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Fonville elected student body president

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

After several Electoral Code violations, multiple court cases, an appeal to President John Lilley and a lot of confusion, the office of student body president has finally been decided.

Garland junior Bryan Fonville will serve as next year's president, winning against Bush Prairie, Wash., junior Chase McVicker with 57 percent of the vote.

"Obviously I feel very honored to have been elected student body president and I can't wait to get started on all of the initiatives I have set out," Fonville said. "Sam and



Fonville

Chase both ran great races, and I was privileged to run against two men of character."

McVicker had earlier been removed from the ballot as a result of minor infractions of the Electoral Code, and Wescosville, Pa., junior Sam Chen was declared ineligible to run for office the night before elections were to begin. When McVicker was reinstated to the ballot, all election results from Diadeloso were invalidated and voting

recommended Tuesday.

Fonville said that while this election process lasted longer than anyone expected, it was worth it in the end.

"It has been a blessing," he said. "And it provided me with the opportunity to connect with students on a deeper level."

Fonville served as external vice president this year and said that his experience in that office will only help him as he assumes his new role. He plans to find

additional ways to connect the student body to student government and utilize technology to improve communication.

More than 2,000 votes were cast Tuesday in the re-election, which is more than the two previous days of voting combined.

"I was impressed by the voter turnout and results," said Alief senior Nekpen Osuan, electoral commissioner. "Usually new elections don't have such a high turn out. I am relieved that all the

offices have finally been elected."

McVicker said he was grateful for this opportunity for a fair election.

"All we wanted was a fair election and that's what we got," he said. "I think it's great that more people turned out this time to vote than the other two days combined. Obviously this is what the people wanted. And there are other ways for me to get involved in student government — this is not the end for me."

Coal plant construction protested in Riesel

By Victoria Mgbemena
Staff writer

Local enthusiasts for the environment made their presences known by speaking out against the construction and expansion of coal-powered plants at a rally in Riesel Tuesday.

Activists from around the state met to petition the construction of the Sandy Creek Power Plant, currently being built in Riesel. Among supporters for the petition of coal plants at the rally were Riesel residents, Baylor students and professors, and representatives of Texans Protecting our Water Environment and Resources (T. P. O. W. E. R.).

The Reuters news source reported that Houston-based Dynegy Inc. laid out a \$1 billion financial package to construct the 900-megawatt plant, and paired with a St. Louis-based power group to finance the project. The Brazos Electric Cooperative has become a third investor for the plant, which had contracted to buy a portion of the wattage power in the future. The protestors signed petitions to deliver to the Brazos Electric Co-op after the rally.

Ruth Pilant, a representative of T. P. O. W. E. R. and a resident of Riesel, is against the building of the plant, which would stand a couple of miles from her home.

"We feel like we may not have stopped this plant, but we have made the whole United States aware of what they are doing to our planet," Pilant said. "We've lived in the ring of fire. There would have been eight of them in this area. They wanted to take my land and I said that they could not. People are becoming aware."

Scottsdale, Ariz., sophomore Paige Panter, a volunteer with T. P. O. W. E. R. and Baylor ECO member, said that that the coal plants should focus on cleaner sources of energy. Panter said that more students should get involved in activ-



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Dr. Mary Darden, part-time journalism lecturer, speaks to a crowd of close to 40, who came out to protest the construction of another coal plant near Waco, Tuesday at a Dynegy plant in Riesel.

ism for the issue.

"They must make a point of developing cleaner technology and send the message that the people should do their part for energy conservation," Panter said. "Besides the fact that Baylor is mostly a conservative school, there are not a lot of people concerned about the environment. It's been really challenging to get students out. We need a group of people to make a commitment; I think that's what we've got here today."

Dr. Mary Darden, a Baylor professor of journalism and president of Keep Waco Green, a local environmental organization focused on promoting clean power alternatives and opposing sources of pollution, is leading the movement in McLennan County. Darden said that the first step is a moratorium on coal plants, as pollution, predominately from coal plants, is suffocating the people and the resources of the state. Darden said that the nation is late to the table for prevent-

ing life threatening illnesses such as asthma. She and others are calling for the production of coal plants to halt all together.

"The people of this county and this state overwhelmingly support the moratorium of coal plants and the choice of alternative, renewable, energy," Darden said. "We need a stop building; we don't need legislators that give lip service on

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Interlocking BU logo center of heated branding controversy

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

According to a car parked off campus, Jesus drinks Dr Pepper.

This was one among many messages shoe-polished on vehicles around Baylor and printed on fliers, all claiming that Dr Pepper will soon be replaced by Coca-Cola on campus.

Lilley dismissed the rumor as false Monday at the state-of-the-university forum, saying he heard Kappa Omega Tau carried out the prank.

However, the Dr. Pepper dilemma ignited a wave of tension among students over other traditions rumored to disappear.

A Facebook group called "SAVE BAYLOR TRADITIONS" was started Friday in response to the hoax. The group had close

to 1,200 members by late Friday night, and as of yesterday, more than 2,300 students had joined.

The interlocking BU logo marked the most highly debated topic on the site. The group provides a link to sign an online petition with over 1,000 signatures, titled "Save the Interlocking 'BU' Symbol."

Lilley addressed students' concerns Monday, confirming that Baylor will not be eliminating the logo. He said the university will make an effort to use the Baylor's name wherever possible, while maintaining the BU as its secondary mark.

"Where there is room, we want to emphasize the primary mark," Lilley explained.

Baylor hired a branding consultant to survey the university's options in promoting its image,



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This is a recreation of a graphic that has been floating around Facebook being used as some Baylor-associated users' profile pictures.

Lilley said. After interviewing students, faculty, alumni, coaches and athletes, the firm recommended that Baylor use its name instead of the BU logo as much as it can.

"I don't know who started the

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Clinton survives Pennsylvania

To win her party's ticket, the New York senator must convince voters that Barack Obama is not electable in the general election

By Nedra Pickler
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton survived yet another day.

There will be little time for celebration, though. Time and money are running out.

Her win Tuesday in the important swing state of Pennsylvania was hard-fought. Barack Obama's well-funded effort to shut her down did not reach its goal of an upset.

The dynamics of the race are the same as they've been for more than two months. Obama is the front-runner, and California-based Democratic consultant Dan Newman points out that is more important the closer the campaign comes to the end of the primary



Clinton

season.

"He's content to essentially run out the clock with his narrow lead, while she needs something dramatic to happen," Newman said. "A one-run advantage in the first inning isn't a big deal, but a one-run lead in the ninth looms large."

Clinton now faces a dwindling number of contests, and she's at a steep financial disadvantage.

Obama already is spending twice as much on ads airing in North Carolina and Indiana, the two states that come up next, with primaries on May 6. He's even advertising in Oregon, a state that he should win, where voting by mail begins in the first week of May.

He can afford to shower every contest with campaign dollars from the \$42 million he had at the beginning of April, while Clinton is in debt. She'll have to either persuade donors to give her more money to sustain her long-shot bid or float herself another multimillion-dollar loan.

In Pennsylvania, Clinton won with the



Obama

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Replacing BU symbol strikes blow against tradition

Monday marked a resounding day in BU — scratch that — Baylor history. Rumors that have caused great concern over the past year of Dr. John Lilley doing the inevitable — replacing the interlocking “BU” — were confirmed by the president, infuriating some and disappointing all.

Lilley claims that the interlocking logo will not go completely extinct; it is only taking a backseat to the Baylor name. In a meeting with students Monday afternoon at Bennett Auditorium, Lilley said the university will now spell out Baylor whenever possible, including on the Bears’ foot-

ball helmets next season.

Although I think having an entire school name plastered across the helmet looks completely absurd, what Lilley did is not an issue with fashion; it’s an issue with tradition.

For more than four decades, the Bears have donned the interlocking BU synonymous with our beloved Baylor.

The fact that Lilley made such a drastic move with hardly any input of students, alumni, donors and fans infuriates me.

Lilley said Monday that the move is “just common sense. It’s Marketing 101.” No, Dr. Lilley, common sense would

sports take



BY JUSTIN BAER

tell you that you market to your target audience, a.k.a. everyone who was perfectly fine with the interlocking symbol.

I know that money has reasoning behind every decision, but what does a marketing consultant that has no ties to Baylor know about our tradition?

Lilley said the BU logo doesn’t help our branding, jus-

tifying the reason to switch to the new logo. Baylor’s “brand” should not be about a logo but a university.

I am more concerned about the reputation the university makes for itself not only on the field, but in the classroom, in research studies, tenure processes, etc.

Instead of investing money to change traditions, why don’t we use that money to invest in things that will make this a stronger university, such as increasing our underpaid professors’ wages?

What Baylor athletics has accomplished under the “BU” logo is unparalleled. Although

the football team has seen its better days, the athletic department as a whole has done its share to brand the university. Just since the Big 12 Conference was formed in 1996, BU has won 17 conference championships and two national championships.

Although there are legitimate concerns that Baylor using BU will cause the country confusion between us and Boston University, a hockey powerhouse with a different color scheme than us, that is still not a valid excuse to withdraw our symbol.

No one confuses Texas A&M’s logo with an automat-

ed-teller machine.

The Universities of Texas and Tennessee, both which go by “UT,” seem to be doing just fine in their marketing efforts. I mean, how many Longhorn T-shirt fans do you see every-

day? The fact is that changing a tradition of this university is insensible. Is the next tradition to be done away with going to be our mascots?

I say we do away with the tradition of providing the president housing. That way we can have more room for “Baylor.”

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Editorial

Rehab program positive step for Iraq

The United States has faced a lot of criticism for its dealings in post-Saddam Iraq, from the stagnation of infrastructure improvement to the distribution of power among the nation’s many complicated factions. But last week the U.S. took a progressive step that hopefully will help lead to stabilization, however minor, of the social and political situation.

The U.S. military plans to release up to 12,000 Iraqi prisoners through the end of the year, officers told the *Wall Street Journal* last week. With 23,000 detentions by the U.S., this would be more than half the prison population.

Why release prisoners in an already unstable society? The U.S. hopes to help “promote reconciliation with communities formerly sympathetic to the insurgency,” according to the *Telegraph*. At first glance, this move may seem counterproductive, but it has positive implications because of the way it will be implemented.

Halfway houses will hold the released prisoners, who will go through training programs to teach them practical skills such as carpentry and presumably help them find work after their release. They also will be put through an education program to teach moderate Islam.

This plan is positive because it addresses three of the biggest causes of instability in the floundering democracy: economic trouble, anger or resentment and radical Islamic teaching aimed at violence.

The skill training will hopefully



help the released detainees find jobs and become productive members of the society. This in itself may help ward off the lure of the insurgency.

The training in moderate Islam, as long as it is conducted in a respectful sensitive manner, should help temper the spread of violently anti-American propaganda supposedly rooted in Islam.

The whole move, meanwhile, makes the U.S. look good in Iraq. This is not to say the plan is a calculated PR move, but it does improve the Ameri-

can image, and with good reason.

The prisoner population increased after the U.S.’s surge, but officials estimate the truly dangerous detainees are 2,500, a minor fraction of the total.

“When they aren’t a security risk, it’s our obligation to release them,” Brigadier General Mike Nevin said.

The general’s statement is true and the sentiment is commendable, but hopefully the difficulties inherent in carrying out this plan don’t make it something put on the back burner.

Meanwhile, other progress is still necessary for the U.S. in both Iraq and outside of it when it comes to detaining potential enemy combatants.

Lest anyone forget, there remain prisoners at Guantanamo Bay who have been behind bars for more than six years with few, if any, legal rights, and allegations of mistreatment still linger.

We hope the recent step taken in Iraq represents a new way of thinking about not just Iraqi prisoners, but detention policies as a whole.

Profiling cancer survivors teaches lesson in gratitude, life

Two weeks ago I had the opportunity to profile three cancer survivors, which was truly an eye-opening experience.

I hope the people who took the time to read about Lindsay, Jeff and Dr. Boyd’s stories felt the same sense of beauty and appreciation for life that I felt after interviewing each one of them.

Though they are all survivors and may not have to really worry about their cancer coming back, it is an experience that I feel they all learned from — an experience that shaped the positive, appreciative people they are today.

I went into the interviews thinking to myself how insensitive I would look saying, “So, I

hear you have cancer.”

To my surprise, one interview after another, all three survivors were positive about their experiences with chemotherapy and balancing their disease with their personal lives.

It was then that I really thought to myself, “If someone who has gone through such terrible experiences can be nothing but positive and grateful for what they’ve been through, what do I have to complain about?”

I’m the typical college student, complaining and whining about trivial things that don’t really even matter.

I’ve always tried not to complain out loud, since that’s one of my pet peeves; but that doesn’t keep me from thinking

point of view



BY SARAH RAFIQUE

that way.

“Why didn’t I get a better grade on my exams?” “Why didn’t I get that internship or job?” “Why is my roommate so annoying?”

These are just some examples of what I hear people complain about: Why, why, why? Me, me, me! These are all self-centered, unnecessary and somewhat rude complaints that college students can easily relate to.

But what if it’s all just a bless-

ing in disguise?

Maybe it’s God’s way of testing you to see if you understand the importance of life, stay patient to the fact that things will get better and that you remain thankful for everything you have — or, more importantly, the illnesses that you don’t have.

This semester has been quite odd for me. I’ve been through just about every worst scenario, yet I’ve never been happier.

Among other things, I’ve made probably the worst grades ever in school, yet it doesn’t phase me because at least I’m alive.

I don’t have cancer; I’m not suffering some illness or disease that could end my life.

What on earth do I have to complain about? So, I make a bad grade. I think there is more to life than a GPA, right?

As Gloria Gaynor so famously sang, “I will survive.” All three of the cancer patients absolutely refused to let cancer take their lives or stress them out.

Cancer is far more serious and dangerous than making a bad grade in a class, so why do we students let it get to us? Why do we let such petty things stress us out?

And it’s not just the big things like cancer. Why not be thankful that you have all ten fingers, and all ten toes. Sure, you don’t really need that right pinky toe, but still it’s good for balance.

Maybe the cancer survivors

were blessed with something that healthy people aren’t. Through their trials, they were able to see the beauty in life and truly appreciate every breath they breathe, conscious of the fact that it could be their last.

I’m one of those people who can spend an entire day outside watching the Baylor squirrels bury their nuts and chase each other or marvel at the colors in the sky.

Maybe I’m easily fascinated, or perhaps I just have a deeper understanding of the importance of being alive, healthy and thankful for everything I’m given or have gone through.

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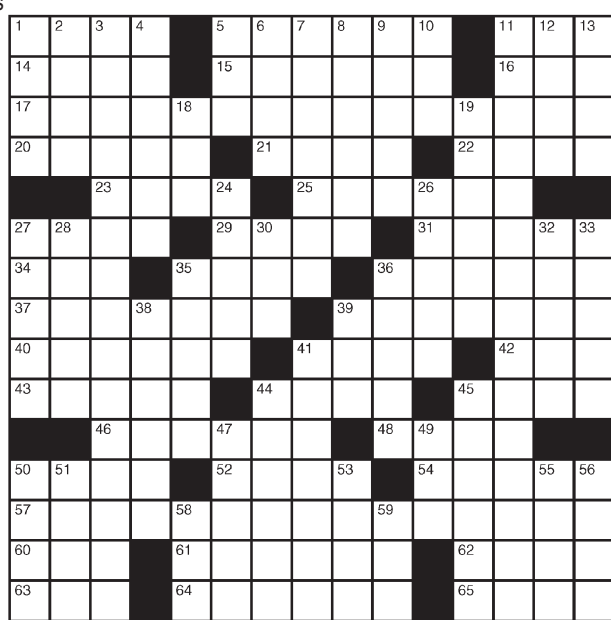
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Professor presents natural anti-cancer drug

By Jessica Belmares
Reporter

More than 600,000 people die from it every year alone in the U.S. People once said there could never be a cure for cancer. There would be nothing to stop the mass killing. One man had the goal of defying those odds with a simple tree. A piece of bark.

Professor George R. Pettit, Regents Professor in the department of chemistry and biochemistry at Arizona State University, presented his anti-cancer drug research yesterday to students and faculty at the Baylor Sciences Building.

More than 50 years of research has led to the discovery of a possible anti-cancer drug called combretastatin A-4, a drug promising to treat cancer by disrupting the blood supply to a cancerous tumor.

"When I first started the research group, the common thinking at that time was that no one was ever going to find a useful anti-cancer drug," Pettit said. "To me it did not seem right so I wanted to prove otherwise, and I'm very lucky to be stand-

ing here with this treatment."

Combretastatin A-4 is a drug isolated from the root bark of the African bush willow, a yellow-flowered tree commonly found on the south African plains.

Not only can the drug be used for treating cancer, it can also be used to treat macular degeneration, a leading cause of blindness.

"Current treatments are evasive and have to be injected into the eye," Pettit said. "There has now been a formulation invented that can act as eye drops."

Pettit said the combretastatin A-4 is a very simple structure to an organic chemist. He said he has great hopes that this compound will get into the broad use of cancer, and will probably be the cheapest cancer treatment for patients.

"My idealistic way of doing things is not universal," Pettit said. "I'm always keen on keeping the price down."

Pettit said some cancer-treating injections could cost well over \$3,000, resulting in a substantial annual cost to the patient. The combretastatin A-4 is expected to be a very powerful drug with a cost lower than any other cancer treatment

available.

"I'm hoping that this one will offer little to no excuse on gouging the public and will be distributed cheaply to third-world countries," said Pettit.

One student said he admired the philanthropic goals Pettit places in his work.

"I think there needs to be more scientists like him that are willing to help the greater cause," McAllen senior Sergio Rodriguez said. "A cure shouldn't be just for the elite."

Pettit's goal is to help improve human cancer treatment by making treatment more useful and, ideally, with nonexistent side effects.

"The 600,000 cancer patients that die a year is what I think about when I get up in the morning to go to work," Pettit said. "I will be doing this for as long as I am breathing."

Assistant professor of chemistry Dr. Kevin G. Pinney said he is honored to have Pettit as a colleague and friend, and considers him a world leader in the fight against cancer.

"He is a leader not only in scientific expertise, but also through his tenacious dedication to helping cancer patients,"



Jeff Leslie /Lariat staff

George R. Pettit, a chemistry professor at Arizona State University, spoke Tuesday about his anti-cancer drug.

BEAR BRIEFS

Baylor ONE Campaign will be celebrating Global Education Action Week in the Bill Daniel Student Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. all week. This event is promoting education for people across the world. For more information contact Ayesha_Mahmood@baylor.edu.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Salsa Festival T-shirts and koozies will be on sale for \$10 and \$5 until Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of the Penland and Collins Dining Halls. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network. For additional information contact Ryan_Thomas1@baylor.edu.

Baylor School of Music is hosting H. Robert Reynolds as part of the Lyceum Series, Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 710-3571.

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Baylor Institute for Oral History to share tales of Old Waco

Historian will present picture of city before development

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Thursday night the community will have the opportunity to gather and discover the past in Baylor's backyard.

The Baylor Institute for Oral History is holding the event "Do You Remember Old South Waco?" at Seventh and James Baptist Church on 7th and James at 7 p.m.

The Waco History Project, an organization that pieces together information on the history of important events and locations in Waco, will sponsor the event.

The Institute for Oral History staff said they hope that the event will attract people who lived in the areas and their families, as well as students.

"We are going to give people a chance to share their stories in small groups," said Lois Myers, associate director of the Institute for Oral History. "It's mostly about reminiscing and giving value to places and people we do not want to disappear from memory even though they are gone from our sight."

According to the Waco History Project Web site, 50 years ago most of the areas now occupied by Baylor were ethnically diverse parts of town with commerce and industry.

The Institute for Oral History provided that the areas used to be home to black people, His-

panics and whites.

Second Baptist Church, an important location for the black community, used to occupy area on what is now M.L. Cooper Drive.

The Hispanic neighborhoods occupied the area on which the Ferrell Center now stands. Centers for white neighborhoods included areas around Edgefield Baptist Church and L.L. Sams apartment lofts, according to the institute.

People in attendance will hear about histories of buildings surrounding the campus, like the Texas Textile Mill, which opened in the 1920s and was bought by L.L. Sams Furniture manufacturers in 1950, Myers said.

The building is now L.L. Sams Lofts, which was later

converted into loft apartments that house students living close to campus, she said.

Myers said that the mill was a business in the Mill district, a place where many of the white families owned houses and worked at the time.

Myers said that Taborian Park, which is now occupied by parts of North Village and the McCrary Music Building, was a popular park for black people.

It was replaced by Waco's first housing developments in 1941, the Cain Homes.

"They weren't employed in the same places," Myers said. "It was interesting because they were all struggling to make a living. We are hoping that people from both neighborhoods will show up and learn about each other."

The land on which current housing residences on campus now stand had many functions over the past 130 years. Since urban renewal is the effect of expansion of all cities, Waco took on the development of a highway, the growth of a college campus, and the movement of business, according to the institute.

The project is focused on unearthing histories on homes, schools, businesses, churches and parks that used to span between south Fourth street and the Brazos river, which have since been covered by sections of Baylor and Interstate 35, according to the institute.

Myers said that the expansion was not welcome by everyone in the community.

"The feelings were mixed,"

Myers said. "Some people had already moved out by the time development began. Those who were still here in many cases were elderly folks, and it was really hard on them to have to relocate. We have one woman that said urban renewal showed the worst-case scenarios to justify what they were doing; that there were good businesses and beautiful well-kept homes."

The Institute for Oral History will be working on the project continuously among others, and will continue to host workshops.

"We see a lot of things around us change, but there are a lot of things that we remember," Myers said. "And things will continue to change, but that doesn't affect the value of our memories."

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Life experience, language important to ambassadorship

By Belinda Colunga
Reporter

Former United States Ambassador to Sweden and graduate of Baylor University, Lyndon L. Olson Jr., lectured on what it means to be an ambassador as part of the 2nd Annual W. R. Poage Legislative Library Lecture Series Tuesday in McCrary Music Building.

His lecture, "Inside an Embassy," discussed the qualities, duties, and some of his experiences as ambassador. He was appointed by President Bill Clinton and served from 1998 to 2001.

"During that period, many of us learned a lot about his professionalism," said Steve Gardner, professor of economics. "Now, he has moved to Waco and has shown loyalty to the city and loyalty to Baylor University."

Loyalty, professionalism and hospitality were three important words that fit Olson and his family, Gardner said.

Olson's political career includes many honorable achievements such as serving in the Texas House of Rep-

resentatives, recipient of the Gates of Jerusalem Award from Israel and serving as former president of Baylor Alumni Association. Today, he's senior advisor to the senior management at Citigroup, Inc.

But Olson's lecture discussed the role and duties of an ambassador, while also taking the opportunity to demonstrate his humorous personality.

After being refused the ambassadorship to Sweden because it was highly requested by many other diplomats, Olson was told to choose any other top three countries. But his three choices remained firm on Sweden, so he decided to turn down the offer.

Surprisingly, he received a call at 2:30 a.m., which isn't always good, he said: "They're either dying or drunk."

But it wasn't a drunk or anyone in distress; it was the president offering Olson the ambassadorship to Sweden.

He said there are two types of diplomacy: career diplomats and appointed diplomats, which is the category he falls under.

"Everything I had done in my life prepared me to have a title and represent this country. I love music. I love the arts. I love poetry. I love politics ... I love a life experience of any kind," Olson said. "I think that as you go on your life journey, everything you do is preparation for a world view that is open."

He said he enjoyed his term as ambassador in Sweden because it's a country that isn't allied. It's neutral, sovereign and with a rich history. Not only is it a wealthy country, but also is a social democracy that has its own approach to operating their system of government.

When Olson first arrived in Sweden, it had just raised taxes to 85 cents on a dollar, which in his opinion was insane, he said. The reason they took that approach was to make sure the state provided education and computers to every child, he said.

"The point is that it's the way they decided to order themselves and you have to learn to respect other world views. And as a diplomat, be less judgmental because everyone has their own worldviews," Olson said.

The structure of an embassy includes diplomatic security and a U.S. Marine who serves as an escort to the embassy door. The embassy building is composed of staff members from the United States Agriculture Committee, Commerce Department, Defense Department, FBI, and others.

"An embassy ends up being a mini-government," Olson said. The staff members from different departments work with one another under one roof, he said.

He stressed the importance of language in the world of diplomacy and how many ambassadors don't speak the language of the country they represent, which is part of establishing human relationships.

"His emphasis on human relations and diplomacy around the world is important because he points out that we have to learn to respect other cultures and values," Cypress sophomore Abigail Fierros said. "If you want to become a politician in some point or another, he addressed the key qualities that a strong politician should own."



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Former ambassador of the United States to Sweden Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., spoke Tuesday about his ambassadorship in Meadows Halls of the McCrary Music Building.

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one side while they have both hands open accepting perks from lobby groups on the other side. If they don't start fighting for this cause then we are going to elect someone else."

Darden said that officials from the plant companies justify building the plants by saying that it is required for the changing times.

"They spin talk and say that there is a demand for energy as we move into the future," Darden said. "We need to be increasing research and development into renewable forms of producing that energy and doing sustainable things. The alternatives are there and are

being refined daily. There is so much to be done and we as a state are trying very minimally."

Darden advocates the idea that even universities need to be in a self sustained environment, where they purify their own water and produce efficient energy like wind and solar.

She said people should address the legislature in terms of expenditures for using cleaner energy.

"The legislature says no, but in the long run its going to save millions and millions of dollars," Darden said. "We don't need tax breaks for coal plants, but for people who are willing to bring alternative energy sources that do not harm the environment."

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rumor about getting rid of the interlocking BU, but I'd like to kill them because it's taking up so much time," Lilley joked.

Lilley said that the updating of logos is a natural undertaking by universities, and that schools nationwide are hiring branding firms.

The administration hopes that using Baylor's full name on athletic gear, such as football helmets, will help capitalize on the exposure the university receives at the national level through sporting events.

Despite Lilley's efforts to promote Baylor's reputation, many students disagree with the approach he's taking.

"I love the BU," said Brian McFall, a sophomore from Northridge, Calif. "It's the most known and best overall emblem of Baylor. No one wants to read 'Baylor' squished on the side of a football helmet. The BU logo is powerful and catchy, and it should especially stay on athletic gear."

Garland sophomore Ryan Parker agrees that the logo should remain on football helmets.

"It's like seeing the towers of Old Main or stopping by to see the bears," he said. "It's Baylor. If people want a Baylor identity, they have it. It's in our tradi-

tions of years past."

According to a Web site dedicated to the history of helmets of teams in the Southwest Conference, the interlocking BU has been on Baylor's football helmets since 1969, with the exception of a few games in 1992 in which fans complained until it was put back on.

In an extreme response to a student outcry over the interlocking BU, a Web site with the address www.johnlilley-sucks.com was created Monday. According to www.whois.net, a domain-based research service, the site was registered under the name of Ricky Butler. Within the site's first 24 hours, it received more than 600 hits.

Denver, Colo., junior Hannah Hibbs said she believes that those who are upset over the interlocking BU are missing the point of what a logo means.

"Baylor is still Baylor, even if given slightly different trappings. I'm sorry, but deciding that the spirit of the university has been lost because the logo has been changed is nothing but melodramatic," Hibbs wrote in an e-mail. "These things don't matter, and the university culture behind them is hurt by all the controversy over them. When people get this upset, they focus on insignificant material things and forget the school spirit that is really valuable."

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support of whites, women and older voters, according to exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and the television networks.

Underscoring the race's excitement, more than one in 10 voters Tuesday had registered with the state's Democratic party since the beginning of the year. And about six

in 10 of them were voting for Obama.

Some voters had a hard time making up their minds. About a quarter of the day's voters reported having decided within the past week, and about six in 10 of them backed Clinton.

Of the states left, the biggest prize is North Carolina, a state that both sides are predicting Obama will win. Clinton dispatched one of her top state organizers, California and

Texas veteran Ace Smith, to North Carolina in an effort to get every vote she can. Smith told reporters last week that getting the percentage spread within single digits would be a victory for Clinton. Obama's also expected to win Oregon and South Dakota.

So where can she look for victory? West Virginia and Kentucky are likely Clinton wins, but they offer fewer than 100 delegates combined. She also

has a chance in Guam, Puerto Rico, Montana and Indiana. But none of them is likely to give her a big enough margin to put her over Obama.

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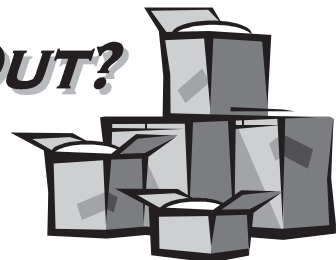
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Softball can't escape losing streak

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Frustration isn't just a delightful euphemism for the Baylor softball team this year. It's a hard, cold reality. Not much else can describe Baylor's current team mentality after a woeful weekend, this time a two-game sweep against Texas Tech University, who passed up Baylor (22-17, 4-9) in the Big 12 standings.

Surprising as it may seem, the Lady Bears are now third-to-last in the Big 12 standings, just a year removed from its first Big 12 title and College World Series appearance.

Even the last place University of Nebraska Cornhuskers have a Big 12 win over Baylor this year — and it's still their only one in 11 tries.

So these Lady Bears are searching for any answers they can find for their current slide. And there aren't many.

"I think we're just fighting. We're looking for answers, and everybody's got an opinion and none of it seems to have made a big difference," said head coach Glenn Moore, who sports a 464-197 career record as head coach. "We're not playing well and we're not a good team right now."

Moore added that the potential for improvement is good, but that Baylor is running out of time to piece together a presentable case for the NCAA Tournament selection committee. Just six regular season games remain, including a huge one Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. against the University of Texas at Gettman Stadium.

Should Baylor lose that game against the 24-17 Longhorns, the Lady Bears' post-season fate could be out of their hands.

"I think there's even more focus, because we know what we have to do," junior Brette Reagan said. "It's right there in front of us and we still have a chance.

There's six games left and then the (Big 12 Tournament), so we definitely have opportunities, we just have to grab them and take hold of them."

A road victory over No. 10 University of Houston last week will help their case, but Moore expressed frustration at the team's inability to close out teams Baylor "should beat." Losses to the universities of Iowa State and Nebraska, the only two teams below Baylor in the Big 12 standings, only serve to hurt their chances for a post-season bid.

"I think with the pushing and all that, we just need to let go and let things happen," said Reagan, who leads the team in 10 offensive statistical categories. "We know we're a very talented team and things haven't been as well put together as we wanted to. Some games it hasn't and some games it has."

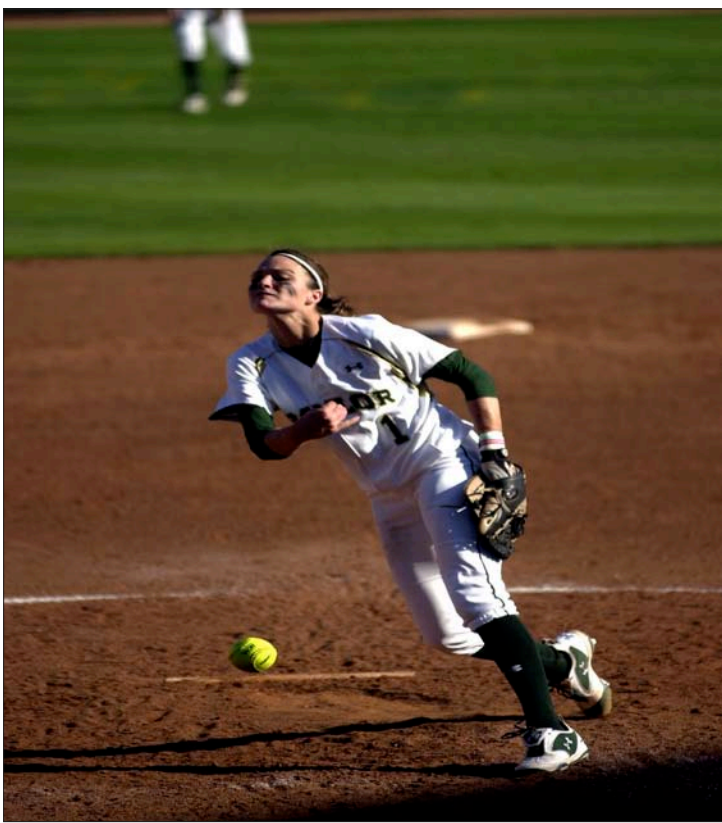
In the sixth inning of Sunday's 4-3 loss to the Red Raid-

ers, Baylor scored two runs to cut the deficit down to one and to load the bases with no outs. But the rally stopped there as nobody was able to drive home the one run needed. That proved to be Baylor's final opportunity of consequence, and like so many other times this year, left the Lady Bears just an inch short of the win.

"We definitely know we can do better," junior pitcher Brittany Turner said. "Do you think, 'OK, last year someone would have stepped up and done it?' That's always kind of in the back of your head, but it's not the primary concern. The primary concern is how can we get it done?"

And as they have all year, Baylor will dust itself off and prepare for what could be the final blow to its season or the win that keeps its season alive.

"There is definitely a sense that actions speak louder than words, so it's time to stop talking," Turner said.



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Sophomore Kirsten Shortridge pitches the ball in a game against the University of Kansas on April 6 at Gettman Stadium. The Lady Bears defeated the Jayhawks, 8-1.

Baseball defeated by Texas

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Between two rivals is never a good place to be — especially when they're rivals with you, as well. That's where the Bears found themselves Tuesday night, as the University of Texas Longhorns passed Baylor in an 8-2 win at Baylor Ballpark.

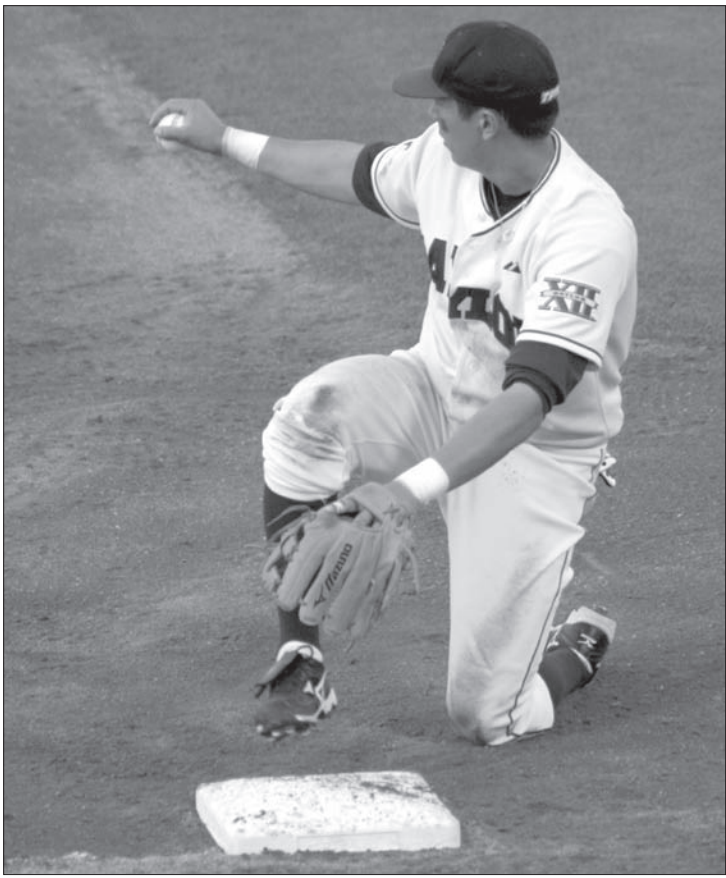
Baylor lost three games to Texas A&M University over the weekend, and will face the University of Nebraska Friday.

The loss is the fifth straight for the Bears (23-18), four against conference opponents. However, the game against Texas (24-16) does not count as a conference game.

Texas pitcher Kenn Kasperek (2-3, 5.23 ERA) received the win, striking out seven while allowing just two hits — an "effectively wild" pitching performance, head Baylor coach Steve Smith said.

"He's always relied on a lot of deception," Smith said. "I'm sure he's very frustrating for the Texas coaches to watch with all those walks."

The Longhorns got off to a hot start, when center fielder Jordan Danks crushed the first pitch he saw to left center field for a solo home run. Left fielder Russell Moldenhauer promptly followed Danks' lead, dropping his pitch on the same trajectory, but just a few yards short of the wall for a double. Another hit scored Moldenhauer, giving the Longhorns an early, 2-0 cushion.



David Poe/Lariat staff

Shaver Hansen catches the ball on third base in Tuesday's game against the University of Texas Longhorns at the Baylor Ballpark. The Bears lost, 8-2.

Baylor then scored a run and loaded the bases for center fielder Raynor Campbell and short-stop Beamer Weems, who both struck out swinging.

"He kind of opened up the zone and we started to chase them," said first baseman Adam Hornung, who was 1-4 on the night. "That's definitely a missed opportunity."

Baylor kept the game close, as middle reliever Randall Linebaugh struck out five and allowed just one hit and one run. A 5-2 deficit in the seventh, the Bears struggled to connect the bat with the ball. Baylor had 12 strike outs on the night.

"I thought that Stayton Thom-

as had some great stuff," Smith said. "The three-run homer is what broke it open. It was a pretty tight ball game until then."

Where the Bears couldn't end a losing streak, freshman second baseman Landis Ware could. Ware's last hit was April 6 against the University of Kansas. He had gone zero for 26 since.

Baylor will face the Longhorns again the weekend of May 2 for a home-and-home conference series at Baylor Ballpark and Disch-Falk Field. Baylor will face Texas State University (23-16) at 6 p.m. today at Bobcat Field in San Marcos. Tim Matthews (3-1, 2.73 ERA) will likely start for the Bears.

Jake Long signs with Dolphins

By Steven Wine
The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Jake Long seemed at ease in his new role as the NFL's No. 1 draft pick, leaning into a news conference microphone to talk about his mean streak while his mother sat in the corner, nodding as she smiled.

The Miami Dolphins were grinning Tuesday, too. They signed the Michigan left tackle to a five-year contract with \$30 million guaranteed, and they'll select him with the top pick in the draft Saturday.

The deal allows the Dolphins and Long to avoid a possible holdout.

"It's really important for us to know Jake is going to be on the field for us on time when training camp begins in July," coach Tony Sparano said. "That was critical."

Long's total contract package is for \$57.75 million, said a person familiar with the negotiations who didn't want to be identified because the Dolphins declined to reveal terms. Last year's top pick, JaMarcus Russell, signed for \$61 million with the Oakland Raiders but missed all of training camp before reaching a deal.

Long becomes the highest-paid lineman in the NFL and a 315-pound cornerstone in a rebuilding project for the new Dolphins regime led by Bill Parcells. Last season Miami went 1-15, and the offensive line has been a chronic problem in recent years.

"Jake was our guy from the beginning," general manager Jeff Ireland said. "Jake Long was on the top of our board for a long time. There wasn't a whole lot of debate. We thought it was a very good fit with the Miami Dolphins."

With many other needs as well, the Dolphins were interested in trading the top pick for multiple lower choices. When no suitors surfaced, they began negotiations last week with Long's agent, Tom Condon.

"It's such a great honor to be the No. 1 pick," Long said. "I don't think it has sunk in yet. It's something every kid dreams about. I'm just real excited that it happened. Now I'm coming to a great place."

The Dolphins said they didn't

begin contract talks with potential picks other than Long.

"It was a very straightforward negotiation," Condon said. "They didn't leverage us with other players, and we didn't tell them we wanted to be on some different team or any of those kinds of things."

Reaching a contract agreement before the draft isn't unprecedented. The Houston Texans signed defensive end Mario Williams as their No. 1 pick on the eve of the 2006 draft.

Condon, who represents several top prospects, said there's enough time for the Rams to reach a deal with a player before they make the second pick Saturday.

"My understanding is St. Louis is on the clock," Condon said with a smile.

The only other offensive lineman taken with the No. 1 choice since 1970 was Ohio State tackle Orlando Pace, who made the Pro Bowl seven consecutive times after joining the Rams in 1997.

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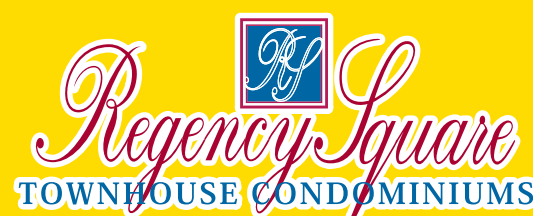
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