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The Gut Pak Run is a competitive eating race hosted by the Freshman Class Council and the Baylor Triathlon Club. Racers will run from Baylor's campus to Vitek's BBQ and consume one small Gut Pak before running back to campus and crossing the finish line. Proceeds will go to Mission Waco. The cost is \$20 and participation includes a shirt and a meal.



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Two new degrees approved by regents

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Regents approved a series of programs last week to facilitate university research efforts, equip students for leadership roles in social service organizations and make it easier to pursue careers in Christian ministry.

The regents approved two new master's degree programs, including one in Christian ministry and

another joint program in social work and business administration, at their February meeting which concluded Friday.

They also approved \$946,000 in funding for summer residence hall maintenance and \$800,000 for high-speed Internet connectivity at the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative (BRIC).

Buddy Jones, chair of the Board of Regents, commended the board's work in a Friday press release, highlighting how the actions taken would promote Bay-

lor's strategic goals.

“We are expanding our academic degree and research programs, and enjoying tremendous amounts of successes in the classrooms and on our athletic fields of play,” Jones said. “We are also moving forward in the development of a dynamic strategic plan that will chart our course over the next decade and strengthen our position as a national research university demonstrating academic excellence and Christian commitment.”

Of the \$2.9 million total the regents approved last week, \$1.2 million was provided by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the purpose of installing a fiber optic network running under the Brazos River to connect the BRIC facility with campus.

Dr. Truell Hyde, vice provost for research, described the information-technology infrastructure investment as a necessity for the BRIC facility.

“This will [allow] anyone in

the building who's a Baylor employee to connect [to the Internet] as if he or she was actually sitting on campus,” Hyde said. He added the research being planned at the facility requires “extremely high-quality and high-access bandwidth.”

Hyde also said the infrastructure could be expanded in the future to accommodate the growth of campus as it extends across the Brazos River.

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Student's memorial held in hometown

By ROB BRADFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Family and friends gathered in San Antonio on Monday to honor the memory of deceased San Antonio freshman Will Patterson.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. at the Woodland Baptist Church, and a viewing took place an hour earlier.

Those wishing to honor Patterson can make a donation to The Will Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund, Baylor University, One Bear Place #97050, Waco Texas 76798-7050.

The McLennan County Sheriff's Department confirmed Friday that the body found in a burning car on Eastland Lakes Road Thursday morning belonged to Patterson.

Dallas County medical examiners received the body late Thursday. Using dental records provided by Patterson's parents, the examiners were able to make a positive identification Friday. The medical examiner's office has yet to determine a cause of death, and a final autopsy report is pending toxicology screenings. A spokesperson at the medical examiner's office said they are expecting results in eight to 12 weeks.

The report came at the same time as a statement by Bill Martin, executive director of Phi Gamma Delta, the fraternity that Patter-

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DAVID LI | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Country star opens for No. 1 Lady Bears

Before the Baylor vs. Texas A&M game Saturday evening at the Ferrell Center, country music star Trace Adkins sings the National Anthem at center court in front of the audience. The top ranked Lady Bears celebrated a 71-48 victory over the No. 15 Aggies.

Organist overcomes accident

By MEGHAN HENDRICKSON
REPORTER

Mark Thallander, a world-renowned organist who lost his arm in a car accident in 2003 played during Chapel in Waco Hall on Monday.

On the night of August 3, 2003, Thallander was driving through a thunder-storm in Maine alone, just a half hour south of Portland, when his car hydroplaned and he crashed into a ditch.

The accident busted his window open; his left arm was out-

side of the vehicle as it rolled in the ditch.

Once the vehicle was stationary, Thallander opened his eyes to see the windshield was red with blood.

“I didn't feel any pain but I was kind of in a prayer mode,” Thallander said.

“Then this voice said to me, ‘Don't close your eyes. Keep talking to me. Take off your seatbelt and turn off the ignition. Help is on the way.’”

Thallander said when he was leaving the hospital he wanted

to give a card to the woman who got out in the storm that night to speak to him in the ditch, but all the records showed that there were no witnesses.

Thallander said he believes the peaceful voice of the woman may have been his guardian angel.

“All I know is that when I was alone bleeding to death God took care of me,” Thallander said.

Thallander has played the organ for 40 years all over the world, including the 18 years he spent as

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Baylor research on carbon fibers could help NASA

By LINDA WILKINS
STAFF WRITER

A NASA-funded research project may help gain recognition for Baylor's students, faculty and research program, Dr. David Jack, assistant professor in mechanical engineering, said.

NASA's space stations and shuttles currently use pressure

vessels, which are containers with the ability to hold substances at high pressures.

These pressure vessels — or Composite Overwrapped Pressure Vessels, as NASA refers to them — can store gases such as nitrogen and helium, which help the shuttles' engine processes work.

Jack said the pressure vessels

are made of carbon fibers, which are stronger than steel.

While the fiber's strength is beneficial for the space stations and shuttles, it makes the material harder to work with, which is the main problem NASA wants to overcome, Jack said.

These pressure vessels and carbon fibers are essential to the mechanisms in the space shuttles

and stations, Jack said.

NASA is interested in knowing when and how the pressure vessels can and will fail or break apart because of the fibers.

Jack said carbon fibers make up a type of resin or fabric that NASA uses in the vessels to store the important gases on the space stations.

Researchers are focused on

learning how the individual fibers of the resin work, because the pressure vessel failure will happen on that individual, tiny level, he said.

“The fibers are unusual, but that doesn't make them dangerous,” Jack said. “We just need to understand them better.”

The fibers are unusual because

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Disapproval of DeGeneres had no merit

Editorial

Not too many people have to go up against 1 million moms all at once. But talk show host Ellen DeGeneres did have to face opposition from a group of the same name after being selected as a new J.C. Penney's spokeswoman.

"J.C. Penney refused to discriminate against DeGeneres, even with the pressure from One Million Moms. Any other outcome would have been disgraceful."

DeGeneres' new position was announced Jan. 25.

According to Reuters, the group One Million Moms was outraged that J.C. Penney was, as they said, "jumping on the pro-gay bandwagon."

The group tried to tell the company that it would lose customers by hiring DeGeneres, stating on their website that they found it "funny that J.C. Penney thinks hiring an open homosexual spokesperson will help their business when most of their customers are traditional families."

But J.C. Penney refused to discriminate against DeGeneres, even with the pressure from One Million Moms. Any other outcome would have been disgraceful. In reality, giving in to One Million Moms would probably have been the move to cost J.C. Penney in clientele.

Yes, the move might have made the moms and some other anti-gay groups happy, but it surely would not have gone over well with any members of DeGeneres' massive fan base, who have come to love her for what J.C. Penney calls her "fun and vibrant" personality. Reuters notes that the talk show host has "some 9 million followers on Twitter" and that her show averaged more than 3 million viewers from Jan. 16-22.

But really, the decision to stand by DeGeneres is fundamentally about something else anyway. It's about whether she



can do the job and whether she's the right person for it. These questions were answered affirmatively when DeGeneres was hired by J.C. Penney, and unless evidence comes up to dispute those answers, the job is rightfully hers.

In this situation, sexual orientation is as irrelevant as skin color or political affiliation. To the average, rational person, it is clear that none of these factors has any bearing on how someone would perform

as a spokeswoman for J.C. Penney.

But unfortunately, America is not wholly made up of rational people. There is a vein of discrimination in our country's history that has not yet run dry. Though the country has made some progress, discrimination is sure to be a problem for many years to come, and on many grounds.

Fortunately, though, there are people like DeGeneres, and companies like J.C.

Penney, that handle such situations with grace, strength and rationality, setting an example for the rest of us to follow.

J.C. Penney held steadfastly to its decision, not wavering under the pressure that might have caused another company to acquiesce.

DeGeneres held her head high and spoke frankly about the situation on her show, turning to her characteristic humor and yet still making the points that

needed to be made.

"Being gay or pro-gay isn't a bandwagon," DeGeneres said during a taping of her show. "You don't get a free ride anywhere. There's no music. And occasionally we'll sing 'We Are Family,' but that's about it."

DeGeneres also said her "haters are [her] motivators."

That's just one more reason J.C. Penney made the right choice.

Guys: For valentine, focus on things money can't buy

Each year I feel like Valentine's Day becomes less about showing your love and appreciation for loved ones and more about showing how deep your wallet is.

My grandmother always says, "Cupid's arrow flew right past the heart and struck the pocketbook."

Showing your love and appreciation for someone shouldn't be about the amount of money you spend on a gift. If that were the case, would we judge how much someone loves us by how many roses we get?

Relationships are difficult enough without having the added pressure of living up to a romantic ideal on a designated day.

While no one ever complained about going out to a nice dinner or being showered with gifts, I think most people would be just as flattered with something simple and from the heart.

The best valentine's gift I ever received came directly from the butcher. You can only imagine my confusion when I opened up a paper-wrapped packet of something cold and hard to find myself holding a lump of raw beef. Little did I know that night I would be eating a Philly cheesesteak, my favorite meal homemade by my boyfriend.



Bre Nichols | Reporter

Sometimes it's the simple things that make me smile and have the most meaning.

A professor of mine recently told me, "When I get really desperate for a valentine's present I write a poem. It's better than any amount of roses I could get my wife and it makes her melt like chocolate in my hand."

Dallas senior Christina Mastor said she "couldn't agree more" with my professor.

It's easy to drive up to the store to buy a box of chocolates and flowers. Girls don't always expect guys to go all out, but things mean so much more when it's ev-

ident that someone put thought into what they're doing.

Mastor recently talked with her boyfriend about their Valentine's Day plans. "I told him that I'd rather him write me a really nice heartfelt card or do something sentimental and tell me how much he appreciates me than go and buy me anything. That would mean more to me than getting me something nice," Mastor said.

A gesture of kindness that takes time is more meaningful than a store-bought item. Find out what your valentine enjoys and see how you can incorporate it into your plans to make him or her happy. Taking the time to think about it can really make a difference and show just how much you care.

My grandmother quotes an old saying: "Make someone happy and you will be happy too." Love and appreciation shouldn't just be showcased on Valentine's Day but should be a part of our everyday life.

Let the lesson be learned. Love doesn't have a price tag.

Bre Nichols is a senior journalism major from Dallas and is a reporter for the Lariat.

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Michigan group charged with sedition conspiracy

By Ed White
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Displaying guns, vests and other military gear, a prosecutor told jurors Monday that members of a Midwest militia were willing “to go to war” in an extraordinary plot to kill a police officer as a springboard to a broader rebellion against the U.S. government.

Some of the evidence was placed directly in front of the jury box as trial opened for seven members of a group called Hutaree, who are charged with conspiring to commit sedition as well as weapons crimes.

Still, defense attorneys dismissed any talk by the defendants as little more than fantasy and equated the group more to a “social club” than a militia.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Graveline said Hutaree was looking for some type of conflict to trigger an attack — maybe a traffic stop, a search warrant or a dispute between authorities and another militia.

“They wanted to start an armed confrontation. ... The war to them

meant patriots rising up against the government,” said Graveline, who held up automatic weapons and other items seized after nine people were arrested in southern Michigan, Indiana and Ohio in March 2010.

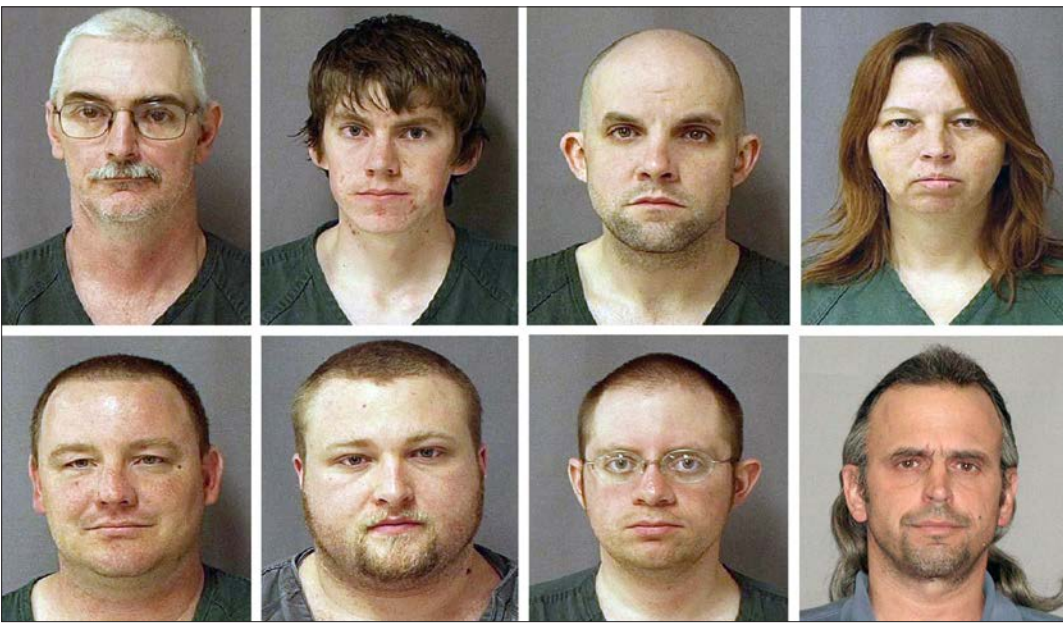
The defendants are accused of conspiring to someday ambush and kill a police officer, then attack the funeral procession with explosives and trigger a broader revolt against the U.S. government.

Graveline showed the jury a video clip of leader David Stone declaring, “Welcome to the revolution.” The government placed an undercover agent inside the Hutaree and also had a paid informant. More than 100 hours of audio and video were recorded.

“They were ready, willing and able to go to war. They were preparing for war,” the prosecutor said.

Two defense attorneys offered an opening rebuttal to the government’s introduction, telling jurors there was no specific plan to do any harm to anyone in authority.

Todd Shanker, attorney for David Stone Jr., acknowledged



This combo of eight photos provided by the U.S. Marshals Service on March 29, 2010 shows from top left, David Bryan Stone Sr., David Bryan Stone Jr., Jacob Ward, Tina Mae Stone and bottom row from left, Michael David Meeks, Kristopher T. Sickles, Joshua John Clough, and Thomas William Piatek.

there are “offensive statements” on the recordings but said the words were “almost fantasy” made among people who were comfortable with each other.

“These are extreme charges. ... They are going to fail, and they are going to fail miserably,” said Shanker.

William Swor, attorney for David Stone, said his client was a firm believer in the Bible’s Book of Revelation and the coming of an “anti-Christ.”

Swor said members lived hand-to-mouth and couldn’t even afford transportation to a regional militia meeting in Kentucky, a trip that

wasn’t completed because of bad winter weather. He said it was the undercover agent who supplied the van, gas and a secret camera that captured Stone on video.

“There is a lot of talk and no action whatsoever. ... You will have to decide whether this is a real conspiracy or David Stone exercising his God-given right to blow off steam and open his mouth,” Swor said.

Of the original nine defendants, Joshua Clough of Blissfield, Mich., is the only one to make a deal with prosecutors. He pleaded guilty in December to illegal use of a firearm, faces a mandatory five-year prison sentence and could be called as a witness to testify for the government.

Besides the Stones, the other defendants are Tina Mae Stone and Joshua Stone, both from Lenawee County; Thomas Piatek of Whiting, Ind.; Michael Meeks of Manchester, Mich.; and Kristopher Sickles of Sandusky, Ohio. Jacob Ward of Huron, Ohio, will have a separate trial. Besides conspiracy charges, all face at least one firearm charge and some have more.

Cousins on trial in Memphis as hit men for Mexican drug ring

By Adrian Sainz
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Two Tennessee men were contract killers who kidnapped and murdered those who threatened a drug ring that imported cocaine from Mexico to be sold on the streets of U.S. cities, a federal prosecutor said Monday.

Opening statements in the trial of Clinton Lewis and Martin Lewis began Monday.

Defense attorneys countered that their clients are innocent. They said the government’s case will be based on questionable testimony from men who have admitted being gang members and received reduced charges and sentences in return for their cooperation.

The Lewises, who are cousins, are charged with being members of an organization led by Craig Petties that began as a neighborhood gang in 1995 and grew into an empire that imported drugs from Mexico to sell in Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Georgia and North Carolina.

The trial in Memphis is the culmination of a 13-year investigation into the ring led by Petties, who has pleaded guilty to racketeering, money laundering and four murders for hire. He is awaiting sentencing.

The Lewises face life in prison without parole if convicted on charges including racketeering-murder, conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance and money laundering.

They have pleaded not guilty.

U.S. Attorney Edward Stanton has described the trial as one of the largest of its kind in West Tennessee. Along with Petties, several other men have already pleaded guilty to being members of the drug ring.

Petties fled to Mexico after his 2002 indictment and was placed on the U.S. Marshals’ 15 most wanted list. He was captured in January 2008 and extradited to Memphis, where he entered his guilty plea in December 2009.

Prosecutor Greg Gilluly said Monday that the Lewises each killed one person who was a threat to Petties’ organization. Gilluly said the gang started with a few young men selling drugs in the Riverside neighborhood of Memphis and

ended up working with the Sinaloa drug cartel in Mexico and being responsible for the deaths of at least six people.

Clinton Lewis, also known as “Goldie,” is charged with the kidnapping and murder of Marcus Turner in September 2006, under orders from Petties. Turner’s body was found in Olive Branch, Miss.

Martin Lewis, also known as “M,” is charged with killing Mario McNeal while McNeal was eating at a Memphis restaurant in March 2007.

Anne Tipton, attorney for Clinton Lewis, said Lewis is innocent and the jury must judge the credibility of admitted gang members who will appear as prosecution witnesses.

One of the potential witness-

es, Clarence Broady, has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder for hire for the killings of Mario Stewart and Latrell Small. Others on the witness list were associates of the Petties gang in North Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi.

Tipton said her client was being unfairly “lumped in with the rest of the group.”

Marty McAfee, attorney for Martin Lewis, said the jury will hear testimony and see evidence not related to the charges. He also questioned whether potential witnesses will be able to properly identify his client as McNeal’s killer because the shooter was dressed with a hooded shirt, dark glasses and a skull cap.

McAfee also noted that some

of the government’s potential witnesses have had charges and sentences reduced after pleading guilty.

“After you look at the quality of the government’s case, you will see it is not built upon bedrock, it is built upon sand,” McAfee said.

Security is tight for the trial, which is expected to last about a month.

The jury is being brought to the courthouse from a secret location every day.

Also, only the four defense attorneys and the two federal prosecutors are being permitted to know the jurors’ identities.

Petties is on a defense list of anticipated government witnesses, but it is not known if he will be called to testify.



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Grammy Awards honor Houston

By GERRICK D. KENNEDY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — With Whitney Houston's tragic passing 24 hours before Sunday's telecast, Neil Portnow and producers of the Grammy Awards show were forced to scramble to figure out the most appropriate way to honor the fallen pop star.

In the hours following the news, Grammy executive producer Ken Ehrlich and his team announced former "American Idol" diva Jennifer Hudson would perform a "respectful musical tribute" on the show; and it was reported she would be joined by soul/funk diva Chaka Khan.

Ultimately Khan backed out and the powerhouse Hudson performed an understated, yet poignant, version of Houston's signature "I Will Always Love You." Show host LL Cool J began the ceremony with a semi-impromptu prayer.

"We decided to address this right on top of the show. We are able to be nimble," Portnow said backstage on Sunday. "We've changed stuff an hour before. There was a creative discussion. Because it's so fresh and significant. (LL Cool J) said, 'What I would do is say a prayer.' And we thought if that's what you would do, no need to write that. Just do it from your heart."

Portnow said despite his personal grief, he had to quickly assume a "dad" role to press forward.

"Whitney was a personal friend. I was at Arista when we signed her. I watched her take the stage for the first time on "The Merv Griffin Show," said a more sullen Portnow. "First thing I had to do was steel myself to go to work. Really, in my responsibility, I'm in the dad role and I have to take care of my family."

"We had to do something," he said. "But what did that look like? What would that be? It needed to be simple. It needed to be elegant. It needed to be healing because we



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Whitney Houston, who passed away on Saturday, was honored at this year's Grammy Awards. LL Cool J performed a prayer at the ceremony. Houston, who was a music legend, had a successful career although it was recently mired by her struggles with drug addiction.

are all hurting."

Emotions ran high through the pre-show and the ceremony, with numerous winners paying tribute to not just Houston in their speeches, but also to family members and fellow musicians. Mitch Winehouse perfectly summed up the sense of loss from the past year when he accepted the Grammy for best pop performance by a duo or

group for his late daughter Amy's duet with Tony Bennett.

"Long live Whitney Houston, long live Amy Winehouse, long live Etta James. What can I say? There's a beautiful girl band up in heaven."

Portnow said the ceremony turned out to be one of the heavier telecasts he's been involved with.

"This is the most emotional

Grammys I've ever been involved in. But, it needed to be. Not only because of Whitney," he said. "Look at Adele. Look at Glen Campbell. All the drama and emotion around that. Also the Beach Boys, these are a group of guys that really hadn't been that nice to each other (in recent years). The theme to me was emotion. It was very strong in the house."

Opinion: Valentine's Day romantic movies for guys

By JOSHUA MADDEN
A&E EDITOR

Now I don't want to brag too much here, but I happen to be a bit of an expert when it comes to movies. The sports editor here at the Lariat often comments on my insatiable desire to reference movies he's never even heard of. I watch a lot of movies.

I also happen to be a guy — a guy with a girlfriend, no less, so for those of you looking to watch a romantic movie tomorrow that's actually tolerable, I happen to be the man on campus to ask. Here are my suggestions for guy-friendly romantic movies.

Remember Me:

I hate to admit this as much as the next guy, but Robert Pattinson actually is a good actor. "Remember Me" follows Tyler (Pattinson) as he struggles to find purpose in life while increasingly falling in love with Ally (Emilie De Ravin).

The real star of the film, however, is New York City. The shots are beautiful and the twist at the end is something worth waiting for. Guys, it's actually good.

Definitely, Maybe:

While the girls will love Pattinson in "Remember Me," we guys have plenty to love as we watch Elizabeth Banks, Isla Fischer and Rachel Weisz compete for love in "Definitely, Maybe."

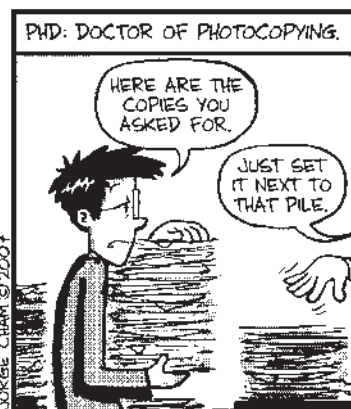
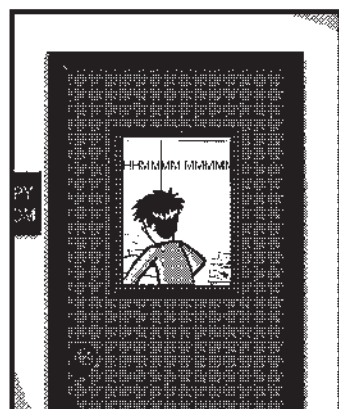

It's a romantic movie, yes, but it avoids being too cutesy and is a perfect movie to watch with a date. If my girlfriend actually reads this — which I doubt — then the surprise is about to be ruined: we're watching it.

Jerry Maguire:

This movie is famous for one really good line that will make your girl's heart melt.

If you can turn to her at the end of the movie and honestly say, "You complete me," with the force of Tom Cruise, Valentine's Day will be great.






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Wednesday:

Open Mic Night
Where: Common Grounds
When: Begins at 8:30 p.m. and goes until 11:30 p.m.
What: Open Mic Night at Common Grounds is open to anyone who wishes to sign up to perform. Sign up sheets are available in the store.

SING

Friday:

Who: Jenny & Tyler
Where: Common Grounds
When: Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts 8 p.m.
What: Jenny & Tyler, a Christian band from Nashville, will be performing at Common Grounds. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door.

All-University Sing



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At a Glance

A quick recap of last weekend's action and upcoming events

Go for the gold
Junior Brittney Griner and former Lady Bear and current player for the San Antonio Sparks Sophia Young are two of 21 players named as finalists for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Basketball Team, the USA Basketball team announced on Monday.

Missing the mark
No. 5 women's tennis went 2-1 this weekend at the ITA Women's National Indoor Team Championship. Friday the team suffered its first shutout since 2007, losing 4-0 to No. 17 Tennessee in its first-round match. Saturday, in consolation play, Baylor beat No. 8 North Carolina 4-3. Sunday, Baylor beat No. 9 Virginia 4-2.

Back in action
No. 7 men's tennis will face UT-Arlington at 8 p.m. today in Dallas. The Bears (3-1) will be heading to the ITA indoor championship this weeced.

Silver and bronze
Baylor track and field headed to College Station over the weekend to compete in the Texas A&M Open. The women's team finished second and the men's team third.

One spot back
After two rounds, men's golf is in second place with 8-over-par at the UTSA Oak Hills Invitational. Senior Joakim Mikkelsen leads Baylor with even par. The final round is today.

Sittin' pretty
After two rounds, No. 22 women's golf is tied for the lead with a 7-under-par 569 at the UCF Challenge in Sorrento, Fla. Freshman Hayley David holds a one-stroke lead at 4-under-par. The final round is today.



Top 25 Ranked Teams

No. 1	Women's basketball
No. 4	Equestrian
No. 5	Women's Tennis
No. 7	Men's Tennis
No. 7	Softball
No. 9	Men's Basketball
No. 13	Football
No. 15	Soccer
No. 15	Women's Track & Field
No. 22	Women's Golf

And it's goodbye to A&M: Baylor tops Aggies

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

As "Big 12" chants echoed through the Ferrell Center Saturday, the No. 1 Lady Bears bid adieu to the No. 14 Texas A&M Aggies from Waco, winning 71-48. "We had a lot of time to prepare for the game and the hard thing is just to stay focused in practice," junior Brittney Griner said. "We stay motivated and forgot what happened in Dallas [last season]. We came out here and we played as hard as we could until the end." Griner was four blocks short of a triple double, recording 21 points and 10 boards. In other words, she had a typical Griner outing. "A lot of times the key to beating Baylor, and I always put seven keys up on the board, is the key itself," Texas A&M head coach Gary Blair said. "Lock Griner in the bathroom and don't let her out. That's the key. I tried like heck, I sweet-talked her, but she just comes up. That kid is special; she is just such a good kid. She deserves all the accolades that she's getting." Three other Lady Bears clad in the Nike platinum uniforms scored in double digits as well: sophomore Odyssey Sims with 19 and juniors Nae Nae Hayden and Brooklyn

Pope with 10 each. As the Baylor opening video played and head coach Kim Mulkey's words of a national title rang through the Ferrell Center, the 10,627 people in attendance made their presence known to the defending national champs. As Mulkey says in the video Baylor has some unfinished business this season. "I thought the crowd was unbelievable," Mulkey said. "I thought the Nike uniforms were just awesome. I thought the fans wearing the T-shirts, were just neat."

"I thought the crowd was unbelievable. I thought the Nike uniforms were just awesome."

Kim Mulkey | Head coach

With the crowd on its feet the Lady Bears scored first on an and-1 basket from Griner and never looked back, going on a 17-2 run. "We didn't want a repeat of last time," Griner said. The second half opened with a 6-0 run by the Aggies but was held

off by Baylor. Baylor took advantage of the worst three-point defensive team, sinking four behind the arch, three by Sims. In the paint, however, the Aggies did not seem to have an answer for Griner, or the 18 offensive boards the Lady Bears pulled down. While Texas A&M pulled down 19 offensive rebounds of their own, Baylor won the battle of the boards with 46 total. Baylor had 44 points in the paint to A&M's 22 and 17 second-chance points. The Lady Bears' defense was as aggressive as ever with six steals and 16 points off turnovers. "You saw why they're the No. 1 team in the country by their defense," Blair said. The defense was more than just pesky ball pressure on the point guard and the arms of Griner waving in the paint; wing defense was critical in shutting down the Aggie offense. "I thought our perimeter defense was outstanding," Mulkey said. The Lady Bears will travel to College Station for the final time in the foreseeable future Feb. 27. Next on the schedule for the Lady Bears is Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Stillwater, Okla.



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No. 42 post Brittney Griner blocks Texas A&M's No. 34 center Karla Gilbert on Saturday evening in the Ferrell Center.

BU men end losing streak

By GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

No. 9 Baylor men's basketball snapped its two-game losing streak as it beat the Iowa State Cyclones 79-64 Monday at the Ferrell Center. Sophomore Perry Jones III led all scorers with 18 points and seven rebounds. The Bears returned to the win column after they fell 72-57 at No. 3 Missouri on Saturday. The shots were falling for the Bears tonight, a main key toward their victory. Baylor shot 60 percent in the game including 21 of 29 in the second half. A big part of this was shot selection. The Bears shot 15 of 16 in the paint in the second half alone. "Shooting 72 percent in the second half, that was outstanding," head coach Scott Drew said. "When you make shots, it makes everything go better." Jones III opened the game with four quick points. These points, two of which came from the free-throw line, were important for him to shake off his recent slump. "As long as he's aggressive like that, that's a good thing. Today he was aggressive. And really, his teammates deserve a lot of credit," Drew said. "In the last two games, we did have some shots that we missed. Today we made them. That's coaching for you." Jones III credited those around him for his performance.

"The coaching staff and my teammates kept me confident," Jones III said. Baylor recorded 24 assists compared to just eight turnovers. Freshman Quincy Miller finished with 16 points and six assists. This marked his 14th game in double-figure scoring this season. "At first it was kind of a struggle, but this is how we're supposed to play," Miller said about team chemistry. The Bears forced Cyclone sophomore Royce White to turn the ball over seven times. White is often the man that creates plays for the Cyclones, so forcing him to make mistakes helped even out his 14 points and five rebounds. "So many defenses key on him. We just tried to make things difficult tonight," Drew said. "I thought we did a good job with that and that's why he had so



DAVID LI | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 1 forward Perry Jones III dunks the ball hard against Iowa State 79-64 Monday at the Ferrell Center.

many turnovers. But he's one of the best players in the country. A lot of people don't know about him." Senior Anthony Jones came off of the bench and finished with 12 points and five rebounds on five of seven shooting in 25 minutes. "He had great energy. He played very well at Missouri too. [Jones] rebounded well, shot well. Again, this is when you need your leaders to step up," Drew said. Jones said he felt he needed to step up as a senior for the team. "Me, being a senior, I tried to be out there and be their leader," Jones said. Jones, along with fellow seniors Quincy Acy and Fred Ellis, helped the Bears win their 92nd game on their watch. This makes them the most successful senior class in program history. Baylor's next game is against Kansas State at 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

No-hitter with all strikeouts highlights opening weekend

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

In only 14 innings of play, junior Whitney Canion already has 32 strikeouts. Of those 32, 15 came in five innings against the University of Texas at Arlington on Sunday afternoon. Of those 15, 12 came on swinging strike threes. "I had command of all my pitches today," Canion said. "My arm felt good, despite the cold, and everything just clicked for me." Only two Maverick batters stepped foot on the bases due to walks. The No. 7 Baylor softball team run-ruled UTA in five innings 11-0. Senior Megan Turk led the Lady Bears in the batter's box with three hits and sophomore Holly Holl blasted a three-run double to right center in the bottom of the third. Out in the field, however, the players behind Canion did not

have much to do to keep warm as all the outs came from strikeouts. This no-hitter is the third in her career. "This was a complete dominant performance in all areas," head coach Glenn Moore said. "Whitney was great and our offense was clicking on all cylinders." The Lady Bears split their games on Saturday afternoon, beginning the day with a loss to Arkansas 5-1 and ending the day victoriously over Belmont 10-5. Sophomore Liz Paul started the Arkansas game in the circle, but after three runs, two hits and five walks in 3.2 innings, junior Courtney Repka came in from the bullpen with two runs, three hits and four walks. The Lady Bears worked on their offense and smashed 14 hits against Belmont with a seven-run second inning off six hits. Making her first career start in the circle, freshman Linsey Hays struck out two batters in the first, but four hits and three Baylor errors in the second let Belmont back in the game with five runs.

The Lady Bears closed it out in the third with an RBI groundout by Hosack, and a two-run single by Holl. Paul came in and worked 2.0 innings of relief, allowing only one hit and striking out two. Canion then came in to close, striking out five of the six batters faced. The opening day of the tournament resulted in a sweep by Baylor, defeating Wichita State 5-1 and Iowa 4-0. "I thought our pitchers were terrific tonight," Moore said. "Whitney and Courtney were what we need them to be. We hit the ball hard, just right at people at times, but I liked what I saw." Repka recorded six strikeouts against Wichita State, holding the top four of the order hitless on the evening. In the final game of the evening, Baylor allowed only one hit as Canion struck out 12. Baylor will be back in action this weekend, travelling to Corpus Christi to take on Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in a three-game series.

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Lawsuit in Florida A&M death reveals details of hazing

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The parents of a Florida A&M band member who died after being hazed filed a wrongful death lawsuit Monday against the owner and driver of the charter bus where the ritual took place, and revealed new details about what might have happened the night Robert Champion died.

The suit describes two types of hazing that took place before Champion died. During the first, pledges of a band clique known as “Bus C” run from the front to the back of the bus while other band members slap, kick and hit them,

the lawsuit said. A pledge who falls can be stomped and dragged to the front of the bus to run again

In another ritual known as “the hot seat,” a pillow case was placed over the pledge’s nose and mouth while the pledge was forced to answer questions. If a pledge got a right answer, the pillow case was removed briefly; a pledge with a wrong answer was given another question without a chance to take a breath, the lawsuit said.

A fellow pledge who was hazed with Champion said band members on the bus treated Champion more brutally than others, according to the lawsuit.

An attorney for the Champion family said he doesn’t know exactly why he was on the bus. Champion was a drum major, a leader in the band, and had been a vocal opponent of hazing, attorney Chris Chestnut said.

Champion suffered blunt trauma blows and he died from shock caused by severe bleeding, authorities said. Detectives are investigating the death as a homicide.

The lawsuit said bus company managers knew that FAMU band members held hazing rituals regularly on buses after football games but did nothing to stop them, and they often times told bus drivers to

ignore the hazing.

The bus driver on the night of Champion’s death even stood guard outside the bus and forced the 26-year-old Champion back on the bus after he had exited to vomit, the lawsuit said. The lawsuit doesn’t explain how Champion was forced back on the bus.

“Am I suggesting that this bus driver hit him? No,” Chestnut said. “Am I suggesting that she knowingly aided and abetted? She opened a bus, it was running, the air condition is on. If that’s not participation, then I don’t know. You avoided a venue.”

Ray Land, the owner of Fabu-

lous Coach Lines, said in an email Monday that he needed some time to prepare a statement. He told The Associated Press last year that the bus driver was helping students unload their instruments when Champion collapsed.

The lawsuit names the bus driver as Wendy Millette, of Branford, Fla., where the bus company is located. No one answered the phone at that listing.

FAMU president James Ammons originally fired band director Julian White after Ammons said he failed to report hazing he knew about. White, who is now on administrative leave, denies that he

didn’t do enough.

Three people were charged after alleged band hazing ceremonies Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, when Bria Shante Hunter’s legs were beaten with fists and a metal ruler to initiate her into the “Red Dawg Order,” a band clique for students who hail from Georgia.

The Board of Governors — which oversees Florida’s 11 public universities — launched its own investigation in November into whether FAMU officials had ignored past warnings about hazing. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement also is investigating the band’s finances.

NASA

they do not behave like any other fiber that the researchers know of and it is hard to predict how the fibers work.

In order to understand the behavior of the fibers, Baylor alumnus Babatunde Agboola, who worked on the research before he graduated in 2011, said the researchers are using proof tests, which are used to prove a material can withstand a certain test.

The tests could eventually lead to knowledge about how the material will fail.

Agboola is now a graduate student at Texas A&M and no longer involved in this research project.

He said this research could save many great minds.

He referenced the Columbia and Challenger shuttle disasters and said their destruction was because of the malfunction of some components in their systems.

Understanding the way these components, including the carbon fibers, work will have a significant impact, he said.

Jack confirmed Agboola’s observation about the impact of this research, and said he hopes carbon fibers can eventually be used for more everyday applications.

“We use pressure vessels throughout society,” Jack said, referencing the various pressure vessels on Earth such as propane tanks.

“We can’t completely rely on the

carbon fibers unless we know how they fail,” he said.

Jack said the project is gaining recognition for Baylor and helping the university gain a reputation as a research institution.

He said research projects such as this one can build the national ranking of Baylor and boost the worth of a Baylor degree.

Multiple engineering students, professors and experts are working on the project with Jack.

“Students are getting amazing experiences working with these materials and experts,” Jack said.

“With this type of research, these students will have careers forever.”

PATTERSON

son was pledging.

“The officers and staff of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity offer our condolences to the family of Will Patterson, to the members of our chapter at Baylor, and to all those in the Baylor community who are mourning Will’s passing,” the statement said.

“We have communicated today with chapter leaders and with alumni of the Chapter who are advising the chapter, to offer support and guidance, and will continue to do so. We appreciate the support that our members have received from the Baylor adminis-

tration and staff.”

Baylor has also issued a statement offering condolences to the Patterson family, and support for those grieving Patterson.

“The thoughts and prayers of all of us in the Baylor family are with the Pattersons, and with Will’s friends here on our campus and in his hometown of San Antonio, as they mourn this devastating loss,” the statement said.

For students that need a place to help them deal with grief, the university grief support group — Good Grief — meets at 2 p.m. on Thursdays in the Bobo Spiritual



Patterson

Life Center.

Patterson’s Cadillac CTS was found early Thursday morning by the Robinson Fire Department and McLennan County Sheriff’s deputies. Patterson’s body, initially unidentified, was found in the back seat.

According to the Sheriff’s Department, a full investigation has been underway since Thursday morning. Authorities are treating the incident as a questionable death.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, as well as the Baylor Police department are cooperating with the Sheriff’s department on the investigation. Baylor’s statement also said the university will assist the McLennan County Sheriff’s Office with the investigation.

ORGANIST

the organist at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif.

After the accident, Thallander received nearly 800 cards in the hospital and there were 50,000 hits on a website people could use to send their encouraging thoughts to Thallander.

The website later became Mark-Thallander.com.

Thallander told Chapel students he was encouraged to experience members of the body of Christ around the world taking time to write to him to help him get through the day.

Although he is much more comfortable on the keyboard than speaking to crowds of people, Thallander said after the accident he promised God he would be faithful to share his story if given the opportunity.

He never did much public speaking before his accident, but today Thallander is grateful for the opportunity to tell his story if it “allows people to see God’s inspiration in action.”

Chapel students gave Thallander a standing ovation after performing his arrangement of

“Hymn to Joy” with one arm and two feet.

Associate chaplain Ryan Richardson said one of the things he loves most about Thallander is that even if he does not take the stage to speak, he still enjoys leading church congregations in worship by playing the organ, as he did Sunday at Austin Avenue Methodist Church.

“For someone who’s been through a tragic accident, it’s very easy to be victimized by that and to say, ‘Man, this has really hurt me and changed my life and now I don’t know what to do,’ but Mark never said that,” Richardson said.

“He said, ‘I know exactly what I’m going to do: I’m going to keep living.’ He lives well. He doesn’t live timidly. He lives right out there in front of everyone and he doesn’t just live the story of that tragic night,” Richardson said.

Thallander is visiting Baylor for the university’s Annual Midwinter Organ Conference that Joyce Jones, professor of music and organist at Baylor, and her husband began 18 years ago and have since endowed.

Thallander will play during a free concert open to the public at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall.

Jones remembers years ago singing along to Thallander playing the organ late one night after church at the Crystal Cathedral.

At midnight, the police came into the church to quiet their music. They had been accidentally broadcasting throughout the neighborhood by way of a local broadcast system the church had. Everyone within three blocks of the church was listening.

“We have so many things we’ve done together,” Jones said. “My favorite thing about him is he has this incredible sense of humor along with a strong faith, and that’s really important.”

Thallander said one of the lessons he was reminded of through his accident and music ministry is one that applies to everyone.

“I think what we need to remember, no matter what age we are, is that through the good times and through the bad times God is faithful,” Thallander said.

RESEARCH

tory they agreed to donate some samples of ear plugs for research.

Trumble, Usenko and graduate student Eleanor Robinson discovered that by examining the wax, they can measure the whale’s exposure to pollutants and know if the contaminants affected its physiology, Trumble said.

“You have to cut it in half, shave off layer after layer, do a lot of lipid extraction,” Trumble said. “It’s not easy; it’s very tedious.”

He also said it is difficult to find samples because they have to be removed from a dead whale’s skull, while blubber can be sampled in a biopsy.

“But the ear wax gives a lifetime profile from birth to death, and blubber only gives a snapshot from the last couple months,” Trumble said.

“You can’t get something this detailed from any other living organism that I know of,” he said.

So far, the team has found several pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the wax.

Usenko said that some pesticides are natural and some are man-made, and they can travel

through the environment into the oceans.

They are studying the possible correlation between these chemicals and the whales’ stress levels and physiology using cortisol, a stress hormone.

Trumble has been studying the cortisol levels to see if the increase in chemicals has an impact on the whale’s life, or if whales that migrate through shipping routes and have more contact with humans and contaminants are more stressed than normal, he said.

The main conclusion that can be drawn right now is that ear wax can be used to study the things that blubber is usually used for, Usenko said, but the researchers are hoping it will lead to more information about the chemical profiles in the environment.

Trumble has been studying the hormones in the wax. Cortisol, a stress hormone, can be measured to see if the increase in contaminants has an impact on the whale’s life, or if whales that migrate through shipping routes and have more contact with humans and contaminants are more stressed

than normal, he said.

There is a finite number of samples, Trumble said, but the team is hoping to find more wax sample donors so that they can continue their research.

“We’ve already gotten the okay from national museums in London, and we’re looking at Japan and Russia,” he said. “I suspect people will try to jump on the band wagon, but we’re trying to strike the sample world now and get what we can.”

Trumble also said the researchers are entertaining the idea of doing a similar study in humans, but it will be different because humans’ ear wax is exposed to the environment and a lifetime sample can’t be obtained. They would have to study short term samples instead of a lifelong history.

Their research has been featured in Science Magazine, a national publication for the scientific world.

“It’s a unique opportunity [to be in Science],” Usenko said. “It shows that high quality research can happen at Baylor, and puts us on a national stage. It’s a big deal.”

Border fence to isolate Texas man’s home

By Christopher Sherman
Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — Max Pons is already anticipating the anxiety he’ll feel when the heavy steel gate shuts behind him, leaving his home isolated on a strip of land between America’s border fence and the violence raging across the Rio Grande in Mexico.

For the past year the manager of

a sprawling preserve on the southern tip of Texas has been comforted by a gap in the rust-colored fence that gave him a quick escape route north in case of emergency.

Now the U.S. government is installing the first gates to fill in the 649-mile fence along the Southwest border, and Pons admits he’s thinking drastic thoughts.

“I think in my head I’m going to feel trapped,” said Pons, who

lives on the 1,000-acre property of sabal palms, oxbow lakes and citrus groves he manages for the Nature Conservancy’s Southmost Preserve.

Pons’ fears illustrate one of the complications in the government’s 5-year-old effort to build a secure barrier along the border that would keep out illegal activity in Mexico without causing worse problems for the people living in the region.

REGENTS

“Eventually we have to go in that direction anyway,” Hyde said, “so we might as well get started [building the IT infrastructure].”

Students at George W. Truett Theological Seminary will have the option of studying under a new degree program: the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry. The new program can be completed in two years instead of the three normally anticipated with the traditional Master of Divinity program, Dr. Dennis Tucker, associate dean at Truett, said.

“[For] those who are planning

on going into some kind of full time ministry, the Master of Divinity is the best option for them,” Tucker said. “If, however, they are looking into ministry as a second career or hoping to serve in a field like journalism — for example, Christian journalism — [the master’s in Christian ministry] would be an option for them, as well.”

In addition to the Christian ministry degree, the regents approved a new joint Master of Social Work and Master of Business Administration degree program, intended to train students to be

leaders in a social-work industry that is increasingly composed of private organizations, according to the press release.

University administrators also delivered the first report to the regents on the strategic plan since the first public draft was released in December. The discussion about the strategic plan was closed to the public, as was the discussion of the other business items.

Dr. Elizabeth Davis, executive vice president and provost, was not available for comment by Monday’s deadline.

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