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Women's tennis wins

The Lady Bears defeated Texas A&M Wednesday in College Station, 5-2, and clinched at least a share of the Big 12 championship in the process. The team will take on Texas Tech at 6 p.m. today at the Baylor Tennis Center.



Officials rally behind mammoth site



JED DEAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

The Waco Mammoth Site is in the process of applying for national monument status. Similar legislation was put in the works last year but died in the U.S. Senate.

Flores to speak Tuesday, urges national status for historic site

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Bill Flores will visit the Waco Mammoth Site on Tuesday to rally support for legislation that would classify the site as a national monument and establish it as a unit of the National Park Service.

Flores and Texas Sens. Kay Bai-

ley Hutchison and John Cornyn brought the new legislation forth on April 14.

"I am proud to work with Senator Cornyn and Senator Hutchison to recognize this remarkably unique scientific discovery located in our own backyard," Flores said in a press release. "This legislation would give Central Texas the opportunity to lay claim to the unique history of an extinct species, while providing education and enjoyment for families and students visiting from all over the country and throughout the world and benefiting future generations for many years to come. As visitors and researchers grow to under-

stand and interpret the behavior and biology of the mammoths, this national recognition would allow us to maximize the value of the Waco Mammoth National Monument as a true national treasure."

This is the site's second chance at becoming a national monument; previous legislation concerning the site died in the U.S. Senate last year. But Jennifer Petit, the site's education coordinator, said she believes the new legislation faces better odds.

"The outlook is very hopeful and it does look a lot better than it did last time," Petit said.

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Can we get much higher?

During Hump Day, hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha Wednesday, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha, including Waco senior Gordon Palmer, Houston junior Joshua Farris, Richmond junior Glenn Starks, Longview junior Dexter Dafney-Craig and Port Arthur senior Stetson Olaye performed a step show in front of the Marrs McLean Gymnasium.

Makeup-free day celebrates true beauty

By MOLLY DUNN
REPORTER

Members of the I Heart Me campaign raised awareness for women by not wearing makeup and sporting their I Heart Me T-shirts Wednesday. The no-makeup day was in conjunction with the campaign's "I Heart Me Day."

Dr. Emma Wood, staff psychologist in Baylor's Counseling Center, created the I Heart Me campaign this semester and plans to promote awareness and action of certain issues next semester by joining them with I Heart Me days.

"Our desire is to have just days throughout the year that are I Heart Me days where people would wear their T-shirts, and part of that is to promote awareness of some of the issues the

campaign addresses, like diversity, acceptance, positive self-image and role modeling," Wood said.

Wood said the concept of not wearing makeup for a day has been done by other groups, such as Seventeen magazine, the Today Show and various Facebook groups.

"We thought this would be pretty good to use on I Heart Me Day, kind of doing a similar concept in order to build awareness over issues regarding media competence," Wood said. "We talk a lot about being a critical consumer of media and some of the kind of misleading things that advertisements promote. That's all involved in the I Heart Me campaign."

Wood said that 43 percent of

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Baylor's I Heart Me campaign is hosted by, from left, Fayetteville, Ga., doctoral candidate Shehzad Jooma; Longmont, Colo., doctoral candidate Laura Sejud; Fremont, Calif., doctoral candidate Crystal Lee; Waco doctoral candidate Kara Emery; Counseling Services psychologist Emma Wood; and 2003 Baylor alumnus Russ Wood.

BU sustainability lauded for athletic recycling efforts

By LEIGH ANN HENRY
REPORTER

The Baylor sustainability department received a national award on April 15 for recycling efforts implemented at home football games.

The National Wildlife Federation's Chill Out: Climate Action on Campus involved schools from all over the nation.

The competition breaks down into six categories. Baylor entered and won Green Sporting events and Programs.

Through the 2010 football sea-

son, Baylor tripled the amount of recycled materials from 2009, which made for 6.5 tons of waste diverted from landfills.

Smith Gettermann, sustainability coordinator at Baylor, said the sustainability department is still growing and he wasn't expecting to win, but wanted to enter so people will know what Baylor is doing.

"This is the first time we've entered the competition. We saw it as an opportunity for us to enter the discussion on a national level with some of these other schools that people see as leading sustain-

ability schools and get them to recognize that we are, if not there already, on our way," Gettermann said.

The competition requires the production of a video detailing campus recycling efforts.

Arlington junior Christine Lau created the video, which can be viewed on the National Wildlife Federation's website, www.nwfw.org.

"I went in to the video not knowing what the result was going to be. It was just for kicks," Lau said. "It shows that we're on board with going green and that even a

smaller student body can make an impact even on a national level."

Tom Hill, senior associate athletic director, said recycling at athletic events isn't new.

"We have had a recycling program for several years, but it wasn't until Smith Gettermann got on board that we were able to record and track our results. He has renewed and re-energized the cause," Hill said.

Gettermann praised team effort between the sustainability department and the athletic department.

"This is a priority for the athletic department as we realize it's

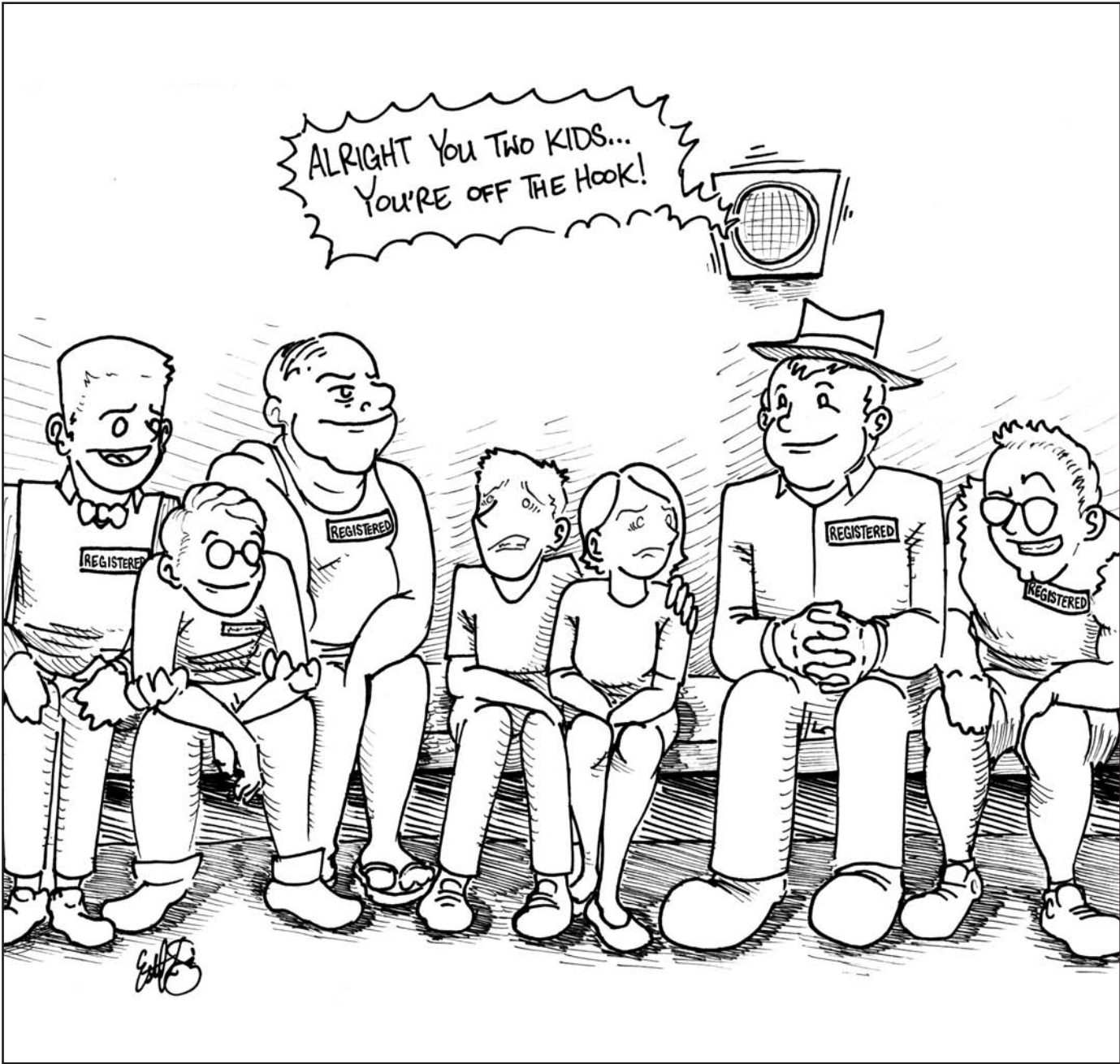
a very recognizable department that plays a great role in terms of leadership," Ian McCaw, athletics director, said.

Floyd Casey Stadium boasts more than 160 recycling receptacles.

McCaw said the recycling effort has migrated to other athletic events as well, including basketball and several others.

"God's been very gracious to us and this is one way for us to be good stewards of our resources," Hill said.

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New law makes punishment fairer for sex offenses concerning minors

Editorial

A new law passed by the Texas Senate last week makes sex laws concerning minors fairer. A bill written by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, alters the law concerning sexual offenders, stating that Romeo and Juliet cases, those concerning sex between teenagers, can no longer be prosecuted if the sex was consensual and there is less than a four-year age gap between the couple. The law will prevent young people charged with statutory rape from having to register as sex offenders if they are involved with a minor that is within their age bracket and if the relationship was consensual.

The legislation also made changes to sexting laws in Texas. Previous laws charged minors who sent nude pictures of themselves or of friends a felony, as it was considered possessing or trafficking child pornography. Sen. Kirk Watson, R-Austin, introduced the law that makes sending nude pictures of a minor a Class C misdemeanor for first-time violators under the age of 18. According to the Dallas Morning News, the bill is meant to keep up with moving technology and the common practice of minors sending nude pictures to one another, with approximately 22 percent of teenage girls electronically sending or posting nude pictures of themselves. Before these changes, Texas

law placed unrealistic pressures on minors and young people. Statutory rape laws easily ruin the lives of young men and women, as they are forced to register as a sexual offender for the rest of their lives for having consensual sex. Educational opportunities, work opportunities and housing opportunities are forever closed to young people and they are unjustly judged by society forevermore. Teenage girls and boys, who often as a way to gain popularity and/or out of ignorance send nude pictures of themselves, inadvertently become felons as they traffic “pornographic” pictures of their own bodies. The former laws did not take into consideration the ignorance

of minors and young people and were too harsh for their infractions, allowing simple mistakes to follow them well into adulthood. In addition, the new laws take into consideration the different scenarios and ends of the spectrum related to each issues. For example, the four-year age restriction for the adjustment of statutory rape laws ensures that adults will still not be permitted to prey on minors. And the new laws regarding sexting between minors also gives a judge the right to have convicted minors and parents participate in a sexting education and awareness program, reinforcing education of minors over harsh punishment of minors.

Managing multiple college courses easier if professors utilize BlackBoard

\$160,000 is a lot of money. I know I’d love to be making that much per year at some point in my life. But what if I told you Baylor spends that much per year on a campuswide software system that is sparingly used. That system is Blackboard: the site where students go to get info most of their professors don’t bother putting on there. OK, maybe not most. But as a senior I’ve had my fair share of classes, and the trend in professors’ Blackboard usage has declined. For example, I have one teacher who uses Blackboard (thank you, Dr. Bursleson). I’m taking six classes. While this may not seem like a big deal, and for Baylor \$160,000 is chump change, it presents a hypocrisy on the part of professors who don’t utilize this campus-sponsored program.



James Stockton | Reporter

Students are constantly encouraged to utilize the resources given to them while a big one goes untouched by professors. The best part is the students want to use this resource (or at least I do), but it’s professors who refuse to enter some data that keep this software from being a viable resource.

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Not to mention the suspense we endure in while the system is updated only to find that all of that work serves the three people who actually use it. The fact that Baylor spends this money on the system and updates shows its think it’s at least worth something. If only professors would realize the positive service it provides. Have you ever wondered at the end of the semester how many times you’ve missed class?

Have you ever wanted to know your grade average for a class halfway through the semester? You should be able to check on Blackboard, but who knows if you won the professor jackpot and signed up for one who uses it? Now, I’m not saying these professors are bad teachers. On the contrary, most of the teachers I’ve had have been excellent and I’ll be proud to graduate with a degree from Baylor. I only have one thing to ask: We have a lot on our plates as students, and being that it’s the 21st century and we can communicate in high-definition video across the globe, would it be too difficult to throw some grade reports and an absence record up on Blackboard for your classes? I think you’d find it just as convenient as we do. James Stockton is a senior journalism major from Frisco and a reporter for the Lariat.

Cutting ties with some friends can be hard, beneficial

I have learned something over the years through my past friendships and relationships: sometimes you need to cut all ties with someone. This probably sounds extremely mean and makes me seem like a horrible person, but hear me out. My senior year of high school and freshman year of college I was “friends” with this guy who was constantly making promises he would not keep (especially about me and him being together). Me, being young and naïve, believed every single one. He would walk in and out of my life in dramatic fashion and for some reason I always allowed it, accepting every excuse he gave me and believing every “I won’t do it again.” He had had a hard life and I would chalk every lie he told up to that fact. Eventually, I got tired of him always expecting me to be there for him. I came to the conclusion that “If he was never there for me, why should I be there for him?” During my freshman year of college, he called me one day, after we had not spoken in a few months, asking me to meet him to talk. I reluctantly agreed. After listening to his endless

extremely dramatic about everything and I could not rely on, even though I was always there for them. To put it bluntly, these types of



Amanda Earp | Copy desk chief

“Why would you want to be friends with someone if you cannot believe anything they tell you?”

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apologies and how much I meant to him, he said he had to go but wanted to get together the next day. I told him one thing before I left, “If you don’t plan on staying in my life, I don’t want to talk to you again.” I’ve yet to see or speak to this guy again and I could not be happier. It has been so relieving to not have him in my life. It also changed my perspective on a lot of things. My life went from being dramatic with him in it to completely drama-free without him. I am definitely better off without him in my life. He is not the only person I have cut out of my life. I have had multiple friends who would lie about things, were

friends are not worth the effort and I do not need them in my life. Think about it. Why would you want to be friends with someone if you cannot believe anything they tell you? Why would you want to be friends with people who think they are the center of the universe and everyone should revolve around them? Why would you want friends you cannot count on, even though you go out of your way to help them? You shouldn’t. Personally, I do not have the time for people like that. So what I have done is stop talking and hanging out with these people. Currently, I have a friend going through a situation where my advice to her has been to cut a few of her so-called “friends” out of her life. These “friends” have been treating her poorly, lying to her and doing things behind her back. Unlike me, she is a nice person who does not like people being mad at her. I keep telling her that real friends would not act this sketchy and that it is OK to cut these people out of your life. See, what may seem like a bad thing actually isn’t. By taking these people out of the equation you will be making your life a lot better. Life will be less dramatic, less stressful and you will be surrounded by people who care about you, not just someone who pretends to. Amanda Earp is a journalism graduate student from New Waverly and the copy desk chief for the Lariat.

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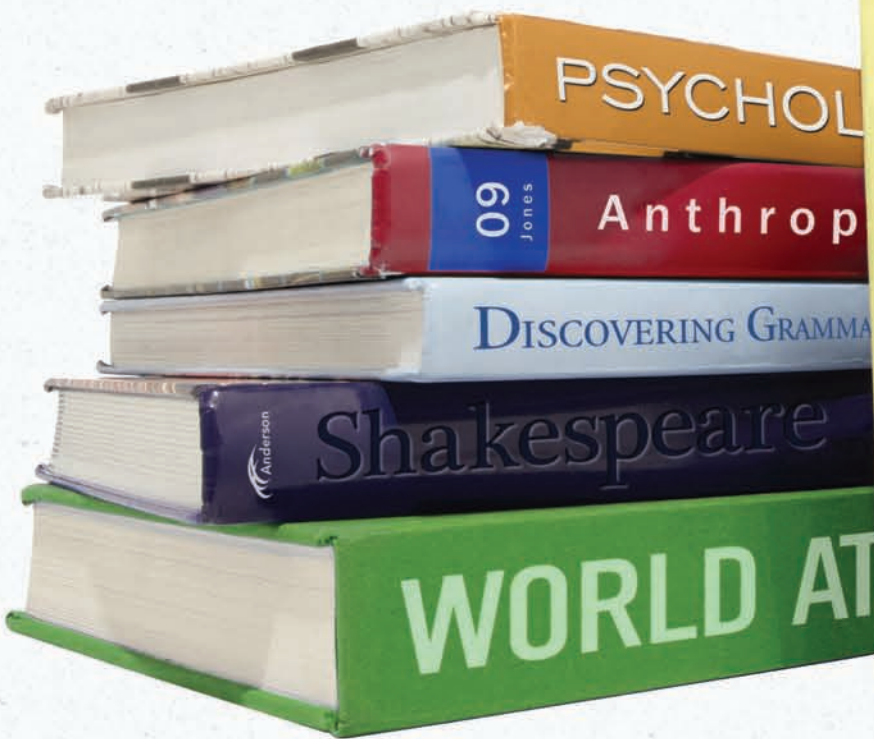
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Waco Chamber: setting plans in motion

Leaders hope to implement economic reforms with transportation

By ADE ADESANYA
REPORTER

After the Challenge Waco plan, a five-year economic development campaign to revitalize the Waco economy, Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce is now shifting gears to focus on the implementation of the extensive planning completed over the last five years. Before any projects can commence, however, urban development consultants have to research and analyze the rationality and objectivity behind

the project to determine if it will be successful. "Within the next year, we will be investing in mass transit feasibility studies, which will inform the future stages of infrastructural investments," Chris McGowan, director for urban development at the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, said. In a poll, two-thirds of Waco residents ranked public transportation development as a priority, McGowan said. The urban development team at the chamber is advancing the idea of developing public transportation for economic development. The Chamber is working on increasing investment in intermodal transportation. Intermodal transportation is the transit of passen-

gers using multiple means of transportation; park and ride systems, for example, allow drivers to park their cars at transportation hubs and take a train. "Additional investment is needed to expand the current capacity and modes of mass transportation in Waco," McGowan said. "Developing Waco's transportation system has been on the agenda for the last three years." Investments in research and consultation with experts will dominate the agenda in the coming months, McGowan said. To fund the infrastructural projects in the greater Waco area, the chamber is concentrating on fundraising. Raising funds to revitalize the Greater Waco economy is a prerequisite for the success of the

Next Level Strategic Plan for economic development, McGowan. The "Next Level Strategy" is a five-year plan, from 2010- 2015, to emphasize marketing the greater Waco economy, riverfront development and developing Waco as a living and working community of professional talent. Over the next five years, chamber will establish direct connection between the community and the educational institutions in the area to improve talent retention in the local area. "The next level strategy is going well; our fund-raising effort is going well," McGowan said. When it comes to investment in modernized public transportation, the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce will not have to con-

vince Waco residents of the benefits. "There is no need to market the project development idea; it is very important to the community," McGowan said. "This works for everyone; families can save over \$1,500 annually by using public transportation in cities with developed transit systems." For every dollar the city invests in public transportation, the return on investment spans between \$10 and \$20, McGowan said. "The streetcar concept, as we specifically see it, is an effort to entice new development; it is marketing," Scott Connell, senior vice president for strategic development at the chamber, said. "It is almost like saying your business is on ... Interstate 35."

Portland and Eugene, Ore., are benchmark cities used by the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce as reference points for improving Waco's transportation system. "We traveled specifically to Eugene, Oregon to study their transportation networks," Connell said. "When we look at the gap between the Waco downtown and Baylor, there is not much business activity; a streetcar system will drive business development between downtown and Baylor." The streetcar system will transport individuals, while marketing the real estate on streets that connect Baylor to the downtown. This infrastructural development will attract businesses and residential property developers, Connell said.

Urban Missions offers service, ministry options

By STORI LONG
REPORTER

Love where you live is the anthem of Spiritual Life Center's Urban Missions. The purpose of Urban Missions is to provide students a chance to engage the Waco Community through various ministries, such as inner-city kids clubs, after-school tutoring and hunger-relief. Behind each of these ministries is a student leader. "In Acts 1:8, Jesus says to the Christians that they will be witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the Earth," Seattle senior Alyssa DeMoss, president of Ashton Oaks Kids Club, said. "For me, that means you start where you live. Witnessing means more than words, it's actions and by going out to serve those kids, we are being witnesses." The passion of the student leaders for their ministries is a huge part of Urban Missions' success,

participants said. "Student leaders are very a vital and integral part of our student ministries, as they are the leaders of the team," Carole Meriwether, ministry associate for urban missions, said. "The leaders basically direct and lead each team. We hope this is an opportunity for service and for spiritual and personal formation." Every week, student leaders take a group of students to different sites where they minister to attendees. The student leaders are in charge of coordinating events, fostering community in their own group and reporting back to the Spiritual Life Center. Maria Aguirre, Cypress junior and leader of Emmanuel Tutoring, said this is one of her favorite parts of being a leader. "I love being able to interact with the children, but I also love being there for my team and being a part of their lives, especially the

freshmen," Aguirre said. The students do this on a volunteer basis; they receive no credit or pay. "I started because I knew those kids needed me," Aguirre said. "I wanted to be there and do these ministries that maybe no everyone else wanted to do because there isn't immediate gratification, but that is not what missions is about." Aguirre said she encourages students interested in learning more about volunteering or serving as a student leader with urban missions. "It really makes you a more wholesome person," Aguirre said. "It gives you an opportunity to learn about the world outside of the Baylor Bubble and be open to learning about and from different types of people. It really helps give you a different perspective." Those interested in Spiritual Life Center's Urban Mission ministries, can contact Carole_Meriwether@baylor.edu



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AloHa-llelujah

Nearing the end of the 2011 academic year, Baylor's Youth Ministry Team gathers in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center Wednesday evening for their end-of-the-year Luau party. Throughout the year, the Youth Ministry team participates in many activities, including working for local churches as far away as Austin, Houston and Dallas.

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MIS students learn honesty-based leadership

By MOLLY PACKER
REPORTER

Management Information Systems students are ready to become business leaders with the integrity to change the world. Because of their specific training and extra-curricular experiences, students said they feel prepared to deal with serious situations with a level of honesty that seems to be missing in the business world today.

St. Louis junior Brian Keffer said he loves the emphasis Baylor's Management Information Systems major places on leadership because it is different than technology-focused majors at other universities.

"I actually transferred to Baylor before my sophomore year to become an MIS major," Keffer said.

One important aspect in Baylor's Management Information Systems department is the leadership class that all Management Information Systems students must take. The class is designed in a way that allows students to meet with business leaders from around

Waco and the country. Students also come up with ways to solve global problems using the technology and business information they learn.

A large part of the class consisted of students developing ways to help non-profit organizations solve problems they were having.

Dr. Hope Koch, information systems professor, said learning to help others is a big part of business integrity.

"We put students in positions where their integrity is tested as young people," Koch said. "When they get to higher levels, they'll be accustomed to helping people using integrity. I think that chapel and mission work here also shows how making the world a better place is really a part of integrity."

At the end of March, several Management Information Systems students, including Keffer, visited Omaha, Neb., to see Warren Buffett, the third-richest man in the world.

"That was definitely a highlight of my time at college and it was also



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St. Louis junior Brian Keffer and Warren Buffet perform a Sic 'em after Buffet, chairman and CEO of Brookshire Hathaway, spoke to Baylor MIS majors in Omaha Neb.

interesting to hear a lot of Warren Buffett's values," Keffer said. "His number one rule is don't do anything you wouldn't want your mother to see in the newspaper.

I thought it was interesting to see that the most successful man over the past 30 or 40 years still strongly believes in honesty and integrity."

Around the time Management

Information Systems students visited Buffett, the billionaire's possible heir, David Sokol, was caught in a stock scandal that brought bad publicity on Sokol and Buffett.

"There's not a day that goes by that you don't hear about business leaders without integrity that get caught. All I can say is we're in a hurting world," Koch said. "The more we can produce students with integrity and leaders with integrity, the more we can do to help and produce a sort of light in a dark world."

Keffer said the business world is ready for a change in the value of integrity.

"There are a lot of gray areas in decision-making, but if you always keep integrity in the back of your mind, you'll be fine," Keffer said. "I think there has been a movement where people figure out that integrity and honesty win in the end. People realize that, in the long run, you're better showing integrity than earning a few extra dollars."

Dallas senior Kendall Zapffe said she learned a lot about integ-

rity from her visit with Buffett as well.

"Before the trip, I didn't know how interesting it would be because I am an MIS major and he does investments," Zapffe said. "The trip, though, was an amazing experience. Mr. Buffett's main points were not about how to invest. He always brought every response at the Q&A back to us as individuals. Mr. Buffett told us that the most important thing to do to be successful is to be someone that is honest and that people want to work with. You will go far in your career if you are someone that people want to work with."

Zapffe said the leadership class has made a big impact on her.

"I believe the MIS leadership class is one of the most shaping experiences that I've had at Baylor. It was a very maturing experience," she said. "We were able to compete in the Microsoft Imagine Cup in which my team developed a Web-based application to help connect volunteers and volunteer organizations."

Fallen fireman honored

By ANGELA BROWN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLDEN — A Texas volunteer firefighter who died last week battling a blaze was a devoted husband and father who always helped his fellow firefighters, friends said at his funeral service Wednesday.

About 1,000 people mourned Eastland firefighter Gregory Mack Simmons at a service at the Leon River Cowboy Church in Olden, about 100 miles west of Fort Worth.

Dozens stood along the back of the building because the 850 seats were full. The stocky 50-year-old who was nicknamed "Pudge" loved to play practical jokes and was the first to help out his colleagues, friends said.

Simmons was a firefighter for more than two decades — in the Dallas suburb of Sachse for 10 years and then in Eastland.

"Heaven's got a heck of a firefighter ... and he's looking for that dadgum grassfire," said Sachse Fire Chief Doug Kendrick.

Simmons, who would have celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary this summer, also loved spending time with his wife and two daughters — attending his



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Firefighters salute the flag-draped casket holding Greg Simmons as it is carried to a waiting fire truck at the conclusion of funeral services for the fallen firefighter Wednesday in Olden.

children's school events and lying on the trampoline while looking at the stars and telling stories from his childhood, said the Rev. Jim Wright.

After the emotional service, his colleagues carried his flag-draped coffin to a fire truck and secured it on top, walking between rows of more than 200 firefighters who saluted. The odor of smoke from wildfires in the region was

still in the air.

Simmons had been battling a blaze that later grew to 3,000 acres Friday when he and other firefighters fled their fire truck that was trapped in a pasture. Simmons died after apparently being hit by a vehicle in the smoky area, although local officials initially thought his death was fire-related, senior State Trooper Phillip "Sparky" Dean said.

Outside agencies step into ongoing Texas wildfire fight

By DANNY ROBBINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Federal firefighters and officials from several U.S. agencies joined the fight against a massive wildfire burning 70 miles west of Fort Worth on Wednesday, the same day a Texas firefighter died from injuries suffered while battling a blaze earlier this month.

The fire at Possum Kingdom Lake is among several that have scorched about 1 million acres across bone-dry Texas in the past two weeks. The federal team joined local personnel to help fight a blaze that has burned nearly 150,000 acres and destroyed about 50 homes, said Haven Cook, a spokeswoman for the Southern Area Incident Management Team.

A spokesman for University Medical Center in Lubbock said Elias Jacquez of Cactus, died Wednesday morning, 11 days after he was critically injured fighting a fire 40 miles north of Amarillo.

Jacquez, 49, died the same day mourners gathered for the funeral of Gregory M. Simmons of Eastland, who died Friday fighting a fire in his hometown 130 miles west of Dallas.

Texas Forest Service spokesman Marq Webb said weather conditions Wednesday allowed firefighters to make "great progress" in building containment lines because the wind was down and

humidity was up. He said the next couple of days could be crucial because they too are expected to offer similar conditions.

"We're going to have a two- or three-day reprieve and then things start ramping up again," Webb said.

Webb said Wednesday's efforts to fight the fires using aircraft was less intense than Tuesday, when planes and helicopters dumped nearly 600,000 gallons of water and fire retardant across the state.

Dan Byrd, a National Weather Service meteorologist working with the Texas Forest Service, said the moister air makes containing the fires easier because trees and bushes become less flammable.

"The humidity will help with the fuel, but we really need some rainfall," Byrd said. "We expect rain in the next few days, but we don't know if it'll get on the fires or not."

Personnel from more than a half-dozen federal agencies — including the Forest Service, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management — have been working to deal with fires in West Texas covering portions of 36 counties for more than a week, said Bridget Litten, a spokeswoman for that team.

"More of a federal effort is coming into the state now because of the severity of the fires," she said.

Litten said rising humidity and

cooler temperatures, along with five drops of fire retardant from a converted DC-10 jetliner, have helped the team in West Texas make progress.

The fire retardant, a mixture of chemicals and water, was dropped Tuesday on the fire in Coke and Tom Green counties, about 250 miles west of Dallas, and it allowed officials to lift an evacuation order Wednesday, she said. That fire covers 158,867 acres.

Litten said firefighters have had trouble containing one corner of the largest West Texas fire, burning over more than 200,000 acres in Jeff Davis and Presidio counties, but hoped Wednesday to institute a plan that would stop it by letting it burn to a road.

"The plan is to use the road system more as a fire break," she said.

The federal team that's now at Possum Kingdom Lake is part of a unified command that also includes the Texas Department of Public Safety and local government authorities, including county judges in four affected counties. Forest Service operations director Mark Stanford said.

More than 340 people, including firefighters from local departments and federal agencies and troops from the Texas Army National Guard, have been deployed to deal with the Possum Kingdom fire, which started Thursday and spread into two other counties.

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Students show flair for design

By Bonnie Berger
REPORTER

The family and consumer sciences department will showcase its annual runway event, the Baylor Fashion Show Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 30 in the Bill Daniel Student Center Barfield Drawing Room.

The theme, “Rhythm of the Runway,” is designed to highlight the work of senior design majors, as well as multiple undergrads, giving them the opportunity to showcase their collections.

Coordinated by Dr. Rochelle Brunson, professor of visual merchandising, the event relies heavily on student involvement from the initial planning stages to the final production. While design students present their pieces, merchandising students work with retailers and coordinate the event’s details, from ticket sales to programs.

“That’s where those two pieces [merchandising and design] join together,” Brunson said. “Students are able to learn from each other and gain experience in each other’s fields.”

Aside from displaying students’ work, the show includes a four-legged fashion component, doubling as a philanthropy event where the dog clothes are auctioned off for charity. Several of the designs won first and third place awards at the Dallas Career Day on April 1.

One of the largest design events in the country, Career Day brings in more than 1,200 students and educators annually. According to the Baylor’s marketing department and communications, 83.3 percent of the garments submitted by Baylor FCS appeared in runway competitions, with 29 percent winning awards and scholarships.

“The normal layperson, they hear ‘fashion merchandising’ and think, ‘Oh, so you guys sew,’” Brunson said. “It’s not that. Product design and merchandising offer our students a built-in business minor and entrepreneurship minor, so many of them have been able to open up their own business.”

In a competitive market, FCS strives to provide students with a multifaceted education, enabling them to work in a variety of environments.

“Many of the design students ... they’re not all going to go out

and be Ralph Lauren, but many of them will go out and work for a designer and do product design,” Brunson said. “I try to look at it as more of the real world. ... There are a lot of different things they can do with this.”

Houston senior fashion design major Lizvette Damman is concurrently working toward a marketing degree from the University of Texas at Austin and appreciates the unique approach to education. Marketing is a degree that opened her eyes to a wide variety of post-graduate opportunities.

“I think for especially wanting to start my own line in the future, you learn how to sell yourself, sell your line, learn how to investigate the customers and tailor your collection to ... sell to the majority,” Damman said.

“With marketing, we learn about the customers and how to convince them that they want something and make the product more widely accepted.”

For many design students, the final semester of senior year comes as the culmination of their education as they are presented with the opportunity to design, sketch and create their own line.

“All four years, we’ve been waiting for this class,” Damman said. “You really have to want this in order to do it, I guess. You’ve got to keep pushing, especially when we’re this close to the end.”

Although Damman will not be participating in this year’s event, she has extensive experience showing her collections throughout the country.

Damman’s work won a first-place award at the Dallas Career Day, and she has been actively involved in various shows throughout her education. Aspiring to eventually launch her own line, Damman will intern with Macy’s New York office, working with private brands after graduation in August.

“It’s a culmination of their four years here,” Brunson said. “It’s showing their parents and friends what they’ve worked toward. It’s a big thing, especially for the design students.”

Tickets for the departmental fashion show are on sale at the Bill Daniel Student Center ticket office. Tickets are \$10 for the 2 p.m. show and \$15 for the 7 p.m. show. Awards honoring distinguished seniors will follow the late show.

Beefy Baked Ziti

Ingredients

- 1 pound dry ziti pasta
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 52 ounce tomato and basil sauce
- 6 ounces provolone cheese, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 6 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add ziti pasta, and cook until al dente, about 8 minutes; drain.

In a large skillet, brown onion and ground beef over medium heat. Add pasta sauce and simmer 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Butter a 9x13 inch baking dish. Layer as follows:

- 1/2 of the ziti, Provolone cheese, sour cream, 1/2 sauce mixture, remaining ziti, mozzarella cheese and remaining sauce mixture. Top with grated Parmesan cheese.

Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until cheeses are melted.

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What all the stars tell their tweeps

Sheen has day in court for custody battle over kids

By Scott Collins
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES – Charlie Sheen had a busy day in court Tuesday, as the sacked sitcom star’s lawyers tried to quash legal moves by his former studio bosses and struggled to wrest custody of his toddler twins from his estranged wife.

Sheen’s tangled professional and personal lives were thus both on display in the legal system simultaneously.

The former star of TV’s top comedy “Two and a Half Men,” Sheen has sued Warner Bros. for \$100 million, accusing the studio of wrongly firing him this year after months of erratic behavior and reported drug abuse.

The show halted production and it is unclear whether it will return next season.

On Tuesday morning, the two sides met in a Santa Monica courthouse, where Sheen’s attorney, Martin Singer, battered away at Warners’ bid to send the case to arbitration. Sheen prefers a court trial, although many legal experts consider it unlikely Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Allan Goodman will honor that request. (A ruling had not been made by press time.)

Singer faulted the studio for failing to produce documents that might weaken its position. And he underscored the notion of the studio as a conglomerate that needed a check on its power.

“There are discussions they could replace my client,” Singer said. Warner Bros. attorney John W. Spiegel would have none of it. “We bargained with Mr. Sheen for arbitration. That’s where this claim belongs.”

Spiegel scoffed at idea that Sheen, an actor paid \$2 million per episode, would need a court to protect him from unfairness.

Meanwhile, in another Los Angeles courtroom, Sheen showed up to ask a judge for full custody of the toddler sons he had with his now-estranged wife, Brooke Mueller.

Sheen, who had been sharing custody with Mueller under an earlier agreement, acted after news reports last week suggested she had relapsed into drug abuse.

The court ejected members of the news media after allegations surfaced that the toddlers had been abused, according to the website TMZ.

Sheen ultimately failed in his bid to alter the custody agreement, with the judge ordering the pair to continue their joint arrangement.

By then, the actor had been whisked away, reportedly to make an evening concert gig in Washington, D.C.

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Big 12 champions again

Men’s tennis beats Aggies to claim ninth conference title in 10 years

By WILL POTTER
REPORTER

There were highs and lows for the Baylor men, but in the end, they walked off the court as champions.

Baylor took down the Texas A&M Aggies in a showdown to decide champions of the Big 12 and the Bears left no doubt, roughing up the Aggies 5-2.

“Today was really special and it meant a lot to us to win the conference championship in front of our home crowd,” senior Jordan Rux said.

Winning is what the Baylor men’s tennis team has become accustomed to throughout the last decade and it is exactly what they did in their most important match of the season on Wednesday night at the Baylor Tennis Center against the Aggies.

“We started out slow this year

but managed to get better and better, build up a head of steam and come in to the matches that matter the most playing the best we possibly can,” Rux said.

For the 12th time this spring season, the Baylor men swept the doubles point to gain an early 1-0 edge over the Aggies.

At the No. 1 spot for the Bears, the fifth-ranked duo of senior John Peers and sophomore Roberto Maytin dominated the fourth-ranked tandem of Austin Krajicek and Jeff Dadamo 8-4. With the win, Peers and Maytin moved their overall record as a team to 29-5 with a 6-0 record in conference play.

On court two, the No. 46 team of senior Sergio Ramirez and Rux took care of business against 48th ranked Alexey Grigorov and Junior Ore, 8-5. The match clinched the doubles point for the Bears who headed in to singles with the

lead.

“I think today we played some of our best doubles of the season against a great doubles team,” head coach Matt Knoll said. “

First off the court for Baylor was senior Rux who knocked off Grigorov in straight sets 6-4, 6-3. The win gave Baylor a 2-0 lead with five remaining singles matches on court.

“I have been putting in a lot of hard work at practice lately and I have put in a lot of extra hours,” Rux said. “I am glad I was able to right the ship and win when it counts.”

The Aggies didn’t go quietly in to the night, however, battling back from down 2-0 to tie it at 2-2. Peers fell in straight sets as well as Maytin.

The mood grew tense and the atmosphere became electric and each point became crucial. The Big 12 championship came down to

who won the final two out of three matches left on court.

To give the Bears a 3-2 overall lead and pull Baylor within one match of yet another Big 12 championship, No. 86 Ramirez upset 40th ranked Jeff Dadamo 7-6(8), 6-3.

“Pulling out the first set tie-breaker was huge for me and I seemed to get energy out of nowhere,” Sergio Ramirez.

The Baylor men’s tennis team clinched the match and the Big 12 conference championship at the No. 5 spot as junior Kike Grangeiro did away with Colin Hoover 6-4, 6-4.

With the win, Baylor clinched the regular season conference championship for the first time since 2009 and for the 10th time since 2000. The win also marks the 11th consecutive for the Bears who will head in to the Big 12 tournament as the No. 1 overall seed.



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Senior John Peers returns a ball from Texas A&M’s Austin Krajicek in Baylor’s Wednesday night match. Although Peers dropped his match, the Bears won, 5-2, to clinch the 2011 Big 12 regular season championship.



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Members of men’s tennis celebrate defeating Texas A&M Wednesday. The 5-2 win ends the Bears’ regular season and gives them the No. 1 seed entering the Big 12 tournament, which begins next Thursday.

#7 Baylor 5, #6 Texas A&M 2

Singles Results

- #19 Austin Krajicek (TAMU) def. #17 John Peers (BU) 7-6 (4), 6-3
- #86 Sergio Ramirez (BU) def. #40 Jeff Dadamo (TAMU) 7-6 (9), 6-3
- Jordan Rux (BU) def. Alexey Grigorov (TAMU) 6-4, 6-3
- #94 Alexis Klegou (TAMU) def. #90 Roberto Maytin (BU) 6-3, 7-6 (0)
- #95 Kike Grangeiro (BU) def. Colin Hoover (TAMU) 6-4, 6-4
- #92 Dennis Lengsfeld (BU) def. Alberto Bautista (TAMU) 1-6, 6-3, 6-4

Doubles Results

- #6 John Peers/Roberto Maytin (BU) def. #4 Austin Krajicek/Jeff Dadamo (TAMU) 8-4
- #46 Sergio Ramirez/Jordan Rux (BU) def. #48 Junior Ore/Alexey Grigorov (TAMU) 8-5
- Julian Bley/Kike Grangeiro (BU) def. Colin Hoover/Alberto Bautista (TAMU) 8-4

Order of Finish: Doubles (3,1,2); Singles (3,4,1,2,5,6)

Despite inconsistent pitching, softball blanks UTSA at home

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 14 Lady Bears softball team finally took the field at Getterman Stadium after an eight-game road trip, shutting out UTSA 5-0.

“I’m not sure how we got the shutout,” head coach Glenn Moore said.

Moore was referring to his disappointment in his pitching staff, which allowed the leadoff batter on base each inning.

“But it’s unacceptable to have that many leadoff batters on,” Moore said. “You never saw them fold, but they were one big hit away from damage. They’re better in the bullpen, but they have to bring it to the circle. And that’s what’s disappointing me [is] the inconsistency.”

Freshman Liz Paul started in the circle for Baylor, going 3.1 innings and allowing three hits while walking three and striking out two.

Sophomore Courtney Repka took over in the fourth inning, with bases loaded and two outs. She went to work, forcing the batter to hit a slow roller back to her

and tossing it to first for the last out of the inning.

“In the fourth, I felt really good just coming in there and getting out of the jam and allowing us to get some runs,” Repka said.

Still, Moore said he wanted to see more solid performances from both of his pitchers.

“[Paul] didn’t have the pop,” Moore said. “She didn’t have the location. We brought Courtney in and she got us out of a jam, but she needs to be more consistent. She needs to be able to finish it.”

Even though Paul couldn’t find her groove in the circle, she was completely at home in the batter’s box, going 3-3 with two singles and a double.

“I’ve been saying all year the kid [Paul] can hit,” Moore said.

The Lady Bears had a total of 11 hits on the evening, highlighted by senior Dani Leal’s 13th homer of the season.

“I was expecting the outside pitch,” Dani Leal said. “That pitch was right down the middle so I just took it.”

The game started off slowly, as no runs scored until the bottom of

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Baylor (35-8)										
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Winning Pitcher: Courtney Repka (9-2)										
Losing Pitcher: Haylee Staton (5-7)										
Save: None								HR: BU- Dani Leal (13)		

the third.

Sophomore Kathy Shelton got on base with a one out single and then stole second. Junior Kayce Walker then drew a walk. With two on and only one out, junior Megan Turk delivered at the plate with a single to left field, scoring Shelton for a 1-0 Baylor lead.

The Lady Bears scored again in the fourth as senior KJ Freeland led

off with a single to right field. After a single by Paul and a sacrifice fly to center by senior Jordan Vannatta, junior Sydney Wilson laid down a suicide squeeze to score Freeland and make it safely to first, making the score 2-0. Baylor added insurance runs in the fifth with Leal’s three-run bomb over right center.

Things looked to get interesting in the top of the seventh as UTSA




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No. 9 sophomore Kathy Shelton steals second base in the third inning against University of Texas at San Antonio on Wednesday at Getterman Stadium. The Lady Bears won, 5-0, and improved to 35-8 on the season.

had the bases loaded with one out. Repka delivered the pitch, and senior Kristin Kappler hit a grounder to Leal, setting up the 6-4-3 double play to end the ballgame.

The Lady Bears’ next matchup is a two game conference series against Oklahoma State beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Waco.

As of Tuesday, seven Big 12 softball teams remain ranked in the top 25, with Texas Tech just outside and only Kansas and Iowa State receiving no votes.



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president of F.A.C.E.S., said. “Two of the girls were black and one was white. So they were discussing how they do their hair, and it made the girls realize people don’t know everything about other races.” Whitaker said questions remain unanswered because of the intimidation and discomfort of discussing certain issues. “We talk about subjects other people are scared to,” Whitaker said. “You can bring an open mind to our meetings. Everything we say is an individual opinion. So if you have a strong opinion about this subject, you should attend the meetings.” F.A.C.E.S. meets at 7 p.m. every other Wednesday in the Houston Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Since several of the organization’s officers are graduating soon, they are searching for applicants. “When I’m gone, I want future officers to connect with the different demographics of people across campus to broaden the cultural and religious spectrum,” Hurd said. “And continue our volunteering with the family abuse center. We want to expand all of our tra-

ditions.” F.A.C.E.S. mentors students at University High School and volunteers with the Family Abuse Center. As community service chair of the organization, Austin junior Mia Clarke said she values the time she has spent in the community and in the meeting room. “I love the idea of going to a safe place on campus and discussing subjects that we don’t talk about at Baylor,” Clarke said. “I have expanded my knowledge of minority issues and made friendships with the other officers of F.A.C.E.S.” After attempting to establish a scholarship program for the past two years, F.A.C.E.S. hopes to award a local high school student a scholarship for the fall semester. “All of our funds from the pop-sicle stand will go directly toward this scholarship fund,” Hurd said. “There are so many high school students who need a chance like this, and we can do it. If you eat a popsicle, you help someone with their education.” Members hope the scholarship will be between \$250 and \$500, depending on how much money they are able to raise.

RECYCLE from Page 1

Paula Young, director of operations in the athletic department and also a member of the Baylor sustainability committee, serves as the liaison between the athletic and sustainability departments at Baylor. Young said student volunteers often position themselves near the recycling receptacles at the stadium in order to encourage and educate patrons on proper recycling. “Even when people want to recycle, their efforts can be diminished. For instance, if trash gets mixed in with the recyclables or there is liquid left in a cup it can make them unusable. The volunteers make sure that what’s recycled is recyclable,” Hill said. The teamwork between both of these departments has been successful in the last year, as the award proves.

“It is gratifying to show support of recycling in the Baylor nation

“We saw it as an opportunity for us to enter the discussion on a national level with some of these other schools that people see as leading sustainability schools...”

Smith Getterman
Sustainability coordinator at Baylor

and encourage fans to participate in the initiative,” McCaw said. “We’re glad to play a small role in the overall success of this program.”

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She said she hopes the classification will help boost both tourism and the local economy, but also make others around the world aware of the site’s significance. The site contains the only known findings of a nursery herd of mammoths. “This is kind of all we have left to study them,” Petit said, “so it kind of lets us know what the animals would have been like, as well as the area.” Cornyn said he is proud to work to secure the national monument classification for the site, and that he commends the site’s Waco partners for their commitment. “With a financial commitment from the local partners, this legislation will confer the national recognition that this unique site deserves — without adding to the federal budget and backlog at the National Park Service,” Cornyn said in a press release. “I look forward to continuing to work with Sen. Hutchison on this effort as well as Congressman Bill Flores, who has joined our efforts to make this national recognition a reality.”

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6-to 9-year-old girls wear lipstick or lip gloss. “When you were young, that wasn’t the norm, but now this is becoming the norm,” Wood said. “There’s just this objectification of women that we have to pursue this feminine ideal even as children, even from a young age.” South Padre Island sophomore Ke’leigh Sapp, who joined I Heart Me because she loved the focus of the group and what it values, went makeup-less on Wednesday. “I think it’s a great way to outwardly show we’re more than just pretty things to look at; we’re more than just physical objects,” Sapp said. Van Davis, assistant director for fitness and nutrition education, has worked with Wood in promoting the I Heart Me campaign this semester, along with the Body IQ team. Davis said that having a day dedicated to not wearing makeup



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The Waco Mammoth site is in the process of applying for national monument status.

is a great message to inspire women. “We are hoping to empower women to get up and to go through the day without makeup on,” Davis said. “This culture, it just becomes a habit that you do this. It’s just like brushing your teeth, you put on makeup. Even if you wake up and you walk around the house, it just becomes a habit.” The I Heart Me campaign hopes to continue to inspire others on campus to change their habits. “Having conversations about this is stage one and it’s awesome,” Wood said. “Doing something, like if you’re actively changing how you live for one day, that raises it from awareness to action. Then from action it can start to change how people think about themselves and how people act at Baylor.” Sapp said she believes the I Heart Me campaign will greatly

benefit Baylor as a whole. “I think it’s something that Baylor is really looking for, it just hasn’t been there,” Sapp said. “We’re really hoping that it becomes more

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of a popular event and just gets out there for people to join and know about.”

Wood said that in the future, I Heart Me days will be more applicable to men and women on campus, but in a certain respect, the no-makeup day does apply to men. “This is a message that one day, if they want to be fathers, that I really hope they can give to their daughters, or if they’re boyfriends that they can encourage in their girlfriends to release this objectification of women,” Wood said. Members of I Heart Me hoped to bring awareness to these struggles that women face with the need to always wear makeup. Wood said that American women spend nearly \$7 billion on cosmetics each year, averaging to be about \$100 per month per woman. “There are so many other parts to us than just our face. Yet we are so quick to invest large amounts of money in our face and our appearance and neglect the other parts,” Wood said.

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