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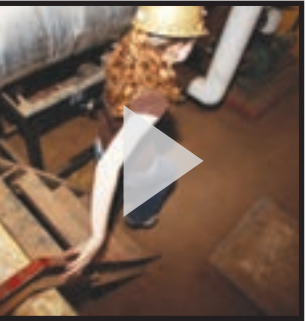
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Scholarship drive edges toward goal

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Baylor is well on its way to achieving its 2013 goal of raising \$100 million in scholarship funds.

With nearly 4,500 individual donors and a number of spring-time gifts, the President's Scholarship Initiative has surpassed the \$25 million mark.

“We're very encouraged by our early progress on the President's Scholarship Initiative,” Lori Fogleman, director of media



Starr

tending Baylor through scholarship support resonates with the Baylor family. Every donation, no

matter the amount, makes a big difference.”

One gift came in late April from the Callaway Foundation, which increased its Endowed Scholars Fund to \$1 million. The ExxonMobil Foundation also gifted the university \$372,630.

The President's Scholarship Initiative was publicly announced in September and is slated for completion in May 2013.

President Ken Starr said the “enormous amount of enthusiasm based on the profound needs of

our students, both here now and those destined to come,” has enabled the funds to be raised so quickly.

He said the progress toward the goal was made possible by the generosity of many within the community.

“We have had very generous gifts but no transformational gifts, so it reflects a great outpouring of a large number of people,” Starr said. “So it's very encouraging.”

Former student body president and Houston senior Michael

Wright said that with affordability being a key concern for students at Baylor, the support shown through donations to the initiative has been encouraging.

“Time and time again this year students have indicated that financial affordability is the No. 1 issue on campus, so it's so encouraging to see that the Baylor family has rallied behind this to help our students financially,” Wright said.

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Can you hear me now?

Fans in Floyd Casey Stadium take turns chanting during a football game against Kansas State in October. Baylor won, making the team eligible to participate in its first bowl game in 16 years. The Bears will open the 2011 season on Sept. 2 at home against TCU.

Care of live bear mascots evolves

By JAMES STOCKTON
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REPORTER AND CONTRIBUTOR

The Baylor Bookworms. The name doesn't exactly inspire fear, but in 1914 the founders of Baylor were considering making the bookworm the school's mascot.

The choice of mascot, however, was given to the students and more than half voted for the bear.

“All you have to do is hang out by the habitat any day of the week, and you see how many people come off I-35 just to see the mascots,” said Dr. Martha Lou Scott, associate vice president for student life.

Before Lady and Joy, the current bear mascots, arrived at Baylor, more than 50 bears represented the school. The first bear, named Ted or “Bruin,” came to Baylor in 1917 as a cub. Until

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Offense, defense tune up for regular season's rigors

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS EDITOR

After Baylor football's spring scrimmage, head coach Art Briles admitted the play-calling was “vanilla” and not truly indicative of the Bears' full offensive or defensive arsenal.

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

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

The offense, returning with junior quarterback Robert Griffin III and his entire receiving corps from last year, looked as synchronized as ever. The new-look defense, now under the direction of defensive coordinator Phil Bennett, showed its progress to the estimated 3,500 Baylor fans in attendance.

Going forward, the Bears hope this means continued success after a Texas Bowl appearance last year.

Most of the fans in attendance knew what to expect from an experienced offense, so across the line of scrimmage was where the attention went.

That was where the defense continued working to learn Bennett's schemes that widely depart from the Bears' 2010 defensive playbook.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 8 sophomore running back Glasco Martin dives for a touchdown against the Bears' defense during the spring scrimmage on April 2.

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

“Everybody schemes differently. This team is very aggressive, so you see that. It's just about getting those guys in the right spot,” Griffin said. “I think they've come a long way since the beginning of the spring.”

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

Briles might have put it best

after 2010's spring scrimmage, saying, “In the Big 12 South, if you're friendly and nice, you're going to have a long season.”

Bennett said he wants none of that.

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

The defense did not come away with any interceptions in the scrimmage, but it did collect five sacks, two from senior defensive end Zac Scotton. Meanwhile, among the linebackers and secondary, players like senior Elliot

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Dennis Ferguson, associate director of building services, leads a tour of the maintenance tunnels underneath Baylor campus.

Tunnel Vision

Workers inhabit hidden world beneath campus

By LELA ATWOOD
CONTRIBUTOR

Unexpectedly during conversations, rumors surface. Whispers of a secret series of underground tunnels that connect every building on campus penetrate the air. Some people insist they exist, while others place the tunnels in the same category as Santa Claus. But they are real.

In April, a group of three students from the Lariat toured one of these tunnels. The tour guide was Dennis Ferguson, associate director of building services, and Kenneth Halton, manager of the Baylor Energy Complex.

The tour was planned a week

in advance due to all the security measures surrounding the facility tunnels since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The Baylor police and the Waco firefighters were notified of the tour. About three maintenance workers were stationed at various points throughout the tunnel as a safety measure.

Ferguson said it was the first such tour in his 30 years of working at the energy complex. Usually only maintenance workers enter the facility tunnels.

Built in 1952, the facility tunnels gave workers easy access to protected wires and pipes during a time when insulation was shoddy and ineffective.

Through the tunnels run electric lines, water pipes, steam pipes and fiber optic cables.

Brian Nicholson, associate

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Students should embrace background

After many sleepless nights on the sixth floor of Collins Residence Hall, I, a freshman at Baylor, had come to the conclusion that I would never miss the farm as much as I did at that moment.

The problem resided in the fact that I could not pinpoint what it was I missed the most. Was it the bawling of the cows by my bedroom window, which I had never lived without? Or maybe the rattle of the cattle guard that I heard each morning when my father loaded up the John Deere tractor to put out the hay for the day?

Either way, I knew what my future in the dorm would be composed of: Baylor students blaring their radios and laying on their horns at 3 a.m. on Eighth Street, giving me a slight case of insomnia.

Gazing out my bedroom window, I could see the top of the Mary Gibbs Jones Family and Consumer Sciences building, I-35, the Whataburger sign and a faint view of the ALICO building downtown. Although it was one of the better views from the dormitory windows, it did not hold a candle to the cows grazing early in the mornings, and green grass that went for miles and miles back home.

To a small-town, 1A high



Rachel Stobaugh | Reporter

school graduate with more experience in agriculture and feeding baby calves on a dairy than uptown business, moving to the big city of Waco was a culture shock, and Baylor was even worse.

The girls carry Louis Vuitton handbags and strut around in their Marc Jacobs heels, but where do my Anderson Bean boots fit in? And let's be honest, I had never even heard of Sperrys until I stepped foot on Baylor's campus. Not only did I apparently need the fashion police, I also needed help with my accent.

I recall move-in day of 2008, stepping on the elevator with about

eight other girls. Biceps stinging from the weight of our bags, conversation was key to making the slow ride all the way to the top.

As I began talking to the girl next to me, one near the front of the elevator whipped her bleach blonde hair around, let me finish my sentence, and then said, "Where are you from?" My response was simply, "Texas... North Texas, to be exact." She chuckled. "I can tell," she said as she stepped off onto the fourth floor.

Puzzled, I stumbled onto the sixth floor carrying my weight in clothing and shoes. It was then I explained the incident to my roommate, Leslie, who informed me of my accent.

"Accent?" I said. "I don't have an accent." Leslie replied, "Rachel, you have a twang like I have never heard before... It's fine, girl. We'll work on it."

We never got around to working on it, because I refused. I liked the way I talked, and it wasn't going to change just because I became surrounded by preppy people.

After much deliberation, I realized that I was not alone. Taylor Bettis, currently a junior from Austin, helped immensely in my adaptation to Baylor.

When having a conversation with her in the hall of Collins one day, she mentioned she had not always been from Austin.

She was raised in a tiny town in Illinois, and because of family reasons, she had recently moved to Austin. Although it had only been a year since her move to Texas, she had adjusted quite well.

She was accustomed to the small-town, Walmart-20-minutes-away kind of lifestyle, but knew that sooner or later she would have to jump out there in the big city and see what it was like. We had that much in common and began to build a friendship on that. My point is this: Take your background and embrace it. The past is the framework for what you become.

If you were born with a thick accent, don't try to camouflage it. If you were raised not eating meat, don't change because your roommate does. If your parents raised you to not partake in drinking, don't feel obligated. Maintain your standards, maintain your composure and you will maintain the respect that people will learn to have for you.

Rachel Stobaugh is a junior nursing major from Gainesville and a reporter for The Lariat.

Chance encounter leads to unforeseen passion for culture

How do I even begin putting the pieces together?

As a graduating senior, I long so much to write an article that shares my experiences with freshmen. Yet my mind is tied in a knot. How do I even begin to convey my unique story of pain, triumph and unexpected twists along the way?

Entering as a freshman, I thought I had my life figured out. After enjoying success as a columnist while in high school, I chose to major in journalism. I

myself studying abroad in Russia, immersed with the people whose culture had so deeply touched my heart.

I got to travel on the trans-Siberian train, teach a group of Russians what the word "whoopsie" meant, and sing a stage solo at a Russian mall talent contest. I was there for a semester and enjoyed almost every minute of it.

When new acquaintances ask me about my major, I somehow end up muttering it in a low voice before announcing my Russian minor to the rooftops.

After I graduate this May, I see myself going back to Russia where I dream of teaching English to people, so that they can have greater opportunity in the world.

The funny thing is, not everyone's story is the same. During freshman year, I met a dear friend who had ambitions in journalism that mirrored mine. I was so scared that we would have to constantly compete against one another. But while my interests radically changed, she followed my original plan to the letter, even earning the presiden-



Lela Atwood | Contributor

had this great plan of the focused path I would follow from getting a position on a Baylor publication, to aspiring to eventually becoming president of a professional journalism group on campus.

Then life cut into my dance with journalism. Through a series of events, I discovered to my astonishment that becoming a journalist was not my calling. The fast-paced atmosphere of the newsroom stressed me out. The process of constantly tracking down people who had no desire to talk to me was unnerving. I found my dream slipping free from my fingers until one day I realized it was gone.

My practical mind told me that it would be foolish to change my major, for I did not want to be the cause of extra financial strife for my family. My unquenched desire for exploration, however, compelled me to tack a minor onto my degree plan. I leapt from music to gender studies, from entrepreneurship to history. Nothing fit.

Ironically, the minor tailored to my soul came knocking on my door at a most unexpected time. On a rather dull day in May after my sophomore year, I ran into a website that explained how Russian culture differed from American culture, and my eyes opened in wonder. It was like I fell in love. My insatiable desire to learn the language had begun.

Two Russian classes and one summer program later, I found

"When new acquaintances ask me about my major, I somehow end up muttering it in a low voice before announcing my Russian minor to the rooftops."

tial position I had once desired within an on-campus journalism club.

As an incoming freshman, I never knew my carefully laid-out plans would derail to another track, nor did I know that I would end up studying within the territory of America's former Cold War enemy. Yet I do not regret any of my choices and am quite content with the way all has turned out.

So based on all this, my little nugget of advice would be to plan, plan and plan some more, while being open to alternative paths.

One never knows when a subject that brings a glimmer of interest can evolve into a hobby or a lifelong passion.

Lela Atwood is a senior journalism major from Garland and a contributor for the Lariat.

Putting down books to make lasting memories

It's one of the most important lessons I've learned so far in college — to put down my books, step back from my studies and realize that there is so much more to college than its academic aspect; there is so much living to be done in these four years.

Someday when I look back on my life, I don't want to find myself grasping blindly for the memories that hold the true essence of my time in college.

These should be the memories that are overflowing, multitudinous: memories of road trips, movie marathons, hanging out with friends late into the night or participating in my favorite campus traditions like All-University Thanksgiving Dinner or Christmas on Fifth Street.



Sara Tirrito | Staff writer

Not the memories of weekend-long dates with my textbooks,

hours of trying to comprehend Ideas in Math or evenings filled with seemingly endless reading assignments.

But to make the kind of memories I want to make involves putting down my books, stepping away from my notes and engaging in a world separate from my academic one.

This does not come easily to me.

I have always been a sort of study-aholic, but I have become even more so since coming to college.

Here, where we live, learn and study all in the same place, I find it exceptionally easy to lose myself in stacks of textbooks and lecture notes.

The blurred distinction be-

tween home life and school life in combination with my deep-seated need to succeed seems to only further encourage my study-aholic tendencies.

Nevertheless, I recently decided to put down my books more often and allow myself to make more important memories.

While this has been difficult to do, in the few weeks since I have begun making the effort, I have had some of my most memorable college experiences.

And those experiences and memories are worth so much more than my GPA ever will be.

Although I still spend a little too much time with my textbooks, I'm making a conscious effort to keep this lesson in mind. It's a lesson that will be

important not only throughout the rest of my college years, but throughout the rest of my life.

There will always be pressures to excel, if not at school, then at work. If not to be a study-aholic, then to be a workaholic.

But this life is short; we only have so much time to experience everything we possibly can. And some experiences are by far more important than others.

In the end, it's all about experiencing the things that matter — the moments that will form memories that we will hold dear far into the future.

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BU linked to historic human discovery

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
REPORTER

Two Baylor professors helped uncover a secret that now has the scientific community abuzz: Central Texas was home to what are now the oldest known human inhabitants on the American continents.

The findings of professors of geology Dr. Steven Driese, chair of the geology department, Dr. Lee Nordt, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and their collaborators at Texas A&M University seem to indicate that human civilization lived 50 miles southwest of present-day Waco about 15,500 years ago.

“The site that our colleagues began excavating is called the Debra Friedkin site, and it contains artifacts that precede in age by about 2,500 years the oldest previously identified artifacts associated with this Clovis culture,” Driese said. “Baylor geology was invited to

partner in this because there was concern on the part of the archaeologists that we had to demonstrate that the artifacts had not been mixed or put out of order by soil processes.”

Clovis culture is a prehistoric Paleo-Indian culture that archeologists have determined to be about 13,500 years ago.

The dating process at the Salado excavation site used three distinct methods: analyzing the shaping of the tools themselves; finding the age of the soil by measuring when the quartz in the soil was last exposed to ultraviolet radiation from the sun; and geologically analyzing the soil, in which the two Baylor professors were primarily involved.

Driese and Nordt were brought in to assess the soil formation processes, the chemical and microscopic nature of the soil materials and whether cracks in the soil could have preserved relatively young artifacts at a greater depth in

the archaeological site, Driese said. The results of their work validated the project and will end up rewriting history books.

“What our guys did was proved that what they were actually looking at was undisturbed by the soil mixing,” said Matt Pene, assistant director for media communications, “and they proved that it was undisturbed and that the artifacts were actually in the same place that they were discarded 15,500 years ago.”

Driese described Dr. Michael Waters, the project manager and professor of anthropology at A&M, as being “very conservative and very careful” to double-check all the findings not once, but twice before publishing the results of the project, which is why he requested the assistance of Driese and Nordt.

“I think the project leader realized early on that there were going to be some issues about the site that would be vulnerable to attack by



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Lee Nordt, far left, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and geology professor, and Dr. Tom Hallmark, center, Texas A&M soil scientist, stand at a pedological sampling at Buttermilk Creek with Baylor geology graduate students Steve Ahr and Holly Meier in the background.

the skeptics,” Driese said. “There may still be — probably fewer, now — skeptics about whether humans

project was published in the April issue of the journal Science, which Driese believes will help Baylor establish a more positive reputation as a research institution. The article has 13 co-authors, including Driese and Nordt.

“I think when Dr. Nordt and I got involved in this some three or four years ago,” Driese said, “we both knew that this site had the potential to be groundbreaking and publishable in Science, which is probably the most prestigious [scientific] journal in the United States.”

Driese said his contributions to data analysis and interpretation were essential to the project’s success.

“We fused our interest and involvement and our interpretation so we were constantly cross-checking our interpretations and went to the field together on a number of occasions,” Driese said. “He contributed equally to the project.”

Laws of attraction don’t apply to physics, English students



COURTESY PHOTO

Mary Kolner, an English literature graduate student, and Martin Frank, a physics graduate student, met at a luncheon for doctoral scholars. They hit it off, began dating, and later married in August 2010.

By LIZ COHEN
CONTRIBUTOR

He surprised her with rose petals. Candles lit. Chairs arranged to watch the sunset.

On June 20, 2009, Martin Frank proposed to Mary Kolner on the old water tower at Mother Neff State Park, a spot they both loved.

Martin and Mary received presidential doctoral scholarships upon coming to Baylor. These scholarships enabled them to meet in February 2007, when they were introduced at a luncheon for doctoral scholars.

Although Mary’s studies in English literature and Martin’s research in physics might seem to make them intellectual and emotional opposites, that didn’t prove to be the case.

“Everyone who comes together at those luncheons has so much in common, in terms of shared values and a true passion for intellectual

life,” Mary said.

These shared interests made it possible for Martin and Mary to discover they have much in common.

“It was pure accident,” Mary said.

All the first-year presidential scholars were giving speeches about their academic goals for that year. The man who spoke before Martin mentioned Mary’s alma mater, the University of Dallas. After the meal, Mary introduced herself to the undergraduate, and Martin was sitting next to him, so she ended up speaking to both of them.

“Plus, I like to think the spirit of my alma mater was hovering over the situation,” Mary said.

Soon after they met, Martin moved to Chicago for a year to work at Fermilab as part of his research. During this time, the two continued to communicate long distance, and soon their relationship became more serious. They

started dating and later married on Aug. 7, 2010.

Martin, originally from Munich, Germany, researches high-energy particle physics. His dissertation is about the Higgs boson, which involves figuring out how to explain mass mathematically.

He conducts his study via Fermilab, using a collider detector. “It’s very pure science. That’s what I love about it. The very fundamental level,” Martin said.

Mary, from Ames, Iowa, specializes in Victorian literature. She originally came to Baylor to study modernist literature, but realized that, “I was really a Victorianist running around pretending that I wasn’t.” She said conflict of faith and doubt in the Victorian period fascinated her.

Her dissertation focuses on the writings and influences of John Henry Newman.

“I’ve received so much individual encouragement and attention

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Waco activities relieve summer doldrums

By BONNIE BERGER
REPORTER

For those students who choose to enroll in summer classes or those that simply choose to remain in Waco for the summer, several overlooked activities can fill the void of free time.

Cameron Park

Cameron Park, located on North Fourth Street, offers patrons both young and old an opportunity to stroll along the river or utilize one of the many open spaces for a game of Frisbee.

Packing a lunch and bringing along a comfy blanket provides an alternative to traditional dates, as

well as a fun way to take advantage of cooler summer afternoons.

Students in the mood for spending the day with some cuddly and bizarre creatures should mosey across the street to the Cameron Park Zoo. This activity is a viable source of entertainment for youngsters and adults.

“I actually took my girlfriend to the zoo on one of our first dates,” said Baylor alumnus and Houston resident Armon Bakhtiari. “There were a lot of animals to see and in combination with the informative signs, we were entertained for hours.”

Tickets for children, seniors and adults run from \$6 to \$9. Children 3 years old and

under are free.

Dr Pepper Museum

As a devoted Baylor Bear, it’s your drink of choice, but do you know where it originated or what process it undergoes before transforming into that beverage you love to love? A rarely noticed downtown gem, the Dr Pepper Museum documents the history and production of Waco’s native soda.

Adult tickets are \$7 and students and children’s tickets are \$4.

Mayborn Museum

Located a brisk walk across University Parks Drive, the Mayborn Museum Complex inspires

and educates inquisitive minds. Exhibits range from exploring Texas history to focusing on curiosities of the natural world with a permanent special exhibit documenting the history of Baylor from its inception in 1845.

“All the fossils they had along the walls were especially impressive,” said Fort Worth junior Benjamin Veitenheimer. “It was a great combination of interesting artifacts and informative displays.”

Waco nonprofits

For an unconventional yet rewarding pastime, volunteer with a local nonprofit organization. The Art Center of Waco holds summer art camps for ages 6-12, which is an

excellent way to cultivate artistic skills while giving back to the community. Mission Waco also hosts activities for children living in lower-income neighborhoods through music and after-school programs.

Day trips

If students have explored all of the above and are aching to venture beyond the city limits, take a day trip into Austin or Dallas. Both cities offer thriving downtown scenes with numerous art galleries, parks and fine restaurants. A comfortable drive from Baylor, there is plenty to see and do without warranting an overnight stay.

Stuffing friends in a car and listening to catchy tunes ensures a

memorable journey.

“My friend Will and I play this game where we make play lists around a theme like ‘summer’ or ‘love,’” said The Woodlands junior Sara Lemister. “We play it until the other people in the car figure out what the theme is. It’s a fun way to pass time and keep everyone guessing.”

And, finally, students shouldn’t forget to take advantage of Sonic Drive In’s happy hour, from 2 to 4 p.m. every day, when all drinks are half price. The Sonic on South Sixth Street near campus is the most convenient location for students. Summer is simply sweeter with a refreshing and inexpensive beverage in hand.

Steppin’ Out: Service helps students pop Baylor Bubble

By SALLY ANN MOYER
REPORTER

Members of the Baylor community have been bursting the “Baylor Bubble” for the past 25 years during Steppin’ Out, a day of service in the Waco community that occurs once a semester.

“The purpose is, of course, the tangible of serving Waco, but then I think it’s pretty important because sometimes students catch the service bug, and it also exposes them to the Waco community,” Houston junior Lindsey Warner, 2010-2011 Steppin’ Out public relations chair, said.

The benefits of serving during Steppin’ Out are substantial compared to the amount of time and effort required, said Shreveport, La., senior Sara Elder.

“It’s a rewarding experience, and it’s only a couple of hours on Saturday,” said Elder, who served as Baylor’s Theta Kappa chapter of Chi Omega’s service chair during fall 2010 Steppin’ Out.

After serving during the day, all participants are invited to a block party.

“The day of service, you’re doing work and you’re cleaning things up, and maybe you’re not really interacting with the people of



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Baylor students give back to the community at Steppin’ Out. In spring 2011, more than 2,600 people participated in the service event, which occurs once a semester.

Waco as much, and then you get to the block party and there’s all these kids playing, and families eating hamburgers, and it’s just everyone together in one place,” Warner said.

While Greek organizations typically make up the majority of the participants, even individuals or groups of friends are eligible to

sign up, Warner said.

“We don’t want to leave anyone out; you don’t have to be in an organization to serve,” she said.

Volunteer participants sign up online at baylor.edu/steppinout or through the service chair of their organization.

“The service project may not be

anything of great value, but even still it’s just the whole purpose behind it of bridging a gap,” Warner said.

Baylor students have served with the Salvation Army in Waco during Steppin’ Out for at least the past two years.

Stanley Goode, director of

homeless operations for the Waco Salvation Army, said he appreciates the help.

“It saves us a lot of work. Otherwise it would have taken us three or four days to do what they accomplish in a couple of hours,” Goode said.

Students have helped clean the community kitchen, straighten workhouses and take care of other manual labor needs for the Salvation Army.

While Steppin’ Out is only one day of service per semester, it has served as the catalyst for relationships between students and volunteer opportunities.

“We have had students come since Steppin’ Out, or students who came before and then bring their friends along,” Goode said.

Warner, also a member of Baylor’s Texas Theta chapter of Pi Beta Phi, served with some of her sorority sisters during her freshman year at a Waco Arts Initiative site, and has volunteered there ever since.

“We probably would have known about Waco Arts, but we wouldn’t have gone inside,” Warner said.

Steppin’ Out can also offer participants new volunteer experiences each semester with changes in work sites.

“Fall 2010 was the best experience I’ve had because I felt like we really did work,” Elder said.

Approximately 60 Chi Omega chapter members painted the exterior of a rental property that was the home of a family with young children.

“The family was really happy. They were really excited about it. The house didn’t look really pretty before we started, and after we painted it they kept thanking us,” Elder said.


Steppin’ Out is an important experience for Chi Omega because it serves as the chapter’s major service event beyond its regular weekly service, Elder said.

Potential job sites sign up by contacting the Steppin’ Out committee.

Job sites during spring 2011 included the Family Abuse Center, Salvation Army, Waco Lakeshore Cleanup, Stillwell Retirement Residence and private residences.

A week before Steppin’ Out, the internal and external subcommittees meet to match up sites and participants.

More than 2,600 people and 100 organizations participated in Steppin’ Out during spring 2011. 1,100 more participants than in fall 2010, Warner said.



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Springfield, Mo., freshman James Gear jumps on Houston freshman Zach Allen's back during Freshman Follies in September at Fountain Mall.



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Pi Beta Phi performs its winning act, "Welcome to Your 80s, Ladies," during All-University Sing in February at Waco Hall. Kappa Omega Tau took second place and Delta Delta Delta placed third. Along with those groups, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Omega & Phi Kappa Chi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sing Alliance will perform at Pigskin Revue in fall 2011.

From catching a Starr to making a bowl game and everything in between. This has been ...

The Year of the Bear



No. 7 linebacker Antonio Johnson reacts to a defensive stop in the first half of play against Sam Houston State. The Bears won the game and went on to win seven regular season games, making them bowl eligible. The Bears lost to Illinois.



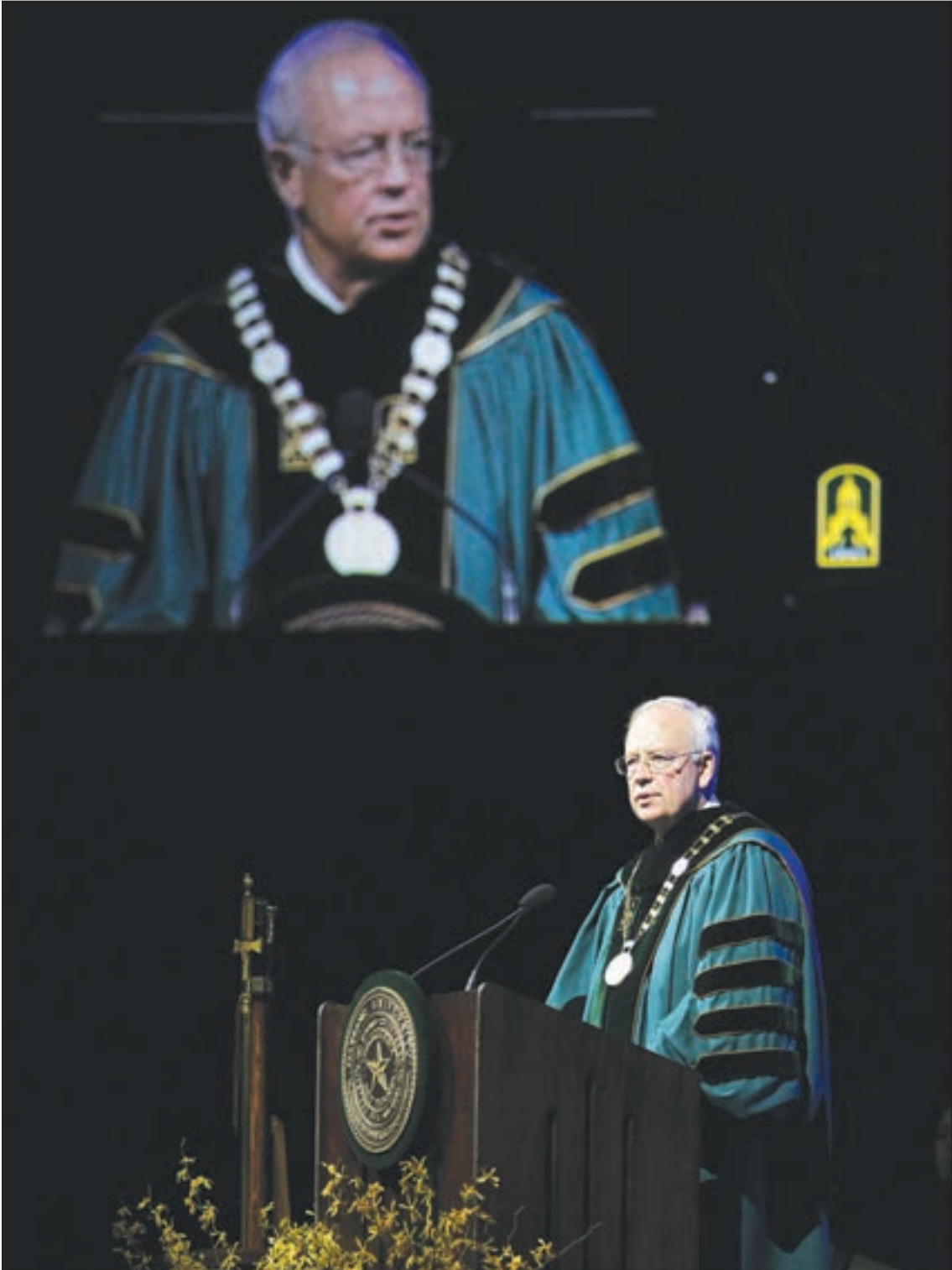
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Claiming the main stage performance during the 2011 Diadeloso celebration, David Dulcie and the Rag Tag Army provide the featured Uproar Artist entertainment for Baylor and Waco residents.



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During move-in day in August, Meridian freshman Morgan Barker and Pensacola, Fla., freshman Elizabeth Van De Walle carry boxes in front Memorial Residential Hall.



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President Ken Starr gives his inaugural response Sept. 17 at the Ferrell Center.



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is at the Texas Bowl in Houston in December.



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Baylor students take a group portrait in front of the "Christmas on 5th" ornament during the Christmas on 5th Street celebration in December.



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Freshman class council students pull the giant bear during the homecoming parade in October.



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No. 42 center Brittney Griner blocks Green Bay's No. 4 guard Celeste Hoewisch at the American Airlines Center in Dallas in the women's NCAA tournament. The Lady Bears, a No. 1 seed, beat Green Bay but lost to eventual national champion Texas A&M in the next round.



Students study for final exams in the Moody Memorial Library basement. Areas of the central libraries such as Moody's main lobby and garden level provide calm, quiet environments for students to study.



Houston junior Jon Lau studies in the main lobby of Moody Memorial Library.

In search of peace and quiet

Lab experiment deems library basement best place to study

By ALI CROOM
CONTRIBUTOR

College is full of distractions. Noisy neighbors, blaring television and the roommate's barking dog are enough to make the ideal study environment hard to come by. To escape the distracting noises of home, students are retreating to campus to find focus. But study areas seem to be different for every student.

"My favorite place to study is the Armstrong Browning Library. It's peaceful and beautiful. It doesn't have great hours, but it makes you feel smarter just sitting there," Houston sophomore Kaitlin Lolie said.

Baylor libraries are some of the most popular places to study. Some students have started referring to Moody Memorial Library as "Club

Moody," since so many students study there.

"I enjoy studying on the second floor of Moody. It isn't the silent part of the library, but it also isn't the most social area, either. I have a spot where I can see Pat Neff Hall, and it reminds me of why I'm here," Gonzales freshman Alexis Zumwalt said.

Some students use the libraries for inspiration like Zumwalt. For others, the libraries serve a different purpose.

"I go to the library to get away from the noise in my house and to focus on my homework. My house is too distracting to get anything done," Waco junior Austin Childress said.

But not all students prefer the libraries.

Other locations where studious students flock include the McLane Student Life Center, the Baylor Sciences Building and the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"I like studying in the BSB's side rooms. It's quiet, and you have all the necessary tools to study. I also

like the view," Carrollton junior Nathan Rogers said.

Choosing the best place to study isn't just a matter of personal preference. It's a science.

In the Environmental Analysis course, students learn about the hazards of sound pollution. According to the course's lab manual, repeated exposure to loud noises subject one to hearing loss. Noise exposure also carries other health risks, such as increased blood pressure, ringing in the ears, a disturbance of sleeping patterns — and even difficulty in communication.

For this specific lab conducted in the spring, students used a sound meter to measure sound levels at different spots on campus.

All sound is measured in decibels, which indicates the force sound travels through a medium — in this case, air. According to a lab done March 21 by lab section five, the quietest place to study on campus was the basement computer lab in Moody Library. It had the lowest noise score at 63 decibels. Also in the lower scores were the Bobo Bap-

tist Student Center study area, the café in the Bill Daniel Student Center and the Baylor Sciences Building atrium. Areas with the highest noise levels included the McLane Student Life Center exercise room, the library café Java City and the Bill Daniel Student Center television room. However, the Baylor Energy Complex won out on noise with 87.9 decibels.

"The students generally found that the farther you could get from I-35, the quieter it was for outdoor sites," Doug Nesmith, professor of environmental science, said.

Baylor remains ear-safe, though. In order to achieve potential hearing damage, the decibels must reach a level of 110. According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, nearly 10 million Americans are exposed to hearing loss from noise exposure. One of the main causes of this is MP3 players. These devices can reach 115 decibels. Experts recommend no more than 15 minutes of listening at this level in order to prevent permanent damage.

BU chaplains help students explore faith, adjust to college

By STORI LONG
REPORTER

One of the ways Baylor meets the spiritual needs of students is by assigning chaplains, who are also George W. Truett Seminary students, to each residence hall.

"Chaplaincy meets Baylor's desire to have a spiritual presence in each hall," said Jamie McCallum, chaplain at North Russell Hall. "We are there to provide pastoral care and an open door, and to facilitate spiritual growth in the students."

One of the aspects that makes the chaplain system effective is that chaplains actually live in the dorms, making them more available to students.

"We are there to celebrate joys and be there when it's hard," said Ashley Mangrum, co-chaplain of North Village Residence Hall. "It

takes ministry to a different level. It helps you think different about how you love your community."

For chaplains, connecting students in the dorms is important. One of the ways chaplains achieve this is through the facilitation of small groups, McCallum said.

"Students want to connect, have community and explore their faith," McCallum said. "Sometimes it can be hard for freshmen who are still trying to find a church. So these small groups help them get into groups where they can feel safe."

Mangrum said she especially wants to encourage freshmen to forge a relationship with their chaplain.

"College was such an important time for me," Mangrum said. "It helped shape my identity and the person I am, and I remember really wanting to look to someone a little

older and wiser. We really need people who are willing to shepherd us in times like that."

Whether giving spiritual advice, offering a shoulder to cry on or just having lunch, chaplains

students have a misconception that they can only go to their chaplain when their life is in shambles. We are there whether students are in the midst of joy or sadness, and whether they know it or not there

"We care a lot. We aren't just there to do a job; we sincerely want to do it and we sincerely want to be there for our residents. It's genuine care and we are there to put our whole attention on students."

Terra Lemeran
Collins Residence Hall chaplain

want to be involved in all areas of student life.

"We are there for [students] and really enjoy spending time with them," McCallum said. "Some

will come a time when they will need a shoulder to lean on and someone to be there for them."

Seattle senior Alyssa DeMoss agrees that residents should utilize

their chaplains.

"Anytime you need them day or night they are there," DeMoss said. "I loved and I really appreciated their willingness to engage me and just be there for me when I needed them."

Terra Lemeran, chaplain in Collins Residence Hall, said the role of a chaplain goes beyond the scope of a normal job. It helps that chaplains often serve for at least a couple of years, which allows them time to forge close bonds with residence and to grow from year to year.

"We care a lot," Lemeran said. "We aren't just there to do a job; we sincerely want to do it and we sincerely want to be there for our residents. It's genuine care and we are there to put our whole attention on students."

While chaplains receive payment for their services, for those

who do it, it's not just about the money. Lemeran said watching students grow is one of the greatest pleasures she gets from her job.

"I love sitting down and watching students ask the hard questions and struggle with the hard questions," Lemeran said.

"I get to watch freshman girls grow from being quiet, nervous freshmen into confident women and to be there for them while it's happening."

One of the primary things chaplains want students to know is simply that their chaplains are ready to help, Lemeran said.

"A lot of students don't want to bother us and I can say, for any chaplain, that is exactly what we want," Lemeran said. "Please, bother your chaplains. Don't be shy, don't be scared. We aren't here to be disciplinarians; we are here to love on our residents."

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Bookstore provides one-stop technology shop

By STEPHEN STROBBE
REPORTER

As an increasing number of students enter college with their own computers, they have found a growing need for technology supplies. The Baylor University Bookstore seeks to meet that demand by offering computer software, hardware and various other technological accessories. The bookstore is located right across from Penland Residence Hall on Fifth Street. Walking in, visitors are immediately met with shirts and coffee mugs, books and binders, proudly radiating Baylor's green and gold. But going just a bit farther back toward the middle of the store, students will find a full-fledged technology section complete with working computer displays and a helpful and

knowledgeable staff. "I would say my experiences there have been great. Particularly when buying software. It's just a really quick process," said Cleveland senior Cody Strickland. "Service-wise it's just really great." One of the biggest draws the bookstore has for students is the opportunity to save huge amounts of money on both computer software and hardware. Adobe's Creative Suite products are typically about 80 percent cheaper than retail price and copies of software like Microsoft's Office and Windows 7 operating system are available for \$15. Only Baylor faculty, staff and students are eligible for the discounts. "There is a limit on each of these. It's one per student ID per version. Once you get Office 2010,



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

In the technology section of the Baylor University Bookstore, Sugar Land sophomore Scott De La Cruz and Rockwall freshman David White explore the variety of laptops and desktops available. that's it until the next version of Office comes out," said Rick Busby, trade department manager for the bookstore. The bookstore is also an autho-

alized seller of Apple computers, which means prices are usually at a fairly significant discount from a standard computer retailer. "Typically our Apple computers

are \$100 to \$150 less on average off the retail price," Busby said. "Plus we usually have some other deals going. Like currently, if you buy a current Apple model computer, then you get an HP wireless printer for a penny." Strickland said the deals the bookstore offers are helpful to penny-pinching college students. "I think it's great that they offer students a discount for that. Because, you know, we're in college. We don't have that much money," Strickland said. The bookstore will be open all summer and students simply need to bring their Baylor ID number along with a picture ID to the store to be eligible for the discounts. This allows students who are on campus for summer orientation to purchase a computer before the fall semester starts.

"Say the student comes in [to the store] in June for orientation. [He or she] buys an iMac and a printer. You know, big bulky. And they flew down here for orientation. They're obviously not going to be able to take it back on their flight so we will ship it to their home address," said assistant store manager Richard Schlieffer. "There will be a small charge, but we will ship it to them." Services like the shipping option exhibit how the bookstore has evolved to meet the needs of students by opening its doors to technological necessities as they become available - quite often with a price tag that makes both students and parents happy. "We can basically take care of all their technology needs at the bookstore," Busby said. "And save mom and dad some money."

From parade to Pigskin, homecoming traditions excite

By LINDSAY CASH
REPORTER

In the fall of 1909, Baylor alumni received a surprising invitation from their alma mater. A postcard signed by three professors asked the graduates to return to campus to "renew former associations and friendships, and catch the Baylor spirit again." With that postcard, Baylor Homecoming was born. Dating back to 1909, Baylor's homecoming is the oldest of such traditions in collegiate history. A few highlights of homecoming weekend festivities include: the Friday night pep rally and bonfire, football game, parade, Pigskin Revue and the queen and her court.

Homecoming chair and Abilene junior Zach Sartor began planning for homecoming 2011, scheduled for Nov. 4-5, a year in advance to create something for everyone who attends.

"Everyone has a place in homecoming," Sartor said. "The freshmen build the bonfire, the alumni rekindle at Fountain Mall and there are tours for prospective students. My favorite part of homecoming is seeing 20,000 people gathered in Fountain Mall." Senior linebacker Elliot Coffey from Sugar Land has played in four homecoming football games at Baylor. Coffey said he cherishes the pride and support of former teammates and the student body during



SARAH GROMAN | ROUND UP PHOTOGRAPHER

The Baylor football team leads the crowd in a "Sic 'em" at the homecoming pep rally in 2010 at Fountain Mall.

this particular weekend. "The most exciting part of being at the rally is seeing my former teammates. They're familiar faces - it's like they never even left," Coffey said. "At the rally on Friday night, I've got every person in Baylor nation before me - even freshman are a part of homecoming like the next person who was here 30 years ago." Head football coach Art Briles said he appreciates his team's opportunity to be in-

involved in the Friday night rally. "It surely makes the team inspired and proud to be a part of Baylor tradition," Briles said. The parade floats make their way down Fifth Street in extravagant fashion Saturday morning prior to the football game. Student athletes, campus clubs and Greek life build floats in the theme of crushing the opponent for the football game. Believed to be the largest in the nation, the parade is a spectacle and a custom that

incoming freshmen are sure to remember. Boerne freshman Spirit Squad member Meagan Mahaffey said she takes pride in participating in the homecoming parade. "It's as close to the Macy's [Thanksgiving] Day Parade I could get. I've been to other major university homecomings, and they are nothing compared to Baylor's," Mahaffey said. "It really is a tradition that keeps the Baylor student body unique and involved."

Football in Texas is well known, but at Baylor homecoming, it's the centerpiece for the celebration. Each year, the team carries the weight of the Baylor tradition on its shoulders with the support of alumni, friends and fans. During halftime of the Homecoming game, the queen, who is selected by three Baylor Chamber of Commerce judges, is crowned. Pigskin, the second-largest off-Broadway production in the nation, is hosted in Waco Hall each homecoming. The top eight acts from All-University Sing, hosted in the spring, perform for returning alumni and current students. Pigskin provides a relaxing atmosphere of Saturday night entertainment. "I feel nostalgia for my memory as a student experiencing homecoming, and connectedness to the university as an alumnus," said Keith Frazee, head of Student Activities. Orlando, Fla., junior Clare Berlinsky, a member of the Student Productions committee, said Pigskin gives students an opportunity to be deeply involved in Baylor tradition. "Every year that students get to participate in Pigskin is an opportunity for them to show parents and alumni that we as Baylor students continue to treasure the university traditions," Berlinsky said. "It allows alumni to relive their memories, and us as students to make our own."

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Entrepreneurship ranked No. 2 nationally

By SARA TIRrito
STAFF WRITER

The John F. Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship's undergraduate program at Baylor was ranked second nationally by the Princeton Review in September 2010, moving up two spots from its 2009 fourth place ranking. The University of Houston's undergraduate program was the only one to rank higher than Baylor's.

Entrepreneurship is the process of beginning a new business venture, and Baylor's program teaches students how to create that business from scratch, said Dr. Kendall Artz, professor and chair of management and entrepreneurship and director of entrepreneurial studies.

"It's rewarding for outside orga-

nizations to recognize all the really good work being done by all the faculty and staff," Artz said. "It's been a sustained commitment for a long period of time to develop new programs and provide services to our students, and it's nice to get some recognition for that."

However, Artz said the department will continue to strive to improve the program.

"Rankings are not the goal," Artz said. "Rankings are just a validation of a program. A goal is just to continue to make the entrepreneurship program as good as we possibly can. It isn't going to change our behavior, it isn't going to change our striving to continually improve the program just because we get a No. 2 ranking."

The Princeton Review conducts

a yearly survey of more than 2,000 institutions to determine the top 25 undergraduate and top 25 graduate entrepreneurship programs from across the nation.

The various mentoring opportunities and range of courses offered by Baylor's program sets it apart from others, Artz said.

"We just offer a much broader range of courses, areas of specialization [than other programs]," Artz said. "Really, whatever a student's interest is, we can provide educational opportunities in those areas and a lot of programs simply don't have the capacity to be able to do that."

The department offers programs including an entrepreneurship living and learning center and the technology entrepreneurship initia-

tive, which allows for collaboration between engineers, entrepreneurs and the Baylor Angel Network, which provides start-up capital to entrepreneurs with strong business plans. Dawn Maitz, associate director of the J.F. Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship, said Baylor's Christian mission, experienced faculty in the department and global relationships that help to enhance student learning all help make the program stand out.

"It's a combination of the Christian mission, the excellent in-class learning and then also the opportunities to take it into the real world and to have the experience of working with companies — all different kinds of opportunities for collaboration, real-world projects. It's great

stuff," Maitz said. "And we're just always looking to improve."

Maroa, Ill., junior Kasey Barillas, an entrepreneurship minor, said the department's ranking doesn't surprise her.

"Baylor's entrepreneurship department is excellent," Barillas said. "It is one of the places I feel at home on campus, among faculty and students I know are willing to fight for you and listen to you as a student, and who are willing to listen to good ideas and help you pursue them. The connections that the entrepreneurship department affords its students are invaluable."

The Princeton Review rankings are based on whether the program offers a major or minor and the courses offered: factors including in-

ternships, experiential learning and consulting for small business owners, the percentage of the school's population enrolled in the program and the percentage taking a course related to the program.

The percentage of students who graduated and launched a business, the percentage of those students who were successful and the percentage of the faculty who began, purchased or ran a successful business are also considered.

Partnerships with other schools, the number of non-curriculum-based activities and competitions, recognized clubs, organizations, and officially sponsored mentorship programs the program has and the program's scholarship offerings factor into the rankings as well.

Three language classes broaden BU students' horizons

Swahili, Arabic, Chinese provide chance to travel

By LELA ATWOOD
CONTRIBUTOR

From playing with orphans in Kenya, to viewing a cultural dance in Cairo, or walking along the Great Wall in China, learning a language can provide new opportunities and adventures.

"When you know a people's language, it opens doors that you didn't know were there," said William Baker, a senior lecturer in Arabic.

Knowing a foreign language not only brings interesting stories, but also job prospects.

"Since we live in a global world, relationships between other countries are becoming more important than ever before," said Dr. Xin Wang, the director of Asian studies and associate professor of Chinese.

The languages offered by Baylor are spoken not only in Europe,

but in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Language professors say their courses are designed for novices, and invite students from all backgrounds to enroll in their courses.

"We don't assume any prior knowledge with our students," Baker said. "Everyone starts in the same position."

Houston junior Jenna Mitchell said her desire to learn a foreign language came when she spent time with orphans during a trip to Kenya with Buckner International. At the time, she did not know Swahili, one of the languages spoken in that region.

"I could love them and hug them, but I wanted to tell them how much I loved them, she said. "The first Swahili phrase I learned was 'I love you.'"

Since that time, Mitchell has taken two semesters of Swahili and has returned to Kenya two times.

Students who study Swahili have the opportunity to study abroad in Kenya with the Baylor in East Africa program. Additionally, Spiritual Life often organizes summer mission trips to Africa.

Although Africa is known for the problems of poverty and disease, James Houser, a senior lecturer in Swahili, said it is truly an enchanting place to visit.

"I tell people there is just nothing like being out camping in an African night, full moon," Houser said.

"All of the animals are there with different sounds, fire going, the peacefulness and the darkness of the night, you will never see in America."

Swahili is spoken in Eastern Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia, Eastern Congo and Mozambique. It is a trade language of East Africa.

Sometimes it takes a war to generate interest in learning a foreign language.

Erie, Pa., junior Dan Marchini first became curious about the Middle East after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and the chaos that followed in that region.

After two semesters of Arabic classes, Marchini got to study abroad in Cairo during the fall 2010 semester. While he was in

Cairo, he and his friends liked to explore the non-tourist parts of the city and directly interact with the locals.

"We would play chess," Marchini said, "and old guys with hookah came and chose sides and told us which moves to make. They played the game through us, which was cool."

Marchini, who plans to continue his Arabic language studies in graduate school, said Arabic is a vital language to learn, especially after all the revolutions and rapid changes that have affected this region.

"They need help and support," he said.

"But if we want to make a difference, we need to understand what they want and need."

Students of Arabic have the opportunity to study abroad, like Marchini did, at the American University of Cairo.

The form of Arabic taught on campus is spoken in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel-Palestine and in Egypt.

Sometimes short-term mission

trips can spark a person's interest in acquiring a new language.

When Weatherford sophomore Aaron League went on a trip to China with Antioch Community Church, he longed to talk to the people around him. Chinese is the most commonly spoken language in the world, and Weatherford knew learning the language would open doors for him to meet more people.

"When I saw the faces of the people, I knew I wanted to talk to them and know them more," he said.

Since his trip, League has taken two semesters of Chinese.

"Chinese is so unique and fascinating," he said.

"You learn a whole new way people think, how they express joy and sadness."

Wang said China is a "dynamic" place to visit, a blending of the old and the new.

"China is a unique mix of tradition and modernization," Wang said. "Being there teaches you to work hard, and it is very community oriented."

Wang said that contrary to popular opinion, learning Chinese is possible for American students.

"I think that there are myths about Chinese being difficult to learn," he said. "But it is similar to English in terms of sentence structure."

Students of Chinese have the opportunity to enrich their language skills through studying abroad at Tsinghua University in Beijing, or at Hong Kong Baptist University in Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong. Beginning Chinese students also have the opportunity to do the Baylor in China program during the summer.

Chinese is spoken in China, Singapore regions, Taiwan, Malaysia and Thailand, though not exclusively.

League said he hopes to return to China to befriend the people and to share his faith with others.

"My motivation is that I want to go back and communicate the love of God in their lives," he said. "People see a lot of respect in you learning their culture and their language. It honors them."



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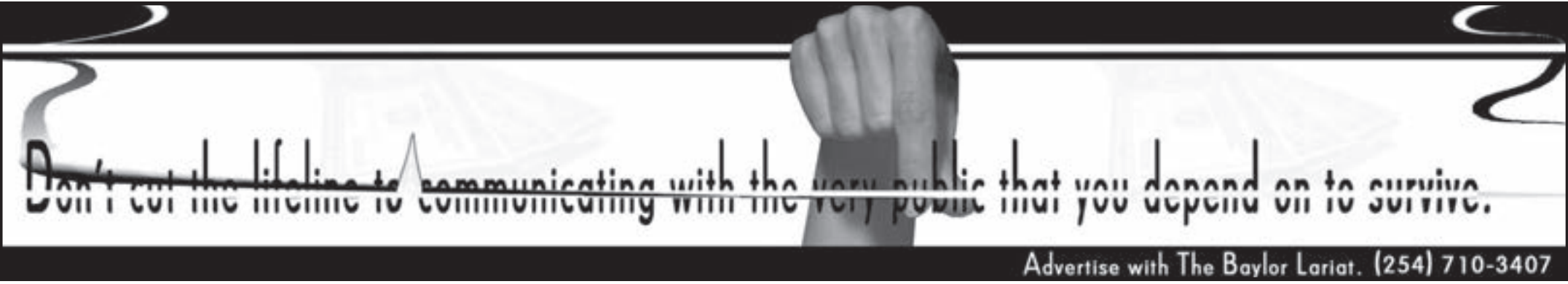
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2001, each bear served as mascot for two years before being returned to the wild.

Joy and Lady arrived at Baylor in 2001 and 2002 respectively from West Coast Game Park in Bandon, Ore. Both are North American black bears and are the first bears to live at Baylor while fully grown.

“Baylor has been very lucky to have bears join us from all across the nation,” said Harlingen senior Reece Fitzgerald, one of two trainers who care for the bears on a daily basis.

The fact that the bears spent their time at Baylor as cubs gave those in charge of the mascots, the Baylor Chamber of Commerce, more freedom with the bears’ activities.

“[Our] program is the only student-run exotic mascot program in the United States,” said Amarillo senior Patrick Bell, the other

trainer.

Fitzgerald said in the past the trainers took both of the bears on walks around campus, and took Lady to football games.

However, that tradition, and others, have changed in recent years.

In September, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which inspects Baylor annually as part of federal regulations related to the school’s possession of wild animals, ruled that it would not be safe to allow the bears to be unconfined in public.

Chamber members agreed that escorting full-grown bears around campus on a leash wasn’t in the best interest of the bears or the students, so Lady and Joy spend their time in the \$1 million habitat on campus.

Other changes were implemented to keep the bears healthy.

“Up until the mid-1990s we did feed our bears Dr Pepper,” Fitzgerald said. “However, that practice was discontinued to help protect our bears’ health.”

Because bears are some of the only animals that suffer tooth decay like humans, the addition of Dr Pepper to an already sugary diet made the Baylor bears more susceptible.

Another change is that Baylor has chosen to keep the bears until they die.

“The Baylor Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with university officials, have made a commitment to keep the bears for the remainder of their natural lives,” said Bell.

The Bill and Eva Williams Bear Habitat, located by the Bill Daniel Student Center on Fifth Street, was built in 2005 and is classified by the United States Department of Agri-

culture as a class ‘C’ exhibitor zoo, the same license that all zoos have.

In addition to the habitat, the bears are given everything they need. Their dietary needs are met with a special omnivore food supplemented with various fruits and vegetables and Bell and Fitzgerald train them twice a week.

And while the bears spend most of their time in the habitat, they are occasionally taken out for training and exercise purposes.

Because of the extra care, bears in captivity can live up to five years longer than in the wild. This means Lady and Joy could serve as Baylor’s live mascots for up to 15 more years.

“The major change for us has been the decision to keep the bears for the entirety of their lives,” Scott said.

“It’s a tremendous educational experience for us.”

FOOTBALL from Page 1

Coffey have sensed a change in the way the Bears will approach opposing offenses.

“I feel like we play against so many offenses that love that cushion right there; they’ll hit you for five yards every play,” Coffey said.

“We’ve got the skill guys, we’ve got the running backs, we’ve got the offensive line. We’ve just got to go play.”

Robert Griffin III | Junior quarterback

If we give up five yards on back-to-back plays, that’s a first down. So I definitely see us pressing a lot more than we did last year.”

Bennett is willing to play anybody regardless of previous accolades or seniority, mentioning the words he has shared with prior five-star safety recruit Ahmad Dixon.

“I told [Dixon], you’re no longer a five-star; you’re a sophomore,” Bennett said.

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

Briles said the spring workout

season has not revealed a clear-cut starting running back.

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

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

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

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

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

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

While the Bears are free to hone their skills with their own workouts this summer, official team practice will not begin again until August. From there they’ll prepare for a Sept. 2 game against TCU in Waco, which will be televised on ESPN.

TUNNELS from Page 1

vice president of facilities and construction, said about 13 buildings on campus are connected by these tunnels, which provide hot water and air conditioning.

Clad in clunky hard hats and lab-style goggles, the students descended into the tunnel from the Baylor Energy Complex. Through the dark abyss, small lights shone every 10 feet, with light seeping in from the occasional manhole above.

Workers enter the tunnels through various access points, in hidden doors within the custodian storage areas of buildings, and sometimes use the manholes as emergency exits.

San Antonio senior Kaitlin Speer, who was part of the tour, said the tunnels were similar to how she pictured them.

“It was kind of like you would expect,” Speer said. “But in your imagination, the tunnels would be more scary.”

The group walked in single file, led by Ferguson, taking care not to touch the aging electric wires on the left or the steam pipe on the right situated above the cool water pipe.

Ken Pollard, the executive

director of facility services, said that the tunnels are around 6 feet 6 inches tall and around 10 feet wide.

“It’s like walking in a concrete box,” Pollard said.

Yet the facility tunnels are now a tool of the past. Thanks to dramatic upgrades in the quality of insulation, the pipes and electric lines connecting newer buildings on campus are buried.

Walking through the tunnel seemed like an obstacle course, with some pipes obstructing the walkway. Other portions of the dark path were caked with dirt and covered by puddles of slushy mud.

The temperature was about 85 degrees at the time of the tour, but the temperature of the tunnels can be much higher on some occasions.

Nicholson said steam leaves the energy complex at about 315 degrees, and any sort of steam leak could cause severe burns.

“If you and I walked in the tunnel, we would come out drenched in sweat because the temperature is so hot,” Nicholson said. “You wouldn’t want to hang out in these tunnels.”

The tunnel the tour group

walked through led to a former bomb shelter directly under North Russell. The area was dingy and dimly lit. The ground was covered with piles of sand almost like a beach. The area was wide enough to hold all of the residents of North Russell and extended as far as the eye could see.

The only evidence that truly betrayed the area’s bomb shelter heritage was a massive collection of U.S. government-issued cylinder bins, which were about the size of a public park trashcan. Instructions on how to use the bins as a water storage unit or as a commode were painted on the side.

The tour concluded as the students climbed up some stairs and exited a door that led into the North Russell courtyard. A few students who were tanning in the courtyard observed the underground visitors with mild curiosity before slipping back into their sunshine daze.

Heavy padlocks, motion sensors that notify police and around-the-clock supervision at the energy complex make trespassing in the tunnels next to impossible. Ferguson said having such advanced measures to protect the

underground facilities is vital for a healthy campus.

“The energy complex is the heart of campus,” he said. “And the tunnels are the arteries, so we want to protect them”

In recent months, maintenance trips to the facility tunnels have been more frequent, as workers work to remove the electric lines from the tunnels to bury them in other locations.

Such construction has taken place in the areas across from the Hankamer School of Business, Moody Memorial Library and North Russell.

Nicholson said this move was made to protect the workers.

“If any of the wiring has corrosion, you don’t want workers near that,” he said.

The facility tunnels are not unique to the Baylor campus. Nicholson said many campuses with central energy plants have facility tunnels, too.

Speer said that even though she toured the facility tunnels, much of the tunnels are still shrouded in mystery.

“There’s still a mystique,” Speer said. “We didn’t get to go through all of it.”

INITIATIVE from Page 1

“I know we still have a lot of work to go to reach the \$100 million goal, but this is very encouraging to see the momentum that we have moving toward that goal.”

Although Starr is also encouraged by the community’s response to the initiative so far, he said there is still a substantial amount of fundraising left to do.

“It’s very good, it’s very strong, but we have much more need,” Starr said. “So we’re really encouraging the entire Baylor family to come alongside this effort and let’s reach this \$100 million goal as

quickly as possible. If we can do it in less than three years, all the better, all the better for our students.”

The initiative was announced on Sept. 15 and is geared toward increasing funds for athletic, need-based, merit-based and out-of-classroom enrichment scholarships.

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Jones III to lead Bears on redemption quest

Incoming players look to help team reach postseason

By BEN FRIEDMAN
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Instead of rebuilding, the Bears are reloading for 2011-2012.

After a disappointing 18-13 (7-9) season, Scott Drew's Baylor Bears have their eyes on a national championship next year. The Bears are losing LaceDarius Dunn, who graduated and will enter this year's NBA draft.

As the Bears' leading scorer, Dunn was integral to the team.

The Bears have added two freshmen and three transfers while returning freshman phenom Perry Jones III, who shocked the basketball world by announcing he would stay at Baylor for an extra season instead of entering the draft.

"The whole college experience with my teammates — that was a big part of this decision," Jones said. "Just enjoying life with them. I do not want to cut that short and just leave out of nowhere. I want to have another good time like I did this year."

While Jones is returning, several players won't. Sophomore center Dragan Sekelja and freshman guard Stargell Love decided to transfer in May.

Returning players, in order of minutes per game, are:

No. 22 A.J. Walton (PG): After struggling to replace Tweety Carter, Walton looks to show everyone



why he was named Mr. Basketball in Arkansas after his senior year of high school. The junior led the team in assists last season and is projected to start at point guard once again, although newcomer Pierre Jackson should see a lot of playing time at the position as well.

Walton received criticism throughout the year regarding his high number of turnovers. When

asked about the issue, Walton said, "I hate it when I turn the ball over. But I have to just go out there, play, and try not to do it again."

No. 41 Anthony Jones (SF): The 6-foot-10-inch small forward may have an awkward release on his jump shot, but it's certainly accurate. Jones had the second-most 3-pointers on the team last season behind Dunn, shooting over 30 percent from beyond the arc. Jones moves toward the rim, especially when driving along the baseline. As a senior, Jones is expected to step into a leadership role this season, and fans hope he can become a true scoring threat.

No. 5 Perry Jones III (PF): Baylor's most talented returning player will be one of Baylor's two top 10 NBA talents in the coming season. His scoring and rebounding numbers compare favorably to those of Blake Griffin (Oklahoma) during his freshman season. Baylor fans can reasonably hope that Jones produces similarly to Griffin in his sophomore season when he won the Dr. James Naismith Award for the College Player of the Year.

No. 4 Quincy Acy (PF): Between his Abraham Lincoln beard and Ferrell Center-rocking dunks, it's not tough to figure out why



Acy is a fan favorite. Sporting the highest vertical leap on the team, Acy is a dynamic force, both in rebounding the basketball and blocking shots while he anchors Baylor's zone defense. As a senior, Acy is clearly the emotional leader of the team. Drew has consistently praised Acy's tremendous work ethic and the example he sets for incoming players.

No. 11 J'mison Morgan (C): After struggling at UCLA, Bobo — the nickname tattooed on his calves — had a breakout year after transferring to Baylor, particularly on defense. The latest example of Baylor's staff producing excellent big men, 6-foot-11-inch Morgan is

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No. 5 forward Perry Jones III shoots the ball over opponents during the game against University of Texas at Austin on March 5 at the Ferrell Center. Jones III chose to skip the NBA draft and return to Baylor for his sophomore year.

Talented freshman skips NBA draft, elects to return

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS EDITOR

Like his fellow classmates, nobody is forcing freshman forward Perry Jones III to return to Baylor for another semester. But chances are good he's the only student at the university turning down millions of dollars to do so.

Sitting with his father and mother at a mid-April press conference on Baylor's campus, the star basketball player announced his decision to return to Baylor and play one more year.

"I want to thank Baylor for everything they've done for me and



Jones III

my family," said Jones, whose choice even surprised his teammates. "I really believe I can grow as a player and a person if I stay one

more year at Baylor University."

Jones' teammates then burst into applause and high-pitched screaming, and Baylor fans soon sprinkled the Internet with Facebook statuses, tweets and message board posts expressing joy over the announcement.

Despite being projected as high as No. 1 in this year's NBA draft, Jones will return to Baylor for a number of reasons, including his outlook for next year's team and the opportunity to spend more time with players he said he now considers brothers.

Sole responsibility

Jones knew whatever decision he made would come with support from his parents, Perry and Terri Jones, as well as coach Scott Drew and the Baylor program. Still, neither of the aforementioned parties made the decision for Jones.

"His decision was solely based on how he felt as a man. I am really

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Lady Bears, Griner to shoot for national title next season

By DANIEL WALLACE
REPORTER

Coming off a school-record 34 wins and just three losses, the Lady Bears had a 2010-11 season to remember.

As a reward for their record-setting season, the Lady Bears received accolades across the board. As voted on by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, junior 6-foot-8 center Brittney Griner was named National Defensive Player of the Year, thanks in large part to the nation's best 170 blocks.

She was also an AP All-American first-team selection, while teammates Melissa Jones and Odyssey Sims received honorable mentions.

Sims, now a sophomore, was tabbed as the National Freshman of the Year after leading the Big 12 in 3-point field goal percentage at .456. The players were taught and motivated by the Kim Mulkey, who won National Coach of the Year.

The team spent seven weeks boasting the No. 1 overall ranking

in the AP Top 25 poll before a loss at Texas Tech in mid-February. When it came to the NCAA tournament, the Big 12 champions were one of the final eight teams competing for the national title.

After losing the first three meetings, the eventual national champions Texas A&M Aggies beat the Lady Bears 58-46 in the Dallas regional.

Although the 2010-11 season ended with disappointment for the Lady Bears, they have high hopes for the 2011-12 season and are poised for success. The team will miss graduated seniors Whitney Zachariason and Jones. Jones was popular for her hustle and leadership on and off the court.

With only two seniors leaving the team, the 2011 recruiting class has just one member. The team will welcome incoming 6-foot-4 freshman center Sunejira Agbuke from San Antonio. Mulkey said she's excited for what Agbuke will bring to the program.

"With Sune's size, she is a big

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Left: No. 0 guard Odyssey Sims dribbles the ball around a Green Bay defender during the Sweet 16. Right: No. 32 forward Brooklyn Pope shoots the ball. The Lady Bears defeated Green Bay but lost to eventual national champion Texas A&M in the next round.

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ROUND UP YEARBOOK

Nonprofit helps youth paint brighter future

By **BONNIE BERGER**
REPORTER

Life in the projects is a daily struggle for consistency, proper nutrition and overcoming negative influences. During that struggle, art often falls through the cracks.

Waco Arts Initiative, Baylor 2009 alumna Grace Ladd's brainchild, tries to bring creativity and passion into children's lives through art, music and theater.

Striving to bring consistency into chaotic areas, Waco Arts Initiative volunteers spend two days a week in the South Terrace and Kate Ross housing projects furthering art appreciation.

A typical program starts as students trickle in from school, and volunteers introduce the day's activities, allowing ample time for questions, construction and a final presentation of their finished work. Partnering with Campus Kitchen, healthy snacks are provided before the kids go home.

"Right now, we're focusing on one neighborhood at a time and investing one at a time," Ladd said. "We're making change rather than expanding over such broad places."

Utilizing imaginative outlets, volunteers reap the benefits of the trust and rapport they've gained with students.

"Mentoring gives them specific one-on-one time that can be hard to get at home or in school, so we're able to really invest in them individually," said Carrollton junior and volunteer Antonia Terrazas. "It really gives [kids] a chance to build relationships with volunteers who are passionate about kids and about art."

The initiative started during Ladd's sophomore year, as she and two friends frequently ventured into South Terrace government housing. What started with kickball and playtime revealed a deeper need for structured creativity.

"We started getting to know people and figuring out where the

need was," Ladd said. "It clicked with me my senior year to do art with these kids since most schools in Waco don't have art classes. It's teaching children to be innovators and creative thinkers and think outside the box. ... That's what they don't have in their schools."

As Ladd's vision grew, so did involvement from local organizations. Collaborative efforts among Urban Gardening Coalition, Congress Clothing, Common Grounds and many others provide Waco Arts Initiative with venues for benefits, monetary donations and partners to invoke change, Ladd said.

"A big thing is making the model of Waco Arts replicable to other places because it is unique and it is helpful to Waco," she said. "There aren't many people going to the projects and bring art to the kids. Because we have a presence there, it's a point of entry."

Determined to strengthen that presence, volunteers devote time

and energy to sharing art in unconventional ways.

"We have amazing volunteers that really understand the mission," Ladd said. "This isn't a babysitting time, or a time to play and then leave [the kids] and never see them again. Their environments are switching constantly. There's no consistency. So, having our volunteers understand the impact they're making is huge."

Through a mutual love of art, volunteers and students are able to build lasting relationships, beyond the time they spend together at Waco Arts Initiative.

"Art is a very human thing our volunteers love just like our students," Ladd said. "It's encouraging a quality of life within the students we're working with, but our volunteers also."

Artistic skill or knowledge isn't necessary to volunteer, Terrazas said, emphasizing that an open heart and a desire to build relationships is key.

"I've been able to give my art input where I can," she said. "Really, for me, it's been about building those relationships and getting to know the kids on an individual basis and building that trust. It's been the first volunteer experience where I get to see what consistency does."

However, merging the Baylor Bubble with less affluent areas of Waco proves challenging for volunteers bent on instantly fixing the area.

"There's always this present tension that we're Baylor kids and we're in their world," Terrazas said. "We're trying to connect ... without bringing our presuppositions and try to see what we can bestow."

Yet, as relationships grow, the divide between the privileged Baylor circle and the more unexplored parts of Waco yields a rich harvest.

"If I wasn't involved in Waco Arts, I wouldn't know these kids, I wouldn't know these families or volunteers," said Austin junior and

Waco Arts intern Haley Propes.

Waco Arts Initiative won't stop there. Ladd predicts growth and fresh executive support for the coming year.

"I envision churches with the Kate Ross neighborhood, different organizations taking on different neighborhoods and implementing the Waco Arts model to use," Ladd said.

Although Waco Arts Initiative predominantly works with children, Ladd aspires to expand that outreach to families, as well.

"Right now it's really important the kids have fine art access but I'd also like to do something with the families," she said. "They could be learning a craft or trade. Maybe that's building a table or decorating their home. Maybe that's our way of doing a little bit more."

Ladd is in the process of compiling an executive committee, which will allow qualified volunteers the opportunity to use passion and skills to make a difference.

Former Bear writes, directs 'Brotherhood' movie

By **BONNIE BERGER**
REPORTER

Adam Buckley, a Sigma Zeta Chi pledge, sits blindfolded in the back of a van. He learns that the final fraternity initiation requires a convenience store robbery. Minutes later, a fellow pledge is shot.

In an initiation gone awry, Buckley must fight against time and his new fraternity brothers in order to save his friend's life. So begins the plot of "Brotherhood," a film directed and co-written by former Baylor student Will Canon.

"Most sorority or fraternity movies are either silly comedies or they're cheesy horror flicks," Canon said. "I wanted to do something that was much more dramatic and people took more seriously. I didn't feel like it had been done before."

Based on Canon's 2001 short film "Roslyn," inspiration for the Greek thriller came from friendships in Waco and observations of

initiations in fraternities. Canon extensively researched for the film, interviewing students involved in Greek life, reading feature material and viewing documentaries.

"After that, I went and hung out with a fraternity at a school in Texas," he said. "They let me hang out and shoot some video when they were taking pledges through the first part of the process."

A New York University Film School graduate, Canon attended Baylor during his sophomore year and focused on perfecting his writing skills.

"I was trying to figure out what I wanted to do," he said. "For me, there were great professors like



Trevor Morgan stars in "Brotherhood," written and directed by Baylor alumnus Will Canon. The movie focuses on the dark side of fraternity initiation.

[Robert Darden, associate professor of journalism and media arts] and other great people there that really helped me."

Darden saw the potential of Canon's work, especially his

screenplay writing, early in Canon's career.

"Will came to me after his freshman year and said that his goal was to write screenplays," said Darden. "I was astounded at the

quality of his work. You can tell really quickly the kids who had a passion for writing and Will was one of them."

Canon kept in touch with Darden after transferring to New York University, where he began directing short films.

"Film school taught him to direct," Darden said. "His dream was still the same - to keep working until he got the opportunity to write and direct his full-length film."

That dream became reality with "Brotherhood," which debuted at the Angelika Film Center in Dallas. Encompassing subjects students and adults can relate to, the film cast quickly connected with the plot.

"I feel like this is an extreme version of something that's real," said actor Lou Taylor Pucci during a "Good Morning Texas" interview. "This movie is fun to watch and is original

because it's real."


Many actors compile the cast, including Trevor Morgan, who starred in "The Sixth Sense" and "The Patriot," as well as Jon Foster, who stars in the CBS comedy "Accidentally On Purpose."

An audience favorite, "Brotherhood" won numerous awards in the film festival circuit, including the South by Southwest Film Festival Audience Award and Audience, Best Director and Special Humanitarian Awards at the Sidewalk International Film Festival.

"I want people to be entertained by it," Canon said. "If they take something away that's deeper than that, then it's about a character who has to find strength within himself to do the right thing. For me, that's what the movie is about."


The film was released on DVD May 17.

For cast biographies, movie clips and stills, visit www.brotherhoodthemovie.com.



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Professor’s enthusiasm enlivens classroom

By MOLLY PACKER
REPORTER

It’s not very often that a professor throws a beach ball into a sea of students in Kayser Auditorium in order to illustrate a point during the first lecture of their freshman year.

But Dr. Tom Hanks is no ordinary professor.

The first time the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core class of 2014 encountered Hanks was at the BIC’s Welcome Week dinner last fall. Sitting at a table of seven or eight exhausted and silent young scholars, he inquired about each of their hometowns, giving each student a chance to mumble a “Houston” or “Dallas” or “Cincinnati.”

Five minutes later, the students at the table were vibrantly discussing the literary merit of “Harry Potter” and “Twilight” with Hanks.

Before Hanks, English professor, stood up to give his first BIC lecture, he had made a lasting impression on the students’ minds.

After three and a half decades

of teaching at Baylor, Hanks is one of the most beloved professors on campus. Though he mainly teaches English majors, Hanks teaches



Hanks

classes for all majors, including a course on English author Geoffrey Chaucer and a section of World Cultures I, a BIC class for freshmen, a BIC capstone

and a senior thesis class.

But Hanks does not just instruct students. Hanks said he tries to do exactly what C.S. Lewis argued the “task of the modern educator” should be — he irrigates arid minds with dewy imagination.

According to his students, Hanks’ diverse course topics, passion and enthusiasm allow him to easily enter the hearts and minds of his students. Most students at Baylor have heard a lecture of Hanks or

at least heard stories from a friend or roommate.

His first lecture to BIC freshmen has become legendary — the students pass a beach ball around Kayser Auditorium to symbolize the sharing of ideas. His reference to students as “colleagues” is an indicator of Hanks’ easy and relatable attitude.

Hanks is well known for bringing what could be boring lectures to life. Dallas freshman Charlie Foster, who was in Hanks’ first semester World Cultures I small group class, has many fond memories of the professor.

“He has character and he’s humorous,” he said. “It helps enliven the learning environment. He’s also creative and witty. It’s always a new way of learning. It’s not just a discussion.”

Austin freshman Louisa Hudec also loved having Hanks as a teacher.

“He’s a very eccentric gentleman of old,” she said. “He treated us as if our ideas were valuable. We used to write journals for class and he

would print out people’s entries to share ideas the writer had with the class.”

Hudec remembers that Hanks always told the class how much he enjoyed them and accompanied his teaching with a bit of light teasing.

“He teased, but very lightly so that it never hurt anyone,” Hudec said.

When asked which class is his favorite to teach, Hanks immediately spills several he loves. Then he pauses.

“My favorite class is always the class I’m currently teaching,” he decides. “I waffle over the map.”

When it comes down to it, Hanks concludes the reason he loves teaching is the students.

“I love getting students of all majors motivated to learn and interact,” he said.

Hanks taught his first class in the late 1960s while on leave from his usual position as an information officer in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Vietnam. After teaching at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., Hanks

was told he needed to return to Vietnam for another six weeks before coming back to Colorado to teach.

Hanks did not like the idea of returning to the position in Vietnam.

“I’m opposed to aiding and abetting people who want to kill other people — especially me,” he said.

For that reason, Hanks did not return to Vietnam and instead earned his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. He has been gracing Baylor’s lecture halls for the past 34 years.

Since then, Hanks has earned nearly every teaching award Baylor has to offer and he proudly displays all of them in his office. He is a master teacher and has been recognized for his teaching ability by Baylor’s presidents many times. He has published several articles, most of them about Sir Thomas Malory’s and Geoffrey Chaucer’s works, and edited several books. Through it all, Hanks wants to remain as humble as the day he began teaching.

Before long, Hanks shares about the class he is teaching this semester about Oxford Fantasisits. The course looks at stories like Sir Thomas Malory’s “La Morte d’Arthur,” J.R.R. Tolkien’s “The Lord of the Rings” and J.K. Rowling’s “Harry Potter.”

Hanks says that the truth in literature lies between allegory and story. All the fantasy stories he examines are based on Sir Malory’s work that operates as a tragedy and a Christian comedy ultimately exploring the Christian faith.

Even though Hanks has been teaching for several decades, he still finds great excitement in exploring the unknown and sharing his excitement with students.

“He personally connects to students instead of being a simple professor at the front of the room,” Foster said.

With Hanks’ style of teaching, ideas and thoughts can easily be passed through generations.

And so, colleague, the “idea” beach ball will roll on.

Library Holocaust sculpture’s history calls for public display

By LELA ATWOOD
CONTRIBUTOR

A Holocaust memorial sculpture that is tucked away in Moody Memorial Library may be put on prominent display once again. Behind the piece is a story of heroism — a story of remembrance.

Dr. Tom Hanks, English professor, said he was transfixed when he first saw the sculpture called “Korczak and His Children” at an art sale in Temple Agudath, a Waco synagogue.

At 8 inches tall, 13 inches wide, the art piece portrays a bearded man with expressive eyes. His oversized hand stretches out around the 10 undernourished young children who surround him.

Hanks knew he had to have it.

The art piece was made by Israeli artist Baruch Saksier to honor a World War II hero who sacrificed

his life so that a group of children would never be abandoned.

Dr. Janusz Korczak, the sculpture’s namesake, was a Jew in Poland who worked as a physician and cared for 200 Jewish children in the Warsaw Ghetto during a time of chaos, food shortages and poor living conditions. Korczak had the opportunity to escape twice since his job as a physician brought him high connections. But twice he refused, because he didn’t want to leave the Jewish children under his care.

When Nazi officials rounded up the orphans, Korczak chose to be at their side while they traveled in cattle cars to the concentration camp called Treblinka. Nobody from the group came out alive.

The copy of “Korczak with His Children” Hanks found is a reproduction of the sculpture that stands outside of Yad Vaseem, a Holocaust memorial located in Jerusalem. It’s

also the only copy of the memorial in the world.

After making their purchase, Hanks and his wife, Dr. Carole Hanks, set the statue in their living room. But they soon decided the piece deserved a more public setting.

“We bought the [sculpture] because it was so powerful,” Hanks said. “More and more we felt that we shouldn’t keep it to ourselves.”

In September 1996, they donated the sculpture to the Moody Library, where it received with a welcoming presentation. The event was opened by former Baylor president Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

Dr. Harvey Sparks, a Waco physician who spoke at the presentation, said Korczak was not only a hero, but an innovator who treasured children and their innocence.

“When you compare his philosophies on children to what they



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“Korczak and His Children,” tucked away in a corridor of Moody Memorial Library offices, may soon be moved back into public view.

are today, he was well ahead of his time,” Sparks said. “He believed kids were inherently good and needed to be individually honored and taken care of.”

Sparks, a member of Temple

Agudath and one of art sale coordinators, said today’s society has yet to catch up with the ideas of Korczak.

“When I see what goes on in schools, it sickens me,” Sparks said. “We have a society that focuses on maintaining discipline and achievement, and Korczak was not that person.”

After the event, the sculpture was put on permanent display in the library, moving from the garden level to the first floor and then to the second floor of Jones Library.

Bill Hair, dean of university libraries, said library staff members were concerned about the art piece being too heavy for its display shelf. So they decided to temporarily move the sculpture to a sturdier table, located in a corridor of library offices away from public view.

Yet despite the fact the sculpture has been tucked away, there is hope that it will soon be in the public

halls of Moody Library again.

Hair said he is interested in taking steps to prominently display the art piece. All that is needed is a sturdy, secure display case and a description of what the sculpture represents since the original description has gone missing.

“I think I need to have a conversation with Tom about reconstructing some kind of descriptive piece,” Hair said. “That really does make all the difference.”

Hanks said he and his wife are saving money for a new display table for the sculpture because they want students and faculty to remember the tragic events of history that inspired this work of art.

“Germany did a horrible thing during World War II,” Hanks said. “I hope that everyone who looks at this and is moved by it will think, ‘We will never let this happen again.’”

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Heart of Texas Garden Coalition works to not only beautify the community, but provide a food source and learning tool for people in the community as well.

Community blossoms with nonprofit garden

By BONNIE BERGER
REPORTER

In an age when supermarkets overpower local growers in the race to supply consumers with affordable produce, it seems that gardening has been neglected. Recognizing the need for sustainable and affordable produce, the Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition works to bring maintainable gardens to neighborhoods where supermarkets are few and far between. “We try to start gardens at churches and schools that are in neighborhoods where traditional access to food isn’t as available,” said Bethel Erickson, Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition Americorps Vista director. “In North and East Waco, there really aren’t many supermarkets, so we’re providing another method for people to grow their own food.” Sprouting in 2005 through mutual collaborations among various community members and groups like the World Hunger Relief Farm and Caritas, Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition takes a holistic approach to planting a community garden. “We try to work with people who are interested so we just don’t

go into communities that don’t want us,” Erickson said. “When we plant a garden, we set up community gardening workshops to educate people on how to grow their own produce, as well as offer cooking demonstrations.” Drawing the attention of the community, local churches, schools, companies and nonprofits are getting involved. “Churches will use the produce they grow in food pantries, in Caritas and cooking endeavors,” Erickson said. “It’s a good method of ministry for them to be able to give back.” Uniting members of the community from all walks of life, the coalition provides common ground on which people can meet to reinvest in their communities. “It’s truly a coalition,” Erickson said. “We’re not just gardeners; we’re health educators and teachers and pastors, so it’s a good variety of people who are just interested in access to healthy food.” Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition utilizes community events centered on the gardens in order to further education and energize the neighborhood. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is one such event, where kids, parents and members of the

community have the opportunity to plant new gardens, beautify the city and partake in nutritious home-grown foods. In January, Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition partnered with Campus Kitchens Project at Baylor and numerous community organizations to create the Baylor Community Garden, located at Ninth Street and Bagby Avenue. Organizers expect the garden to improve children’s nutrition, as well as provide Baylor students with a useful teaching tool. “This is one of the university’s most progressive moves toward giving all areas of the Baylor campus an opportunity to engage each other and build community in a very substantial way,” said Amanda Allen, project manager with the Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative at Baylor, in a January press release. Despite the fun and celebrations, the gardens require a substantial amount of work in order to stay healthy and prosperous. “Having people stay interested in the garden after those initial garden events is hard,” Erickson said. “That’s just the reality of it. Once it hits July, it’s hot outside and people aren’t as interested in putting forth all the hard work.” Yet creativity and a dedicated

group of community workers and volunteers continue to bear fruit in each neighborhood, despite a limited budget and inhospitable summer heat. “Having little to no money has caused us to be more creative with the things we use and find around town,” Erickson said. “We’re building compost bins out of recycled materials and trellising peas on old mattress springs.” The creativity seeps into every aspect of the organization, as staff and volunteers turn the gardening process into an art form. “Gardening and art are very similar processes because both let you start something and you have to wait and work with it and cultivate it until its finished,” said Grace Ladd, Waco Arts Initiative director and former Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition board of directors secretary. The community gardens also cultivate an appreciation for getting messy, as they encourage kids to get off the couch and spend time in the dirt. “They understand that it didn’t just come from the ground but it’s actual food,” Erickson said. “The strides are great. ... They’re much more likely to get their tennis shoes dirty.”

Student launches ‘Craigslist’ for BU

By LEIGH ANN HENRY
REPORTER

A small, local business is depending on Baylor students to grow. In October, Indianapolis junior Cole Chapman, who is pursuing a triple major in finance, entrepreneurship and real estate, launched a website called The Bear Trade. “It is essentially an amplified Craigslist customized for Baylor students. It got inspired by move-out every year,” Chapman said. Chapman describes the site as a one-stop shop for Baylor students and said tutoring services, textbooks and housing are among the items listed online.



Chapman

When students move out each year, large amounts of unwanted books, furniture and other materials quickly find a path to the nearest Dumpster, Chapman said. These materials then move to a landfill, but The Bear Trade is Chapman’s solution to alter this wasteful cycle. Thebeartrade.com is intended to allow students to buy, sell and trade within the Baylor community instead of just throwing items away when no longer wanted. Chapman said he hopes that future move-out days will be different than those in the past, thanks to his website. “I think ... as opposed to people throwing stuff away they’ll post it on The Bear Trade,” Chapman said. Increasing awareness for his website at Baylor has been a struggle. His company is not affiliated with Baylor so the school doesn’t allow Chapman to advertise on campus. Since the name of his company is The Bear Trade and it is specifically tailored for the Baylor community, there are concerns

students will associate the company with Baylor. Chapman said about 100 users have signed up on the website, but hundreds of people browse the site unregistered. Giving an example of how the site works, Chapman said he put a toaster under the “free” category on The Bear Trade and within a few days someone called asking if “I think ... as opposed to people throwing stuff away, they’ll post it on The Bear Trade.”

Cole Chapman | Indianapolis junior and creator of thebeartrade.com

he had gotten rid of the toaster yet. “He was there within probably 10 minutes to pick it up,” Chapman said. “So we know it works; it definitely works.” Plano junior Carson Fabian used The Bear Trade to sell his bike shortly after the website was launched. Fabian said he received two different phone calls and the bike was sold within two weeks. “Actually, I’m going to put all of my textbooks on there because of how fast my bike sold,” Fabian said. Chapman said he hopes to find success with his business and potentially expand to other colleges in Texas. He said he is not aware of other schools having a buy-sell-trade system similar to The Bear Trade. The website is free to use for anyone, but as The Bear Trade hopefully snowballs into a larger business, that may change, Chapman said. Chapman said Baylor students will be able to use the website for free, but in the future, anyone outside of the Baylor community who wishes to join the network will pay a fee.

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BU alumnus serves up slices at local pizzeria

By LIZ HITCHOCK
REPORTER

The cool atmosphere, spacious outdoor seating and friendly wait staff are only a few of the reasons why students stop into Shorty's Pizza Shack, located in the shopping center at 12th Street and Bagby Avenue.

The owner of Shorty's, Ted Browning, a 2001 Baylor alumnus, said he is happy to be back in the area. The restaurant opened in January.

"I always liked the location," Browning said. "I used to live about three blocks down from here."

After graduating from the Hankamer School of Business, Browning decided to move to Hawaii for about four years, but afterward found himself back in Waco, with a business plan for a restaurant.

"I had other ideas and took the



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Shorty's Pizza Shack, located at 1712 S. 12th St. provides a relaxing atmosphere and brick oven-baked pizza.

first few steps with another business plan in the downtown area. ... I had pretty much most of it laid out," Browning said. "But when it's your first place and you haven't done it before, there are about a hundred problems you don't even realize."

One of the many aspects of Shorty's that make it unique in Waco is its traditional brick-lined pizza oven that makes the pizzas crisper and generally gives them a more flavorful taste.

"We have a real brick-lined oven, gas-fired," Browning said. "You can really taste a difference. It's all about the pizza."

The menu ranges all the way from "The Works" pizza with almost everything they serve tastefully piled onto each slice, to the "Meat Lover's" and classic pepperoni pies.

However, Shorty's also caters to the vegetarian tastes as well, serving a veggie pizza and the East Coast favorite, white pizza.

"Our head chef, the guy that came up with all the recipes, is a young guy from New Jersey. He basically came up with the crust

himself and uses an old family recipe from out in New Jersey," said Shorty's waiter Reece Beall.

Beall said that the most popular pizza is the pepperoni, but the pizza by the slice is popular as well.

"We have different slices every day that we sell, so the most popular changes," Beall said. "A lot of people tend to like the barbecue chicken."

The staff of Shorty's is enthusiastic about business and have had good experiences with the clientele.

"I love working here. It's a real laid-back atmosphere," Beall said. "All the people that come in here are pretty chill."

Assistant manager Chance Vanzandt said that about 90 percent of their customers are students, and they have been trying to tell people about the restaurant

"We just been kind of doing word of mouth," Vanzandt said. "So far we've had really good results. We are going to start advertising on and around campus."

Browning wants to start marketing to Baylor students in the near future and has already started a Facebook fan page for the restaurant.

Another rarity in Waco is outdoor seating. Shorty's has more than 700 square feet of outdoor seating. There is the option to sit in the covered, fan-cooled outside seats, or to bask in the sun while you eat your pie.

Outside you can also find games like washers and "redneck golf." The restaurant also provides free Wi-Fi.

Shorty's Pizza Shack is open every day of the week from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Student government leaders encourage involvement in politics

By DORIAN DAVIS
CONTRIBUTOR

It can be intimidating to campaign for a position, but former student body president Michael Wright believes that somewhere within the student government, there's a seat waiting with your name on it.

For many, the thought of campaigning for a position is often associated with money, lies and scandals. However, Wright said there are certain policies and regulations that make the process as fair and safe as possible for everyone.

"We have spending limits that are outlined in the electoral code," Wright said.

Those limits give student body presidential candidates a maximum budget of \$300 and \$75 for senatorial candidates to spend on their campaigns.

"The purpose behind that is to make sure that anyone has the opportunity to run and they aren't constricted by their financial situation," Wright said.

Students enrolled in many hours

may not think they have the time to campaign, but Wright said certain candidates have used their creativity to capitalize on high-traffic areas, such as Facebook.

"Some candidates spend hours and others don't spend more than 20 to 30 minutes making a Facebook group," Wright said.

Houston junior Ben Aguinaga, student government senator and former student government presidential candidate, said he believes social-media websites like Facebook will have a significant impact on future elections.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, the last thing a student will see [before the election] is a candidate's Facebook page," Aguinaga said.

Aguinaga, who lost the race for president to Houston senior Zach Rogers in a runoff election in April, said the most useful feature of Facebook is the ability to create event pages because users are reminded everyday and show up on their friend's pages stating they had attended the event.

"Something you'll see a lot of

people do is create a core group of friends and ask them if they would like to donate their profile picture for a week," Aguinaga said. "Whatever your campaign button slogan is can be their profile picture and that pops up."

Those unfamiliar with the process of student government campaigns may remember the days of their high school student government when students attempted to ban homework and get a new soda machine, only to find their power never went beyond choosing the theme for prom.

Instead of a political government, Wright characterizes Baylor's student government more as a student-run organization centralized to other campus organizations.

"I view student government as a service organization that focuses on two main things: advocating on behalf of the student body and allocating to the various student organizations to host campus wide events."

In order to achieve his top priority of connecting and relating to students, Wright spent an average

of 20-30 hours a week on student government initiatives. In addition to members of the student government, Wright often met with administrators such as Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president of student life and President Ken Starr to ensure students' concerns and needs were addressed.

Looking back on his tenure, Wright said he is particularly proud of his work with Starr to create the President's Scholarship Initiative, a program aimed at helping students combat rising tuition costs.

The idea was founded after issuing a survey to students on what issues they were most concerned with.

"We brought this concern to the senior level of the administration and worked to find a solution to this issue. We ultimately decided it under the leadership of Judge Starr and he began to implement the President's Scholarship Initiative," Wright said.

While the student body president is typically the most sought after, Wright emphasizes the impor-

ance of the other positions.

"We have 13 senators and three class officers elected per class and they run in three different races. We have class president, vice president and class secretary and treasury for each class."

Having lost two student government presidential campaigns, Aguinaga said that he's a stronger person because of it, referencing Abraham Lincoln's failures in politics prior to becoming president.

"When I was a kid, I looked at Abraham Lincoln as a role model because he lost numerous races. He ran over 20 times for political positions, but he won when it mattered."

Aguinaga says anyone can benefit from the experience of running for a position.

"These races in student government are such great character builders if you approach them the right way. They teach you not just mental and physical endurance, but they demand a personal attribute," Aguinaga said.

If the idea of campaigning doesn't grab students' attention,

then consider the number of non-elected positions throughout the student government, Aguinaga said.

"There are cabinet positions within the president and external vice presidential offices that really anyone can become a part of, and we also have student court," he said.

The student court operates as the judicial branch of the student government, aimed at interpreting the student body constitution in disputes among students and organizations so that a solution can be resolved.

Regardless, Wright said he believes it's important for students to find a campus organization they're comfortable with.

"I would encourage them if they're interested in student government to run for the position they feel called to. And beyond that, I would encourage every freshman to get involved in an organization," he said.

"Take advantage of the leadership opportunities around campus and invest yourself in the people around you."

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Track’s McReynolds laughs in face of hurdles

By LINDSAY CASH
REPORTER

At 5 feet, 91 pounds, freshman hurdler and sprinter Tiffani McReynolds and her tiny frame reel in curious glances at every track meet. But the back of her extra-small jersey burns in the minds of her opponents as she shoots out of the block past the rest of the pack.

The first time McReynolds hit the track was in fifth grade, when her mother pulled their car over to speak with a coach leading a track practice. The next day, McReynolds began her journey as a hurdler, following in the footsteps of her mother.

Struggling to get over the hurdles at such a small age and size, McReynolds earned the name “Froggy,” as she incorrectly stepped over the hurdles.

Throughout her high school career at Pembroke Hill High School in Kansas City, Kan., she acquired a nice collection of frog memorabilia from her parents and friends.

“I wore frog socks all throughout high school when I ran. My mom still gets me frog things to this day — my room is covered in frogs,” McReynolds said.

Competing in track at the collegiate level was without question in her mind, but McReynolds spent months debating on the college fit for her.

“I remember really thinking about schools looking at me as just another athlete, or really caring about my education. That’s why I chose Baylor. Baylor is based on a great message and strengthens my faith,” McReynolds said.

McReynolds especially connected with Baylor’s associate coach, Mike Ford.



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Despite a noticeable size disadvantage, freshman Tiffani McReynolds has continued her pursuit of greatness in hurdles since being drawn to the sport in elementary school. This past year she broke two Baylor records.

“Coach Ford reminds me a lot of my hurdles coach from high school. He doesn’t play games. He keeps it real. He seemed the most truthful to me and my family, about everything,” McReynolds said.

Ford admires her truthfulness as a competitor, as well.

“She’s humble, but she sets goals on what she wants to do,” Ford

said. “She’s a sweet girl who loves to laugh, but at the same time she has that switch to get focused. Usually, I worry about athletes being imbalanced on fun and working, but she stays level-headed because she can have fun.”

Head track and field coach Todd Harbour said he could not be happier with McReynolds’ decision to attend and thrive at Baylor. Her rookie year results have

exceeded the expectations of the coaching staff at Baylor as well as projections from those that would not offer her a scholarship because of her small size.

“I never think about my size. Growing up, everybody told me I was short. That’s what makes it so fun. Going into meets, I hear, ‘Oh, she’s so cute!’ Then we take it to the track. I like shocking people,” McReynolds said.

Bringing a long list of high school honors, McReynolds has made instant and exponential progress at Baylor in record-shattering fashion. She can check defying the norm and setting NCAA standards off her freshman to-do list — all the while wearing a smile.

“She has an unbelievable personality, always happy and so full of joy. The joy of the Lord is truly her strength, and that characterizes

how she competes,” Harbour said.

When asked to describe her career thus far, Harbour shook his head, searching for words.

“Astronomical. Not only has Tiff improved, but she’s taken her talents to an amazing level. She’s at the top of the nation. Phenomenal. Crazy,” Harbour said.

Ford, who has been with her every step of her Baylor career, can’t help but chuckle when analyzing her progress.

“She’s better and faster than I expected. I could see a freshman’s sprints dropping half a second, at best. But dropping a full second? Based on what she’s done, she’s reached that elite athlete status,” Ford said.

In one season, McReynolds has collected a list of honors as she inches her way to her main goal. She said she is motivated by her dream to participate on the 2012 United States Olympic team.

Revisiting her accomplishments, McReynolds was an indoor All-American, runner-up in the 60-meter hurdles at the NCAA Indoor Championships, Big 12 champion in the 60-meter hurdles and she broke Baylor’s indoor 60-meter hurdles record four times.

For the outdoor season, she was the Texas Relays 100-meter hurdles champion, won the 100-meter hurdles at the ASU Invitational, broke Baylor’s outdoor 100-meter record three times and was ranked No. 1 in the NCAA in the 100-meter hurdles.

The record book says McReynolds is a force to be reckoned with, and her coaches, fellow competitors and fellow national record holders are watching her closely as she hurdles her way into history.

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presence in the paint. She has great hands for a big girl. Sune utilizes her size to get rebounds and has a very soft touch on her shot,” Mulkey said.

Agbuke will join a team that is hungry for more success and has

the ultimate goal of winning a national championship in 2012.

“We did some great things this past season, but that makes all of us even hungrier to get better individually and as a team,” Sims said.

Griner said the team has become thirstier after experiencing the Final Four in the 2009-10 season and failing to make it back this previous season. The thirst is what will keep her motivated this summer, as she will work on weight

lifting and focus on keeping her body healthy.

For Sims, the key to repeating the program’s success in recent years starts in practicing every day.

“[It] starts with two hours on the floor,” she said. “If one per-

son doesn’t bring it, that’s one day we’ve wasted that we didn’t make the team better.”

The team’s official practices will begin in the fall and they will be the starting point in what the Lady Bears hope to be a

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expected to be the big body in the lane and figures to be instrumental in Baylor's title shot during his senior season.



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Head basketball coach Scott Drew will coach a talented Bears squad in 2011-2012.

No. 3 Fred Ellis (SG): Ellis is back for his fourth season of eligibility after graduating in December last year. He will attend graduate school as he fights for the starting shooting guard spot. Ellis is a prototypical "glue guy" who can knock down an open jump shot, rebounds well and takes care of the ball.

No. 34 Cory Jefferson (PF/C): After redshirting his sophomore season due to an ankle injury and a loaded front court, Jefferson is ready to show the nation what he can do. Word out of camp is that he has significantly improved every aspect of his game, and NBA scouts are excited to see how he develops over the next two seasons.

Although there's a significant veteran presence on these new Baylor Bears, there are also five newcomers who may be major factors in the upcoming season. Drew brought in a recruiting class consisting of:

Quincy Miller (SF/PF): Baylor's highest-rated recruit (#4 Rivals.com) in history comes with quite a bit of hype. "I'm excited about next season because I want to see what Quincy Miller can bring to the team," Channelview senior Kyle Beam said.

Already projected by some experts to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, Miller is expected to start for the Bears and make an immediate impact. However, he's coming off an ACL tear during his senior season at Westchester County Day School in North Carolina.

Deuce Bello (SG): A high school teammate of Miller's, Bello has the vertical leap and dynamic dunking ability to be a highlight reel when driving to the basket.



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No. 41 forward Anthony Jones dribbles the ball by a Kansas defender during a game in January. Jones, a senior, will return next season.

"I've watched his highlight tapes (on YouTube), and I can't wait to see Deuce Bello dunk. He's fantastic," said Chicago sophomore David Spittler.

Bello must work on his jump shot to be a true difference-maker at the college level. But as a freshman who expects to stay four years, he has time.

#13 Brady Heslip (PG/SG): After redshirting at Boston College and then transferring to Baylor, NCAA rules required that Heslip sit out another year. So his college career will finally begin this year at Baylor. Heslip is known for his 3-point shooting ability and fans have seen him make many a shot while sitting on the Baylor bench in his dress clothes. If Drew's offense can get him open, expect Heslip to sink the shot.

#2 Gary Franklin (PG/SG): After a disappointing beginning of the season and some disagreements with his coach at the University of California, Franklin made the decision to transfer to Baylor. Because he played during his first semester at California, Franklin won't be eligible until the spring. Many scouts and some coaches expect him to compete for a job as the backup point guard once he's allowed to play.

Franklin is a dynamic scorer, which is something Baylor has missed at the position since Tweety

Carter graduated.

Pierre Jackson (PG): Jackson, the latest addition the Bears' roster, was brought in to provide veteran leadership and depth at point guard as a junior college transfer from the College of Southern Idaho. Jackson earned NJCAA Division I All-American honors after 18.6 points, 4.4 assists and 3.8 rebounds per game while leading his team to an NJCAA title.

"Now that he's won a junior college title at Southern Idaho as well as the tournament MVP, I know we would love to do the same here at Baylor," Drew said.

Without a doubt, these Bears look much more polished on paper than last year's, due mainly to four seniors, two juniors, a junior college transfer and a redshirt sophomore.

All key players are a year older, and according to Scouts Inc., Miller is a more complete player coming out of high school than Perry Jones III was last year.

The most interesting competition may be at the starting shooting guard position, where Ellis appears to have the inside track. But Franklin, Heslip and Bello all are considered serious candidates.

Predicting that the 2011-2012 Baylor men's basketball team will be able to repeat their 2009-2010 Elite Eight performance is not an unreasonable expectation.

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proud of him for making this decision, and I am just here to support him," Terri said.

Jones II was fully supportive of his son as well.

"I am proud of him also," he said. "If his decision was to start swimming, I would still be behind him 100 percent."

The choice took weeks of prayer and thought, Jones said.

It wasn't easy when a Google search could show Jones his high NBA draft stock before Baylor's season even began. Jones actually entered the season thinking he would be another one-and-done player.

"I was thinking that, especially after reading articles and projections and stuff. That was in the back of my head," Jones said. "I think this

decision can better me as a man."

Big brother, little brother

The smiles in the room at the April 11 press conference were everywhere, from Drew on the podium to Jones' giddy teammates rooting him on from the back of the room. Jones couldn't see himself leaving for the NBA.

"They keep me out of trouble, keep me out of harm's way," Jones said of his teammates.

"Staying with them seems better than going out to the real world by myself and being alone and not having a great group of guys to help me."

Jones expressed additional excitement in playing with both veterans and newcomers next year, such

as junior Boston College transfer Brady Heslip, freshman UC-Berkeley transfer Gary Franklin and

Bears' sentiment toward Jones.

"You can't leave big brother stranded," a smiling Acy said.

"[My teammates] keep me out of trouble. ...Staying with them seems better than going out to the real world by myself and being alone and not having a great group of guys to help me."

Perry Jones III | Sophomore forward

sophomore Cory Jefferson, who redshirted this season.

Perhaps no player was more excited about Jones' choice than junior Quincy Acy, the epitome of the

Acy, who has known Jones since Jones was a high-schooler, had admiration for Jones' decision in the face of millions of dollars and likened it to Ohio State standout fresh-

man Jared Sullinger staying an additional year.

"It just shows that the top talent aren't going [to college] for benefits or whatever. They're coming because they like the school and they like the people on the team. It says a lot about them," Acy said.

Above and beyond

At 13.9 points per game, Jones might have been the Bears' second-leading scorer, but he said he still has work to do before becoming at least a solid contributor on an NBA squad.

A point of emphasis for Jones will be "my motor, to be able to keep playing consistently throughout the entire 40 minutes of the game," he said.

Drew said because of Jones' size, Jones' best basketball will always be ahead of him until his late 20s or early 30s.

Jones also knows basketball analysts will watch him closely next year, possibly questioning his decision and always pondering what could have been had Jones answered the NBA's call.

"Even if I would have went, there would have been a chip on my shoulder. You cannot avoid the chip," Jones said.

For now, God's call is all that matters to Jones.

"[The NBA] is in the back of my mind, you know," Jones said. "But I just know this is the right choice. I prayed about it, and God led me to this decision."

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