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## Forbes: Waco third-best job haven

By **LAURA REMSON**  
STAFF WRITER

December graduates from Baylor University should not have to trek far to find a job, according to Forbes Magazine.

The magazine named Waco the third-best city in the United States to find a job in an article last month.

According to Manpower, the employment services firm who conducted the survey, 19 per-

cent of businesses in Waco are planning to hire and 9 percent are planning on firing. This net gain of 10 percent gives Waco the number three spot. Ranked in the top two spots, Lincoln, Neb., has a 17 percent net gain, and Pasco, Wash., has an 11 percent net gain.

These numbers are drastically different than the overall national average, which lists net employment at negative 2 percent, with 12 percent of employ-

ers hiring and 14 percent firing. Additionally, Flint, Mich., had the highest percentage of expected firing with a net outlook of negative 17 percent.

In his film "Capitalism: A Love Story," critical filmmaker Michael Moore, who is from Flint, points to cuts in the car production market, particularly at General Motors. The documentary also said that General Motors declared bankruptcy and admitted that they have

one-tenth of the jobs they had at one point; a mere 6,000, down from more than 60,000 people in the 1970s.

For Waco, though, this high ranking is exciting news.

"We are strengthened by our diverse economy and the number of companies who have selected Greater Waco as a place to relocate or expand their business," said Jim Vaughan, president of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, in a news

release Tuesday. "With healthy sectors such as transportation, health care, aviation and advanced manufacturing providing jobs here, it's no wonder that Waco is strong enough to be recognized by Forbes' assessment of America's best cities for new jobs."

Companies in Waco that have influenced this high ranking include the Waco Veterans Affairs Hospital, which added 224 full-time and part-time jobs

since last year. Caterpillar Logistic added 140 jobs at its new distribution center, and L-3 Communications, an airplane and homeland defense company, is opening up another 100 jobs.

The Chamber of Commerce maintains businesses in Waco and began the Waco Young Professionals in 2005 as part of its 10 initiatives in the 2005 Plan of Action. The organiza-

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## Texas Supreme Court appoints first Latina judge

By **MONICA ROHR**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON—A judge whose Mexican immigrant mother earned only a third grade education and worked as a cleaning woman was named to the Texas Supreme Court on Thursday, becoming the first Latina to serve on the state's highest civil court.

Justice Eva Guzman of the 14th Texas Court of Appeals will succeed Scott Brister, Gov. Rick Perry announced at the predominantly Hispanic Austin High School, where Guzman graduated in 1979.

"This is a special day and this is a special place," said Guzman, 48, who was born in Chicago but grew up in Houston as one of seven children of Mexican immigrant parents. "We chose this location because this is where my journey began. It is a strong reminder of the power of big dreams, hard work and good choices."

Perry, who praised Guzman as a "principled conservative" with an "unmatched work ethic," said her name kept coming up after he instructed his staff to "find the best, most principled Texas jurist out there and get him or her on the bench."

Guzman's story of rising from immigrant roots to judicial success exemplifies "a dream I'm proud to say is still possible in the state," said Perry, who is in a tough re-election Republican primary against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Both are working to woo Hispanics, who make up a third of Texas's population and a quarter of the state's electorate.

The announcement took place in the high school library, where the walls were decorated with Diego Rivera prints and signs exhorting students to succeed. The room was packed with Guzman's family, friends and staff. Some students sat cross-

legged in the front row, taking notes and listening intently as Guzman spoke of the lessons she learned from her parents.

Among those lessons: education and hard work were keys to success, she said.

"They taught us that extraordinary things can happen to ordinary people," said Guzman, who added that she wants her experience to be "empowering. Let all from humble beginnings know the power of perseverance."

Sophomore Emily Lechuga took those words to heart. The president of the school's debate team, the 15-year-old was chosen to speak about the meaning of Guzman's appointment.

As she researched the justice's background, Guzman said she shouted: "That's me! That's what I want to be! She grew up in the same area of Houston where I live. She went to the same high school. She paved the same road I want to walk down."

Eleivia Vigil, a 17-year-old junior, said she was also inspired by Guzman's story, but was disappointed by Guzman's and Perry's responses to her question about their support for the DREAM Act, a bill in Congress that would give illegal immigrant students a path to citizenship. Both talked about the ideals of the American dream, but neither answered the question.

As a child of immigrants, Vigil said she is struggling to find financial aid for college because many scholarships require students to be born in the U.S.

"Her story is inspiring, but what about me?" asked Vigil. "Where are the answers I need?"

In 2001, Guzman became the first Hispanic woman appointed to the 14th Court of Appeals and the second Hispanic to serve on that bench. She won election to

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SHANNA TAYLOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Waco resident alumna Anne Vinson Dudley stands Wednesday in her home, in front of a collage of the newspaper clippings and photos that tell the story of her life as a missionary abroad.

## From Japan, with love

**Alumna who worked as a missionary is now back in Waco to help students**

By **TRENT GOLDSTON**  
STAFF WRITER

Alumna Anne Vinson Dudley, a 1954 graduate, recently moved back to Waco for the first time in more than 50 years. After spending time as a missionary in countries around the globe, Dudley has returned to work with college students.

"It was never easy, but it was never dull," Dudley said.

Dudley left Texas for the first time in 1960 and departed for Japan with her husband and five children. Dudley said she and her family were one of the last groups to travel to Japan by ship, a trip that took two weeks. In Japan, Dudley and her husband worked with the Southern Baptist Foreign Missions, teaching English and spreading Christianity to locals.

"God used me despite my inabilities with the language," Dudley said. "When you ask God to use you, he does."

Dudley taught an English class to top college-age students from across the country and one of her students went on to help lay the groundwork for the computer company Compaq.

Only a few short years after moving

to Tokyo, it was beginning to feel like home, Dudley said.

"We felt like we had made the contacts to spend the rest of our lives there," Dudley said. "But God had a plan."

In 1964, Dudley and her family moved to Okinawa, Japan, where they witnessed to soldiers on their way to Vietnam. Dudley and her husband helped buy a ship called The Messenger, which would be used by the local church to evangelize to the area.

"(The ship) was in our name," Dudley said. "We paid more for it than our combined year's salary."

In Okinawa, Dudley worked with a church of more than 1,500 active members, many of whom were GIs. Dudley said her passion has always been to work with young people.

After time in Okinawa, Dudley returned to Tokyo, working in several different places including the New Otani Hotel. She continued her work in Japan until 1975.

Dudley's children are now spread across the globe, and two of them are Baylor graduates.

Dudley said traveling is vital in order to develop a global perspective.

"When young people travel out to other countries, they don't take their faith for granted or their country for granted," Dudley said.

Dudley said she encourages anyone



Dudley spent many years teaching English to children in Japan for more than 50 years.

who is interested in missions work to follow their passions.

"Be sure that's what God wants you to do, then do it," she said. "It won't be easy. You have to be willing to go one step at a time."

Dr. Hakeem Tijani, professor of African history, met Dudley through church and has gotten to know her well.

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Gov. Rick Perry embraces Judge Eva Guzman Thursday, after she is named to replace Scott Brister on the Texas Supreme Court Thursday. Guzman is the first Hispanic woman to take a seat on the Texas Supreme Court bench.

## Sluggish drainage cause of flooding

By **MEGAN KEYSER**  
STAFF WRITER

The rain that has plagued Waco recently has made evident flooding and drainage issues, as water pools on campus and Waco roads.

This rapid flow of rainwater throughout Waco and into storm sewers is a common cause of flooding, said Peter Allen, professor of geology.

"Storm sewers in general do

increase the height of floods," Allen said. "Storm sewers get the water to streams faster, which causes more flooding."

Storm sewers are not designed to hold an endless supply of water. They have a maximum capacity, and exceeding that capacity causes flooding, Allen said. The faster water gets to the sewers, the faster that capacity is reached.

In addition to flooding, full storm sewers can result in poor

water quality.

Rapid flow into storm sewers can often be attributed to large areas of pavement or ground pipes leading to the sewers, Allen said. Water travels to sewers faster on pavement because paved areas are smooth and do not absorb water. Pipes cause large amounts of water to funnel into sewers, resulting in rapid saturation of sewers.

One feature that can slow water flow into sewers is a low-

lying area of land called a swale, which can be seen from Central Texas Marketplace, Allen said. Swales are used to hold water and control how quickly it enters sewers.

Use of swales and other water retention methods are common in many cities.

"A lot of cities do more retention of runoff," Allen said. This allows water to enter sewers

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# Obama admirable to deliberate troop decision

Editorial

and improved governance and encouraging Afghan political

President Obama told congressional leaders on Tuesday that he planned not to largely reduce American forces in Afghanistan (as previously reported) or shift the mission to simply targeting terrorists. Obama also informed leaders that he remained undecided about the major troop buildup proposed on Oct. 1 by commanding general Stanley McChrystal, requesting as many as 40,000 more troops.

While we understand that many are growing impatient — John McCain was recently quoted in the *New York Times* as saying, “Time is not on our side. This should not be a leisurely process.” Obama is right to take this time to research the situation in Afghanistan and consider all sides of this weighty decision. In an interview on CBS’s “Face the Nation,” on Sept. 20, Obama said, “Whatever decisions I make are going to be based first on a strategy to keep us safe, then we’ll figure out how to resource it. We’re not going to put the cart before the horse and just think by sending more troops we’re automatically going to make Americans safe.”

This insight into Obama’s priorities is telling in that it shows the president’s forethought and contrast in strategy from that of former President George W. Bush.

The war in Afghanistan has been going on for eight years as of Wednesday and, from the looks of things, it will continue for much longer. There is still much left to do in Afghanistan. According to the *Washington Post*, a couple of these remaining responsibilities include training the Afghan army, promoting security in Afghanistan, aiding in economic development

reconciliation. In the same speech where he proposed the troop buildup, General McChrystal said that if more troops are not sent to Afghanistan, the entire military operation will fail. However, Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr.’s preferred option would be a scaled-back presence of troops in Afghanistan. While the issue of slowly removing troops from Afghanistan is still up in the air, one thing is for certain: President Obama says he does not plan to remove them all at once.

Because we have now had troops stationed in Afghanistan for eight years, this is the time to get serious and be thoughtful and deliberate instead of uprooting another 40,000 lives if we are still unsure what the game plan will be.

President Obama has taken a thoughtful approach and continues to deliberate over the many ways to move forward. On Wednesday the president said he was considering McChrystal’s proposition but was unsure yet of what the next step will be. The lack of an immediate decision about whether about to remove troops from Afghanistan does not mean that the president is apathetic to the issue. The *New York Times* also reported that Obama plans to meet with his national security team today to talk about this very issue. In fact, not only does this stance (or lack thereof) not mean that Obama is not giving the topic concern, it should prove that he is giving the issue an exceptional level of concern, and that takes time.



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## Regents support shared governance

Who shares in shared governance?

Baylor University’s regents support the idea of shared governance of the university. We desire to hear from all members of the Baylor family as we plan for the future of our great institution. However, we must exercise shared governance within the bounds of the federal and state laws under which we are chartered, within the standards for best practices for nonprofit institutions and within the expectations of the academic community.

A recent column written by Sheryn Jones fundamentally misstates the nature of shared governance and advocates a role for the Baylor Alumni Association that is inconsistent with the law and best practices. Let us set the record straight.

First, the AAUP Statement on the Government of Colleges and Universities makes clear that the business of a university is to be managed by the board, the administration and the faculty. Nowhere does the AAUP statement include an external organization as part of a shared governance structure. Therefore, the only legitimate way for any alumni association to participate in shared governance is to become part of the university.

Second, best practices would not suggest that an external, independent alumni association have a role as a check and balance mechanism at a university. The Association of Governing Boards’ Statement on Institutional Governance and Statement on External Influences on Colleges and Universities states that “alumni organizations frequently give rise to a brand of activism that intrudes on the roles of governing boards and chief executives. AGB recommends that alumni organizations be under the direct authority of the chief executive.”

Third, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation standard relating to board operations requires that governing boards be free from undue influence from “political, religious, or other external bodies.” The fiduciary loyalty of the board must be to the institution and not to any other group. The “checks and balances” role advocated by

### Point of View

BY HAROLD CUNNINGHAM

Regent



Ms. Jones and some of the leadership of the BAA risks putting the university in violation of the academic standards of our community and could threaten our accreditation.

Finally, the Texas Business Organizations Code chapter on nonprofit corporations, under which Baylor University is chartered, requires board members to discharge their duties “in a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the corporation.” Based on input from all of our constituents, we must do what we believe is in the best interest of Baylor. That duty serves as the basis of our proposal to the alumni association.

In another section, the AAUP standard states that “The right of a board member, an administrative officer, a faculty member, or a student to speak on general education questions or about the administration and operations of the individual’s own institution is a part of that person’s right as a citizen and should not be abridged by the institution.” We strongly agree. The right to speak out on university issues was not given to our alumni by the alumni association and it will not cease to exist if the alumni association becomes part of the university by adopting the proposal that we have presented.

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## BAA VP debates cost of being unique

In an ongoing media blitz, Baylor’s interim administration and Board of Regents have continued to champion and promote their proposal for the Baylor Alumni Association (BAA) to terminate its charter as a self-governing organization and become part of the Baylor administration.

Their primary argument is that the BAA’s independence is unique among all other alumni organization serving private universities and should therefore be eliminated in order to conform.

This uniqueness, however, is something that the Baylor family has celebrated for 150 years — and especially in the last 20 years — until it was recently challenged by a few on Baylor’s Board of Regents. This challenge has been the focal point in the discussion that has fractured the Baylor family in recent years.

Rather than participating in an unnecessary and divisive debate, maybe it’s more redemptive to the Baylor family to simply celebrate one true fact that we all can agree on: Baylor University is unique.

It is one of only a few institutions of higher education that have maintained a strong Christian identity while becoming one of the top 100 national, doctoral-granting universities in the United States.

It is only to the credit of the entire Baylor family — which includes students, faculty, alumni, donors, Texas Baptists, administrators and regents — that Baylor’s unique qualities have been both protected and preserved. As recently as the late 1980s, that uniqueness came under its greatest threat. In order to thwart an impending effort to take over Baylor’s governing board, and thereby the university’s future, Baylor’s administration and Board of Trustees changed the university’s charter in 1990.

The BAA was instrumental in helping the Baylor family and Texas Baptists understand the need for the charter change.

In order to prevent such a threat in the future, the university and the BAA worked together to create a unique relationship between the two entities. A few years after the charter change created a 75 percent self-perpetuating Board of Regents, Baylor and the BAA signed a license agreement that officially recognized the BAA as the general alumni organization of Baylor in perpetuity.

The BAA’s independent status and independent voice were specifically protected by the following language in the license agreement, as is demonstrated by the following language in the agreement: “Licensor [Baylor] has no control over licensee [BAA]. For example, it is understood that licensee is an independent ‘voice’ of alumni of Baylor University, and the positions taken by licensee (editorial and otherwise) which may be contrary to the administration of the University or its Board of Regents shall not be al-

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BY JEFF KILGORE

Executive VP of BAA



leged by licensor to constitute insufficient quality and shall not be grounds for licensor’s termination of this License Agreement.”

All parties agreed that the strong pairing of these two legally separate and unique entities would serve Baylor best in preserving her unique place in higher education.

However, the new leadership on Baylor’s Board of Regents and Baylor’s interim administration have strongly stated that this model — this special pairing — no longer serves Baylor well. Their representatives have said that Baylor should be looking at other institutions to determine what now serves Baylor best, rather than recognizing and honoring the deliberately unique relationship that Baylor established with the BAA.

These regents and administrators have concluded that the BAA, due to its uniqueness, should terminate its independent status. They have asked the BAA’s board of directors to terminate the alumni association’s charter and submit all of its assets, programming, and—perhaps most importantly—the editorially independent voice of the Baylor Line magazine to be placed under the control of Baylor’s administration and Board of Regents.

It is now evident that these regents, who are accountable only to themselves, believe that control of all communication with alumni is more important to Baylor’s future than such principles as editorial freedom and independent support. On the other hand, many believe that — like “independence” and “freedom” — “unique” is not a negative word.

The question that the Board of Regents chair recently posed to our BAA president cuts to the heart of this entire matter, and it is a question that everyone must now answer for himself or herself: What do you perceive to be the price of the BAA’s editorial independence?

It is a question that many alumni, and even students and faculty, are now beginning to ask themselves. Is Baylor’s own uniqueness part of that price? What do you think? We encourage anyone interested in this matter to respond by e-mailing the alumni association at [BaylorLine@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com](mailto:BaylorLine@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com). All responses will be considered for publication unless you indicate otherwise.

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### Barking up the right tree

Dr. Joseph White, a plant physiology professor, explains to Perryton senior Lauren Beyea center, and Plano senior Zach Derrick the physiology of a tree Thursday afternoon, outside the Baylor Sciences Building. Plant physiology is an upper-level course for students who enjoy environmental studies.

## Students leaders learn to break cultural barriers

By LENA WATERS  
REPORTER

The Multicultural Affairs department will present the fourth-annual Multicultural Leadership Summit from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday in Cashion Academic Center.

The goal of the event is to provide student leaders with the tools they need to lead and develop a culturally based student organization. The summit will include workshops, a keynote speaker and round table discussions. Each of these components will be centered on the theme "A Call to Citizenship: Who's Your Neighbor?" based on Luke 10:27.

"We are really trying to get our students to collaborate a lot more with one another," said Kelly Kimple, coordinator for multicultural activities. "They get comfortable with those in their own groups, but we want them to cross over the bridge every now and then and reach out to the people who are doing the same things they're doing."

Kimple questions why and how students can get to know one another.

"Do you know those other students? If you don't, why don't you? How can we make it happen so that you can get to know them so that we can have a better Baylor?" Kimple said.

One of the ways this will be accomplished is through cultural-experience workshops.

The workshops will include an Asian-American experience, African-American experience, Hispanic-American experience and white experience.

"At first, students would go to their specific ethnicity experiences, but as the years go on, they will go to the different ones so that they are able to learn about the different ethnicities they are always around," Kimple said.

A highlight of the event will be Jimmy Dorrell of Mission Waco as the keynote speaker.

"In trying to reach out to one another, we also want to reach out to the Waco population," Kimple said. "Dorrell will be an amazing asset to help them figure out different ways to do that, talking to how important that is for them as people and how they have that responsibility as Christians to the community they're living in for the time that they're here."

Last year, 75 students attended the summit, but multicultural affairs is expecting more than 100 students this year, many of whom they hope to be freshmen, Kimple said.

Sugar Land junior Jessica Obeahon, vice president of National Pan-Hellenic Council and former summit participant, recommends the event to other students.

"They were really engaging in what they were talking about," Obeahon said. "Everything presented was relative to us and how we actually work. [They gave us] a lot of ideas on ways to make things better."

"Students will enjoy it because of the team building they incorporate into it. It isn't just about leadership skills but about the bonds you can make with others in this community," Obeahon said.

Not only does the event promise to be helpful and enjoyable, but it is also an important step towards greater emphasis on diversity on campus.

"Baylor isn't the best when it comes to issues with diversity and multicultural, so this is a good start to what they can provide for this part of Baylor's community, because it is an important part," Obeahon said.

The event, which will include lunch, is free. Registration is available in person on the day of the event or online at [www.baylor.edu/multicultural](http://www.baylor.edu/multicultural).

## Students invest in future generation

By ALYSSA MENDEZ  
REPORTER

Students serving on Baylor's youth ministry teams will have the opportunity to serve Waco and surrounding city churches this year.

The ministry consists of about 100 students who will be placed on teams that travel Wednesday night to churches and lead youth worship nights or other events.

Teams are trained and arrive prepared to minister to students through worship, recreational games, sermons and devotionals.

"It's been great to see the kids, even though we're with them for only a night, open up about what they're going through," said Bristol, Tenn., junior Kaylen Puckett,

who has served on the ministry for two years.

Youth ministry teams are not only for students interested in ministry, but for students who have a desire to serve Christ and have a heart for youth.

"It's an extra outlet for Baylor students to take through the knowledge they require of you in college and express it to the community around us, particularly through students and youth groups," said Kingwood junior Tyler Smoot, who has served on the ministry for two years.

Students serving on youth ministry teams received training from seminary students and staff from the Spiritual Life Center on how to interact with youth.

Students were broken up into

teams where they discussed issues that might arise during a youth event and how they would

**"We're representing Baylor and we're representing spiritual life, but it's important that we represent Christ."**

Kristen Richardson  
Associate Chaplain

"We're representing Baylor and we're representing spiritual life, but it's important that we represent Christ," said Kristen Richardson, associate chaplain and director for formation and Baptist student ministries.

Students serving on the ministry can also be positive mentors to the children in the churches they work with.

"I have a big passion for youth and for younger kids because they are the future of the church," Puckett said.

"And if they can see that it's fun to be a Christian in college and there's a lot you can do besides just going to church, then they may be more willing stay in church and they may enjoy it more," Puckett said.

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# Veteran sculptor visits Waco

By KELSEY MOHR  
REPORTER

Art still remains one of the most subjective forms of expression. Where one might see the wonderment of childhood in a paint splatter, another might find it trivial. Such is vision when seen through the right eyes. In this instance, sculptor Willie Ray Parish finds his vision in a unique way. In his talk on Thursday at the Martin Museum of Art, Parish focused primarily on specific pieces of his work.

"I'm not sure I'm inspired, but compelled," Parish said. Parish uses his art as a means to explore what he calls the non-preciousness of art — art that is meant to be interacted with.

"I am driven by a compulsion to make things. I make houses. The most fun of all is making

sculptural things," he said.

His materials consist of both found pieces and traditional sculpting materials.

"I really like steel because it is the most spontaneous and quickest. Steel is my favorite," Parish said.

Born in Tupelo, Miss., Parish studied art at the University of Mississippi before receiving his MFA from the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles. This led him to teach sculpture at the University of Texas in El Paso.

In New Mexico, he is the founder and director of the Border Art Residency in La Union. It is a 10-month, \$3,000 scholarship that allows a single artist to focus solely on creating art. "It is a gift of time," Parish said.

Parish did not begin his journey into the world of art with sculpting.

"I was a drawer at first. When I took a sculptural class it's like the light went on. Sculpture is something and painting is an illusion of something," Parish said.

He asks the audience to tangibly experience his work.

"When I walk around this show, it works for me. You can walk around mine. It is as present as you are," he said.

He was invited to Baylor by the Martin Museum staff. Exhibitions are proposed by the faculty in the Department of Art.

"Part of our mission as a teaching museum is to support the curriculum in the Department of Art," said Museum Director Karin A. Gilliam. "Willie Ray Parish's sculpture enriches our student's understanding of a variety of sculpture techniques

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Sculptor Willie Ray Parish poses with one of his many pieces of work that were on show Thursday afternoon.

# Professor reveals vintage recipe for teacakes

By CAROLINE SCHOLES  
REPORTER

The following recipe was handed down to Dr. Beth Willingham, master of foreign language in Spanish and Portuguese, from her great-great-grandmother.

Willingham remembers standing on a chair in her grandmother's kitchen, pouring the ingredients on cue. She was told to always keep two big jars of cookies available, one of teacakes and one of ginger snaps.

**Grandmother's Teacakes**  
Submitted by Dr. Beth Willingham

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

**You will need:**  
2 cookie sheets  
1 scant cup of sugar  
1/2 c. butter or shortening  
1 tsp. pure vanilla flavoring  
1 large egg  
1/2 c. buttermilk

**Combine in separate bowl:**  
2 c. unbleached all-purpose flour  
1/2 tsp salt (or to taste)  
1 tsp. soda

**Method:**  
Combine the sugar and butter together with a fork very thoroughly. Beat in the egg.

Sift or stir together the flour-salt-soda mix until it is well blended. Put in a portion of the flour mix and fold in gently, combining thoroughly

with the sugar-fat-egg mix.

Add a little of the butter-milk, and fold in gently, until it is thoroughly combined. Keep alternating the flour mix with the milk until it is all combined.

Scrape the bowl with a mixing spatula and divide the lump of cookie dough. Put half onto a sheet of wax paper.

Gently roll out to 1/4 inch. Keep a little flour sprinkled on the rolling pin and on the top of the dough and on the cutter so things won't stick.

Cut out cookies close together to limit the dough scraps and place each cookie on a lightly greased baking sheet, three to a row, with space balanced all around. On the board, push the scraps together and roll them lightly and cut out.

Repeat with the second lump of cookie dough. Avoid handling the dough except as necessary and avoid working too much flour into it. Move the cookies gently to the cookie sheets with a spatula.

Put sheets into the oven until the cookies are brown around the edges. At four minutes, they should be puffed.

Another minute or so, and they need to come out.

"For a frosting, butter cream is really good, and hardly anything was ever ruined by a cream cheese frosting," Willingham said. "These make good decorating cookies for Christmas and other special occasions."

# Student comedy group brings laughs

By KIM DOUGLASS  
REPORTER

Funny, be funny. That's something that isn't easy for most of us. Think back to all the failed witticism of teachers, pastors, parents and friends. Seriously, how is taking the nose of a small child funny? Without the use of the words "knock knock" or the well traveled "girl from Nantucket," some people just don't have the gift of making others laugh.

Then there are some that can simply open their mouths in a certain way to make those around them burst out into spiels of glee. These are the people who have found out how to make others happy without having to do it at their own self-deprecating expense. This is humor at its best.

But what is the recipe for this perfect blend of comedy? A dash of amusement, a sprinkle of absurd, and hint of playfulness. When all the ingredients

are mixed together, what will you get? Baylor's own comedy group, Guerilla Troupe.

They will be performing at 10 and 11:30 p.m. today and Saturday in Theatre 11 of the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. The cost of \$3 at the door.

The group's comedic efforts range from pre-rehearsed skits to improv. With this being the troupe's first show of the year, the material used will be traditional to their past shows, but members will also bring some new tricks with them as well.

"We are mostly sticking to our basics for the new freshmen who are not used to us yet. Other than that, we always like to open each show with something original," Seabrook graduate student Trey Henry said. "We will be implementing a game back into the line up that has been out for about a year or so now."

From the audience perspective, it seems like playing these "games" just come naturally to Troupe members. They are, after

all, the funny ones, joking around in front of a crowd should be old news to them, right? Wrong. The process is actually more detailed than one would think.

"Planning for a performance consists of finding what games each troupe member wants to try their hand at and simply finding what works," said The Woodlands senior Callen McLaughlin. "All the prompts are spontaneous so the real preparation is to run the formula of the games, with different people and situations every time, and to prepare for anything."

Then there are the girls in the group. They add a different balance to the group. Rather than standing on stage and acting as the token "chicks," they play annoyingly amusing girlfriends in skits; they too take on an equal role as male members to all the hilarity. One member in particular, senior Shaun Patterson, admits her true reasons for joining the group.

"My freshman year I went to

a G-Troupe show the first week of school and I wet my pants ... literally," she said. "I wanted people to wet their pants for me, so I auditioned ... making people laugh. My family and friends have heard all of my lame jokes, but there are those out there who have not. I do it for them."

This reason seems to play a large role for most members. Making people laugh is only one part of the equation. Next comes actually performing, which they seem to love as well.

"I joined because improv comedy, to me, is the truest and most honest art form on stage. It is a passion of mine and takes a lot of skill to be good at it," said Henry.

When asked how the Troupe has changed their lives, McLaughlin, answered best with "Being in the Troupe has definitely made me see a lot more humor in situations, and being in front of a live, involved, and laughing audience always reminds me of why I do this."

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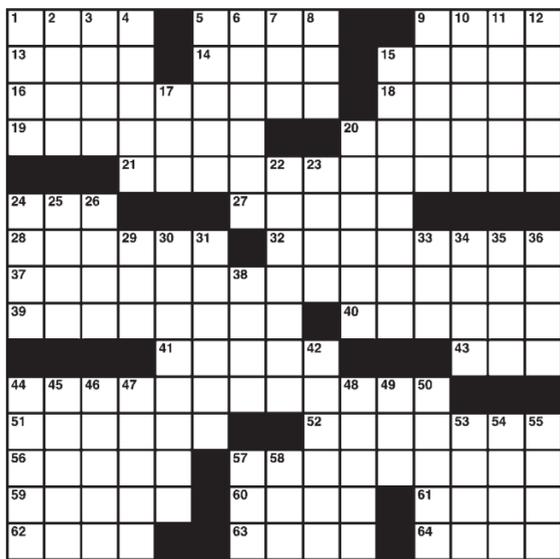
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### Across

- 1 Heartless
- 5 Run in a traffic jam?
- 9 "\_\_\_ fan tutte": Mozart opera
- 13 Hodgepodge
- 14 Aquarium clapper
- 15 Be silent, in music
- 16 Tropical fruit that grows underground?
- 18 Autobahn autos
- 19 Exceeded, as a budget
- 20 Ankle-swelling cause
- 21 Church game played with cans and bottles?
- 24 Workout unit
- 27 More cunning
- 28 Not away
- 32 Michigan college town
- 37 Italian cheese from the Florida Keys?
- 39 Snobs
- 40 Fictional author of "The World According to Bensenhaver"
- 41 Spot to get off
- 43 Grant opponent
- 44 Fled what was once Zaire?
- 51 Body shop offering
- 52 SWAT team supply
- 56 Jet trail
- 57 Jargon of ancient Yucatán?
- 59 Nanos and minis
- 60 Drive the getaway car for, say
- 61 Prefix with dollar
- 62 Last word sung with champagne in hand
- 63 Presidential power
- 64 Future J.D.'s hurdle

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- 2 Patron saint of Norway
- 3 Like glowing coals
- 4 Hall of Fame second base-



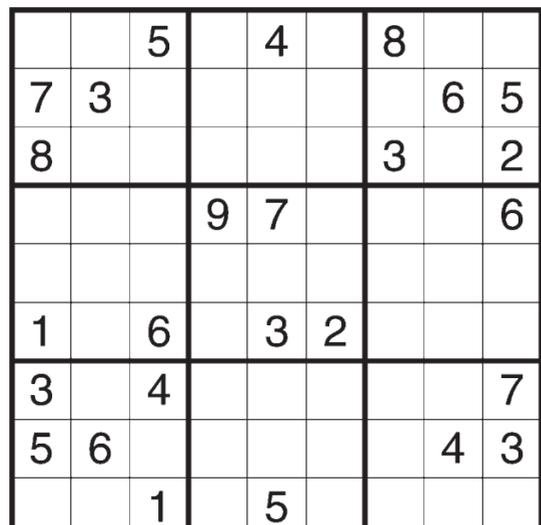
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- 5 Stern with a bow
- 6 Chain that serves the Grand Slam breakfast
- 7 Fall behind
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- 9 Bay of Naples isle
- 10 Continental divide?
- 11 Baseball commissioner since the '90s
- 12 "\_\_\_ big deal"
- 15 Military higher-ups
- 17 G.I. ration
- 20 Witnessed visiting
- 22 Enduring opus
- 23 Navel buildup
- 24 Bailiff's request
- 25 Compound containing a hydroxyl group
- 26 Spitting sound
- 29 Giant great who wore #4
- 30 Library volumes?
- 31 Avian homemaker
- 33 Hook (up)
- 34 False god
- 35 Brute
- 36 Weapon in Clue
- 38 Hardly at all
- 42 "When I'm ready"
- 44 The King
- 45 Lathered up
- 46 Food fowl
- 47 Battery terminal
- 48 "Peachy keen!"
- 49 "For Me and My \_\_\_"
- 50 Bay window
- 53 Wildebeests
- 54 Indian mausoleum city
- 55 Flue coat
- 57 Dallas cager, briefly
- 58 He's next to Teddy on Mount Rushmore

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# Baylor begins Big 12 slate against Oklahoma

Questions still linger about starting QBs for Bears, Sooners

By Chris Derrett  
Sports Writer

This weekend, the Bears' will strive for an accomplishment they have never reached in 18 attempts: beating the University of Oklahoma.

Despite injuries on both sides and questions surrounding each team's quarterbacks, both enter Saturday looking to begin Big 12 play with a nationally televised win.

Baylor's fifth-year senior quarterback Blake Szymanski, if he is able to make the start in Norman, returns to Gaylord Family-Oklahoma Memorial for



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Baylor's offensive line sets up for the snap in a 31-15 win against Kent State University. Baylor will travel to Norman, Okla., to face the Sooners at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. ABC is providing regional coverage to the central part of the U.S.

victory against Kent State University.

On the Sooners' side, the major question also remains unanswered as Sam Bradford's sprained shoulder joint may or may not prevent him from playing.

In place of the injured Heisman Trophy winner, redshirt sophomore Landry Jones has completed 67 of 111 passes for 861 yards and 10 touchdowns. Jones has yet to claim a victory against a top-25 team, taking over late in the first half of a 14-13 loss to Brigham Young University and falling to the University of Miami, 21-20.

As of Thursday, Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops had not announced a decision about Bradford's start. Much of the decision will come from how Bradford feels, he says.

"If he's not going to play effectively, then he understands that maybe he isn't benefitting the team and he knows that Landry has played well. Truly, he's the only one who knows how he feels," Stoops said.

Stoops' squad also misses tight end Jermaine Gresham, out for the season with torn knee cartilage, and receiver Ryan Broyles, who will miss at least this week

because of a broken shoulder blade.

Oklahoma's starting quarterback makes no difference to the Bears. When asked whether the quarterback mystery matters to him, cornerback Chance Casey replied, "No, sir. Sam Bradford is a good quarterback, but either way we're going to do our best and try to dominate on defense."

Knowing they will play in front of at least 80,000 screaming crimson fans, the Bears are looking forward to this weekend's environment.

"I think it's a blast to play in a hostile environment," safety Jordan Lake said. "When you make good plays, there's nothing like quieting 80,000 people. I think it's a rallying point for us."

Both coaches have respect for their opponents this weekend, and neither is taking anything for granted.

"Oklahoma is a very, very talented, well-coached, physical football team and we understand that," Briles said.

Likewise, Stoops said, "When you look at their team, in every category statistically, they are better. They are doing a great job, so it's another challenge with our first Big 12 game here this weekend."

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the second time.

In 2007 he completed 25 of 42 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns in a 52-21 loss.

Art Briles was asked Tuesday about Szymanski's recovery from the bruised shoulder suffered two games ago against Northwestern State University.

The head coach was unable to give a definite answer about the Wichita Falls native availability for Saturday.

"I'd tell you if I knew," he said. "He did not throw Sunday and I think he threw a little bit yesterday on his own with the trainers, but we'll have to see how it goes."

If Szymanski is sidelined, the start will go to grayshirt freshman Nick Florence, who rushed for two touchdowns in a 31-15

## The Baer Necessities: Sooners in unfamiliar territory at 2-2

While many predicted the University of Oklahoma would have a difficult time matching with last season's success, no one fathomed the Sooners would have two losses before the Big 12 schedule began.

Even though head coach Bob Stoops' task of replacing four starters from the offensive line was nothing short of daunting, the Sooners had a Heisman Trophy winner returning at quarterback and a ferocious defense lurking. Stoops fully trusted Sam Bradford to herd a young and inexperienced offense, and expected to be in the hunt for a national championship.

But that was before Bradford suffered a shoulder injury in the season opener against Brigham Young University, which has sidelined him since.

The injury left Oklahoma vulnerable to a difficult non-conference schedule. After Bradford left the game in the second quarter, second-string quarterback Landry Jones was unable to rally the Sooners past BYU. Two weeks



Justin Baer  
Sports editor

later, the Sooners traveled to Miami, where a young Hurricane's squad upset OU on national television. But to head coach Art Briles, playing a tough non-conference

schedule can expose anyone. "When you jump out there, regardless of who you are, there is a chance you can get bit every so often," Briles said. "Oklahoma is a very, very talented and very well-coached football team."

With controversy around, the Sooners slipped into the National Championship in 2008. OU was dismantled by Tim Tebow and the Florida Gators in the BCS Title Game. Fans around the country wondered if that was OU's last chance to claim supremacy.

But in February, Bradford and tight end Jermaine Gresham shocked NFL draft experts by deciding to continue their col-

legiate careers. Whispers echoed throughout the country — some wondering if Bradford was crazy to bypass millions of dollars, others pondering whether the Sooners could be as potent offensively as they were in 2008.

As OU prepares for its conference opener months later, Gresham is out for the season with a torn ACL, and Bradford was punished for skipping the NFL Draft.

Bradford's injury has diluted national headlines, and a vague timetable of return has made Briles' game planning dynamic for Saturday. However, the Bears have approached the week with a consistent strategy.

"To me it doesn't really matter (who plays quarterback)," free safety Jordan Lake said. "We are playing the Oklahoma Sooners. We are going to go up there and give them everything we have got."

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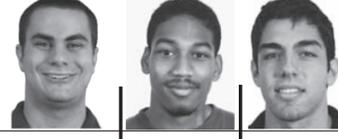


The Bears are undecided on whether Blake Szymanski or Nick Florence will start. Either will be greatly challenged in a hostile environment Saturday. If Szymanski is healthy, he will play.	Quarterback	Landry Jones has done a sufficient job filling the void of a Heisman winner. Sam Bradford hopes to return this weekend before taking on Texas in the Red River Rivalry.
Jay Finley emerged as a solid running back in 2008, and Jarred Salubi is on pace for a breakout season of his own. Finley has been injured but should be able to play Saturday.	Running back	Oklahoma has arguably one of the best running back tandems in the country with DeMarco Murray and Chris Brown. The two have combined for 139.8 yards per game.
Kendall Wright is playing exceptional and David Gettis is finally living up to expectations. They have also been just as valuable as blockers.	Wide Receiver	The Sooners receiving corps took a heavy loss when leading receiver Ryan Broyles broke his shoulder blade.
Baylor's O-Line is still building chemistry after losing two key tackles. Penalties have plagued the unit so far.	Offensive Line	The Sooners are struggling to maintain an elite status after losing four starters from 2008.
Jason Lamb has been the biggest surprise so far this season for Baylor's defense. Phil Taylor is an imposing presence that has been double-teamed through the year.	Defensive Line	OU's D-Line is loaded with talent. Potential first-rounder Gerald McCoy anchors the line. But defensive end Jeremy Beal already has six sacks.
Joe Pawelek is the heart of Baylor's experienced defense. But it's Antonio Jones who leads the Big 12 with 10 tackles per game.	Linebackers	Ryan Reynolds seems fully recovered from a torn ACL and leads a devastating corps alongside Travis Lewis and Keenan Clayton.
Baylor's secondary is limping with injuries to Antareis Bryan and Mikail Baker. Tim Atchison will play through a broken hand. The Bears lead the Big 12 with seven interceptions.	Secondary	An inexperienced secondary has held its own in the young season. The group is fourth in the conference in pass defense and tamed a heavy-passing BYU offense.

## Weekly NCAA picks

Every week, sports editor Justin Baer and sports writers Chris Derrett and Kevin Tamer will predict outcomes of the weekend's upcoming games. Follow during the season as the three vie for bragging rights.

### Week 5 Picks



Game	Baer	Derrett	Tamer
Baylor vs. No. 19 Oklahoma	42-14 Oklahoma	42-24 Oklahoma	40-13 Oklahoma
No. 1 Florida vs. No. 4 LSU	14-13 Florida	20-17 Florida	24-17 LSU
No. 3 Alabama vs. No. 20 Mississippi	24-17 Alabama	24-17 Alabama	24-20 Alabama
No. 15 Ok. State vs. Texas A&M	38-17 Okla. State	35-20 Okla. State	30-20 Okla. State
Kansas State vs. Texas Tech	35-10 Tech	49-14 Tech	38-16 Tech
Last week's record	3-2	3-2	4-1
Overall record	15-10	14-11	17-8

### Sports Briefs

#### Rux wins at ITA All-American

Baylor's Jordan Rux won his first round match at the D'Novo Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships on Thursday. In winning, Rux maintained his perfect record this season, notching his seventh win without taking a loss. He did lose the match's second set, but it was Rux's first losing set of the season.

Taylor Ormund of the women's team won her third match in the Riviera ITA Women's All-American Championships qualifying draw consolation bracket on Wednesday. The win moves her into the bracket's semi-finals, which will be played at 11 a.m. today. Nina Secerbegovic won four straight pre-qualifying matches to earn a spot in the qualifying draw but fell in the second round Tuesday.

#### Volleyball plays host to Aggies

The Lady Bears will look to keep their unblemished home record intact when they welcome Texas A&M University at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center. The Bears are off to their best start in school history and currently ranked No. 17.

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