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## South Texans survey damage after Ike



## Death toll at 32; Evacuees begin journey home

Jade Ortego  
Staff Writer

Hurricane Ike, responsible for at least 32 deaths in the U.S. and 115 deaths overall, uprooted about 1000 people from Galveston, Houston, the Gulf Coast and surrounding areas and landed them in Waco. Hurricane Ike is the third costliest U.S. Hurricane of all time. Coastal areas of Texas braved sustained winds of 110 miles per hour and a 13.5 ft. storm surge.

Locally, Hurricane Ike brought brief rain and some wind. City officials prepared for power outages that didn't come, and sales of provisions like batteries and water increased. Several Baylor events this weekend were cancelled or postponed.

Waco's emergency operations center downscaled its hours from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. daily and turned over management of the shelters to the Red Cross. They anticipate returning to normal working hours this week. The Greene Family Camp was closed as evacuees left and were consolidated into other shelters.

"The disaster is over. It's now a recovery. We're remaining open to answer the evacuees' needs," said Larry Holze, public information officer.

Local hotels were booked all weekend. "Our main business now is evacuees. We sold out the last couple of nights," said a receptionist at Best Western Old Main Lodge. She said the lodge was just beginning to have rooms available.

Similarly, Western Inn and Suites had some vacant rooms as evacuees started to leave Monday. Their receptionist said that there were guests from places like Edinburg, Corpus Christi and Galveston.

The Waco Humane Society has 75 evacuated animals left waiting to return home, down from 250. As animals are gradually leaving,

AP Photo

Justin Doherty walks outside Monday after helping to clean up a bar flooded during Hurricane Ike, in downtown Galveston. Two thousand people have been rescued since Ike hit Saturday, with the death toll at 32.

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## High cost of living hits home in Waco

By Rebecca LaFlure  
Reporter

With the unemployment rate and cost of living continuing to rise, Caritas of Waco has seen a considerable increase in families needing assistance since spring of this year. Most are first-time clients.

"They may have been able to barely get by beforehand, but when all the gasoline prices got larger and food prices got higher, it put them into a significant crunch and they couldn't make it," said Buddy Edwards, assistant executive director at Caritas. "They had to come here for some kind of assistance."

Caritas, located at 300 S. 15th St. in Waco, provides emergency aid to people by supplying food, clothing, household items, medication and helping with utility payments.

Edwards estimated there have been an additional 100 new clients each month since the spring.

"This growth that we've seen, as of spring time, is significantly larger than what we've experienced in the past," he said. "Each morning when we arrive at 7:30 a.m., there's already a line of folks around the building waiting to be served."

Director of emergency assistance, Lidia Chavez, said people who haven't been to Caritas in years are suddenly returning.

Chavez said there are times when she told clients in the morning to come back at 1 p.m., and they waited at Caritas for five hours. They didn't have the gas money to leave and return later.

Melissa Fleming, an unemployed mother from Bellmead, visited Caritas for the first time Friday because she was "running out of groceries."

"The job market is very bad," she said. "I've been looking for a job for two months."

The Washington Post

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Sally Norlie, inventory manager for Caritas of Waco, provides food Monday to a Waco citizen.

Alex Song/Lariat Staff

## Hurricane's fury felt by students

By Rebecca LaFlure and Jillian Henderson  
Reporters

"My neighborhood was under two to five feet of water." Galveston senior Oscar Boleman said. "Everything got destroyed."

He is one among millions of people affected by Hurricane Ike's devastating path through the Gulf Coast and surrounding areas this weekend.

"Right now I'm most worried about people in the west end of the island that got the hardest hit," he said. "They're not letting the press through there, and it makes me wonder, what so horrible is passed that line?"

Residents from southeast Texas had to evacuate for the second time in as many weeks. Many were worried about the prospect of leaving and possibly losing everything they had.

"The most frustrating thing for me right now is the not knowing. I know a lot of peo-

ple in those areas, and it's in their character for them to not have left." Bevel Oaks resident Curt Edgerton said. "There was enough water for them to drown in their homes."

Edgerton is nervous about returning to his home in Bevel Oaks and assessing the amount of damage done to his property.

"I'm afraid of the destruction of structures and trees that defines the area will no longer be there, things that you can't get back," he said. "These structures can't be rebuilt because what made them special is the fact that they were 95 years old."

Senior Erika Laduzan, also from Galveston, said she is most concerned about "trying to get the island back."

Both her parent's places of employment are under water, leaving them out of a job for at least a month and a half. They're currently staying at a family member's house in Houston.

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## The numbers are in; Current enrollment largest in history

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff Writer

This fall, Baylor's enrollment figures have peaked at the highest in the history of the university. The Office of Institutional Research and Testing released enrollment statistics for the fall semester Thursday, and as of the 12th day of classes, Baylor's enrollment figures were soaring past previous years.

According to the data, enrollment is at 14,541, compared to 14,174 last fall and 14,040 in fall 2006, making this year's enrollment the highest Baylor has ever seen. There are 12,162 under-

graduate students and 1,369 graduate students currently enrolled. Previous fall semesters have brought in 11,902 undergraduate students (2007) and 11,831 (2006).

"We are definitely looking to enroll graduates at Baylor," said Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance and administration. "When we admit students, we are admitting people we expect to graduate. That is our top priority."

406 students are enrolled in George W. Truett Theological Seminary and 181 students in graduate military programs. There are 423 students enrolled

as law students, up by ten students compared to last fall.

Growth in the engineering discipline accounts for a lot of the growth in enrollment, Ramsower said.

"Unlike other disciplines, engineering is not a field students generally change their major to," he said. "You have to bring engineering majors in as freshmen, so as we see growth in interest in that field, we see growth in the freshman class. A strong engineering program is vital to the Baylor 2012 program."

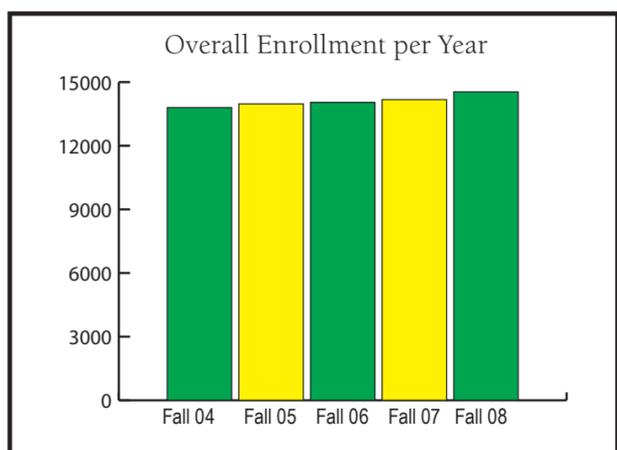
With 3,062 students enrolled,

this year's freshman class is the second-largest in Baylor history.

"Much of the increase in first-time freshmen can be attributed to an aggressive recruitment plan," said Diana Ramey, assistant vice president for Enrollment Management. "The execution of the plan resulted in increased inquiries, campus visits, acceptances, and as a result, an increased number of first-time freshmen enrolling."

Ramey said a major focus of the university is to encourage students who had not officially

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# First-hand experience of evacuation changes life

It made me wonder about self-worth when I had to pack my entire life into a 2003 white Mustang convertible and head to safety, while all of my other possessions of true and sentimental value were left in the hands of a temperamental child named Ike.

I am a student at Houston Baptist University. I fled to Waco to stay safely away from Hurricane Ike.

For me this trip was bitter sweet because, while I made it to safety, my immediate family was left behind to brave the storm in Pasadena, Texas. Last Thursday, I received word that HBU would be closing and all classes would be cancelled until further notice.

It was about 4 p.m. that I set out on my evacuation journey.

Waco reminds me a lot of my home town. This gave me some comfort because it feels like home. However, it also makes me uneasy because I am so far away from home. I feel as if I have been sucked into some sort of alternate dimension where everything from my home town has just been moved around and all of the faces have changed.

While in Waco, I met a gentleman who told me that his home is only four blocks from the water. My heart instantly went out to this man, because he really may not have a home to return to.

A chill ran up my spine as I



BY MITCHELL SHAW

thought about my family and friends who made the decision to wait out the storm on the coast. Terrible thoughts of destruction and death raced through my head. Immediately I called my family, and thankfully they were okay. I simply cannot fathom the idea of returning home and finding nothing but ruins. As I sat there watching Ike completely destroy one of my favorite hang-

outs, I think about Hurricane Katrina and the mass destruction and loss that New Orleans endured only three years ago.

I remember being in my first year at HBU and being stoked about the hurricane because it meant for us that we got a week off from classes. My fraternity brothers and I would joke about going surfing and having hurricane parties because we had no clue how tragic it would be.

I feel now that, while I may never know the pain and suffering the people of New Orleans felt on that day, I can somewhat sympathize because I now realize how serious and severe these situations can be. The FEMA

rescue efforts bring to mind how much of a catastrophe that whole situation really was.

This leaves one question: who will come to our aid?

On Saturday morning I woke to find that the hurricane had already torn through Galveston, leaving billions of dollars worth of damage in its wake. I could only imagine the destruction that Houston and Pasadena have taken on.

For breakfast, I went to the lobby, and it was filled with people recounting the damages that they incurred from the storm. Instead of complaining about their losses, the central attitude seemed to be one of hope and

thankfulness — they all seemed thankful to be alive and hopeful to rebuild and restart.

The storm had passed by Sunday morning and, thankfully, with the exception of some minor damages to our house, my family was okay.

Unfortunately, I can not return to school yet because HBU authorities have shut down the university and are not allowing students to return to campus, due to the lack of power and water.

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## Editorial

# Response to Ike commendable

It's been a wild weekend for Texas as Hurricane Ike swept through south central Texas. Although damage wasn't as severe as it was in 2005 when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit Louisiana and Texas, it still was troublesome. The nation learned from its mistakes in those two disasters by reforming Federal Emergency Management Association and revising its natural disaster plans. During Katrina, the government's response was less than thrilling, and when Rita came to bear down on the coast, the Texas' public had that in mind. However, FEMA has reformed its practices.

In the same vein, Baylor's response to Rita was less than commendable. Baylor, unfortunately, took a cue from the national responses to Rita. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the nation mourned, and to some extent, panicked. People all over the nation began building a collective fear and the government did little to discourage it.

Naturally when the next major hurricane, Rita, entered the gulf and appeared to head straight for the Louisiana coastline, people all along the gulf began to evacuate. Houston, Galveston and residents from surrounding communities' all left their homes for higher ground, and found themselves caught up in the steady, creeping stream of vehicles inching toward safer destinations.

To make things easier for the

evacuees, people in unaffected areas were asked to stay off the roads.

At Baylor, however, the administration had different plans.

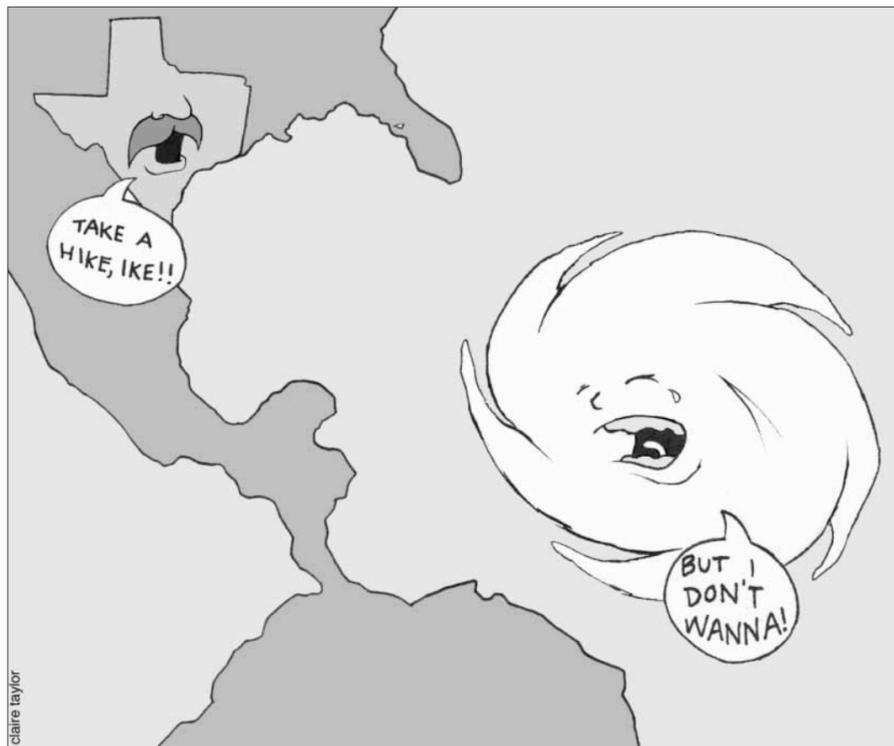
The university went into panic mode. Classes were cancelled, faculty and staff were encouraged to leave campus and students were told to go home. Within several hours, 14,000 college students flooded the highway, racing in every direction. The mass clogged Interstate 35, adding to the traffic jam.

In the residential halls, Community Leaders were encouraged to recommend students to leave. Many students went home, but for those from out-of-state or from the coast, or even those without a vehicle, that wasn't an option.

Where were they suppose to go? Even those who had the luxury of leaving had to burn money on gasoline and plane tickets.

In Penland, one CL even went as far as to write "If you can leave, get out now!" on the whiteboard outside the residential restaurant. Imagine how students, especially freshmen, who are in an unfamiliar place, must have felt to see authority figures panic. If they're panicking, and they're the ones in charge, it must be bad.

Then Rita hit. There was significant damage to the primary locations along the coast. As for Waco, lets just say that if you're a fan of storms, you would have



been disappointed. Walking around campus that day, there was a strong breeze, no rain and a bright, sunny sky. The only damage on campus was a fallen tree limb in the middle of Fifth Street and a bike rack that had a large dent.

Needless to say, the panic was far above necessary precautions. For schools like Texas A&M University, Rice University and other educational centers closer to the coast, the evacuation made sense — they were truly in danger. But for Baylor, there wasn't any major danger, and the university on the Brazos just got in other people's way.

Baylor, along with the rest of the nation, wasn't thinking clearly. In any stressful situation,

the old adage "don't panic" is an easy way to calm frightened people. So why did Baylor send everyone home? Was liability an issue? Certainly, the administration wouldn't want to pay the costs of injured students, but at least from a business stand point that would make sense.

Fortunately for Baylor, the administration learned from its faults.

As Hurricane Ike prepared to make landfall, Baylor alerted students to take the necessary precautions, such as avoiding areas of the city that may flood. Students were also discouraged from leaving campus to avoid adding to the evacuation traffic. All in all, Baylor took a much calmer route in dealing with

last weekend's weather concern. Students weren't sent into a state of unnecessary frenzy. Classes stayed in session, much to the chagrin of students, and the campus remained open. Only non-essential departments and events, like athletic contests and the campus bookstore, were moved or closed.

Even though most Galvestonians and Houstonians left earlier than usual, last week, the highways were still relatively crowded. At least Baylor students can say they weren't part of the cause of it this time.

Baylor's administration should be commended for making the necessary changes and keeping its students from mass hysteria.

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# Fencing HP should be approved to further 2012 initiatives

Once again, the Baylor team plows through and emerges victorious, outlasting the opponents and earning a place in the top ranks.

As you can probably guess, I'm not talking about football.

The Baylor fencing club, in which I've been an officer for several years, held the Adelman Memorial Tournament Saturday, and one of our seniors took first place in the foil event. He ended up fencing our own coach for first place. Other club members also broke into the top-ten in foil.

For those of you who have no idea how to feel about this, let it be known that many opponents were top-ranked, nationally-rec-

ognized fencers of veteran experience.

In short, it was a proud day for the Baylor Fencing Club.

As valiant an effort as this is, another of the club's recent endeavors has fallen short of victory.

We've been trying to institute a fencing HP class at Baylor, and despite all we've done — finding a textbook and coach, developing a curriculum, creating a petition with more than 100 signatures, drawing up a pro forma equipment expense statement — one thing, completely outside our control, will probably prevent us from realizing the fruit of our efforts.



BY KATE THOMAS

A lack of space. We were informed that, unless we found a place to hold the HP, and room for the equipment, our HP proposal would be untenable.

In fairness to Dr. Rafer Lutz, interim chair of the health and human development department, who responded to our request with every courtesy, his question about facilities was a relevant one

to raise. It's one for which we don't currently have an answer.

But why should it be? A fencing class would require only a small, walk-in-closet-sized armory for equipment storage and a time to practice in one of our many gymnasiums.

But no. Instead of building the kind of facilities that the common student can use, Baylor instead throws yet more money into such ventures as benefits only a limited number of students, such as the new Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athletics Complex for football.

I wasn't raised in Texas, so football is not the end-all, be-all of my existence.

I didn't even consider it when I applied to Baylor as a prospective freshman. I applied to Baylor because it offered an interesting major, business journalism.

Oh, yes. And it had a fencing club. Believe it or not, that was the deciding factor. Not football and not religion, though I think those two entities are the same for some Texans.

I wanted to be the Dread Pirate Roberts. I wanted to say, "yes, my sport has a point." (For those who groan at puns, I do apologize.)

In some areas of the country, fencing is a sport with wide participation and lots of attention. Here, most people never heard of

us until the women's sabre team brought home the gold, silver and bronze during the Beijing Olympics.

Most ivy-league universities hold fencing in the highest regard and allot financial resources accordingly. If Baylor truly wants to be a top-tier university, like the vision 2012 professes, it needs to understand that there is more to a "good school" than football and the Baylor Sciences Building. A top-tier university should have the well-being and interests of its students in mind.

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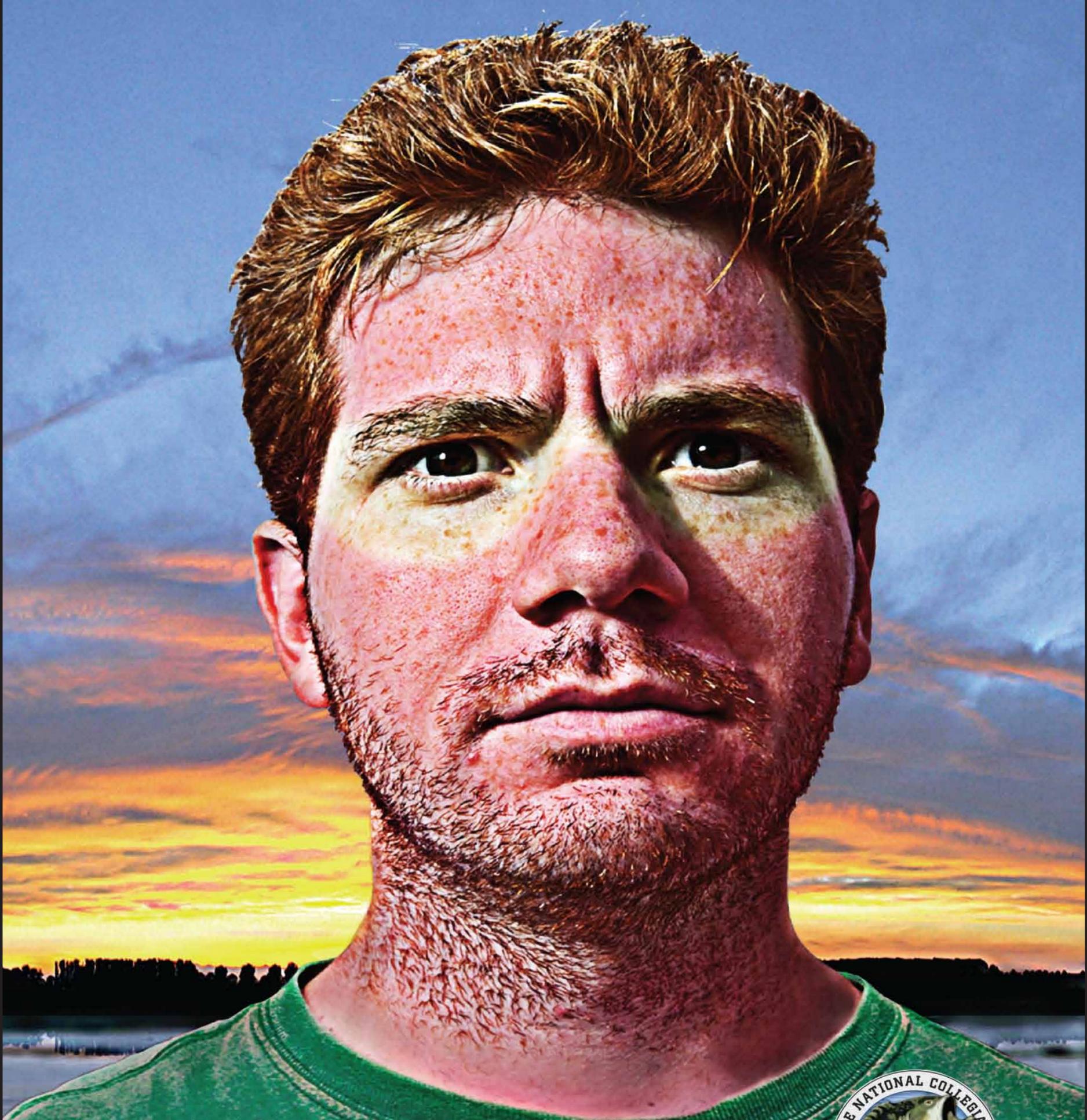
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## A slab of life

Austin sophomore Erin Schrader puts the finishing touches on her Slab Art project Monday. Slab Art is the first project of the semester for the art class, Beginning Ceramics.

# Fitness department now offers cycling classes, squashes court

By Alex Maxwell  
Reporter

For students who want to enjoy the health benefits of cycling but don't own a bike, Bear Cycle will offer an intense cardio work-out without having to leave the SLC.

Beginning Sept. 22, Baylor Fitness will begin a new program that combines the upbeat music of Bearobics with the cardiovascular workout of indoor cycling.

"Most people call it spinning, but the fitness department's version will be known as Bear Cycle," said Van Davis, assistant director for fitness and nutrition education.

Originally, there was not enough room in the student center to have the cycling class.

To solve the problem of space in the student center, the fitness department converted a squash court to a room reserved for a Bear Cycle workout class.

"They started construction and conversion of the room back in the summer a little before school started," said Jenny Dresler, Portland, Ore. senior and student center employee.

Despite having only 16 bikes in the new cycling room, Davis said Baylor Fitness is offering 30 classes a week, which allows for potentially 480 students to use the room each week.

"I'm excited for cycling class-

es to start," said Jerry Hodge, Amarillo sophomore and Bear Cycle class instructor. "It's a good chance for students that don't have a bike or don't ride for exercise to get in a good workout."

The equipment to be used during the cycling classes, include bikes made by Keiser, a manufacturer of fitness equipment, and is considered to be top-of-the-line, according to Davis and Hodge.

*"A little mix of everything for a good workout."*

Carisa Findley  
Bear Cycle Instructor

The classes will be very self-paced, so everyone can work-out at their own level and still be working together to get that group motivation, Hodge said.

The program offers 30 classes a week at a variety of times. Some classes will be as early as 6:15 a.m. and as late as 8:30 p.m.

Also, there are multiple fitness levels students can enter in, and students can move at their own pace, Davis said.

"It'll be a challenging cardio program with fun music, adding variety to someone's workout," said Davis. "It can be a

nice combo with Bearobics or running."

Carisa Findley, a Baylor graduate and Bear Cycle instructor, said she has taught similar classes for several years and is thrilled there will be cycling classes on campus now.

"It's a really good idea and good workout," said Findley. "In an hour class you can burn up to 700 calories. It's also good because you don't have to be really coordinated like some aerobic type classes demand."

The program was created to do several things: be an addition and provide variety to an existing cardio workout, but to also create a strong cardio workout for those that don't have one, said Findley.

"This will be a varied program," Findley said. "Some classes will focus on endurance, some on strength. It will be similar to a wide variety of terrains, a little mix of everything for a good workout."

Bear Cycle costs \$20, while similar spin classes are included with gym membership. Gold's Gym has an average membership cost of \$30 and includes cycling classes with their membership.

Sign-up for the Bear Cycle program began Monday at the front desk of the student center, and will continue throughout the week.

Davis said this program will definitely make you sweat.

# University Health Services receives high accreditation

By Alex Maxwell  
Reporter

Baylor Health Services is now more than just a pharmacy and the home of the "SLC doctor." Recently, it was recognized and accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

This means health services has been distinguished as a facility that provides a safe work environment and more importantly, ensures the highest quality of care to patients.

A multidisciplinary staff comprised of physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, psychologists, a consulting psychiatrist, a physical therapist and administrative and technical personnel are available to provide a vast array of services.

According to the AAAHC press release, the AAAHC accredits a variety of ambulatory health care organizations. They serve as an advocate for provision of high quality health care through nationally renowned standards.

There are more than 150 schools across the nation that have accreditation from the AAAHC.

Registered Nurse Nancy Keating, the director of nurses for Baylor Health Services, explained there are three tiers that health care services can acquire, and the Baylor Health Services received the highest, three-year recognition on its first attempt.

"The process was long and tedious, and there were hundreds of documents," Keating said. "It wasn't a question of changing what we did; we just had to prove that we do what we say we do."

Health care organizations seeking accreditation by the AAAHC undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by expert surveyors, according to the press release.

Having gone through the extensive processes, the health services personnel have been reminded that their first responsibility is to their patients and the quality of care they provide.

"Getting this accreditation just reinforced what we were doing and that we're doing it well; it also highlighted areas that need improvement," said Rosemary Townsend, director of business affairs and administration for the Health Services.

Though there weren't any major improvements needed, the process did bring a few minor ones to light.

"The accreditation does not mean any real changes for the health services," Townsend said. "It revealed that we need to strengthen our health education, so we have implemented that in to our strategic plan."

Health Services is waiting for approval from Baylor for the changes in their strategic plan.

"We will keep systems in place that we put in place after the self-assessment. Staff, professional development and

training will help with quality improvement," Townsend said.

Buried within the administration offices of the health services were hundreds of pages of documentation that health services presented to AAAHC.

Every staff member in health services played a role in completing the application, but Chris Terry, assistant director of nurses, headed the accreditation committee.

Terry said there were about 700 standards that they have to comply with.

"Some were simple, others would take a while," Terry said.

The standards include basic things, such as fire drills, to complicated things, such as Code Blue CPR drills.

The health center, on the second floor of the McLane Student Life Center, includes eight basic exam rooms, four doctor's offices, four nurse's offices, two assessment rooms, a treatment room and an observation room.

Getting accreditation took about a year, with Terry's primary focus being the completion of the application process. During that time, Dr. Sharon Stern became the medical director.

Having Dr. Stern come on board was good timing because she gave that final surge of motivation in the last months of the process, said Keating.

For Baylor Health Services, receiving accreditation is "like an accounting major getting CPA" certification, Townsend said.

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**Career Services** is sponsoring "Making the Grade, Landing the Job," at 6 p.m. tonight in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For more information, visit [www.baylor.edu/student\\_activities/](http://www.baylor.edu/student_activities/).

**Rock the Vote** will host its final concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Union Bowl.

**Center for International Education** will host the fall Study Abroad Fair from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Students will have to opportunity to learn about the many study abroad programs offered at Baylor. For additional information, contact Katie Erickson 710-4824, or visit <http://www.baylor.edu/cie/>.

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GIRLS FIGHT BACK



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Windows were broken in a downtown Houston building as debris litters the street after Hurricane Ike passed through early Saturday.

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more are coming in from Galveston and Houston. The humane society also received seven dogs, a mother and six puppies, from an evacuated shelter in Galveston, said Karen Froehlich, director of the Waco Human Society. There are currently four shelters open in Waco, holding about 650 evacuees. Evacuees are returning to Brazoria and San Patricio counties, areas that were not hit by the hurricane as intensely as predicted, said Angie McFarland, financial development coordinator of the Heart of Texas Red Cross.

Seven shelters were running almost at capacity Saturday with about 1000 evacuees. Waco is still receiving evacuees "who chose not to evacuate and were picked up by search and rescue operations," McFarland said. Some new arrivals are evacuees that were staying at hotels but need to stay longer than they had planned for financially. McFarland said that it was hard to say when evacuees will start leaving en masse, and said the authorities in the counties evacuated will determine when it's safe for citizens to return. "We would rather them stay (until they're told to return). People are returning to no elec-

tricity and no means to support themselves," she said. About 3 million in Texas are without power. Some places are expected to be without electricity for three to four weeks. The estimated cost of reconstruction of both Hurricane Ike and Hurricane Gustav, which is still being addressed, is \$200 million, according to the Red Cross. They ask that people utilize their new text message donation program. Donors can give \$5 by text messaging "GIVE" to the number 2HELP, or 24357. *The Associated Press and Lariat reporters contributed to this report.*

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reported that the unemployment rate reached a five-year peak in August, at 6.1 percent. Linda Parker, a receptionist at Caritas for 12 years, has had her own financial struggles with high food and energy prices. "Gas prices have caused me to not be able to travel or do anything extra. I go to work, come back home, go to work, come back home," she said. "I'm raising my grandson and with the income I'm making right now, it's hard." According to the latest Bureau of Labor statistics, gasoline prices increased by 35.2 percent in 2008, and natural gas prices

rose by 71.3 percent. The price index for cereal and bakery products is 12.1 percent higher than in July 2007, while fruits and vegetables are 10.1 percent higher. "I think a lot of it is dealing with the overall economy, but you probably have seen that Waco has a significant problem with poverty already. About a quarter of the population lives in poverty. This is something that has specifically existed in this area for some time," Edwards said. Waco is the fifth poorest city in Texas, and the poverty level is more than double the national average. Funded mostly by donations, Caritas received a challenge grant in May by the Rapoport

Foundation, in response to the increased demand for their services. Under the grant's guidelines, Caritas raised \$100,000 and the grant gave them an additional \$100,000. "We had a large number of donations throughout the summer until that challenge grant had been achieved. It's dropped off a little bit now," Edwards said. Caritas is now in need of food donations. Edwards said he hopes donations will improve during the holiday season. Money donations are accepted on their Web site at [www.caritas-waco.org](http://www.caritas-waco.org). Food and clothing donations can be brought to the Caritas building at 300 S. 15th St. in Waco.

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visited the campus to do so. "We know historically that students who officially visit the campus enroll at a higher rate than those who do not," she said. The fourth imperative of Baylor 2012, attracting and supporting a top-tier student body, calls for recruiting students with strong academic records. For the third consecutive year, the average SAT score of the freshman class is more than 1200. "There is some predictability between higher test scores and graduation rates," Ramsower said. "That's an important factor. And more important than test scores is class rank — that seems to be an even better predictor of a student's success." Ramsower said, however, that part of the 2012 Vision was never to have an ever-increasing amount of freshmen. "2012 is not about being a larger university," he said. "We anticipated that our enrollment figures would be the same, or even decline slightly. But as of right now, the university is equipped with the capacity to handle the amount of students enrolled, while still operating

efficiently." The fourth imperative of Baylor 2012 also demands an increase in freshman retention rate "from 83 percent to 93 percent." But the first-year freshman retention rate stood at 85.6 percent last year, and remains unchanged currently, according to Dr. Kathleen Morley, director of Institutional Research and Testing. "This wasn't our goal," Ramsower said. "But our efforts at reaching out to encourage students to stay at Baylor have to be widespread and encompass the entire Baylor community. Line camp for freshmen is a great effort at this. We need to continue in that direction."

*"We want a campus that reflects, as much as we can, the ratio of minority students who graduate high school and go to college."*

Dr. Reagan Ramsower  
Vice president for finance and administration

Despite the stagnant retention rate, Baylor's efforts at increasing diversity in the student population are proving to be successful. The class of 2012 is the most diverse in Baylor history, with minority enrollment jumping to 31 percent. "We are very, very proud of that number," Ramsower said. "We want a campus that reflects, as much as we can, the ratio of minority students who graduate high school and go to college. We know as the ethnicity percentage of the state and nation change, Baylor's ethnic make-up has to change as well." The increasing national number of college students of color, coupled with Baylor's move to dated admission, contributed to this success. Since many minority students are also first-generation college students, attracting these students to stay is an important part in the success of Baylor in the future. "Statistics show that students whose parents and grandparents went to Baylor feel more at home here. So if we can attract those first-generation minority students and encourage them to stay, it bodes well for us currently and for the future as well."

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She said her grandparent's are especially upset because, as of Sunday, there was three feet of water in their house. All their furniture is destroyed. "My family is keeping a pretty good attitude, taking one step at a time," she said. "It's hard because there's no sure plan." Many people traveled to Waco in search of a safe place to stay. Servando Aldaco, from north Houston, came with his wife, mother-in-law and three young children Friday. The family stayed the weekend at Seventh and James Baptist

Church. He said he was happy to find out his house received only minimal damages. "My house is in good condi-

*"We feel just like we are family here at Seventh and James. I want to say thank you to everybody who lives here"*

Servando Aldaco  
Hurricane evacuee

tion, besides one tree that fell on our utility room, and we just got power back," Aldaco said. "We just feel like we are family here at Seventh and James. I want to say thank you to everybody who lives here." A meeting is scheduled in the Barfield Drawing Room on the second floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center at 9:30 p.m. tonight. It is an opportunity for students from Louisiana and Texas to gather and share stories and resources with one another. Baylor's counseling service is available for students who wish to speak to a counselor. They can be contacted at 710-2467.



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Hurricane evacuee Jacqueline Aldaco (left) says goodbye to volunteer Pat Bailey Monday before heading back home to Houston after the storm. Jacqueline and her family took refuge at Seventh and James Baptist Church over the weekend along with other evacuees from the area.

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# NY fashion week comes to a close

By Kelli Boesel  
Entertainment Editor

Fashion week.

Those two words don't mean a lot to the general American public, except the audience of Bravo's "Project Runway." But, in New York for a week in both the fall and the spring, the place to be is Bryant Park, where fashion week takes place.

Baylor alumna Stephanie Kirst had the opportunity to attend several of the shows at fashion week. Kirst works for Tobe Report, a leading fashion-merchandising publication.

"The experience and insight I have gained is beyond anything I expected," she said.

Kirst said the work she does for Tobe Report can't be disclosed, but she gave her opinions on some of the designer's collections.

One of her favorite experiences was the Diane von Furstenberg show.

"I was honored to be present for Diane Von Furstenberg's show," Kirst said. "She has done so much to boost the image of the American fashion industry, as president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America, and I really look up to her as a pioneer in our field of work."

Kirst said she was excited to see all the celebrities at the show. She sat behind Leighton Meester and Jessica Szohr of "Gossip Girl" and saw Rosario Dawson, Jennifer Lopez, Uma Thurman and Molly Simms, she said.

Kirst described the Von Furstenberg show as "hippie gone glam."

"The bright, airy 1960s inspired collection was a Technicolor dream come true," she said. "It was exciting to the editor's eye, but wearable for the everyday woman."

Another stand-out show, Kirst said, was Jonathan Saunders. Initially, she said she had low expectations because of the lack of buzz the show was getting, but the collection surprised her.



AP Photo

The spring 2009 collection of designer Oscar de la Renta is modeled during Fashion Week in New York Wednesday.

"The color explosion, dramatic draping, and architectural accuracy kept me entertained throughout," she said. "This show was by far one of my favorites."

*"The looks were interesting. I look forward to perusing them in the next couple of days."*

Ashley Dunn  
Baylor Alumna

Kirst said she didn't attend the shows of Marc Jacobs, Marchesa, and Rodarte, but she believed these collections will dictate upcoming trends for the upcoming fall 2009, fall 2010 and spring 2010 markets.

"Marc Jacobs never fails to deliver the new and exciting," she said. "A glance at his Mary Poppins-inspired showing clearly brings a new silhouette into the picture, with added interest in texture and pattern mixing."

Kirst said Rodarte and Marchesa set trends in evening wear.

"Rodarte's signature precise, yet chaotic draping and slashing of gauzy fabrics continues to wow," Kirst said. "While Marchesa reinvents the evening dress with enchanting adornment and voluminous shapes."

Baylor alumna Ashley Dunn interned with Betsy Johnson last summer. She helped put together a lot of the elements of Johnson's fashion week show.

"We had to find vendors to

make hats, or something, specifically for the fashion show," she said.

But, neither Carolina Herrera nor Oscar de la Renta pulled back on the luxurious handiwork on which they've made their names.

Donna Karan and Vera Wang stuck with looks that jibed with their desire to provide strong and sexy clothes to women. Ralph Lauren toned down the glitz but not the glamour, while Francisco Costa, the head designer for Calvin Klein, went with a high-concept artful look.

There were two strong palettes of the season, both rooted at the beach: natural sand colors and tropical brights, including the blue hues of the ocean.

"We love the color, we always look for color," said Downing. "We are loving the floral prints, they really speak to our customer."

Mountford, the trend analyst, identified the muse of the season as the ethereal type who loves layers.

"There's a return to ease and clothes you feel good in," she said "Clothes are loose but it's not about volume. This look won't overwhelm."

Samantha Critchell of the Associated Press contributed to this report.



Courtesy of Focus Features

"Burn After Reading" is the latest installment of the Coen brother's comedy. The movie follows flawed characters as they navigate their lives.

## 'Burn' provides comedy, interesting characters

By Stephen Jablonski  
Multimedia Editor

While it may not be "The Big Lebowski" or "Fargo," you could certainly say "Burn After Reading" is in the same vein as these comedic Coen brothers' titles.

### MOVIE REVIEW

And while their most recent concoction may not burn itself into your memory as a definitive Coen brothers film, it's still a refreshing comedy, more cunning than "Step Brothers" or "Pineapple Express."

"Burn After Reading" concerns two deteriorating high-income marriages and the vain pursuits of a female fitness instructor. These characters' personal lives intertwine into a conflict spearheaded by Hardbodies Gym instructor Linda Litzke's (Frances McDormand) desire for plastic surgery and a substantial relationship, all of which leads to CIA interest — an intelligence that remains entirely oblivious.

A facet of "Burn After Reading" that epitomizes its ranking over summer comedies is the performance of Richard Jenkins as Ted Treffon. While he wasn't the most memorable character, Jenkins was far more tolerable than his role in "Step Brothers"

as a temperamental father to John C. Reilly's Dale Doback.

"Burn After Reading" defines itself from this type of comedy in a controlled chaos.

"Burn After Reading" thrives due to its plot structure. The individual flaws of characters drive the movie, and these characters a very flawed. Temperamental CIA analyst Osbourne Cox (John Malkovich) quits his job after a demotion, the cold Katie Cox (Tilda Swinton) is planning to divorce her husband while sleeping with the promiscuous Harry Pfalmer (George Clooney). Then, the employees of Hardbodies Gym attain a disk of what they believe is clandestine but lucrative information. Linda Litzke desperately wants expensive plastic surgery, and fellow Hardbodies employee Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt) wants to play spy.

Brad Pitt as Chad Feldheimer is an exceptional contribution to the film's comedic element, as a sort of sidekick to Linda Litzke. More interesting is George Clooney as Harry Pfalmer, who parodies his roles in other movies as a less-than-elegant womanizer.

The clash of their motivations, along with the involvement of three organizations makes these individual miseries comical.

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# Rushing performance brings Baylor freshman record



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Quarterback Robert Griffin (10) points to the sky after a successful score against Northwestern State University. Griffin's 217 rushing yards against Washington State University gives him the single game rushing record for any Baylor player. He is also the leading rushing quarterback in the nation.

By Garrett Turner  
Sports writer

Amidst the catastrophic turmoil that Hurricane Ike produced, a glimmer of hope rose from Floyd Casey Stadium on Friday night for the Baylor Bear football team, in the form of freshman quarterback Robert Griffin.

Griffin, who broke the single game rushing record with 217 yards, put his athletic ability on display and catapulted himself into the record books.

"I am surprised it is a school record with all the great backs in school history," head coach Art Briles said. "Robert is a gifted athlete no doubt. He handles it in a very mature manner. That is the thing I am most proud of about him. He is a really, really good team player."

Baylor has a lot of great history in its productive backs. Since the modern era of football Baylor has had 6, thousand-yard running backs. Among those back's is former All-American Walter Abercrombie. He holds the single season rushing record for the Bears with 1,187 yards. A record that is easily reachable for Griffin.

Griffin has a total of 288 yards for the season so far. He didn't start against Wake Forest University and only had 42 rushing yards against Northwestern State University. With his record breaking game last Saturday he averages 96 rushing yards per game. In order for Griffin to overtake Abercrombie's record he needs 899 yards, which is an average of 99.8 yards per game.

When facing Big 12 defenses, which currently are averaging between 127.7 yards per game and 235.5 yards per game, look for Griffin to make up ground against those defenses after facing stingy defenses of the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas.

According to Washington State University linebacker Kendrick Dunn, it's a challenge for defenses to even simulate that kind of speed in practice, which will help Griffin even more as the season progresses.

"It was pretty hard because we cannot get that kind of look with the people in practice," Dunn said. "When you play with a different speed during the game it makes it kind of difficult on us."

Another record staring Griffin right in the face is the single-season rushing touchdown record. Set in 1974, Steven Beard rushed for 1,104 yards and 13 touchdowns. Even though Griffin has only started two of the three games this season, he already has four touchdowns, meaning he only needs to average one touchdown in the next nine games to tie Beard's record.

However breaking records, this is not what Griffin or the team is focusing on for this season. According to Briles, Griffin will be the first to say winning is much more important.

"This just means the team is getting better, especially run blocking, which we didn't do a lot of last year," Griffin said. "These guys really want to run the ball. Me putting up 217 and Jay (Finley) putting up 100 plus shows how much they want to run the ball."

For their next opponent, University of Connecticut, Griffin's record-setting pace will be tested. A defense that has only allowed an average of 66 rushing yards per game will give Griffin a run for his money and his record.

# Soccer splits weekend series with Arizona State, UTSA

By Joe Holloway  
Sports Writer

The Baylor Bears defeated the University of Texas at San Antonio 3-0 Sunday at the Betty Lou Mays Field.

Worries about the conditions Hurricane Ike could have brought prompted the start time of the match to be moved from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., but the Bears seemed largely unaffected by the change, as they rolled to their third victory of the season over the Roadrunners.

"I knew as soon as we stepped on the field we were going to have a good game," sophomore midfielder and forward Lotto Smith said. "Everyone's mind was set and ready."

Smith got things started early, scoring Baylor's first goal only a little over a minute into the game. It would be the first of two for her on the day.

"It felt good to get a couple of

goals knocked in, one early," she said. "Really early actually."

Getting the ball on a pass from junior defender Megan Humke, Smith took the shot from 10 yards out, sending it past UTSA's freshman goalie Nicoline Joergensen, to give the early lead to the Bears.

"We talked a lot to these girls about the first 15 minutes because that's where we've been the weakest," head coach Marci Jobson said. "So I was happy to see them get a great start on the game."

Six minutes later, sophomore midfielder Lindsey Johnson added her second goal of the season, scoring Baylor's second on a cross from senior forward and midfielder Andi Fagan.

"It was good," Johnson said. "I'm looking for more. Hopefully a lot more on set pieces like corners and free kicks, and more header goals."

But a scary moment came in

the 24th minute of the game, when Johnson went to the ground following a collision with an opponent after going for a header.

"I keep getting hit in the head by people's heads and arms," she said. "The girl came up below me and knocked me in the jaw. But it's OK, I'm fine."

Obviously in pain, Johnson was helped off the field but would return at the start of the second half.

"It's tough because not many people can do what L.J. can do," Jobson said. "You need a player like L.J., so I was happy to see that she could go back in."

Johnson said she started off the second half a little slow, but was able to get back in the swing of things.

"It's hard when you get knocked down, getting your head back into it," she said. "As I went on, I tried to get more into the game."

Smith would tack on Baylor's third goal, and her third of the season, in the 23rd minute of the second half. Jobson said she viewed the score as a crucial goal against a persistent opponent.

"They weren't a quitting team. They kept coming at us," she said. "It kind of put the nail in the coffin."

Baylor's win came just two days after a close 1-0 loss to Arizona State University. Jobson said that, while she was proud of the win on Sunday, she also thought that the team played extremely well against the Sun Devil squad as well.

"Right now my focus is on them doing the right things, and Friday they did a lot of right things, but Arizona State was a very good team," she said. "I'm not just proud of the win, I'm proud of their weekend."



Alex Song/Lariat Staff

Arlington sophomore midfielder Lindsey Johnson gets tangled up with a UTSA player during their game at Betty Lou Mays Field Sunday.

# Fencer wins top seed at tournament

By Kyle McKanna  
Reporter

Arlington senior Shayne Hassler won first place in foil at the Alvin Adelman Memorial Tournament.

About 50 participants from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and other surrounding states weathered the storm to compete in the tournament, a fencing event put on by the Baylor Fencing Club to honor the life of its founder.

"We are usually twice this size, but we still had a good turnout," club president Helena Wojciechowski said of the weather's effect on the turnout. "We even had some evacuee's fence."

The tournament held events for all three types of weapons: epee, foil and sabre. Each

weapon has its own style and set of rules. Epee and foil use tip-only scoring, meaning only touches to the opponent with the tip of the weapon count as scores. Sabre is the cutting weapon, meaning points can be earned by striking the opponent with the edges and surfaces of the blade, as well as the tip. The goal is to score points by striking the valid target area on your opponent. Each valid strike earns one point. Each bout is played to 15 points.

The valid target area is the other major difference among the weapons. For foil, the valid target area is the torso only. In sabre, everything above the waist is legal for a score. In epee contestants are allowed to strike any part of their opponent's body.

Foil requires a "defense first" mentality because it is the only type that uses a right of way and the only one that does not allow double touches. A double touch is when both fencers record a point at the same time. When a double touch occurs in sabre or epee, both fencers are awarded a point.

Though scoring for each weapon differs, the technology used to score the bouts is very similar. Each fencer connects a cord with electrical current running through it to a plug at the base of their weapon. This cord uses a closed-circuit system to light a box when a point has been made, or in foil, when right-of-way has been violated. Even though this technology is very accurate, referees are still needed, and often times the chosen refs can be the differ-

ence in a good tournament or a bad one.

"We lure the good players in with good refs," Hassler said.

Referees and players are ranked. Players are ranked either "U", for unranked, or "A-E", with "A" being the best. Referees are ranked 1-10, with 10 being the lowest ranking. A certain number of ranked players are required to be in the field for other competitors to have a chance to improve their ranks, or "rank up" as fencing experts call it. Most collegiate fencers are either U or E.

Dues are \$50 per semester. These dues go to cover weapons and equipment cost and to pay the coach. Tournaments also raise funds for the club. Wojciechowski is hoping to host another one in the spring.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Volleyball drops two at UO

The Baylor volleyball team was swept 3-0 by UNLV and No. 12 Oregon this weekend at the Oregon Classic. The loss to UNLV ended Baylor's record-tying streak of eight wins to start the season. Ashlie Christenson and Taylor Barnes earned all-tournament honors for the Bears.

### Volz honored with award

Baseball America, a national magazine covering college and professional baseball, has named Kendal Volz, Baylor's right handed pitcher as the No. 3 prospect from the national teams. Volz was the closer for Team USA this summer, helping to lead the national team to a 24-0 record in international play. He allowed just one unearned run on six hits with 16 strikeouts and a 0.00 ERA. He went 3-6 last year

### Club baseball barbecue

The Baylor Club Baseball team will hold a barbecue 1-4 p.m. Wednesday at Fountain Mall. Anyone interested in getting information about joining the team is encouraged to come meet the players and enjoy some free food.

### Lady Bear supper set for Oct. 7 in Ferrell Center

The Lady Bear Tip Off Club (TOC) will host the ninth annual Welcome Back Supper Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 in the Ferrell Center. Members and prospective members are encouraged to come watch Coach Kim Mulkey introduce the team and talk about the upcoming season.

### Baylor splits with Sun Devils, Roadrunners

The soccer team lost its Friday match against Arizona State 1-0, but defeated UTSA 3-0.

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