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Lest we forget
 Baylor Carillonneur Lynette Geary will play a recital in memory of the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at 5 p.m. Tuesday. She will play the McLane Carillon in the tower of Pat Neff Hall. Be sure to stop and listen to this tribute as you walk through campus.

Seeing Paradise
 The Martin Museum of Art will host a photography exhibition by Keith Carter from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. on Thursday in 149 Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. A presentation by Keith Carter, sponsored by the Baylor Fine Arts photography department, titled *Imagining Paradise*. This event is free and open to the public.



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Obama begins Democratic campaign

WHAT THE BAYLOR DEMOCRATS SAY...

"THE SPEECH TONIGHT DEFINITELY BOOSTED OUR ENCOURAGEMENT OVERALL. THIS IS A SLOW RECOVERY PROCESS, BUT THE SUPPORT THAT HE RECEIVES CAN DEFINITELY BRING ABOUT THE CONTINUATION OF THAT PATH GOING FORWARD."

-TRENTON GARZA, PRESIDENT OF THE TEXAS COLLEGE DEMOCRATS



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President Barack Obama addresses the Democratic National Convention on Thursday in Charlotte, N.C.

WHAT THE BAYLOR REPUBLICANS SAY...

"THE QUESTION FOR VOTERS THIS ELECTION CYCLE IS SIMPLE: BASED ON HIS PERFORMANCE ON THE ECONOMY THESE PAST FOUR YEARS, DOES BARACK OBAMA DESERVE ANOTHER FOREIGN OFFICE? I THINK AMERICANS ARE STARTING TO REALIZE THAT THE ANSWER IS NO."

-SENIOR DANIEL CERVERA, STATE BOARD MEMBER AND THE OUTGOING CHAPTER CHAIRMAN OF THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS.

DAVID ESPO AND ROBERT FURLOW
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — His re-election in doubt, President Barack Obama conceded only halting progress Thursday night toward fixing the nation's stubborn economic woes, but vowed in a Democratic National Convention finale, "Our problems can be solved, our challenges can be met."

"Yes, our path is harder — but

it leads to a better place," he declared in a prime-time speech to convention delegates and the nation that blended resolve about the challenges ahead with stinging criticism of Republican rival Mitt Romney's proposals to repair the economy.

He acknowledged "my own failings" as he asked for a second term, four years after taking office as the nation's first black president.

"Four more years," delegates chanted over and over as the

51-year-old Obama stepped to the podium, noticeably grayer than four years ago when he was a history-making candidate for the White House.

The president's speech was the final act of a pair of highly scripted national political conventions in as many weeks, and the opening salvo of a two-month drive toward Election Day that pits Obama against Republican rival Romney. The contest is ever tighter for the White House in a dreary season of economic strug-

gle for millions.

Vice President Joe Biden preceded Obama at the convention podium and proclaimed, "America has turned the corner" after experiencing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

Obama didn't go that far in his own remarks, but he said firmly, "We are not going back, we are moving forward, America."

With unemployment at 8.3 percent, the president said the task of recovering from the economic disaster of 2008 is ex-

ceeded in American history only by the challenge Franklin Delano Roosevelt faced when he took office in 1933.

"It will require common effort, shared responsibility and the kind of bold persistent experimentation" that FDR employed, Obama said.

In an appeal to independent voters who might be considering a vote for Romney, he added that those who carry on Roosevelt's ers

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B.U.S. routes changed, service hours extended

BY AMANDA TOLENTINO
 REPORTER

Now, students don't have to worry about being late on account of the Baylor University Shuttle system.

The university has implemented a new shuttle schedule that should eliminate many of their travel woes, including an after-hours route for students who stay on campus through the late evening to early morning hours. The red, blue, gold and downtown area shuttle routes have been

modified and total service hours extended.

Last year's red route schedule for University Parks and The Outpost was a 15-minute service. This year, the red route service is 7.5 minutes. The individual shuttle rounds continue to last 15 minutes, but because a new vehicle has been added to the route, the service comes in seven-minute intervals. Natalie James, Waco transit director of service development, said Waco transit and Baylor Parking and Transportation Services worked together to

add a new vehicle to the red route due to overcrowding issues.

"We took one of the blue vehicles and made it into a red vehicle," James said.

Students who rode the red route last year often complained about the shuttle being too crowded, especially during the 15 minutes before each class. The new route allows for a higher volume of students.

"If one vehicle is too full, students don't have to wait the full

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Finally, some water in Fountain Mall

Austin junior Lily Tran squirts Poolville, Texas, junior Deanna Senaratne as she tries to steal a water gun during Delta Phi Omega and Lambda Phi Epsilon's water fight on Thursday at Fountain Mall.

Fort Hood suspect offered plea

BY ANGELA K. BROWN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT HOOD — The Army psychiatrist charged in the 2009 Fort Hood massacre twice offered to plead guilty and "accept full responsibility" for the crime earlier this year, his lead defense attorney said Thursday.

After the government turned him down in January, Maj. Nidal Hasan offered to plead guilty again last month without a deal — and also tried to challenge Army

rules that prohibit a judge from accepting a guilty plea to murder in a death penalty case, said Lt. Col. Kris Poppe.

The revelations came before the judge, Col. Gregory Gross, ruled Hasan must be clean-shaven or have his beard forcibly shaved before his murder trial, which is on hold again because Hasan's attorneys will appeal the order.

Hasan told the judge last week that he grew a beard because his Muslim faith requires it, not as a show of disrespect. Gross said

Thursday that the defense didn't prove Hasan is growing a beard for sincere religious reasons.

Hasan's attorneys discussed his attempts to plead guilty while disputing prosecutors' claims that he grew the beard this summer to make it more difficult for witnesses to identify him at his trial.

But prosecutors also said Hasan's beard might be interpreted as trying to intimidate a witness because it's a sign he's trying to affiliate with the mujahadeen,

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Baylor continues efforts toward greener campus

BY AMANDA TOLENTINO
 REPORTER

Baylor is getting greener all the time.

Sustainability coordinator Smith Getterman and the Baylor Sustainability Committee have seen to that.

Both Getterman and the sustainability committee will continue to work for improvement, although great strides have been made so far. The campus became Styrofoam-free at the beginning of the semester.

Getterman said so far, becoming Styrofoam-free has taken three years, and there is still a laundry list of things for the university to tackle. This semester, residence halls will engage in an energy-saving competition, and he said he is also hopeful that by the end of the semester, glass recycling bins will be provided on campus. Getterman said Baylor does not currently have glass recycling because of the expense it takes to haul and process glass

items. The majority of companies do not provide this process anymore, "so we have to go out of town for that," Getterman said.

Atlanta senior Brittany Price, an intern with the committee, said she is excited about the goals the sustainability committee will be working on this year.

"From the committee's perspective, if you tackle what you can, one small thing at a time, it will make for a more green and sustainable campus," Price said.

Price said the committee is looking into a bike-share program, giving students the ability to travel around Baylor and cutting down on the number of cars on campus and decrease the number of traffic jams. Price said the committee is aiming to begin the program between mid-fall to early spring.

The university will provide the bikes and students will pay either semesterly or yearly depending on how long students wish to par-

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Facebook, Twitter: How much is too much?

Editorial

Fellow students, we all remember a time when we checked Facebook five times a day, each time taking 30-45 minutes scrolling through other people's statuses and photos. Some of us have proudly narrowed that down to two times a day now. And only for about 10 minutes each (hopefully).

However, let us be honest with ourselves. Even though Facebook has slowed its role and MySpace has long since been a thing of the past, take note of how deeply these social media outlets have influenced our real lives.

Think about how many waking hours we've wasted in making sure our voices are heard in one way or another.

Think of how often you've let a YouTube video shape your perceptions of something without questioning it later. And it's been said enough already that social media sites like Facebook and Twitter oftentimes leave greater instances of misunderstanding between parties and create false relationships.

There are obvious answers to why social media has gained prominence, front-and-center, in everyone's lives. We live in the Information Age. Since the first telegraph message flew silently

across the ocean to the invention of the Internet, social media has been necessary to keep up with everyone else.

In this burgeoning population boom, we all feel the need to be heard among the masses. We come together in a faceless, formless gathering online, to make our mark on immortality and forget the world around us. And granted, some social media sites give us easier access to things we don't encounter in everyday life. But the same could be said for television, and the Internet in general.

Does it really take 12 different sites that all do essentially the same thing to connect us to the outside world?

Maybe this question is over-asked. It probably is. Maybe that's because it has been ignored for so long. It's not even one question, it's several.

We all know that social media has taken over human communication. Some would say it's the only way of communicating effectively.

But when did Facebook gain the power in our minds to determine whether a relationship is "official" or not?

Why is it that most of us have little or no chance of finding a job after college if we don't have an online portfolio full of bells and whistles, a LinkedIn profile or a resume posted on Craigslist (hopefully we're not that desperate yet?)

Whatever happened to talking to people face-to-face?

Even now this editorial is going to appear online with 10 to 15 different icons below it, all of them reminding you of the irreversible turn our society has taken.

Whether it be for good or bad, we should all take a second look at our real lives and see how they're doing. Count how many friends you really talk to on an average day. Not acquaintances. Friends.

It's almost as if Ray Bradbury's world in "Fahrenheit 451" has come true — minus the book burnings (and even that's only half wrong).

As a reader you may be thinking, "These ideals and principles are all well and good, but what do you want us to do?"

And, dear reader, you are right.

There is no avoiding social media, nor should there be.

As a society we must reel ourselves in. Ask yourself, do you really need to tell everyone where you are or what you're eating on Twitter every day? Should you really have watched that video of pandas playing on a slide for 20 minutes straight?

We at the Lariat are guilty. Now it's time to admit your guilt.

We call for prudence. We call for discernment. But most of all, we call for an end to the pictures of coffee as people's statuses.

Really, think of the children.



Letters to the Editor

Have an opinion on something? Then write to *The Baylor Lariat*. Letters to the editor should include the writer's name, hometown, major, graduation year, phone number and

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Calm down, haters: Co-rec ultimate Frisbee is fantastic

First things first: I love my girlfriend.

But playing intramural ultimate Frisbee with her? I wasn't totally convinced. In the mad scramble to meet the three-woman requirement for our "Boom Goes Da Dynamite" ultimate team, we found a quidditch player, an intramural referee and, yes, my girlfriend, who has never played ultimate Frisbee in her life.

My fears were soon put to ease.

In our first playoff game, against a very physical and athletic Fiji and Chi-O co-rec team, my girlfriend made a spectacular catch near the end zone, despite running full speed into one of our own players. I had thrown it to her in the first place, and I will admit I had my doubts when I re-



Travis Taylor | Reporter

leased the disc. Will she catch it? Will she go after it even though there is a guy guarding her? Will she know what to do after she catches it? But when I saw her get

up from the ground with the disc still in her hand, despite getting the wind knocked out of her, those doubts were erased.

Before playing our first game, when we learned that we were playing co-rec intramural sports. Before it was two separate leagues. I have to say that the first question I had was, "Why?"

Dominique Hill, senior intramural coordinator at Baylor, says it was a change requested by students.

"We ran it on student interest and student feedback," Hill said, adding that through a town-hall style meeting in the spring, students specifically requested more co-rec intramural sports.

Come game time, I realized just why so many students want-

ed to bring men's and women's leagues together: It simply made the game more enjoyable to play.

In the world of intramural sports before co-rec, games had the problem of having too much: too much seriousness, too many "high school heroes," too much testosterone.

Don't get me wrong, I love competition. I play competitive ultimate, and I love to go hard every time I play.

But let's remember, this is intramurals. This is supposed to be about fun, right?

Co-rec sports definitely offer plenty of the competition that we crave as a competitive team. Boom Goes Da Dynamite got second place in last year's tournament, and we are looking to make

it to the finals again this year. Adding women to the team did nothing to change that, but I will say that I am having way more fun than I did last year.

Ultimate Frisbee is only the beginning of the trend.

"This year, our main theme is the year of co-rec sports," Hill said.

This year alone, co-rec sports offered by Baylor Intramurals has jumped from two to five with the addition of ultimate, kickball and wallyball. Doubles tennis and sand volleyball were previously the only co-rec sports available.

Will more changes come in the future?

You better believe it.

While the changes will probably not occur this year, Hill said co-rec basketball in addition to

men's and women's divisions may be on the horizon.

In the end, deciding which sports can be played as co-rec sports is a risk management decision.

"The higher the contact in a sport, the less likely we'll make it co-rec," Hill said.

For the meantime, I'm just glad we have more co-rec opportunities.

So as we hit the field on Monday in our quarterfinals match-up against a Kappa and KOT co-rec team, I will be glad to have my girlfriend playing next to me.

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A moral voice sounds off on Obama's message

Bill Clinton delivered a 48-minute stemwinder to the Democratic National Convention on Wednesday night that was so mesmerizing even Republicans praised it. But after the huzzahs for Clinton fade, save a little nod of affirmation for Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of NETWORK, a Roman Catholic social justice group. She did not speak long — about seven minutes. Her delivery was not particularly powerful. But with the moral authority of her calling, she did something that has sorely needed doing for some weeks now.

She rebuked "I built that." This latest spasm of feigned outrage is built upon a lie, i.e., that in a speech in Roanoke, Va., President Obama told business owners they did not build their

businesses, that their success was not a product of their own initiative: "If you've got a business, you didn't build that."

What Obama actually said is the same thing Martin Luther King used to say in four words:



Leonard Pitts | Associated Press

"All life is interrelated." So if you built a business, said Obama, part of its success is due to the fact that "there was a great teacher somewhere in your life" or that someone sacrificed to "create this unbelievable American system" that allowed you to thrive, or to the fact that "somebody invested in roads and bridges" over which your inventory traveled. Contrary to the GOP narrative, he didn't deny the importance of initiative. "The point," he said, "is that when we succeed, we succeed because of our individual initiative, but also because we do things together."

Of course, if it's true Obama's comment has been mischaracterized, it's also true that Mitt Romney doesn't "enjoy firing people." No surprise there. Building mountain ranges out of sand

grains is part and parcel of politics.

What's vexing is not that the GOP lied, but that it seems to believe its own lie. On signs and T-shirts from the streets to the Web, to the convention hall, "I built this" has become the party's new war cry.

Enter Sister Campbell. She talked about the "nuns on the bus" tour she undertook to contest cutbacks to services for vulnerable Americans that would be necessary under the budget envisioned by Romney and his running mate. And about the people she met along the way.

"I am my sister's keeper," Campbell said. "I am my brother's keeper." Can you remember when that went without saying?

This was Obama's point. In a recent song, Bruce Springsteen

put it like this: "We take care of our own."

Rugged individualism is great. But in shredding social safety nets while chanting, "I built this," the GOP doesn't celebrate individualism so much as deny the interconnectedness of life, scorn the notion of a social covenant or greater good, and exile conscience from the public arena. "There but for the grace of God" becomes "Every man for himself."

On Wednesday, a nun gently reminded us of what should be obvious: "We are better than that."

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Clarification

In Tuesday's paper, we inadvertently left out the percentages on our parking decal survey results. The percentages are as follows:

Liked the change: 14%
Preferred the back: 53.5%
Didn't care: 32.5%

The percentages for the second question about the decal's enforcement are:

It will have no impact: 25.6%

It will make enforcement easier: 7%

It will make enforcement more difficult: 67.4%

Correction

On Aug 31, the Baylor Driving Club was misidentified in a photo on page 4. Also, the pictured vehicle is a GT500 Ford Shelby. The Lariat regrets the error.

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Workshop for Goldwater Scholarship on the horizon

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Gold medal. Gold star. Gold... water?

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship workshops are being held from 5 to 6 p.m. Sept. 25 and Oct. 16 in the C206 Baylor Sciences Building.

Students interested in applying for the Goldwater scholarship should attend, but attendance is not mandatory.

Students attending these workshops will be given information about the application process for the Goldwater Scholarship and have the opportunity to ask questions about the process.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship is a research scholarship awarded to undergraduate sophomores and juniors in college for excellence in academics and research.

Dr. Jeffrey Olafsen, Baylor's Goldwater representative and associate professor of physics, said he believes the scholarship is unique because it emphasizes fields in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

"Usually things like Fulbrights are more broad. This one is geared specifically towards students in STEM fields," Olafsen said.

Schools are allowed to nominate a maximum of four Goldwater nominees each year. Baylor holds an internal competition to determine the national nominees.

These students then compete with students across all universities in the United States, including schools such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University.

The deadline for Baylor students to apply for nomination is Nov. 16, and the deadline for the national competition is

January 2013.

Last April, Wichita, Kan., senior Taylor Kohn was awarded the scholarship along with 281 other students from universities across the United States.

Now he's encouraging other students to follow his lead and bring Baylor closer to its goal of becoming a premier research university.

"We're very excited and very proud of Taylor. He's a bright, self-motivated student," Olafsen said.

"I applied last year," Kohn said. "I had quite an extensive background in undergraduate research in biology and biochemistry and, with the help of Dr. Olafsen, I was guided through the Goldwater application process. They worked with me to perfect my application. I submitted it and then I had to wait."

"You're not just competing against Baylor students," Olafsen

said. "Taylor was competing with students at MIT, Stanford, insert name of any prestigious research school."

Kohn said he is excited to have received the scholarship.

"All medical and graduate schools know what a Goldwater is," Kohn said. "It says 'I am a competitive researcher and qualified applicant.'"

Kohn is also the president of a new research-oriented organization called Baylor Undergraduate Research in Science and Technology (BURST).

"BURST really serves as a unique opportunity/involvement," Kohn said. "Administration can get word out to students not just for Goldwater and Fulbright but for summer research opportunities and conferences, call for papers. It is a conduit in order to get these important opportunities so they know what actually is out there."

BURST is open to all undergraduate students interested in research.

It is geared towards advancing undergraduate research and providing students with information about research opportunities.

Kohn said he hopes that this year more students will apply to the internal Baylor Goldwater competition.

"So hopefully this year, we'll have more than six people apply," Kohn said. "Hopefully we'll have 15 to 20."

Olafsen also said he hopes more students will apply.

"Students don't have to have done research," Olafsen said. "But you have to know what you're going to do and be able to talk intelligently about what you're doing and how you see it fitting into your career goals."

Olafsen said the majority of the students who apply have above a

3.75 GPA and be in engineering or natural science areas like biology, chemistry, physics, biochemistry and some neuroscience research areas.

Students can apply online through the Goldwater site, but all the applicants are reviewed internally by Baylor and the top four are chosen as Goldwater nominees.

"Whoever thinks they're interested should check out the site or come talk to me," Olafsen said. "There is no one size fits all for Goldwater. Every case is different."

Kohn hopes that by informing students of Goldwater earlier, they will be better prepared and less intimidated to apply.

"Hopefully, people will see Goldwater as something that's winnable even here at Baylor," Kohn said.

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Legacy "should remember that not every problem can be remedied with another government program or dictate from Washington.

He said, "The truth is, it will take more than a few years for us to solve challenges that have built up over the decades."

In the run-up to Obama's speech, delegates erupted in tumultuous cheers when former Arizona

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, grievously wounded in a 2011 assassination attempt, walked onstage to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The hall grew louder when she blew kisses to the crowd.

And louder still when huge video screens inside the hall showed the face of Osama bin Laden, the terrorist mastermind killed in a daring raid on his Pakistani hide-

out by U.S. special operations forces on a mission approved by the current commander in chief.

The hall was filled to capacity long before Obama stepped to the podium, and officials shut off the entrances because of a fear of overcrowding for a speech that the campaign had originally slated for the 74,000-seat football stadium nearby.

Student Senate passes BYX, Howdy bills

JOCELYN FOWLER
REPORTER

The Brothers Under Christ Island Party bill avoided a potential wipeout at Thursday's meeting.

Ultimately the BYX bill was passed unanimously with the vote of the 27 senators present. Opposition to the bill came during its review by the finance committee. In a decision of two affirmative and three against, the committee did not want to recommend the bill for

passage because of concerns about the amount of funds requested.

"We look at how much of the event we're funding," said San Antonio senior Dan Manuppelli, the finance committee chair. "The main concern was that at that time we were funding 43 percent of the event."

Senators also expressed concern about changes to the event this year, such as a different location and limiting admission to Baylor students only. However,

representatives from BYX assured attendance would remain high and finally won over the finance committee by lowering the percentage coverage from 43 to 39.

The senate also passed the Pi Beta Phi Howdy bill, approved a budget proposal from Houston senior Brian Kim, the internal vice president, and resolved issues stemming from inconsistencies between the student body constitution and the student senate bylaws.

Stocks back to pre-recession levels

By BERNARD CONDON
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NEW YORK — The last time the stock market was this high, the Great Recession had just started, and stocks were pointed toward a headlong descent.

But on Thursday, the Dow Jones industrial average hit its highest mark since December 2007, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index soared to its highest level since January 2008 in a rally that marked a milestone: American stocks have come almost all the way back.

A long-anticipated plan to support struggling countries in the European Union provided the necessary jolt, and the gains were extraordinarily broad. All but 13 stocks in the S&P index were up. European markets surged, too. "There's just a sea of green," said JJ Kinahan, TD Ameritrade's chief derivatives strategist. "It's pretty fun."

At the start of 2008, the U.S. economy was already a month into recession, though most people scarcely knew it at the time. The S&P had recently hit an all-time high, and the unemployment rate was 5 percent, compared with the current 8.3 percent.

Then, in March 2008, the investment bank Bear Stearns collapsed under the weight of bad mortgage bets, and investors began to sell. In September, the full financial crisis took hold as Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, banks stopped lending to each other and



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Traders and Specialists work the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange after the opening bell, on Thursday.

investors began dumping stocks in earnest. By March 2009, the S&P had dropped 57 percent from its high to hit a 12-year low of 676.

Since then, the index has been on an impressive if often bumpy climb. Helping to power it was unprecedented support from the Federal Reserve, which critics say has reignited a dangerous gambling spirit among professional investors, and record profits at big U.S. companies. Although stocks have rebounded, the broader economy is still lagging. But Barry Knapp, head of U.S. equity strategy at Barclays Capital, said stocks tend to anticipate the future economy rather than reflecting current conditions. So the signs are good.

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Baylor sets record for international students

By DAVID MCLAIN
REPORTER

The 2012 fall semester has the largest international student population in Baylor's history, according to the school's Center for International Education.

Over the past few years, there has been an increase in Baylor's appeal to students living in other parts of the world. More than 500 international students are attending Baylor this fall, and more than 300 of that number are returning students.

At a welcome dinner for new international students last month, President Ken Starr said 79 countries are represented in the student body.

China, South Korea, India, Nigeria and Mexico are the countries with the most students enrolled at Baylor. China has the most with 199 students, followed by South Korea with 150 students.

Melanie Smith, Baylor's international student relations coordinator, said many of these students hear about Baylor from the Internet or from friends.

"A lot of these students are

looking for faith-based schools," Smith said.

Anton Melin, a junior from Sweden, chose to attend Baylor because of a connection with his home university. Baylor has 65 active exchange and affiliate programs with universities and international institutions for academic credit, said J.J. Iseng, a student exchange and study abroad coordinator.

"English was my absolutely worst subject in secondary school, and I wanted to improve my oral English," Melin said.

Eeba-Liina Kyöstilä, a junior from Finland, said the specific courses offered that relate to her organizational communication and public relations major influenced her decision to attend Baylor.

Some incoming international students arrived in the United States a week before school started, allowing for only a little more than seven days to adjust to a new culture before beginning classes.

"The culture shock is they found everything they want in Baylor, but they don't realize it's in a small town," Smith said.

For Melin, Texas did not live up to the Wild West expectation many people in Europe associate with the once-frontier state.

"I was expecting a lot more cowboys," Melin said.

Certain aspects of Texas culture particularly concerned Melin during his quick adjustment to Waco. In Sweden, as in much of the rest of the world, hot tea is considered the drink of choice. Melin was not impressed in his most recent attempts to enjoy what he considered the favored drinks of Texans.

"Iced tea is really bad, but root beer is worse," Melin said.

In Finland, fall weather is mild and air conditioning is not common, and Kyöstilä found it hard to get accustomed to the Texas weather.

"It's really hot outside, and I'm freezing inside," Kyöstilä said. "I don't get why the air conditioner is on so high."

Of all the surprises international students experience, Smith says one outshines them all.

"They can't believe there is a campus with live bears," Smith said.



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Tests results confirmed Wednesday that oil found on Elmer's Island in Jefferson Parish, La. (pictured here), and Grand Isle matched the biological fingerprint of the hundreds of millions of gallons of oil that spewed from BP's Macondo well in 2010. BP PLC said the company would work to clean it up.

Tests show oil on La. beaches came from 2010 BP spill

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NEW ORLEANS — Laboratory tests show that globs of oil found on two Louisiana beaches after Hurricane Isaac came from the 2010 BP spill.

Tests run by Louisiana State University for state wildlife officials confirmed that oil found on Elmer's Island and Grand Isle matched the biological fingerprint of the hundreds of millions of gallons of oil that spewed from BP's Macondo well.

On Wednesday, BP PLC said oil from its spill had been exposed by Isaac's waves and that the company would work to clean it up.

Ed Overton, the LSU chemist who did the state tests, said the oil found on Elmer's Island had not degraded much while oil at Grand

Isle had.

"Both were good solid matches on Macondo oil," Overton said.

Two other samples collected from another barrier island did not match the signature of oil from the BP well.

Experts expected that hurricane waves would stir up oil buried along the Gulf Coast and that Isaac, which made landfall on Aug. 28 and soaked the region in the days afterward, apparently did just that. Reports of tar balls washing up on beaches after the storm were reported in Alabama and Louisiana, two states that got hit hard by BP's massive offshore oil spill.

On Tuesday, scouts found what they described as a large tar mat on the beaches of Elmer's Island, prompting state officials to close a 13-mile stretch of beach and restrict fishing along that shoreline.

On Thursday, BP said the company expected to see "residual oil" after Isaac. The company said the tar balls and tar mats found after Isaac were in places where the company had ongoing cleanup operations.

The company said oil found after Isaac would be sampled to see if it matched that from the Macondo well. The company has said some oil may not be from its well. The company cleanup work in Florida and Alabama has resumed while crews were expected to start work Friday in Louisiana. Work in Mississippi has been delayed due to extensive debris in areas where it wants to send teams, BP said.

"If there's something good about this storm, it made it visible where we can clean it up," BP spokesman Ray Melick said on Wednesday.

Texas to open 85 mph highway

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Texas will soon open a stretch of highway with the highest speed limit in the country.

The Texas Transportation Commission has approved the 85 mph speed limit for a 41-mile-long toll road near the increasingly crowded Interstate 35 corridor between Austin and San Antonio. The road runs several miles east of the interstate between two of the state's largest metropolitan areas. And while some drivers may be eager to put the pedal to the metal

and rip through the Central Texas countryside, others are asking if it is safe.

"The research is clear that when speed limits go up, fatalities go up," said Russ Rader, a spokesman for the nonprofit Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Higher speed limits get people to their destinations faster, Rader said, "But the trade-off is more crashes and more highway deaths."

Most highways in the U.S. top out at 75 mph, and there are no longer any roads in the U.S. with no speed limit like Germany's au-

tobahn. Some highways in rural West Texas and Utah have 80 mph speed limits.

Chris Lippincott, spokesman for SH 130 Concession Co. that is building the road, said the company is committed to operating a safe highway.

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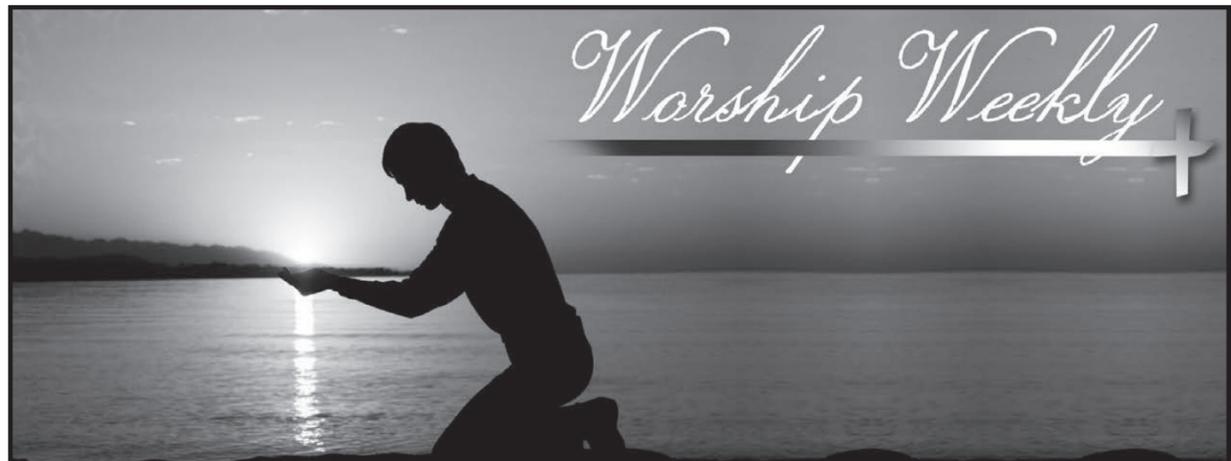
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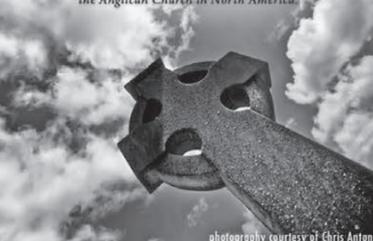
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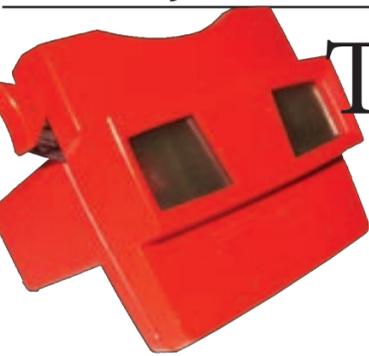


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Taking a look at the Big 12: Week 2

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Baylor beat SMU 59-24. Senior quarterback Nick Florence led the Bears with 341 yards and four touchdowns. BU is off for the week.

Iowa State beat Tulsa last weekend 38-23. Senior quarterback Steele Jantz led the offensive attack with 281 yards, a touchdown and an interception. ISU plays Iowa at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in Iowa City.

Kansas beat South Dakota State 31-17 in head coach Charlie Weis's first year at KU. Senior quarterback Dayne Crist threw for 169 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Kansas plays Rice at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in Lawrence.

21 Kansas State beat Mississippi State 51-9. Senior quarterback Collin Klein showed off his diversity with 169 passing yards and 54 rushing yards. Kansas State plays the University of Miami at 11 a.m. on Saturday in Manhattan.

5 Oklahoma beat UTEP 24-7 after a slow start last weekend. Senior quarterback Landry Jones threw for 222 yards and a pair of touchdowns. OU plays Florida A&M at 6 p.m. on Saturday in Norman.

18 Oklahoma State starters were pulled before the first quarter ended in the 84-0 victory over Savannah State. Freshman quarterback Wes Lunt was perfect from the pocket. OSU plays Arizona at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday in Tucson.

17 Texas beat Wyoming 37-17. Sophomore quarterback David Ash got the start and threw for 156 yards and a touchdown. Texas plays New Mexico at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Austin.

20 TCU was off last week, and senior wide receiver Skyde Dawson has been suspended for an unstated reason. TCU plays Grambling State at 6 p.m. on Saturday in Fort Worth.

Texas Tech beat Northwestern State 44-6. Senior quarterback Seth Doege threw for 199 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Tech plays Texas State at 6 p.m. on Saturday in San Marcos.

9 West Virginia beat Marshall 69-34. Senior quarterback Geno Smith threw for 323 yards and four touchdowns. WVU plays James Madison at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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Soccer travels to Denton, San Antonio for the weekend

By GREG DeVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor women's soccer team will travel to Denton and San Antonio this weekend on their second road trip of the season.

The Bears protected their house last weekend against Nebraska and McNeese State, and they will look to do the same against the University of North Texas and The University of Texas at San Antonio.

North Texas started the season 6-0, though it has yet to play a team ranked in the top 25.

The Mean Green has put up

good stats, however, and the Bears are not expecting an easy game.

"UNT is a hard team. We tied them last time," junior defender Kat Ludlow said. "They're a good team. They fight hard, and we fight hard, so it's going to be a good match. It's always a good match against them."

Baylor hopes to continue its recent successes that came at home.

Last weekend, the Bears allowed just three shots in their two shutouts and moved to 5-1 on the year.

"[We have been] chipping away through the season, improving on

our weaknesses. [The team] responded well to the loss against Long Beach [State], but Long Beach was a great team," head coach Marci Jobson said. "[We] came back and responded well and had a good weekend."

UTSA is a bit of a different story. The Roadrunners are just 1-4 on the season and are 1-2 at home. Ludlow stressed the importance of beating other Texas teams.

"Any Texas team is a Texas rivalry," Ludlow said. "We just want to be the better team in Texas. If we're playing a Louisiana team, it's just different. Especially since

[Texas teams] are so close. We know girls on the team more often, so it's always a good fight."

Both teams play a very physical style similar to the way the Bears play.

"We work on defense every day in practice," junior midfielder Karlee Summey said. "We work on our pressure every day. For us, that's the key to our success. If we can't play defense, then we won't do well in games. That's what we're focusing on first and foremost. I think it has worked out for us."

Two players for the Bears have caught fire recently.

One is Ludlow, who was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week, following her goal and assist over the weekend.

The other is junior midfielder Karlee Summey, who recorded two goals over the weekend, despite playing just 76 minutes.

"I don't think I've done anything different," Summey said. "Definitely in practice we have been working on my shooting. I think our whole team has been on fire lately. Our pressure has been working really well for us, and I think that has just kind of come together as a unit. We have been

scoring tons of goals as a team."

Jobson said the team can continue to improve before conference play starts on Sept. 21.

"We're just trying to continue to improve on what we have already been doing from day one and just getting better at those things," Jobson said. "And then working a little on [our] weaknesses, trying to get better at those things too."

The Bears will battle North Texas at 7 p.m. today in Denton.

The game against the Roadrunners will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday in San Antonio.

Volleyball travels again

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor volleyball team has been busy traveling lately.

After being in Hawaii last weekend, the team is now in Louisiana for four games in two days in the Big Daddy's Invitational.

"Of course, you have two games, so it's going to be more exhausting," senior Alyssa Dibern said. "But you are supposed to leave everything you have on the court every time you play. So I mean in that sense, two games will be tiring but at the same time, we are leaving everything on the court. So we'll do awesome and we'll be fine."

With four matches in two days, the team will experiment with its lineup to find alternative winning combinations on the court.

"We are going to be playing under a lot of lineups and a lot of people throughout the tournament," head coach Jim Barnes said. "It is perfect for us because we haven't been able to play a lot of our backup players and so we will this weekend, and we'll see what they can do."

The Bears have a number of mainstay players that have seen a majority of the playing time so far this season.

However, there are other players who will use the extra playing time in the Big Daddy Invitational

to try to earn a spot in the rotation and contribute.

"You are really hoping to sweep because you don't want to add more games," Barnes said. "It's tough to play two games in one day, and we're doing that back to back. So that is tough on the players, but because we have depth, I think it is to our advantage."

McNeese State, which is hosting the tournament in Lake Charles, is Barnes' alma mater.

"You know I'm excited to be back home," Barnes said. "A lot of the alumni I coached back there as well for six years, and so a lot of kids I've coached are going to be there for alumni weekend and family. So it will be really nice to see everyone."

Along with McNeese State, Baylor will take on Arkansas State, Bethune Cookman and Hampton.

The team is off to a winning start this season with a 6-1 record with their only loss being to No. 9 Hawaii in Honolulu.

"I feel like it's been a great start," senior middle blocker Torri Campbell said. "We've learned from that loss to Hawaii, and we are taking that and applying it to all of our next games. The games that we have this next weekend are going to definitely improve our mental toughness."

Baylor begins play at 11:30 a.m. today and ends play at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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15 minutes," James said of the new schedule.

Director of Baylor Parking and Transportation Services Matt Penney said last year's red route serviced an average of 800 students a day on one bus.

"Between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., we saw that buses were packed due to capacity issues," Penney said.

James said the new red route serviced 1,433 passengers on August 20 alone, the first day of classes.

Penney said Baylor still has a total of four vehicles, but reducing the blue route to one shuttle with 12-minute services also saves the service money.

The overall service hours of the shuttle system were also expanded beginning the first day of classes, to better meet the needs of students, faculty and staff. All routes now operate from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. In addition to the red route changes, the blue and gold routes

also received slight modifications.

Penney described last year's blue route as a "circular," meaning it traveled around campus to University Parks. Due to the re-opening of Third Street, Penney said there is no longer a need to travel around the whole campus.

"The gold route was one of our weaker routes," said Penney. It has been reduced to one vehicle instead of two because of slower traffic, with a 15-minute service.

The Downtown Area Shuttle services changed from 20-minute to 15-minute services.

"It is good to know I have all these options for the shuttle, especially the after-hours route," said Wylie junior Megan Judd. "I do not have a parking tag, so I will be using the shuttle a lot this year."

A new addition to the shuttle is the 20-minute service after-hours route, which began Aug. 20. This route stops at University Parks Apartments, the intramural fields,

Moody Library, Allen Hall, Collins Hall, Brooks Hall, Russell Hall and back to Moody Library.

The after-hours route runs Monday through Thursday from 6:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. The shuttle will service the intramural fields until midnight.

"No one knows about it yet. It needs to be highly publicized," James said. On Aug. 20, only 14 people used the after-hours route.

James also said Waco Transit is working on marketing the route.

"Now I can stay at the library late without worrying about catching a ride home," Judd said.

James said the designated stops are the only ones the after-hours route will make. Students cannot flag a stop due to security purposes.

Penney and James are hopeful about the newest route addition. Penney said the new route will allow students to travel by bus at night safely and quickly.

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participate in the program.

"Not only will it be more green, but it will also provide students a fun opportunity to be active," Price said.

This fall, the sustainability committee will also sponsor Chi Omega's Annual Chili Cook-Off on Friday, Nov. 16 at Fountain Mall in order to make the event more environmentally friendly. The committee will provide funds to replace Styrofoam with paper bowls.

Price will be working on a campaign to attract student awareness this semester. She said it is important to raise awareness at Baylor about the mission of the committee.

Price said the campaign's hallmark will be to show students what they are doing to protect Baylor and Waco so that people can enjoy the area.

"They don't know what the committee does, or they have incorrect preconceived notions," Price said. "We want people to see the beauty to save it."

With new cardboard to-go boxes in the dining halls, Baylor's campus is now 100 percent Styrofoam-free. The dining halls stopped using Styrofoam boxes Aug. 20.

This has not only been a university goal, but also a personal goal for sustainability coordinator Smith Getterman. Getterman works closely with student government and other organizations to ensure the campus stays eco-friendly.

"A lot of hard work and effort went into this. Aramark and Baylor had to agree to find the right alternative to Styrofoam," Getterman said. Aramark is Baylor's food-service provider.

Getterman said cardboard boxes are healthier and cleaner than the Styrofoam ones.

Price said because Styrofoam is made of chemicals it doesn't naturally break down, whereas paper eventually breaks down and enriches the soil.

"It does not decompose, and the parts that do release toxic chemicals into the ground," Price said.

Getterman said he believes Styrofoam usage is a problem that affects both the campus and home lives of students.

Getterman sees Baylor's move toward eco-friendliness as a sign of a culture shift. He mentioned that many students who come to Baylor from big cities are often surprised

at the amount of Styrofoam used on campus.

"There was a shift in expectations and responding to their desires is the right thing to do," Getterman said. "We have to be good stewards of resources. It's the Pro Futuris idea of making a connection to people."

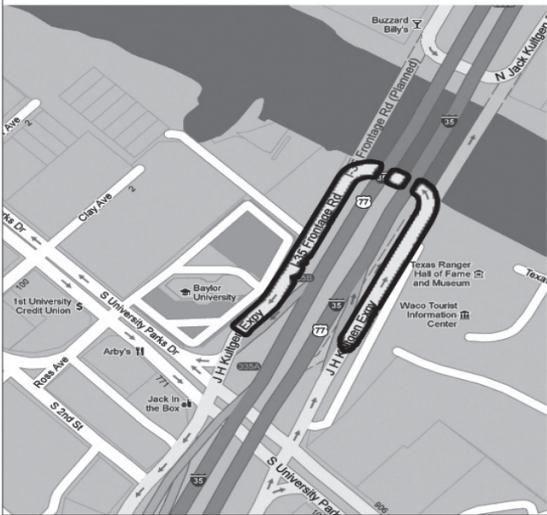
In addition to helping the environment by getting rid of styrofoam, the efforts were made during Move-In Week to go green. Getterman said in the 2012 move-in report that more families were using reusable containers to transport students' possessions, such as suitcases or reusable tubs.

Getterman said the committee recycled nearly 26,000 pounds of materials such as plastic and paper during Move-In.

They were able to divert 26 percent of the waste generated during Move-In from reaching landfills. Both Getterman and Price said they were ecstatic about and impressed by the results.

"It is a dual win-win. The greener and healthier the environment, the more prestige it will bring to the university. It is a holistic approach to support," Price said.

Frontage Road Construction Closure



Sections of Frontage Roads Closed During Bridge Construction

MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Changes are ahead for Interstate 35 as the Texas Department of Transportation will close frontage roads near Baylor campus. As a part of the Brazos River Bridges Project, traffic along I-35 will not continue in its normal pattern. Beginning Monday, the southbound frontage road will experience closure from the Brazos River down to the driveway of Clifton Robinson Tower that is closest to University Parks Drive. Also on Monday, the northbound frontage road will cut off at the entrance ramp for the freeway up to the Brazos River. These two sections will be closed until the bridge has been completed. The turnaround that connects these two parts of the frontage road will be closed permanently after Monday. Driveways at Clifton Robinson Tower will be affected as well. The driveway that leads to rear parking at the building will be permanently closed and the driveway closest to University Parks will be changed to a one-way exit.

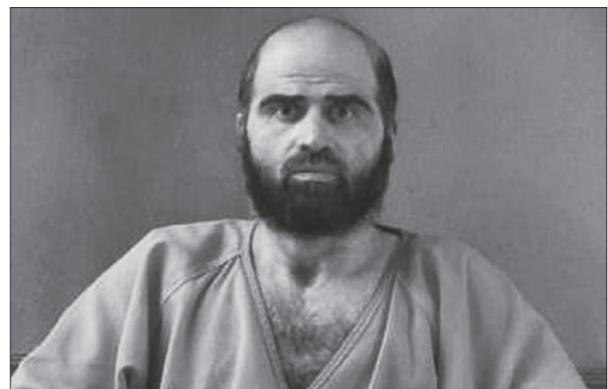
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Muslim guerrilla fighters. They gave the judge a transcript of a telephone call last summer between Hasan and Al-Jazeera in which he allegedly apologized for being part of "an illegal organization" — the U.S. Army.

Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder, even if he decides to plead guilty to 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the 2009 attack on the Texas Army post.

Beards are a violation of Army regulations, and soldiers who disobey orders to get rid of facial hair can be shaved against their will. Gross repeatedly has said Hasan's beard is a disruption to the court proceedings.

Gross has found Hasan in contempt of court at six previous pre-trial hearings because he was not



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This undated file photo provided by the Bell County Sheriff's Department via The Temple Daily Telegram shows Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly 2009 Fort Hood shooting.

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