

Faculty, students speak out at sessions

By Nick Dean
and Jenna Williamson
Staff writer and reporter

The Baylor faculty and student leaders voiced concerns and recommendations to panels of Presidential Search Committee members Tuesday.

One main theme was prevalent throughout the sessions: the need for a visionary candidate.

The listening sessions were created in order for the search

committees to gain public opinion concerning the type of president Baylor's population is looking to fill the position.

"I hope the next Baylor president will be a person of very large vision," said Dr. Ralph Wood, professor of theology and literature.

Dr. Wood said he hopes that the future president will envision Baylor as a university on the national and international scene.

He also sees the next candi-

diate who can combine faith and learning without "keeping both at an arms length."

Other faculty echoed these sentiments. Tommye Lou Davis, associate dean of the Honors College and associate professor of classics, said he wants the new president to have a "real grasp of the integration of faith and learning" that Baylor strives to uphold.

Dr. Lynn Tatum, senior lecturer in the Honors College, said he hopes Baylor will have

a long-term president who will move beyond the 2012 vision and look into the future of the university.

He expressed a common feeling among several of the faculty: "Good teaching isn't valued the way it used to be."

The qualifications of the future candidate was not the only focus of the audience. Research was a major concern for faculty.

Dr. Dave Pennington, professor of chemistry and biochem-

istry noted "research is nothing new for Baylor" and emphasized the importance of undergraduate teaching.

Working 42 years at Baylor, Pennington has seen the university place higher value in recent years on obtaining faculty who do research and get published and said he hopes those aspects will remain high priority.

Going hand in hand with research, Dr. Dianna Vitanza, associate professor and interim chair of English, said that Bay-

lor's next president should have a "depth of experience" in the field of education. Vitanza said she feels that the next president should come in with a deep knowledge of Baylor as a unique kind of institution.

The issue of a candidate that may not practice in the Baptist denomination was another concern the faculty gave attention to.

Based on university require-

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Photo Illustration by Shanna Taylor

Students are being urged to go barefoot on Thursday in support of the "One Day Without Shoes" event put on by TOMS shoes. The goal of the event is to spread awareness of the millions of children who must go barefoot everyday.

Students to 'bear' soles

By Brittany Hardy
Staff writer

With spring in full force and summer just around the corner, it's hard to resist the temptation to kick off the flip flops and feel the grass between your toes. Well, now you can. Thursday, TOMS has asked people around the world to go barefoot for one day in order to raise awareness and demonstrate how vital shoes are to the lives of individuals.

Baylor students are being encouraged to go shoeless as part of the "One Day Without Shoes" event sponsored by TOMS shoes. The event aims to symbolize the millions of children around the world who go barefoot everyday. There will be a barefoot walk around the Bear Trail at 5 p.m. Thursday starting in front of the McLane Student Life Center, said Lavon senior Jaime Bates, who organized the walk and is applying for an internship with TOMS.

"In many countries children have to walk for miles and miles. They often get cuts and infections, which are all preventable. We wanted to create a day that would have a very dramatic effect on people, to help us spread awareness," said Caitlin Coble, social media manager for TOMS.

The TOMS Web site includes facts about the harmful effects on children who are unable to wear shoes. About one million Ethiopian citizens suffer from podoconiosis. Podoconiosis is a debilitating and disfiguring disease caused by walking barefoot in volcanic soil, and 100 percent preventable by wearing shoes, according to the Web site.

TOMS shoes is founded on a "one for one," premise that states for every pair of shoes purchased, TOMS will give a pair of shoes to a child in need, according to the Web site.

The event began last year, primarily as a campus event, to

motivate individuals to share how important shoes are to a person's life, explained Coble. This year, the event has spread to a worldwide scale, for people of all ages and from all areas.

"The reason I think going barefoot for a day is important is that no one at Baylor has probably ever gone a day without shoes, so it is walking in someone else's feet, if you will. It should help students to understand how hard it is go without shoes," said Julie Sutherland, TOMS campus representative for Baylor.

Several areas from around the world are holding shoeless events. Tomsshoes.com/oneday includes a list of areas with events and updates on times and specific locations. It also has fliers and banners available to download to Web pages for individuals to help spread awareness.

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Faculty Senate voices opposition to gun law

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

Faculty Senate met Tuesday and passed a motion supporting the university's opposition of the bill in Texas legislature that would allow concealed handguns at higher education institutions.

Though there was some debate on the issue, Dr. Georgia Green, chair of Faculty Senate, said the majority of the faculty do not support the legislation.

"It's a matter of safety on campus — safety of the students and faculty members," Green said. "This legislation would limit a faculty member's ability to control their environment if they couldn't tell their students

handguns weren't allowed in the classroom."

Some faculty senators argued that the legislation could create a more controlled environment if a person with a gun entered a classroom with the intention to harm innocent people. Students with handguns could then serve as a method of protection.

However, the Senate's motion against the Texas legislation will go on the record and be forwarded to local senators and representatives from McLennan County.

"Hopefully it can influence their vote," Green said.

Interim Provost Elizabeth Davis made a guest appearance at the meeting to answer

some questions the senate had regarding temporary lecturers on campus. The current university policy states that temporary lecturers can't be re-hired after their two-year employment period is up, and Green said the senators needed clarification about the reasoning of this policy.

"Basically there is only a temporary need for lecturers and if the need is there for longer than two years, the position should change to being permanent," she said. "That benefits the faculty member because then they're eligible for raises. It wouldn't be to their advantage to continue them in a tem-

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TCU opts out of gay dorms

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Texas Christian University will not provide on-campus housing for gay students this fall as previously planned, officials said Monday.

"TCU will not launch any new living learning communities at this time," TCU Chancellor Victor J. Boschini Jr. said in a statement. "Instead we will assess whether the concept of housing residential students based on themes supports the academic mission of the institution as well

as our objective to provide a total university experience."

He added that TCU "will maintain its long-standing commitment to the inclusiveness of all people. To that end, our numerous and diverse support groups will continue to play a vital role on our campus."

The DiversCity Q community was to open this fall in some campus apartments for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, as well as their heterosexual classmates who support them.

Eight students had signed

up so far, said Shelly Newkirk, the TCU sophomore who applied to create the program.

It would have been part of TCU's living-learning communities, designed for those who want to live with like-minded students.

TCU already has several such communities that will not change, such as one for students who want to become leaders, for those interested in the environment and for healthy living enthusiasts,

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Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Firing back

Houston junior Joshua Vaughan (left) and Monroe, Louisiana freshman Charles McIntosh encourage students to sign a petition supporting a bill that would allow the carrying of concealed handguns on college campuses at a table sponsored by the College Republicans in the Bill Daniel Student Center Tuesday afternoon. The Baylor Democrats sponsored a similar table against campus carry on the other side of the lobby.

Education should extend past classes to parking lots

Most Baylor students who consistently drive vehicles on campus have received a parking violation at one point or another.

With the nightmare of parking situations apparent at most universities, many would admit that finding a parking spot among the overly-crowded lots while simultaneously adhering to campus enforced parking requirements is often challenging.

An objective, yet effective set of Baylor policy revisions is needed in order to alleviate student frustration as well as enforce necessary parking regulations.

A prominent complaint of students is that often students are

not sufficiently made aware of regulations before being issued a parking citation.

According to The Lariat article “Knowing BU Parking Laws Valuable Tool,” students are given a copy of parking regulations and a campus parking map with their decal; however, the article was written in 2004, and student testimony suggests no such action is taken today .

Therefore, students are held responsible for knowing the policies without actually being notified of those policies.

Parking Services contends that the regulations are posted online, and thus are easily accessible to students wishing to understand



point of view

BY CALEB LYONS

them. However, students are not initially made aware of this upon obtaining a decal.

Conflict between student concerns and campus parking policy can be reduced if a few simple steps are followed. Copies of regulations given with decals would solve the issue of student ignorance.

Such an effort would significantly decrease the amount of appeals based on ignorance.

Another problem is the issue of limited grace. Unlike visitors, who receive a warning for first offenses, students are immediately ticketed, no matter the offense.

The solution is two-pronged: First, students with no prior offenses for a particular violation should receive a warning explaining the offense, with no monetary penalty.

Second, all subsequent offenses by that student should be imposed with a stiffer penalty than the mere \$25 currently assigned, which acts as a simple

slap on the wrist to most students.

Many would potentially object to such a proposal under the assertion that tuition is already hefty enough without increasing fines for parking.

If the fines for such offenses were increased to \$50 or \$75, very few students would assume the risk of receiving a citation.

Accordingly, students that have received prior warning for an offense and are clearly aware of the regulations will be more conscientious about where they park.

Parking citations, though undesirable, remain one of the few incentives available to con-

vince individuals to abide by campus policies.

Thus, in seeking to find viable solutions, one must discern the necessity of simple, pragmatic and effective ways in which to rectify a given situation.

Therefore, amendments to parking policy, like issuing warnings for first time offenders, fostering awareness of existing regulations and increasing existing monetary penalties will all contribute to create a situation in which students as well as Baylor administration are satisfied the long run.

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Editorial

Life without parole cruel punishment for minors

While most teenagers spend their days doing homework, hanging out with friends and dreaming about the rest of their lives, some teens are sitting behind bars with no hope of getting out. These youths have committed a crime, were tried as adults and given the maximum sentence of life without parole. This punishment is too extreme for a minor and should be prohibited.

At least 73 inmates in the United States were sentenced to life without parole for crimes they committed when they were only 13 or 14 years old, according to the Equal Justice Initiative, an Alabama nonprofit group that defends impoverished defendants and prisoners. There are more than 2,000 who were under 18 when the crime was committed.

Though the specifics vary a bit from state to state, minors generally can be tried as adults when the crime they're accused of is violent or premeditated, such as a rape or murder.

The maturity and the history of the minor, the need to protect the public and the predicted ability of the minor to be rehabilitated also often go into a judge's decision to try a minor as an adult, according to legalmatch.com.

Minors should be punished for their actions and in cases of some violent crimes, should even be tried in adult courts. But the sentence of life without parole shouldn't be an option for anyone under 18. Only five states, including Texas, that offer life

without parole for adult offenders prohibit these sentences for juveniles, according to pbs.org. The other 45 need to institute this same restriction.

Youths' brains are still developing, which means important brain functions that could have prevented them from committing the crime have not fully matured. Sen. Leland Yee (D-San Francisco/San Mateo), a child psychologist who is pushing resentencing for juveniles sentenced to life without parole, said in the California Chronicle that brain maturation happens throughout adolescence and skills needed for impulse control, planning and critical thinking have not fully developed.

For these reasons, the Supreme Court ruled that people under 18 could not be sentenced to death in the 2005 case Roper v. Simmons.

Their reasoning was based on the fact that minors do not have the maturity or sense of responsibility that adults have.

The court noted that most states keep those under 18 from voting, serving on a jury or getting married without the consent of their parents because of their lack of maturity.

It was deemed cruel and unusual punishment to condemn someone with this lack of reasoning to death.

The court or states should also extend this reasoning to life sentences without parole. This punishment is basically sentencing the person to die in prison. It should be considered with the same weight the death



penalty is.

This also means that minors are easier to rehabilitate than adults. The juveniles may have committed the crimes before their brains had the capability to make the right decision. They should have the chance at parole once their brains have matured.

Even notorious adult murderers are often given the chance for parole. Charles Manson, who committed seven murders at the age of 27, has been up for parole 11 times, though it's never been granted. He will

be eligible for the 12th time in 2012, according to CNN. David Berkowitz, the “Son of Sam” killer who murdered six people in his 20s during the ‘70s, has been eligible for parole four times.

Quantel Lotts, however, killed his stepbrother after their horseplay escalated when he was only 14, according to CNN. He will not be eligible for parole in his lifetime unless his sentence is reconsidered.

It doesn't make sense that adults with fully developed brains at the times of their

crimes, especially crimes where so many people were murdered, should have a better chance at parole than teenagers who may have only committed one crime.

There's no doubt that juveniles should be punished for serious crimes they commit, but they shouldn't be locked away in prison with no hope of parole. Texas and the handful of other states that prohibit life without parole for minors have the right idea. All states should take this lead and give minors a chance at life.

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Letters to the Editor

'Beauties' tradition sexist

I'm offended by the request sent out to vote for “Baylor Beauties,” a 50-year old Kappa Kappa Gamma tradition. This does not foster student pride. This is a direct offense against the women at Baylor. Baylor and Kappa Kappa Gamma are furthering our societies “beauty” focused judgement of women.

What is beauty? How do we define it? Why are we judging Baylor women for “beauty” rather than something that pertains to academic life. We should be honoring intelligence, studiousness,

well-written papers or advancement in fields of study. Continuing this tradition of “Baylor Beauties” means that this university is endorsing a skin-deep judgement of our female student body.

We must stop this sexist tradition. We don't nominate male “Baylor Beauties” because we only recognize our male students for academic or athletic achievement. Why are we giving a special recognition of beauty to women, but not towards men? Why this double standard of the importance placed on looks? As a Christian university, Baylor ought

to know better, ought to honor our women by elevating them above petty beauty contests.

What message does this send to those who don't fit society's standard of beauty? How does it convey God's equal love if we are only setting this extra standard of beauty up for women to measure up against, but not men? God values the so called “beautiful” as much as the less “beautiful” and I would argue that God does not have eyes with which he judges beauty the way our society and the way this university is encouraging its student

body to do. If this is not a beauty contest, then why call it Baylor Beauties? Why can't it be Baylor's Academically Honored Women or something more snappy that conveys an academic judgement rather than this beauty contest connotation?

As a male Baylor student, I am ashamed of this tradition and feel that my own reputation is hurt by the fact that my university endorses this competition, and that it sends a message to women around the world that Baylor considers women's looks to be more important than their

minds!

Now I'm not denying that there is such a thing as beauty, or that my girlfriend, a Baylor student, is beautiful to me and that I delight in her looks. However, she is more than a pretty face and body to me. She is an amazing intellect and a beautiful soul. She deserves to be recognized more for who she is than how she looks. Let's judge character before outer beauty, and if Baylor wants to make this an “inner-beauty” contest, then why don't we have one for the men?

I'm just trying to show why

I find this to be unequal and in poor taste. Yeah, it's a 50 year old tradition, but is it a bad tradition worth keeping or ought we leave a 50-year-long sexist tradition in the past and move forward towards gender equality? Please Baylor, stop endorsing this Kappa Kappa Gamma tradition, or at least find a different way to honor our women that honors their achievements rather than their looks, which no one but genetics can take credit for.

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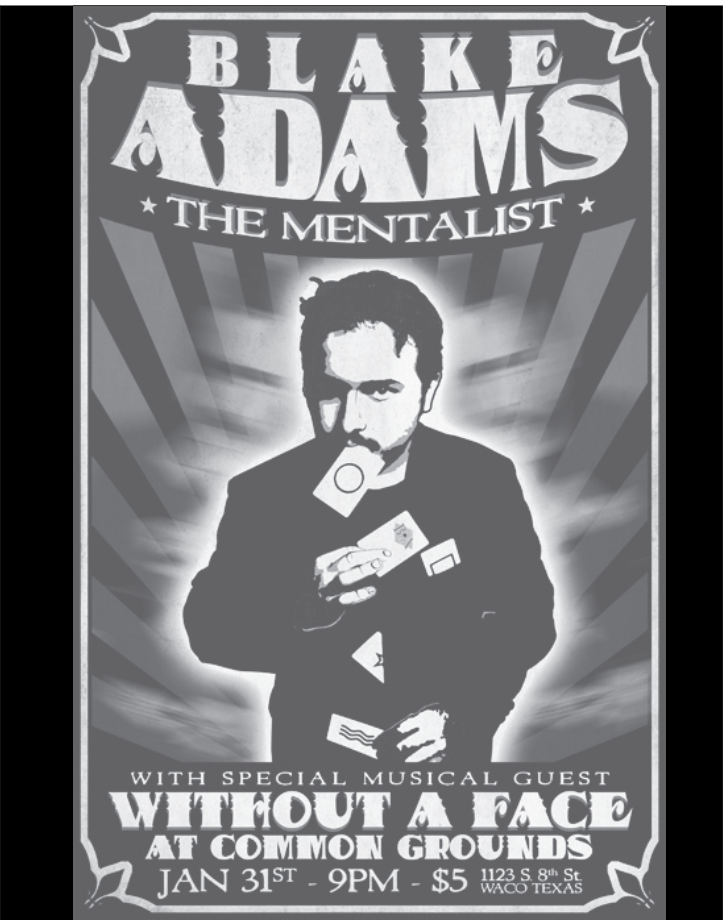
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Mentalist Blake Adams performs every Friday at Poppa Rollo's Pizza on N. Valley Mills Drive from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mentalist bends and blows minds

By Caley Carmichael
Reporter

The majority of women hold a common opinion that guys just do not get it.

They do not know what women want, need or expect, but mentalist Blake Adams is an exception in this travesty.

"He legitimately reads people's minds," Kingwood senior Lauren Eggers said, "with magicians, I think that it is easier to figure out how they do stuff, but with mind readers, it is an entirely different ballgame. I have no idea how he does his tricks."

San Antonio seminary student Adams is an entertainer who specializes in using humor and superior mental prowess to prove that mind power can overcome physical norms.

"A mentalist has no power, they just specialize in focusing on the person involved and what they are saying," Adams said, "a mentalist uses daily observations and takes them to the extreme."

Several people, not just girls,

have noted how impressive Adams is.

"I believe he calls himself a mentalist and that's a good description because it's not hocus-pocus stuff," said sports writer for the Waco Tribune, Chad Conine. "Really what he's doing (in most cases from what I can gather) is either picking up or sending the most subtle of signals that enable the trick."

Communication studies graduate student Caleb Roberts said that Adams' form of entertainment is captivating.

"Blake's not a magician, he just sets up seemingly impossible scenarios yet somehow makes the impossible possible," Roberts said.

Adams entices his audiences via stage, close-up and walk around shows.

He entertains at venues such as Poppa Rollo's Pizza, Common Grounds, 1424, and other public settings.

Adams' stage performances are engaging because they require much crowd interaction and involvement, Roberts said.

"The last show I went to, it

was epic the way Blake Adams used advanced mental telepathy. His vision was completely obstructed by two silver dollars, four pieces of masking tape and metal goggles. I was randomly selected from the audience to provide an object and have Blake guess it. My object, a lime slice, was held under Blake's suspended hand. Sure enough, after conversation, Blake knew that it was a lime," Roberts said.

During a one-on-one encounter with Adams, Kingwood senior Kaley Eggers said that she was awed by his dexterous acts.

"He asked me what my favorite number was between 1 and 100. I said 22. He asked if I would be impressed if he guessed correctly, I said yes. He told me to flip the scratch paper over that had been faced down during this entire conversation and it said 'you will say # 22.' He did a few other tricks that night that were equally impressive", Eggers said.

Chad Conine first saw Adams do a number at Common Grounds in January.

"It was absolutely baffling the way he was able to read people. He would have an audience member pick a word out of a book without telling him and then he would guess the word. I was sitting there in utter amazement just trying to contemplate the power that he had and how it must be applicable on some grander scale."

Adams said that his interest in this form of entertainment was sparked at a young age when he saw a magician on television.

As a junior in high school, Adams said he obtained his first job at local restaurants, entertaining people who were waiting for their food.

Today he continues to marvel audiences of all ages and performs for many different occasions.

Adams performs walk around shows every Friday at Poppa Rollo's Pizza from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"The impossible satisfies everyone's curiosity, and people view what I do as impossible," Adams said.

'Dragonball' doesn't live up to middle school expectations

By Ash Anderson
Contributor

Love it or hate it, Akira Toriyama's "Dragonball" manga was a pioneer for the cartoon epic. Spawning a variety of copy-cats and sequels, the quirky characters, relentless action and evolving plots left its viewers with the sense that they'd just witnessed something spectacular.

FILMREVIEW

As a huge fan of the original series and its successor, "Dragonball Z," I appreciated what this film tried to do, but was ultimately left unfulfilled and, just because we're being honest here, a tad violated.

The original manga, or graphic novel, had a relatively low-tech feel to it - a mix of small villages and mid-size cities combined to create a setting that never felt like it was set in the future.

The film takes that formula and throws it in a blender with a dash of high-tech classrooms at the main character Goku's (Justin Chatwin) high school (stay in school, kids) and a pinch of costive actors.

There aren't many good things to say about this film if you aren't familiar with the source material. References flood the film, expecting you to know everything about the world of "Dragonball" without showing mercy.

The idea of converting an award-winning anime into a live-action movie sounds great on paper, but the film is, for the most part, plagued with sub-par actors and terrible directing.

Goku is an atypical teenager in that his grandfather, Gohan, is a martial arts master who trains him in the art of mastering his ki, the energy of life. Unfortunately, this also intensifies the awkward stage that Goku is

experiencing at this point in his life, and leaves him as an outcast at his high school.

On his 18th birthday, his grandfather gives Goku a gift: one of the seven legendary Dragonballs, which, when gathered together from all corners of the Earth, will summon the legendary Shenlong - a dragon who will grant one perfect wish.

There wouldn't be much plot without an antagonist, and the evil Piccolo (James Marsters) fills the role relatively well. Out to conquer the world as payback for banishing him for over two-thousand years, Piccolo will stop at nothing to get the Dragonballs. Didn't see that one coming, did you?

On his journey, Goku teams up with a scientist-turned-treasure hunter named Bulma (Emmy Rossum), Yamcha, a cocky, foolhardy bandit and Master Roshi (Chow Yun-Fat), the only saving grace in terms

of the cast, whose perverted antics and nonchalant personality allow the struggling film a crutch to lean on until the credits roll.

Despite all of the negative criticism, I actually enjoyed the film because of my close-to-obsession with the show when I was in middle school.

Whether or not I enjoyed it because it allowed me a trip down memory lane is a story for another day.

Be warned - this is not a good film. The acting is terrible, the characters (well, most of them) are shallow and the special effects are lackluster.

But if you're like me, and you enjoyed watching "Dragonball" after a long day in middle school, then you've already made up your mind to see this movie regardless of what any critic tells you.



Twentieth Century Fox

Justin Chatwin plays Goku with Emmy Rossum as Bulma in "Dragonball: Evolution." The film is a live-action motion picture based on the popular Japanese manga created by Akira Toriyama and is now playing in theaters.

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Sports briefs

Borsanyi named Big 12 Player of the Week

Junior Csilla Borsanyi received her latest honor Tuesday: she was named Big 12 Women's Tennis Player of the Week.

It's the fourth such award for the tennis team this year. Borsanyi led Baylor to a 6-1 win against Texas Saturday.

The Lady Bears will face No. 33 Texas A&M University tonight in College Station.

Big 12 Honors first baseman Dickerson

For his 20-game hitting streak, junior first baseman Dustin Dickerson was named the Big 12 Conference Player of the Week Monday.

A Waco native, Dickerson went 8-for-13 against the University of Missouri, including a bases-loaded walk-off single in the 11th inning.

Baylor will return to action tonight against the University of Texas at Arlington at 6:30 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark.

Pawelek announced to preseason watch lists

Soon-to-be senior middle linebacker Joe Pawelek found his name on two award watch lists this weekend.

The Smithson Valley native is one of 48 players selected for the preseason Rotary Lombardi Award and the Lott Trophy.

Pope transfers to Baylor women's basketball

Brooklyn Pope, a 6-foot-1 forward/guard from Fort Worth, will transfer from Rutgers.

She was a unanimous top 10 recruit out of high school.

Pope will sit out the 2009-10 season, but will be available the next year.

She averaged 25 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks during her senior year at Dunbar High School.

compiled by Brian Bateman

Aggies looking to derail Baylor

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

The Baylor softball team (32-15, 8-3) will look to build upon a three-game win streak, which includes road victories at Texas and Iowa State, when they travel to take on No. 24-ranked Texas A&M (25-15, 3-5) at 6:30 p.m. today in College Station.

While offense has been a subject of concern at some points in the season, the Lady Bears have been able to put together more than enough runs of late, compiling six in each of two games against Iowa State. But even three runs was enough to give Baylor a win over Texas behind the arm of freshman pitcher Whitney Canion (20-11, 1.55 ERA).

Senior third baseman Brette Reagan said she felt like everything is clicking for the Lady Bears, who are a mere half-game behind Missouri for first place in the Big 12 Conference.

"It's coming along pretty well," she said. "It's kind of all coming together right now. We're taking care of things we need to take care of."

Reagan, who missed a month after tearing her anterior cruciate ligament during a March 6 game against the University of Washington in Tuscaloosa, Ala., hit her first home run since coming back into the lineup in the Lady Bears' second game against Iowa State and said her knee feels good heading into their game with the Aggies.

"I'm doing real good," she said. "I'm just kind of realizing how different it is to not be on the bench, to get up to the plate

and do some things."

Head coach Glenn Moore said that Reagan's presence makes other teams adjust how they pitch to the entire lineup.

"I have to credit Brette Reagan's presence, active presence, not just being in the dugout, but being in the lineup," he said. "She's swinging the bat well. She's going to make a difference in our lineup."

The Lady Bears will need some good offense to keep Texas A&M at bay, which is coming off a two-game sweep of Texas Tech.

"I think they've kind of gotten into a groove right now," Reagan said of the Aggies. "They pulled a close one out this past weekend against Tech and I think they're trying to regroup as much as they can for the rest of the season. It's always going to be a hostile environment down there; it's always going to be a good game."

While Reagan is one key to the team's recent success, Canion has been the backbone of the Lady Bears all year long. The left-handed pitcher from Aledo said despite the Aggies' struggles so far in conference play, she's not expecting an easy victory. A self-described "sore loser," Canion said beating the Aggies was very important.

"I don't think it matters what place everybody's in, they're going to bring their game," she said. "Anything can happen in the Big 12. I think we're going to come ready to play that game. We always do. It's someone we don't like and they don't like us and so I think it's going to be a really good game."



Stephen Green/ Lariat Staff
Pitcher Whitney Canion prepares to pitch against the Stephen F. Austin Lady Jacks on Feb. 15. Canion has set the school record for strikeouts in a season.

Dallas, NY first battle in Arlington

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Cowboys play the New York Giants in their first game that counts at the new \$1.1 billion stadium.

After that, the NFL schedule released Tuesday keeps them away from their classic NFC East rivals until the midway point of the 2009 season. And they have to wait until the Sunday before Thanksgiving to see another from the traditional New York-Philadelphia-Washington trio at home, when the Redskins visit.

That first one is big, though. The Giants come to suburban Arlington on Sunday, Sept. 20 — the second week of the season — to share the NBC spotlight in the first of back-to-back games in prime time on national television. The Week 3 game against the Carolina Panthers will be on ESPN on Sept. 28, Dallas' only Monday night appearance.

The Cowboys open the regular season Sept. 13 at Tampa Bay.

"I think just to have those games at the beginning that aren't division games are actually going to help us out," defensive end DeMarcus Ware said.

Then again, the Cowboys will have to wait half the season to try to make amends for the embarrassing finish in 2008, when they were blown out by the Eagles in a winner-take-all game for the playoffs. Dallas visits Philadelphia on Nov. 8 in the second of three Sunday night appearances. The other NBC game is Dec. 27 at Washington.

After knee injury, Reagan responds with determination

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

The anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) has become the enemy of athletes.

While its ability to function is vital to the human anatomy, its failure has been detrimental to players, teams and seasons.

Torn ACLs are becoming far too common, especially in women's athletics. Such can be highlighted in Baylor athletics where a list of prominent female athletes who have suffered the season-ending injury keeps growing.

The most recent victim of the knee injury was Brette Reagan. The three-time All-American suffered the injury at the beginning of a daunting 10-game road trip against then-No. 1-ranked University of Washington.

Reagan was retreating to second base on a pickoff throw from the catcher, but collapsed midway through in agony.

"I immediately thought the worst in her reaction," head coach Glenn Moore said. "With Brette having the pain tolerance she does, I knew it was serious."

Nearing the end of her col-

legiate career, surgery would have ended her days of donning the green and gold. Instead, Reagan decided to rehab her knee in hope to play again for Baylor.

The rehabilitation process began immediately. Reagan and trainer Michael Deal worked tirelessly to strengthen the injured leg. The duo went to training rooms at the University of Southern Mississippi and Louisiana State University.

Many, including Deal, were skeptic about whether Reagan would be able to play softball again at Baylor. However, a month after her injury, Reagan

returned to the lineup against Texas State University.

"It's amazing," Deal said. "To be honest I told a couple of people I didn't think she would make it back. I d i d n ' t think she was going to do it, but she has made a lot of progress and has w o r k e d her butt off to do it."

Reagan



Reagan

calculated she spent more than 100 hours in the training room during the past four weeks. Yet even with the majority of the season behind her, Reagan still yearned to finish her final season on a strong note.

"It's crazy, but it's your senior year," the Humble native said. "You've got to do what you've got to do. And there was no way that was going to stop me when I heard I had a chance."

That determination is what has made Reagan so imperative to the Baylor program. Reagan was a part of the cornerstone that advanced Baylor to its first Women's College World Series

in 2007.

Baylor lost the majority of its power after the 2007 season, and all focus went to Reagan to carry the Bears. This season, the pleasant surprise of freshman pitcher Whitney Canion has allowed Reagan's pressure as the keynote hitter to be alleviated.

Still, Moore knows what Reagan means to this team both emotionally and in the lineup.

"It's a shot of adrenaline whether Brette is performing to her normal standards or not," Moore said. "Brette Reagan at 70 percent is better than most people at full speed."

Texas-Arlington notches 4-run sixth to knock off Baylor 5-4

By Stephen Peters
The Shorthorn

ARLINGTON — Looking to extend its winning streak to three, the Baylor Bears gave up four runs in the sixth inning to lose to UTA 5-4 at Clay Gould Ballpark Tuesday night.

Facing a 3-1 deficit, the Mavericks (19-16) loaded the bases for their junior shortstop, who drove a 1-0 breaking ball down the right field line, scoring sophomore catcher Chad Comer and senior designated hitter Andrew Kainer.

"Coming out and playing

a good team like that, it just shows we can play with anybody in the country," Kainer said.

After a pitching change, senior first baseman Ryan Davis singled to left, driving in senior third baseman Jeff Storms, giving the Mavs a 4-3 lead.

UTA would tack on a much-needed insurance run on a throwing error by junior first baseman Dustin Dickerson, his third of the night.

"That's how baseball is, it's a weird game," Kainer added. "You can come out and it's anybody's game. We're not intimi-

dated to play anybody. This just proves that we've gotten better through the year."

Kainer was 3-for-4 on the night, boosting his average to a team-high .429.

It was the Mavericks' first win against a nationally-ranked team since sweeping No. 25 Minnesota March 17 and 18. Earlier in the year, UTA lost to No. 4 Texas (4-3, 10 innings), No. 22 TCU (11-3, 2-1), No. 11 Texas A&M (11-8) and Oral Roberts (9-7, 10 innings).

Junior Jason Mitchell pitched 4 1/3 inning in relief of sophomore Rett Varner to earn the

win and improve to 3-5 on the season.

"I was just trying to get ahead early in the count," Mitchell said. "I just felt good out there, trying to hit my spots. The (Bears) are all good hitters, so you got to mix it up."

Mitchell gave up one run on three hits and struck out four. UTA's pitching held the Bears to six hits and three earned runs.

Baylor scored three runs in the top of the fourth as Varner walked the first two batters in the inning, then gave up the first run on a single to junior

catcher Gregg Glime.

Varner gave up the second run on a wild pitch, scoring junior third baseman Raynor Cambell, then Comer committed an error, allowing Clime to push the lead to 3-0.

Baylor's last hoorah would come via the long ball in the top of the eighth as Dickerson sent a shot over the right-center field fence off Mitchell pulling the Bears to within one at 5-4.

Head coach Darin Thomas said his ball club just found a way to win one the close games and gave praise to his relievers.

"I can't say enough about the

job Jason Mitchell did in long relief," Thomas said. "He really gave us a chance to win and we busted loose for four."

Sophomore closer Adam Boydston earned his fifth save of the season retiring the last two Baylor batters.

"We've been close," Thomas said. "This was the first time we had one at home. We played well against good teams and it's come down to the last inning almost every time. It was no different tonight."

The teams square off 6:30 p.m. tonight at Baylor Ballpark in Waco.

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porary position for longer than two years.”

Director of Athletics Ian McCaw also spoke at the meeting about academic services for athletes and presented information on graduation rates and GPAs.

“It was a good discussion about the faculty connection for athletes and how student athletes are served academically,” Green said.

In other business, Green said the recent senate elections had a higher voter turnout than in previous years.

“We decided to raise awareness and published a brochure that we mailed to all faculty members about a week before the election,” Green said. “It contained information about what the senate has been doing this year. I really attribute a lot of the higher voter turnout to that.”

The presidential search committee held its first listening ses-

sion for faculty Tuesday, which Green said she felt was productive and hopes for a high turnout at the next meeting as well.

“There were faculty there who offered some very good insight and thoughtful comments from a faculty perspective,” she said.

“I trust that those concerns will be heard.”

At a previous meeting, Davis announced to the senate that tenure decisions have been finalized and candidates have been notified. But Green said no

further information has been provided.

“What I do know is that the decisions were in line with what the tenure committee recommended,” Green said.

At the May senate meeting, Green said the ad hoc committee on lecturer concerns will present its findings to the senate.

The committee has been working all year to study concerns across campus from lecturers and determine the best way to address them.

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“TOMS is really well-known on campus. Most people have TOMS. It’s important for Baylor students to not just buy the shoes, but also become active in supporting the cause, and that is giving shoes to the children,” Bates said.

If individuals are not participating in the barefootwalk, there are other ways to get involved with TOMS, such as the Vagabond Tour, a group that travels and spreads the word about the TOMS slogan, and “Style Your Sole” events.

The overall idea is that each person is doing their part to help children in need.

Allen Senior Seth Hale said that the TOMS brand and the “One Day Without Shoes” event should not be the only outlet for students to help others.

He said he hopes that this event is not a one time thing for students, but becomes a way of life.

“My question is, is this event about free corporate branding capitalizing on youth idealism or is it a Christ-like charity conveyed through a creative outreach? We cannot simply look to companies for our inspiration,” Hale said. “Our mark is Christ and if we miss the mark by imitating anything else then we fail. If we aim for Christ no matter where we land there is grace.”

Students who join the barefoot Bear Trail walk can get a promotional code from Bates to save \$5 on their next pair of shoes.

“‘One day’ is a way for students to truly experience the risks that these impoverished people experience every day. You might cut your foot or get looked at weirdly. In the end, you can always put your shoes back on, but these people can’t. It’s a wonderful way to raise awareness, for others and ourselves,” said Tim Glaze, TOMS campus representative for the University of North Texas.

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ments for Board of Regents members, the president must be a member of a Baptist church. “I don’t want to speculate beyond (that requirement),” committee chairman Armes said.

Baylor boasts the title of the world’s largest Baptist university and the committee expressed the unusual factors that come with the institution’s status.

“Complexity may be an over-used term, but we understand that Baylor is a very complex organization,” Armes said.

The presidential search will continue to meet with and gather information from various groups, including alumni, students and the Waco community.

In a second listening session student government members took part in a closed listening session at 4:40 p.m Tuesday in the Great Hall of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Those in attendance were members of the graduate student association, student government offices and prominent student leaders.

Set up as a listening session, the audience and five committee members were able to engage in dialogue covering the personal and professional characteristics the student leaders would like to have in a president along with the emphasis the committee should focus on during the selection of candidates for the open presidential position.

“We had a really good group of students that were willing and able to articulate who they

thought Baylor needed for its next president,” said Student Body President Brain Fonville.

Many of the main issues covered within the meeting were polarized but some overall aspects of the future president were agreed upon.

The vision requested during the faculty’s listening session was one of the ideals students recommended, too.

“Overall it seems like students are looking for a trustworthy leader with a vision,” said Parker Short, Dallas junior and internal vice president.

Another concern regarding the traits of the next president was the candidate’s connection to Baylor University.

“For most students at the session it didn’t seem necessary that the next president have direct affiliation with Baylor,” Fonville said. “There did seem to be a consensus that the new president have an understanding of Baylor’s commitment to academic excellence and the Christian heritage and the ability to continue that mission as Baylor moves forward.”

A proven track record that shows success with another prominent university was a suggested trait, Fonville said.

The listening sessions with the faculty and student leaders were steps the Presidential Search Committee decided to take in order to receive critical opinions from several sources within the university.

On April 22 there will be a second general session for faculty and students that will be conducted in the same listening-session fashion.

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said TCU spokeswoman Tracy Syler-Jones.

All others proposed for the fall are no longer being offered, in addition to the diversity community: “patriotism,” “marine life,” “creativity and the arts,”

“Christian perspectives and service” and “community service and teamwork.”

TCU, a private university with about 7,500 undergraduate students, is associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a community embracing both faith and reason, according to the school’s Web site.



A photo provided by the U.S. Navy on Tuesday shows a team from the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer towing the lifeboat from the Maersk Alabama to Boxer to be processed for evidence after the successful rescue of Capt. Richard Phillips. Phillips was held captive by suspected Somali pirates in the lifeboat in the Indian Ocean for five days after a failed hijacking attempt off the Somali coast.

Somali pirates on hijacking spree

Elizabeth A. Kennedy
The Associated Press

MOMBASA, Kenya — Somali pirates were back to business as usual Tuesday, defiantly seizing four more ships with 60 hostages after U.S. sharpshooters rescued an American freighter captain. “No one can deter us,” one bandit boasted.

The freed skipper, Richard Phillips, will return home to the United States on Wednesday, after reuniting with his 19-man crew in the Kenyan port of Mombasa, according to the shipping company Maersk Line Ltd.

The brigands grabbed more ships and hostages to show they would not be intimidated by President Barack Obama’s pledge to confront the high-seas bandits, according to a pirate based in the Somali coastal town of Harardhere.

“Our latest hijackings are meant to show that no one can deter us from protecting our waters from the enemy because we believe in dying for our land,” Omar Dahir Idle told The Associated Press by telephone. “Our guns do not fire water. I am sure we will avenge.”

On Monday, Obama vowed to “halt the rise of piracy” without saying exactly how the U.S. and allies would do it.

The pirates have vowed vengeance for five colleagues slain by U.S. and French forces in two hostage rescues since Friday.

“The recent American operation, French navy attack on our colleagues or any other operation mean nothing to

us,” said Idle, 26, whose gang holds a German freighter with 24 hostages.

The pirates say they are fighting illegal fishing and dumping of toxic waste in Somali waters but have come to operate hundreds of miles from there in a sprawling 1.1 million square-mile danger zone.

The top U.S. military officer, Adm. Michael Mullen, said he takes the pirates’ threats seriously, but “we’re very well prepared to deal with anything like that.” Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke on ABC’s “Good Morning America.”

After a lull at the beginning of the year because of rough seas, the pirates since the end of February have attacked 78 ships, hijacked 19 of them and hold 16 vessels with more than 300 hostages from a dozen or so countries.

Pirates can extort \$1 million and more for each ship and crew. Kenya estimates they raked in \$150 million last year.

A flotilla of warships from nearly a dozen countries has patrolled the Gulf of Aden and nearby Indian Ocean waters for months. They have halted many attacks but say the area is so vast they can’t stop all hijackings.

The Gulf of Aden, which links the Suez Canal and the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean, is the shortest route from Asia to Europe and one of the world’s busiest shipping lanes, crossed by more than 20,000 ships each year. The alternative route around the conti-

nent’s southern Cape of Good Hope takes up to two weeks longer at huge expense.

In an unusual nighttime raid, pirates seized the Greek-managed bulk carrier MV Irene E.M. before dawn Tuesday. Hours later, they commandeered the Lebanese-owned cargo ship MV Sea Horse.

On Sunday or Monday, they took two Egyptian fishing trawlers.

Maritime officials said the Irene carried 21 to 23 Filipino crew and the fishing boats 36 fishermen, all believed to be Egyptian.

A carrier the size of the Sea Horse would need at least a dozen crew, although the exact number was not immediately available.

NATO spokeswoman Shona Lowe said pirates in three or four speedboats captured the Sea Horse off Somalia’s eastern coast.

The Irene, flagged in the Caribbean island nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, was sailing from the Middle East to South Asia, said Noel Choong of the Malaysia-based International Maritime Bureau, a piracy watchdog. U.S. Navy Lt. Nathan Christensen, spokesman for the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet, said the Irene carried 23 Filipino crew.

A maritime security contractor said the Irene sent a distress signal about a suspicious vessel approaching. That rapidly turned into an attack

and then a hijacking.

“They tried to call in support on the emergency channels, but they never got any response,” the contractor said on condition of anonymity because it is a sensitive security issue.

The Yemeni Embassy in Washington said its coast guard exchanged gunfire Monday with 14 Somali pirates who had hijacked a 23-foot Yemeni fishing vessel. Its forces freed 13 Yemeni hostages and detained two pirates, while the rest fled on a boat, the embassy said.

The Egyptian boats were taken in the gulf off Somalia’s northern coast. Said Mursi, Egypt’s ambassador to Somalia who is based in Kenya, said the trawlers probably did not have licenses to fish Somali waters. “From my experience, I think that they were illegally fishing,” he told The Associated Press.

Commercial fishing boats have been illegally harvesting Somalia’s rich and varied sea life, including sought-after yellowfin tuna, since the country collapsed into lawlessness in the 1990s.

The United Nations estimates the illegal fishing costs the Horn of Africa nation \$300 million annually.

The U.N. envoy to Somalia called piracy a “pandemic” and urged the bandits’ financial backers to be identified quickly and held accountable.

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