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Freshman loses life in highway accident

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Livingston freshman Katie Moseley was killed in a two-vehicle, head-on collision at 7:40 p.m. Sunday on U.S. Highway 164, said Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak.

The accident occurred five miles northwest of Buffalo in Freestone County. Moseley was driving from Livingston to

Waco, Doak said.

“Apparently (the other) vehicle veered into the lane of traffic where Katie was driving,” Doak said. “They were killed upon impact.”

The driver of the other vehicle, Alberto Ortiz, 20, died from blunt force injuries and his passenger, Esger Montano, 17, also died of blunt force injuries with a laceration to the heart, said a representative of the Texas

Highway Patrol Troopers.

As of Monday evening Moseley’s cause of death could not be confirmed and an autopsy is forthcoming.

Moseley was on the phone with her boyfriend, Sam Houston State University student Alex Garcia, at the time of the crash Birkeneder said.

“Katie’s boyfriend texted Rebecca because he heard her scream and thought there was a

crash and her phone died,” she said.

“Katie and her boyfriend were so close. She always told me stories about him.”

San Antonio freshman Christina Birkeneder said she was close friends with Moseley.

“Katie and I would talk all the time in her room,” Birkeneder said. “She was very, very bubbly. I never saw her mad.”

Birkeneder said her best

friend, San Antonio freshman Rebecca Dalton, was Moseley’s roommate at North Russell Residence Hall.

Angleton freshman Brittani Purnell, who also lives in North Russell described Moseley as being “so happy.”

“She was enjoying what she did no matter what the circumstance,” Purnell said. “She always worked hard and never gave up. I thought she was one

of the sweetest and funnest girls. She had more morals and dedication than anyone I have met in a long time.”

Moseley recently got a job at Champs Sports, Birkeneder said.

“She told Champs she was not going to work when there were Baylor football games,” Birkeneder said.

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Hit ends game, career for Bell

Redshirt freshman to start in Lubbock against Red Raiders

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

After leaving the field Saturday following a 31-21 loss to the Texas A&M Aggies, the Baylor football team was dealt a devastating blow.

Players and coaches found out Sunday that fifth-year senior quarterback Shawn Bell tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee late in the fourth quarter, ending his season and career at Baylor.

“It’s tough for me to see him go through it because he was our best chance to get it done, to reach our goal (of a bowl game),” head Coach Guy Morriss said. “And I know he’s personally going to be disappointed.”

“To me, I don’t care about the records. It is icing on the cake, but he’s the guy we felt gave us the best chance to win these next three games. That’s the part I don’t like.”

Shawn Bell will finish his career with 5,666 career yards passing, falling just 329 yards short of J.J. Joe’s school record.

Morriss said redshirt fresh-

man Blake Szymanski will take the reins from Bell this Saturday against Texas Tech. Barring injury, he said, Szymanski should remain the starter for the rest of the season.

“We’ll give him a list of things that he’s comfortable with and that he feels good in his mind that he can execute,”

Morriss said Sunday. “Don’t overload him, you know? But we don’t have a choice. He’s our next best quarterback and that’s what we’re going to do.”

Szymanski spent his high school years re-writing the record books at 4-A Rider High School in Wichita Falls. As a senior in 2004 he led Rider to an 11-3 season behind 4,083 yards passing and 45 touchdowns. Following the conclusion of his senior season, he was given first-team Class 4-A all-state honors.

Before subbing in against Texas A&M Saturday, his only college experience came against Division I-AA Northwestern State University on Sept. 9 this season.

He completed two of his three passing attempts for 42 yards and a touchdown.

A record-breaking crowd of 51,385 packed Floyd Casey Stadium Saturday to watch the Bears face the Aggies, but even



Bell



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Rover Brandon Stiggers, a Compton, Calif., junior, reaches to block a Texas A&M field goal attempt as cornerback C.J. Wilson, a Terrell senior, gazes back at the ball sailing through the uprights, giving the Aggies a 24-21 lead. The Bears were unable to answer back and lost the game 31-21.

at full throat, Baylor’s loud fan-base couldn’t help stem the tide of the Aggie rushing attack.

“I’m willing to bet that once we get back to look at (the film), we’re going to see where a guy was maybe one or two inches from making a play,” cornerback

C.J. Wilson said.

“We just have to get back to the little things.”

Senior outside safety Maurice Linguist agreed that stopping the Texas A&M rushing attack, which accumulated 292 yards by relying heavily on the

option, was a tough task.

“We didn’t make the plays,” Linguist said. “(On the option), all it takes is one guy. You have to play sound defense when you’re playing an option team, especially a team like A&M who knows how to run it.”

On a crucial third down play in the fourth quarter that would decide the fate of the game, Texas A&M running back Mike Goodson took a handoff 64 yards for a touchdown, com-

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Students trust in supernatural

Some maintain belief in hauntings; others skeptical

By Claire St. Amant
Reporter

Tonight, ghosts and goblins will fill the streets. OK, so maybe it will only be people dressed in bedsheets and bandage gauze, but many Baylor students believe there is truth behind the Halloween hype.

According to the 2006 Baylor Study of Religion, “those who attended college were more likely than those who did not to believe in UFOs and alternative healing therapies,” and many Baylor students are no exception.

Arlington junior Phung Nguyen and Fort Worth junior Brittiani Vanden said their education opened their eyes to new ideas, including other ideas about paranormal events were built around personal experience and stories they heard from friends.

From haunted houses and ghosts to UFOs and aliens, Nguyen said he believes in

them all.

“If water can give life, then a lot of places have their own life forms,” he said.

While Nguyen has never seen an alien or a ghost before, he said his friend can hear “really low voices” in deserted areas. Nguyen believes these voices to be “ghost spirits attempting to communicate with human spirits.”

“They use your fear for energy to move on,” he said.

Another student, San Antonio senior Jason Espinoza, said he had personal experience with ghosts. During Halloween 2003, Espinoza said he took his car to a railroad track on the south side of San Antonio that was supposedly haunted. Espinoza explained that according to an urban legend, in the 1930s a school bus full of children stalled on the tracks and was run over by a train, killing everyone on board.

“The spirits of the children haunt the tracks and push off any vehicles that park on them,” he said. Espinoza and

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California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger points on Sunday to a bench press in what use to be the garage at the home of Phil Reddish, right, and his wife Sherry in Twin Pines, Calif. The southern California wildfires have burned more than 40,000 acres, but firefighters said the blaze will soon be under control.



Associated Press

2 men questioned as blaze diminishes

By Allison Hoffman
The Associated Press

CABAZON, Calif. — Authorities investigating an arson wild-fire that killed four firefighters questioned two people Monday as crews remained confident that the blaze would soon be fully contained.

Sheriff’s deputies took two men and three bags of material from a house in Cabazon, said neighbor Robert Dunham, 70, who lives three doors down from the residence a quarter-mile from where the fire started.

Authorities released little information about the two people

who were interviewed at a sheriff’s station and later released. No arrests had been made.

“We’re trying to work through the leads that we have, and going through the process,” Riverside County Sheriff Bob Doyle said in a telephone interview.

Authorities said the fire was deliberately set at the base of a slope in Cabazon, west of Palm Springs. Cabazon residents have said they saw two young men leaving the area where the fire began.

Since it started around 1 a.m. Thursday, the fire has burned

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Red Cross criticism leads to complete overhaul

By David Crary
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The American Red Cross, stung by criticism of how it handled Hurricane Katrina and the Sept. 11 attacks, announced plans Monday for a major overhaul that would include slashing its 50-member

board and reducing the influence of presidentially appointed overseers.

The reforms are intended to ease recurring friction between board members and Red Cross management, and to address complaints that the organization was at times too bureaucratic and unaccountable after

Katrina and the attacks.

Some of the changes in the 60-year-old governance structure can be implemented unilaterally, but the main proposals will require approval from Congress for revisions in the organization’s congressional charter.

A key senator who has pressed the Red Cross for re-

forms, Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, praised the proposals and expressed hope that Congress would swiftly approve them. “It’s good news that the Red Cross’ board recognized that a Band-Aid won’t do,” Grassley said.

The changes, approved with-

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