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North Texas feels chill of ice storm

By Schuyler Dixon
The Associated Press

DALLAS - Steven Oliver wasn't sure Tuesday how soon he would get to Amarillo. He just knew it wouldn't be by morning.

The unemployed truck driver got caught up in a cold snap that brought snow, ice and freezing rain to northern parts of Texas, canceling bus routes and plane flights and triggering 22 accidents in just eight hours in the Wichita Falls area.

Oliver was holed up in Greyhound Lines Inc.'s downtown Dallas station after his trip to the Panhandle was canceled. He spent Monday night on a bus provided by the company and planned to do the same Tuesday. He thought it might be Thursday before he got to his cousin's house in Amarillo and started another job search.

"I've got no place else to go," said the 42-year-old Oliver, who was on his way from Houston, where he visited his children after giving up his Missouri-based trucking job. "I'm just going to hang out."

Abby Wambaugh, a spokeswoman for Dallas-based Greyhound, said the service interruption was fairly typical for this time of year, as was the choice to let passengers sleep in buses when stranded overnight. Those accommodations would be avail-

able as long as needed, she said.

"At this point in time, we'll just continue to monitor the weather, and when we feel it's safe to put them back on the road, we'll put them back on the road," Wambaugh said.

About 30 Greyhound routes were canceled Tuesday afternoon, mostly in the Midwest, while Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport spokesman Ken Capps said about 140 of the 900 daily flights had been canceled.

The culprit was a cold front that sent temperatures plunging below freezing as Tuesday wore on. Forecasters said they were expecting about a quarter-inch of ice accumulation in the Dallas-Fort Worth area later in the day, leaving the prospect of a tough Wednesday morning commute before temperatures reach the 40s by afternoon.

"If you don't have to travel, it's better to not," said Tara Dudzik, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

The wintry precipitation was moving out of the Panhandle by late Tuesday afternoon, leaving behind snow accumulations of up to 3 inches, said Chris Nuttall of the National Weather Service in Amarillo. Nuttall said Amarillo was expecting an overnight low of 14, but the warmup Wednesday could be all the way

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Above: A road sign warns commuters along Interstate 30 on the Fort Worth/Arlington city limit of possible freezing roads Tuesday morning. Temperatures are expected to drop, freezing bridges and overpasses. **Left Below:** Baylor student Lily Espinosa tries to keep warm Tuesday afternoon as temperatures dropped below freezing. "I despise it," she said about the weather, "with a passion." **Right Bottom:** American Airlines crewman de-ice one of their aircraft before departure at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Tuesday morning.



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Wild winter weather



A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect until noon. Visit www.baylor.edu/lariat for the latest updates on weather-related cancellations and closings.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

LOW 26° HIGH 47°

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Student arrested in connection with burglary

Stolen projectors from Waco Hall sold for profit, police work to make more arrests in case

By Brittany Hardy
Staff writer

A Baylor student has been identified in connection with the 10 to 12 projectors that

were stolen from Waco Hall in March 2008.

Senior Wesley Parker was arrested Tuesday in connection to the burglary of the projectors, as well as the burglary of a video camera unit and several of the large projector screens.

He was charged with two burglaries of a building warrants, each of which are a state jail felony grade offense, punishable by up to two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

He was also charged with possession of marijuana.

He is currently being held at McLennan County Jail and his bail has not yet been set.

"Several years ago, Parker worked for Waco Hall, probably two or three years ago, somewhere in that time frame," Baylor Police Lt. Kevin Helpert said.

Helpert said the stolen equipment was taken to a Baylor student's residence, where the

items were sold for amounts between \$200 to \$900.

The investigation began right after the first report, in March 2008, but the main investigation has been going on since November 2008.

The Baylor Police Department received some leads in October 2008 and have followed them over the last three months, he said.

Of the 10 to 12 projectors, five have been recovered, one

of which was recovered from as far away as the Houston area.

Some of the equipment was recovered from students' residences.

"We have the names of most of the other individuals they sold the projectors to, and we're in the process of trying to locate and notify them and basically attempt to get them back," Helpert said.

He said at this point in time, the Baylor Police Department

does not plan to charge any of the buyers, as long as they are cooperative.

"As for the other individual, we do anticipate that two arrest warrants will be forthcoming in the near future," Helpert said.

Helpert named the lead investigator in the case as Officer Brent Howell.

"He's the one whose been working on this very diligently over the last three months," Helpert said.

Training for Bearathon: a test of endurance

Runners prepare for 'hardest half-marathon' in Texas

Trent Goldston
Reporter

Lace up your running shoes, the seventh-annual Bearathon is only two months away. This spring tradition is held by the Baylor Student Foundation and also serves as their largest fundraiser, which raised more than \$17,000 for student scholarships last year. With almost 300 volunteers helping to put on the event, this year's Bearathon is projected to be the biggest yet.

Students, alumni and runners from all over Texas participated last year, with almost 600 individuals completing the course. This year's

Bearathon will offer courses for runners of all experience levels.

For casual runners or those wishing for a fun afternoon, this year's Bearathon will include an untimed 5k Fun Run course, which will tour the Baylor campus. All those who complete the course will go home with a finishers' medal. For more serious runners, the Bearathon also offers a 13.1-mile certified half-marathon race. The course includes a run through Baylor University campus, downtown Waco and Cameron Park.

"The Bearathon is now being called the hardest half-marathon in the state of Texas," said Chandra Ford, director of the Student Foundation. Although many students have competed in past Bearathons, Ford encouraged

students who are curious in the event to get involved.

"For students who are interested in participating, it is time to start training," Ford said.

Training for a race requires hard work but it doesn't have to be a painful process. Dr. Jennifer Bunn is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Mind-Body Medicine Research Laboratory, and also a veteran marathon runner. She offered tips for preparing for

the Bearathon.

For new runners interested in running the 5K, "Don't be afraid of getting sore, just listen to your body and be persistent and consistent with your workouts," Bunn said. "Start off by jogging as far as you can, then once you're tired, walk a little until you can run some more. Make your goal to do this for 20 minutes. By doing this three times a week,

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Tax team goes to Washington, D.C.

Hayley Hibbert
Reporter

The Hankamer School of Business nationally ranked xTAX team will travel to Washington, D.C. Friday to present its tax policy in the national competition sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

At the competition Friday, Baylor will compete against the four other national finalists, teams from Bentley College, Brigham Young University, the University of Texas and the University of Wisconsin, to determine which team will be the 2008-2009 National Champion. Each team will present its case independently in front of a different panel of high-profile judges. Teams must use their winning policy proposal, and will be asked different, more challenging, questions than

during their original presentation.

Last semester Baylor had 17 five-member teams participate in the company's xTAX Games xTAX competition. Baylor's first-place and second-place teams were recognized with a monetary prize of \$1,000 per team. The first-place team included sophomores Justin Bexley, from San Antonio and Kathryn Mothershead, from Cape Girardeau, Mo., San Antonio junior Tristan Vick, and graduate Masters of Taxation students Abby Haston and Brinn Serbanic.

The team is coached by Dr. Brett Wilkinson, an associate professor of accounting, who said the competition is designed "to get people interested in tax issues in a real world context."

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Editorial

Allocated funds for Dia too excessive, unnecessary

Baylor University students and staff are in the longest academic stretch of the year. Between Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and spring break, the university operates for six straight weeks. Then in April, there is Easter and Diadeloso.

For those who aren't familiar with the annual school holiday, it is held on a Thursday once every spring as a day for students, staff and faculty to enjoy the fleeting spring weather on campus.

The event was formally known as May Day when it was held in the month of May, but the appropriation of the name by the Soviet Union for its annual celebration prompted campus leaders to change the name to All University Day, and then to the current name of Diadeloso, or day of the bear.

While a day away from the classroom is a welcomed addition to the student and staff calendar, the price tag for this semester's event is a bit too pricey. Last Thursday, the Baylor student Senate passed a resolution calling for an additional \$24,500 on the Diadeloso tab. It slated the money for the revival of a recently dormant program known as Diapalooza, when bands come to play on campus.

According to Parker Short, the internal vice president, the stage alone will cost \$15,000, while each band, with the exception of Dave Barnes, if he decides to come, will cost the Baylor Chamber of Commerce \$7,500.

Those funds could be better used in another forum. This amount of money wouldn't go far in raising professors' salaries or building extra dormitories, but it could be used for other, more equal endeavors. Scholarships are always good. Students are always in need of more funds and using money for that purpose would directly benefit the people who fund the university.

Baylor is also trying to become a tier-one university. That money could be quickly spent as a supplemental budget for research: a key ingredient for Baylor to make its goal. Classrooms could use new desks and chairs. Baylor's parking situation could be improved. Any of these suggestions would prove much more valuable to the current and future students of Baylor.

It's also hard to imagine why it's necessary to increase funding for Diadeloso activities when the turnout for the full day event is low. When the found-



ing members of Diadeloso planned the activities, they couldn't have foreseen how millennial students view the day: an invitation to skip class on the following Friday for an additional four-day weekend. Many students take this opportunity to go out of town. Many migrate to Dallas and Austin.

For those few remaining souls that decide to come to campus on Diadeloso, there are plenty of events, but is an additional \$24,500 worth it? Many of the students only come on campus for one or two events — and also the free food — but then leave campus by within an hour or so.

Baylor students already have other events revolving around concerts

throughout the school year. Brothers Under Christ puts together BYX Island Party, a Saturday concert that brings Christian bands to campus for the evening. Baylor doesn't need another campus concert, another reason to frivolously spend money.

To be fair, the \$24,500 is spread a little wider. The stage will be used all day for the Baylor Rising Artist Network as well as other local bands, but even then, the cost is still too high.

In the future, when additional funding for unnecessary usage is requested, especially at a time when money issues are affecting many Americans, student government needs to carefully evaluate the situation before allocating funds.

point of view

Undercover missions can't justify breaking laws

Undercover missions are an irresponsible means to spread Christianity. This type of mission work has created an ethical quandary that evangelicals are at a loss to justify.

While the mission of seeking out unsaved souls is an admirable one, it is dangerous to do so in a country where Christian evangelism is illegal. When a missionary goes to work in one of these places, they not only endanger themselves, but converts as well.

In the summer of 2007, China expelled more than 100 missionaries in a secret operation that was the largest expulsion campaign of foreign missionaries in over half a century, according to Christian Newswire. These missionaries were lucky. China is one of the more forgiving countries when it comes to illegal missionary activity.

Missionaries in Islamic countries face a greater risk.

The two Baylor alumnae and other members of Now International, who were arrested by the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001, is one example of the persecution undercover missionaries may face. A year later, three missionaries were killed in Yemen by an Islamic militant. The Yemen government eventually executed the convicted murderer, but there still exist countless Islamic radicals who view Christian missionaries as attempting to eradicate Islam and shame the



BY LIZ FOREMAN

culture.

Christians have been attempting to secretly convert people since The Crusades, but that doesn't make it ethical, especially in the modern world where diplomacy is pivotal in ensuring peace among nations.

Undercover missionaries break laws, above all else. Laws are created to instill order within society and ensure that individuals' beliefs do not put the greater population in danger. One's Christian values and morals, as noble as they may be, do not justify blatant disobedience of a country's laws.

Undoubtedly, missionaries go with a pure purpose, and usually the belief that sharing Christianity overrides all else. From a logical angle, personal beliefs, i.e. a religion, should never be allowed to trump the law. Guerrilla-style evangelism is no exception.

The murkier of issues are ethical in nature. By disobeying local law and disregarding a country's culture, missionaries endanger the lives of those they successfully convert. The Barnabas Fund, a Christian persecution watchdog, recently reported that inflated figures citing the

amount of Muslim converts to Christianity have increased danger for converts and Westerners in Islamic countries. Muslims in these countries have used such figures to incite public outrage against the Christian evangelical movement.

For safety purposes, secret missionaries often enter a country under the guise of a profession such as a teacher or medical aid worker and are forced to live by false pretenses. Jesus never lied, according to the Bible. Missionaries who preach Jesus Christ's ultimate message of truth, while simultaneously sidestepping laws and cultural values, send the wrong message.

Before crossing cultural and legal boundaries to harvest unsaved souls, Christian missionaries should evaluate what message they are conveying, and rethink what Jesus truly meant when he said in Matthew 4:19, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Would He have been so reckless in today's world?

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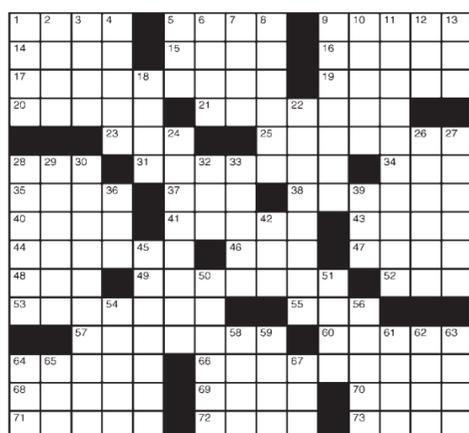
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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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point of view

It's time to set new moral compass

How can students cheat, steal and lie while still considering themselves ethical and of good character?

Admittedly, today's students are faced with the quandary of character to an even greater extent than students of the past, and the majority are unfortunately choosing deceit.

A recent survey conducted by the Josephson Institute Center for Youth Ethics found students are taking part in these misdeeds more frequently and have an ever increasing sense of integrity while committing these misconducts and crimes.

This moral decay is a disturbing trend that can be found in every school and must be reversed.

The West Point Honor Code reads, "The cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do." This concise exhortation is an anachronism in most of today's student bodies. It seems that students feel they have to cheat to be successful.

The 2008 Josephson Institute sur-

vey concurs and details that 64.5 percent of students admit to cheating on a test one or more times in the past year. From 2006 to 2008, this statistic has increased 14.6 percent.

The same survey found that not only is cheating on the rise, but also stealing from parents, friends and stores. In contrast, these students overwhelmingly agree to the statement, "It's important for me to be a person with good character." The paradox is puzzling.

A factor contributing to the dishonesty of students is the ease in which they can successfully cheat. The Internet allows students to plagiarize from a wide range of sources which are easily accessed from the privacy of their rooms.

The survey found 37 percent of students surveyed have copied an Internet document for a classroom assignment. It is not difficult to find Internet sites that sell homework and write papers for a fee.

Text messaging during tests and quizzes are other means that allow students to partake in academic dishonesty. The electronic advances have exponentially advanced cheating.

This crisis of conscience affect-

ing students has tentacles that reach throughout our country effecting our government, economy, and moral fabric. Lies and scandals have rocked the financial markets and sent our economy into a free fall.

Recent headlines proclaim, "50 Billion Lie, Ex-NASDAQ Chair Arrested on Fraud Charge in NYC" and "Governor Blagojevich Attempts to Sell Senate Seat." These horrific acts began with the same thinking that the Josephson Ethics Survey document in students around the country.

The direction the country is headed can be changed if we each do our part to avoid rationalizing bad behavior. Individuals must choose a moral course of action.

John Luther proclaimed, "Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are to some extent, a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it piece by piece- by thought, choice, courage and determination."

The journey beginning in 2009 brings the opportunity to set a new moral compass for each of us.

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Baylor Forum

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Baylor's Jessica Morrow against the Oklahoma State on Jan. 17. The Lady Bears play the Sooners at 7 p.m. tonight in the Ferrell Center.

Undefeated teams face off

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

Fans in the Ferrell Center will enjoy a privilege few other people in the nation will get a chance to see when the No. 4 Baylor Lady Bears play host to the No. 2 University of Oklahoma Sooners at 7 p.m. tonight.

The clash of two of the NCAA's top teams will not be televised, leaving those not physically at the game with few options as to how they are going to keep up with what is sure to be one of the best games of the year for either team.

"Both teams are undefeated, both teams are highly ranked nationally," said Kim Mulkey, Baylor head coach. "The game will be too good. You've got too many great players and so much riding on that game nationally. I'm very disappointed this game will not be on television."

It will be the second time this season that Baylor has faced a team ranked No. 2 in the nation. The first time resulted in the Lady Bears upsetting Stanford back in November. The Lady Bears won both of their games against the Sooners last year.

Mulkey said she didn't think tonight's game would be any

different from the teams' other meetings in terms of how the game will be played.

"We certainly aren't going to throw in the white flag," she said. "There's nobody physically in women's basketball that can match up with them with their strength and their size. It's going to be a battle in the paint."

Beating the Sooners could be a much harder task this year than it was in 2008, but junior

Wilson did mention a few keys for the Lady Bears to be successful.

"I think the first thing is just to meet their physicality," she said. "They're good offensive rebounders. We know that any game is going to be a rebounding war, but especially against OU. It's going to be a rebounding battle."

Baylor shot from No. 10 to No. 6 after beating Stanford. Should the Lady Bears knock off the Sooners, they would likely surpass their current No. 4 spot as well. If the Lady Bears lose, however, Mulkey said she didn't think the loss would hurt her team too badly.

"Somebody's going to lose, and I don't think it's going to be devastating to either team," she said. "Both teams are going to remain competitive and remain good in the league."

Senior guard Jhasmin Player said she hopes crowd involvement will help rattle the Sooners, who have only lost one game on the road, to No. 1 Connecticut.

"Our fan base is great. It always has been," she said. "They're the second place team in the country, so we're going to need things on our side to beat them."

"We certainly aren't going to throw in the white flag. It's going to be a battle in the paint."

Kim Mulkey
head coach

post Danielle Wilson said that she is even more excited to play them just because of how good they have become.

"Every game you get fired up, but I always get fired up for them just because they're great players," she said. "They're just more athletic this year."

While not revealing anything too specific to the Baylor game

BEAR BRIEFS

Student Government applications are due today. They are available in the Student Government office. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/sg/opportunities.

Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law fraternity, will hold an informational meeting at 6 p.m. today in 337 Draper Academic Building. For more information, contact alexandrea_elkins@baylor.edu or matt_howard@baylor.edu.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is holding its 5th annual Battle on the Burning Sands step show fundraiser Saturday in Waco Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30. Tickets are available at the Baylor Ticket Office in the Bill Daniel Student Center or Marilyn's Gift Gallery for \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

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Spiritual life center creates open worship service for students

By Brittany McNamara
Reporter

Bobo Spiritual Life Center's new student empowerment program, "Via," will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

"Via" is Latin for "journey" or "the way."

Meetings offer Baylor students a spiritual formation to get plugged into.

Via is an opportunity for students to meet weekly, worship.

It will also be a way for students to be actively involved in each other's lives.

"We chose 'Via' because we

wanted it to signify that we are all on this journey together," said Christopher Mack, coordinator for off-campus ministries.

Staff in the spiritual life center said they felt an urgency for a program like Via.

"We felt a need for our campus to come together in worship and remind each other that it's all about Christ. Students desire something that's different. There is a need for worship with Baylor peers," said Ryan Richardson, associate chaplain and director for worship.

Richardson said he believes the compulsion is student-born.

"The need must come from the students. Our job is not to make up what students need," Richardson said.

"Right now we feel that there is a need to worship. If there's not, we don't want to fabricate it."

The racial conflict on campus on election night played a role in the program's development.

"We have definitely taken the veil off the fact that Baylor is not a worship community."

"There was a moment like, 'Oh wow, we're not focused on Christ,'" Richardson said.

Via is available for students

taking part in missions.

"Via can be a great follow-up for students involved in missions."

When students are done serving, they can have a place to come back to when they are overwhelmed, hurt, or angry," said Rebecca Kennedy, associate chaplain and director for university missions.

The first Via meetings consisted of music, prayer, and a reflective message given by a seminary student.

Mack noted a few students stuck around afterward to watch NBC's "The Office."

Via welcomes students from all academic levels and denominations.

"We want students to be able to meet with everyone, not just with their own corner of the denominational universe," Mack said.

This inclusivity includes upperclassmen.

"We already have spiritual formation that targets younger classes. There really is nothing Baylor has done for upperclassmen. We asked ourselves, 'What can we do for them?'" Mack said.

Richardson referred to the

program as "a fresh worship experience" and "different than church."

"Via is not compulsory. It can just be unabashed worship," Richardson said.

"I would love to see Via be the place for real, rich community to take place. I would love to see it be a place where we can ask, 'How can we really follow Christ?'"

For more information on Via or other Spiritual Life information, students can go to www.baylor.edu/spirituallife and click 'SL Staff.' Contact information is listed.

New Living and Learning Center for growing AFROTC program

By Ashleigh Schmitz
Reporter

Baylor's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Living and Learning Center in Kokernot Residence Hall is growing rapidly and moving. Starting next fall the AFROTC LLC will be in Allen and Dawson residence halls and house 75 students.

"AFROTC has had a tradition of integrating curricular and co-curricular experiences, but they had never been able to integrate the living component, which is the foundation for many co-curricular experiences for students," said Jennifer Perkins, coordinator for living-learning programs. "AFROTC showed the commitment and investment to make this program a success, and as such, a steering committee was developed."

Most of the nation's ROTC programs have their own residences. Creating an LLC is the Baylor AFROTC's way of building a similar program.

"Schools like A&M require that cadets live in the same residence halls, but our LLC is completely voluntary and is a non-ROTC atmosphere in which cadets can get to know each other better," said Tampa, Fla.,

sophomore Dave Krigbaum, who lives in the LLC.

Last fall, 39 cadets moved into Kokernot Residence Hall, hoping to create a tighter-knit community than what they already have through the AFROTC. The AFROTC Web site says that "living with like-minded cadets will allow you to form strong, life-long friendships that will help carry you through Baylor."

Captain Andy Zoltak, AFROTC program director, said he sees the potential in this program.

"Ultimately, we want to develop the finest officer possible for the U.S. Air Force," Zoltak said. "Our LLC participants have unique opportunities to grow in leadership arenas ahead of their non-participating peers. We will measure success in terms of the quality and retention of high-caliber cadets."

Zoltak's goals for the LLC are in line with the goals of cadets living in the new environment.

"I'm training to become an officer in the Air Force. And this is just an excellent way for me to learn how to interact and guide my peers," Krigbaum said.

Perkins said that the cadet reaction to this LLC has been exceptionally positive, especially from the female cadets "who

feel a lot of support through the community."

"There is a trust that all of us on the hall have for each other. It's like living with your family," The Woodlands freshman Britany Greger said.

Greger enjoyed her time in the LLC so much last semester that she applied to live in it next year also. The change next year, however, is that instead of living in Kokernot, Greger and the other female cadets will live in Dawson while the male cadets living in the LLC will live in Allen. The new location will help cultivate the close relationships even more among a larger group of cadets.

"Suite-style rooms are better for building community," Krigbaum said. "We would now virtually have clusters of four cadets rather than rooms of only two. It promotes interaction, which is what we're going for."

In addition to starting the LLC last fall AFROTC Detachment 810 was also named the No. 1 large detachment in the nation. Krigbaum credits this in part to the creation of the LLC.

"The LLC just contributes to making our program better, and the Air Force recognizes that we produce the highest quality officers," Krigbaum said.

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The case materials, Wilkinson said, created "an imaginary country with imaginary problems" closely parallel to that of the United States.

In time for the unveiling of President Barack Obama's energy programs, the prompt explained fictional presidential candidate Alfredo Dumont required the help of outside consultants, the xTAX teams, to present his energy-policy platform to the government. The teams were given two weeks to prepare a presentation with tax policy recommendations for "Country X," and were judged by partners from PricewaterhouseCoopers. The judges roleplayed as representatives from, for example, the largest oil company in that country, or the treasury department. The team, Wilkinson said, was "very polished. The (teammates) had good ideas, and managed to sell (them)" with a "flawless presentation."

Vick said a few things set his team apart from Baylor's other teams.

"We constantly rehearsed and revised our presentation before presentation day," he said. "We were really, really prepared for the Q&A. Our team basically sat down and thought, 'What would we ask if we were judges?' More than half

of the questions we were asked were pre-rehearsed."

This is the third time Baylor has sent one of its xTAX teams to Nationals, and Dr. Wilkinson was the coach of two of the three Baylor teams. While Baylor did not win the title of national champion in 2007 and 2005, Dr. Wilkinson said he is convinced that this year's team has quick thinkers who will respond well to the judges' questions.

While no additional prize is awarded to the team who wins the National Champion title, each of the 25 students competing in the National Finals is guaranteed an internship with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

"I'm looking forward to getting job experience with top-notch tax professionals," Bexley said.

In addition to competing, the company has organized several activities in which all of the 25 students will participate.

The students will tour congressional buildings and will have an exclusive dinner at the Republican Club on Capitol Hill.

"I am excited to go to D.C., and I am looking forward to meeting a variety of influential people in the public accounting and tax professions," Vick said. "This is a great opportunity to solidify Baylor's reputation as having one of the top accounting programs in the nation."



Associated Press

Jose Martinez waits for a train in the morning cold at the DART commuter rail station in Plano Tuesday. An ice storm is predicted for the area in the afternoon.

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into the 50s.

Police in Wichita Falls blamed the 22 accidents that injured three people on the falling temperatures and dangerous road conditions. Sgt. Danny Wiggins said the injured were taken to a hospital.

"We've been getting steady rain that's freezing," Wiggins said.

D-FW Airport's Capps said in an e-mail that deicing machines had been in use since 6 a.m. Tuesday. By mid-afternoon, all runways and airport roads were still open and there were no reports of delays, Capps said. He added that the airport was monitoring conditions from Oklahoma to Maine, where wintry weather could delay or cancel inbound

flights.

Capps said the airport was considering keeping concessions and other services running all night.

"This is one of these days when we all work together to try to make things as comfortable and convenient as possible, knowing it's never fun to be stuck at an airport," Capps said.

A FedEx cargo plane crashed while trying to land in a freezing mist in Lubbock on Tuesday morning, but officials weren't immediately blaming the weather. The ATR-42 twin-turboprop aircraft was arriving from Fort Worth Alliance Airport when it came up about 300 feet short of a runway at Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, officials said. The pilots were treated and released from a hospital.

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Gov. Perry asks for \$2 Billion in funding to supplement budget

By April Castro
The Associated Press

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry asked lawmakers Tuesday for about \$2 billion in state funding, including money to lure new business to Texas and respond to hurricanes and other disasters.

Perry acknowledged that the 2010-2011 state budget would be tight as the national recession seeps into Texas. But he said restrained spending has left Texas in better shape than most other states and asked lawmakers to fund his priorities.

"As we wrestle with lowered revenue estimates, we must stay committed to the proven policies that have brought us so far, and resist any calls to panic," Perry said in his biennial state of the state address.

Lawmakers have a long way to go before there's a final state budget, but it's almost certain that they'll either have to borrow from the so-called Rainy Day Fund or cut state services. Funding Perry's priorities would tighten the squeeze.

Texas governors are required to propose a two-year state budget at the beginning of every legislative session. This year, Perry put forth the same draft already proposed by the Legislative Budget Board, and gave lawmakers a list of items he'd like to see added.

The approach was a bit different from previous years, when Perry's office presented a budget independent from other state agencies.

The list includes Perry's usual pet projects, like \$260 million for his Texas Enter-

prise Fund, to encourage businesses to relocate to Texas and \$135 million to boost border security efforts.

But this year, Perry also asked for \$150 million for a Disaster Recovery Fund, to help pay for recovery efforts from unexpected disasters like the three hurricanes that battered the Texas coast last year. And he proposed \$10 million to tackle the state's rising obesity rate with a new incentives-based health and fitness pilot program for middle and high school students.

"If we don't tackle this problem, not only will this generation of children be the first to have a shorter average lifespan than their parents, we will never get a handle on the costs of preventable diseases like diabetes, heart disease and even some forms of cancer," Perry said. "Let's address obesity where it will make the most difference, most quickly: with our schoolchildren."

Lawmakers will start the budget period with about \$6.7 billion in the Rainy Day Fund. Spending from the fund, which is estimated to grow to \$9.1 billion by the end of the 2010-2011 budget cycle if left untouched, requires a two-thirds vote of both chambers of the Legislature.

Perry urged lawmakers not to borrow too much from the savings account.

"As you go about your business in the next few months, you may be tempted to dip into our rainy day fund," he said. "If you do, let's limit our use of those funds to significant one-time expenditures, not recurring items."

Among Perry's other requests:

\$110 million for the Texas Grants, a financial aid program for economically disadvantaged students;

\$169 million to continue higher education incentive funding;

\$97 million for the Texas High School Project;

\$203.5 million for the Emerging Technology Fund for economic development; and

\$60 million for the Texas Film Incentive Program to encourage filmmakers to come to Texas.

Comptroller Susan Combs has projected \$80.1 billion in state revenue available for spending.

Lawmakers also will get money from the federal government and other sources. State law does not allow deficit spending.

The two-year state budget is the one piece of legislation lawmakers are legally required to adopt during the biennial legislative session, which convened earlier this month and adjourns in June.

Projected state revenue over the next two-year budget cycle is down as a result of weaker consumer spending.

Perry also recommended raising the business tax exemption for small businesses from \$300,000 to \$1 million. Combs estimates the change would cost \$83 million.

"It appears that Perry's budget proposals keep state spending in check, while reallocating funds based on priorities," said Michael Sullivan, president of the conservative group Texans for Fiscal Responsibility.

"We can debate the merits of the specific activities he proposes, such as continuing the movie industry subsidies, but this approach should be modeled throughout the session as legislators address the budget knowing taxpayers simply cannot afford to pay more for government."

Public education and health care services are the most expensive state-funded programs.

The Center for Public Policy Priorities, which advocates for lower-income Texans, criticized Perry's proposal, and argued that trimming spending during a recession would only do harm.

"Cutting programs such as education would undermine long-term economic prosperity, and cutting health and human services would leave vulnerable children and families unprotected during an economic recession," the CPPP said in a written response to Perry's proposal.

Sales tax receipts, which make up the biggest chunk of state revenue, are still growing, but at a slower pace.

"I believe Texas is best served if the governor and the Legislature work together over the next 126 days to jointly craft a budget that reflects our principled commitments to this state," Perry said. "I look forward to working with lawmakers to finalize a responsible budget that keeps Texas a great place to live and work, and ensures we will weather the nation's financial crisis with the strength and vision characteristic of this great state."

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you will find that you can run further each time."

For more experienced runners looking to tackle the challenge of the half marathon, Bunn offered this advice, "There are a lot of good resources online. Runnerworld.com for example, has good resources and workout plans to help you achieve your goals. Just find the one that fits your needs best, and stick to it," said Bunn.

Whether your ambition is to run the 5k or the half-marathon, each has its reward.

"Adult life doesn't offer many opportunities to be really recognized for accomplishing something. After completing a race of this magnitude, you run a distance that most people can't. It is like becoming part of an elite group," Bunn said. "It really is a lot of fun, and it's great to participate since all of the money goes to a good cause," Dallas senior Tyler Schexnaider said. Schexnaider ran the Bearathon in 2008 and plans to compete this year.

"Running it with friends takes your mind off of your body and the distance," he said. "It can be a really enjoy-

able." Last year Schexnaider ran with his brother who came in from out of town to compete.

"Runners come in from Dallas and Austin to run this race, it really is a great opportunity," said Schexnaider.

For the half-marathon, there is even prize money for the top three male and female finishers in the Baylor student, overall and open bracket categories. All those who complete the course will receive a finishers T-shirt and a finishers medal.

The entry fee for the half marathon is \$40, but for current Baylor students the price

is reduced to \$30. For entry to the 5k Fun Run, the fee is \$15. Early registration will end March 6, and is available at the Baylor Student Foundation Web site. All proceeds go to the Baylor Student Foundation's student scholarships.

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