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Army ROTC members stand at attention in their unit Sunday outside Moody Library before the Tribute to Fallen Heroes remembrance ceremony.

9/11 remembrance continues

By ROBYN SANDERS
REPORTER

Three-hundred seventy two foreign nationals, 246 victims on four planes, 2,606 casualties in the North and South towers and on the ground, and 125 at the Pentagon. These are the casualties of Sept. 11 that will never be forgotten, and Friday's "Tribute to Fallen Heroes" honored everyone of them.

The event, which took place Sunday at 3 p.m. served as a time of remembrance of the attacks and soldiers who have given

their lives in the line of duty, as well as a celebration of military veterans and active-duty personnel. The Lost Heroes Art Quilt, which had been displayed in Moody Library was also featured at the event.

Baylor was the quilt's last stop before being put on permanent display at the Arlington National Cemetery visitor's center in Washington D.C.

Gold Star Mother Nancy Hecker, who came to Baylor accompanying the quilt, said she was very appreciative of the quilt's positive reception.

"I thought it was wonderful," Hecker

said. "I love the idea that the quilt was a catalyst for community outreach to the Fort Hood community, to the military community, to gold star families, to blue star families."

Gold star families have lost a member in military service, and blue star families currently have a member in service.

Speakers at the tribute included Baylor President Ken Starr, Texas Sen. Brian Birdwell, Brig. Gen. Bill Webber, Brig. Gen. Joseph DiSalvo and Waco Mayor Jim Bush.

Birdwell, who was wounded in the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, honored current

and former service men and women in his speech, commending their willingness to serve despite the dangers they would face.

"It isn't whether or not you got a purple heart or not in service to the nation, it's that you were willing to earn one by putting on the uniform of this nation," Birdwell said. "We have young men and women as these around us... that are prepared to make that ultimate sacrifice because they love this nation's freedoms far more than our enemies love death."

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

During the Sept. 11 Service of Remembrance held Sunday in Waco Hall, Texas State Senator and Pentagon survivor Brian Birdwell spoke to the audience about his experience.

Texas senator shares Pentagon survival story

By GRACE GADDY
REPORTER

The memory of those who lost their lives on the morning of Sept. 11, many while selflessly serving to save others, was lifted high during a special commemoration service Sunday in Waco Hall.

"Baylor Remembers: A Service of Remembrance" featured 9/11 survivor and Texas Sen. Brian Birdwell as the keynote speaker. Birdwell related details of his own

recollections of that day, starting when he first arrived in his office at the Pentagon where he worked as a military aide.

"That morning started off as any other day," Birdwell said, quickly adding he had yet to realize the reality of that day.

He remembered stepping out to use the restroom, telling colleagues he would be back.

But that moment never came.

"Those were the last words that I would speak to my two co-

workers, because there was no thought that the Pentagon was the third target, or that there were more beyond just those of the World Trade Center," Birdwell said.

Birdwell was thrown from the second floor to ground level as hijacked American Airlines Flight 177 crashed into the western side of the Pentagon. He suffered burns covering 60 percent of

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Panel discusses terrorism, proper Christian response

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

Three Baylor professors of religion discussed weighty theological issues pertaining to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks Monday, struggling with how the Christian ought to respond to injustices and whether the Scriptures allow for supporting retribution.

Dozens of people, both students and professors attended the discussion panel, which was held in Miller Chapel and sponsored by the Baylor Religion Club. Dr. Bill Bellinger, chair of the religion department, and professors of religion Dr. Natalie Carnes and Dr. Reggie Williams served as members of the panel.

Williams said while the acts of the al-Qaida terrorist group ten-years ago were deplorable, they were driven by a fundamental belief that certain groups should be excluded from society, a belief Williams warned Christians

can be susceptible to and should avoid.

"It is important to qualify that fact: [The terrorists] were human, too," Williams said. "That recognition alone does something important. It's far too easy after 9/11 to create groups of innocent and non-innocent which look human and non-human. We then seek to exclude the non-humans from our company; but if we recognize them as human, we can then see something of ourselves there, too. How do we practice exclusion?"

Carnes warned of another danger Christians face when their attention is drawn toward injustices overseas and away from human needs at home.

"Sometimes caring for the world and seeking justice for the world can be a way of ignoring our neighbors," Carnes said. "So we sometimes get involved in international causes as ways of avoiding dealing with the fact that Waco has twice the poverty rate as a normal city of its size. So

this is not to say don't seek justice anywhere injustice is found; definitely do. But don't let abstractions substitute for the people who are here who are part of the community."

Dolly Hubbard, an audience member who served in the United States Army from 1994 until 2004, said she and her son, who signed up for the infantry after the Sept. 11 attacks, had trouble at times reconciling their belief in God with their dedication to U.S. war efforts.

"I started studying theology in undergrad," Williams told Hubbard, "and the question that you're asking reminds me of some of the questions that I still wrestle with in regards to pacifism, the question about whether or not a follower of Christ should be pacifist or is it okay for a follower of Christ to take up arms and kill the enemy. ... If my allegiance is

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Waco resident Jennifer Hughes, her son JC and her daughters Julia and Jetta relax in the Founder's Mall grass during the Memorial Carillon Recital at Pat Neff.

Memorial recital connects university through music

By JENNIFER KANG
REPORTER

People of different backgrounds and ages gathered in front of the Pat Neff Hall bell tower as Baylor's carillonneur Lynnette Geary played a memorial recital on Sunday for the 10th

anniversary of the terrorist attacks in 2001. A carillon is a set of fixed chromatically tuned bells sounded by hammers controlled from a keyboard.

The recital started off with contemplative pieces, such as

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MLB's decision fails New York

In case you miss the other 8,000 columns undoubtedly but justifiably written on the following topic, I'll supply a brief run-down: Major League Baseball majorly screwed up on Sunday.

I'm not talking about a bad umpire call or the fact that the 2011 Houston Astros are still allowed to charge admission, so stay with me, non-sports fans.

I'm talking about caps. You know, the ones you can wear any which way, often found at Baylor in the neon variety with Greek letters.

Some caps represent baseball teams, like the New York Mets, and others sport very recognizable insignias. If a cap reads "NYPD" or "FDNY," we don't have to spell it out to know who it's referencing.

If you don't know, Google it. It's the first result.

On Sunday, the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Mets didn't want to wear their classic blue caps with the orange "NY" logo. They wanted to pay homage to New York's emergency services, the people risking a lot more than a couple strikeouts when they go to work.

During their pregame warm-up before they played the Chicago Cubs, the Mets wore NYPD and FDNY caps. They thought it'd be a good idea to also wear them during the game.

Major League Baseball's response? No.

The Mets released a statement, saying "MLB set a league-wide policy as it related to caps and uniforms for September 11, and we followed the guidelines."

Joe Torre, MLB's executive vice president for baseball operations, said the league made the decision to preserve a consistent uniform and that "certainly, it's not a lack of respect."

I beg to differ. I can understand MLB not wanting a team to go wild on the 9/11 anniversary and end up with some hideous uniform like that of the Astros in the late '70s and '80s.

Again, if you don't know what that jersey looks like, Google it. It is grotesque.

That, however, was not the case in Sunday's game.

Ask anyone in the Citi Field crowd, many of whom shed tears in the 24-minute, pregame remembrance ceremony, if they'd have been offended by their team scrapping its usual cap for one game.

For even better proof, ask former New York Mets player Todd Zeile. Zeile was a member of the 2001 Mets, who, in their first game in New York after the attacks, also wanted to wear NYPD and FDNY caps.

"We felt that was the best way to align ourselves with those guys that were working 24/7 while we were still out trying to play baseball," Zeile said of his 2001 team.

And they did. The 2001 Mets told Major League Baseball to shove it, and they took the field in those caps. Nobody seemed to mind.

The Mets won that Sept. 21, 2001, game with the help of possible hall-of-famer Mike Piazza's dramatic eighth-inning home run. Even members of the losing team and coincidentally my favorite team, the Atlanta Braves, later said they embraced that game and what it meant to New



Chris Derrett | Editor in chief

York. There really weren't any losers that night.

Piazza was present at Sunday's game and joined ESPN analysts for the pregame show at the stadium. When asked to describe his home run 10 years ago, he choked up and fought tears.

"The fact that it touched so many people, and so many people even here today remember that and found a little bit of healing from that - It's very humbling to me," he said.

There's one more point upon

"Ask anyone in the Citi Field crowd, many of whom shed tears in the 24-minute, pregame ceremony, if they'd have been offended by their team scrapping its usual cap for one game."

which I disagree with MLB. Torre added another statement to the league's explanation, saying, "We just felt all the major leagues are honoring the same way with the American flag on the uniform and the cap. This is a unanimity thing."

It blows my mind that MLB grouped New York, the city literally blanketed in dust and debris on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, in the same category as every other city in America.

Every other city was uniformly sorrowful about the attacks on 9/11. New York actually had to do something about it.

To prevent the Mets from wearing those caps for the sake of unanimity is an insult to New York and its police and firefighters. New York deserves to remember and recognize its heroes however it wants.

Look, I'm not from New York. I've never even been there, though I'd really like to some day. Everything I've said is speculation at best.

But from an outsider's perspective watching the Mets, then the Jets, Yankees and finally the Giants return to play in New York in 2001, I saw a family bringing all its parts together for three hours of fellowship. It was those teams' jobs to represent their city as strongly as their emergency workers did on that day of tragedy.

If the Mets thought a "FDNY" or "NYPD" better symbolized that family than just a "NY" on their caps, should anybody have stopped them on the 10-year anniversary?

Tell me you don't have to Google that one.

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BU makes good progress with LGBT community on campus

Editorial

Sometimes being a Christian isn't the easy thing to do, especially when it means talking about things that make us uncomfortable or embracing those whose lifestyles run counter to our own.

Baylor has faced this challenge for many years in regard to its lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender population and has recently been the subject of discussions on the topic.

In just one year, Baylor has moved from the 11th spot on the "LGBT Unfriendly" list in the Princeton Review to receiving no rank on the list at all. This is progress, but the university is still not where it should be.

There are former Baylor students who can recall their experience here with only a negative reaction because of the environment relative to LGBT students. The Sexual Identity Forum has been denied an official charter despite the fact that it has pledged not to become an advocacy organization. And many simply do not see Baylor as a university that loves and accepts those who are not heterosexual.

So we are faced with a difficult situation, but that situation has the potential to teach us all something about what it means to be Christian.

If we want to call Baylor a Christian university, we have to change the way some of us continue to treat the LGBT population. We have to hold out open arms to our neighbors, as Jesus would. We have to stop judging others and admit that even if we see homosexuality as a sin, we are all sinners as well.

We're called to be Christians, and that means loving unconditionally, treating our neighbors as we would like to be treated no matter what our differences are. This does not mean we have to advocate for views that we don't believe in. In keeping with Biblical tradition, Baylor has a policy against homosexual conduct and groups that advocate such behavior, and we support this.

However, when groups such as the Sexual Identity Forum come forth to ask for a charter, they should not be denied. The group says it does not advocate homosexual behaviors, but instead attempts to foster conversation on campus.

That is a brave goal at a university where some LGBT people still do not feel welcome or accepted.

And further, it could help all of us. Conversation can be the best tool for unifying groups of people, for eliminating social stigmas and for creating a more honest atmosphere.

If the university does not feel that a chartered student organization is the best way to bring about "healthy and responsible dialogue," as Lori Fogleman, director of media relations, told the

"We have to hold out open arms to our neighbors, as Jesus would. We have to stop judging others and admit that even if we see homosexuality as a sin, we are all sinners as well."

Lariat last semester, we would like to see the university establish its own "professionally facilitated program" that would allow LGBT and straight students to talk about these issues together.

College is supposed to be a place where two sides of an issue can be laid out, discussed and debated in safety. It is supposed to

be a haven for thinkers, for debaters, for people who are trying to figure life out before facing "the real world" head-on. And that doesn't just apply to philosophies or scientific theories or business models. It applies to social issues, practical issues, the things we all face in our day-to-day lives - things that aren't necessarily debated behind classroom doors, but that should be openly debated by groups of students or in forums on campus. And as a Christian university, Baylor is called on to be such a haven. We are required by our title to guide students as best we can, to listen with love, and to know where the boundaries of judgment lie.

We do not have to approve of the LGBT lifestyle or support advocacy groups. But we must choose to either do our best to love all of our neighbors or else recognize that we are not, in fact, the Christian university that we claim to be - and we all know that is not an option.

So we can start with communication - listening to one another and trying to understand one another - and follow that with the unconditional love we are called to give. It may not come to us easily or quickly, but being a Christian will always be work.

Coming Up Next

Look for these Lariat columns later this week

"I think coaches and athletic directors are losing all ability to criticize athletes for their ego-centric, money-and-fame-based decisions as they make decisions for the very same reasons."

"I grew up, packed away my fake bug collection, and moved on to figuring out what to do with my life. Now, at the end of my college career, all I can wonder is whether I made my decisions too quickly."

"From the chapel services to the spiritual life center to the genuine faculty who lead the students, Baylor has not failed in remaining true to its Christian roots. It's the students that are the problem."

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Dallas dog fashion show leaves tongues wagging

By Ashley Yeaman
Reporter

At Baylor, fashion has gone to the dogs.

Outfits made especially for dogs by Baylor apparel design students have won top prizes at the Fashion Group International Dallas Career Day competition and have also raised more than \$12,000 to benefit Texas animal rescue shelters.

Jaynie Fader, a lecturer in the family and consumer sciences department, incorporated the Four Legged Fashion portion of the Career Day competition into her advanced apparel production and evaluation course two years ago as a special assignment for students.

Fader said the project initially began as a challenge for herself and her students.

"I own dogs, but I had never made something for dogs specifically," she said, "There aren't really any books out there on how to make garments for dogs. I got the measurements and worked on making a dog form for students to use. It's a constant thing trying to find one that's accurate."

Students have overcome the difficulties of unfamiliar measurements to make outfits that showcase their creativity.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gatesville sophomore, Mia Berry won first-place at the 2011 Fashion Group International Dallas Career day, Four Legged Fashion: Canine Meets Couture show with this entry.

Gatesville sophomore Mia Berry, an apparel design and product development major, combined two of her sketches for her final entry into the 2011 Career Day competition.

"I had one that was a little bit

plain, and one with a detailed collar, and Ms. Fader told me to put them together," Berry said. "I couldn't figure out how to make the collar at first, because I wanted it to look like fur, but it couldn't be. I ultimately used yarn for the effect."

Edmond, Okla., sophomore Claire Major, an apparel design and product development major, also sought a unique design.

"I wanted to make something that was like a coat, because most of the pictures I had seen were of

dresses," Major said. "I decided on the pea coat design with antique buttons, and then made tons of sketches."

After their work is submitted, the students' projects are evaluated by Fader, other faculty members and an individual who works in the pet apparel industry.

The best garments are submitted into the Dallas Career Day competition category "Four Legged Fashion: Canine Meets Couture."

Berry and Major were able to see their designs on the runway at the Dallas Career Day 2011 competition. The competition was held this past spring.

"If it appears on the runway, then it's blocked [to win], which is great," Major said. "That was really exciting."

Berry's entry placed first and Major's placed third, beating out hundreds of other submissions from around the country.

After the winners were announced in April, the garments were donated to Four Legged Fashion Fund to be auctioned off at the May 2011 "Pup-tail" party, along with outfits created by professional designers.

The proceeds from the auction are used to fund local animal shel-

ters.

Baylor has had three students place in the Four Legged Fashion category of the Dallas Career Day competition in the past two years.

Along with Berry and Major, Austin junior Kaylyn Smith, a fashion design major, placed second in the Dallas Career Day competition in 2010 in the Four Legged Fashion category.

The three entries combined have sold at auction for more than \$12,000.

Creating these outfits has not only benefited animals, but also the student designers by providing skills and experience in a growing career field, said Fader.

"Sales of luxury pet apparel products continue to expand," Fader said. "The strong pet industry produced over \$47.7 billion in sales on pet-related products in 2010."

The many benefits of students entering the competition matches Baylor's mission, Fader said.

"This opportunity blend[s] academic information, business growth opportunities and a strong dedication [to] community service," Fader said.

Students will have the chance to compete and learn again on April 13, 2012 at the next Fashion Group International Dallas Career Day.

Olive Branch after-hours offers monthly entertainment

By David McLain
Staff Writer

One downtown restaurant will be regularly opening its doors past closing time for a monthly event, beginning this week.

The Olive Branch Bakery & Café is starting a series of various by-reservation events every third Thursday of the month.

This Thursday, the café's special event will feature a gourmet picnic served during a showing of the film "When Harry Met Sally."

Leah Stewart, owner of the Ol-

ive Branch, is providing an event to complement the City of Waco's efforts to bring more life to downtown.

"It is something fun that I get to do that is different than what I do every day, and it gives us an opportunity to stretch our creative cooking skills a little bit and offer some entertainment downtown," Stewart said.

Each reservation includes a basket with a three-course meal intended for two, whether or not the actual party comprises more than two individuals.

It will include an appetizer, entrée, dessert and drink. A \$65 reservation covers the meal as well as the price of seeing the movie.

"We're striving to put on fun and unique events to give folks something different to do with their evenings," said Bonnie Berger, Olive Branch marketing director.

A large screen will be positioned in the front entry room of the restaurant for the movie that evening. Tables will be set up in between the drink fountains and the movie screen.

"We will have staff here passing out the baskets," Stewart said. "It

"We're striving to put on fun and unique events to give folks something different to do with their evenings."

Bonnie Berger | Olive Branch marketing director

will be dark, so we will keep drinks

refilled as we can. Every basket will have a bottle of sparkling lemonade in it, so they can refill it as they need during the movie."

Stewart has plans to continue these Triple Treat Thursdays, as she calls the event.

The coming months include plans for a murder mystery dinner and a dessert buffet.

The cost will vary each month depending on the specific event.

"I just want to create something for people to do, a reason to be down here, since downtown is really trying to grow," Stewart

said. "I've got a fantastic chef as my business partner and he does great things, and I have fun cooking, and it's just fun to stretch things a little bit."

The heart of this venture, as well as the mission of the restaurant itself, lies within its owner.

Stewart's view of connection between food and fellowship is evident.

"You get to know people over food and I really like that concept of being able to bridge the gap between people," Stewart said in an April 2011 interview.



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After Dark auditions bring students success

By JESSICA FOREMAN
REPORTER

Berlinsky, who sang "Gravity" in After Dark 2010. This year, Berlinsky will be joined with fellow returner Max Helmerich, who performed in After Dark 2008, and Amy Boykin, also a performer from 2010.

Lauren Knebel, a senior music education major from Frisco, was

"The best part is you can look out from the stage and see that people are enjoying what you are doing."

Lauren Knebel | senior

a 2009 and 2010 After Dark participant.

The Baylor ShowTime! member worked with nine other show choir participants to perform "Be our Guest" and "Showtime" during After Dark, which were hit numbers from the musical theater's routines.

"I just have to say that it was a great experience," Knebel said. "It's really fun that I could perform in front of my peers and most of the university. The best part is you can look out from the stage and see that people are enjoying what you are doing."

Fraze said After Dark is a tal-

Thirteen acts were selected for the After Dark performance, set for Sept. 23. About 60 Baylor students auditioned Tuesday and Wednesday in Waco Hall for Baylor University's After Dark student variety show.

After Dark is an annual all-university event held during Parents' Weekend organized by the Department of Student Activities that features musical theater numbers, stand-up comedy, dance, and vocal artists.

Keith Fraze, coordinator of student productions, said the performances at this year's auditions were "as always, impressive."

"Baylor students have a great deal of talent, and we enjoy seeing all of it," said Fraze, who was a judge for the After Dark auditions, along with his graduate assistant, Beth Roller, and the members of the student productions committee.

The judges for the After Dark auditions work as producers for After Dark, as well as the other student productions - Pigskin Revue, All-University Sing and Stompfest.

Fraze said there are a few returning performers to After Dark this year, such as vocalist Claire



MATT HELLMAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Plano freshman Blake Olvera performs during After Dark auditions held Friday in the SUB Den.

ent revue designed to give students an opportunity to perform in front of captive audiences of the Baylor family.

"Of course, as a Parents Weekend event, it's a special time for parents and students to be together

and experience Baylor's exceptional talent," Fraze said.

Tickets are on sale now for \$10, \$12, \$14 and \$16.

After Dark 2011 will take place in Waco Hall. There will be two performances at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

on Sept. 23.

"The show will be classic After Dark this year," Fraze said. "There are many musical performances, both vocal and instrumental, as well as rap, dance, and comedic monologue. I predict a great show."

2011 After Dark Selections:

The Little Rascals
Clare Berlinsky & Max Helmerich
"Barton Hollow" - The Civil Wars

Baylor Dance Company
"Can't Stop" - Maroon 5

Phoebe Hailu
"I Love You I Do" - Dreamgirls

Mario Bardosa
Piano

Sam Pomeroy & Isaac Forester
"Evensong" - Original

Trannie Stevens and Jack
"My Place in the Line" - Original

Zach Barba

Good Times Family Band
"Killing Me Softly" - The Fugees

Taylor Nall
"Trigger Morris: Frontier Mortician"

Amy Boylun & Clark Jones
"Bohemian Rhapsody" - Queen

Michael Agnew
(with Bryan Roldan & Cameron Butcher)
"Simple Times" - Original

Men's cappella Group
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Bailey Sullivan & Friends
"Home" - Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros

The Lariat congratulates all of those who were selected and will perform at After Dark.

Recent SpongeBob SquarePants attention controversy overblown

By JOSHUA MADDEN
A&E EDITOR

SpongeBob. Exactly what, no one seems to be sure.

If you go on Google News, you'll quickly discover Forbes and U.S. News aren't the only news outlets talking about this study. In fact, it's attracted such attention Nickelodeon was forced to comment.

"Having 60 non-diverse kids, who are not part of the show's targeted (audience), watch nine minutes of programming is questionable methodology and could not possibly provide the basis for any valid findings that parents could trust," David Blitter, Nickelodeon spokesman, told the Associated Press.

He also pointed out that the study focused on 4-year-olds when SpongeBob is actually directed toward kids aged 6-11.

Every one of Bittler's points here makes sense, which is amazing given how illogical the study was in the first place. Evidently you can fight fire with something other than fire.

Am I the only one who feels like they're missing something here? This "controversy," if you can even call it a "controversy," is simply absurd and makes about as much sense as, well, an episode of SpongeBob SquarePants.

Nothing about this study

makes any sense. Of course the kids who watched Canadian educational programming did better on tests than the kids who watched SpongeBob. They were probably thrilled to get to do anything other than watch Canadian educational cartoons. Even 4-year-olds have enough sense to know that isn't the most entertaining way to spend nine minutes.

It's a funny story simply because of how ridiculous it is, but it also brings up some serious issues about the media and how quick it can be to rush to judgement on an issue.

We need to be careful what we demonize and why we demonize it. Demonizing SpongeBob because of a study that makes absolutely no sense is not an appropriate thing for us to do.

Finding out who paid for this study and what their intentions were seems like an obvious thing to do from here and I would call upon my fellow members of the media to show as much vigilance in that task as they did in reporting on this story originally.

If Forbes or U.S. News wants my help, they just need to ask.

Please send all comments to lariat@baylor.edu.



A hot air balloon festival in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico. November 2010 featured SpongeBob.

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Soccer remains dominant at home over weekend

By DANIEL WALLACE
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor soccer improved to 6-1-1 over the weekend behind two home 2-0 victories, increasing the Bears' home winning streak to six games with a 5-0 home record this season.

On Sunday, the Bears handed the North Texas Mean Green (5-1-1) their first loss of the season in an aggressive game. Head coach Marci Jobson said the team eventually just wore down the Mean Green and that the Bears fought hard to earn the victory.

"We are an aggressive team, and they are an aggressive team," head coach Marci Jobson said. "When you get two of those together, it's going to be a little bit brutal. When you have two blue-collar, hard-working, physical teams come together, it's going to be ugly."

The game was scoreless until the 52nd minute when junior midfielder Hanna Gilmore recorded a goal for the second consecutive game. She notched the ball in from 12 yards out off a corner kick from senior defender Hannah Dismuke. Gilmore said the key to the victory was attitude and effort, the

two things the team has preached all season. Gilmore took a go-for-it attitude into Sunday's game, and specifically right before she scored.

When Gilmore saw an opening for the shot, she had the mindset of, "If you make it, you make it. If you miss, you move on."

In the 82nd minute, junior forward Dana Larsen picked up her fourth goal of the season on a cross from senior midfielder Bethany Johnston to give Baylor the 2-0 lead.

"It was perfect," Larsen said. "I didn't have to move. I just had to stand there."

Larsen said this was the first game the team felt like it played Baylor soccer for a full 90 minutes. Jobson agreed with Larsen, saying it was great to see her team so focused and sharp for the entirety of the game, saying this was the best game the team has played all season.

The Bears outshot the Mean Green 23-4, including 14-2 in the second half.

Friday's contest resulted in the same score for the Bears, this time against the Texas State Bobcats (2-4). Although the outcome was consistent in the 2-0 victory, much was

different from Sunday's victory. Coach Jobson did not think her team played very well during the whole game because of the lack of focus it had in the first half.

The inspirational halftime speech did not come from Jobson but senior defender Staz Salinas. Jobson said she was able to get the team focused and energized for the second half. It showed as Baylor scored two second-half goals to seal the 2-0 victory.

"Staz has always been a huge leader on this team," freshman forward Natalie Huggins said. "She leads by how she plays, how she acts. She fired us up to score those goals in the second half."

Huggins got the scoring going early in the second half, banking in a header in the 46th minute. The second score came from Gilmore whose header beat the keeper to the far post in the 82nd minute.

Not only did the Bears come out of the half with more focus, the team just simply played better in the last 45 minutes, Jobson said.

"We eliminated their opportunities," she said. "We just played better defenses in the second half. We cleared the ball better; we won more head balls, we put a ton of



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No. 27 forward Vic Hoffman attempts to kick a goal on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, during the Lady Bears' game against UNT at the Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field. Baylor claimed a 2-0 victory over UNT.

pressure on them in the second half."

The Bears start conference play

6:30 p.m. Friday in College Station, where they face the Texas A&M Aggies (4-4-0).

XC men take gold, women bronze

By LAUREAN LOVE
REPORTER

Baylor men's cross country finished first overall at the UTA Season Opener for the second year in a row, and the women finished third.

Sophomore Brad Miles out-ran the field by 14 seconds at Vandergiff Park in Arlington.

"Both squads ran really well," head coach Todd Harbour said in the press release. "With all the dry weather, the course was in tough shape, but UTA did a good job of getting the course ready."

Miles led the four-mile course with a time of 20:26 and was followed by freshman Derwin Graham with a time of 20:44.

The Baylor men won with a total of 19 points, followed by UTA's 49 points and TCU's 52 points. Miles led the men's team for the second meet in a row.

For the women's two-mile course, senior Kristen Hanselka led the Baylor women's team and finished ninth overall with a time of 11:20.

Sophomore Robyn Bennett immediately followed Hanselka for a 10th-place finish with a time of 11:21 and the redshirt freshman Mariah Kelly placed 11th with a time of 11:25.

The Baylor women were 14 points behind SMU's first-place win of 38 points and nine behind TCU's 43 points.

"The men executed a really good game plan that Coach [Jon] Capron had for them," Harbour said. "The ladies ran well. Robyn and Leah [Frazier] had really good races. I was really pleased with the way we went up there and fought with that crew against some solid teams."

The Lady Bears' top four runners from their first event sat out to rejuvenate for their next three meets.

Baylor hosts the Baylor Invitational 8 a.m. Saturday at the Baylor Intramural Fields.

Volleyball keeps rolling with 8-2 season record

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor volleyball went 2-1 on the weekend at the MCM Elegante' Invitational in Beaumont.

Freshman Adri Nora and junior middle blocker Torri Campbell each earned all-tournament team honors.

Their first match was against UTEP, a five-set battle where the Lady Bears came out on top 3-2 (25-27, 25-19, 19-25, 25-22, 15-12.) giving the Miners their first loss of the season.

Baylor lost the first and third

sets, made a comeback from seven points down in the fourth and three down in the fifth to grip the win.

"We had to make a bunch of adjustments because UTEP played a great game and came in with some things we weren't ready for," head coach Jim Barnes said. "Our bench did a great job today of supporting the team and being ready to come in when they were needed. It was a great team effort. The girls really fought hard and found a way to win."

Baylor racked up 60 kills, led by freshman utility Adri Nora with

14, and 85 digs, led by senior libero Allison King with 26.

The Lady Bears' seven-match winning streak was broken by Mississippi State as Baylor fell 3-1 (21-25, 25-21, 19-25, 20-25.)

Baylor could not seem to get the offense rolling as the team hit .284 with 56 kills, as opposed to Mississippi State's .308 with 65 kills.

Senior middle blocker Briana Tolbert led the way offensively with 14 kills, and King grounded the defense with 19 digs.

The final match of the night, Baylor bounced back to sweep tournament host Lamar 3-0 (25-

18, 25-12, 25-23.)

Campbell led Baylor with 13 kills and zero errors to hit .591 as junior right side hitter Alyssa Dibbern and Tolbert added nine and eight respectively. Dibbern was also a force on defense as she recorded five blocks with three solo blocks and two assisted.

"We were disappointed in that loss this morning to Mississippi State, but it was good to rebound tonight and play well," Barnes said. "With Adri, it was good to see a freshman produce like that and play consistent through all three matches was promising. She could

be a special player for us. Dibbern had a great match for us tonight, she had an all-tournament-type weekend as well."

Baylor will be back in action with four matches in the coming week. The Bears will travel to Fort Worth to take on TCU at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday before heading to Las Vegas for the UNLV Classic.

In the tournament, Baylor will play San Francisco at 7 p.m. Friday.

Saturday, Baylor will play two teams. First the Bears take on Fresno State at 11:30 a.m., and then they face tournament host UNLV at 9:30 p.m.

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DiSalvo, III Corps deputy commanding general at Fort Hood, said in his address that he tells the families of fallen heroes that their loved one's sacrifice was not in vain.

"Their loved ones did have a positive impact on our mission, and on people starving for freedom and a better way of life and a promising future," DiSalvo said. "And most importantly, they left a legacy of courage, patriotism and honor that will continuously inspire current and future generations."

During the reception that followed the tribute, Starr said he was honored Baylor was the quilt's last stop before heading to Arlington National Cemetery.

"It's a great tribute to the men and women in uniform who over the generations have served from Baylor, and it's also a great tribute to our ROTC units. We're very proud of them," Starr said. "So we're just thankful that the entire community, the mayor, the wonderful colleagues from Fort Hood, have all come together to honor these risen warriors."

Anne Grinnols, assistant dean for faculty development and college initiatives, said the tribute and the displays in the library have been a reminder for her of the events of Sept. 11.

"I'm really glad that Baylor did this because it's so easy to get caught up in the day to day and forget," Grinnols said. "I walk through the library on the way to teach ... and I see the display there and it reminds me. We're human, and we need these reminders."

Retired Lt. Col. Matt Pirko said the event was a great way to recognize veterans and those at Baylor who serve, and to bring the community together.

"The fact that they honored veterans and they honored service today in such a visual and specific way really is a fantastic thing," Pirko said. "I think the combination of the military, the community, the veterans, all those different groups, really brought it home that this is truly a community effort, and that Baylor is supportive of all those things."

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his body, half of which were third degree. After being carried to Georgetown University Hospital, doctors worked fervently to save his life. Though he recalled being in excruciating physical pain, the "hardest thing" came through sighting a familiar face, he said.

"Just under the little baseball cap he was wearing, I could see in his 12-year-old eyes the pain and agony of walking in and seeing that his father was dying, and the suffering that we were enduring as a family," Birdwell said, "and seeing him say, 'I love you, Daddy.'"

Birdwell, unable to speak,

remembered mouthing the words, "I love you too, son."

"I was having that moment of 'it is finished,'" he said.

Birdwell said he now has the slightest grasp of what it must have been like for God the Father "to say goodbye to his Son for three days," he said. He then noted that many personal challenges were to follow that day through the process of healing and recovery, and many more for America as a whole.

"We made a lot of decisions about life that day, and we still make a lot of decisions about life," Birdwell said.

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to the kingdom of God, what does that mean for me in war?"

Hubbard said she and her son came to a belief that the U.S. exists under the authority of God, and therefore their service to one was also serving the interests of the other.

"The only way I could ever come to any kind of peace about it was to assume that God had the plan and he had placed leaders in place that were the leaders

he wanted there," Hubbard said. "There are a lot of young men and women that I've known who are constantly battling this. It's an internal war."

Among other topics, Carnes emphasized the "profound sense of disorientation" many Christians and non-Christians felt in the days following the attacks, and said Christians should take care not to let their anger at the injustice become hatred.

"This disorientation," Carnes

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"Doxology" by Geneva Psalter and "A Somber Pavan" by Ronald Barnes. Geary played hymns for all members of the armed forces, while finishing off with a song that was written for the Sept. 11 attacks and another song called "In Paradisum" that expresses blessings for the dead.

In 2001, Geary heard of the attacks and felt that playing the carillon was the only thing she could give back. Geary played her first memorial recital in 2002 and has played every year since.

"This is a message of hope, not

despair," Geary said. "This is a moment to think about what has happened and where we can go from here."

Geary said she feels music is a great way to connect everyone and remember that it is not only the Sept. 11 victims that must be thought about, but also the families and service members.

"There's an expression that says that music can convey more than words and can go deeper than words," Geary said. "That's what I want to convey, the emotion and thoughts that go with that incident."

The "key difference" distinguishing America from a terrorist world is that "we love life," he said.

He then drew attention to the men and women who faced a "tug of death" that fateful day, as they still do today in professions as firefighters, police officers and the military.

Baylor Law School alumnus J. D. Ressetar, whose survival account from the attack on the South Tower was aired during the service, shared Birdwell's sentiment.

"The one thing that I think everybody should remember about September 11 is the police and

firefighters that really were trying to help everybody escape, and that those are the people that died saving so many lives," Ressetar said.

Ressetar worked as a finance executive, and was on the 58th floor of the South Tower when Flight 175 crashed into it.

U.S. Congressman Bill Flores also spoke during the service, telling the audience that God is a God of restoration, and he will faithfully restore the United States of America if people call out to him on their knees.

He said the service of the day provided "an opportunity to

pause and pay tribute to the innocent victims of September 11, to the selfless first responders who prevented further loss of life, and to our military men and women around the world who bravely serve to protect our freedom."

Baylor President Ken Starr gave the closing remarks, saying while the day of Sept. 11 will always be a reminder of the "profound evil of the fallen world," it also reveals the "remarkable goodness in the human heart, powerfully illustrated by the mighty examples of the men and women who were willing to pay the ultimate price."

said, "was compounded by a sense of ourselves as exposed, our sense of invulnerability temporarily shattered. Those very institutions that had seemed to assure our invulnerability now seemed to make us targets."

Bellinger said Christians, in the midst of this disorientation and uncertainty, could take comfort in the passages of Scripture responding to the fall of Jerusalem in the sixth century B.C., passages which focused on what

the Hebrews saw as the greater sovereignty of God above that of kingdoms of men.

"The basic message is: fear not," Bellinger said "for I am with you. That is to say that the prophet [Isaiah] understood that the experience had to do with fear and that the way of dealing with fear has to do with the encounter with the divine presence."

Dr. Jonathan Tran, professor of ethics and religion who moderated the discussion panel, said he

thought the event was a success because it prompted a debate on Christian theology that is absent in mainstream coverage of the Sept. 11 anniversary.

"What I liked most was the interaction afterwards," Tran said. "It was an honest, confessional but also still theological back-and-forth, so I thought it was great."

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