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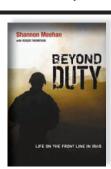
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## Student senate seeks on-campus concerns

#### Regents encourage student feedback

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By Bethany Moore REPORTER

Baylor Board of Regents and student government are joining forces to ensure that students' main concerns are heard and addressed.

"We as a board are here to

ensure you have a great experience," Baylor Board of Regents Chairman Dary Stone said in a phone interview with The Lariat from London Tuesday. "To hear about issues on campus we go straight to the horse's mouth.'

One way student government plans to reach out to students is with their issue of the week tables.

These tables, set up on Mon-

days, Wednesdays and Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center, and Tuesdays in the Baylor Sciences Building and the Student Life Center, will include a survey asking students about prevalent issues on campus. Student government officials said they hope to continue this until the end of the year, though dates have yet to be confirmed.

The survey will be in a multi-

ple-choice format with responses ranging between strongly agree to strongly disagree.

"Students need to participate, so that problems affecting the most students get resolved,' Stone said.

Student government officers will present the results of the survey to the to the board of regents at their quarterly meeting Oct. 22.

Stone said that through the results of issue of the week, the board of regents can become more active in addressing students' concerns.

External vice president Emily Saultz said the issue-of-theweek initiative would help representatives become aware of student opinions to voice to the administration, as opposed to simply stating the concerns of student government.

"We just want to understand what student opinion is," Saultz said. "This comes from a real desire to serve the student body."

Student senators will be supervising the tables to answer questions and hear from students about questions not dressed in the survey.

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### Flight school aids future fliers

#### Baylor senior and alumnus run pilot-teaching program

By Megan Keyser STAFF WRITER

The sky is the limit — usually. But for Dallas senior Parker Woodruff and alumnus Aaron Dabney, the sky is where everything begins.

Woodruff and Dabney opened Waco Flight Training, a school designed to teach interested students how to pilot a plane, in March 2009 and took the Lariat for a ride-along Monday.

The overcast sky threatened to cancel the flight, but after waiting awhile for clouds to lift, Woodruff, owner and manager of Waco Flight Training, peeked his head in the open aircraft door and shouted with a grin, "You're gonna fly!"

Dabney, the chief contract flight instructor for Waco Flight Training, piloted the Lariat's 30-minute flight over green landscapes and the blue-grey waters of Lake Waco.

The small 2003 Cessna aircraft had two doors and four seats: two in front, two in back. Numerous controls and dials on a black panel at the front of the plane provided aircraft control, location informa-



tion and radio communication with a con-

The hum of the engine and the buzz of the front propellers radiated throughout the plane as Dabney increased the speed and effortlessly guided the plane toward the clouds. Large buildings, trees and cars

slowly shrank to the size of a tot's favorite "I have the best office," Dabney said

through his headset microphone.

Woodruff and Dabney met when Woodruff was entering Baylor as a transfer student and Dabney was serving as an admissions counselor. They opened the school to share their love of flying with

Left: Dallas senior Parker Woodruff, coowner of Waco Flight Training, steps into the airplane that instructors use for teaching beginner pilots. Top: Baylor alumnus Aaron Dabney explains the complexities of the flight instruments and their importance to both novice and professional pilots Monday.

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"He's the guy who recruited me to come to Baylor," Woodruff said.

As they discovered their shared interest in aviation and their friendship developed, Woodruff and Dabney said that opening a flight school was just a natural

step.
"We always thought it would be a morthing like this," good idea to start something like this," Dabney said.

The school is set up to be as simple and time-efficient as possible.

"Because of the size of the operation, I contract almost all of my needs, including fuel, maintenance and other services,"

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## Obama takes Afghan review deliberately

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama told lawmakers from both parties Tuesday that he will be rigorous and deliberate in his review of his Afghanistan strategy but understands the urgency of righting the flagging war.

Obama also told lawmakers that he wants a discussion about the United States' next moves in Afghanistan to be an honest debate not focused on false choices between doubling down on troop deployments or leaving the war-weary country, according an administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the president's private deliberations with 18 lawmakers who visited with him in the White House.

The official said Obama used the hour-long meeting to brief leaders from both parties on progress in targeting al-Qaida and working with the Pakistani government to dismantle terrorists' safe havens there.

Senate Majority Leader Ha ry Reid said that both Democrats and Republicans told the president, basically, that "whatever decision you make, we'll support it."

But Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell put it differently: "I think Republicans will be able to make the decisions for themselves." He predicted that a significant number of Republicans would back Obama's next move if U.S. military commanders from the region are truly on

The White House said prior to the meeting that Obama considers it "tremendously important" to listen to Congress about the war but won't base his decisions on the mood on Capitol Hill or eroding public support for the war.

"The president is going to make a decision — popular or unpopular - based on what he thinks is in the best interests of the country," press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters. As for support from lawmakers, Gibbs said Obama is focused on getting his war strategy right, not on "who's for or who's against what."

Obama's meeting with leaders of key war oversight and appropriations committees from both parties in the House and Senate was part of a review of the war effort in Afghanistan and Pakistan that is expected to last several more weeks.

A core question is whether Obama will widen the war again after adding 21,000 U.S. troops earlier this year. The top three U.S. military officials overseeing the war favor continuing the fight against an emboldened Taliban and have concluded they need tens of thousands more U.S. troops beyond the

68,000 already there. The White House has cautioned for weeks that no decision on troops will come until Obama has reviewed all elements of the war effort.

What's clear is there will be no withdrawal of U.S. troops as the war hits a somber eightvear anniversary on Wednesday. Gibbs said Obama made that point personally clear in a meeting last week with his national security team, and the spokesman told reporters Monday: "I don't think we have the option

Obama's top defense and

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# Perry makes stop at local hotspot

By Trent Goldston STAFF WRITER

Texas Gov. Rick Perry spoke Tuesday at George's Restaurant and Catering to an audience of more than 80, and behind the helm of Perry's local campaign were several Baylor students and alumni helping to coordinate the event.

While enjoying the venue's jalapeño-poppers and other edibles, the crowd heard Perry speak on topics ranging from private property rights to health care. Perry said this visit to Waco was part of his new grass-roots campaign effort, which was inspired by some of the strategies of President Barack Obama.

Perry, elected to the office in 2000, will be running as the incumbent against Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in the gubernatorial election in November.

Behind the scenes of the event was Baylor alumnus Jonathon McClellan, who now works as Regional Field Director of Central Texas for Perry in Austin. McClellan said it was nice to be able to come down to Waco again.

"It feels good to be a part of the campaign," McClellan said.

Also working the event was Flower Mound senior Brooks Allen, a volunteer leadership chair and field representative for the Waco area in Perry's campaign.

"I started out just wanting an avenue to learn more and get more involved politically," Allen said. "I wanted to find a way to get more knowledge of things other than textbooks — actual field experience."

Allen said he has been able to interact with Perry and that



Gov. Rick Perry paid a visit to George's Restaurant in a grass-roots outreach to Waco citizens on Tuesday afternoon. Perry will be running as the incumbent against Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in the gubernatorial election in November.

it has been exciting getting to work on his campaign.

"In political science class you spend a lot of time learning about different political campaigns, but getting to actually see the

inside of one, and work with it and see the ups and downs, it's been fun," Allen said.

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## Less vaccine than expected comes to Texas

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas is getting about 40 percent less swine flu vaccine than expected in the first week's allotment from the federal government, the Texas Department of State Health Services said Tuesday.

The state health department said Texas had expected to receive 237,000 vaccines in the first allocation but only got 142,400.

All of those vaccines are in the form of FluMist, a nasal spray. The state health department said most of that first allotment will go to doctors, clinics and other providers to vaccinate healthy 2- and 3-year-olds, who

are part of a priority group.

FluMist is only for healthy

people ages 2 to 49, excluding pregnant women, so many highrisk residents must wait for the shot version. The priority groups for the swine flu vaccine are: pregnant women; people caring for infants under 6 months old; health care workers; all people ages 6 months through 24 years old; and people 25 to 64 with health conditions that put them at high risk of flu complications. About 10,600 doses from the

first allotment are going to local public health departments and some state health department regional sites. But the state agency says that won't be enough doses for public vaccination clinics, so local health departments will

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### Living alone: important for personal growth



#### BY Melissa Perry

You're probably thinking about all of the reasons why living alone is bad. OK, maybe that's not true, but you are now.

While living in a community of roommates can be a rewarding experience and an opportunity for personal growth, there is a wealth of information you can learn about yourself sans roommates. So before you start thinking that living alone sounds terrible, let me convince

Living alone can help one point out his or her true weaknesses. I used to think I was a neat and tidy person. I was wrong. Turns out, I was only neat and tidy in an effort to be polite to my roommates. In reality I am an expert at leaving clothes strewn across the floor and dishes in the sink. Often, the greatest motivation to wash dishes is that there are none left to use.

Living alone allows you to become a master chef. While cooking for one is certainly depressing, think about all you could create without roommates around to witness your embarrassing experiments-gone-wrong. I'll admit, excluding a few tried-and-true recipes, everything I cook is experimental. Living alone has given me the confidence to try new things. So go ahead, set off that smoke alarm and dry out that chicken. No one has to taste it but you. Added bonus: no one is around to make you feel guilty for using every last pot and pan.

Living alone shows you how productive you are. Anyone can blame a lack of study time on roommates who just constantly want to hang out, but those who live by themselves can't blame the television or the computer. I found out very quickly how dedicated I was to getting my school work done.

I will concede that there are negative aspects to a single-occupancy dwelling. Ambient noises become much louder and thus scarier and of course everyone who walks by your door is trying to break in. The tube of pepper spray on my nightstand is crucial to my survival. The escape routes I've created for every possible zombie attack – even more

The worst part of living alone is that I've actually started checking underneath my bed every night. It's just much more likely that the boogey man can get you if no one is sleeping in the next

While all of these ideas may seem a bit silly, I do have a point. Living alone, just temporarily, is something everyone should experience. This is a lesson I learned from my grandmother. After marrying my grandfather as a teenager, she never knew what it was like to budget her personal finances, or wake up and not have someone to chat with at the breakfast table. She always had companionship and someone to help her. Upon being widowed at the young age of 59, my grandmother was unable to cope with the loneliness of living by herself. She was terrified, she was depressed, she

While the pain of losing a loved one is never easy to get over, being unable to live alone makes it much harder. For many of us, living alone may be inevitable later in life. I'm just glad I've experienced what it's like to walk into an empty apartment before it becomes as difficult as it was for my grandmother.

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## New Chapel options are great additions to on-campus worship

Baylor has undergone immense changes in its 150-year history. In fact, alumni may have a hard time recognizing the campus or the modern Baylor culture. This is what makes everyone's Baylor experience unique.

On the other hand, alumni typically have one memory in common: Chapel.

Every Monday and Wednesday for over a century, students have poured through the doors of Waco Hall to attend a worship and fellowship experience better known as Chapel. While this two-semester requirement is meant to foster spirituality, it also serves as an annoyance to some who are forced to attend but feel they gain nothing in the end. To many, Chapel often feels outdated and stale, a far cry from modern students' spiritual endeavors. In addition, more than seven absences can result in an extra semester in Chapel, and in some cases, an extra semester at Baylor.

Fortunately, the university announced that for the coming spring semester there will be alternatives offered in place of the second semester of Chapel.

It's no secret that change is often slow on campus, especially when con-

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cerning age-old traditions. The Lariat commends the university for recognizing students' desires and allowing students to substitute one semester of Chapel for other options. The alternatives — a mission trip, a semiweekly afternoon prayer service or a weekly small group — may give students the opportunity to grow as Christians in ways more fitting to their personal preferences.

According to Baylor Spiritual Life's Web site, Chapel is supposed to serve the purpose of a spiritual experience that "can't be known in a lecture or lab." However, this kind of experience can be found in other places, considering not everyone engages in spiritual life the same way.

As ways of practicing faith evolve, so should Baylor. They should seek progressive ways in which to foster and encourage students' spirituality. Chapel was a great step forward in Baylor acknowledging young adults' attitudes and interests when it comes to faith.

Chapel can be a fulfilling experience, but for those who do not appreciate it and are possibly

taking it as an upperclassman, the semiweekly requirement may seem monotonous and fruitless. Rather, a missions trip or prayer service may prove a more engaging experience for the individual.

Baylor-sponsored spring mission trips like those last year to Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Argentina and Honduras, will be able to replace second-semester Chapel credits. Missions offer a hands-on experience with spirituality that many students may relate to in a more profound way.

It's commendable that Baylor recognized this and is now offering these options for students who want to experience worship and fellowship in a more interactive way. Through the opportunity to participate in missions, small groups and prayer services, students can now choose to exercise their faith in a way more fitting to personal interests.

While Chapel is a cornerstone of Baylor's freshman experience and offers a great fellowship opportunity, new alternatives to Chapel will ensure all students have an opportunity that meets their spiritual needs.

### Other countries deserve their time to shine

Every four years, the world's attention is drawn to one thing. No, I'm not talking about the U.S. presidential elections – rather, the Summer Olympic Games.

Aside from the athletic feats of history it records, the Olympics symbolize a way for the world to bridge barriers and connect with

As an American, I feel I have the right to say we're a bit egotistical. Supporters of the Chicago bid for the 2016 Olympics are an example of why Americans thinks we are the entity to close the gap between the Eastern and Western world – and an example of why, though Chicago is bustling with diversity, we

The whole world is constantly focused on the problems in the U.S., and while Americans have their pride, it is time to share the limelight with other deserving countries.

After four previously failed attempts, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, made it to the third and final round in the bid for holding the 2016 Olympics. After beating Chicago in the first round, Madrid in the second and Tokyo in the final round, I was hospitality, whereas I anticipate Rio taking great pleased to hear that Brazilians could celebrate Rio's landmark victory.

In case you question why I say landmark, here are some quick stats.

Europe has  $\bar{h}eld$  the summer Olympics 15 times, North America five times, Asia three times and Australia twice. Thus, this is a historical moment because it will be the first time a South American country will hold this universal event.

Point of View

BY SARAH RAFIQUE

The fact that North America and Europe have held the event more than any other country ask this question: If the American sport, football, shows where the world's priorities are and serves as a reflection of who the world sees as being capable of bridging cultures.

While I agree that North America and Europe contain the most diverse countries in the world, they don't have the kind of perspective that the outside world can offer.

Western countries lack a certain sense of pride in its culture. By holding 2016 games, Brazil will be able to gain more confidence as a country and share its warmth with the world not to mention a little boost to their economy as a result of the cultural tourist attractions it offers.

Also, because America is diverse, the avenues to express its culture aren't as specific as Rio. Besides fast food chains and wild concerts, there is no single defining characteristic that allows

American's to say, "They've never seen anything like this let's share it with the world."

However, a cultural event list from the official Beijing 2008 Olympic Web site included activities such as observing art troupes performing in Tiananmen Square and the "Olympic Dragon" show that shared an important part of Chinese culture with others.

To further my claims as to why Americans are not the best candidate to hold the events, I

isn't "universal" enough to be accredited by the Olympics, how can Americans claim to be universal enough to hold the event?

Finally, besides blending sports with education and culture, one of the qualifications the International Olympic Committee looks for in a host city is "to lead the fight against doping in sport." Uh, baseball anyone?

My justifications may sound harsh, but trust me, I'm not hating on America. I think we're a great country, but it's time to let other countries show their greatness to the world.

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Woodruff said. "I keep things simple, which will allow me to spend the majority of my time teaching instead of sitting in the office when I begin teaching full time in January."

Waco Flight Training offers resources and lessons to aviation students as well as people with a recreational interest in flying.

The school also works with the Baylor aviation science department to provide aviation science majors flexibility in their hands-on training, Dabney said.

"We feel it is important the student have flexibility in their flight training provider," said Tim Compton, Baylor aviation science assistant department di-

Baylor's primary flight training school is Texas State Tech-

nical College, which operates under Part 141 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

Part 141 is a formal operation, under which a specific syllabus is used, Dabney said.

Waco Flight Training operates under Part 61 of Federal Aviation Regulations, which does not require a specific syllabus, thereby allowing more instructional flexibility, Dabney said.

"Part 141 under the Federal Aviation Regulations involves unnecessary burdens for the size of a school that I operate," Woodruff said.

"I want students to know how to operate an aircraft to its greatest potential, and in our opinion, Part 141 can strangle that." Aviation science students have to complete 10 hours of

flight training to graduate.

Compton said the biggest advantage to having another local flight training school that takes a different teaching approach is the option it offers students.

"It gives the student the ability to find a flight training provider that works for them," Compton said.

Although Waco Flight Training works with the Baylor aviation science department, the majority of its business comes from outside the Baylor community, Woodruff said.

But regardless of where their

students come from or where they fly to, Woodruff's and Dabney's goal remains the same.

"We want to turn out a pilot who will be a lifelong learner," Dabney said.

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diplomacy advisers said the United States retains the Afghanistan war goal that he outlined just two months into his presidency — to sideline al-Qaida — but changing circumstances require a reassessment of how to get there.

Republican Sen. John McCain, Obama's opponent in last year's presidential election and one of the lawmakers expected at Tuesday's meeting, said he thinks it's critical that the administration avoid thinking of the insurgent Taliban and the al-Qaida terrorist network as separate issues.

"If the Taliban returns, they will work with al-Qaida," he said on NBC Tuesday morning.

"It's just a historical fact. You can't separate the two. ... I strongly disagree with those who allege those are separate problems. They have worked together in the past and they will work together in the future."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates appealed Monday for calm amid the intense administration debate over the war, and for time and privacy for the president to come to a decision.

Gates' remarks stood as an implicit rebuke of the man he helped install as the top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, for lobbying in public for additional troops Obama may decide to forgo.

"It is important that we take our time to do all we can to get this right," Gates said at an Army conference. "In this process, it is imperative that all of us taking part in these deliberations. The fierce Taliban attack that killed eight American soldiers over the weekend added to the pressure.

The assault overwhelmed a remote U.S. outpost where American forces have been stretched thin in battling insurgents, underscoring the appeal from the top Afghanistan commander for as many as 40,000 additional forces — and at the same time reminding the nation of the costs of war.

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Student body president Jordan Hannah said he wants to encourage students to talk to thesenators at the table or stop by the student government office in the SUB with issues they may have.

"The survey is more of the quantitative data part of it," Hannah said. "If you have further input or comments, you can put that on your written survey and communicate that with the people at the table." The survey this week concerns academics at Baylor, with questions on Chapel and foreign language requirements and the challenges presented by certain professors or courses.

"We want to advocate for [students] adn the best way to begin is to listen," Saulz said.

At Monday's Issue of the Week table, student government received a large response from students a large response.

"We had a good turnout (Monday)," Hannah said. "We ran out of all our paper surveys."

After the Oct. 22 meeting with the board of regents, student government plans to continue the issue of the week table for the rest of the year, covering a different issue each week.

"Almost everyone on the board has kids on campus," Stone said. "We are not disinterested parties. Students' issues are important to us not only as board members but also as parents and grandparents."

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Allen said he goes out and speaks to students and members of the Waco community about Perry's campaign and encourages to students to get out and yote.

"Most college students aren't registered to vote, or aren't registered to vote here," Allen said. "Our democratic process doesn't work without people getting out and voting."

Allen said he plans on staying a part of the campaign through this election.

"We will see what happens," Allen said. "I would like to involved with the legislation down in Austin, regardless of how this election goes for Governor Perry."

In his speech at George's, Perry utilized humor, addressing all of the hot topics while keeping the mood pretty light.

Toby Walker, a Waco local, attended the event and said she left satisfied.

"It's neat every time you see him," Walker said. "He's got a great sense of humor."

Perry concluded the event by emphasizing to audience members the importance of getting involved in the political process, which he said is an integral part of the American society.

"Empower yourself to stand up in the public arena and not be afraid," Perry said. "If there are enough of us who are willing to do this, our country will not fail."

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have to figure out how to best use that limited first supply.

The state health department says that first allotment is ex pected to arrive during the next two weeks.

The Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services, said its first shipment of 700 doses of FluMist will be given to health care workers who are first responders. The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District said it has received 500 doses of FluMist and are deciding which high-risk group will

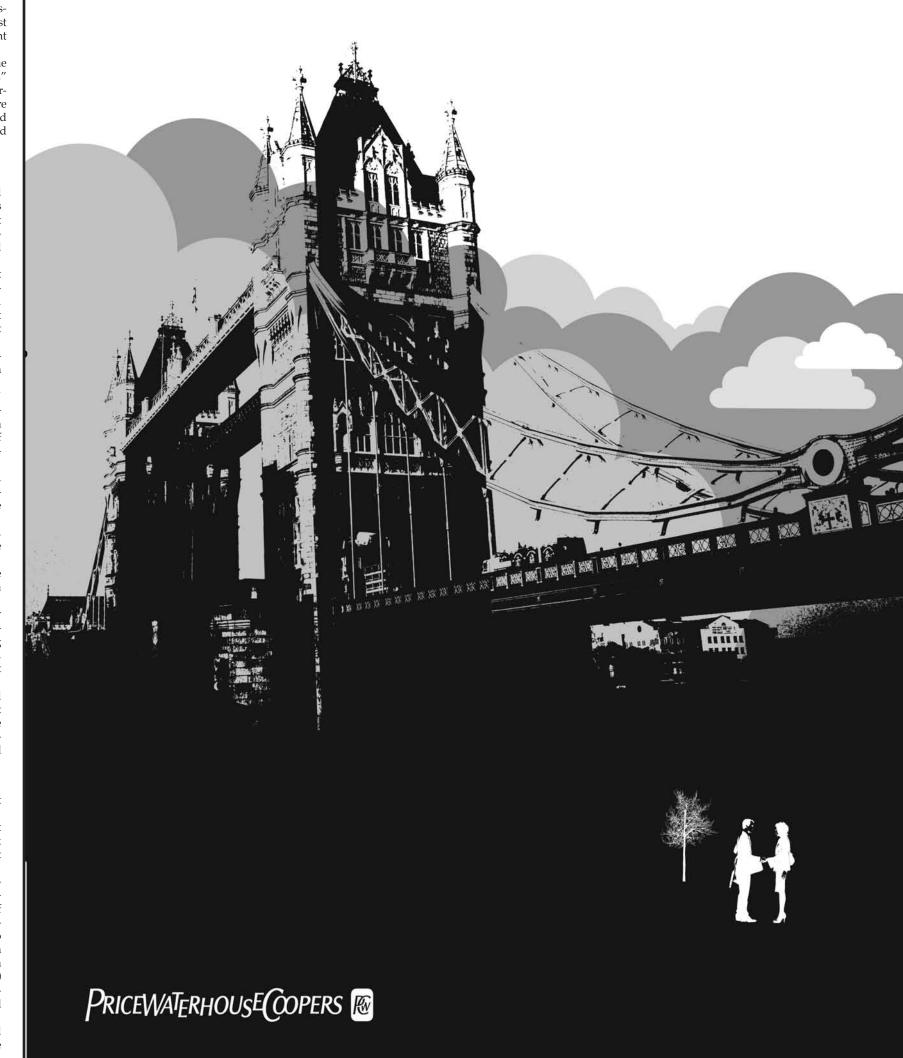
get it.

State health officials urged patience, saying they expect the weekly availability of the vaccine to be low for the first few weeks. They said they expect the shipment volume to increase later in the month.

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## Alumnus helps soldier tell emotional story

OPINION EDITOR

Shannon Meehan, with the help of Baylor alumnus Roger Thompson, chronicles his time spent serving in Iraq in the new book "Beyond Duty." The book details Meehan's time in the Iraq War, especially the emotional repercussions of having to make a decision to drop artillery on a booby-trapped house, killing an innocent family.

#### BOOK | REVIEW

I had the privilege of meeting both Meehan and Thompson when the men came to speak at my history of American journalism class on Sept. 25. Since then, I have had trouble getting Meehan's tragic story out of my

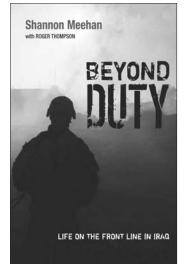
The book is wonderful, powerful and informative. I felt like a part of Meehan's family, a part of the team wishing and hoping that he would find redemption from his difficult time and trying circumstances. Soldiers, often so

young, seem to live full lives before they return from war. That is what I kept thinking as I read about Meehan's experiences. Several times he talks about how the war changed him, how he came back a different person. That is something he is still working

I would recommend this book to anyone, because it is informative for those who want to learn about the Iraq War, but also because it is very honest and vulnerable — it shows the war in a no-holds-barred light that we may not see from other outlets. I appreciated Meehan's vulnerability and his hope to find a sort of peace after the tragedies he witnessed in Iraq. The fact is that his life has continued and he has found a way to encourage other soldiers to share their experience and pain and not to be swallowed in silence.

This book captures what I can imagine is the emotional outpouring of the Iraq War. This war is different than past wars, Mee-

In past wars it has essentially been a row there has been a clearly defined enemy but in Iraq



the nature of the enemy is that they are often hidden, interlaced within the community.

Meehan mentioned that al-Qaida often took over civilian houses or used their houses to store weaponry or hold meetings. "We were fighting a war, and we were fighting a war that blurred the typical boundaries between safe and unsafe areas," Meehan writes in the book.

The climax of the book is when Meehan has to make the extremely difficult decision to drop artillery on a house they believe to belong to an al-Qaida leader. He writes, "So, I made the call that would change my life. I ordered the missile strike on the house ... I couldn't risk my men. I couldn't send them into a house with a potential IED inside. I had seen the horror of that type of bomb. I had seen our soldiers ripped to pieces by that kind of blast, their limbs buried under the ruins of a house...."

The book continues to detail the devastation Meehan feels upon realizing an innocent family of eight is found within the ruins of that house.

The book tells about a bad injury that Meehan gets a couple of weeks later. When Meehan came to speak to my class, he candidly talked about how he'd wished the injury had taken his life. He talked about how he'd cried out to God, asking why he was still alive and why that innocent family was not.

After the speech in class, I went home and talked to my roommate about Meehan's story. We talked about how we, as Americans, tend to hold soldiers

on a pedestal. We look at them as perfect heroes and are thrilled for them to return home safely. And while that's not necessarily a bad thing, perhaps in seeing them as perfect heroes we have done them a disservice in not letting them be human.

Perhaps we are too quick to decide that they can be welcomed home, but they can't talk about the devastation they witnessed while away. That is the point of this book. Meehan was a part of something that I can't imagine, but he has seen beautiful moments of redemption as other soldiers are able to come out and talk about the debilitating heartache they felt as a result of the war, and we should be able to hear these stories without seeing them as any less heroic.

In the speech, Meehan also mentioned how he would most likely never forget the family it is a story he will carry around with him forever.

But during one stop of the book tour, he spoke to a woman whose husband fought in the war and watched many of his men die and had now come home and pulled away from his

friends and family. She asked Meehan about the emotional scars soldiers are left with after the war, and they were able to discuss some of the ways she might be able to support her husband in these hard times.

Meehan describes the silence and weight of war in his novel like this, "If you supported the war, it was another tragic but necessary loss in the quest to maintain the security of the United States and root out the evil of terrorism. If you were against the war it was another tragic example of the failure of Bush and his cronies. The soldiers' stories, however, were invisible, silent in the face of too much loss, too

From what I understand, the main goal of this book is for that silence to be broken. The hope is that people will be able to speak out forth lives of men and women who fight for us on a daily basis. Tragedies are made worse if we ignore them, and the hope of this book is that we will not do that. I'm proud to have met these men and believe in the dreams they have for the future

## Veteran Uproar artist continues to perfect sound

By Lincoln Faulker Contributor

Some people are born rock

Glen Rose junior and singer/ songwriter David Dulcie may have been one even earlier.

"I started listening to music before I was born," David said. He said his parents would play James Taylor through headphones placed around his mother's stomach.

"I popped out singing," David said.

When he was 6 years old David began piano lessons and continued until he was 12. At 14 he picked up a guitar for the first time and had written his first song "Timeless Hope" by 15, a song he said he still plays.

David didn't become serious as a songwriter until his junior year in high school when he started playing long sets at The Coffee Beanery, a local coffee shop.

"They made me play twohour sets," he said. "So I had to write a lot of songs really quickly because I hated going there and only playing 10 songs like three

By his third week playing at the cafe, David said he had written about 40 songs.

David's brother, Baylor freshman Matt Dulcie, recalled falling asleep while listening to his brother practice.

"David would stay up working on new music, oftentimes gaining inspiration from James Taylor, Dan Fogelburg and Jack Johnson and continuing into the early hours of the morning," he

However, starting college slowed things down until about a year ago when he auditioned and earned a spot on the first Uproar Records album, featuring his song "Be No More." David, along

with accompanying violinist Ben Gagne, was also picked as one of the five new Uproar Records artists for this year's album.

David said being a part of the program has helped take him outside his comfort zone by expanding his songwriting

"I've started exploring blues beats and jazz riffs," he said. "I wrote this short song that ended up pretty good and I felt good about it. It's different and uncomfortable and magical all at the same time. I think it's going to be so much fun putting a crazy cool group of instruments and stuff together and playing a song that's loud and rocking."

Dulcie said Uproar is going to

help him open doors to learn with other musicians and understand more songwriting techniques.

"David has grown a lot as an artist in a year," Dulcie's Uproar manager Garrett Burnett said. "He is looking forward to getting outside of the box with his music this year and he has some great ideas and talent to bring to the table."

David doesn't know what role songwriting is going to play in his future, adding that law school is his career safety net.

It wasn't until last spring with the death of friend and fellow Baylor student Jordan Wilson, a Conway, Ark. sophomore, who supported David's music, that songwriting became a career pos-

"His planning to help me out with everything made me think it was worth it to pursue music myself," David said. "Maybe make something real out of it."

Fans of David can catch him at the Uproar new artist showcase at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 at Common Grounds. Tickets are \$5, and the concert is followed by a dance

"[David] is going to work hard to pursue his music and grow and learn with every step he takes," Burnett said. "He's excited about getting more performances this year, and his fans should stay tuned because they are in store for a great show with the new music he's written."

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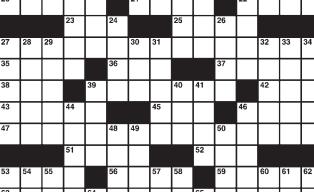
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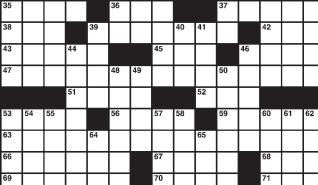
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### Inexperienced secondary ready to challenge Big 12

By Chris Derrett Sports writer

The University of Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops has yet to announce his starting quarterback for the Sooners on Saturday afternoon in the matchup against the Bears. Whether there is a Heisman winner or a redshirt freshman calling the signals, Baylor's defensive backs are preparing for their toughest challenge of the

To give the Bears a chance to win, Baylor must stop Oklahoma receivers Brandon Caleb and Cameron Kenney. Sooner receiving-yard leader Ryan Broyles left last week's game with a shoulder injury and will not play Saturday.

Already the Bears' cornerbacks have accepted the challenge of overcoming injuries to Antareis Bryan and Mikail Baker. After Saturday's win over Kent State, in which true freshman Chance Casey intercepted a pass and Clifton Odom forced a fumble, Art Briles had high praise for his secondary.

"We don't even discuss it in the staff meetings," Briles said about their performances. "I think they're fighters. They've done a great job, and they'll continue to keep doing bet-

""I think they're fighters. They've done a great job, and they'll continue to keep doing better."

Art Briles

Odom and Casey also combined for 14 tackles against the Golden Flashes.

Inside the locker room there is no doubt in the secondary's ability. Because they can do nothing about the unfortunate injuries now, the Bears are pressing on, Odom says.

"We have a lot of confidence. A lot of media are saying we're stretched thin at the (defensive back) position, but we don't pay attention to any of that stuff," he said.

He also sees a bright future for Casey, adding, "He's quiet, but when he gets on the field, something else comes out of him. He's going to be a great player for us."

Preventing big plays and missed coverages is something Baylor's secondary is stressing in its weekly preparation. They do not want to concede another touchdown like the 35-yard

strike that gave Kent State an

This week we're going to try to focus on the little things," Casey said. "If they do something good, it's not going to be because we screw up. It will be because they have to

Though glad to get a win Saturday, safety Jordan Lake still believes the defense can play stronger in the early stages of games. Connecticut, Northwestern State and Kent State were all able to score on their first possessions against the Bears, the shortest of those being a 64-yard touchdown drive by Kent State.

Everyone on the defensive side needs to work at stopping opponents sooner," Lake said.

"We have to get some threeand-outs," Lake said. "We can't let them get down to our 20 with our backs against the wall and say, 'OK, now it's time to stop them.'"

Saturday will be the second time that Odom and defensive back Tim Atchison play in Norman, and they hope to keep Oklahoma from scoring another 52 points like it did in

As for Casey, he will try to approach his second-career collegiate road game as just another opportunity to contribute to the team.



Freshman cornerback Chance Casey wraps up a Kent State University wide receiver in Saturday night's 31-15 victory. Casey leads the Bears with two interceptions in 2009 and returned one of those for a touchdown.

### Freshman finds role with team

By Kevin Tamer

If you watch Torri Campbell play volleyball, you would be surprised to find out she is only a freshman. The 6-foot-2-inch middle blocker from Amarillo has emerged as one of the most productive players for the Baylor volleyball team this season.

Coming into her freshman year, Campbell was ranked as the third-best player in Texas and the No. 8-ranked middle blocker nationally. She was also ranked 30th overall in the 2009 recruiting class by PrepVolleyball.com.

Such rankings stem from her exceptional career at Amarillo High School, where she led her team to a combined 145-5 record in her three-year tenure and guided it to three consecutive

Class 5A state titles. Campbell received honors as the 2008 Texas Gatorade Player of the Year and the Amarillo Globe-News Volleyball Player of the

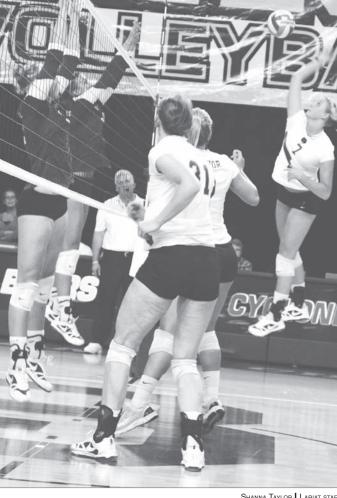
When it came time to make a decision where to further her volleyball career, Campbell said looked to Baylor because of the family-oriented atmosphere and its closeness to home. She also wanted to play for a coach like

Jim Barnes.

"I didn't want a coach that would be so intense that I would be burned out on volleyball," Campbell said. "But I wanted someone who could improve me, and that is Coach Barnes. He's a really encouraging coach and does a good job pushing us to do

Campbell has been able to transfer her high school success to Baylor. In her 45 sets as a Bear, Campbell has racked up 88 kills with a .252 hitting percentage and 42 blocks on defense.

Associate head coach Bryan Bunn played a major role in recruiting Campbell, and he is



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Torri Campbell (No. 7) goes up for a kill against Iowa State University on Sept. 29. Campbell is second on the team with 0.93 blocks per set.

impressed with how she has performed as a Big 12 volleyball

"Torri had a lot of accolades coming out of high school," Bunn said. "But you never know what they are going to do when they get here. She has come in and done a great job taking care of the ball. She makes very few errors and has a good hitting percentage for a freshman."

Campbell played a big part in the Bears' success at the Comcast Challenge, in which the Bears made school history by extending their winning streak to 11

Campbell saw a great deal of playing time as she tallied 20 kills in the three games. Additionally, she only had six attacking errors and recorded a .311 hitting per-

The freshman admits her job comes a little easier having veteran players like Katie Sanders, Anna Breyfogle, Taylor Barnes and Ashlie Christenson on the floor with her.

They are very inspiring, and they are good at what they do," Campbell said. "It's good for us freshmen to look up to them and see all the hard work they put

and their accomplishments." This season Campbell has been a part of a Baylor volleyball team that has broken records and made history, but she has her eyes set on the NCAA tournament.

"My main goal is getting us into the final four," Campbell said. "There is pressure on us to do well, but we have to keep working hard."

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### Sports take: Aggie hockey fans can't equate with team's success

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Maroon bumper stickers. Crazed chanting. "Howdies" everywhere you turn. Tan uniforms and brown boots marching around. Freebirds (a rare oasis in a hostile land). And lots and lots of "Whoops." Yep - must be Aggieland. After driving past the Aggie

barn about half an hour south of Waco, (which I once again had the sudden urge to raze ... I mean repaint ... sorry, Baylor), I found myself in the bowels of the enemv's camp.

Amid a sea of maroon, I made my way into the stands of the Arctic Wolf Ice Arena in College Station last Friday to watch the Bears club hockey team take on the Aggies of Texas A&M.

Unfortunately, Baylor, missing forward Jason Devoe to a foot injury, struggled to match up with the Aggies. After three periods of flailing fists and plenty of penalties, the Bears fell by a final score

Ouch, you say? Yes. Ouch is right.

However, in spite of the final score, the small section of green and gold in the stands managed to find a moral victory. I know · I hear you sports fanatics when you say there are no moral victories after getting solidly "whooped" 9-2.

Nevertheless, a moral victory was to be had, and it came in the form of a consolation prize. I like to call it the Intellectual Fan Award (IFA).

You are probably familiar with this award if you have spent a decent amount of time in the stands



Reporter

matter the venue. On this particular occasion, one section over from the faithful fans of A&M hockey, we, the proud supporters of Baylor hock-

tual Fan Award is up for grabs no

ey, earned the IFA. Well, maybe that's too much credit to give the Texas-raised,

rookie hockey enthusiasts. It might be more accurate to say that A&M's best and bright-

est lost the award. The Intellectual Fan Award was theirs for the taking. They had the passion, they had the hockey knowledge, they had the vocal volume needed to turn an

ear, and they had the scoreboard

(arguably any fan's best friend).

However, in spite of all of these things working in their favor, the Aggie fans made a couple critical mistakes coming down the home stretch. In words reminiscent of the movie "Remember the Titans," they fumbled the football.

The first "fumble" came at ism major from Katy.

the 6-2 mark when, from across the aisle, we hear a proud Aggie declare, "Six more and we'll have

OK. We've all been there. Midshout is an unfortunate time for the addition wheels to lock up, but hey, it happens to the best of us. I feel for you, man.

If that's where the mathematical errors came to an end, the Aggie fans could have salvaged

However, a couple of goals later it was the multiplication wheel's turn to come to a halt as the boisterous Ags successfully hammered home the nail to their

The scoreboard reads A&M 8, Baylor 2 and with all gusto imaginable, a proud Aggie hockey supporter declares that they have just tripled our score.

Unsure about how to respond, every fan (including those wearing maroon) within two sections slowly turns to look at now-notso-proud Aggie hockey supporter who is slowly realizing his blunder. As for the Baylor group, we simply took one glance at each other and burst into satisfied laughter, knowing we had secured an oh-so-sweet moral

When it came down to it, the Aggies had one roadblock that kept them from seizing the Intellectual Fan Award. There was one blockade that even a 9-2 win could not overcome because in the end, they're still Aggies.

Matt Larsen is a sophomore journal-

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# Lawsuit looks to regulate carbon dioxide emissions

STAFF WRITER

Public Citizen, a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization, is suing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to regulate and recognize global warming gasses as pollutants.

This lawsuit, announced Tuesday, would follow a precedent set in the 2007 case of Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency, where the courts ruled that man-made carbon dioxide from coal plants is a pollutant under the federal Clean Air Act.

"What the lawsuit is doing is calling on the TCEQ to look at carbon dioxide as a pollutant, which is what they've been told to do for over a decade," said Ryan Rittenhouse, director of Coal Block, a campaign to stop the use of coal.

The Coal Block campaign calls for a moratorium on the construction of coal plants in Texas. This campaign made its way through Waco last month when the Roll Beyond Coal series held an event in downtown Heritage Square.

If the lawsuit is successful, then carbon dioxide, as a pollutant, would be included in any conversations related to permit-

"The TCEQ steadfastly refuses to allow any discussion or consideration of (carbon dioxide) or climate change issues during permit proceedings," said attorney Charles Irvine of Blackburn and Carter, who is representing Public Citizen, in a news release.

"As a result, all evidence and testimony submitted on these issues has been repeatedly stricken in multiple coal plant cases.'

Six of the 11 coal plants that have applied for permits in the last four years have been ap-

Their construction will cumulatively add 42 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year. If approved, the other five would add 35 million tons, adding a total of 77 million tons of carbon dioxide to the Texas skies.

"Texas leads the nation in the emissions of global warming gases. If we were a nation, we would rank seventh in emissions among the countries on earth," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of Public Citizen's Texas office, in a press

"The time has come for the TCEO to take its head out of the sand and begin the process to regulate (carbon dioxide) emissions from Texas sources. Because the agency will not do so on its own, we are seeking to have a Texas court order it to do so."

Another part of the lawsuit would require the TCEQ to look at carbon dioxide offsetting, which is when a coal plant will offset their new emissions by closing another plant, planting trees or doing other things to counter balance the carbon dioxide from the coal plants.

While some plants have made promises to include these clauses in their work, there are no legal obligations for these companies to follow through.

"There would be absolutely no legal binding to their side of the bargain," Rittenhouse said. "They would be bargaining with a hollow promise."

This lawsuit comes on the heels of the Sept. 30 news that a federal judge in Austin threw out the final court case standing in the way of the completion of the Sandy Creek coal plant, which is being built in Riesel, a small town of about 1,000 people located near Waco.

"That was the last chance we had to beat the Sandy Creek plant, and it was thrown out," Rittenhouse said.

"Now there are no stops to Sandy Creek. There's nothing clean about (the Sandy Creek plant). It's a traditional, dirty old coal plant that's putting out thousands of tons of pollution each year."

If new action is to be taken against this plant, Rittenhouse said it must come soon.

"It's the furthest along of any of the plants being built," Rittenhouse said. "Now there's no longer an impediment to it moving

Rittenhouse said unless the EPA steps in, there is nothing to

However, if it does, then there is still hope for the Waco area. He said at the very least, the TCEQ would be forced to go in and review the air permits for the Sandy Creek plant.

"It takes a lot for the EPA to step in and say the state regulatory committee isn't doing their job," said Eva Hernandez, the new coal organizer for Sierra Club. "It's a very rare thing to

There is research that suggests that coal plants are impacting health in Texas. Donna Hoffman from Sierra Club said asthma rates have more than doubled in Texas since 1980.

Some of the state's highest asthma rates are in areas near the two coal plants that operate in urban areas, said Neil Carman, director of the Clean Air program.

One is the City Public Service plant in southeast San Antonio and NRG in west Houston, whose plumes can blow into According to "Dirty Air, Dirty

Power," a publication by the Clean Air Task Force, 90 percent of deaths caused each year by fine particle pollution could be prevented by capping power plant pollution, by installing the best emission controls available.

The publication also listed that exposure to particulate pollution will decrease life expectancy by 14 years and that 38,200 nonfatal hearts attacks per year are caused by power plant pollution.

People living in rural areas are affected the most by pollution.

"A lot of people that are engaged in these fights don't consider themselves activists," Hernandez said. "They are farmers and fishermen and people with respiratory diseases."

Race to the Top criticized for reliance on standardized testing lasting innovation and reform. By Melissa Perry money based on student achievement and the institution of new Dr. Tony Talbert, School of and innovative programs.

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BearAware, a campaign that Baylor uses to monitor all of ITS security.

REPORTER

Since taking office, President Barack Obama's plans for education reform have been highly anticipated, and the administration's Race to the Top program has already created quite

According to the Department

"The past problem has been trying to fit a square peg in multiple, differentshaped holes."

Eric Salas A.J. Moore Academy teacher

of Education, the Race to the Top Fund provides competitive grants to encourage and reward states that are creating the conditions for education innovation

The program will provide nearly \$5 billion in funding for schools, with an additional \$5.6 billion in grants being allocated for other education reforms.

Schools will be awarded grant

While the allocation of funds for education is welcome within the education community, some organizations have expressed concerns regarding the program's assessment standards. Despite the president's call for

a more holistic approach to education, some are worried that the use of test scores to judge schools will remain too prominent a fo-The National Center for Fair

and Open Testing submitted formal complaints to the Department of Education, questioning the program's reliance on standardized testing. In a press release, they com-

pared Race To The Top to the No Child Left Behind law of the Bush administration, which they criticized for its dependence on "Unfortunately many of the 'Race to the Top' draft guidelines

issued by the Department of Education represent a step backwards from the President's goals," said the National Center for Fair and Open Testing in a press release.

While some critics remain cautious, others believe that the program has the potential to support

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Education professor, said schools and communities need to be motivated to meet the diverse learning needs of all students.

"The education community has great hope that President Obama will return to the practice of listening and empowering educators to bring about the changes and reforms that will continue to support America's most important public trust — that being the education of all children," Talbert

Talbert said though he understands why critics of the program are cautious, he believes that President Obama's vision for public education is going in the right direction.

A.J. Moore Academy teacher Eric Salas said he is eager to see a fundamental overhaul in the education system. For Salas, past solutions have not been ad-

"A past problem has been trying to fit a square peg in multiple, different-shaped holes. The education problems of Texas are not the same in Massachusetts," Salas said. "I believe this will be a good thing for students if it stresses achievement from where

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meeting is at 7 p.m. today in the Baines Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Come learn more of what this service organization is all about.

A Blood Drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. today in front of the Bobo Spiritual Life Center. It is run by Alpha Phi Omega.

Baylor Engineering and Research Seminar is from 12:20 to 1:25 p.m. in 312 Rogers

Engineering and Computer Science Building. Richard Campbell, lecturer in the mechanical engineering department will present "You're not in Kansas Anymore: Baylor Engineering in China 2009."

Dr. Paul Fiddes, a professor of systematic theology at the University of Oxford and Fellow of Regent's Park College in Oxford, will lecture from 3:30 to 5 p.m. today in the Miller Chapel of Tidwell Bible Building. The lecture is sponsored by the religion department.

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