

Students need more options in dining halls

Editorial

Baylor cafeterias need more Oreos.

OK, so maybe that's not the healthiest option to help prevent college weight gain.

Baylor has four cafeterias in dormitories.

Penland Food Court offers the mall food court type of feel with plenty of options and late hours but not too high healthwise.

RFoC at Memorial brings some home cooking to campus.

Collins Café offers the healthiest choices of the cafeterias.

Finally, Brooks Residential College offers the Hogwarts setting with the community feel eating at giant tables.

Baylor Dining Services offers websites with helpful nutrition links and podcasts for more information on healthy choices, and also posts updates of campus dining hall menus weekly.

The site shows breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert menus for the dining halls, including the available gluten-free options, which were increased in 2010.

Each cafeteria's menu offers variety through the week for each day of the week.Students could easily schedule meals according to the information online.

Campus, however, is not lim-

ited to cafeterias but offers a variety of chain restaurants in the Bill Daniel Student Center, Baylor Science Building and Starbucks.

Baylor was recently named one of 14 colleges "leading the way" for gluten-free students. Only 36 percent of Baylor students eat in the on-campus cafeterias.

Students are encouraged to get online if they have a gluten-intolerance or are vegetarian or have other dietary needs and check out the menu for the dining halls throughout the week.

It would be much easier on these students if they could just walk into a cafeteria and find a section for gluten-free items.

For example, a student walks into a cafeteria for lunch during his break of 50 minutes in his schedule.

Upon asking about the gluten-free options of that cafeteria, he is told there aren't any and is pointed in the direction of another cafeteria.

His time was wasted in the process and those behind him in line were also held up. If he spent 10 minutes walking to that dining hall, five minutes standing in line and now has to walk across campus to another dining hall, the student can be left with little time to eat before being late.

Now the student has to decide between making it to class and

eating lunch.

It is important for each cafeteria to have a variety of options for this dietary issue.

Students without this issue have a variety of choices on the menu, so the cafeterias should provide as many options to those that are gluten-free or vegan so the limited meals for the day don't add to the frustration of homework.

The Memorial dining hall is known as the best for gluten-free options on campus. They even have a grab-n-go refrigerator with completely gluten free options that students can access whenever they want.

Unfortunately, Memorial is not always open, leaving those students few options after hours. As for the vegans and vegetarians, more fruit options would be beneficial.

For those of us who aren't vegetarian, fruit is always a good snack or side item. The apples, bananas and oranges are good, and it is usually possible to get some kind of fruit at the salad bar, but more variety would be better.

Instead of offering canned peaches, the cafeterias should offer fresh ones. Blueberries are a great option, as well as grapes and strawberries.

If Baylor is concerned with these fruits going bad, the cafete-



rias could implement a smoothie bar in each location.

Based on the popularity of businesses like Jamba Juice and Common Grounds, it would be safe to assume that a smoothie station would be a hit.

Best of all, the only extra things that Baylor would need to provide are blenders and more fruit.

All told, Baylor is doing an OK job of letting the students know what is being provided. It

is possible to eat healthy, vegan and gluten-free, but Baylor could always do more to help students eat better.

Now, students, it is up to you to make the most out of what has been given to you.

Voting: It might be difficult, but it's worth it

Guest Column

As Republicans wrap up their convention activities in Tampa, Fla., Democrats converge on Charlotte, SC prepared to conduct official business of approving the party platform and nominating Barack Obama and Joe Biden for re-election.

All the while activists are fast at work contacting folks informing them as to why their candidate is better and ensuring their supporters are registered to vote.

I am an activist, my constituency, College Democrats.

Nevertheless, I have a message here for all, because I care about informing voters. So here it is, my nonpartisan explanation of voting so we are all on the same playing field.

The 2008 general election saw 131 million voting Americans, the largest voter turnout in our nation's history, and though the turnout rate of young people was 51 percent, our group made up only 17 percent of the electorate.

That same year, McLennan County's Precinct 3, home to Baylor's campus and the surrounding area inhabited by many Baylor students, yielded a turnout of 62 percent, the same as the average turnout in other areas of McLennan County.

Just two years later, turnout for the 2010 general election peaked at a mere 10 percent in Precinct 3, half that of the county's turnout.

There is an issue at hand among our peers, and the first step is acknowledging there is a problem.

Given that the 2010 election was a midterm election, which does not produce the turnouts of

presidential elections, and that, as I recall from hours outside canvassing the neighborhoods of Waco, that it was a very rainy fourth of November, expecting turnout in the 62 percent range is out of the question.

However, when only 10 percent show up to vote, there is reason for concern.

Therefore, here is my call to service: Uphold your civic duty and vote.

I understand if it comes across as scary, what with all those forms and very serious language above the boxes, then the stories of confusion at the polling places. Nevertheless, none of this should veer you away from what is rightfully yours as an American.

Going back to the data, as of two years ago only 3,643 people were registered to vote here in Precinct 3, a low number considering Baylor's total enrollment of

15,209.

The first step to changing all of this is to register to vote; you have until Oct. 9 before you will not be eligible to vote in this year's general election. You can always access

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the online registration form on the Texas Secretary of State's website.

In addition, I, like plenty of others, are voter registrars who took an oath to carry out the duty of registering voters under the authority of the county election clerk.

In all reality, it sounds much cooler than it actually is.

Equally important is comprehension of just how this whole process works.

Where you register is important. The residency determines which precinct in which county you vote in.

If you registered in Bexar County down in San Antonio and show up to Knox Hall at the Texas Ranger Museum on Election Day to vote, you will be seriously disappointed because you will not have access to a McLennan County ballot.

Know where you are registered and if it needs changing, you still have time. If you are registered back home and do not plan to travel home during early voting time or election day, request to vote early by mail.

To do this, you fill out an application to request a ballot by

mail and send it to your county's election clerk. They will send you a ballot, at which point you fill it out and send it back to the election clerk.

Make no mistake, this can be a tedious process — I am speaking from experience here.

This brings me to my final point. During my time as president of Baylor Democrats, we had a project to gather information and create a concise resource for all to use.

I highly suggest accessing the Baylor Democrats election center available on the organization's website at www.baylordemocrats.org.

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Soldiers can still vote and that's not changing

Guest Column

Recently circulated by military organizations and conservative critics is the claim that President Barack Obama is seeking to "re-strict military voting rights."

The claims originated with Ohio trying to pass a new law that would allow military members three extra days to vote early (specifically the Saturday through Monday before Election Day). Early voting for all other voters ends on Friday. The Obama administration brought a lawsuit to block the new law, arguing that if the polls are open for extra days, they should be open to all.

John Fund, a columnist and conservative political journalist,

said on the conservative news site National Review, "regardless of how the judge rules, the Obama lawsuit seeks to establish a dangerous precedent that would diminish the rights of military voters — who already face serious obstacles to voting."

This is overdramatic to say the least. The lawsuit is not attempting to ban military voters from voting early. It is simply trying to allow all voters the same extra days. According to the National Defense Committee, many members of the military may not vote because "[f]or each of the last three years, the Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program has reported to the President and the Congress that the number one reason for military voter disen-



franchisement is inadequate time to successfully vote."

There are also millions of non-military people who say they don't vote because they "don't have time." If you cannot find five minutes every four years to vote,

especially when there are early voting days before the election, you do not have the right to blame the system for "not enough time."

It is true that there are problems with voting from overseas — ballots arriving late, getting lost, etc. These are important issues that must be addressed — but the Ohio law criticized under Obama's lawsuit does nothing to solve any of those problems.

I strongly believe the military members deserve extra respect and accommodations, but extra in-person voting days do nothing to help those deployed overseas.

It all comes down to the fact that both parties are trying to use this for political advantage.

Conservatives want to limit the extra days to military

voters,because military voters generally lean to the right.

President Obama wants to take advantage of scooping up some weekend voters too, including the Democrat-friendly "Souls to the Polls" efforts, where churches bus their congregations to the polling places after the morning service.

Both sides will resort to whatever strategies they can to get an edge for this election. The truth is that military members still retain the right to vote, just like the rest of us.

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Hikers find disaster and relief on Rainier

By ROB BRADFIELD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On June 19, 2012 five climbers from Waco set out to summit Mount Rainier, the highest peak in Washington's Cascade range.

Rainier, popular with outdoor adventurers, climbs 14,411 feet above the Pacific Ocean. On a clear day it can be seen from Portland to

the Canadian border.

The group included Stuart Smith, a Waco attorney with a climbing resume that includes some of the world's tallest peaks — including Mount Everest, and Ross VanDyke, Baylor's Assistant Director of Admission Counseling who had made a previous attempt on Mount Rainier that was called off due to weather. Joining them were Smith's niece Noelle Smith, Claire Kultgen, and Baylor senior Stacy Wren, from Waco.

The climbers were using Rainier as a warm up for trips to Mount Denali, the tallest peak in North America. Rainier is known, among other things, for its severe and ever changing weather patterns.

"We had a three day window where the weather was going to be really great," VanDyke said.

The climbers began with a hike to the base of Emmon's Glacier, which is between 7,500 and 8,000 feet above sea level.

The first night of the two-day climb they hiked past Camp Sherman, at 10,00 feet, and camped on the glacier above it at a place called Sherman Flats.

The next morning the group



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROSS VANDYKE

From left to right- Stuart Smith, Claire Kultgen, Noelle Smith, Stacy Wren and Ross VanDyke. Seen here shortly before starting for the summit.

was up by 1:30 a.m. and began climbing by 2:30. The way up was icy and at an incline of 40 to 50 degrees.

"Basically, it would be like climbing up a double black diamond," VanDyke said.

After 800 feet, Kultgen wasn't feeling well and was forced to turn back. VanDyke and Stuart Smith climbed down with her, and when

they returned the group continued towards the summit.

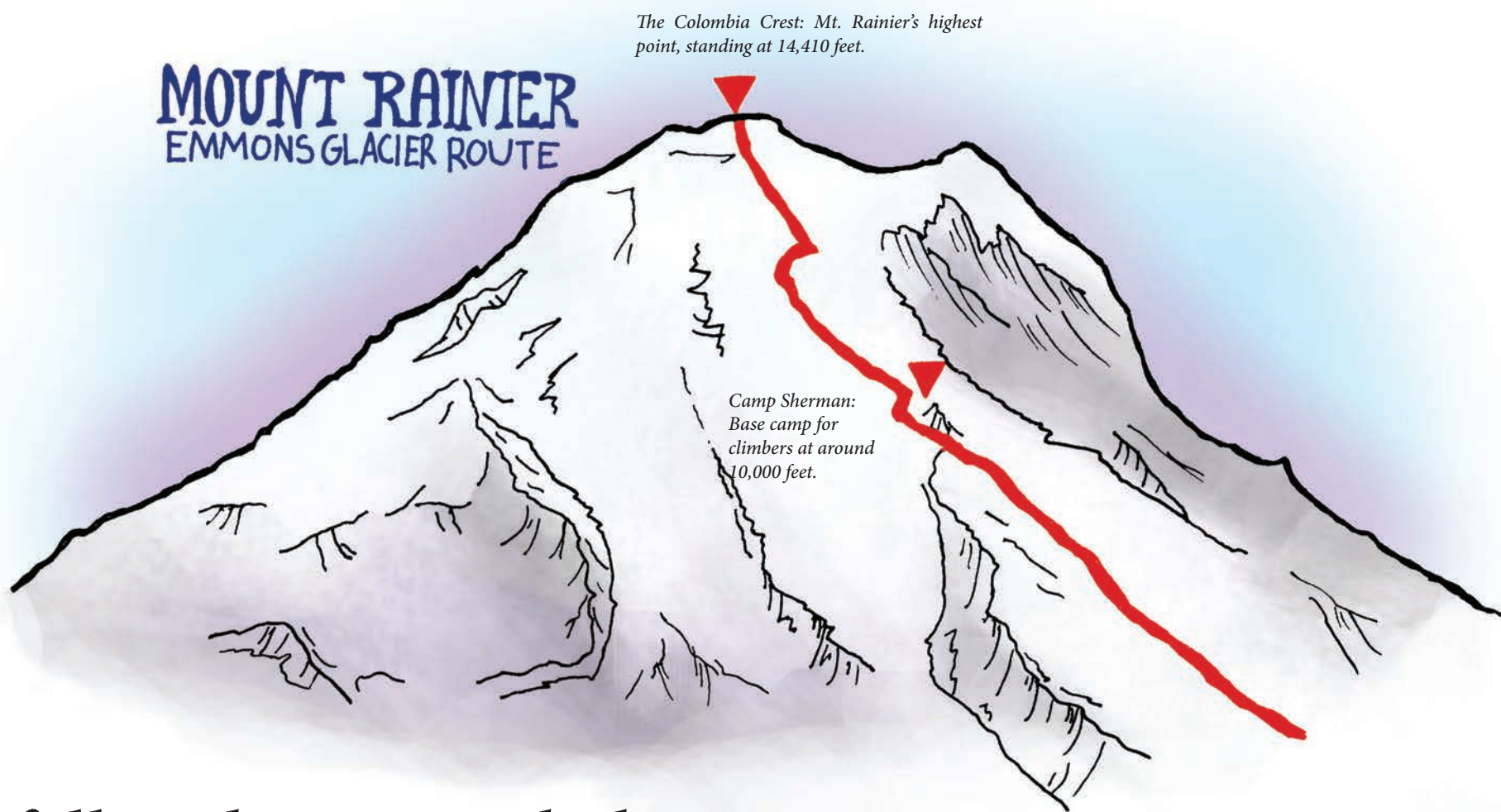
In all the ascent took six hours — the group navigating around crevasses and weaving their way up the mountain's face.

"I've climbed a lot of mountains in the Rockies in Colorado, but I've never had to work that hard to get to the summit," Wren said.



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The climbers begin their descent from the summit of Mount Rainier.



The fall and surprise help

After six hours, the climbers' hard work paid off. Below them stretched the Cascade Range, bathed in low clouds and the morning sun, with Mt. Saint Helens in the distance.

The climbers soon began their long descent to Camp Sherman.

On the way down they encountered a large crevasse in the glacier known as a bergschrund. These canyons of ice are created when a large part of a glacier breaks off from the main body, and can be as deep as the glacier is tall.

It was above the edge of the bergschrund that disaster struck.

"To this day I still don't know who slipped," VanDyke said.

The group began to fall down the mountain towards the edge of the bergschrund, the edge of which turned up like the end of a ramp.

"We were literally launched off the ramp, I've been told we caught 10 ft of air," Wren said.

"I remember being airborne and thinking, 'it's over, this is the end, we are totally going to die,'

and I remember being at peace."

When the group hit the other side of the crevasse, Smith and VanDyke managed to slow the group down using their ice axes.

"I came to after the fall and I had a mouthfull of blood," VanDyke said.

Wren was already conscious and making sure that Stuart Smith was responsive. According to Wren, the rope that was holding them all together was caught in the spikes Smith was wearing on his shoes for traction.

"Every time he would move it would cut the rope a little more," Wren said.

Wren untangled the barely conscious smith and looked around for his niece Noelle.

She was nowhere to be seen.

Wren, who was relatively unharmed, began shouting for her and climbing in the direction of her rope. She eventually came to the edge of a small crevasse.

"I came over this lip and looked down and she was dangling in this

crevasse upside-down," Wren said.

Noelle Smith was anchoring the whole team to the mountain. She had fallen in a hole slightly larger than herself and kept the whole team from falling off the mountain.

"It's a miracle that she fell into [the crevasse]," Wren said.

Another climber noticed the groups distress and came down the summit to assist them.

The climber, named Peter, was an experienced climber from Montana and trained in wilderness medicine and helped stabilize the group.

"That's the point I knew that I was going to make it," Wren said.

VanDyke, dangling at the end of the rope had been trying to call for help on a cell phone.

Calling up to Wren, he climbed 40 feet up the mountain with a dislocated leg and an ice axe. He called 9-1-1 that put him through to the ranger station.

"We're dispatching rangers now, they'll be there in an hour and a half," they told him.

The Climbers ascending the snowfields on Emmon's Glacier.

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The rescue and trip home

The Mount Rainier National Park climbing rangers arrived quickly making the three day climb in under two hours.

They loaded Noelle smith into a helicopter, and began loading Stuart Smith in after her. Ross VanDyke was bundled up on a litter when there was a flurry of motion and the radios went silent.

"They came to get me and all of a sudden something happened," VanDyke said.

According to VanDyke the rangers refused to tell him, but now it's known that climbing ranger Nick Hall fell nearly 3,000 feet down the side of the mountain.

Rangers recovered his body when the weather broke.

Before they could load Wren into the helicopter a downdraft started to push it towards the side of the mountain. Wren heard the

rotor blades getting closer, and two rangers threw themselves on her.

"I didn't think about it until later, but that was another near death experience," Wren said.

The other three hikers were airlifted out of the park, but Wren was forced to stay the night on the mountain with two rangers and hike down the next day.

Wren was sapped by fatigue, hypothermia and lack of food. She remembers asking to be left on the mountain.

"Continuing to live is the hardest thing you could possibly imagine," Wren said.

It was due to the heroism of the rangers and the determination they inspired that Wren was able to make it to base camp. She and her fellow climbers are still grateful.

"The rangers were absolute heroes," she said.

Statements on Climbing Ranger Nick Hall



Photo courtesy of the Associated Press

"The rangers need to be portrayed as heroes, because they are"
-Stacy Wren

"As the first of the climbers was being evacuated by helicopter, Mount Rainier climbing ranger Nick Hall fell, sliding more than 3,000 feet down the side of the mountain."
-Taken from a statement by the National Park Service.

"Nick Hall died while he carried out a climbing ranger's greatest responsibility - saving lives,"
-Jonathan B. Jarvis, National Park Service Director



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Two of the group climbing near a crevasse similar to the one in which Noelle Smith became trapped.

BU space device project launch date pushed back

By LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

Baylor engineering students, in conjunction with the Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research (CASPER), are in the process of designing a device that will be sent into space in the near future.

The launch has been rescheduled multiple times from its original Aug. 9 launch date.

It is tentatively rescheduled for Sept. 18.

The project was introduced in fall 2011 as part of a senior engineering design capstone course.

The course is taught by Dr. Ian Gravnage, associate professor of engineering, and Dr. Brian Garner, associate professor of engineering.

So far, three semesters have been spent on the project and 18 Baylor students were involved.

This semester, there are four students working on the project. The team is led by El Dorado Hills, C.A. senior Nick Mulenos along with Apple Valley, M.N. senior Ty Groskreutz, Houston senior Devin Li, and Bandung, Indonesia senior Travis Hegle.

"The director of CASPER, which is Dr. Truell Hyde, approached us, and by us, I mean myself and Dr. Garner who are the co-instructors for the senior engineering design course, and asked us if we could pitch this product to our students both to satisfy the need for good design projects in the class and also to make some headway on it for the sake of CASPER and the other universities," Gravnage said. "We brought it to the students and they were enthusiastic about it."

One of the students who

worked on the team during the spring, Jason Curran, who graduated last spring, said he recalls being excited about the opportunity to send a project to space.

"I had known about the project an entire semester before it was offered," Curran said.

"I've been crazy about space since I was younger. When they offered the opportunity, I jumped at it," he said.



Garner

The students designed a Piezo Dust Detector to orbit the earth.

Matthew Fellows, who is pursuing a Master of Engineering, is another student involved in the project.

Fellows said the purpose of the machine is to detect dust particles smaller than one millimeter.

"Typically we're looking at dust particles that are one millimeter in diameter and smaller is the idea.

The reason why information about these particles is useful is that, in orbit, they can be traveling at such high speeds that even though they're small, they can have impact energy similar to a .22-caliber rifle shot, so it's capable of doing damage to satellites, especially over time," Fellows said.

The detector will go into space this year as part of the RockSat-X program, a program that rewards schools with room on NASA rockets for their projects.

The rockets launch from the Wallops Flight Facility in Wallops Island, Va.

The schools submit proposals for their projects to the RockSat-

X program and the program selects which projects will be on the rockets.

Curran and Fellows spent the summer improving and refining the Piezo Dust Detector for the launch.

"We were awarded with the RockSat-X space about three-fourths of the way through the spring semester," Curran said. "So we had to improve the design."

The RockSat-X program is separate from the project, and the students are not collecting data during the launch.

The launch will only ensure the project design will survive in space.

"It's a 15 minute flight to make sure that everything works in space because things work differently in space," Fellows said.

Fellows said the students are hoping to enter into other competitions that would give them a chance to launch the device into space for a longer period.

They hope to launch their Piezo Dust Detector into space either late 2013 or early 2014.

The project, which has been in progress for the past year, has just begun its third semester of work by a new group of senior engineering capstone students.

Fellows is continuing to work on the project as a teaching assistant for the senior engineering design class.

"It's good to be able to continue with the project, to provide continuity," Fellows said. "It's nice to be able to see the project through."

Fellows says he hopes to be able to see it through until the end when they launch the final design into space in late 2013 or early 2014.



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Driving Club struts in Fountain Mall

Hewitt sophomore and Baylor Riding Club member Jonathan Hoxie and Los Angeles sophomore Jose Perez converse about Hoxie's Chevrolet GT500 while he participates in promoting the club on 5th Street on Wednesday in front of Fountain Mall.

Texas plastic surgeon accused of doctor's violent murder

By BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK — A plastic surgeon was charged with capital murder Thursday after prosecutors said he hired a man to kill another doctor who was dating his ex-girlfriend and paid for the murder using silver bars.

Dr. Thomas Michael Dixon of Amarillo, along with the accused gunman, David Neal Shepard, were each indicted on capital murder charges in the July death of Dr. Joseph Sonnier III, who was found fatally shot and stabbed in his home.

Both men are each being held in lieu of a \$10 million bond in the Lubbock County Jail.

An arrest warrant affidavit suggests a love triangle involving Dixon, Sonnier and Dixon's ex-

girlfriend, who was dating Sonnier.

Sonnier's family members have said he had told them that his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend had been causing problems.

The woman's name isn't included in court documents.

District Attorney Matt Powell said prosecutors haven't decided whether to seek the death penalty.

Dixon's two attorneys and Shepard's public defender all declined comment Thursday.

Court records describe Shepard as Dixon's business associate but don't provide details about how the men knew each other.

Sonnier was the chief pathologist for Covenant Health System in Lubbock.

The 57-year-old was found dead July 11 inside his house in Lubbock, about 120 miles south of Amarillo.

The affidavit alleges that Dixon offered Shepard three bars of silver valued at \$3,000 each to kill Sonnier.

Shepard's roommate told police that Shepard confessed to the crime after a suicide attempt, saying he'd broken into Sonnier's home through a window and shot him several times with a gun Dixon had given him, according to the affidavit.

Dixon and Shepard are each charged with two counts of capital murder.

The first count pertains to allegations that Sonnier was killed during the commission of a second felony, burglary of a habitation, while the second capital murder count stems from the allegation that Dixon paid Shepard to kill Sonnier.



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Students do poverty simulation for 3M presentation

By AIMEE GOMEZ
REPORTER

For the first time, students from Baylor and the University of Houston who are attending the same class, Sales for Social Impact, at different schools will participate together in the Mission Waco/Mission World poverty simulation this weekend.

Eight students from the University of Houston and 11 Baylor students will begin the simulation at 8 p.m. today. They will be joined by Dr. Andrea Dixon, executive director of the Center of Professional Selling and Sales for Social Impact professor at Baylor and Susana Rosas, Sales for Social Impact professor at the University of Houston.

The simulation is normally

open to youth who have completed the eighth grade and adults, but this weekend the students and professors will be the only participants in the simulation, which will end at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Details of the simulation were not released to the participants beforehand.

Dixon and Susana Rosas, the Sales for Social Impact professor at the University of Houston, met at a University of Sales Center Alliance event. They said they thought it would be a great opportunity for their students to do the simulation together.

“We thought it would be great to collaborate together since the students in both classes are developing sales plans,” Rosas said.

Dixon said this partnership

with the University of Houston class is a unique opportunity.

“It is not often that schools collaborate across universities, particularly public and private universities,” Dixon said.

The class is designed to help students understand and create business models that benefit and meet the needs of an impoverished society.

For the class, the Baylor students have been divided into three teams and the University of Houston students into two teams.

They have been assigned the creation of a business plan for a country with an underdeveloped economy.

The Baylor and University of Houston students will develop a business model for

different countries.

The students are participating in the simulation to gain insight into the market of an underdeveloped country.

“The poverty simulation is an intense weekend experience of understanding poverty and those affected by it,” said Jimmy Dorrell, director of Mission Waco/Mission World and Lecturer in the Civic Education and Community Services.

Dixon said the simulation will give the students a view of an underdeveloped country’s market conditions.

“The students can’t begin to develop business models with the understanding of how someone can live on less than \$15 a month until they have experienced what

that means,” Dixon said.

Lafayette, La., senior Andrew Smith, who will participate in the simulation, said he looks forward to the knowledge he’ll gain.

“I hope to see the psychological aspects of poverty. I want to see what it feels like to live on less than a dollar a day,” Smith said.

Smith said the mind-set of consumers is going to be different because the target market in an emerging economy doesn’t plan for the longterm; students must learn to anticipate this.

Cuero senior Emily Reese said she is dropping all preconceived notions about poverty to better assess the needs of the underdeveloped world during the simulation.

“Our assumptions, a lot of the times, prevent us from seeing solu-

tions and from understanding the market because we assume that it has to fit into the business model of the developed world,” Reese said.

“We assume that our needs are the same as theirs.”

Raul Giron, a junior at the University of Houston, said the simulation will help him understand the differences between poverty in an emerging country versus a developed country.

“It will help me compare and contrast poverty in the U.S. and in an emerging economy,” Giron said.

The two schools will meet again in the last week of November and the team from each university with the best business plan will present them to the company sponsor of the course, 3M, which supports the course through a grant.



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Footballers Chalk Talk

At this week’s Chalk Talk, Baylor students join China Springs, senior Mike Hicks and Wylie, senior Jerod Monk on Thursday in the SUB Den to discuss Baylor football and the upcoming game against SMU on Sunday.

Surgeon, senior lecturer is a true Baylor Bear

By JESSICA CHIA AND
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REPORTERS

You could say he never really left.

Dr. Bill Neilson, a 1976 graduate of Baylor, is also a senior lecturer and clinical professor of decision science in the Honors College. Neilson, who graduated with a degree in chemistry, is a surgeon and longtime health professional with an interest in medical missions.

“He has a deep wisdom about how Christians ought to think about medicine and how doctors ought to think about patients,” said Dr. Thomas Hibbs, dean of the Honors College. “He will help us all as we mentor students who are going into the pre-health field.”

Neilson said he was drawn back to campus by Baylor’s unique mission.

“The concept of integration of faith and learning, I probably wouldn’t have come here if it wasn’t for that. I liked the Vision of Baylor 2012. I liked Pro Futuris,” Neilson said.

Neilson met his wife, Carol, at Baylor, and is part of a legacy that stretches back for generations and that continued when his own children graduated from Baylor.

“Every Neilson since the Civil War who has gone to college has gone here,” Neilson said.

As an incoming freshman, Neilson was recruited by Baylor’s football program, but an injury prevented him from playing.

He got involved on campus in other ways, serving as a member of Student Congress and student body president.

Neilson also joined the Christian Maturity Council and the fraternity Phi Delta Theta, where he served as float chairman. Neilson attended the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, where he originally focused on pathology before turning to surgery.

“It took one day of being on the surgery rotation to decide that’s what I really wanted to do,” Neilson said. “I had to frantically interview for surgery residency programs.”

Neilson performed general surgery at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, at times working between 100 and 120 hours a week.

“I would go weeks without ever seeing daylight,” he said of his time as a resident.

After completing his residency



Neilson

in 1985, Neilson practiced surgery in Ennis, Tx. before he joined the AmarilloSurgical Group in 1990.

“We never asked people if they could pay their bills or not. If they needed surgery, we just took care of it,” Neilson said.

In 2010, Neilson completed his Master of Science in health care management at the University of Texas in Dallas and became the managing partner and president at the Amarillo Surgical Group.

While there, he taught and evaluated medical students through his posts as surgery faculty for Texas Tech’s Amarillo campus and the residency program site director for students from Parkland completing their residencies in Amarillo.

Neilson’s passion for surgery is rooted in his love of interacting with patients.

“It’s a very intense relationship. During that very brief period of time, you have to develop a relationship that’s intense enough and honest enough that they’ll trust you with their life,” Neilson said.

Neilson said practicing medicine isn’t for everyone, although he has enjoyed his career in surgery

and health care.

“The bottom line is, if you don’t love medicine and you don’t love the real social interactions with people it’s a terrible, terrible thing to do with your life,” Neilson said.

Despite the number of positions Neilson has filled over the course of his career, he is committed to establishing himself once again in the Baylor community.

“My plan is to be here for the duration,” Neilson said. “In my medical career I’ve accomplished all the things I wanted to accomplish. I want to do what will be of value to the honors program and I intend to do whatever it takes to do it well. When you’re doing 750 operations a year, some of them are minor and some of them are big deals, but if you have the opportunity to influence 100 students a year that’s a really big deal.”

Dr. Andrew Wisely, director of the Honors Program, said Neilson’s connections and experiences as a high-level hospital administrator and a surgeon in high-pressure situations make him an asset to the Honors Program faculty.

“He’s a good listener, highly intelligent and is really interested in students. And he’s no stranger to Baylor,” Wisely said.

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Baylor football ready to prove itself

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS EDITOR

For Baylor football, there is no preseason. Every snap counts. “The difference between college, high school football and professional football is that with high school you get scrimmages, with NFL you get preseason games, but with college they blow the whistle and it’s real,” Baylor head coach Art Briles said. “The Bears will take the field without Heisman trophy winner Robert Griffin III but with much to prove. “I know we’ve got a hungry team,” Briles said. “I know we have a team that’s determined and I know we have a team that wants to prove itself.”

The statement will start on offense with senior quarterback Nick Florence. “Being who I am, my faith is in the Lord, and he writes our plan,” Florence said. “We can do our own thing, but he’s going to make his own story. So at that point, I want to do what I can for my team and everything is going to work out. I get one season right now, and I am going to enjoy it.” Florence will have many options to explode down the field as the team did last season. A 1,000-yard trifecta leads the receiving corps for the Bears, returning six of its top seven receivers from 2011.

Fifth-year seniors Terrance Williams, a Maxwell and Biletnikoff Award and All-American candidate with 1,502 yards and 15 touchdowns and Laneard Sampson with 1,259 yards and five touchdowns and junior Tevin Reese, a Biletnikoff Award candidate with 1,278 yards and seven touchdowns. With these numbers, one would think Baylor is a pass-first team; however, everything the Bears do hinges off the run. Another talented trio commands the ground game for Baylor. Fifth-year senior Jarred Salubi was back up to current New York Jets running back Terrance Ganaway last season, running for 331 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Glasco Martin gained 268 yards last season, and with 6.7 yards per carry was top on the team for a player with over ten yards.

Sophomore Lache Seastrunk joined the Bears at the beginning of last season after transferring from Oregon. His speed promises aide to Baylor this season.

As for the other side of the ball, the defense is ready to hit other teams.

“I’m tired of knocking my own guys around and making plays on my own guys,” junior nickel back Ahmad Dixon said. “I’m ready to paly someone else. Coach doesn’t let us hit each other, and we really don’t get to go full speed. We are just anxious to unload on some people. We have to hold it until game day. We’re ready to show everybody who we can be.”

At the nickel back position, the defense hinges off Dixon, who ended last season No. 4 on the team with 89 total tackles.

An off-season under defensive coordinator Phil Bennett has added to the mentality that “knowledge is power” for the Bears.

Last season, Bennett stressed the intelligence side of the game, knowing your spot and following what was discussed.

This season, Bennett knows his players: their tendencies, strengths and witnesses.

Knowledge will prove how powerful it is. But, this knowledge is not from the players but from the coach. “Coach Bennett can trust us now compared to last year,” Dixon said. “He was trying to see the good and bad in all of us, and now he’s figured it out He can let us play now, and that’s the beauty of it.”

The defensive line took a hit as back up nose guard Kaeron Johnson is done due to season ending back surgery.

Baylor will be starting two new linebackers, sophomore Bryce Hager and junior transfer Eddie Lackey.

“Both are good football players,” Briles said. “We expect really big things out of them.” As for SMU, the Mustangs run a ground first offense as well.

Senior running back Zach Line, whose season was ended last year with a broken foot, is back and able to lead the ground attack after racking up 122.4 yards per game last season.

“That’s a misconception about June [Jones],” Briles said. “If you watch them on tape, they are going to run the football. He was running it years ago, and he is doing it today.”

Leading the offense is Garret Gilbert who transferred from Texas at the beginning of last season.

Q&A with Daniel Hill

I spent some time outside Moody Library asking the basic football questions to Baylor students about the 2012 season.

Baylor Student A:

“I’m a freshman so I’m really excited to run the line and stuff. I’m a big football fan.”
Do you know who the quarterback is now?
“No.”

Baylor Student B:

Do you know who the quarterback is now?
“No.”
Why are you going to the game on Sunday?
“Well this is our first game, isn’t it? That’s why.”
How many games do you think Baylor will win this year?
“Five or six. Because I heard we are not really good without RG3.”

Baylor Student C:

How excited are you for football season?
“I’m very excited. I’m excited that we are expected not to be as good this year. Even though we’ve been on top for so long, I feel like now we’re kind of like the underdogs, especially like not having RG3 obviously.”
Do you know who the quarterback is now?
“Um, yeah, I don’t know his name. If his name was in a multiple choice list, I’d know it. (momentary pause) Nick Florence!”
How many games do you think Baylor will win?
“Out of 12, I think maybe 12.”
What do you like about going to Baylor football games?
“It’s just fun to see like everyone being there and rooting for the same thing. You see people every day and you know that

they are Baylor students, then it’s really cool seeing everyone, you know, freshmen all the way to seniors and then alumni still showing how devoted they are.”
Do you have any gameday traditions or habits?
“I mean I go tailgate and stuff but that’s about it. I haven’t been a very devoted fan”
Can you name anyone at all that is on the team besides Nick Florence?
“Ummm... nope”
What do you think the score will be on Sunday?
“What’s the highest score you can get in football?”
Well, last year the most points we scored in one game was 67.
“OK, I’m going to go with 66.”

Baylor Student D:

How do you think the team is going to do this year?
“I think they’ll actually do pretty well. Better than what a lot of other reporters like on ESPN would say.”
Do you happen to know who the quarterback is this year?
“Yeah, Nick Florence.”
What do you think is going to happen in the game on Sunday?
“I think it’ll be a good game. SMU has a good team, but I think we can pull it off.”
What do you like about going to the football games?
“I’ve never been to one before. I’m a freshman.”
What are you looking forward to most?
“Running the line.”
Can you name anyone else on the foot-

ball team besides Nick Florence?

“Yeah, Jarred Salubi, Terrance Williams and Ahmad Dixon.”
Did you follow Baylor a lot last season?
“Actually, last year I didn’t even know who Baylor was.”
Oh, really?
“Actually, I watched the TCU game ,though, and that was really cool. That was the first time I found out what Baylor was.”
Did seeing the football team last year have any impact at all on you coming here?
“I want to say no, but I have to admit yes.”

Baylor Student E:

Are you excited about the football team this year?
“Yes!”
Do you think we’ll be any good?



Big 12 conference preview: Week 1

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS EDITOR



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and bring home the title to repeat 2000.

Oklahoma State

It is out with the old and in with the new for the Cowboys. With the drafting of Brandon Weeden, freshman Wes Lunt is stepping in for Oklahoma State at quarterback. This is all part of Coach Gundy's mentality that he wants instilled in his players: next man up. The Cowboys understand that 2012 will not depend on any one player but on the team as a whole. Last season, Oklahoma State's defense was astounding, but the loss of its defensive coordinator will bring a different approach to that side of the ball.

TCU

The Horned Frogs are excited to be in the Big 12 conference, but it lacks what is needed at any level of college play: depth. If any player were to get injured, it's game over for TCU. The one area with the promise of depth is at running back. With three guys capable of plowing

Iowa State

After being replaced at quarterback toward the end of the season after suffering a foot injury and struggling with turnovers. Steele Jantz is back to lead the Cyclones for 2012.

He completed 138 of 259 passes for 1,519 yards for 10 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

Iowa State will run the ball before anything this season, whether to get some yards or set up a pass.

Junior Shontrelle Johnson was a productive starter in the first four games last season before a neck injury nearly ended his career.

He has been cleared to return and brings a break-away threat.

In Johnson's absence, junior James White became the team's leading rusher with 743 yards.

On the defensive side, the line holds the team's weakest link.

Last season, Iowa State allowed 193 yards a game rushing and recorded just 17 sacks.

Kansas

In the past three seasons, the Jayhawks have gone 2-23 in Big 12 conference play.

Last season alone, Kansas ended the conference season with a goose egg in the win column.

Former Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis is now calling the shots for Kansas and brought senior quarterback Dayne Crist with him from Notre Dame.

Kansas State

Senior quarterback Collin Klein set an NCAA record with 27 rushing touchdowns.

Overall, he recorded 317 carries in 2011.

His teammates on the other side of the ball said his willingness to drop a shoulder and take a hit for extra yardage was an inspiration to get work done defensively.

The Wildcats bring back 14 starters.

Oklahoma

Some things don't change: Oklahoma is picked to win the Big 12 conference.

But, some things need to change, like the Sooners' defense.

Last season in its losses, the defense would give up 40-plus points. Oklahoma is out for redemption this season, and it likes how things look on the offensive side of the ball with senior quarterback Landry Jones returning for his senior season.

The Sooners are looking to win the conference as they did in 2010



for the Horned Frogs will run a diamond set on offense to get each guy a look and keep the defense questioning.

As for its own defense, the linebacker position is weak, and that position is vital to an offensive-heavy conference such as the Big 12.

Texas Tech

The Red Raiders had the worst defense in the conference in 2011. Mainly, the problems came when Tech's opponents ran the ball. For 2012, the defense has adopted a slogan: chain gang. An ironic slogan for the defense that keeps the chains moving against themselves.

If one link were to break, the other links must step up and fill the gap.

As for the secondary, the Red Raiders return four seniors. Offensively, Seth Doege is back to lead his team on the astroturf once again.

Texas

Texas has a slogan for this season. RISE: Relentless, Intensity, Sacrifice and Emotion.

The players wanted the "S" to stand for swagger, but their coaches told them that was something they must earn.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Longhorns will bring the same reputation, especially with six returning starters.

Offensively, however, Texas still looks like a train wreck. The Longhorns recently named sophomore David Ash as starter for this weekend.

West Virginia

West Virginia looks to make a big splash in its new conference, pegged to finish No. 2.

Heisman favorite, senior quarterback Geno Smith will command the wide open offense that will fit right in in the Big 12.

Defensively, West Virginia acquired defensive coordinator Joe DeForest from Oklahoma State over the offseason.

DeForest led the Cowboys defense to total 44 turnovers on the season.



2012 football season

"Yes. I don't know. I feel like, not as good as last year but we'll be OK"
Last year we had RG3. Do you know who the quarterback is this year?
"No."
Can you name anyone else on the football team?
"Troy. Troy Baker. But only because he's my friend."
What do you like about the football games?
"Tailgating. The spirit. Everything. Hanging out with everyone."
Did you go to a bunch of football games last year?
"Yeah, I wouldn't always go inside, but I would be outside the stadium."

Baylor Student F:

Are you excited for football this year?

"I'm super excited. After that big season we had last year and coming off of two consecutive bowls."
Are you a big Baylor football fan?
"I went to every home game last season except for Rice."
What do you like most about going to Floyd Casey and watching football?
"Well, I've lived in Waco pretty much all my life. I've been to the Baylor games where they weren't so hot so just to see where they've come over the years that's really been cool. They are one of the most dynamic offenses in the nation now, which is crazy. You never would have thought about that four or five years ago. I'm just looking forward to seeing where we're gonna be. You know our whole theme this year is "the future is now" so that fits really well. We're on the up and up right now."

On losing RG3:
"I mean he definitely was a key factor but I think it was an all-around team effort. He was a great player, he was. He's hard to replace but at the same time we have a lot of good players on the team."
How many games do you think we'll win?
"I want to say that we can do the 10 games again. Ten is the goal. I mean, we still got all of our receivers except Kendall Wright. We have a lot of depth. Nick Florence, I mean we saw him in the Texas Tech game and he looked really hot. I'm expecting really big things out of him this year. He has big shoes to fill but I think he's pretty good. He's started before when Griffin went out so he has experience. He is a smart guy and he has a lot of talent. I think he'll do really well. I would think that we would at least get eight (wins). I think we can get for

sure eight. I think we can do better than that. They're striving for a Big 12 Championship. That's what we want. Like you heard the players, they are not going to settle for eight I'm sure."
What's your single favorite thing about going to a Baylor football game?
"The atmosphere. Especially when we are on defense. I remember last year when we were crazy with the whole 'kill, kill.' I remember years ago we never had that. It's cool to be in that kind of atmosphere at a Baylor game."

BU volleyball says ‘Aloha’

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

The Bears are in Honolulu this weekend for the Hawaiian Airlines Wahine Volleyball Classic.

Entrance to this tournament is invitation only, something Barnes said the program had to deny in the past.

“I’m glad we got another invitation,” Barnes said. “This is a great tournament to be in.”

After an eight-hour plane ride to Hawaii, the team had time to rest before practicing Thursday afternoon.

That morning was full of sightseeing for the team, including snorkeling and relaxing at the beach.

Today, the Bears will face No. 25 California in Baylor’s first game.

In the Big 12 Preseason Poll, the Baylor volleyball team was selected to finish No. 5 in the conference.

While Baylor has lost some prominent contributors to now is really to be the best team that we can be and if we are then we’ll go deep in that tournament.”

The 2011 team qualified for the NCAA tournament, and this year’s squad looks to do the same.

The Bears will have to replace the production of Briana Tolbert who led the team in kills, kills-per-set and points last season.

Last year’s libero, Allison King, had 653 digs in order to set the all-time Big 12 and Baylor single-season record.

Not only did the Bears lose Tolbert and King, but they also lost four other letter winners to graduation.

Thanks to an infusion of highly rated freshmen talent, Baylor volleyball should not skip a beat

at a high level.

“We are getting the best athletes in the country coming here,” Baylor head coach Jim Barnes said. “They are ranked 16th in the country, and we had some other classes behind them ranked 14th in the country. So our program is moving forward, and we are playing in the number one ranked conference in the country. The Big 12 is No. 1 in volleyball, so our teams are really good and our program is really moving forward.”

The Bears are stocked with young talent this year as Baylor welcomes the No. 16 recruiting class to Waco along with returning senior leaders Kate Harris and Torri Campbell.

Having gone to the NCAA tournament in two of the last three years, expectations have risen for Barnes’ squad.

“We expect to be in that tournament every year,” Barnes said.

“Our focus is really to be the best team that we can be and if we are then we’ll go deep in that tournament.”

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compete



this year.

In the Fairfield Inn North Baylor Classic this past weekend, several freshmen saw extensive action on the court, including Thea Munch-Søegaard, Mackenzie Mayo, Laura Jones, Adrien Richburg, Sam Hill and Adri Nora.

“I think this year is going to be different than any other year that Baylor volleyball has seen and I think it is going to be very interesting for people to come watch and they need to come see it” Mayo said.

Jones, another Baylor freshman was honored as the MVP of the entire tournament.

With it being her first time ever playing collegiate volleyball, it would be understandable if Jones were nervous.

“After I made a mistake, I bounced back from the next one. I thought I did well calming my nerves as well,” Jones said.

If Jones had any anxiety, she certainly did not display it on the court as she led the team with 16 kills against Tulane.

Along with the talented corps of freshmen, Kate Harris, the senior setter and team leader, returns to the squad.

Harris is an inspirational player who is the backbone of the team.

Her senior leadership will be crucial in helping the freshmen adjust to volleyball at the elite Big 12 level.

In work ethic and attitude, Harris leads the way for Baylor volleyball.

Torri Campbell, a senior middle hitter and Pre-season All-Big 12 selection, is the returning offensive leader.

She is also a vital part of the Bears’ defense at the net.

As a junior last season, she was the leader in blocks and blocks/set.

She was second on the team in kills, kills/set and points.

With a unique blend of veteran leadership and a shockingly talented group of freshmen, this season promises to be a memorable one for Baylor volleyball.

Baylor soccer says ‘Hello’

By GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

While the volleyball team basks in the rays of Hawaii, the Lady Bears soccer team remains in Waco, looking to bounce back from its 2-1 overtime loss to No. 11 Long Beach State, at 7 p.m. today against Nebraska.

Baylor will look to move to 4-1 on the season, but the Cornhuskers will pose a bit of a challenge despite their 1-3 record.

Baylor and Nebraska play a similar style of soccer. Both teams emphasize physicality and pressure.

“It’s always a tight game. They play kind of similar to us. They’re hard-nosed. They fight hard. They’re good in the air. I just think it’s going to be a battle,” head coach Marci Jobson said. “We’re definitely going to have to come out guns blazing and be ready for a great Nebraska team.”

The Bears have historically struggled with the Cornhuskers. Baylor is 6-12-2 all-time against Nebraska.

Recently the story has been

different. The Bears are 5-2-2 against Nebraska since 2003, but last season’s game ended in a 1-1 draw.

“They attack well. They have a very good presence on the field both defensively and offensively,” junior defender Kat Ludlow said. “We just have to match up correctly and give it our all. It really [comes down to] who shows up to play.”

The Cornhuskers may have struggled to open the season, but they have been hot lately.

Nebraska began the season 0-2, losing to Oklahoma and Drake, but stepped up their game in a 2-3 loss to No. 10 Virginia Tech.

The Huskers started this week with a 2-1 win over New Mexico, so the team is starting to pick things up.

“Nebraska will always be dangerous I think,” senior forward Dana Larsen said. “Every team is a challenge. We’re coming out, preparing the same way to take on whatever team, whatever their record is, but Nebraska is good.”

Despite the fact that Nebraska left the Big 12 in 2010, it remained on Baylor’s schedule since their departure. The familiarity between

the two teams adds a little bit of fuel to the competitive fire.

“The physical battles are probably [the matchups] that we have to focus on,” junior midfielder Vic Hoffman said. “It’s a hard matchup because you’re going to get beat up, and they’re going to get beat up... That’s why it comes down to heart. It’s one physical battle against another physical battle. So the only thing you have left is who wants it more.”

Heart is hard to measure.

It doesn’t appear in the stat column, but Larsen can see it in the team’s overall improvement.

“We’ve been working hard in the offseason. We’ve been building a program and bringing in new recruits. I have high hopes for this team. I think we all believe in each other and what we can accomplish this year,” Larsen said.

Going into tonight’s game, the team is confident that they can get back to their winning ways, especially if the game comes down to heart.

“I bet that’s going to be us,” Hoffman said. “Heart is our thing.”



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During the game against Northwestern State on Sunday August 19, No. 27 forward Vic Hoffman passes the ball to another player at the Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field. The Lady Bears won the game with a 5-0 lead over the Demons.

A&M, ethical football?

SPORTS TAKE

By GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

Texas A&M head coach Kevin Sumlin has not had an easy first few months.

During the summer, a number of players, including linebacker Steven Jenkins and safety Howard Matthews, were suspended for violating team rules.

Sumlin originally stated that the players would miss the first game of the season, but that’s where things get tricky.

The Aggies were originally scheduled to play Louisiana Tech first, but that game was moved to October 13 because of Hurricane Isaac.

Texas A&M will now open its season against No. 23 Florida.

It would be safe to assume that the suspended players would still have to sit out of the first game of the season.

However, the Aggies announced that the players named in the original suspension are cleared to play against Florida.

They, instead, will miss the game against Louisiana Tech in October.

Does this sound fishy to anyone else?

If a player gets suspended, it shouldn’t matter if his team is playing the University of California—Santa Cruz Banana Slugs or the New York Giants.

Benching these players against Florida is the right thing to do because they violated team rules, but the Aggies are sending a message that winning conference football games is more important than having their players do the right thing.

If their upcoming game were against a lesser opponent, Texas A&M would have had an easier decision.

The fact that their game is against a ranked conference foe weighed into this decision, but the opponent should be irrelevant in the case of suspensions.

It sounds like Texas A&M is guilty of having a bad football culture that supersedes their moral obligation to do the right thing.

When the Freeh Report was released, Judge Louis Freeh blamed Penn State’s cover-up partly on the fact that the school had valued winning football games over the safety of innocent children.

I am not accusing Texas A&M of any crimes, and their recent actions are light-years away from the horrific tragedies that happened in Happy Valley, but the principle remains the same.

Texas A&M placed winning football games above doing the right thing.

In the players’ defense, we don’t know which team rules that they violated.

If their actions weren’t severe enough to warrant a true suspension, then the Aggies should change the rules to make punishments fit the crime.

If breaking a rule is severe enough to warrant a suspension against Louisiana Tech, then the same should be true against Florida.

Perhaps I am overreacting.

If you think that many programs would have delayed the suspension, then that might speak to the severity of the problem across college athletics.

But a better question would be this: Are we above this here at Baylor?

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Weekend Events

Today - Sunday
Westfest. West Fair and Rodeo Grounds. Preview party at 5:30 today. Festival at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Preview party tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Festival tickets \$8 for a single day and \$26 for the weekend.

Saturday
Zumba Jam. SLC. 10- 11:15 a.m.

Sunday
Los Hermanos Farias & La Tropa F. 8 p.m. Waco Missions Club, 3316 J.J. Flewellen Road. Tickets are \$10.

Baylor Bears vs. SMU football game. Floyd Casey Stadium. 5:30 p.m.

Campus Facilities Open This Weekend

Today
Traditions Rally 6:30-9:30 p.m. Floyd Casey Stadium
Buses run from 6 to 10 p.m. from Penland Hall

Saturday
Student Life Center Open 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Marina Open 1 p.m. - dark
SUB Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Union Board Movie Night 7 p.m. in SUB Den featuring "The Hunger Games"
SUB Dining Open: Quiznos, Einstein, and Panda Express

Sunday
Baylor vs. SMU football game (tailgate opens at 12:30 p.m., game at 5:30 p.m.)
Buses run from 3 to 9 p.m. from Penland Hall

Monday
Union Board Movie Matinee
Noon in SUB Den featuring "The Hunger Games"
SLC open 1 p.m. - Midnight (Marina open 1 p.m. - dark)
SUB 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
SUB Dining open: Quiznos, Einstein, and Panda Express

BAYLOR TRADITIONS RALLY '12

Traditions Rally brings Waco together

By CONNOR YEARSLEY
REPORTER

Slime caps, line jerseys and fireworks. That's right, it's time for Traditions Rally to ring in the 2012 football season as the Bears take on SMU Sunday night.

But first, the festivities will begin with free food during the student tailgate at 6:30 p.m. today at Floyd Casey Stadium.

At 7:30 p.m., join Coach Art Briles and the 2012 team inside the stadium for their official introduction.

At 8 p.m., Texas native and country musician Cory Morrow, will perform.

Morrow recently released his ninth solo album, "Vagrants and Kings," and the Traditions Rally is at the start of his four-month tour.

Finally, at 9 p.m., the night will

end with a bang, as a fireworks show will help to "fling our green and gold afar."

Matt Burchett, director of student activities said the Traditions Rally has existed in various forms for several years at Baylor.

Formerly called Slime Night, it was eventually changed to the Traditions Rally when students began getting their slime caps and Line jerseys at Line Camp instead. This is the first year the rally has been open to the public and will not be held on Fountain Mall.

"For us, it is important to have a celebratory beginning to the football season as the newest members of the Baylor community join with faculty, staff, upperclassmen and the city of Waco to support our team and kick off another exciting year of football,"

Burchett said. "The collegiate athletic experience is an expression of community, and the Traditions Rally is a great opportunity for us to connect Baylor and Waco to support the Bears."

For him, that's the most important part of the rally.

"Every event has its distinctiveness. I'm proud of how our students have supported

"The passing of the torch represents the first experience for new students to join generations of the Baylor Line."

Matt Burchett |
Director of Student Activities

our athletes, and this is the first opportunity for them to do that this year," Burchett said.

Baylor Athletics, Student Activities, the Baylor Activities Council, Greek Life, the Interfraternity Council and Delta Tau Delta sponsor the rally.

"It's a really collaborative effort," Burchett said. "There are so many partners involved in the planning and implementation of the event."

The Traditions Rally features the figurative passing of the torch to the new students as custodians of Baylor's unique heritage, spirit and legacy.

"The passing of the torch represents the first experience for new students to join generations of the Baylor Line," Burchett said.

To freshmen considering going to the rally, Burchett's advice is, "Experience the fullness of Baylor.

One of the things that's distinctive about the college experience is there are a lot of things you only get to do once."

To seniors who have never been to the rally, Burchett reminds them, "This is their last football season; only six [home] games left; enjoy every moment. It's going to be a blast."

Maybe this year will increase awareness about what it is and its significance.

Freshmen, wearing their slime caps and Line jerseys, should meet at the designated meeting place for their hall at 6:15 p.m. to catch the bus to Floyd Casey.

Upperclassmen, wearing their green and gold, should meet at the Bear Zone of Floyd Casey at 6:30 p.m.

'The Possession' is set to scare off competition

By AMY KAUFMAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The horror film "The Possession" is set to claim the No. 1 spot over the Labor Day weekend, though the most frightening thing at the box office may be poor overall ticket sales.

The Sam Raimi-produced scary movie is expected to take

in a decent \$15 million over the four-day holiday, according to individuals who have seen pre-release audience surveys.

"Lawless," a crime drama starring Shia LaBeouf and Tom Hardy, will have to vie for the runner-up position against "2016: Obama's America," as each is likely to gross around \$12 million during the long weekend. The low-cost

political documentary, which has already sold nearly \$11 million worth of tickets, will add roughly 700 theaters as it expands to 1,800 locations this weekend.

"The Possession" is based on a story that first appeared in the Los Angeles Times in 2004 about a college student who purchased a supposedly haunted cabinet box at a yard sale.

The movie, which stars Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Kyra Sedgwick, only scored a 31 percent fresh rating Thursday on Rotten Tomatoes.

Lionsgate co-financed the film with Raimi's production company Ghost House Pictures for around \$14 million.

The movie will need a miracle to become a financial success. It

had a budget of around \$20 million and marketing costs of \$40 million, all paid for by Viselman and a small group of high-net-worth private investors.

Last year, Pixar's "Cars 2" _ which first hit theaters in June 2011 _ expanded from around 200 theaters to more than 2,000 during the Labor Day holiday and grossed \$1.8 million.

Free 'The Hunger Games' showing at Student Union Building Den

By JAMES HERD
REPORTER

This year's Labor Day weekend is going to be much different than previous years.

Normally the campus would be practically closed this weekend, with only a select few residential restaurants open. People usually head home for the Labor Day weekend and visit friends and family.

This year, things are changing.

"We want to make sure we're meeting the needs of our students," said Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life.

With the growing Baylor population, changes must be made to provide for those who just cannot make it home this weekend.

In addition to the Traditions Rally, the Student Life Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 p.m. to midnight on Labor Day.

The Marina will be open from

1 p.m. until dark on both Saturday and Labor Day.

Also, if it has been too long

"[It's a] fantastic weekend for our students to stay on campus in the Waco area and remain engaged."

Dr. Kevin Jackson |
VP for Student Life

since you have seen Katniss Everdeen pick up her bow, the Student Union Building Den will hold a 7 p.m. showing on Saturday and a matinee showing on Labor Day of "The Hunger Games."

Free popcorn and Dr Pepper will be served for the first 200 people, and there is a prize giveaway.

Where food is concerned, Quiznos, Einstein Bros. and Panda Express will remain open on Saturday and Labor Day.

However, on Sunday the only retail dining establishments that will be open are Panda Express and the Starbucks in Moody Library.

On Sunday, tailgating opens at 12:30 p.m. and the season opener against SMU begins at 5:30 p.m.

The buses will be available to transport students to Floyd Casey Stadium from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Penland Hall bus stop.

Jackson said that this change in the campus hours could possibly reflect on future school years once

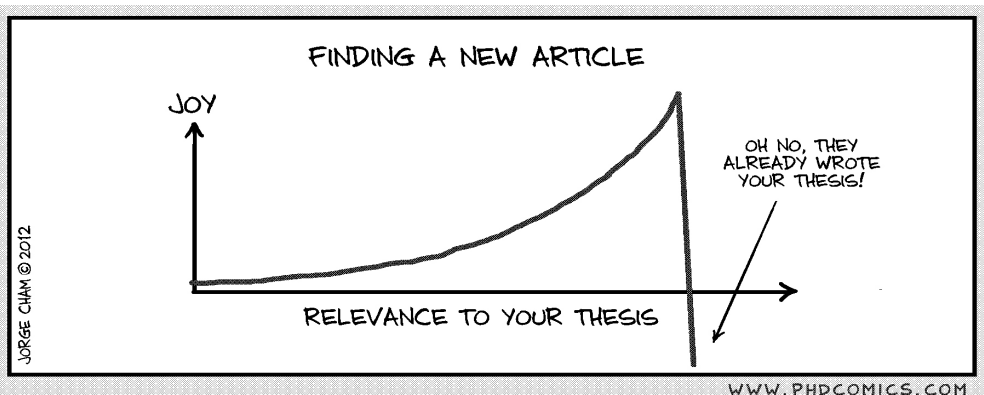
they assess the level of student use.

He also mentioned that it's not every year that the opening football game is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, so it may not be needed in future years.

"[I am] excited about the services we're opening," Jackson said.

He went on to say that the Labor Day weekend is a "fantastic weekend for our students to stay on campus in the Waco area and remain engaged."

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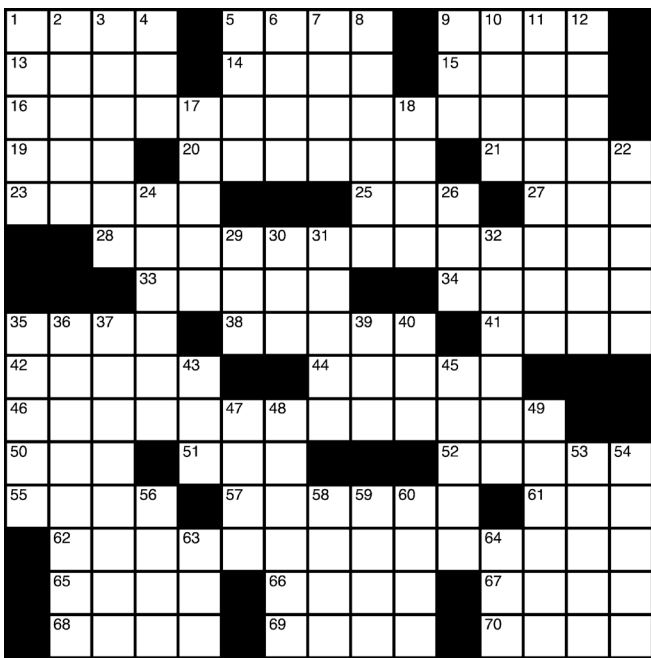
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- Frequent settler
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- Mother of Judah
- After-school treat
- Weeded carelessly?
- ___ glance
- Dote on
- Stop from spreading
- Short
- Arctic diver
- Jurist in '90s news
- Editor's rejection of a tribute?
- Basketball Hall of Famer Robertson
- Like Olympic pools
- Maker of Golf Street shoes
- Instruction on a cap
- Some NFL linemen
- Type of vb.
- 1950s war site
- Provoke Olympic winners?
- Channel for a spree
- ___ chi
- Ward and others
- Disapproving utterances
- Unpleasant laugh
- "Either you do it, ___ will!"
- Purchased, then altered?
- Mystique
- Word with cast and shadow
- Fictional sailor
- MapQuest data: Abbr.
- Sussex stable area
- See 1-Across

Down

- Drummer's pair of cymbals
- Frustrate the director, perhaps
- Informal bridge opening
- Pentagon org.
- Inventing middle name



- Feel
- Rain delay sight
- "We'll just see about that!"
- "I'm such an idiot!"
- "Topaz" novelist
- Conscious
- Simultaneously
- Summer Olympics equipment
- Hard to debate
- They might swing
- Chased away
- ___-El: Superman's birth name
- Canadian Thanksgiving mo.
- Raven relative
- Slezak with six Daytime Emmys
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- Clock-setting std.
- Almost half a glass?
- Per
- Microscopic alga
- ESPN effect
- Staggering
- Went (with)
- "Why not"
- Give
- Wasn't guessing
- Country runners: Abbr.
- Hot air
- Corner key

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are disappointed in the president yet haven't yet decided to cast their votes for his Republican challenger. "Now is the moment when we can stand up and say, 'I'm an American. I make my destiny. And we deserve better! My children deserve better! My family deserves better! My country deserves better!'" More than the political hoopla, the evening marked one of a very few opportunities any presidential challenger is granted to appeal to millions of voters in a single night. Romney holds a fundraising advantage over Obama, and his high command hopes to expand the electoral map soon if post-convention polls in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and perhaps elsewhere indicate it's worth the investment. In a speech that blended the political and the personal, Romney talked in his excerpts of the importance of the love he felt from his parents and that he and his wife Ann have sought to give their children and grandchildren. "All the laws and legislation in the world will never heal this world like the loving hearts and arms of

mothers and fathers," he said. The economy is issue No. 1 in the race for the White House, and Romney presented his credentials as the man better equipped than the president to help create jobs. "When I was 37, I helped start a small company," he said. "That business we stated with 10 people has now grown into a great American success story." Romney's aides scripted a closing night convention night program that included a video tribute to Ronald Reagan, the two-term president revered still by conservatives. Delegates cheered when his voice filled the hall. Romney knows the value of dollar, delegates were assured. "When I told him about Staples, he really got excited at the idea of saving a few cents on paper clips," businessman Tom Stemberg said of the office supply store chain he founded with backing from Bain Capital, the private equity firm the presidential nominee co-founded. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, sharing the stage with his wife, Callista, said Obama was a president in the Jimmy Carter

mold. Both "took our nation down a path that in four years weakened America's confidence in itself and our hope for a better future," he said. Romney's aides did not say whether he would offer any new information on what has so far been a short-on-details pledge to reduce federal deficits and create 12 million jobs in a country where unemployment stands at 8.3 percent. Romney has called for extension of tax cuts due to expire at all income levels at the end of the year, and has proposed an additional 20 percent cut in tax rates across the board. But he has yet to sketch out the retrenchment in tax breaks that he promises to prevent deficits from rising. Nor has he been forthcoming about the trillions in spending cuts that would be needed to redeem his pledge of major deficit reduction, or about his promise to rein in Medicare or other government benefit programs before they go broke. His vice presidential running mate, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan,

the chairman of the House Budget Committee, has called for remaking Medicare into a program in which the government would send seniors checks to be used to purchase health care insurance. Under the current approach, beneficiaries pay premiums to the government, which then pays a part of all of their medical bills, and Democrats say the GOP alternative would expose seniors to ever-rising out-of-pocket costs. Romney said in his fundraising email, as he often does in his speeches, "We believe in America, even though President Barack Obama's failed policies have left us with record high unemployment, lower take-home pay and the weakest economy since the great Depression." For Romney, 65 and the first Mormon to become a major party presidential nominee, the evening sealed a triumph more than five years in the making. He ran unsuccessfully for the nomination in 2008 after a single term as a moderate Republican governor of a liberal Democratic state. This year, as then, he was as-

sailed as a convert to conservatism, and a questionable one at that, as Gingrich, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and other rivals battled him for the nomination. With a superior organization and an outside group that spent millions criticizing his foes, Romney eventually emerged as the nominee in early spring. His selection of Ryan, a young lawmaker admired by fellow conservatives for his understanding of the federal budget, reinforced Romney's appeal to the right. The economy alone makes the race a close one, and polling makes clear that Romney enters the fall campaign with strengths and weaknesses. In the most recent Associated Press-GfK poll, conducted Aug. 16-20, some 48 percent of registered voters said Romney would do a better job handling the economy, while 44 percent chose Obama. The Republican was also favored narrowly on job creation and held a 10-point advantage on the issue of reducing federal budget deficits. Yet by 51-36, registered voters said Obama better understands the

problems of people like them, that the president is a stronger leader and also a more honest and trustworthy candidate. Polls also show Romney trails Obama among female voters and Hispanics, and the convention was scripted from beginning to end to try and cut into the GOP ticket's disadvantages in those areas. The first night of the GOP convention drew an estimated 22.3 million TV viewers, the vast majority over 55. The Nielsen ratings company said that figure was down from the 23.1 million who watched the first full night of the 2008 convention, which nominated John McCain. Nielsen said just 1.5 million of those who watched Tuesday's convention session were in the 18-34 age group. Associated Press writers Kasie Hunt, Steve Peoples, Philip Elliott, Beth Fouhy, Thomas Beaumont and Julie Mazzotta in Tampa and Jennifer Agiesta in Washington contributed to this story.

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fall and you have to clip in." To sport-climb at Baylor's rock wall, extra training and a helmet are required, both of which are offered at the Student Life Center. Students who are looking to stay in shape will find the rock wall doesn't leave many muscles unworked. "It's great for your back and your core," said Davis, "and it's great for finger strength, which doesn't get worked a lot." But just like every exercise, Collins said, climbers can get better with experience. "The more you do it, the more your body gets used to it," said Collins. But the rock wall isn't the only thing Outdoor Adventure offers to keep students active. Outdoor Adventure also runs challenge courses, skill clinics and even the Baylor Marina located on University Parks Drive and the banks of the Brazos River.

Cody Schrank, Assistant Director for Outdoor Adventure, said most students are unaware of the opportunities that Outdoor Adventure provides. "I think that it's common for students to not know because it's not something that they did in high school," said Schrank. "There won't be a better opportunity in life to access these things." Schrank said due to the fact that what most of what Outdoor Adventure does occurs outside of the McLane Student Life Center, it is difficult to get lots of students involved. "It's really easy to walk in the SLC, see the ROCK, and think 'that's Outdoor Adventure,'" said Schrank. According to Schrank, awareness is increasing. Use of the Marina, which offers canoe and kayak rentals, sand volleyball, a bicycle repair shop and stand-up paddleboards rentals, has increased from

1,000 students three years ago to over 5,500 during the 2011-2012 school year. Outdoor Adventure also offers "Adventure Trips" throughout the year that include backpacking, climbing, kayaking and camping. "We provide all the equipment and all the expertise," said Schrank. These trips are intended to make outdoor activities as available and as affordable as possible for Baylor students. Schrank said some guided trips elsewhere could run upwards of \$150 dollars, while Outdoor Adventure offers trips for as low as \$30 for students. "You'll have to pay for these things elsewhere," said Schrank. "Why not try them out here?" The purpose, Schrank said, is education. "Most of our programs, we want to teach people and educate them on how to do things," said Schrank. Outdoor Adventure has a num-

ber of skill clinics that teach backpacking, kayaking, and climbing skills for beginners. For now, the rock is the still the most visible testament to Outdoor Adventure. Daniel Ezell, who is pursuing a Master of Sports Management and who is also the manager of the rock wall, said new climbing routes are always being added and he is hoping to make bigger changes throughout the semester. Ezell said he encourages students to become belay certified, allowing them to climb with their friends without the aid of a rock wall staff member, by taking a belay certification course that is offered by Outdoor Adventure. Belay certification courses are offered Monday through Thursday from 4:00-5:30 PM and cost \$5. "Give it a try," Ezell said. "Coming in, I never thought I would be a rock climber, but now it's a way of life."

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upcoming election of the freshman senators. Kim said it's challenging for the senate to come up with bills that are acceptable, relevant and significant. "It's a challenge for us to produce bills that are well-researched," Kim said. Dominic Edwards, the senate public relations chair, said getting back into the swing of things for the senate wasn't as hard as might

be expected. "It's not that difficult. The IVP, EVP, and SBP work diligently all summer long," Edwards said. At its next weekly meeting, the senate will vote on the Pi Beta Phi Howdy Bill and the Beta Upsilon Chi Island Party Bill. The meeting will take place at 5 p.m. Sept. 6 in room 203 of the Cashion Academic Center. The weekly meeting is open to the student body.

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