



WE'RE THERE WHEN YOU CAN'T BE

The Baylor Lariat

FRIDAY | MARCH 30, 2012

www.baylorlariat.com



SPORTS Page B2

What it takes to win
Preview of the Lady Bears' upcoming Final Four game breaks down what it will take to come out on top

NEWS Page 4

Past president honored
The Poage Legislative Library will host a NASA space exhibit honoring the anniversary of a JFK speech

A&E Page 5

Creations unveiled
The product of hours of sustainable design for Project Greenway was revealed Thursday at Common Grounds

Vol. 113 No. 38

© 2012, Baylor University

In Print

>> **Inside peek**

View a photo spread of the journey the Lady Bears have taken in the NCAA championship

Page B1-B4

>> **Deliberation to end**
Supreme Court justices to vote on President Obama's health care bill

Page 9

Viewpoints

"Asking applicants to login a company computer while in an interview so the interviewer can look around is too far. While it is important for organizations to know whom they are hiring, there has to be a better way... Those about to graduate need to find where they stand on this issue."

Page 2

Bear Briefs

The place to go to know the places to go

Basketball fever

Baylor will host a Final Four watch party to support the Lady Bears in their match against Stanford. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Ferrell Center. Tip-off is at 8 p.m. Entry is free and open to the public. There will be a few door prizes/T-shirt giveaways. Concessions will be open. The Baylor Bookstore will also be on hand with the latest Baylor gear and apparel.

Touch of tennis

Men's tennis will play Texas Tech from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Hurd Tennis Center. Tickets can be purchased at the box office of the Bill Daniel Student Center or at www.baylorbears.com

Summer's coming

Dr Pepper Hour will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the SUB. The event will feature opportunities to learn about summer programs at Baylor.



baylorlariat.com

BY KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor announced today that women's basketball head coach Kim Mulkey has been diagnosed with Bell's Palsy.

"Last weekend my tongue just felt weird. I thought it was an old new tube of toothpaste I had never used that kind of toothpaste before. I asked Alex at breakfast if you could be allergic to toothpaste or if it could be outdated. They just looked at me like she's really flipped her lid."

Instead of going to practice yesterday, she went to the doctor after being examined by trainer Alex Olson.

Bell's Palsy is a form of facial paralysis resulting from a dysfunction of the facial nerve (cranial nerve VII) that results in the inability to control facial muscles of the affected side.

The condition usually has a rapid onset of partial or complete paralysis that often occurs overnight.

The facial nerve passes through a small canal in the skull beneath the ear.

It is thought that an inflammatory condition causes the facial nerve to swell, which leads to compression of the nerve as it



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baylor head women's coach Kim Mulkey announces she was diagnosed with Bell's Palsy during a news conference in Waco Thursday. Baylor will play Stanford on Sunday in an NCAA tournament Final Four semifinal college basketball game.

passes through the canal. While the exact cause of the swelling is unknown, many physicians believe the cause may be due to

a virus.

"Coach Mulkey is being treated with an anti-viral medication along with oral steroids to reduce

the inflammation of the facial nerve," Olson said. "We're monitoring it to make sure she's not going to have any adverse effects

Baylor NAACP to protest shooting with hoodie walk

BY KAYLA REEVES
REPORTER

Baylor's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will host a hoodie walk in honor of Trayvon Martin on Sunday.

Participants will meet at 4 p.m. on the Bear Trail in front of the Baylor Science Building fields.

Martin, a 17-year-old Florida boy, was killed last month by a neighborhood watch volunteer while walking home from a convenience store.

The shooter, George Zimmerman, said Martin looked suspicious, according to a story by the Associated Press.

Zimmerman said he shot Martin in self-defense, but Martin's supporters believe it was racially

motivated, according to the AP.

In the weeks since the shooting, there have been hoodie walks in remembrance of Martin all over the country, because Martin's hoodie supposedly contributed to the suspicious image that Zimmerman said he had on the night of his death.

Killeen senior Brittany Walker, president of Baylor's NAACP, said she invites all students and student organizations to participate in the Baylor NAACP's walk, but asks that no one bring any signs or protest materials.

"We just ask that you only bring hoodies because we don't have time to get signs and things approved, but bring yourselves and your hoodies and support this movement with us," she said.

The walk is about raising



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Assemblywoman Holly Mitchell, D-Los Angeles, touches the hood of her sweat shirt as she talks of the shooting of Trayvon Martin during a news conference Thursday at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif. In remembrance of Martin, various groups and political representatives have organized hoodie walks all over the country.

awareness and supporting Martin's family, Ramona Curtis, adviser for Baylor's NAACP and director for leader development and civic engagement, said.

"We have not yet arrived in a post-racial society," Curtis said. "It is an opportunity for us to talk about it and try to heal some of

the discomfort that individuals may be feeling. We also want to really be in prayer for the community in Florida and the family of Trayvon. We don't want to lose sight of what's going on there."

The walk will cover about half

SEE **HOODIE**, page 9

Parking lot to close due to construction

BY LINDA WILKINS
STAFF WRITER

Lot 42, the parking lot located on the east side of the Sid Richardson Building, will be closed starting Saturday because of construction. The lot is scheduled to re-open Aug. 13.

Kevin Karr, senior project manager, said this closure is part of Phase 1 of the construction that will re-align and extend Third Street from Moody Memorial Library to Bagby Avenue. Phase 1 will involve routing utilities from the Baylor Energy Complex to the new East Village Community.

Karr said the construction will involve heavy equipment and many construction vehicles, so safety was a priority when the construction dates were planned.

"It is a safety issue," Karr said regarding the purpose of the lot closure. "We can't take the chance of injuring a student or causing damage."

In order to access the utilities, the construction calls for



COURTESY

major digging in the area of Lot 42, which is parallel to the existing Third Street and immediately across from the Baylor Energy Complex, he said.

The lot will be closed starting at 10 a.m. Saturday so a fence can be installed around the perimeter of the lot by Monday morning, Karr said.

Road accessibility around the construction area will not be affected.

The lot closure may lead to

some difficulty in parking, Lori Fogleman, director of media relations, said in an email to the Lariat Thursday.

"Anytime we close a parking lot, we realize it does cause some inconvenience," Fogleman wrote. "However, in this instance, this lot closure is temporary and will allow us to move forward on major infrastructure work on the East Village and also the realignment and extension of Third Street from Moody Memorial Library to

Bagby Avenue. We greatly appreciate our students' patience and understanding."

The work on the utilities is starting now because the construction needed to begin before the end of the semester so Phase 2 of the project could start in the summer, Karr said.

Phase 2 of the project will begin after Spring Commencement on May 13, Karr said, and will involve more closures and impact the campus more than the closure of Lot 42.

The physical work on Third Street will begin with Phase 2, he said.

Matt Penney, director of parking and transportation at Baylor, said alternate parking is available in the East Campus Parking Garage, which has 400 available spaces.

Both the Blue and Red Baylor University Shuttle (BUS) buses make stops at the garage, which is on Second Street, every 8 to 10 minutes before heading to campus, Penney said.

with the medications which we don't expect."

"You sure?" Mulkey yelled.

She was told that the steroids would make her irritable.

"Just blame it on the menopause and blame it on the steroids," she joked.

Mulkey noticed her right eye was drooping, her smile was crooked and her hearing out of her right ear was a little off.

"I hadn't had any plastic surgery so don't let anybody say that," Mulkey joked. "Don't tell people I'm not happy because I'm not smiling. I'm not smiling because I don't want people to see my crooked smile."

Olson responded that she could pay half price for that plastic surgery.

With the diagnosis the week of the Final Four, Mulkey is confident that it will not interfere with her will to win.

"This isn't going to change how I coach," Mulkey said. "This isn't going to change anything. I'm just going to be another ugly coach with a crooked face."

The Lady Bears are two wins away from their second national championship under Mulkey and the NCAA's first 40-win season.

SEE **MULKEY**, page 9

Proposal process revised

Student Senate searches for more streamlined way to approve bills

BY DANIEL C. HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Student Senate discussed a proposal that would be the largest overhaul of its internal operations in years at its Thursday meeting, also passing a resolution in support of adding a male representative to the homecoming court.

The bylaws revisions would call for fewer committees with more responsibilities each, including responsibilities that currently rest with the full Senate, like approving appointments to student body officer cabinets and making statements of support for people or organizations.

Michael Lyssy, Falls City senior and internal vice president, said the reforms are intended to streamline operations by allowing committees to take care of business that would normally take time out of general meetings.

"[This is] basically a big restructuring, to make Senate ... more efficient so that we can handle more student issues and not get bogged down with a few, but can adequately debate them by empowering committees and putting more members into the committees," Lyssy said. "The committees would then better represent the whole of Senate and ... effectively represent the whole body on some non-controversial issues such as support resolutions or confirmations."

Some senators expressed concerns about the idea of delegating so much authority to the committees, including Dallas freshman senator Connor Mighell. Mighell said he was particularly concerned with how much time could be taken appealing a committee's decision to the

SEE **SENATE**, page 9

Space exhibit honors anniversary of JFK speech

By MALLORY HISLER
REPORTER

The W.R. Poage Legislative Library will honor the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's famous speech challenging the nation to become an active part of the space race with an exhibit scheduled to open next week.

The exhibit will open 2 April, and there will be a welcome reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m. April 12 to honor the speech given on Sept. 12, 1962.

"For this exhibit, it is celebrating that it was 50 years ago that JFK gave his speech at Rice about going to the moon, not because it's easy, but because it's hard," said Mary Goolsby, library services and project manager.

Goolsby said she believes it is important to preserve the memory of the brave people who explored the final frontier and honor the significant impact they made on history.

"I remember being in my third grade class hearing about them walking on the moon — it's not like that anymore. This exhibit is

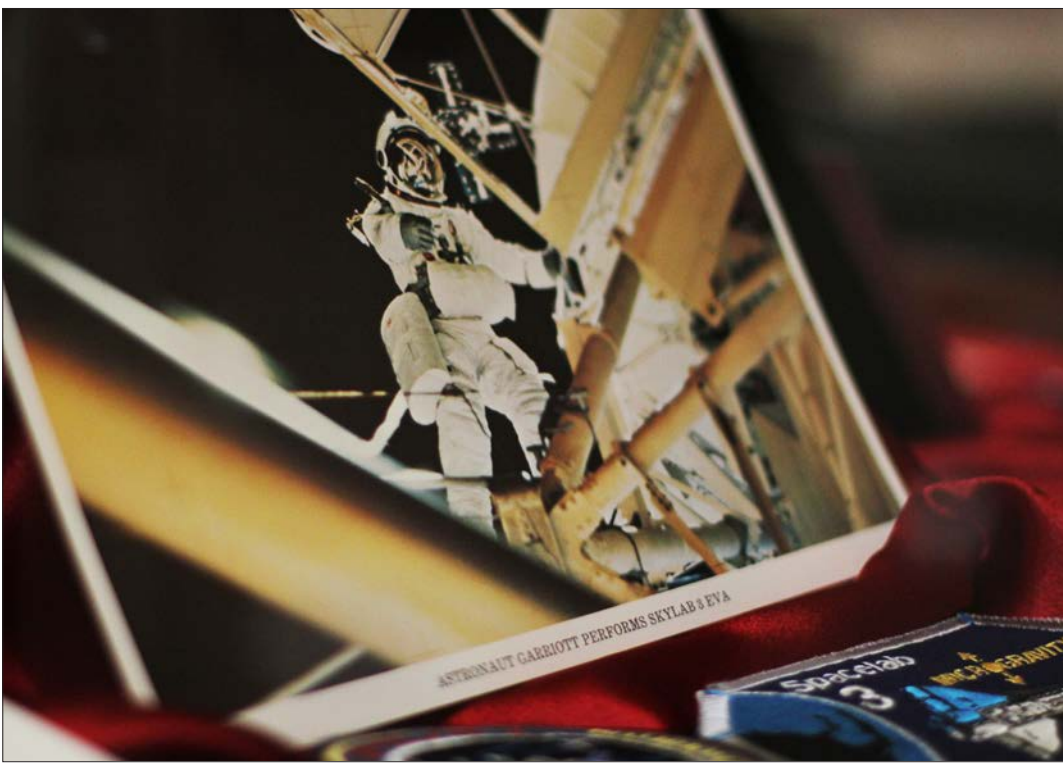
for us to be able to tell that story to the new generation," Goolsby said. "It was a whole different breed of people. They were horribly courageous, and they gave us a lot of what we have today."

The exhibit, which displays comics signed by astronauts, space gear, a scale-sized shuttle, fact boards, photographs and other memorabilia, has been in the works for more than three months, said Ben Rogers, director of Poage Library.

"We got some things from NASA, some things we had in the collections and some things were loaned by donors," Rogers said.

The bulk of the exhibit focuses on the political cartoons collected by Helen Newton. After taking a job at the Johnson Space Center, she focused her collection on cartoons dealing with space. Because Newton worked in close proximity to many astronauts, she was able to get them to sign the original cartoons in which the astronauts appeared. Her son, Bob Newton, shared the collection with the library.

Goolsby also worked with



DAVID LI | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Poage Legislative Library showcased items like this photograph from the NASA exhibit Thursday in the lobby.

NASA to secure items for the exhibit, such as the scale model of the shuttle, two large educational dis-

play boards and items for exhibit attendees to take home, including NASA informational books

and pencils.

"That [working with NASA] was a really unique experience,"

she said. "Being an educational institution, they worked with us and gave us a lot of stuff"

The organization of the exhibit took much planning, both Goolsby and Rogers said.

Goolsby said Rogers comes up with ideas for exhibits sometimes years in advance, looking to highlight particular historical anniversaries.

"It takes months to prepare. Ben usually has ideas, and sometimes has them like three years out," she said. "We've been working on this particular exhibit since December as far as pulling things [from the library's own collection] goes. I ordered the things from NASA in late November or early December."

Rogers and Goolsby encouraged Baylor students to stop by the exhibit.

"For older folks like me, it will bring up a lot of memories. There were things that we had forgotten, even though we had lived during that time," Goolsby said. "And for the students, it's important to know your roots and your history, and to know what brave men and women these people were to do this."

Two sororities team up, host event, raise money for water

By BRE NICHOLS
REPORTER

The sororities Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma are teaming up to create an all-university event featuring a pancake dinner and an Uproar concert to support charity: water. The event will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. today.

The group charity: water is a non-profit organization seeking to increase the access to clean, safe drinking water for citizens of developing countries.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the charity. The sororities hope to raise \$5,000 through the event to cover the cost of building one well.

"Diseases from unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation kill more people every year than all forms of violence, including war," according to the charity: water official website.

Dallas junior Kaylaynn McAdams, president of Pi Beta Phi and co-leader of the event, said the idea to create a fundraiser for the organization came up last year when the previous presidents of the two sororities heard about charity:

water and were inspired to get involved.

"Since the plans fell through for the event last year, we decided to go forward with it this semester," McAdams said.

"If we raise \$5,000, we can fund a water project in a village that would serve on average 250 people."

Ali Tucker | Houston junior

Houston junior Ali Tucker, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma and co-leader of the event, said the sororities have been fundraising throughout the year in order to reach their goal.

"If we raise \$5,000, we can fund a water project in a village that would serve on average 250 people," Tucker said.

McAdams said she believes the fundraiser will lead the sororities closer to their goal while also bringing the campus together to

support the organization.

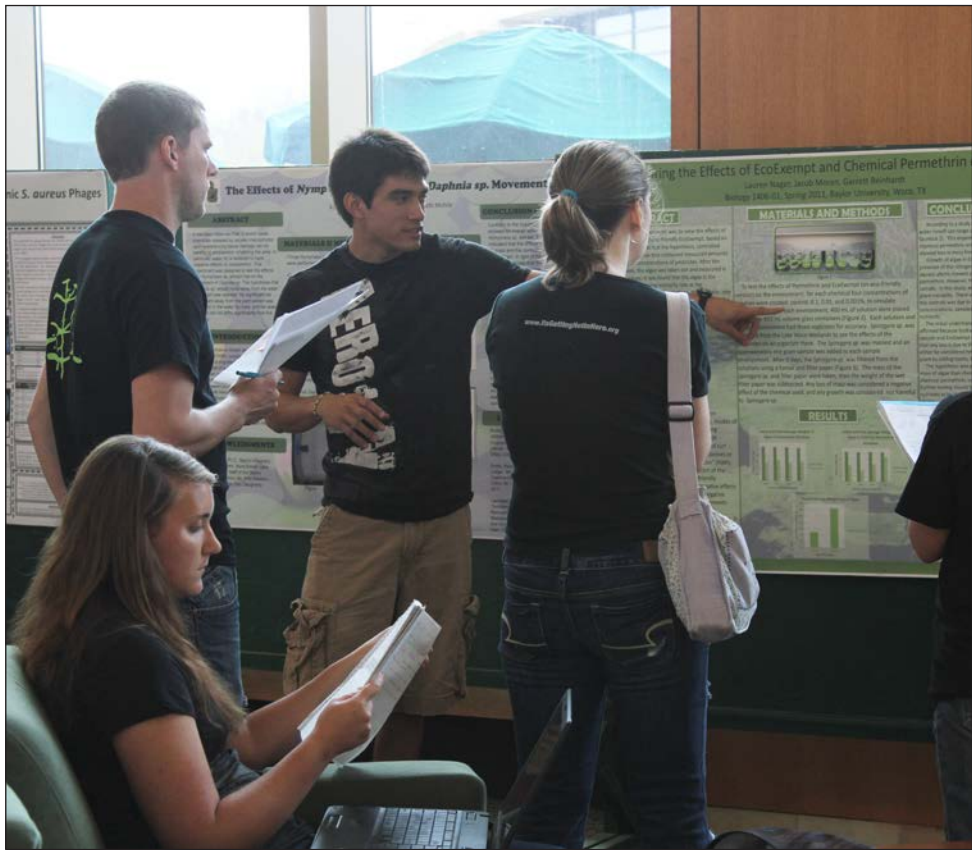
"We want everyone to come out and have a good time, eat pancakes and relax while listening to Uproar artists, and also supporting a new cause," McAdams said.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$8. With a ticket, each person will receive all-you-can-eat pancakes as well as a chance to enter their name into a raffle twice.

Prizes for the raffle include services provided by the sorority members, like tutoring, yoga classes and even motorcycle lessons from one member whose dad owns a motorcycle shop.

In effort to raise as much money as possible, the sororities are also holding a contest for Baylor fraternities, McAdams said. They have asked each fraternity to collect money, and the one that raises the most by Monday night's event will win a pizza party mixer with Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

For more information on the event, contact Kaylaynn_McAdams@baylor.edu or Ali_Tucker@baylor.edu. Visit the organization's website at <http://www.charitywater.org/>.



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Science fair comes to BSB

Baylor science majors set up booths to display their projects throughout the Baylor Science Building Thursday. Students from all categories of science majors participated. Here, several students discuss their projects with others on the building's ground floor.

What are you waiting for?

University Rentals

ALL BILLS PAID!
FURNISHED!

754-1436 * 1111 Speight * 752-5691
1 BR FROM \$460 * 2 BR FROM \$760

MON-FRI 9-6, SAT 10-4, SUN 2-4
Baylor Arms * Casa Linda * Casa Royale * University Plaza * Tree House * University Terrace * Houses * Duplex Apts

Get Your Baylor Ring at

Gholson Originals Fine Jewelry

Choose one of our showcase rings or have it custom designed!

WACO (254) 741-9816
2036 N. Valley Mills Dr.
(Ridgewood Village Shopping Center)

Bank of Lake Mills Bar Review Private Loan

Available Only to Graduates of Baylor Law School!

For financial assistance while studying for the Bar Exam, consider the

Bar Review Private Loan

Eligibility

- ✓ Borrower must be a recent graduate of Baylor Law School (within the last 9 months)
- ✓ Borrower may apply with or without a co-signer
- ✓ Borrower must be the minimum age of majority based on the state of permanent residence at the time of application
- ✓ Minimum loan amount = \$2,001
- ✓ Maximum loan amount = \$14,500
- ✓ Borrowers and co-signers must meet minimum FICO score and other credit requirements

Interest Rate/Finance Charge

- ✓ Variable Interest Rate, adjusted quarterly
- ✓ An Origination Fee will apply

To Apply

Go to: <http://www.brazos.us.com/private/baylor/>

For questions, contact
Brazos Higher Education Servicing Corporation
at (800) 618-2668

Bank of Lake Mills is Proud to Introduce the Bar Review Private Loan Created Especially for Graduates of Baylor Law School!

The Bank of Lake Mills Bar Review Private Loan Program is not being offered or made by Baylor Law School, but rather by Bank of Lake Mills. The terms of The Bank of Lake Mills Bar Review Private Loan Program are subject to change.

Music, models run second Project Greenway contest

By CANDY RENDON
REPORTER

Fifth and Fite, along with fellow Uproar Records artists O, Loveland and Trannie Stevens, performed Thursday for Baylor's second annual Project Greenway fashion show.

Back for its second year, the event encourages students to reuse trash instead of throwing it away.

Four teams competed for a \$500 cash prize.

The teams varied in fashion influences, and the runway pieces showcased each group's unique qualities.

Team "Greensleeves" participants were Henderson, Nev. junior Hannah Prochaska, Bay City junior Victoria Felton, Cypress sophomore Alexis German, Lebanon, Ore. junior Sydney Noh and League City sophomore Omari Williams.

Prochaska said her team's two pieces were inspired by vintage styles that she feels are making a comeback.

"The woman's piece reflects 19th century corset designs," Prochaska said.

The skirt was made of coffee stained newspapers and plastic wrap and two shaped ornaments adorn the dress piece with melted plastic spoons.

Team "Greensleeves" said the men's piece closely resembled a

space jump suit made of plastic sheets and red repurposed T-shirt overalls. Beneath the suit, an underlining sheet of fabric made of newspapers had been sewn together with recycled red thread. The lapels were made of fine plastic wrap, and the boutonniere was made of plastic spoons.

Team "Krista Stephens" consisted of Rockdale senior Krista Stephens, Corpus Christi junior Johnnie Flores and Jade Smith, a junior from Rowlett.

They all worked on a dress made of coffee cup ingredients and novel pages.

"I worked at Starbucks for three years, and so I really wanted to show how that influenced me," Stephens said.

She said she wanted to make her interests apparent to viewers and that her incorporating personal things with the design was important.

"I love Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol,' and I used ripped out pages of a used copy to add some flair to the skirt," Stephens said.

Keller senior Logan Scandling and Scandia, Kan. sophomore Ashley Gross, an apparel student, designers from "Green with Envy," found inspiration in a Lewis Carroll novel.

Scanling said the piece can be traced back to "Alice in Wonderland" details.

"The Queen of Hearts is obvi-

ous with all the playing cards and colors," Scandling said.

The dress has a sharp hourglass shape. The skirt is shaped like an umbrella with its and the top is crafted from black plastic binder with a binder ring necklace.

"I really think our most unique aspect design was the pattern created with the playing cards," Gross said.

Lastly, team "Eco Oso" consisted of Sugar Land senior Caleb Thompson, junior Dannie Dinh and Leander graduate student Michael Hannon.

Thompson said the inspiration for one male design was the body and image of an Asian dragon.

"We used really bizarre material to make our design," Thompson said. "Gum wrappers and Coke tabs were adorned to the back of the jacket to make the shape of a dragon."

"It definitely has a grunge-edge to it," Dinh said.

Team "Green with Envy" won in third place, Team "Krista Stephens" won in second place, and Team "Greensleeves" won first place for Uproar Record's second annual Project Greenway.

When the results came in, the winning team expressed their joy.

"We had won the first place prize last year, and our expectations were low. It was definitely a lot of fun," Team "Greensleeves" lead designer Prochaska said.



DAVID LI | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Brothers Jacob and Michael Agnew perform with their band Fifth & Fite. The band, along with Trannie Stevens, played a cover of the popular hit song by Fun., "We Are Young."

Highlights from the live blog

By ADENOLA ADEPETUN, ROB BRADFIELD AND JAMIE LIM
CONTRIBUTOR, STAFF WRITER AND REPORTER

These are posts taken from the Lariat live blog. They were selected from numerous updates posted by Adenola Adepetun at the event. They were selected by someone who was not at the event, based on how descriptive or funny they were.

If there was something in the live blog that you feel should have made the list, or something from the show that you think should have made the live blog, email us at lariat@baylor.edu.

1. Clark and Amy (O Loveland) amazing vocals.. they are in sync

2. Aaaaaand Now The Banjo's Come OUT

3. There is a girl on the roof... cool?

4. its like, Spoken Word, meets semi har metal, meets Folk

5. her favorite thing she used in her design is the sleeves from Starbucks cups. she worked there for a while, and she also used book pages in tribute to her being a history major

6. i like this song... low-key expecting eminem to burst out of nowhere though



7. The rapper is wearing cut off teal blue jeans, which are in this season! I just wasn't aware that guys were wearing them -work it!

8. wow the models are all kinds of fierce, working the runway

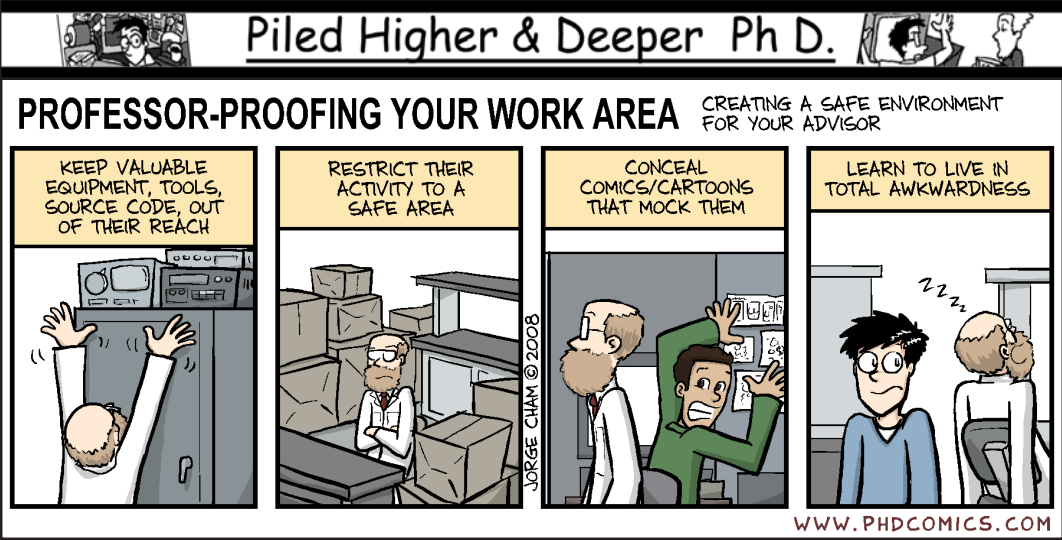
9. the dragon was made of gum wrappers and coke tabs

The full live blog can be found at baylorlariat.com.



DAVID LI | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Fans cheer on as Omari Williams and Victoria Felton, the two models from the winning team, meet with fans from the audience at Project Greenway.



Piled Higher & Deeper Ph D.

PROFESSOR-PROOFING YOUR WORK AREA

KEEP VALUABLE EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, SOURCE CODE, OUT OF THEIR REACH

RESTRICT THEIR ACTIVITY TO A SAFE AREA

CONCEAL COMICS/CARTOONS THAT MOCK THEM

LEARN TO LIVE IN TOTAL AWKWARDNESS

WWW.PHDCOMICS.COM



Aaron's SELF STORAGE
WACO'S PREMIER SELF STORAGE

VOTED WACO'S BEST 2009 2010 & 2011

SAFEST & CLEANEST

- CLIMATE CONTROL
- CAMERA SURVEILLANCE
- ONSITE MANAGER
- CONTROLLED ACCESS GATES
- INDOOR CAR STORAGE

www.aaronselfstorage.com

HEWITT
501 Hewitt Dr.
254-776-2114

CHINA SPRING
3501 Flat Rock Rd
254-753-1615

701 West Loop 340
and Imperial Dr.
254-772-1555

Owned By BAYLOR ALUMNI

FUN TIMES Answers at www.baylorlariat.com — McClatchy-Tribune

Across

1 Legendary kicker
5 Go slowly
9 Start to strip?
13 Neural transmitter
14 Old carrier
16 Count (on)
17 Actor roomies' mailbox label that sounds like racing groups?
19 Fifty-fifty
20 In the wrong way
21 On a cargo ship, say
23 Mink cousin
24 Actor/flutist roomies' mailbox label that sounds like a crook?
28 Jodie Foster title role
31 First apartment, perhaps
32 TV host/singer roomies' mailbox label that sounds like a vital sign?
37 Begins a concert tour
38 Flamenco shout
39 Cyberspace giant
41 Waikiki wreath
42 Digestion-related commercial prefix
45 Actress/comic roomies' mailbox label that sounds like an auto safety feature?
48 Youth who flew too near the sun
50 Appointment
51 Actress/cartoonist roomies' mailbox label that sounds like an airport employee?
54 Frankfurt's state
58 Winningest NFL coach
59 Resentful
60 Former eft
63 Screenwriter/actor roomies' mailbox label that sounds like an old announcer?
65 Track
66 Net business
67 "Sesame Street" giggler
68 Heredity unit
69 "Now!" relative
70 Road sign silhouette

Down

1 Half a '60s quartet
2 Get a life?
3 Game you usually lose
4 3-Down player, e.g.
5 Nimble
6 Seine filler
7 30-ton computer
8 Ristorante offering
9 Invent
10 Gun
11 Stein filler
12 MD for women
15 Desert rises
18 Work the party, in a way
22 Opposite of exo-
25 "A Passage to India" heroine
26 Montana, once
27 Respectful response
29 Not clerical
30 Alibi provider, sometimes
32 Pueblo people

33 Smart guy?
34 Make good on
35 However, briefly
36 Blabbed
40 Plug end?
43 Railroad crossing
44 "That hurt my feelings!"
46 Code of conduct
47 Visibly furious
49 Cook on the range
52 Conspires
53 Poke, kitten-style
55 Elegance
56 Note next to a red F, maybe
57 Miscue
59 Circular road
60 Frothy traditional beverage
61 "___ of Destruction": 1965 protest song
62 Pallid
64 Peebles of "Fame"

SUDOKU
THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

			3			4			
	4				1	5			9
	2				6			4	
9							1	5	
4				8		3			2
	7	6							8
	1							9	
				7	3			1	
			5				2		

“You were there, right?”



**TODAY
IS THE
LAST DAY!**



Visit WWW.BAYLOR.EDU/ROUNDUP for more information.

Prove It!

On eight-game win streak, baseball to host Cowboys

By GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

No. 21 Baylor baseball will take on the Oklahoma State Cowboys in a three-game series this weekend. The Bears have won eight straight and have scored at least eight runs in each game over the course of this streak.

Oklahoma State will pitch their ace on at 6:35 p.m. Friday at Baylor Ballpark. Cowboy left-hander Andrew Heaney will take the mound with a 5-1 record this season. He ranks second in the nation with 65 strikeouts and second in the Big 12 with a 1.12 ERA.

“We saw him last year. I think he came out of the bullpen last year, and he was a good arm,” junior left-handed pitcher Josh Turley said. “We’re going to do our best to get the sticks rolling early and try and put a little pressure on him.”

There are many reasons why the baseball team has won eight straight games. Baseball players are generally superstitious, so some unconventional trends have started in the clubhouse.

“I’m not going to shave [my beard] until we lose, and hopefully that won’t be for awhile,” Turley said.

Junior first baseman Max Muncy has gone a different route with his game-day routine.

“I wear the same thing on game day. I wear some slacks and a Polo shirt,” Muncy said.

The team has devised a theory that starts off the field. In fact, it starts in the parking lot. Around the day that the winning streak started, a beaver made its way from the Brazos River into the parking lot of Baylor Ballpark to eat acorns. The Beaver usually makes a daily appearance, and the players have started using the phrase, “Feed the Beaver.”

“I’ve heard about the beaver. I have not personally seen the beaver. I’ve heard numerous stories about the beaver, though. And I would like to see that beaver,” head coach Steve Smith said.

He also admitted he is not a particularly superstitious individual.

“I think Cal [Towey] gets more credit than the beaver,” Smith added.

In the series against Kansas amid the winning streak, junior third baseman Towey went 4 for 9 with five RBIs. He is third on the team in RBIs with 18 and is slugging .430. He has also reached base in 14 straight games.

Superstitions aside, the Bears have been swinging the bat well as a team. Their streak of scoring at least eight runs per game in something that Baylor has not done since 1998.

“Everyone is relaxed in there. We’re not stressing about any games that are coming up. We’re just going out and having fun,” Muncy said. “When you’re relaxed,

everyone is joking about it. It helps you relieve it and just play better with it.”

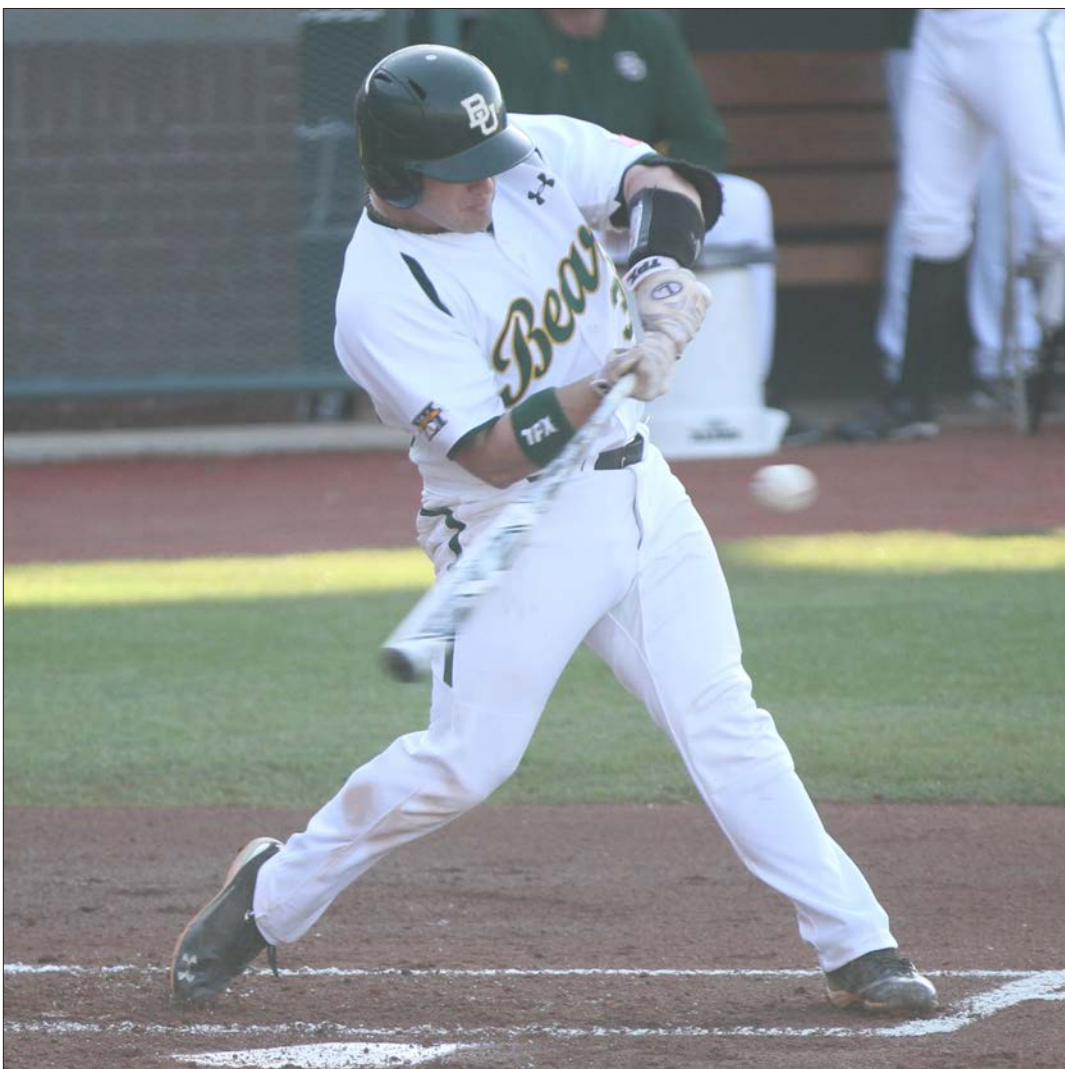
Muncy is batting .337 on the season. During the win streak, the National Baseball Writers Association named him the National Hitter of the Week. Muncy scored seven runs and batted in nine more during the week. He also hit two home runs and hit .500 during this span.

Oklahoma State is only 14-11 on the year, and is 1-2 in conference play. In away games, they are just 2-8. This plays into Baylor’s hands because the Bears are 15-3 at home.

“It’s big for us because after this weekend, we don’t have another actual home series because we have the split with [Texas] A&M and Texas,” Turley said. “The road is going to be tough, but anywhere you go, it’s going to be difficult. People coming in here ... it’s going to be difficult for them.”

Baylor is sitting atop the Big 12 with a perfect conference record at 6-0. All of these wins have been at Baylor Ballpark. All of Oklahoma State’s conference games have come on the road. The Cowboys are currently seventh in conference standings.

This series will mark Baylor’s annual Military Appreciation weekend. The Bears will incorporate camouflage into their uniforms to honor those who have served.



MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 30 senior catcher Josh Ludy gets a base hit against TCU on March 6 at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears beat TCU 7-1. Ludy is batting .337 with 26 RBIs and one home run.

Mavericks’ owner Mark Cuban says Miami return is not sentimental

By TIM REYNOLDS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — For Dallas owner Mark Cuban, being back in Miami brought out little sentimental value.

Cuban made his first trip back to the arena where his team won last season’s NBA championship, as the Mavericks were facing the Miami Heat on Thursday night.

The Mavericks beat the Heat in six games in the NBA finals and clinched on Miami’s floor, turning the tables after a six-game loss to Miami in the 2006 title series that was capped with the Heat spraying champagne in Dallas.

His ring was at home, too, where it typically stays. Cuban said he wore it once at home with his kids, and that’s about it.

“Do I look like a jewelry guy

to you?” Cuban asked before the game. “Trust me, I don’t have to tell anybody we won.”

It’s been a somewhat up-and-down season for the Mavericks, who entered Thursday fifth in the Western Conference standings. The Mavs have already had four losing streaks of at least three games, one more than they had last season.

Nonetheless, it’s no surprise

that Cuban is enjoying this season — and defending the crown.

“Yeah, no question. Because you got one. There’s a lot of guys who came close and never got one,” Cuban said. “It’s certainly more fun. Again, it’s a funky season, so we haven’t had a lot of time to enjoy it. The games come so quickly that it’s an aberrational season. You just deal with it.”

The Mavericks seemed to be

echoing their owner on the question of sentiment that comes with being back in Miami.

At this point in the season, there’s bigger priorities than a trip down memory lane.

“It’s a good memory,” Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. “But look, we can’t be focused on that ... otherwise we’ll get our brains beat in. All that was great, but it’s in the past.”

So, too, is the Heat win in the 2006 finals.

But Cuban was reminded of that as well on Thursday, when he again saw the walls of photos on certain walls in the arena, part of Miami’s tribute to that championship team.

“Walking by all the pictures from ‘06, scene of the crime, that’s what comes to my mind,” Cuban said.

Check Your Balance While You Balance Life In The

Mobile Community

Scan this code with your mobile phone using a QR reader or visit www.cbtwaco.com to learn more about the Mobile Community.

If you’re that busy student with a never ending To Do list, relax! When you’re part of the Mobile Community at Community Bank & Trust you can use your mobile phone to:

- Locate branches or ATMs
- Check balances
- Transfer funds
- Pay bills

Community Bank & Trust’s Mobile Community is for anyone whose life is full – and fast. Become part of the Mobile Community, and bank anywhere, anytime.

Community Bank & Trust

LOCALLY OWNED • INDEPENDENT • MEMBER FDIC

Like us on Facebook!

THREE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

1800 Washington Ave

1409 Wooded Acres

8820 Chapel Rd

753-1521

www.cbtwaco.com

EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT

SUMMER@BAYLOR2012

...AT DR PEPPER HOUR

3-4 p.m. April 3

Barfield Drawing Room

Bill Daniel Student Center

Visit with Summer Faculty, Advisors, and Campus Living & Learning.

Limited quantities of give-aways, including sunglasses, pens and Baylor Bookstore coupons!

Get ahead. Stay ahead.

www.baylor.edu/summer

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

HOODIE

from Page 1

of the Bear Trail and end at the Bill Daniel Student Center, where there will be time for prayer, discussion and spoken word poetry about Martin's death, Walker said.

An hour prior to the walk, there will be a prayer vigil in Martin's honor at St. James United Methodist Church, where Curtis will

MULKEY

from Page 1

In the other semifinal Sunday, also featuring No. 1 seeds, Connecticut plays Notre Dame. The Lady Bears left for Denver after practice Thursday.

Baylor advanced to the Final Four, its second in three years, with a 77-58 win over Tennessee and coach Pat Summitt on Mon-

SENATE

from Page 1

general body. "These [revisions] are important," Mighell said. "This is the governing document for our body, and we need to make sure that it's a governing document that works, that doesn't promote bureaucracy [or] tension, [and] is something that gets things done. But at the same time, there is a point at which you can streamline things too much. There is a point at which friction is good when it comes to measures or bills or appointments on the floor."

Senate also voted to recommend the Baylor Chamber of Commerce and university administration allow students to vote for a homecoming king to serve on the homecoming court, a move that, if made, would alter Baylor's longstanding tradition of only selecting a queen and her court.

Although the proposal was serious, debate took on a humorous tone when two speakers in favor of the bill, including Atlanta senior Alex Gray and Katy senior Shaun Wysong, facetiously attacked Baylor's lack of a homecoming king as an example of sexism, prompting laughter from the other senators.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Gray said with an air of faux indignation, "for far too long, a travesty has occurred at this great universi-

ty: sexism is a real thing. I will not stand quietly in front of my peers and representing my constituents while this goes on. It was over 60 years ago that we took care of this problem in America, and yet it has come back. Now, men may have the right to vote, but we do not have the right to be king."

Several senators, however, objected to the measure. Cody Orr, junior senator from Sugar Land, warned the body against changing Baylor traditions based solely on joking comments.

Summitt announced in August she had early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type.

It is unclear if the 59-year-old Summitt, whose 1,098 career victories are the most by any coach in NCAA basketball history, will return for a 39th season.

day night.

ty: sexism is a real thing. I will not stand quietly in front of my peers and representing my constituents while this goes on. It was over 60 years ago that we took care of this problem in America, and yet it has come back. Now, men may have the right to vote, but we do not have the right to be king."

Several senators, however, objected to the measure. Cody Orr, junior senator from Sugar Land, warned the body against changing Baylor traditions based solely on joking comments.

"In this instance, I'm not offended, it doesn't hurt me and I would rather see Baylor's tradition remain the same way that it is," Orr said. "It's not doing harm to anyone else. If this was something that was actually doing harm to someone else, then I would say, yes, we should change it. It's not that."

In the end, the homecoming king proposal passed 25 to 10 with four senators not voting.

In other business, Senate also recommended Baylor faculty not use participation criteria in grading that hurt a student's score regardless of whether the student missed class for a university event or sickness.

The bylaws revisions will be considered April 12 at Senate's final meeting of the semester.

Supreme Court to vote on health care bill

By MARK SHERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — While the rest of us have to wait until June, the justices of the Supreme Court will know the likely outcome of the historic health care case by the time they go home this weekend.

After months of anticipation, thousands of pages of briefs and more than six hours of arguments, the justices will vote on the fate of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in under an hour Friday morning.

They will meet in a wood-paneled conference room on the court's main floor. No one else will be present.

In the weeks after this meeting, individual votes can change. Even who wins can change, as the justices read each other's draft opinions and dissents.

But Friday's vote, which each justice probably will record and many will keep for posterity, will be followed soon after by the assignment of a single justice to write a majority opinion, or in a case this complex, perhaps two or more justices to tackle different issues. That's where the hard work begins, with the clock ticking toward the end of the court's work in early summer.

The late William Rehnquist, who was chief justice for nearly 19 years, has written that the court's conference "is not a bull session in which off-the-cuff reactions are traded." Instead, he said, votes are cast, one by one in order of seniority.

The Friday conference also is not a debate, says Brian Fitzpatrick, a Vanderbilt University law professor who worked for Justice Antonin Scalia 10 years ago. There will be plenty of time for the back-and-forth in dueling opinions that could follow.

"There's not a whole lot of give and take at the conference. They say, 'This is how I'm going to vote' and give a few sentences," Fitzpatrick said.

It will be the first time the justices gather as a group to discuss the case.

Even they do not always know in advance what the others are thinking when they enter the conference room adjacent to Chief Justice John Roberts' office.

By custom, they shake hands. Then Roberts will take his seat at the head of a rectangular table. Scalia, the longest serving among them, will be at the other end.

The other seven justices also sit according to seniority, the four most junior on one side across from the other three.

"They generally find out how the votes line up at the conference," said Orin Kerr, a George Washington University law professor who worked for Justice Anthony Kennedy nine years ago.

The uncertainty may be especially pronounced in this case, where the views of Roberts and Kennedy are likely to decide the outcome, Kerr said in an interview Thursday. "I don't think anyone knows. I'm not sure Justice Kennedy knows."

No one's vote counts more than the others', but because they speak in order of seniority, it will become clear fairly quickly what will become of the health care overhaul.

That's because Roberts speaks first, followed by Scalia, then Kennedy.

If the three men hold a common view, the Obama health care overhaul probably is history. If they don't, it probably survives.

If Roberts is in the majority, he will assign the main opinion, and in a case of this importance, he may well write it himself, several former law clerks said.

If Roberts is a dissenter, the senior justice in the majority assigns the opinion.

The court won't issue its ruling in a case until drafts of majority opinions and any dissents have circulated among the justices, changes have been suggested and either accepted or rejected.



ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this Wednesday file photo, protesters chant and hold a copy of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution in front of Supreme Court in Washington as the court concluded three days of hearing arguments on the constitutionality of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

"These justices aren't locked in. Minds have changed during the drafting process and minds have changed after opinions have been circulated," said Rick Garnett, associate dean and professor of law at Notre Dame Law School who worked for Rehnquist 15 years ago.

In one celebrated case decided in 1992, Rehnquist initially assigned Kennedy to write a majority opinion for five justices allowing prayers at public school graduations.

In the end, Kennedy ended up writing the opinion for a different five-justice majority striking down the graduation prayers. According to several accounts, Kennedy simply changed his mind during the writing process.

No one will know precisely when decisions on particular cases will be coming, until perhaps Roberts ends a court session in late June by announcing the next meeting will be the last until October.

Then it's a safe bet that whatever hasn't been decided will be on the last day.

And decisions in the biggest cases very often aren't announced until that last day of the term.

Supreme Court opinions rarely find their way to the public before they are read in the marble courtroom, although the court inadvertently posted opinions and orders on its website about a half hour too soon in December.

The last apparent security breach occurred more than 30 years ago when Tim O'Brien, then a reporter for ABC News, informed viewers that the court planned to issue a particular opinion the following day.

Chief Justice Warren Burger accused an employee in the printing shop of tipping O'Brien and had the employee transferred to a different job.

Sometimes, though, the justices themselves manage to let people know something big is coming.

On May 17, 1954, the attorney general, secretary of state and Nina Warren, wife of the chief justice, were in the courtroom when Earl Warren read the historic, unanimous opinion in Brown v. Board of Education outlawing school segregation.

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSING

Affordable Living Walking Distance to Campus! 1 & 2 BR Units available. Rent starting at \$360. Sign a 12 month lease before 3/31/12 and get half off your rent for June & July! Call 754-4834.

HOUSE FOR LEASE. 5 BR/2.5 BTH. Convenient to Campus. Washer/Dryer Fur nished. \$1100/month. Call 754-4834.

EMPLOYMENT

Staying in Waco for the summer? Need a part-time job? The Texas Sports Hall of Fame wants you! Apply in person on weekdays, ask for Missy – 1108 S. University Parks Dr.

2012 Summer Urban Ministry Intern - College Students, join our summer ministry team in Austin. Go to www.hcbc.com/opportunities to learn more.

MISCELLANEOUS

Have you ordered your yearbook? It isn't too late! Send your name, student ID number and request for a yearbook to **Cashiers_Office@baylor.edu**. Cost of the Yearbook is \$70 and will be charged directly to your account.

Who reads the Lariat?
YOU DO!!!
Along with over
17,000 other readers.
Call us for
advertising information.
Schedule your
Classified Ad today!
Just call

Premiere Cinema
Waco Square
410 N. Valley Mills Dr. • Waco, TX
All Digital Sound!!
\$2.00 General Admission
Get a rewards card and earn FREE ITEMS!
Showtimes valid Mar. 30th thru Apr. 5th
Showtimes in () valid Sat. - Sun. only.
REDUX TV PRESENTS:
"LIVE OR DIE" (NR) \$10
(11:00) 12:50 2:40 4:30 6:20 8:10 10:00
2D ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS:
CHIPWRECKED (G)
(11:30) 1:45 4:00 6:30 9:00
2D UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R)
(12:30) 2:45 5:00 7:30 9:45
BIG MIRACLE (PG)
(11:00) 1:30 4:00 6:45 9:15
THE WOMAN IN BLACK (PG13)
(12:00) 2:15 4:45 7:15 9:30
2D GHOST RIDER:
SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE (PG13)
(11:45) 2:00 4:15 7:00 9:45
All showtimes subject to change.
Info Hotline: (254) 772-2225
www.pccmovies.com

STARPLEX
CINEMAS
GALAXY 16
333 S. Valley Mills Dr. 772-5333
\$5 Before 6pm / Children & Seniors anytime \$5
GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE 2D (PG13) 725
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND 2D (PG) 210 705
PROJECT X (R) 225 950
JOHN CARTER 2D (PG13) 1045 135 425 715 1005
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 2D (PG) 1150 155 405 610 815 1020
21 JUMP STREET (R) 1145 210 435 700 930
HUNGER GAMES (PG13) 1055 1130 1200 1230 200 305 330 400 515 610 640 700 830 910 940 1000
SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN (PG13) 1105 140 440 715 945
MIRROR MIRROR (PG) 1045 1135 115 205 340 445 605 730 835 1010
JEFF WHO LIVES AT HOME (R) 1040 1245 250 455 705 920
WRATH OF THE TITANS 2D (PG13) 125 600 1030
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) 1050 1255 300 555 710 915
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND 3D (PG) 1155 430 925
GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE 3D (PG13) 1210 510
WRATH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG13) 1105 1205 220 345 445 815 935
*** IN DIGITAL 3D! ***
*UPCHARGE for all 3D films

B.U. students & faculty always receive 10% OFF with valid I.D.*
All general repairs (foreign or domestic) • FREE local shuttle! • All major tire brands
Computerized diagnostics • Blue Seal ASE-certified shop with Certified Service Writers
and Master Technicians • State-of-the-art equipment in the cleanest shop in town!
Freddie Kish's Complete CAR CARE CENTER
"Your Troubles Are Our Business"
www.CompleteCarCareCenter.com *Up to \$50.00
5300 Franklin Ave. in Waco • (254) 772-9331

Luikart's Foreign Car Clinic
Since 1976 Noted for Honesty, Integrity Skill and Fixing Cars Right the First Time.
Honda, Mercedes, BMW, VW, Volvo, Toyota, Nissan, Lexus, Infiniti and American Cars
254-776-6839

Passionate about Worship? Love Music?
Minor in Church Music!
For more information on how to nurture your passion for worship visit the website of the
Center for Christian Music Studies at www.baylor.edu/ccms
or contact Dr. Swee Hong Lim at Swee_Lim@baylor.edu

Experience Luxury at *The Riviera Apts!*
Here you will find a convenient location & an impressive list of amenities.
Bring in this ad for a monthly rent discount PLUS first month's rent is FREE when you sign a 12 month lease!
254-836-8700
www.myrivieraapts.com

Baylor Lariat FALL 2012
NOW HIRING
Sales
Marketing
Advertising
Gain Experience
Growth
Now Hiring Advertising Sales Representatives for Fall 2012
Apply by emailing your Resume and Fall 2012 Schedule to Jamile_Yglicias@baylor.edu

BAYLOR LADY BEARS



**No. 42
Center
Brittney Griner**



38 down

TWO TO GO



Head coach Kim Mulkey and company have had one goal all year. Now a mere two wins stand between the Lady Bears and a national championship.

Lady Bears face Stanford, All-American sister combo

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears will face the No. 2 team in the nation for the third time this season at 8 p.m. Sunday in Denver.

This time it is the Stanford Cardinal in the Final Four, marking its fifth consecutive trip.

Both teams are led by Houston natives and unanimous picks on the Associated Press All-American team: senior Nnemekadi (Nneka) Ogwumike and junior Brittney Griner.

“We played against each other in AAU so I definitely remember little things, but it’s been awhile since we played each other,” Griner said.

Nneka was followed by her sister Cheni to Stanford, despite being heavily recruited by Baylor.

“Athleticism,” head coach Kim Mulkey said. “They can post you up and take you to the basket. They can face up and shoot the mid-range jumpers. They aren’t 3-point shooters but can pull you away from the basket a little bit. They can put it on the floor and are outstanding rebounders and leaders.”

The dynamic duo of the Ogwumike sisters will be up against the 1-2 punch of Griner and junior Destiny Williams.

Attacking the glass will be key for the physical play down low.

“It’s going to be a big challenge for our post players,” sophomore Odyssey Sims said. “Our guard players are going to have to step up and help a lot. But it’s just going to be a great game, and we’re ready.”

The backcourt for Stanford features sophomore Toni Kokenis and freshman Amber Orrange, who have combined for an NCAA tour-

nament average of 20.1 points per game, 8.3 rebounds and 9.5 assists.

The quickness of Sims and junior Kimetria (Nae Nae) Hayden should make running the offense difficult for Stanford.

Leading the Cardinal from downtown is junior Joslyn Tinkle, averaging 62 percent throughout the tournament.

“They play with so much energy for this program that people sometimes forget about them. They’ve helped us out a lot every game.”

Kim Mulkey | Head coach

For the Lady Bears, while Griner and Sims receive all the attention, Mulkey has made it clear that Hayden and junior Jordan Madden are the X-factors for this determined squad.

“I think that J [Jordan Madden] has the toughest thing every game and that’s to guard the best perimeter player, and I think she does a terrific job at it,” Williams said. “I thought Nae Nae did a terrific job at starting us with a run against Tennessee. You can’t sleep on them. If you do, they’ll make you pay. They play with so much energy for this program that people sometimes forget about them. They’ve helped us out a lot every game.”

Madden’s quickness and length on the perimeter will give Tinkle fits; if she doesn’t have the ball, she can’t knock down 3-pointers.

The defensive end for the Lady



Baylor’s Brittney Griner, second from left, reacts with teammates after making a basket during an NCAA women’s college basketball tournament regional final against Tennessee, Monday in Des Moines, Iowa.

Bears has been what spurs on their offense this season. Its backbone is the 6-foot-8 structure of Griner who seems to go-go gadget block every shot attempted.

The other post, usually Williams, extends out more to the perimeter but works hard on the

boards. Hayden and Madden provide tough defensive perimeter behind Sims who sets the tone with her pressure on the point guard.

Considering the altitude in Denver, the Lady Bears have met with their strength and conditioning coach and trainer about proper

hydration, but fatigue could still be an issue.

But Baylor has depth. “Terran Condrey hasn’t scored much the last couple of games because we haven’t needed it,” Mulkey said. “Terran can flat out shoot it. I think she’s a factor as

much as Nae Nae and Jordan on the wing. I think Brooklyn Pope, even with a calf strain, came in the other night against Tennessee and gave us valuable minutes.”

For 40 minutes, there will be a battle to advance to the NCAA Championship game.



Breaking down the All-Americans		
Griner	Ogwumike	
Houston	Hometown	Cypress
Junior	Year	Senior
23.4	Points per game	22.5
9.4	Rebounds per game	10.3
64	Assists	62
199	Blocks	39
61.1	Field goal percentage	55.4



Where to eat a mile high	
Best restaurants in Denver according to Urbanspoon	
\$	\$\$
Cheap Eats	Moderate
— Cherry Cricket	—Steuben’s Food Service
— Snooze	— Osteria Marco
\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$
Higher priced	Fine dining
- Mediterranean	— Sushi Den
— Vesta Dipping Grill	— Potager

Endless focus drives Baylor to finals

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

Two to go.

The No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears are in the Final Four, but a business-like approach looks to land them the title come Tuesday evening.

“You know it’s going to be a different mindset,” head coach Kim Mulkey said. “They will be excited, but it’s a different type of excitement. If you have noticed when we cut down the nets each time we’re happy and we enjoy it but we’re not overdoing it. That’s not something we talk about. That’s not something I say; you can tell. Been there. Done that. We want to fry a bigger fish.”

It will be a big fish indeed: going 40-0 with the No. 1 RPI in the nation and in the Final Four against all four top seeds.

“All four of them have pretty much dominated the games, particularly late, to put teams away,” Mulkey said.

Since the introduction video was seen on the screens in the Ferrell Center, the Lady Bears made it public that there was unfinished business to win it all this year.

Last season’s shocking loss in the Elite Eight to Texas A&M may have been a blessing in disguise.

“We don’t take anything for granted,” junior Destiny Williams said. “We come out and play basketball like we should. We never forgot what the feeling felt like last year and we come out every game and play hard and have each other’s backs.”

Unselfish play has elevated the Lady Bears to the elite level.

Their bench is full of McDonald’s All Americans that could start anywhere else in the country, but they chose to be a part of a successful Baylor program.

“The message is they want to win a national championship,” Mulkey said. “They want to be a part of a team that wins one. The true great ones want to be on a team full of them.”

This green and gold squad holds the program record for the most wins with 38.

Never was a goal set for perfection and the thought was dismissed.

Now it has to be the focus.

“We got over the hump,” junior Brittney Griner said. “We made it to the Final Four, but the work’s not over yet. Two games, and we’re anxious to get out there and get ready. Finish what we started.”

This mindset is not something

that turns on when the Nikes hit the court and turns off when the final buzzer sounds.

For the Lady Bears, practice has the potential to make perfect.

“The focus is here,” sophomore Odyssey Sims said. “All we have to do is bust it in practice every day and continue our dominance. It’s the last two games of the season. Mentally and physically we have to be working in practice even though we may not want to. We have to listen to Coach [Mulkey] and do all the little things right. If you take a play off, it could hurt us in the game.”

Mulkey has said before that if her squad loses, it will be because the other team played lights out, not that Baylor gave it to them.

For most of the nation, including President Obama, it will be a huge upset if the Lady Bears fail to bring home the hardware.

With high expectations and pressure for perfection, Baylor looks to focus only on the ultimate prize.

“It’s an honor and a blessing to make it there, but we have to come out and continue to do what got us here in the first place,” Williams said. “And that’s just to play Baylor basketball.”

Lady Bears:
BY THE NUMBERS

20.5
Odyssey Sims’ points per game vs. ranked opponents

40.1
Baylor’s field goal percentage this season
No. 1 in NCAA

213
Teams held under 50 percent on field goals by Baylor defense

302
Total blocks by Baylor



Baylor’s Odyssey Sims shoots over Tennessee defenders during the NCAA women’s college basketball tournament regional final, Monday in Des Moines, Iowa.

Nov. 13, 2011

Head coach Kim Mulkey gets her 300th career win, a 91-31 beatdown against Chattanooga.

Nov. 20, 2011

The Lady Bears defeat then-No. 2 Notre Dame 94-81 at the Ferrell Center in the Preseason WNIT. Junior Brittney Griner had 32 points.

Nov. 27, 2011

Against legendary head coach Pat Summitt, Baylor comes back to beat then-No. 6 Tennessee 76-67, the Lady Bears' third win against a top-25 opponent.

Dec. 11, 2011

After watching Robert Griffin III win the Heisman in New York City, the Lady Bears defeat St. John's 73-59 in Madison Square Garden.

Dec. 18, 2011

Baylor defeats champion head coach Geno Auriemma and then-No. 2 Connecticut 66-61, its second No. 1 vs. No. 2 victory.

THE ROAD TO GLORY

Top center: No. 32 Brittney Griner blocks a Texas A&M player during a 71-48 victory Feb. 11 at the Ferrell Center. Griner is currently one block shy of 200 blocks on the season.

Lower left: No. 32 junior forward Brooklyn Pope and No. 22 freshman post Sune Agbuke block Chattanooga's shot late in the second half on Nov. 13, 2011, at the Ferrell Center. The Bears celebrated a 91-31 win over Chattanooga.

Lower right: No. 10 junior forward Destiny Williams scores against St. Edward's on Nov. 3, 2011 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears won 89-30.



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 1 guard Nae Nae Hayden shoots over two Howard defenders on Nov. 9 at Ferrell Center. Baylor won 82-28.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 0 Odyssey Sims dribbles down the court against Texas A&M Feb. 11 at the Ferrell Center. Baylor debuted their Nike Hyper Elite uniforms.



MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 1 guard Nae Nae Hayden controls the ball down the court during Big 12 finals round against Texas A&M on March 10 in Kansas City, Mo.



MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Feb. 4

Griner records 2000 points and 500 blocks for her career, the first player to do so in NCAA Division I history, in a 70-41 win against Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan.

Feb. 11

The Lady Bears debut their silver Nike Hyper Elite uniforms and defeat reigning champion Texas A&M 71-48 at the Ferrell Center.

March 10

Baylor wins its second-straight Big 12 Tournament title with a 73-50 win over Texas A&M.

March 20

Griner dunks in the 76-57 win against Florida to advance to the Sweet Sixteen. Griner becomes the second woman to dunk the NCAA tournament.

March 26

For the second time this season, the Lady Bears defeat Summitt and Tennessee 77-58 in Des Moines, Iowa, to advance to the Final Four.

*"We Compete, We Win
We are Baylor"*

- Robert Griffin III



Rise Up, Lady Bears
Let's finish this business!



Helping U Find That Place Called Home.

*For more information on availability of properties, call 254-753-5355
www.brothersmanagement.com*