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Vote in the runoff elections between student body president candidates Ben Aguinaga and Zach Rogers and internal vice president candidates Brian Kim and Michael Lyssy from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. Voting is available at www.baylor.edu/sg/vote.

Work in Waco

Students looking for a part-time or full-time job in Waco, or even a summer internship, will find the resources they need at the Work in Waco Job Expo from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. today at the Waco Convention Center. Representatives from local businesses will be on hand to speak to students. Don't forget your resume.



Finalists seek semester at BU

Cherry Award hopefuls to lecture on campus in fall

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Three finalists for the Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching will visit Baylor this fall, each giving two lectures in their respective departments as well as their official Cherry Award lecture.

This biennial award honors teachers from across the nation, and brings

the winner to Baylor to teach for one semester.

The finalists are Dr. Brian Coppola, Arthur F. Thurnau professor of chemistry at the University of Michigan; Dr. Heather Macdonald, chancellor professor of geology at the College of William & Mary; and Dr. Allen Matusow, W.G. Twyman professor of history at Rice University.

Coppola is the associate professor of the chemistry department at the University of Michigan, and is also the associate director for the University of Michigan-Peking University Joint Institute in Beijing. He is also a co-director of the Instructional De-



Coppola

velopment and Educational Assessment Institute, which aims to foster collaboration between faculty and students who are interested in teaching.

"We very much liked what he was doing with instructional development within the discipline of chemistry, because of course this is a teaching award, so it seemed like not only was his teaching

excellent, but his research also corresponded pedagogically with the goals of the Robert Foster Cherry Award," said Dr. Heidi Hornik, professor of art history and chair of the Robert Foster Cherry Award committee.

Coppola is currently in China and could not be reached for comment.

Macdonald is a co-director of the College of William and Mary's minor program in marine science and was a member of a team that created a website, "On the Cutting Edge," to assist geoscience faculty in staying abreast of the latest teaching and research

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Macdonald



Matusow

Creation Week promotes green habits

By MOLLY DUNN
REPORTER

In celebration of Earth Week, Baylor sustainability has dedicated the first three days of this week to educating the university about leading a sustainable life.

Creation Week focuses on sustainability and all of its aspects. Whether by riding a bicycle, eating outside, choosing to recycle or eating food that is locally grown, Baylor students will be educated in ways to live a sustainable life.

Smith Getterman, sustainability coordinator at Baylor, has been working with the sustainability student advisory board and the on-campus dining halls to promote Creation Week.

"It's the first time in Baylor's history we've had a Creation Week celebration," Getterman said. "It's really fantastic that we have students that are this passionate about caring for God's creation and bringing attention to the fact that we, as Christians and as a Christian school, should be leaders in this area."

Creation Week began Monday and ends Wednesday, with each day dedicated to promoting sustainability as a whole.

The film "Food Inc.," sponsored by the Baylor Poverty Initiative, was shown Monday in the Bill Daniel Student Center, and a dis-

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NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Toni Herbert, running for re-election to the Waco City Council, answers a question from an audience member during a meeting Monday at the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

City Council candidates share visions

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
REPORTER

Two candidates running to represent District 4 in the Waco City Council elections discussed economic development and education Monday in a forum hosted at the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce building.

The forum, which was moderated by Karla Leeper, President Ken Starr's chief of staff, gave audience members the opportunity to ask questions of Toni Herbert, the sitting council member running for re-election, and Jonya Williams, her challenger for the position.

In one of the more heated exchanges of the evening, Herbert fielded a question from Evelyn Cowart, a Waco resident whose city council district does not include the downtown area. Cowart asked whether the two candidates planned to focus more resources on economic development away from downtown.

"There's a motto that I've had for a long time now," Herbert said. "I've been trying to sell other people on it and it hasn't really caught on, and that is 'downtown is everybody's neighborhood.'"

"No, it's not," Cowart interjected.

"Well, it is in the sense that it

is the heart of our city," Herbert continued. "We would be representing District 4 so my interests and the District 4 interests I think are coincidental. But I've got residential neighborhoods around the downtown area here and what we need to do is start focusing on some neighborhood-scale economic development that is outside the very central part of downtown."

Williams stressed her family's connection with public safety and health organizations, saying she would work to improve the safety of residents in her district.

"I am a former paramedic and my husband right now is a fire-

fighter," Williams said, "so public safety is something that I do know a lot about and I will work with our public safety officials to listen with them, see what they need as a person on the city council."

Williams, when asked about her 10-year vision for the city, also said she would focus on economic development both downtown and in surrounding residential areas.

"I would really like to see this river [the Brazos] just happening," Williams said. "Also I would like to see, 10 years from now, the poverty rate going down. It has to,

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Senior lands competitive teaching position in France

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

A Baylor senior has earned a highly coveted position working for the French Ministry of Education as part of the Teaching Assistant Program in France.

Carrollton senior Haley Dermody was chosen to participate in the program from among thousands of applicants from the U.S. and Canada.

"I was so excited," Dermody said. "It was such a relief to finally find out."

Dr. Michael Boerm, lecturer in French, has taught Dermody and said he was pleasantly surprised to learn she was accepted to the program.

"I was really happy because it's a really competitive position," Boerm said. "She's really motivated and really enthusiastic."

Dermody will be working as a teaching assistant and rotating among three different middle and high schools for 12 hours per week in the city of Lille, located in the north of France. The program begins Oct. 1 and ends April 30. About 18 other teaching assistants will also be

placed in Lille.

Dermody studied abroad in the Normandy region of France in the city of Caen this past fall through Baylor's study abroad exchange program and is looking forward to being immersed in the French culture once again.

"I cannot tell people how much [living abroad] helps with languages," Dermody. "I'm sure that by the time I come back next year my French will be even better. Also, getting to discover new culture, northern France is different than Normandy for sure."

Boerm said Dermody will gain a lot from her position as a teaching assistant.

"She's going to learn a lot more about the French culture and the French education system. It's very different from our education system," Boerm said. "The whole experience of living abroad is something she can't replace and will live with for the rest of her life."

Dermody said she began taking French her freshman year at Baylor by chance. She majored in both nursing

and psychology before finally deciding on a major in French.

"Professor Boerm helped explain what you can do with a language major and that made me more confident to change," Dermody said. "After I switched to be a French major, I assumed I would go to grad school or teach high school. The more I thought about it, I really wanted to go back to France, so this is a happy medium."

Dermody said she may try to attend graduate school or possibly teach French at a high school when she returns from France next year.

Boerm encouraged Dermody to work hard and enjoy her time in France working as a teaching assistant.

"She wants to be a teacher when she comes back so she needs to not be discouraged and just take it one day at a time," he said. "She is going to run across all kinds of obstacles and challenges while teaching in France and will just need to learn what she can. If she learns something new everyday she will be fine."



JED DEAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Carrollton senior Haley Dermody, sitting in the Vara Martin Student Plaza holding a copy of the French play "En Attendant Godot," was recently awarded the opportunity to teach English in Lille, France.



Starr: Texas needs to ensure equality with TEG funding

The Texas Legislature faces hard choices. Budget cuts are inevitable. Within the range of possibilities is the Tuition Equalization Grant program that supports many financially challenged first-

at all levels is all the more vitally important. But not all students of promise, including ethnic minorities and first-generation students, can or should be funneled into public education. Private schools such as Baylor University, Trinity University and Abilene Christian University are essential in helping Texas close the gaps and educate our rapidly growing population — and at a lower cost to taxpayers.



Ken Starr | President

I highlight these three institutions because my two fellow presidents — Phil Schubert of Abilene Christian and Dennis Ahlburg of Trinity — have recently met with legislative and executive branch leaders in Austin. The elected leaders with whom we met are men and women of good will wanting to do the right thing in economically challenging times. Not surprisingly, they also exude a great sense of optimism. Texans are a hearty people, and they're filled with optimism. Doom and gloom, slash and burn do not mark the abiding spirit of Texas.

generation and minority students enrolling in one of the state's educational treasures — its 40 private colleges and universities, many of which are faith-based.

And so it is that the Texas economy is once again rebounding, sales tax revenues are increasing, and cost-savings efficiencies are being thoughtfully identified. But it will be a grave disservice to higher education in Texas — the gateway to a productive citizenry, job creation and human flourishing — should we fail to defend adequately the profound public good created by the state's private institutions of higher learning. Those institutions are dedicated to educating Texans and adding to our intellectual capital so Texas can meet the challenges ahead in this global century.

This year marks the 40th that thoughtful elected officials from both parties have wisely encouraged Texas students to enter a Texas college of their choice — any college — with assurance that the neediest among them will be eligible for education-empowering grants.

Even with the sunny optimism that characterizes Texas at its best, including its most storied elected officials, we in higher education recognize full well that this is a time for tightening belts. Sacrifices are required and the private institutions are fully prepared to do their part.

In 2011, a total of 27,000 Texas students — attending each and every one of the state's 40 private colleges and universities — are being assisted by this smart-dollar investment in the future. The cumulative sum that the state provides to all these Texas students is \$102 million. This figure represents a microscopic 1 percent of the state's total higher education budget.

But Texas will not be the same if we say to the neediest of our high school graduates, "Go to a public institution, and the state will help you, but go to a private and you are on your own," thus turning a blind eye to a successful program that has served all Texas residents for four decades.

Not only is the state's TEG investment infinitesimally small, the dollars are very efficiently spent. Fully 22 percent of all bachelor's degrees awarded in Texas are from our private colleges and universities where the usual TEG award is \$3,500, less than one-half the average taxpayer contribution to students enrolling at public universities in Texas.

History will not judge well a public policy that ignores — or singles out for disproportionately harsh treatment — the cost-effective, smaller private institutions of higher education that have faithfully served Texas through its glorious history.

Public institutions of higher education are vitally important to our state's well-being; they should be enthusiastically encouraged and supported.

Kenneth Winston Starr is the president of Baylor University.

But wise and discerning state leaders will likewise understand the historic role that private higher education has played — and continues to play — in the well-being of our state. Texas has long been a land of promise and opportunity. With the state's rapidly shifting demographics, education

Appeal to birthers uncalled for

Editorial

The Arizona Legislature is waiting on its governor's signature for an approved "birther" bill that would require presidential candidates to prove their citizenship before placing their names on the state's ballot.

The bill, originally sponsored by Republican Rep. Carl Seel (R-AZ), is an attempt to ensure what Seel calls "the integrity of elections."

The bill seems to be a response to the claims that President Barack Obama's citizenship is questionable.

Those wary of his citizenship, dubbed "birthers," include politicians like Mike Huckabee, a 2008 presidential candidate.

Huckabee recently questioned the president's background by accusing Obama of being raised in

Kenya — a statement he later rescinded.

Sponsors of the "birther" bill, however, claim the legislative piece is not directed toward one person or event, but was approved to reassure state citizens that federal presidential requirements are met.

"Mr. Obama drew the question out, but it's not about him," Seel told The Phoenix News.

Based on its provisions, the bill brings the integrity of the Arizona legislature into question.

If the bill is approved, political parties and presidential candidates must provide affidavits indicating the candidate's citizenship, age, birth certificate as well as a sworn statement of where the candidate has lived for the past 14 years.

If a copy of the candidate's birth certificate is unavailable, a baptismal or circumcision cer-

tificate, hospital birth record or other documents meet the requirement.

However, if it cannot be decided whether the candidate is eligible based on their substituted documents, the secretary of state holds the right to arrange a committee to make a decision — a subjective clause in the already ridiculous bill.

Ironically, this piece of the bill creates the opposite effect of its intended purpose — to ensure integrity in elections.

An unprecedented candidate bias or prejudice could easily work its way into the secretary of state's decision.

The bill is unnecessary since the issue it is directly addressing is neither pertinent nor an effect use of the legislature.

State leaders across the country are facing stiff deficits and stark budget cuts. Spending

the time and energy to create more bureaucracy is wasteful.

According to a CNN opinion poll, only about 11 percent of American citizens "definitely" believe Obama was born outside the United States.

By all appearances, the "birther" bill looks as if it was written and approved in order to revive what some may consider trivial controversy in the midst of financial crisis and international violence.

The bill is proof of leaders acting childish and hyperbolic.

Instead of creating more reason for division among its citizens, perhaps Arizona should review and readjust its state priorities.

As a nation, there are larger and more pressing issues before us than whether a not one man — who has led us for three years — is a citizen.

Bonds, convicted of a felony, teaches aspiring athletes the cost of steroids

In the baseball world, the city of San Francisco has been in the news a lot recently. And it's not because the Giants are the defending World Series champions. No, it is because the all-time home run king woke up Thursday morning as a felon.

Barry Bonds, the former San Francisco Giants outfielder and seven-time MVP, was convicted of obstruction of justice on Wednesday. He was found guilty of misleading and evading a grand jury in a 2003 steroid case.

This is just the beginning of more trials soon to come, and likely more convictions of perjury for Bonds. Other than the fact that he can now add the title of a felon to his already impressive resume, the conviction itself holds little importance. Rather, the significance of the conviction comes in the impact of the case as a whole. The case goes deeper than baseball; it goes deeper than if he knowingly used steroids; it goes deeper than the perjury charges that are also against him.

The significance lies in this— Bonds' actions affect a plethora



Daniel Wallace | Reporter

of people. They affect himself, his teammates and his family.

Most importantly, however, his actions affect the thousands of children across the globe who watch baseball and marvel at their heroes on the diamond. Whether Bonds knowingly used steroids is not the point in this case. That is a discussion for another day. The point is that he clearly cannot be trusted to tell the complete truth.

I think guilty charge of misleading and evading a grand jury backs me up on that statement.

Children look up to profes-

sional athletes; boys from state to state want to be just like the grown men they see on television.

The children who watched Barry Bonds play and stood in awe of his performance wanted to be just like him when they grew up.

We now see that this man cannot be trusted and has severely tarnished his legacy in being the face of the steroid era for baseball. Professional athletes ought to be held to a higher standard because of the innocent children who view them as role models.

We might not ever know if Bonds knowingly used anabolic steroids to enhance his performance on the baseball field. What we will know though is that he has been dishonest and has committed a crime. Call me crazy, but I think this whole mess could have been avoided had the truth been told eight years ago in front of that grand jury.

That is the message that needs to be sent to children around the world — honesty is always the best choice. In fact, it wouldn't hurt Bonds himself if he heard that message, either.

Ironically, some good might come out of this whole Barry Bonds steroid dilemma.

If anything, Bonds has made it clear on what not to do.

"Call me crazy, but I think this whole mess could have been avoided had the truth been told eight years ago in front of that grand jury."

Daniel Wallace | Editor in Chief

Hopefully, kids have been taking notes on that and they will change their path after seeing the effect Bonds' decisions have had.

If one kid can make the decision to not use steroids or to fully tell the truth, the Bonds case can be viewed as a success.

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Baylor Fitness Zumbathon raises money to aid Japan

By MOLLY DUNN
REPORTER

With the popularity of Zumba exercise classes, Baylor Fitness hoped to attract many faculty, students and others from the Waco community to participate in Zumba exercise and raise money for Japan at the same time.

All the money raised Friday at the Baylor Sciences Building fields went directly to the Red Cross to help victims struck by the earthquake and tsunami in March.

"We really want to pull in the community, too, not just Baylor," Little Rock, Ark., senior Alexanne Pitts, a Bearobics instructor, said.

"I think Zumba is a really cool opportunity to do that because Zumba the organization, as it is, does a lot to pull Zumba instructors from across everywhere to come together and support Susan G. Komen or just any kind of Zumbathon; [that's] what we call them, parties to raise money for something."

Pitts collaborated with Van Davis, assistant director for fitness and nutrition education, to create an event to benefit a cause close to both of their hearts.

"Whenever this happened, of course everyone had a heart for it. Everyone wanted to do something, but my boss being Thai, we both just put our Asian heads together and said we have got

to do something," Pitts said.

Planning the event, however, was not an easy task, Pitts said.

"It was kind of hard because with a natural disaster, it doesn't necessarily conveniently happen," Pitts said.

"It was a really cool opportunity for something to happen and us have to step up and sacrifice maybe a weekend plan or just certain things to prepare for it."

As 6 p.m. approached, students and others from the Waco area joined the group to participate in Zumba and raise money at the same time.

Other than added donations, Baylor participants paid \$3 and non-Baylor participants paid \$5 and raised a total of \$408.

Davis said that not only did everyone get a workout, but they also helped a great cause.

"I thought it was a really clever idea to raise money for Japan because you know people are like, 'Donate money to the Red Cross,' but Zumba for Japan is just clever and original," Birmingham, Ala., freshman Rebecca Hans said.

One of the Bearobics instructors, Thomas Leathers, a freshman from Nashville, Tenn., said, "Zumba for Japan is an awesome way to get the school involved and the community involved. Why not help and have fun at the same time?"

Six Bearobics instructors led the event, giving participants a variety of

Zumba routines.

"Baylor is gifted with awesome instructors and to see all of them come together to unite for a cause is amazing," Leathers said.

Pitts said she admires the fitness department and Davis for her character and dedication to the department.

"I love the Bearobics department at the [McLane Student Life Center] and Van Davis really is just a role model," Pitts said.

"I think it's really neat how her career is in the fitness field, but she more than just caters to the physical aspect. She genuinely cares for people. I really think the Bearobics department we have is just pretty solid and it's a pretty cool hidden secret at Baylor."

Proposed early game release opens portal of disappointment

By STEPHEN STROBBE
REPORTER

One of the most highly anticipated games of the year is available today — despite the best efforts of gamers to have it released earlier by playing an alternate reality game over the weekend.

Portal 2 by Valve Corporation is the sequel to the critically acclaimed 2007 game Portal, originally released in a packaged bundle of The Orange Box along with Team Fortress 2 and Half-Life 2.

In Portal 2, players will again take control of the main character, Chell, and must take on the sadistic artificial intelligence GLaDOS (Genetic Lifeform and Disk Operating System) as part of further experiments by the fictional company from the Portal universe, Aperture Science. The main campaign is set several hundred years after the events of the first game, with both Chell and GLaDOS waking from the stasis they were put in at the end of Portal.

A completely separate cooperative campaign is included in the game featuring two new playable robot characters named Atlas and P-Body.

Using the unique portal, gun players are able to create two linked portals through which they can travel, making the game an amalgam of first-person-action

and puzzle.

Over the weekend, it briefly seemed that the game would be released early through Steam, a digital distribution platform from Valve, as an alternate reality game tied to Portal 2.

The alternate reality game — a type of game that takes place across varied media, often including real-life events in order to progress a story — began April 1 when a collection of 13 indie-games, titled The Potato Sack, was made available for purchase through Steam. Gamers quickly realized the game pack was tied to an alternate reality game and began organizing their efforts.

Making their way through new content in games like Amnesia: The Dark Descent, The Wonderful End of the World and more, the alternate reality game began to unfold with real-world events such as GLaDOS "taking over" certain players' accounts and clues and other data files related to Portal 2 found hidden in The Potato Sack games. By discovering the hidden content in the games, players were also awarded "potatoes."

This, ultimately, led to the announcement Friday on the GLaDOS home page that if players were able to play games from The Potato Sack enough and had collected enough of the potatoes, they could help release Portal 2 earlier

than today's originally scheduled release date.

Gamers from around the world began coordinating their efforts through an Internet Relay Chat, deciding which games to play for how long and decoding cryptic messages telling where to find the secret "potatoes" within the games to help expedite the launch process.

But as the weekend went on, all their efforts began to seem to be for naught. As Monday morning rolled around, hopes of a weekend release were dashed as people started to realize the game would not be releasing earlier than today's original release date.

Some were left frustrated over the course of events, feeling they had bought and played games in the hopes of gaining access to this hugely-anticipated game days early.

But, as some people like Reddit user Rnicoll noted, "[A] game about an insane AI [Artificial Intelligence] driving people to do meaningless tasks for fictional reward, is driving people to do meaningless tasks for fictional reward. Shocker."

So perhaps the entire alternate reality game was set up to mirror the nature of the game and its inhuman antagonist.

Combining a creative gameplay mechanic with bizarre humor



Valve Corporation released Portal 2, the sequel to the critically-acclaimed 2007 game Portal, today.

— the stated goal of completing the entire game was to get a piece of delicious cake — the first Portal won many game-of-the-year awards by video game critics, giving the sequel high expectations from fans and critics alike. The game will be released simultaneously on Microsoft Windows and Mac OS X with physical copies as

well as through Steam along with versions for both the Xbox 360 and Playstation 3 consoles.

Many video game outlets were holding special events for the release as well. Beth Sharum, a public relations contact for Gamestop, said many of the stores had a midnight release event for Portal 2, as well as the newest Mortal Kombat

game and SOCOM 4, all of which are available today.

Trinidad freshman Kade Malcolm said he played the first Portal on Xbox 360 but was still not sure if he would be going out to buy the sequel right away.

"I think it's pretty cool. It's an interesting concept for a game," Malcolm said. "But it's weird."

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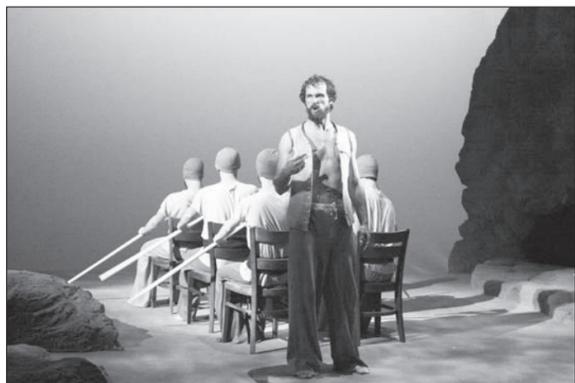
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In this scene from Baylor's upcoming production "The Odyssey," Odysseus and his men perform the trick on Cyclopes, stabbing his eye out.



During their Monday evening dress rehearsal, Burnet senior Jeff Witkiend portrays Odysseus.

While under the control of Circe, Odysseus' crew and others are transformed into animals to be kept in Circe's lair Monday evening during the dress rehearsal for Baylor's upcoming theatrical production, "The Odyssey," directed by Mary Zimmerman, in the Mabee Theatre.

Play of epic proportions takes Baylor stage

New director extends creative freedom to audiences in 'The Odyssey'

By BONNIE BERGER
REPORTER

Baylor Theatre brings adventure, imagination and drama to the stage in a retelling of Homer's "The Odyssey," debuting at 7:30 p.m. today in the Mabee Theater.

Originally directed by Mary Zimmerman and adapted from Robert Fitzgerald's translation, the script has captivated audiences throughout the years, drawing a common correlation between generations.

Hailed as the "most dramatic homecoming in world literature" in Alvin Klein's 2000 New York Times review, Zimmerman's rendition of the epic appeals to "everyone who has ever been bored to death by coercive school assignments and

anyone who is likely to recoil at the mention of Homer."

However traumatized former high school students may have been, director Dr. David Jortner, an assistant professor, challenges preconceptions of "The Odyssey" as an outdated work, highlighting its classical qualities that critics and scholars adore.

"I'm very interested in why we retell some stories, why they get told and retold," Jortner said. "I think ["The Odyssey"] talks a lot to us today about what traveling is and what it means to be on a journey."

A former professor at Pennsylvania State University at Erie and the University of Pittsburgh, Jortner brings verve and a dedication to his productions, utilizing inno-

vative tactics to enthrall the actors and the audience. "The Odyssey" is Jortner's first production at Baylor.

"I think we're taught that because it's a classic that we can't love a work like "The Odyssey," Jortner said. "One of the things the play does, as opposed to the epic, is it really captures the energy and beauty of the story in a really wonderful way."

An ensemble play by nature, Jortner has cast 25 actors playing roughly 70 roles.

"There are actually so many more people backstage though that are just as important," said Dallas senior Meg Sullivan, who plays Athena. "If I didn't have dressers, hair and makeup crews, stage managers and designers, it wouldn't be nearly as wonderful of a process,"

Sullivan said.

"There are times we literally have to exit one side of the stage, sprint underneath the stage while changing clothes to become another character, and enter on the other side of the stage 30 seconds later. It's thrilling."

The script draws heavily from Homer's original work, including elaborate details and spanning a vast series of events as Odysseus endeavors to return home. Fitting all these events into a two-and-a-half-hour time constraint proved challenging, calling for a little audience involvement, Jortner said.

"What I love is that this a play in which the audience helps to create the story in their mind, as much as we create it in the stage," Jortner said. "We have five or six differ-

ent boats that are called for in the script. ... We can't do that. We really want the audience to use their imagination to complete the boat ... in their mind. There's nothing that we could build or create that would be as grand as what your imagination can create."

Enabling patrons to complete the set in their minds is Jortner's philosophy of theater. He said allowing the audience as well as the actors have the freedom to create, results in a fulfilling investment and enjoyment to all.

"This play is so theatrical and requires a sense of suspended disbelief," Sullivan said. "We're putting monsters and giant whirl pools on stage. We've turned people into livestock. It's a lot of fun to get your imagination involved to that

extent, to enjoy the non-realism. But at the same time, it takes this theatricality and brings it closer to our lives."

In a truly joint effort, the cast and staff members present a timeless epic, marrying the art and entertainment of the theater with each individual's creativity.

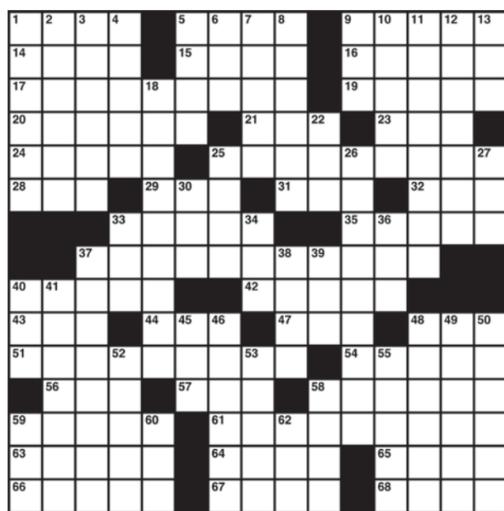
"This is my first show [at Baylor], so that's been the main highlight ... to work with these incredible actors, designers and students, and to work with them so collaboratively, has been really exciting," Jortner said.

Shows will run at 7:30 p.m. today, Wednesday and April 27-30, well as at 2 p.m. on April 30 and May 1. Tickets are available for \$15 online at www.baylor.edu/theatre or by calling (254) 710-1865.

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Across

- 1 Poker Flat chronicler Harte
- 5 Syrup brand
- 9 Scatter
- 14 Plane opening?
- 15 Farsi-speaking republic
- 16 Sports venue
- 17 Where sea meets sand
- 19 Like most attics
- 20 Mob enforcer
- 21 Gp. concerned with fluoride safety
- 23 Links elevator?
- 24 Old Great Lakes natives
- 25 Behind-the-scenes worker
- 28 Christmas mo.
- 29 Water temperature gauge?
- 31 Pro vote
- 32 USPS carrier's assignment
- 33 Words of sympathy

- 35 Potato cutter
- 37 Light controller—either of its first two words can precede either part of 17-, 25-, 51- and 61-Across
- 40 Flora eaters, perhaps
- 42 Brief and forceful
- 43 Pilot's no.
- 44 Toothed tool
- 47 Unused
- 48 Rock guitarist's aid
- 51 Distract
- 54 Spring time
- 56 Place for a pint
- 57 Place for a cup
- 58 Anatomical ring
- 59 Steppes native
- 61 Sentry's job
- 63 Carrying a lot of weight
- 64 Cold capital?
- 65 Largest continent
- 66 Used hip boots
- 67 Feat
- 68 Winemaking waste

Down

- 1 Lambasted
- 2 Put to work again
- 3 Titillating
- 4 Singer with the Mel-Tones
- 5 Brick baker
- 6 George W.'s first press secretary
- 7 Attacked with clubs and such
- 8 In the future
- 9 Glum
- 10 Liar's undoing
- 11 Fact-finding process
- 12 Understanding between nations
- 13 Method
- 18 It stretches from Maine to Florida
- 22 Make better, as cheddar
- 25 Lord's laborer
- 26 Falling object's direction
- 27 __ Spiegel: German magazine

- 30 Stumblebum
- 33 Roadside rest stop
- 34 Clairvoyance, briefly
- 36 Like many a slick road
- 37 Passé
- 38 Lash flash?
- 39 Suffix with cord
- 40 Scale fourths
- 41 Fictional Arabic woodcutter
- 45 Wall St. hedger
- 46 Ares or Mars
- 48 Stimulate
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- 50 Western dry lakes
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Sports Briefs

Baseball drops Battle of the Brazos series

Baylor baseball came one run short of regaining traction last weekend in the three-game series against No. 5 Texas A&M, losing two of three to the Aggies.

The Bears (20-17, 6-9) dropped Friday's matchup in Waco 5-1. The offense struggled to produce, waiting until the ninth to bring its first run across the plate off a pinch-hit single from sophomore Wes Mercurio.

Baylor hitters did anything but struggle in game two, taking Olsen Field by storm with a 12-1 rout. Junior Dan Evatt led the way to BU's largest ever margin of victory over a top-five team with two homers and five runs. Junior Trent Blank and sophomore Max Garner combined to hold the Aggies to one run off five hits.

As quickly as it heated up, the Bears' lineup cooled off. Both starting pitchers tossed complete games Sunday but Baylor junior Logan Verrett was tagged with the 2-1 loss. Both Texas A&M runs were unearned, and the Aggie starting pitcher Ross Stripling did not allow Baylor's lone run until the ninth inning.

Sitting at No. 7 in the Big 12, the Bears look for a midweek rebound against the University of Nevada Las Vegas at 6:30 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark.

Big 12 Baseball Standings

Team	Big 12	Overall
1. Texas	11-4	27-9
2. Texas A&M	11-4	26-10
3. Oklahoma St.	10-5	27-9
4. Kansas	8-7	18-18
5. Oklahoma	7-7	26-10
6. Texas Tech	6-9	23-15
7. Baylor	6-9	20-17
8. Nebraska	4-7	23-14
9. Kansas St.	5-9	20-14
10. Missouri	2-9	14-22

Men's tennis tours Oklahoma, emerges unbeaten

No. 7 men's tennis sent two schools from the sooner state packing this past weekend to keep a perfect Big 12 record intact.

No. 26 Oklahoma made it interesting Friday, but freshman Dennis Lengsfeld rallied from a 4-3 deficit in a third-set tiebreaker to secure the 4-3 win for Baylor.

The Oklahoma State Cowboys could not keep it as close. Baylor dropped just one singles match to take a 6-1 win.

The Bears look to defend their 5-0 conference record at 6 p.m. Wednesday when they host No. 6 Texas A&M, which also enters the match undefeated in conference play.

Big 12 men's tennis in the polls (Apr. 12)

Rank	Team	Big 12	Overall
6.	Texas A&M	4-0	23-4
7.	Baylor	5-0	18-3
11.	Texas	3-2	16-6
22.	Texas Tech	2-3	15-8
26.	Oklahoma	2-3	13-6
38.	Nebraska	1-3	15-9

Equestrian finishes season ranked No. 5

Baylor equestrian captured third place to post its best-ever Hunter Seat finish in the Varsity Equestrian National Championship at the Extraco Events Center in Waco this past weekend.

The third-seeded Bears defeated fourth-seeded Oklahoma State 6-1 with a perfect 3-0 mark in equitation over fences and a 3-1 victory in equitation on the flat.

Baylor polishes off the 2010-2011 season at No. 5 nationally with a 15-7 record.



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In a pickle

Baylor first baseman Max Muncy chases Texas A&M's Adam Smith in a rundown in Friday's game at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears lost, 5-1.

Softball dominates Jayhawks

BY KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 15 Lady Bears improved on their Big 12 record, now 7-3, as they swept the Kansas Jayhawks in a two-game series in Lawrence, Kan., last weekend.

Pitches were improved and bats were on fire as Baylor outthit and outscored Kansas 25-11 and 17-3 respectively on the series.

Game one started out with a bang as the Lady Bears scored six runs in the second inning, five of them with two outs.

Senior Dani Leal led off the inning with her 12th homer of the year for the 1-0 lead.

Senior KJ Freeland got on with a single and freshman Claire Hosack advanced her to third on a double of her own.

Junior Sydney Wilson's hit to short looked to end the inning, but

a bobble from the shortstop kept Baylor alive as Freeland scored and Wilson made it safely to first.

With Hosack on third, sophomore Kathy Shelton laid down a suicide squeeze and Kayce Walker singled to score Wilson.

With the Lady Bears' bats hitting their climax, Kansas made a pitching change, from Alex Jones to Allie Clark, whose wild pitch advanced the runners to second and third. Clark's pitch opened the door for junior Megan Turk to drive a two-RBI single to right to go up 6-0.

Another run came in the fourth as Shelton got on with a single, and after stealing her 24th base of the season to get in scoring position, she crossed home plate via Leal's groundout for a 7-0 lead.

Sophomore Whitney Canion was done in the circle after striking out the side in order in the fourth.

Kansas finally made it home with a two-run homer from Maggie Hull in the fifth.

Canion wasn't out of the game just yet, however, as she grounded out to the shortstop but scored Walker, who led off with a single. Freshman Holly Holl got an RBI of her own with a single to center scoring Turk from third.

The Jayhawks scored again in the bottom of the seventh as sophomore Mariah Montgomery knocked in a run with a single.

Baylor made quick work of Kansas in the second game as Canion pitched all five innings, shutting out the Jayhawks and allowing only two hits while walking two and striking out nine. Canion needed only five innings before the NCAA's mercy rule, giving a win to any team winning by eight or more runs after five innings, was enacted.

With two outs in the top of the first, the Lady Bears went to work as Shelton, Leal and Canion loaded the bases for Holl to clear them with her double to left center, taking command with a 3-0 lead.

Hosack led off the second inning with a double and was knocked in with a single by freshman Shelbi Redfearn.

With Redfearn on first, Canion smashed her fourth homer of the season to right center, making the score 5-0.

Turk made the score 6-0, stealing home on a wild pitch.

The run-rule victory was sealed in the fifth by Shelton's first career homerun over right field to make it 8-0.

The Lady Bears hope to keep their bats hot as they take a break from conference play and host UTSA at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Getteman Stadium.

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advances in their field. Macdonald's application was strong because of her involvement in geoscience education and other specialty areas in geology, and also because of her work on the website, Hornik said.

"Her website utilized and made approachable lots of her methods about teaching to faculty across the United States," Hornik said.

Through her teaching, Macdonald said she hopes to share her enthusiasm for the earth sciences and geosciences with students.

"One of the themes is launching people into the next stage of their career," Macdonald said. "Whether it's students going to graduate school or students finding a job that's the right job for them or students going into earth science teaching...I'm really interested in helping with that transition."

Matusow, who is also the associate director for academic programs at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice, has largely focused on the foreign policy of Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger, post World War II Ameri-

can foreign policy and U.S. history from 1945-1974 in his work.

"He was very strong in that area,

"By the time they get to this point ... they're exceptional teachers and it becomes a difficult decision to select one for the award."

Dr. Heidi Hornik
Chair of the Robert Foster Cherry
Award committee

and he also won several teaching awards, so we felt that his teaching and research seemed to go together because he has written books in this area," Hornik said. "And his students seemed to like him as well."

As an educator, Matusow said he hopes he can help students learn about the subject he loves and also have an impact on their lives.

"I think that you teach who

you are," Matusow said. "You teach because you think your subject is tremendously important and you want to communicate it to students and you hope that in reaching students you can make them address issues of values, and in a few cases, change a few lives."

The finalists will receive a \$15,000 prize in addition to \$10,000 for their respective department at their home university.

The announcement of the winner is slated for January 2012. The winner will receive \$250,000 — up from the former prize of \$200,000 — and \$25,000 for his or her department. The increase was scheduled to coincide with the completion of Baylor's Vision 2012, Hornik said. The winner will also come to Baylor to teach for a semester.

Hornik said she does not expect choosing a winner to be easy.

"It's usually a pretty tough decision," Hornik said. "By the time they get to this point in the selection process they're exceptional teachers and it becomes a difficult decision to select one for the award."

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Following a viewing of the documentary "Food, Inc.," Matt Hess, ministry guidance supervisor, leads (from left) health services and student life representative Amanda Allen, El Paso freshman Catherine Sotelo, and Katy freshmen Shohani Islam and Odera Anyasinti in a discussion about healthy foods in America as well as free trade and organic food options.

discussion was moderated by the education director for World Hunger Relief, Matt Hess, after the showing.

Creation Week continues at 3 p.m. today during Baylor's Dr Pepper Hour in the Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"[Baylor Sustainability has] invited student organizations that have some connection to sustainability," Getterman said. "They'll be able to tell people visiting Dr Pepper Hour how Baylor students are making a difference."

Creation Week will conclude from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday with a creation celebration outside the Bill Daniel Student Center in the Vara Martin Daniel Plaza.

Rockwall sophomore Nick Pokorny, the chair of the sustainability student advisory board, encouraged students to partake in the events.

"They should bring some food from the cafeteria and sit out and enjoy," Pokorny said. "There's going to be local groups there from around the community talking about ways that they are sustainable and what they do for Waco and how

you can get involved."

Getterman said students should eat outside to truly appreciate the environment.

"We're encouraging people that day to eat lunch outside because we spend a lot of time, especially when we're going from building to building going to class, indoors, artificial man-made areas, spaces and we take for granted how beautiful the space that God created for us," Getterman said.

Along with the encouragement to eat outside, those in charge of Creation Week want students to avoid driving their cars to class. Instead, students are encouraged to walk to class or ride a bicycle.

"Sustainability overall is how we manage our resources to lessen our impact on God's earth," Getterman said. "That's why, for me, it makes so much sense that Baylor is doing sustainability because if you think about the grand system of sustainability, it's all about caring for your neighbor."

The other aspect of sustainability will be incorporated into the dining halls Monday through Wednesday.

The menus featured at each dining hall will be from locally sourced produce and meats. Some of the items served in the dining halls will include orange spice cake made from oranges grown in Rio Queen Farms in McAllen, citrus chicken with orange and grapefruit relish from Mission and other local produce and meats prepared by Baylor's campus executive chef Ben Hernandez.

"Sustainable meals is eating locally, eating organically, making sure that the food that you're consuming is as organic as possible," Getterman said. "It has the lowest impact on the environment. It has the lowest impact on the workers, the farmers and the people that are shipping it, even the process of shipping."

Getterman said he hopes students will remember the lessons they learned during Creation Week long after they leave Baylor.

"As a university, it's our job to educate future leaders on these issues, so when you go out in the working world, you're prepared to positively affect the people that you're surrounded by," Getterman said.

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and that will help us bring in more businesses. But I think that revitalizing this downtown and getting that riverwalk going, that would be great."

After the forum came to a close, Cowart said she "quite honestly expected more" from Herbert, while Williams lacked the background for Cowart to expect a well-informed answer from her.

"Everything I hear is about downtown, downtown, downtown," Cowart said. "They never talk about Valley Mills Drive. They never talk about out on 18th Street. They don't talk about anything but downtown and there's a lot of people that won't come downtown because all the activity down here is beyond them; they can't afford this stuff, or else it's not their nature to go to the clubs and things like that."

Herbert highlighted voter turnout in her district as a major concern heading into this year's elec-

tion.

"Our voter turnout is sad to the point of being pathetic," Herbert said. "Last time it was, I believe, 4 percent of registered voters, not 4 percent of the people in District 4. If you're campaigning in that district, you can almost have everybody who voted over to your house for dinner. I mean, it's just — it's sad."

The forum was also open to three candidates for the Waco Independent School District's board of trustees: Cary DuPuy, Tony Abad and Clint Brown. The school board candidates discussed, among other items, better publicizing the district's accomplishments and working with limited funding from the state of Texas to best serve students and parents.

The election for all positions is scheduled for May 14, with an early-voting period beginning May 2 and ending May 10.



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Jonya Williams, running for Waco City Council, answers a question from an audience member during a meeting Monday at the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

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