the request of the host countries who ask for more English education."

Applicants interested in teaching English are required to have earned 30 hours of English or foreign language tutoring.

Those interested in entering the health section of the Peace Corps are required to accumulate 30 hours of volunteering at a hospital or shadowing a doctor.

Each year more than 12,000 applications are received to fill about 4,000 positions.

"It's very selective, but if you can target your application to a specific category, then you will be more competitive," Baker said. "And if you aren't a senior yet, you can work to add to your application so you can be qualified by

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Libyan crisis perfect opportunity for US to explore supportive role

Editorial

News hit Monday that America was taking steps back and sinking into a support role in the ongoing Libyan conflict. Many will balk at the idea of America not jumping directly into the problem and not using its influence and affluence to quickly further democracy.

The American military pulled its 90 warplanes from front-line missions in Libya, diminishing the number of planes enforcing the no-fly zone from 206 to 116. The American planes, once responsible for ground attacks and interception missions, will switch to support missions.

According to the Associated Press, the other NATO allies from here on out will perform all offensive attacks.

Due to the U.S. removal of itself from the Libyan airspace, NATO has subsequently requested that America maintain its leadership presence within Libya. This request once again raises the question of what America's next step should be within this conflict.

It seems, however, that the best step to take is to not take one

at all. The most beneficial role for America to play is that of the passive supporter, backing with military strength when necessary, yet allowing NATO to take the primary leadership role. There would be many consequences if America were to renew its military investment in Libya.

First, President Barack Obama has treated this situation in a manner that is foreign to normal international relations. America has always been the first to action in the world's times of great need — and our presence in natural disaster relief should remain prominent. In this and other Middle Eastern situations, however, America ought to be looking for a more global approach. That is, America should be quick to include other world leaders in the pursuit of democracy. Obama's actions so far promise a more innovative approach that will allow other global leaders to drive the growth of democracy.

If we were to simply abandon this path, we will be back in our old ways — committing blindly, hoping for the best and spending more than necessary.

According to the Congressional Research Service, in 2010 Congress approved a total of

\$1.121 trillion for military operations, base security, reconstruction, foreign aid, embassy costs and veterans' health care for the operations in Afghanistan and Iraq initiated since the 9/11 attacks.

A new way of handling foreign relations is definitely necessary. Obama, in his handling of Libya's revolution, has finally fully committed to a subtler role. Whether that decision will work for the best this time is up in the air, but one thing is for sure: If we don't step back, we will eventually crumble under too many financial pressures.

A second consequence to remaining an attack-oriented ally in Libya would be that the no-fly zone enforcing aircrafts would simply not be enough to further the cause of the Libyan rebels. The no-fly zone was a tactic used when attempts were being made to oust Moammar Gadhafi.

Gadhafi has made it clear that he has no plans of giving up his power anytime soon. Thus, the next logical step for American intervention had we stayed the dominant party in the conflict would have been the provision of arms to Libyan rebels.

Providing weapons presents

even more problems. Aside from the U.S. being hesitant to enter into yet another conflict with no clear exit strategy, a fundamental problem with giving rebels weapons is the lack of accountability.

There is no clear leadership within the rebel parties and it is unlikely that there will be soon. The New York Times reported that three of the top contenders to lead the new government met with rebellion leaders and a screaming match ensued. Unable to come to any decisions, the rebels are still without a leader.

Even more unsettling are the rumors that there are suspected terrorists within the rebel groups. So there is a chance that they would be receiving American weapons that they could turn upon Americans.

Finally, we simply do not have the funds to support another endeavor into a conflict that is not our own. There are other NATO countries that are more than capable of supporting the overthrow of Gadhafi. When we are facing a budget crisis within our own borders, the looming possibility of congressional deadlock far outweighs a deeper and more comprehensive role in the Libyan conflict.

Greedy get a pass; others work harder

Once upon a long time ago, a tired man faced an audience of public workers.

They were on a wildcat strike, demanding the right to bargain collectively and to have the city for which they worked automati-



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cally deduct union dues from their paychecks. The city's conservative mayor had flatly refused these demands.

"You are doing many things here in this struggle," the tired man assured them. "You are demanding that this city will respect the dignity of labor."

Too often, he said, folks looked down on people like them, people who did menial or unglamorous work. But he encouraged them not to bemoan their humble state. "All labor has dignity," he said.

Monday marked 43 years since that man was shot from ambush and killed in Memphis, Tenn. Martin Luther King's last public actions were in defense of labor and union rights.

One wonders, then, what he would say of Wisconsin.

Or Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Florida or any of the other places where, like a contagion, the move to weaken or effectively outlaw unions has spread. One wonders what he would make of a conservative governing ethos that now defines public employees — teachers, police officers, firefighters — as the enemy.

Actually, we need not wonder what King would have said, because he already said it. In the speech quoted above, he warned that if America did not use its vast wealth to ensure its people "the basic necessities of life," America was going to hell.

The Baptist preacher in him reared up then, and his voice sang thunder. For all the nation's achievements, he roared, for all its mighty airplanes, submarines and

bridges, "It seems that I can hear the God of the universe saying, 'Even though you have done all that, I was hungry and you fed me not. I was naked and you clothed me not. The children of my sons and daughters were in need of economic security and you didn't provide it for them.'"

It will come as a surprise to some that the civil rights leader was also a labor leader, but he was. He had this in common with Asa Philip Randolph, who suffered long years of privation to establish the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. And with Walter Reuther, brutally beaten when he organized sitdown strikes that helped solidify the United Automobile Workers. And with Crystal Lee Sutton, inspiration for the movie "Norma Rae," who lost her job for trying to unionize a textile plant in Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

These people and many others fought to win the rights now being taken away.

Granted, those rights have sometimes been abused — used to shelter the incompetent or reward the greedy.

But to whatever degree our workplaces are not filled with children working adult hours, to whatever degree an employer is required to provide a clean and safe workplace, break time, sick time or fair wages, that also reflects organized labor's legacy.

It is instructive that this campaign to roll back that legacy is contemporaneous with a New York Times report on how General Electric earned \$14.2 billion in profit last year, yet paid no U.S. taxes. Indeed, the Times says, GE netted a tax benefit of \$3.2 billion.

What's it tell you that some of us are on the offensive against working people, but breathe scarcely a peep when a giant corporation somehow slips through government-provided loopholes, paying no taxes? If need is a character flaw, what, then, is greed?

In some sense, we have traveled 43 years forward to get back where we were in 1968.

King would doubtless find that sobering. One is reminded of the axiom about those who will not learn from history. One is reminded of the quote about the price of freedom.

And one is reminded of a song Billy Preston sang in the summer of 1973. "Will it go round in circles?" he asked.

Apparently, it already has.

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Chew on this: Tell me what I am eating

There's something about knowing exactly what is in my food that makes me want to eat it even more.

When restaurants display the number of calories or carbohydrates in what they are selling, it's comforting to know that they want me to know what is in their food.

States such as New York and California have required their chain restaurants to display calories on their menus.

With more and more people eating on the go in their hectic lives, more chain restaurants throughout the United States should display their nutritional information for all to see.

Yes, many restaurants have notes on their menu saying, "Ask an employee for nutritional information," but who is actually going to ask a cashier "how many calories are in this sandwich?" or "can you tell me how many grams of fat is in this entrée?"

For many, knowing the nutritional information of a meal is not something they want to discuss with a random stranger.

Not only do people not want to ask an employee about the nu-



Molly Dunn | Reporter

tritional information in what they are ordering, but many people will not think about the nutrient content in their meal.

Placing the nutritional information next to a menu item is not only more convenient for customers, but is also eye-opening to many.

When we can compare menu items and make a healthier decision in what we will eat that day, the health in America is bound to improve.

However, just displaying calories will not have a lasting effect on America's health. What we

need is more healthy options added to our menus.

Seeing that a whole Frontega Chicken Hot Panini at Panera Bread has 860 calories means nothing to me when I can't substitute it for something healthier than a house salad.

As the federal government works toward having all chain restaurants with at least 20 active units display the calories in their menu items by 2012, those creating and implementing the law need to encourage healthier choices to be added to menus.

For a short time, people's choices at restaurants will be affected by seeing the amount of calories in a certain item, but after a while, old habits will kick back in and people will disregard what is before their eyes.

The best way to change the health status of America and to counter obesity is to offer healthier or modified choices.

Rather than having a plain salad or a boring turkey sandwich be the healthiest item on a menu, restaurants should offer meals with fresh, organic and all-natural ingredients.

As of March 24, Hardee's and

Carl's Jr. now offer turkey burgers with fewer than 500 calories each.

Even fast food restaurants famous for their greasy and fattening burgers have marketed towards a more health-conscious group of individuals.

If more burger joints and fast food restaurants begin to offer options such as a grilled sandwich or a vegetarian burger, not only will they contribute to improving America's health, but they will enjoy increased profits and customer satisfaction.

Through this change, Americans can choose something that not only is better for their body, but tasty at the same time because why else do we still eat at fast food restaurants even when we are told that our generation will not outlive our parents' generation?

In the efforts to "fix" America's health issues and to solve obesity and other epidemic diseases, the federal government must consider other remedies than just putting a number beside a menu item.

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Baylor ITS hosts faculty seminars

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REPORTER

Baylor Information Technology Services will offer various technology training seminars beginning Wednesday and ending on April 13. The seminars are geared toward faculty and staff who have trouble using the technology required for their job or for those who want to remain on the forefront of newly available technology.

The seminars, a listing of which can be found on the front page of the Baylor ITS website, are freely available to faculty and staff and typically cover how to use new or updated computer software and hardware that has become available for university use.

Vicky Gerik, assistant vice president for ITS client services, said her department's primary role is to ensure that computers run correctly for faculty and staff, and provide installation, upgrades and repair.

"All the staff that work in their offices depend on us very heavily," Gerik said. "And as part of that, we provide training. Because whenever we have a new upgrade of an application, that usually means things are different, and so what we do is provide some type of training to make that transition."

The schedule of upcoming seminars is typically set by the instructors teaching the various courses and were originally created as a result of an influx of similar help-desk calls.

"Way back in the day, the reason we started the training was that we would start getting help calls for particular tasks. So, by providing training, we cut down on the number of times people have to call," Gerik said. "And most people need to be shown something. If it's not something that could be easily explained over the phone, they get lost."

Faculty and staff are able to sign up for the classes directly from the Baylor ITS website by clicking on the listing. The system is then able to track the courses being taken by that staff member, allowing them to chart their progress and — hopefully — growing technological prowess.

Dr. Elizabeth Bates, assistant professor in the journalism and media arts department, said she found the training useful and appreciates the ease with which she was able to sign up for seminar classes from the ITS website.

"I appreciate the help from someone there who knows what they're doing," Bates said. "I'm glad that it's there. It's helpful, rather than spending many hours trying to figure it out yourself."

Many of the seminars are topic-specific, with upcoming seminars this week including a seminar on using the TRAX financial system in the ITS-Dutton offices training rooms. TRAX is Baylor's implementation of PeopleSoft's financial transaction system. The TRAX training, according to the listing on the Baylor ITS website, will specifically cover end of year fiscal issues and is to be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, and is recommended for more advanced users of the system.

A series of seminars set to introduce staff members to the TRAX financial system will be starting next Tuesday and is intended for new users.

Aside from the required training for new hires, the rest of the classes are considered supplementary and can be taken as frequently or infrequently as the faculty or staff member desires.

"We'd like to require it sometimes, but we're not allowed to require the training," Gerik said, laughing. "We do always suggest using these seminars when we talk to them on the phone, though."



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Drum roll, please

Japanese Taiko performers drum to a beat Saturday in Morrison Hall during the Japanese Spring Festival where Baylor students and Waco residents toured the halls of Morrison Hall and joined in on activities including calligraphy, origami, playing with Japanese children's toys and learning about Japan and its recent events.

Texas passes aerial hunting bill

By JAY ROOT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas hunters could soon be able to book trips on helicopters to shoot wild hogs and coyotes under a plan approved by lawmakers Monday that would dramatically expand the state's strict rules on aerial hunting.

The bill, which passed the Texas House on a 137-9 vote, would allow landowners to sell seats on helicopters for such hunts. Estimates show that as many as 3.4 million feral hogs roam Texas,

and bill sponsor Rep. Sid Miller of Stephenville argued that aerial hunting is the most effective way to control the animals.

The hogs — which sometimes weigh more than 300 pounds — destroy crops, trample fences and eat anything in their path, causing an estimated \$400 million a year in damage.

Miller said he decided to add coyotes to the legislation after hearing reports from frightened homeowners who aren't accustomed to seeing them.

"They've ... started encroach-

ing in the urban areas, people are losing pets and they're coming up in their yards," Miller said.

Under current rules, Texans can pay a contractor to conduct helicopter hunts over their land. In 2010, there were 116 active permits for aerial hunting, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife spokesman Tom Harvey. Bobcats, red foxes, wild dogs and various non-native "exotic" animals also can be hunted from the skies under the program, Harvey said.

The bill that passed Monday would allow landowners to take

money from hunters who go up in the helicopters to hunt either feral hogs or coyotes, potentially making a profit.

Rep. Eddie Lucio, a Democrat from Brownsville who voted against the measure, said it was the wrong way to deal with a serious problem.

"It's making a business out of shooting animals out of a helicopter," Lucio said. "They're allowing them to sell those hunts, market those hunts...that's not sport. That's not hunting. That's not the Texas way."





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Recent storms fail to relieve Texas drought

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Storms that swept the eastern part of Texas on Monday did little to relieve an extreme drought that now covers more than 40 percent of the state, and wildfires continued to burn Monday in parts of West Texas, where some ranchers haven't seen a drop of rain since early fall.

The area considered in an extreme drought has tripled in the past month, and weather forecasters expect the drought to continue or get worse through June in most of the state. That means the danger

of fire will remain extremely high, National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy said.

“This could end up being one of the more devastating droughts, agriculturally speaking and for wildfires, if we don't start getting normal to above normal rainfall before June,” Murphy said. “The odds of seeing that are likely below normal.”

Texas hasn't had a drier October to February period since 1967, state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said. The five months that ended Feb. 28 saw only 4.8 inches of rain on average across the state. In a typical year, an average of 9.7 inches would fall.

The drought has been made worse by

warmer than normal temperatures, said Travis Miller, a drought specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

On Sunday, low humidity and winds up to 55 mph fueled the spread of wildfires across West Texas, and four big ones burned more than 11,000 acres. Some of the fires continued to burn Monday, but they were nothing like the day before, Texas Forest Service spokesman Alan Craft said. Nearly 180 of Texas' 254 counties have burn bans.

Texas is the nation's No. 2 grower of winter wheat, and the drought has hit that crop hard. More than 60 percent of the state's winter wheat crop was in poor to very poor condition at the end of March,

according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As examples, Midland got .1 inches of rain in March, while College Station got 6 inches. Usually, those cities would get 4.6 and 19.1 inches respectively.

“Even it rains now it wouldn't do much for it,” said Miller, the drought specialist. “It'll be a little better. Instead of dying, it might be worth running a combine through.”

Bobby McKnight, who has a ranch in far West Texas, said he's doing OK right now because he still has hay from last summer to feed his cattle. But if no new rain comes, feed could be a problem as the year goes on.

“It's pretty tough,” McKnight, 50, said. “The only thing that makes this bearable it we got a good June and July. We made some grass.”

Monday's thunderstorms did cut power in a number of areas. Oncor Electric Delivery reported nearly 50,000 customers were without power, mostly in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Dallas-based utility says the rest of the outages were mainly in East Texas and South Texas. Crews were working to restore electricity.

San Marcos Electric Utility reported about 2,000 customers lost power after winds blew down a tree that took a feeder line to a substation with it.

Pictures worth 1,000 words ... \$10,000, a felony

Texas legislators try to make more lenient law for sexting

By Tara Haelle
Reporting Texas

Passing notes was once among the most common ways teenagers flirted with each other. But these days, nothing quite says “I really LIKE you” like a teen sending her hopeful beau a cellphone text message containing a lurid photo of herself.

And while passing notes in class might be breaking school rules, texting nude photos of a minor — even one's self — might be committing a felony.

Because the law has not kept up with technology, the only way so-called teen “sexting”— the practice of exchanging sexually explicit images and messages via cellphone or online messaging — can currently be prosecuted in Texas is under a third-degree felony law for possessing and trafficking

child pornography.

That means up to a \$10,000 fine, two to 10 years in prison and a requirement to register as a sex offender — if the minor is prosecuted.

And therein lies the rub. Because the legal consequences are so harsh, no minor in Texas has been prosecuted for sexting.

State Sen. Kirk Watson (D-Austin) aims to change those consequences this legislative session to give prosecutors more options in dealing with minors. Watson worked with Attorney General Greg Abbott to draft legislation that would amend the penal code to make sexting a Class A misdemeanor for juveniles, carrying a punishment of up to one year in county jail and a \$4,000 fine, though first offenders would likely receive probation and restricted cellphone privileges.

Judges could also order minors to attend classes about the long-term consequences of sexting.

“There are some circumstances where there needs to be some accountability, maybe some criminal charges, but lifetime registration as a sex offender is an awfully harsh punishment if you're

going to prosecute them under the child pornography statute,” said Dayna Blazey, chief prosecutor for the child protection team in Travis County.

Blazey said she and other prosecutors, along with law enforcement personnel and Watson's staffers, are part of a “Sexting” Stakeholders committee looking at what to do with the child pornography laws to address modern trends and technology. She said they see these cases three to four times a week.

“We have parents coming to us, school officials coming to us, and sometimes kids coming to us to report it,” she said.

The kids who come often complain that images they sent their boyfriend or girlfriend are being distributed to friends after a breakup, so prosecutors work to track down the images to stop transmission— a difficult task, Blazey said.

“The law needs to be more adapted to this particular population since our child pornography statute is really not geared toward this type of conduct,” Blazey said.

Texas joins 16 other states in introducing bills or resolutions that address sexting by minors this year, according to the National

Conference of State Legislatures.

At least 10 states have enacted legislation aimed at youth sexting since NCSL began tracking this topic in 2009.

“The legislation that we are working on recognizes that sexting is wrong and illegal,” Watson said at a press conference in November. “This proposed new law would provide education for our children

“Young people need to understand that nothing ever goes away and there will come a day when ... it can comeback.”

Heather Batten | Former high school “sexter”

regarding the harm sexting causes, and it will give prosecutors an appropriate tool to stop this problem.”

The frequency of sexting cases coming through Blazey's of-

fice seems consistent with the only national survey conducted on sexting behavior.

According to an online survey sponsored by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy in 2008, one-fifth of the 653 surveyed teens reported they have sent or posted nude or seminude images or video of themselves to a peer.

Nearly one-third — 31 percent — had received a sexually explicit image of someone they knew. Top reported reasons for sexting included getting or keeping the attention of the opposite sex or being flirtatious.

Teenagers engaging in risky behavior is not new, of course, but what is new is that the evidence can haunt them decades later.

“Young people need to understand that nothing ever goes away and there will come a day when they're trying to get a job and it can come back,” said Heather Batten, a 20-year old from Waxahachie who admits to sexting when she was in high school. “Or even worse, their grandkids can find them at some point.”

The National Campaign survey suggests that many teenagers do

realize the long-term implications of sexting: More than one-third of teenagers said it is common for nude or semi-nude images to be shared with people other than the intended recipient, and 75 percent acknowledged that sending sexually suggestive content electronically “can have serious negative consequences.”

Many parents may not even realize their children engage in these activities, but parents who talk with their kids about the long-term dangers and even the safety issues of sexting can raise young people's awareness of the consequences of their behavior. Educating the community about sexting and its social and legal repercussions is among the goals of Watson and Abbott.

“We want to raise awareness among teens, parents and schools about the reality of this practice taking place and to help teens realize the consequences of their actions,” Abbott said at their joint press conference in February. “It'll only take a minute or two, or less, for some of these kids to take a sexually explicit photo of themselves and send it off to someone else, but that momentary action can have a lifetime effect on their future.”

Libyan rebels reject proposed regime run by Gadhafi's sons

By Alessandra Rizzo
And Christopher Torchia
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A diplomatic push by Moammar Gadhafi's regime ran into trouble Monday as opponents at home and abroad rejected any solution to the Libyan conflict that would involve one of his sons taking power.

While a Gadhafi envoy lobbied diplomats in European capitals, Italy became the third nation to declare that the rebels' interim council in Libya is the only legitimate voice for the people of the North African nation.

The diplomatic whirlwind could signal a softening of his regime's hardline public stance against any compromise that would end the fighting and steer Libya toward a political resolution.

Any long-term settlement poses tough questions about the fate of Gadhafi's family and the new leader of a post-Gadhafi nation.

Some of Gadhafi's adversaries quickly rejected the idea that any of his powerful sons, some of whom command militias accused of attacks on civilians, might play a transitional leadership role that would undoubtedly protect the family's vast economic interests.

Gadhafi, who took power in a 1969 coup, has a legacy of brutality and involvement in terrorism but was able to prolong his rule and even emerge from pariah status over the past decade with the help of Libya's immense oil wealth.

Potential rivals to the eccentric leader were sidelined during four decades of harsh rule based on personal and tribal loyalties that undermined the army and other national institutions.

In Rome, Foreign Minister Franco Frattini welcomed Ali al-Essawi, the foreign envoy of the Libyan National Transitional Council, which was hastily set up in the eastern, rebel-held city of Benghazi as the uprising against Gadhafi began in February.

“We have decided to recognize the council as the only political,

legitimate interlocutor to represent Libya,” Frattini told reporters. He said he will send an envoy to Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city, in the coming days.

Frattini also insisted that Gadhafi and his family must go.

“Any solution for the future of Libya has a precondition: that Gadhafi's regime leaves ... that Gadhafi himself and the family leave the country,” Frattini said.

Italy is the third country, after France and Qatar, to give diplomatic recognition to the rebel council, despite international concerns about the unity, origin and ultimate intentions of the opposition.

Its leaders have said they are committed to democratic reform, but U.S. lawmakers have cautioned that the allies need to know more about them before providing them with any weapons to fight Gadhafi's forces.

Al-Essawi said one possible idea — replacing Gadhafi with one of his sons — was unacceptable.

In Benghazi, opposition spokeswoman Iman Bughaigis also said the rebels would not accept any solution that included Gadhafi or his sons.

“This war has shown everyone and the world that Gadhafi's sons are no different from him,” Bughaigis said.

“They are two sides of the same coin. Gadhafi has been waging a war on our people with the help of his sons' militias and mercenaries, so we see no difference between them. There is no way to negotiate with this regime.”

In Washington, U.S. officials said they had no information about a plan involving Gadhafi transferring power to one of his sons.

“Ultimately it's not something that the U.S. needs to decide,” said State Department spokesman Mark Toner. He also indicated that the U.S. was not yet ready to recognize the Libyan opposition, though he said “we continue to advise them and communicate with them regularly.”

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Passion for the people

More than 10,500 college students spend weekend furthering Christian mission, Gospel translation

By Jenna DeWitt
Contributor

This generation of college students has been called spoiled and selfish, tuned out to the problems of the rest of the world. More than 10,500 attendees at last weekend's Passion Conference in Fort Worth Convention Center set out to change that perception.

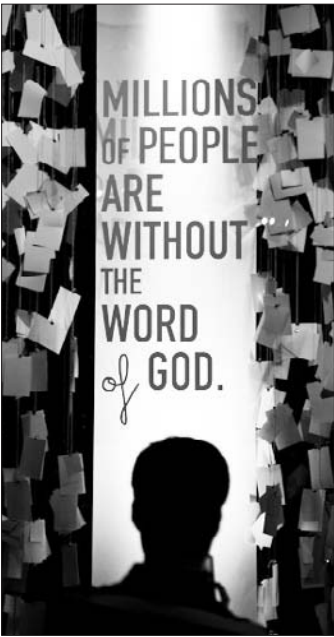
The Passion Conferences, started and directed by Baylor alum Louie Giglio, include weekends filled with worship music, sermons and missions opportunities led by some of the most widely recognized names in American Christianity.

At this year's conference, Dr. John Piper, Francis Chan and Giglio spoke of the need for a generation of college students to awaken. Music leaders included Chris Tomlin, Kristian Stanfill, David Crowder Band, Charlie Hall and Christy Nockels.

Students' voices united in singing sounded more like a powerful roar. The students prayed together and danced to the music. Yet Giglio made it clear that none of these were the goal of the conference.

"If you rewind all the way back to Austin '97, our message is still the same," Giglio said, speaking of the organization's first conference. "It's a call for a generation to come alive. What Passion has always prayed for is that revelation to who He is and that it would domino out."

The message didn't stop at the conclusion of each session, but was a challenge to the attendees to give back as well. The mission-focused arm, Do Something Now, had a large room at the convention center dedicated to educating conference attendees about areas of need in other parts of the world. This is also where they had the op-



COURTESY PHOTO: PASSION CONFERENCES

portunity to take action, donating money or speaking with volunteers about going to places of need.

One display showed the areas of the world Passion has affected through the time and money of the college students who have attended over the past 14 years.

The main focus of the Fort Worth conference's outreach, however, was the Koso people group in Mali.

Koso is a pseudonym used by Passion to protect believers and missionaries in the country.

The Koso people are considered "unreached," meaning that less than 2 percent of the indigenous population is Christian. Hannah Redd, an International Mission Board missionary speaking at the conference, estimated that there are around a dozen Christians among the estimated 500,000 Koso.

"There is a huge need for people to go and to fund Scripture translation for them," she said. "You can't

understand the need until you go."

Redd's story includes going into the mission field among the Koso even after the death of her best friend and returning to the Koso after the death of her mother. Redd's determination drew attention from Passion's Do Something Now coordinators and inspired them to feature the Koso as the area of need for the Fort Worth conference.

Money raised at the conference will benefit the work of The Seed Company's One Verse Project, an affiliate of Wycliffe Bible Translators, in translating the books of Luke, Acts and 90 other key Bible stories into the Koso language.

Wycliffe missionary Patrick Walkinshaw said the Koso currently have no Scripture translations in their native language, the language that a people group uses to communicate personal stories and emotions.

"When you deal in a second language or trade language, you aren't touching their core," he said.

Though the organization does work in Scripture translation, it also has a strong focus on developing literacy in the areas it reaches out to.

"We do much more than Bible translation," Walkinshaw said.

"We are in language development. The United Nations, Unicef, all depend on our work. If you teach a mother to read in her heart language, it can do more to heal a village than a doctor, because it can lead to prevention. She can teach others to read."

As a whole, the students raised \$227,418 for Scripture translation work in Mali in addition to another \$14,091 for malaria-preventing mosquito nets.

Attendees also set out to impact the city they gathered in, donating 31,200 pairs of socks and 5,700



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College students united this weekend for the Passion Conference in Fort Worth to worship and hear to speakers.

towels for the homeless of Fort Worth.

"They will never know any of us in this building, but it will be a tangible expression to them of God's love," Giglio said.

Baylor students Marissa Moschetta, Brock Bomkamp and Danielle Park agreed that the weekend was powerful in its ability to impact students' lives.

"Baylor students should know it is genuine. It's easy to look at as a bunch of Christians being zeal-

ous, but we are just seeking to live a Christ-filled life," said Moschetta, a Cypress junior.

Bomkamp, a Dripping Springs junior, said the weekend was well worth the \$159 pre-registration cost. As an outdoor recreation major, Bomkamp works at Christian camps on the weekends and said he was grateful for the opportunity to refuel as a leader.

"It's filled me up again," he said. "I'm used to pouring into people but being poured into as a partici-

pant was really awesome. If I have a chance to go again, I would be here in a heartbeat to be surrounded by these people."

Bomkamp and Park, an Allen freshman, discussed the power of seeing college students united in singing worship songs.

"It was so amazing to see. It's like 'how can you not believe?'" she said. "It was good to get away and focus on God. I now realize that God is enough and I want my friends to know that too."

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- 18 \$3 million, 30-sec. Super Bowl feature
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- 20 Feeling of uneasiness
- 23 Jungle swinger
- 25 Fla. hours
- 26 Cumberbund fold
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- 32 Cheering noisily
- 33 Mashed luau staple
- 34 "M*A*S*H" staff
- 37 Reprimander's "reading"
- 40 Leave for a bit
- 43 Mind reader's skill, briefly
- 44 "How beautiful!"
- 46 Oil refinery input
- 47 Up-tempo jazz piano style
- 51 Ami's good-bye
- 54 Tiny bit
- 55 His-and-___ towels
- 56 Herbal nosebags
- 61 Isaac's eldest
- 62 Knucklehead
- 63 Close, as a parka
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- 9 Give up formally
- 10 Weak
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- 12 Top of a form, perhaps
- 13 "It's the ___ I can do"
- 21 Honey maker
- 22 Prefix with center or cycle
- 23 Informed (of)
- 24 Capital on the Seine
- 28 See 31-Down
- 29 Lyricist Gershwin
- 30 ___ Angeles
- 31 With 28-Down, layered chocolate bar
- 34 Glitch in need of smoothing out

- 35 Film with nakedness
- 36 Cattle drive critter
- 38 Pigeon's sound
- 39 Dress (up)
- 41 Green prefix
- 42 Athlete who isn't green?
- 45 Stumble across, as an idea
- 47 Have no doubt
- 48 "Yes, mon ami"
- 49 Props for Monet and Manet
- 50 Part of wpm: Abbr.
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Glasco Martin

15 down, 12 to go

After 15 spring workouts ending with an annual scrimmage, Baylor football turns its attention to next year's 12 regular season games



Darius Jones (left),
Romie Blaylock

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By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS EDITOR

With Baylor football's Saturday scrimmage televised in Central Texas, coach Art Briles admitted the play-calling was "vanilla" and not truly indicative of the Bears' full offensive or defensive arsenal.

The intensity on both sides of the ball, however, was just as present as the threat of players losing their starting positions for unsatisfactory effort.

"The first snap we take in September should be better than the last snap they took in December. So that's what we have to do. We're certainly not content, satisfied, patting ourselves on the back, because we haven't done anything," Briles said after the scrimmage.

Junior quarterback Robert Griffin III went 21 of 26 for 266 yards and two touchdowns, and senior Terrance Ganaway and sophomore Jarred Salubi each picked up a touchdown on the ground. The Bears' offense threw the ball to 17 different receivers, with junior Terrance Williams hauling in nine passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns and senior Kendall Wright racking up 91 yards and a touchdown on four passes.

But most of the estimated 3,500 Baylor fans in attendance knew what to expect from an offense returning its quarterback and entire receiving corps. Across the line of scrimmage was where the attention went on Saturday.

That was where the defense, now under coordinator Phil Bennett's direction, continued working to learn Bennett's schemes that widely depart from the Bears' 2010 defensive playbook.

Playing against Bennett's new-look defense, Griffin said he has seen a marked difference from last spring.

"Everybody schemes differently. This team is very aggressive, so you see that. It's just about getting those guys in the right spot," Griffin said. "I think they've come

a long way since the beginning of the spring."

From his first time speaking with the media at Baylor in January, Bennett has promised a more aggressive defense proving itself with more tackles for loss, third down stops and quarterback pressure. The lack thereof in 2010 prompted Briles to move last year's defensive coordinator, Brian Norwood, to associate head coach in favor of the more hard-nosed Bennett.

Briles might have put it best after 2010's spring scrimmage, saying, "In the Big 12 South, if you're friendly and nice, you're going to

"We're certainly not content, satisfied, patting ourselves on the back, because we haven't done anything."

Art Briles | Head coach

have a long season."

Bennett said he wants none of that.

"On third-and-7, I don't want to play 10 yards off," Bennett said. "As you saw today, I want to force the issue. I thought our [second-string players], in three drives against the [first-string] offense really did a good job of making Robert have to make a decision."

The defense did not come away with any interceptions Saturday, but it did collect five sacks, two from senior defensive end Zac Scotton. Meanwhile, among the linebackers and secondary, players like senior Elliot Coffey have sensed a change in the way the Bears will approach opposing offenses.

"I feel like we play against so many offenses that love that cushion right there; they'll hit you for five yards every play," Coffey said. If we give up five yards on back-to-back plays, that's a first down. So I

definitely see us pressing a lot more than we did last year."

Bennett is willing to play anybody regardless of previous accolades or seniority, mentioning Saturday his words to prior five-star safety recruit Ahmad Dixon.

"I told [Dixon], you're no longer a five-star; you're a sophomore," Bennett said.

If any question mark exists on the offensive side, it is raised in discussion about Baylor's running back situation. The graduation of 1,000-yard rusher Jay Finley left large shoes to fill, and Ganaway and Salubi have joined sophomore Glasco Martin and senior Issac Williams in competition for the starting job.

Briles said the spring workout season has not revealed a clear-cut starting running back.

"Nobody's jumped out. It's good and bad. They're all good, but we need somebody to really step forward and make a play every time they get an opportunity to make a play," Briles said.

Briles added that 75 to 80 percent of the time, the running backs do make a good play, but at other times they are inexcusably brought down by an arm tackle. That can't happen, Briles said.

Anybody questioning Griffin's connection with his receivers need only look at the last play before Saturday's halftime, in which Griffin scrambled to his right and heaved a 50-yard bomb to Wright for Wright's lone touchdown on the day.

"With him scrambling, you've got to always be aware, because he can do stuff that no other quarterback can, and I was just ready to make a play," Wright said.

Griffin prefers showing more than telling when it comes to describing the offense's potential.

"I try not to focus so much on saying things and just do it. We've got the skill guys, we've got the running backs, we've got the offensive line. We've just got to go play," Griffin said.



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Baylor head coach Art Briles addresses his team after the Bears' spring scrimmage Saturday. Both the offense and defense used simple plays, Briles said, stressing correct decision-making before the snap and during the action.



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No. 21 junior running back Jarred Salubi dashes for a touchdown during Saturday's scrimmage. Salubi is one of several running backs competing for the starting spot, a spot coach Art Briles said is yet to be determined.

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Sports Briefs

Baseball’s losses drop team from rankings

Previously No. 19 ranked baseball (17-12, 4-5) finished its three-game road trip on a good note with four home runs en route to 12-4 win at Kansas Sunday. The Jayhawks (12-15, 4-5), however, got the best of the Bears’ pitching staff the previous two days.

Sophomores Cal Towey, Jake Miller and Max Muncy and junior Dan Evatt each went yard while junior Trent Blank and freshman Brad Kuntz held Kansas to four runs off nine hits. Blank notched his second win of 2011, and Kuntz garnered his first career save.

Saturday, the two teams went back-and-forth, taking a 3-3 tie into the ninth.

Baylor relievers Max Garner, a sophomore, and Jon Ringenberg, a senior, loaded the bases before walking in a run for a 4-3 Kansas win with two outs in the bottom of the ninth.

On Friday, the Jayhawks notched four runs in the first four innings off starter Logan Verrett. The Bears’ lineup responded with a pair of runs in the fifth, but Kansas tacked on two more in the bottom of the eighth to solidify a 6-2 finish.

Men’s, women’s tennis blast more Big 12 teams

No. 11 men’s tennis (13-3, 2-0) picked up its first shutout of 2011, taking all nine matches from No. 39 Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb. Saturday.

Led by the seventh-ranked pair of sophomore Roberto Maytin and senior John Peers, Baylor secured a perfect 22-0 mark against the Cornhuskers. NU now leaves for the Big 10 winless against the Bears since the Big 12’s formation.

No. 9 women’s tennis went on the road and enjoyed a 5-2 victory Sunday over Texas. Despite losing the doubles point, the Lady Bears blew past the Longhorns and won the first four singles matches to seal the victory. By beating Texas’ Krista Damico, Baylor junior Nina Secerbegovic extended her singles winning streak to 13 matches.

Track and field blazes trail at UTA

Track and field’s weekend at the UTA Bobby Lane Invitational meet ended with gold medals hung around several runners. The men and women combined to take home nine individual titles, including freshman Tiffani McReynolds, whose 12.91 100-meter hurdles time set a new school record and became the NCAA’s fastest time recorded this year.

The women claimed a team title as well with 163.5 points, and the men took second.

Equestrian finishes third at Big 12 Championship

No. 8 Baylor Equestrian downed Kansas State 9-6 to take third in the Big 12 Championship in College Station Saturday.

Junior Lisa Goldman led the way, earning a pair of points for her squad in Hunter Seat and Fences.

Equestrian now prepares for the Varsity Equestrian National Championships to be held April 15-17 at the Extraco Events Center in Waco.

BU splits games vs. Missouri

Weekend features walk-off from Turk

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor softball team defeated the Missouri Tigers 3-2 with a walk-off sac-fly to right center on Saturday; however, it could not maintain this momentum as it went into Sunday’s game, losing 6-0.

Game one was full of excitement for the Lady Bears. The win snapped a six-game losing streak to Missouri, and marked the first win over the Tigers since April 29, 2007.

Baylor knew going into the two-game series with Missouri that scoring runs would be tough, considering the dominance of pitcher Chelsea Thomas in the circle.

“We knew how tough it was going to be to get runs off Chelsea Thomas,” head coach Glenn Moore said after winning on Saturday. “We fought every at-bat and got a total team effort. Whitney [Canion] was fantastic today, and Megan [Turk] just seems to have a knack to deliver in the clutch.”

Both Thomas and the sophomore Canion went all seven innings, with eight and 10 strikeouts respectively.

The game didn’t start out quite like the Lady Bears wanted it to as the Tigers jumped out with a 2-0 lead in the first, thanks to a two-out, two-RBI single by senior Catherine Lee. Baylor’s defense made sure the Tigers didn’t score again.

Baylor cut the lead in half in the third as junior Sydney Wilson and sophomore Kathy Shelton led with back-to-back singles. Freshman Holly Holl stepped into the box next, and, as the four hole hitter, was intentionally walked.

That’s when Moore put the injured senior Dani Leal in to bat,



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 27 senior Jordan Vannatta hits a pitch in Saturday’s matchup with the Missouri Tigers. The Lady Bears won, 3-2, but fell to the Tigers on Sunday, 6-0. Baylor is now 28-6 overall and 2-2 in Big 12 play.

pinch hitting for junior Kayce Walker. Leal drew the walk, and Wilson came home.

The Lady Bears evened the score in the fifth when senior KJ Freeland hit a lead off single and

advanced to second from a sacrifice bunt by junior Megan Turk. With two outs and a stolen base later, Walker singled to short and scored Freeland.

Baylor’s last home game that

was tied going into the bottom of the seventh, against Texas A&M, went into 11 innings and was ended by a walk off home run by Turk. This time, with runners on second and third after back-to-back lead off doubles by Shelton and Freeland, Turk went to work a little earlier with a sacrifice fly to right field to end the game in the seventh.

The second game did not go as the Lady Bears wanted, as Missouri’s Thomas was dominant in the circle for the second game in a row and the combined efforts of Baylor freshman Liz Paul and sophomores Alicia Vasquez and Courtney Repka couldn’t contain the Tiger bats.

“Today just wasn’t our day,” Moore said. “We got some early base runners, but the unearned runs really hurt our momentum. The breaks just didn’t go our way today.”

Walker fared well against Thomas, going 2-2 on the day, counting for half of the Baylor total hits. The game was scoreless going into the third, but just one error with two outs and a runner at third sparked a four run inning, including a three-run homerun by sophomore Nicole Hudson.

Missouri added two more runs in the seventh with an RBI double by senior Abby Vock.

Baylor now has an eight game road trip, beginning with a Big 12 doubleheader against Texas Tech starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

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tricting, school finance, business tax loopholes and numerous budget battles.

Much of the House dominance in the past could be attributed to the bruising negotiating style of former House Speaker Tom Craddick, who was ousted in 2009. With Craddick gone and Dewhurst positioning himself for a run for the U.S. Senate in 2012, the changed landscape has left some observers scratching their heads.

“I really can’t tell,” said Jim Henson, director of the Texas Politics project at the University of Texas at Austin. “I can’t think of very many examples where I’ve seen a chairman as unhappy with his own bill as Pitts is.”

Pitts has acknowledged that the plan “is not perfect,” but has promised to keep working to make it better. The unanswered question, Henson said, is how many of the Republican freshman who voted for the \$164.5 billion House bill “voted for it with the hope that

164.5 billion: the proposed spending budget passed by the House Sunday

they’ll get a chance to vote on a bill that has more money?”

With public outrage from teachers, parents and advocates for elderly and disabled Texans, lawmakers are getting plenty of feedback on the budget.

“It’s not clear yet ... how the freshmen are going to respond to that,” Henson said. “My suspicion is that they’re dug in.”

“Many of them were elected in very ideological elections and their first impulse is to remain ideological until the end, even if the public shifts.”

Dewhurst recently announced

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were Kokernot versus Martin and North Village versus Russell. The winners were Kokernot and North Village.

This week, Kokernot is competing with North Village, and Martin is pitted against Russell.

In addition to scores derived from energy usage in the residence halls, there are ways to earn bonus points for each team.

One of those ways is when hall members “like” and “become fans” of Facebook groups created to spread the conservation initiative, Becker said.

There are also weekly events that help the residence communities earn additional points for their hall. One of these bonus point activities was Dark Dorm.

Students in each hall were encouraged to turn off anything and everything they could to see how large of an energy reduction they could achieve.

The additional points awarded were 25 to Kokernot, 15 to Martin, 10 to North Village, and five to

“Baylor energy madness is a fun way to involve students in energy conservation as well as great start to creating a cultural change across campus.”

Clare Paul | Aramark energy outreach manager

Russell, Paul said.

Because the number of residents in each dorm varies from 195 students in Kokernot to 477 students in Russell, the number of energy users on each team is being taken into account and properly recorded in the standings.

Thursday also offered a bonus

the formation of a special committee aimed at finding “non-tax” revenue to help plug the budget hole.

He said staggering cuts can be avoided by selling state land, reducing certain expenses and raising other revenue but not increasing taxes. The Senate Finance committee has not yet scheduled a meeting to take a vote on its budget plan, which would move it to the full chamber for consideration.

Even if the Senate does find more money, the discussion is still only about how bad cuts will be, with almost zero chance of fully funding public schools.

“At the end of the day, it’s going to be very difficult to imagine an outcome that the majority of the voters will like, if for no other reason than nobody in this process is talking about making public education better,” said Harold Cook, a Democratic consultant.

“Some legislator somewhere is going to lose their job over it.”

point opportunity called Energy Jeopardy.

Each hall selected a contestant to answer questions relating to water and energy conservation in a game conducted Jeopardy-style.

Additional opportunities include a showing of “Kilowatt Ours” at 7:00 p.m. Thursday in Castellaw Communications Center 201.

Attendees earn points for their hall.

There will also be opportunities for points at Diadeloso by visiting the energy booth as well as going to the booth during Dr Pepper hour the following week.

Other bonus point opportunities are listed on the energy zone competition website.

“The winning residence hall will receive a pizza party for everyone in the hall as well as a banner to hang in the hall lobby,” Paul said.

“We also will have various door prizes and drawings for the different bonus point events activities.”

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your senior year.”

The application process is typically nine to 12 months, including interviewing and multicultural training.

While Peace Corps attempts to place each chosen volunteer in the country he or she prefers, Baker said the best participants are flexible and willing to accept any challenge. Overland Park, Kan. senior

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Callie Finkle | Overland Park, Kan., Senior

Callie Finkle is considering the Peace Corps challenge.

“I’m interested in global health and women’s health, which is something the Peace Corps caters to,” Finkle said.

“And I think opening myself to other cultures is really important in this time of my life.” During her family and consumer science class’ trip to Belize, Fort Worth junior Lauren Goff gained interest in the Peace Corps.

She knew the cultural education she received in Belize needed to be continued, Goff said.

“In Belize, we got to meet volunteers with the Peace Corps and I got interested in how I could become involved,” Goff said.

“Now I’m looking at how Peace Corps can work for me and my major.”

Peace Corps recruiters stress not only the diversity of volunteers and their interests, but also the image they present.

“Some of the places our volunteers go to have never worked with Americans,” Baker said.

“So it’s important their behavior and image represents America. Peace Corps volunteers are like unofficial ambassadors for America.”



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Peace Corps regional recruiter Curt Baker speaks to interested students on post-graduation service opportunities with the Peace Corps Monday in the Poage Legislative Library.

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