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Obama eyes funding revamp

President calls for evaluation of 'scholastic progress' to decide allocation of education budget

By TORI LIGGETT
REPORTER

President Barack Obama campaigned on a platform of “change,” and now that he is in office, he is attempting to change policies in child education. Proposals have been made

to change the method by which financial support is given to schools. Currently, under the No Child Left Behind act, money is awarded to academic institutions based on the number of students.

Obama's new proposal would seek to grant a portion of money to schools based on scholastic progress. Schools would be graded on improvement and more money would be given to school systems that are close to being labeled academically unacceptable in order to keep them

from being shut down.

“They were very clear with us that they would change the metric, dropping adequate yearly progress and base a new system on another picture of performance based on judging schools in a more nuanced way,” Bruce Hunter, director of public policy for the American Association of School Administrators, said.

No Child Left Behind, instituted during the George W. Bush administration, requires students to pass standardized tests in order to continue to the

next grade. While these tests have their merits, some feel that such a strong emphasis on them makes education lose some of its true value.

“Testing has been going on for years and years and is ultimately a good measure of knowledge. There has been an extreme amount of emphasis on the TAKS [Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills],” said Dale Caffey, public information officer for Waco ISD. “There is so much focus on passing the TAKS test that some education

gets lost, such as fine arts and music, the test has become the new focus.”

If passed, the new policy would seek to redirect the focus from standardized testing and give a clearer picture of students' actual progress. Instead of just equipping students to pass a test, educators hope they will leave school ready to enter college or start a career.

Currently, schools are graded on annual progress— if it fails

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Haitian judge may set 10 free

U.S. missionaries charged with kidnapping in Haiti wait for ruling; investigation goes on

By FRANK BAJAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The 10 U.S. missionaries charged with kidnapping for trying to take a busload of children out of Haiti should be released from jail while an investigation continues, a Haitian judge said Thursday, giving the Americans their best news since their arrests nearly two weeks ago.

Judge Bernard Saint-Vil has the final word on whether to free the missionaries, though he gave the prosecutor-general the opportunity to raise objections. He said he was accepting defense attorneys' request to provisionally free the Americans while an investigation of the case continues.

It is unclear when the missionaries, most from an Idaho Baptist church group, might be released, and Saint-Vil said it was too early to say whether they would be able to leave this earthquake-crippled Caribbean nation if granted provisional freedom. It is also unclear what bearing releasing the missionaries might have on whether they go to trial.

Saint-Vil on Thursday privately questioned the last of a group of parents who said they willingly gave their children to the Baptist missionaries, believing the Americans would educate and care for them.

“After listening to the fami-

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Snow, My Gosh!

(Above) Monroe, La., senior Marty Richters prepares to hurl a snowball Thursday at Fountain Mall. Richters, a member of the Japanese Student Association, decided to skip the meeting to play in the snow.

(Right) Dallas sophomore Courtney Janick ducks behind a car as she and Houston sophomore Tristan Hammer (not seen) start an impromptu snow fight Thursday outside Moody Memorial Library. Although temperatures have dropped below freezing several times, it was the first day of snow for the new year.



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Bearathon implements green efforts

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

This year's Bearathon will feature a number of green initiatives, including being cup-free, having an online registration, taking up a shoe donation and recycling the heat sheet blankets runners use.

Lizzy Davis, the Troy and Betty Mays director of Student Foundation, said this is the first half marathon that will be entirely cup-free, though there was a four-mile race last year that was also cup free.

The cup-free race is due, in large part, to the help and partnership with HydraPour and HydraPouch.

Craig McSavaney is the creator of the HydraPouch and HydraPour, a two-part design that gives racers a speedy, environmentally friendly alternative to the thousands of cups that are used during a typical marathon race.

The HydraPouch is a silicone rubber pouch that holds six ounces of water, McSavaney said. A clip on the side allows runners to attach the device to a runner's outfit, eliminating the need for cups or water bottles. The pouches are filled using another McSavaney creation: the HydraPour. This



COURTESY PHOTO

A runner utilizes the HydraPour picket as he get water in a HydraPouch. Both devices will be used in this year's Bearathon on March 20.

high-pressure spout is attached to a water cooler and fills the pouch.

McSavaney and members of Student Foundation met at a road race management conference in Florida last year. After hearing about the race and the product, both parties wanted to get involved.

“We did it because it's important to us,” McSavaney said.

Davis and senior Elizabeth Waynick, a race director, explained that this technology will have an impact on both ease for runners and time in hydrating.

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'Love a Bear' tour funds scholarships

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor University Women's Council of Tarrant County will be conducting its first Love a Bear Valentine Home Tour from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Tarrant County to raise money for Baylor scholarships.

At the event, four homes, one of which is the historic Webb House in Colleyville, can be viewed with the purchase of a \$20 ticket. Tickets can be bought at any of the homes on Sunday. The tour will include live music, vendors and a free door prize drawing for seats to Dallas Summer Musical's production of “Dreamgirls.”

All of the proceeds from the tour will go toward providing scholarships for Baylor students from Tarrant County.

Carol Kent, director of the Baylor Women's Network, said BUWC-Tarrant County is one of 13 groups in the BWN, a network that helps connect groups of Baylor-related women back to

the university through activities where they currently live.

“We like to say that by joining together for fellowship, friendship and philanthropy, we bring the spirit of Baylor home. This really is what the Baylor University Women's Council of Tarrant County Home Tour is all about,” Kent said. “The home tour has all of those components— we're getting together with friends to raise scholarship dollars for Baylor.”

Stephanie Pulley, president of BUWC-Tarrant County, said the council normally has two events per year, but she expects the home tour to bring in the most revenue so far.

“We usually have two events during the year. They've always been kind of lightweight,” Pulley said. “But we've never done anything like this that'll bring in thousands. It's definitely huge for us.”

Pulley said the council decided to try raising money through

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Politics: Illinois versus New York

By Gail Collins
New York Times Columnist

Our question for today is, who has the most dreadful political culture, Illinois or New York?

Already, I have offended many, many readers who believe their state is being unfairly overlooked. I see you waving your hands, New Jersey. Excuse me. I was just distracted by the new 66-page federal indictment of Larry Seabrook, a New York City councilman who, along with multitudinous other charges, is accused of altering a receipt from a deli so he could get a \$177 reimbursement for a bagel and diet soda.

One point for New York. I was thinking about the dreadful similarities between the two states while listening to the New York State Senate conduct its business this week. First, there was a resolution demanding that the 9/11 terrorist trial not be held in New York.

“We can’t regurgitate that,” said one senator. Another claimed that America’s greatness was demonstrated by the fact that no other country had ever sent rescue missions to Haiti.

Except Costa Rica and Canada and Cuba and ... Stop. When you start having a mental debate with a state senator from Long Island, it’s time to move on. So, who’s worse? Both states lost their governors to scandal. But Eliot Spitzer is not about to make his debut on “Celebrity Apprentice.” Point Illinois.

After his sudden elevation, Gov. Pat Quinn of Illinois attempted to save money by giving early release to 1,700 nonviolent state prisoners, some of whom unfortunately turned out to be violent after all. He also gave a State of the State speech in which he boasted about having been named “Mr. Soybean” by the Illinois Soybean Association.

Meanwhile, Gov. David Paterson of New York, who is mired in a controversy over a racetrack casino contract, demanded that The New York Times produce a list of all the things that are not going to be in a Paterson profile being prepared by the paper so people in Albany will stop speculating that there will be sex in it.

I am going to call this one a draw. In their recent primary, Illinois Democrats — who should know the importance of a lieutenant governor — voted to give their nomination for the No. 2 job to Scott Lee Cohen, an excitable pawnbroker.

Cohen spent millions on campaign ads. Which apparently interfered with his ability to make regular child support payments. Also, he seems to have underestimated the chances that a run for statewide office would draw attention to the fact that he was once charged with holding a knife to his girlfriend’s throat. So he withdrew from the race in a tearful press conference. At the Hop Haus Tavern. During the halftime of the Super Bowl.

Illinois inches ahead. New York had an incident related to domestic violence this week, too, when the State Senate voted to expel Hiram Monserrate, who had been convicted of assaulting his girlfriend. A special bipartisan committee went to great lengths to produce a complete report. It said that the 29-year-old woman in question, who wound up at a hospital with deep lacerations on her face, was quoted by the medical staff as saying that Monserrate had sliced her with a piece of broken glass.

Hours later she signed a statement supporting the senator’s convoluted explanation that she got her injuries when he tripped while bringing her a glass of water. The deposition was in English, which she barely speaks. It was written by a Monserrate staff member and notarized by another. She was escorted to the trial by a third. In her testimony, she stood by her senator and insisted that they were in love.

As the legislators argued about the case, some wanted to know why Monserrate’s crime was any worse than that of another state senator who has been charged with assaulting a photographer.

OK, ideally we would not be having our elected officials do either. But it was apparent that although these people had passed trillions of bills, resolutions and budget appropriations on the subject of domestic violence, many of them had no clue about what made it a peculiarly corrosive crime.

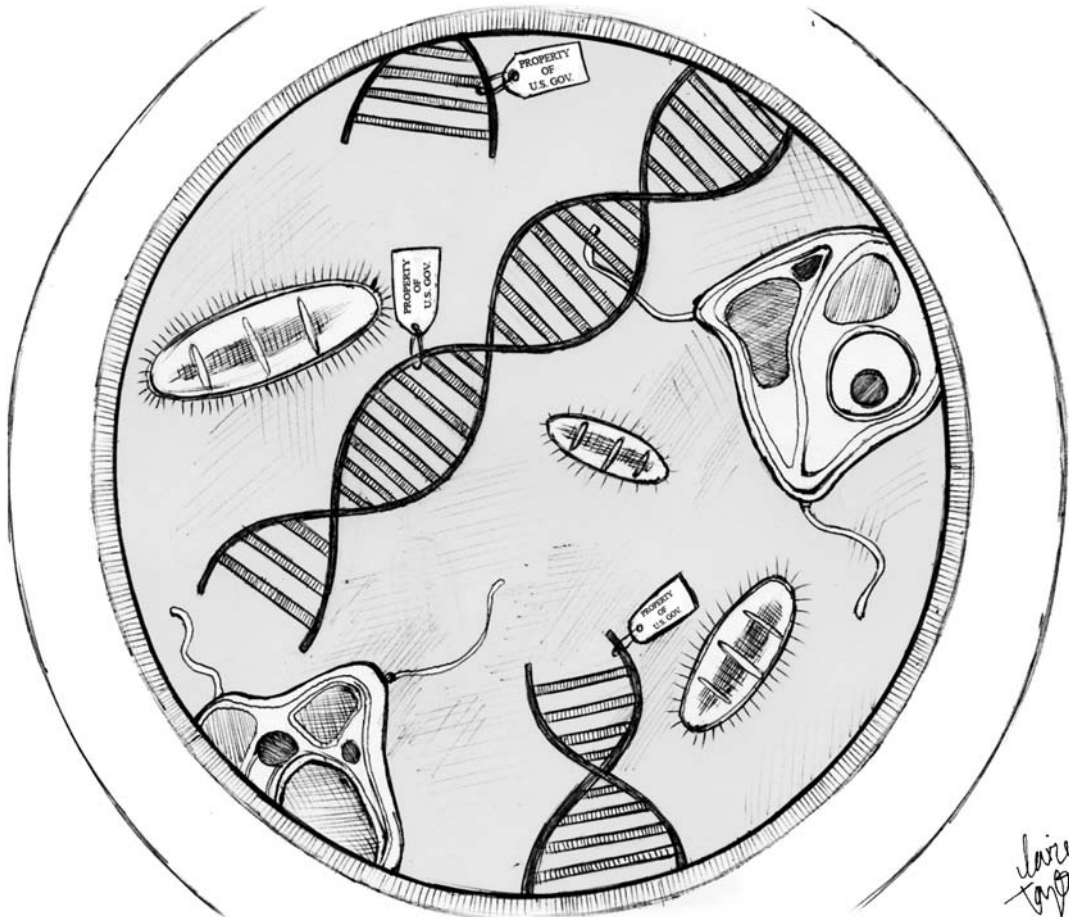
“A huge number of my male colleagues still don’t have any idea what domestic violence is about — the use of intimacy to manipulate, the power and control,” said Sen. Eric Schneiderman, who led the committee.

During a five-hour, closed-door meeting, Monserrate’s fellow Democrats yelled, threatened and occasionally appeared ready to throttle each other. “It was everyone hashing it out, making every possible argument, the living, breathing essence of democracy,” said Schneiderman.

Well, actually it would have been slightly more democratic if they had done it on the floor of the Senate. Instead, after Monserrate read a statement pointing out that lots of other people in the Legislature get convicted of things, the chamber silently voted 53-8 for expulsion.

It was not exactly the founding fathers at Philadelphia. But, for now, Illinois wins.

Gail Collins joined The New York Times in 1995 as a member of the editorial board and later as an Op-Ed columnist. In 2001 she became the first woman ever appointed editor of the Times’s editorial page.



DNA: Property of the government

CNN recently uncovered an infringement on rights of Americans in that DNA is owned by the government when a child is born, without parental knowledge or permission.

Editorial

Imagine a call from your doctor that your newborn child has a disease that you have not requested the child to be tested for.

While grateful for the news so that one’s child may be properly treated for the illness, it is unsettling that a child can be tested for genetic disorders without the consent or even the knowledge of the parents.

This scenario, although unsettling, is a possibility for all new parents because of a government policy recently uncovered by CNN.

This policy, which began in the 1960s, consists of the federal government taking genetic samples of every newborn in the nation when the child is born.

The harvested DNA is not anonymous, either. The DNA is stored along with the identity of the newborn. It is then used to test the child for up to 58 genetic diseases, without the consent of the parents.

While it has saved many newborns’ lives, it is an infringement upon Americans’ rights to not only harvest DNA from newborns and be allowed to keep it indefinitely, but also to maintain the identification on the DNA.

There are many problems that can arise from

government possession of DNA.

A first issue is that those who are susceptible to genetic disorders may find it difficult to be approved for health insurance if the information is made public. Moreover, because the majority of the DNA is not anonymous, results could follow a person into the work force.

Some states, including Texas, require DNA to be disposed of if requested by the parents. Some states keep the DNA anywhere from three months to indefinitely.

The best solution would be for all DNA testing to require parental consent and the parents must be made to fully understand the gravity of government possession of DNA samples for each citizen.

Because most Americans are unaware of this practice, it is virtually impossible for the government usage to be held accountable. It is too easy to say that the only reason the DNA is harvested is to test for genetic disorders.

If no one knows how far the government has already pushed its sphere of control, there is no way to prevent the sphere from being pushed farther.

Despite all of the grievances that one may have against this government practice, it has assuredly saved many newborn lives. Thus, the practice should not be wholly abolished, however, it should be done only with the approval of the parents, who should determine a time limit for the disposal of the DNA.

Peculiarities of Moody enhance college experience

College, they say, is not only a time to attempt to figure out who you are but also a time for experimentation.

Coming into Baylor my freshman year, my high school study habits carried over for, say... maybe two weeks.

I had to get used to the night. Gone were the days of doing quick homework worksheets while sitting at the kitchen table in the afternoon after swim practice.

Since those first few weeks of adaptation to college academic life, I have refined the art of studying late, waking up early and working under deadline.

Quick editing essays, figuring out the various preferences of paper formats as dictated by many professors and short-term memory cramming: All of these acquired skills have manifested over the semesters.

It has not been easy. Still isn’t. I’m in the home stretch, the final leg, the last semester of my undergraduate career.

The one place that I can seek refuge in order to be productive in polishing these skills is the library. Good ol’ Moody. Late at night, which has become the time frame of my Moody trips, there are other night owls like myself hustling for the grade.

We all have a grade to make. But there is more depth to Moody than a place to study. I’ve made a few characteristic observations: The lobby of Moody gets really cold at night and the periodicals floor smells of old pages and acidic leather covers. The computer lab, in a layout of gray and green, there are glowing fluorescents and bowed heads of students over lit screens as if in prayer. The couches in there become makeshift beds. I know one girl who regularly pulls all-nighters there. She brings a toothbrush, eye drops and even a blanket for power naps.

I’ve seen many students pouring themselves into their biochem homework or international political economy readings. I’ve seen film students playing with frames and music in

Point of View

BY MELANIE CROWSON



Final Cut.

The creepiest feeling is wandering the aisles of books and the only sound other than your footsteps is the rattling air conditioning unit.

I heard once that a girl was studying in Jones Library and the shelves started moving and sliding. There was no one there who could have been moving them; she was alone. She said she practically ran over to Moody but couldn’t

shake the feeling that she was being followed.

I have found a few crevices and corners in which to study, like the third floor that houses sheet music and old vinyl records. That place is always peaceful. After a certain time, though, the rest of the library is closed off and one has to move to the basement or lobby.

The characters continue to seep in and out, a few dazed out from lack of sleep, carrying Red Bull in their hands.

One of the dominant themes in Spanish literature is that life is short, so live and love while you can. At this age, college students feel invincible and untouchable.

We all know that the time for making the transition into the days of “the grown-up” are upon us and we all — whether overtly or subconsciously — wish to remain young.

When you look back on your days of college, what will you remember?

I will recall best friends, many colors, quality literature, professors’ quotes and Moody. May every student who attends Baylor in the coming years come to know Moody as a good place, casting light on an unknown — but promising — future. Moody houses trippy moments, the best of times and decisions about futures.

It may only be February, but spring will soon be here. You can find me in Moody.

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Leading by example, with love and devotion

By STEPHANIE LEE
REPORTER

Father Anthony Odiong from Calabar, Nigeria, guides Baylor students on their faith journey while promoting spiritual growth with a sense of peace.

Odiong is the priest at St. Peter's Catholic Student Center on the Baylor campus and associate priest at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption in West.

Odiong said his calling to serve the Lord was simply unforgettable and overpowering.

"My second year in high school [in Nigeria], I perceived God calling me. I went to a Catholic high school, and I remember that night like it was yesterday. That night, we were praying the rosary," Odiong said.

He said the chapel was inescapable.

"I couldn't leave the chapel because I was transfixed. I heard a voice that said, 'I want you to do just one thing for me. Serve me.' It was unforgettable," Odiong said.

At this time, he said he was in denial and felt like he was giving up his life.

"I remember clearly what I

said. I thought I was giving up everything. I knew that a priest had to give everything up. I was ready to be an engineer and had great grades," Odiong said.

Then, something happened. "I was heading in this direction, until a great presence came over me. I couldn't leave the chapel until I said yes. It was so overpowering," Odiong said. "When I left, I said no again, but that presence would never quit. I couldn't be alone or be away from it. It kept coming. You can't hide anything from God."

In 1984, he entered into The National Missionary Seminary in Nigeria and graduated from there in 1993.

Odiong was the youngest in his class and considers this a special honor.

"I still can't figure out why I was called. I just felt a sense of peace and still do," Odiong said.

After entering the priesthood, Odiong wanted to go abroad and learn about different cultures.

With a little collaboration and effort from a Bishop of Nigeria and Gregory M. Aymond, the Austin Diocese bishop, Odiong soon found a new home in Texas. He came to the United States

on Oct. 20, 2006, and served for one month at St. Thomas Aquinas in College Station before being appointed as the associate priest at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption in West.

While in West, Anthony visited St. Peter's and was moved again.

"I visited St. Peter's several times. Either I fell in love with the students, or they fell in love with me. I haven't stopped coming here since," Odiong said.

He said the students gave him a unique gift.

"The young people were so sincere. It was different than West. The atmosphere was so open and free."

Round Rock junior Robby Prybyla said Odiong gave students an unforgettable gift — purity.

"Father Anthony has helped me grow in my relationship with God by reminding me to be childlike, to turn to God, our father, immediately when I need help or when I'm afraid instead of trying to prove that I can do things without any help, to question, to never tire of hearing a chirping bird, to be in awe of a squirrel digging in the ground for a nut," Prybyla said.



Father Anthony Odiong

Odiong possesses an incredible quality that gives a person something real, West resident Pat Lee said.

"When I talk to Father Anthony, I feel so relaxed and peaceful. If only I could have that sense of peace. He makes me smile and cry at the same time," Lee said.

Other students share this same feeling.

Longview junior Rachel Unruh said Odiong defines what it means to be a Catholic at St. Peter's.

"Father Anthony is the epitome of what it means to see the

face of Christ in everyone. He is always radiating with the love of the Holy Spirit, and he shares this with everyone he encounters," Unruh said. "Aside from this, he is incredibly smart, and his theological wisdom never ceases to amaze me,"

Unruh also said that he is a firm believer in a close-knit Baylor community.

"By sharing this wisdom with the St. Peter's community, he prepares us to share our faith with the rest of the Baylor community in an effort to bring us all closer to Christ," Unruh said.

The love he has and encouragement he gives to St. Peter's and Baylor amazes Unruh.

"Just like our biblical fathers, Father Anthony loves his children, the St. Peter's community, unconditionally. Our biblical fathers can not be here, but he is here to comfort, advise and encourage us when our faith is being constantly tested," Unruh said.

Baylor graduate school employee and West resident Loretta Volcik said Odiong possesses something that moves individuals.

"There have been times at the

end of the week, I need that 'Father Anthony fix' that spiritual energy he possesses. It makes you feel so good because he truly cares how you feel," Volcik said.

Odiong said Jesus is the reason he loves so much.

"I have a personal relationship with Jesus. I see his face, and I instantly know what I need to do," Odiong said.

Father Anthony said his wishes have come true, and he has found a wonderful home.

"I couldn't have wished to live any place else but West. I thought everything in America was fast food," Odiong said. "The hospitality and home cooking I receive is wonderful. Home brings out the best in you. West is my home away from home, and Baylor is my joy."

Odiong said he has high hopes for the future.

"I hope that I can interact with Baylor and the beautiful Baptist tradition I have become a part of," Odiong said.

He also said that it is amazing to see so many caring students who share such a deep love for Christ, and that Baylor is an institution that defines what it means to be Christian.

Practice Court builds preparation, friendships

By HOGAN ALLCORN
REPORTER

Baylor Law students started the six-month spring/summer session of Baylor Law School's Practice Court Program on Monday. The program will allow them to gain mock court experience before entering the industry.

New Braunfels third-year law student Erin Wiegand said the Law School's success and notoriety is largely because of the intense third-year Practice Court Program.

"It's because of this program that Baylor students are ahead of the curve," said Wiegand, who finished the fall and winter ses-

sion of the program three weeks ago. "The first two weeks are by far the hardest because you are just trying to get into the swing of things."

Dallas third-year law student Allen Page said he only got about three hours of sleep per night this week. Page would wake up around 5:45 a.m. to study the notes and readings from the night before, go to six hours of class, read about 175 pages, go to bed at 3 a.m. and then wake up and do it all again.

"You just get used to the idea of not sleeping," Page said.

Despite the heavy workload, Wiegand had a positive experience with the program.

"I really enjoyed it," Wiegand said. "Don't get me wrong, though. There are nights where you just can't read another page and are just worn out."

Professor of Law Jim Wren explained the intensity of the program.

"In order to train our students to become outstanding trial lawyers and leaders, we subject them to a high workload, high pressure and high expectations," Wren said.

One way Wren pressures his students is by calling individuals to stand up and explain the readings from the night before.

"You can stand up in front of the class for over 30 minutes,"

Page said. "You can either die the night before reading all of the materials in your bedroom or you can die in front of the class when Professor Wren rails you on the assigned materials. The program teaches us how to work under pressure and how to articulate what you are trying to say no matter what the situation is."

About 100 students participate in the Practice Court Program in the fall/winter session and about 70 students participate in the spring/summer session. On the first day of class, each student is partnered with another student for the duration of the program. All of the students work closely with one another throughout the

program.

"My PC group grew very close over the courses," Wiegand said. "We were always helping each other through the rough times. There were so many inside jokes created within the group. Some members of the group even decided to create an intramural softball team."

Students participate in multiple mock cases, which include giving opening statements, closing arguments, witness examination and jury selection. They also do all of the pre-trial preparation, including filing petitions and answers, arguing motions, taking depositions and using the discovery process to gather evidence.

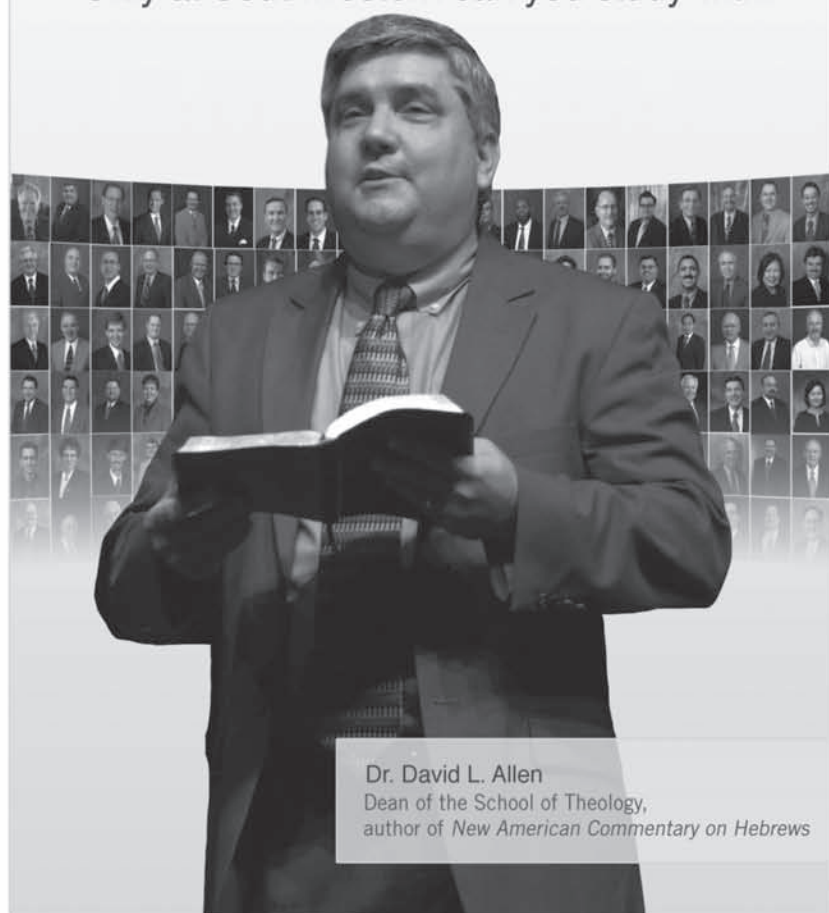
"We are not training theoreticians," Wren said. "We are training students on how to understand and attain the object of a trial lawyer."

Edna Dillon Meek finished the program and graduated from Baylor Law School three weeks ago.

"The practically and intensity of this program is what sets Practice Court apart from any other course," Meek said.

Meek will begin the bar exam on Feb. 23 with many of his former Practice Court classmates. Since 2001, Baylor Law School students have claimed the highest passing rate of the Texas State Bar exam.

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Love never fails: Former P.O.W. shares his story

By ERIN NIPPER
REPORTER

Col. James L. Hughes and his wife Paula have a love story with all of the makings of a movie script: adventure, a hero and love.

Hughes survived two wars before serving in Vietnam — first in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He had flown in 55 missions — two per day — in North Vietnam before he and his partner planes were gunned down.

Though uninjured, Hughes knew he was in danger of being captured by the enemy. He hid in a rice paddy, using a technique that he heard of from another pilot.

“We had stories told to us by old pilots, that you get down in

the rice and crawl into an irrigation ditch,” Hughes said. “You can take a piece of rice and use it as a straw, and my thought was to lay in the water and breathe through that straw until dark and then I would make other arrangements.”

Hughes did not know that he would not be making other plans.

He was captured at gunpoint and taken to Hanoi, where he was marched through the streets.

“They took me out to a firing squad. Have you ever seen a movie made up of a firing squad where they back you up blindfolded? They backed me up to a bush sort of, I guess. It psyched me into realizing that this could be the end, so I stood there waiting,” Hughes said. “You could hear them getting the firing

squad up in position and I repeat I was blindfolded but nothing happened.”

After playing “the waiting game,” Hughes said he was taken to the Hoa Lo Prison, called the “Hanoi Hilton” by war prisoners.

He was held as a prisoner for six years — three of which were spent in solitary confinement.

“Try to put yourself in a closet for six years, not sure if you will ever get out of it, but more importantly, you do not get to see anybody, see any television, you don’t get to see any changes,” Hughes said. “That was the most startling experience that I have ever lived through.”

Hughes was tortured through rope-bindings, irons and beatings.

He was beaten after refusing to disclose information and used

to film propaganda. He starved himself until he was emaciated to avoid being filmed.

Hughes was released in 1972 and was awarded two Purple Hearts: one for when his plane went down the day he was captured in North Vietnam and one for his time as a P.O.W.

The Junior League in Paula’s hometown was selling POW bracelets in support of the prisoners. During Hughes’ captivity, his name was engraved on one of these bracelets and was worn by a girl 1,000 miles away in Magnolia, Ark.

Hughes said his future wife did not choose a bracelet at random.

“Paula and her sister argued over which one to buy,” Hughes said. “Paula said, ‘I want this one.’”

After his release, Hughes

decided to run for office in his home state.

“When I got home, I didn’t have anything to do. I ran for governor of New Mexico,” Hughes said.

His staff kept record of those who wore the bracelets during his imprisonment, and he would call to personally thank them for their prayers and thoughts.

One of those phone calls was made to Paula.

Hughes said their first phone call resulted in a visit to Arkansas over Easter weekend.

He was making a trip from New Mexico to New Orleans, and he decided to stop for a visit with Paula on the way.

After that visit, Hughes said that he and Paula spoke every day.

Two months later, Hughes’ phone bill prompted him to pro-

pose to Paula.

“I called Paula one day and said ‘I just got my phone bill,’” Hughes said.

When Paula asked Hughes why he was telling her about his phone bill, he responded, “Because it’s \$300. What can we do to stop that?”

He and his wife have been married for 35 years.

When asked about her marriage to Hughes, Paula said, “It has worked for us, but normally doesn’t.”

Although Hughes did not win the election, he won Paula’s heart and is a real-life hero.

“When you are called upon, perform your task,” Hughes said. “Do it with integrity. Do it with perfection and with the knowledge that what you do and what you don’t do is going to affect the nation after you.”

Religion and school in Russia: Not an ideal mix



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Dr. Elena Lisovskaya presents the 2010 Hugh and Beverly Wamble Lecture Thursday in the Cashion Academic Center. In this year’s lecture Lisovskaya spoke on orthodoxy, Islam and the desecularization of Russian state schools.

By LELA ATWOOD
REPORTER

The Russian government wants to bring religion into schools, a visiting said, which could bring negative consequences, including student segregation, bullying and a misconception of religions.

Dr. Elena Lisovskaya, a professor at Western Michigan University, spoke Thursday about “Orthodoxy, Islam, and the Desecularization of Russian State Schools” at the Sixth Annual Hugh and Beverly Wamble Lecture series, which highlights issues relating to religious freedom.

In 2009, Russian president Dmitry Medvedev started an initiative that is attempting to bring religion back into the public schools, Lisovskaya said.

Students have the option of choosing from six different religion classes: Orthodoxy, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, secular ethics and religious history.

“It looks better on paper than it does in reality, I think,” said Konstantin Petrenko, a religion, politics, and society major and a

“I do not think bringing religion back to schools will help students in their spiritual decisions.”

Dr. Elena Lisovskaya
Western Michigan University
professor

doctoral candidate at Baylor.

Currently, this initiative is in the experimental stage, with 11 out of the 89 regions adopting the change.

Lisovskaya said that this type of religious education brings the risk of providing “separate but equal” education, since ethnicity is often linked to religion.

“In Russia, religion and ethnicity are closely intertwined. If you are Russian, chances are high that you will be Orthodox. If you are a Tatar, chances will be that you are Muslim,” Lisovskaya said.

Lisovskaya said surveys show that among Russians “55 percent agreed that Russia was for ethnic

Russians only and 25 percent agreed that immigrants should have restricted rights to live in Russia.”

Lisovskaya also expressed concern that the curriculum that the Orthodoxy class uses gives inaccurate information.

Other forms of Christianity are not mentioned, and she said that in some instances students are put in the Orthodoxy class with no other choice.

“Real education should be culturally oriented, give no preference to religion, and accommodate minorities.

“These classes should teach about religion, but not instruct students in religious practices,” Lisovskaya said.

These religion courses will not be taught by clergy.

Instead, current teachers who may not be knowledgeable about the religion they are teaching will be trained for a short period of time to teach the course, Lisovskaya said.

“I do not think bringing religion back to schools will help students in their spiritual decisions,” she said.

Petrenko said that it is unfair

to people of other religions who do not have easy access to experts and curricula.

“The Orthodox Church does have a way to train teachers of Russian Orthodoxy, but there really is no way for the Buddhist community or the Jews to be able to train the teachers of their courses,” Petrenko said.

Dr. Christopher Marsh, Director of the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, said that bullying could become prevalent when students are labeled as “different based on the religion class they choose to take.

“As soon as you do this, you force choice among students. You have little kids who are forced to choose a religion publicly and these little kids can be teased, picked on, beat up,” he said.

Dr. Perry Glanzer, associate of the Honors Program, said that the curricula would hurt the church rather than help it.

“It would hurt the Orthodox Church whenever you start coercing certain types of religious education,” Glanzer said. “People are going to find out that it will hurt the devotion of students who would otherwise be naturally attracted to the church.”

Student Government reaches out to Waco schools

By KATY MCDOWALL
REPORTER

Student Government discussed a number of upcoming events at its Thursday night meeting.

The freshman class officers are hosting “Walking Together,” a shoe drive for East Waco’s J.H. Hines Elementary School, from Monday to Friday.

“We wanted to do a shoe drive for them and show that the Baylor community loves them and that we support them and want to encourage them,” freshman class president Zach Carrier said. “We want to try and give every kid a new pair of shoes there.”

Students can drop off shoes at information booths in the Bill Daniel Student Union Building.

“I think it’s a really great cause,” Carrier said. “We’re going to do a lot of good with it.”

Student Government is also collecting box tops until Tuesday to help purchase uniforms for Hines Elementary School.

So far, 1,917 box tops have been collected. The goal is 10,000, according to Michelle Diaz, external vice president cabinet director for student relations, who is

in charge of the collecting.

“The goal is 10,000 because each uniform is approximately \$10, so we’re hoping to be able to buy quite a few uniforms,” Diaz, an Axtell senior, said.

Other organizations partnering with Student Government include Alpha Lambda Delta, NAACP, AMSA, Association of Black Students, Leadership Living and Learning Center, Asian Students Association, BRH Choir, Alpha Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Delta Delta, Baylor Students for Social Justice, One Campaign and Kappa Delta, according to external vice president Emily Saultz.

“It’s a really good outlet to build a community...and to support local education outside of Baylor.”

Michelle Diaz
Axtell senior

“I feel like it’s something easy,” Diaz said. “It’s something simple to participate in because it’s stuff that you already pur-

chase or that you already have around the house. It’s a really good outlet to build a community partnership in the Waco area and to support local education outside of Baylor.”

Student Government is working closely with J.H. Hines Principal Archie Hatton for the box tops collection and the current reading program for the elementary school students.

“His vision with everything from the box tops to the mentoring is that there’s an interaction with college students that will give hope to his students for what they can do and who they can become,” Diaz said.

Students can drop box tops off in the SUB, the McLane Student Life Center and at Clifton Robinson Tower. Student Government will host the fourth annual Conference of Private Universities from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 20 at Mayborn Museum.

Student Government representatives from Concordia University of Texas, Dallas Baptist University, Ouachita Baptist University, Texas Lutheran University, Trinity University and the University of Dallas will be joining Baylor representatives for a day of learning how to more effectively lead their respective student governments.

They will learn about diversity initiatives, building relationships between the university and the community, lobbying for private universities, building relationships with the university administration and communicating with the student body, Saultz said.

“The conference of private universities provides a unique opportunity for student governments across the region to learn from each other,” Saultz said.

She said they will also work together to plan for the future of the conference and to strengthen the relationships between all of the institutions.

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Bill Clinton undergoes common heart procedure

Two stents placed in ex-president’s heart artery

By DEEPTI HAJELA AND MARILYNN MARCHIONE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Former President Bill Clinton — who had quadruple bypass surgery more than five years ago, was hospitalized Thursday to have a clogged heart artery opened after suffering chest pains. Two stents resembling tiny mesh scaffolds were placed inside the artery as part of a medical procedure that is common for people with severe heart disease.

The 63-year-old Clinton was “in good spirits and will continue to focus on the work of his foundation and Haiti’s relief and long-term recovery efforts,” said an adviser, Douglas Band.

Terry McAuliffe, former Democratic National Committee chairman and a close friend of the Clintons, said Clinton participated in a conference call on earthquake relief as he was being wheeled into an operating room.

He expected Clinton to be released from the hospital Friday.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton traveled from Washington to New York to be with her husband, who underwent the procedure at New York Presbyterian Hospital, the same place where his bypass surgery was done in September 2004.

At that time, four of his arteries were blocked, some almost completely, and he was in danger of an imminent heart attack.

In an angioplasty, the procedure Clinton had on Thursday, doctors thread a tube through a blood vessel in the groin to a blocked artery and inflate a balloon to flatten the clog. Often, one or more stents are used to prop the artery open.

The angioplasty is usually done with the patient awake but sedated. It’s one of the most common medical procedures done worldwide. More than a million angioplasties are done in the United States each year, most involving stents.

“It’s not unexpected” for Clinton to need another procedure years after his bypass, said Dr. Clyde Yancy, cardiologist at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and president of the American Heart Association.

The sections of blood vessels

used to create detours around the original blockages tend to develop clogs five to 10 years after a bypass, Yancy explained. New blockages also can develop in new areas.

“This kind of disease is progressive. It’s not a one-time event, so it really points out the need for constant surveillance” and treating risk factors such as high cholesterol and high blood pressure, he said.

The need for another artery-opening procedure will not affect Clinton’s long-term prognosis, said Dr. William O’Neill, a cardiologist and executive dean of clinical affairs at the University of Miami’s Miller School of Medicine.

“It doesn’t really affect long-term survival. It’s a quality-of-life thing. He’ll have to have careful monitoring, regular stress tests.”

O’Neill said he had done 10 or 15 such procedures in a single patient over a period of time, and they still live long lives.



Clinton

Former Senate Republican leader Bill Frist of Tennessee, a heart surgeon, said on his Twitter page that Clinton was “doing well.”

“Thousands of these done every week. He will be fine. He will be active again very, very soon,” Frist said.

Nearly 1 in 5 patients who have angioplasties have previously had a bypass operation, according to a patient registry maintained by the American College of Cardiology.

Doctors will have to watch Clinton closely for signs of excessive bleeding from the spot in the leg where doctors inserted a catheter, said Dr. Spencer King, a cardiologist at St. Joseph’s Heart and Vascular Institute in Atlanta and past president of the cardiology college.

Complications are rare. The death rate from non-emergency angioplasty is well under 1 percent, King said.

McAuliffe said Clinton went to see his cardiologist after experiencing chest pains and shortness of breath.

After that, his Secret Service motorcade took him to the hospital, where he walked in on his own. A White House official said the former president’s condition did not come up during a meeting Thursday between President Barack Obama and the secretary of state. The afternoon meeting took place a few hours before word of Clinton’s heart procedure became public.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the meeting were considered private. Aides to Mrs. Clinton said she still planned to go ahead with a previously scheduled trip to the Persian Gulf.

The trip was to begin Friday afternoon, but now she is planning to leave Saturday so that she does not have to rush back to Washington.

The former president has been working in recent weeks to help relief efforts in Haiti. Since leaving office, he has maintained a busy schedule working on humanitarian projects through his foundation.

Clinton’s legend as an unhealthy eater was sealed in 1992, when the newly minted presidential candidate took reporters on jogs to McDonald’s.

He liked hamburgers, steaks, french fries — lots of them — and was a voracious eater who could gobble an apple (core and all) in two bites and ask for more. Two of his favorite Arkansas restaurants were known for their large portions — a hamburger the size of a hubcap and steaks as thick as fists.

He was famously spoofed on “Saturday Night Live” as a gluttonous McDonald’s customer.

Friends and family say Clinton changed his eating habits for the better after his bypass surgery.

Other than his heart ailments, Clinton has suffered only typical problems that come with aging.

In 1996, he had a precancerous lesion removed from his nose, and a year before a benign cyst was taken off his chest. Shortly after leaving office, he had a cancerous growth removed from his back. In 1997, he was fitted with hearing aids.



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PR Advice from the Hill

Baylor Insider editor shares expertise with class

By NEELY GUTHRIE
REPORTER

Editor of the Baylor Insider Jerry Hill provided his expertise and experience from the industry when he spoke to journalism professor Maxey Parrish’s Public Relations class Thursday.

Hill spoke primarily about PR and media relations, but he also discussed career plans and changes in the industry.

“It was really good to have someone come in from the real world,” New Jersey junior Alyssa Peera said. “It’s important to get the outside of the classroom experience.”

Hill graduated from the University of North Texas and worked for the Waco Tribune-Herald after college for several years, until he eventually became the assistant sports editor.

“[Hill’s] a very, very respected sports writer not just here in Waco or in the Baylor community, but also on the national level,” Parrish said.

In the summer of 2008, Hill came to work for the Baylor athletic department and is the editor of the Baylor Insider, a publication for the Bear Foundation. He writes a blog called The View From the Hill, in which he attempts to cover as many sports as possible.

Hill began with explaining to students how PR practitioners are ideally supposed to work with writers.

“I think back in the old times, the idea was to wine and dine writers and that was kind of how you got them to write better stories for you, and it still works to a degree,” he said.

“But what’s important from a writer’s perspective is, ‘How can

you help him?’”

He made it clear that PR practitioners were not supposed to hand writers big scoops, but help out with tidbits of information or feature ideas that a writer might not necessarily know about otherwise.

“Some of the best people I’ve dealt with in media relations [are] the ones that can really help me do a better job,” he said.

Hill also talked about how transmitting and receiving information is changing.

“I think back in the old times, the idea was to wine and dine writers and that was kind of how you got them to write better stories for you, and it still works to a degree.”

Jerry Hill
Baylor Insider editor

“Now it’s a lot easier, and in some ways I think it’s good and bad,” he said. “I like the face-to-face; I’m kind of old school. Tweeting, texting for an old-school guy, it’s a little hard to get into all that stuff. But I have now and it’s so much of a help.”

Technology hasn’t been the only thing to change during Hill’s career.

For his first job at the Waco Tribune-Herald, he was fresh out of college and confident he would stay no more than five years at the newspaper.

“That was in 1983. And if you count, it’s 27 years later and I’m still in Waco,” Hill said.

Hill’s first four years at the paper were spent covering mainly high school games.

After that, he took the Baylor football beat and was named assistant sports editor about six years later.

He came to Baylor in 2008 to work in the athletic department, a change that happened to coincide with a major shift in the newspaper industry.

“The week after I left, the newspaper went up for sale... then that following summer there are newspapers closing, there are newspapers consolidating,” he said.

“As far as the newspaper industry, I think [the Internet] is where you’re going. I think you’re going to see a lot more online stuff. I didn’t want to admit that. I think probably even before I die there won’t be a physical newspaper; it will all be online.”

Hill advised students to be diversified in order to stay competitive in the field.

“Be versatile enough to where, hey, if they want you to go shoot video, you can do that,” he said. “If they want you to do a podcast, you can do that... where you can blog, you can tweet, you can do it all.”

Parrish was glad Hill spoke to the students and brought a new perspective to the classroom.

—“Here’s somebody who’s out there every day and the interesting thing is that he focused on the trends in our industry, and the necessity of students being trained in multiple areas,” Parrish said.

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Three films battle for top holiday spot

By BEN FRITZ
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES – “Valentine’s Day” is poised to join “Dear John” in the select club of critic-proof, chick-flick box office hits.

The Garry Marshall-directed ensemble romantic comedy from Warner Bros.’ New Line Cinema unit will almost certainly sell more tickets in the U.S. and Canada this weekend than Universal Pictures’ and 20th Century Fox’s bigger budget event films, “The Wolfman” and “Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief.”

The big question for the weekend, distribution executives at several studios agreed, is if all three films can comfortably coexist.

With the R-rated “Wolfman” doing best among men, PG-13 rated “Valentine’s Day” appealing to women – particularly younger ones – and “Percy Jack-

son” going after tween boys and their parents, all three have potentially distinct crowds.

Overall audience intent to see movies is very high this weekend, however, meaning it’s possible none will come out a big loser.

Just a week after romantic tear jerker “Dear John” scored with a surprisingly strong \$30.5 million debut, “Valentine’s Day” is poised for a monster opening of around \$50 million from Friday through Monday, which should be a strong movie-going day as a result of the Presidents Day holiday.

Since many people have Monday off, the evening of Valentine’s Day on Sunday should be particularly lucrative for the film.

Despite a big name ensemble cast that includes Julia Roberts, Jessica Biel and Ashton Kutcher, “Valentine’s Day” cost a relatively modest \$52 million to produce and should be very profitable for New Line.

Prospects are less certain going into the weekend for the other two movies.

“Wolfman” is expected to open to between \$35 million and \$40 million – a decent but not spectacular start for such a costly movie.

One person close to the project said it cost Universal and its financing partner Relativity Media a hefty \$150 million, before tax credits, to produce. Universal said that the cost after tax credits was \$110 million.

The remake of one of the studio’s classic monster films had a troubled production with extensive reshoots and three separate delays in its release date before finally settled on this weekend.

The picture, which stars Benicio Del Toro and Anthony Hopkins, could do better overseas, where it’s opening simultaneously in 37 territories including Mexico, France, Germany, South Korea and Brazil.

Family films are always particularly difficult to predict since children under 13 can’t take part in pre-release polls, but estimates are that “Percy Jackson” will generate anywhere from \$24 million to \$35 million for the four-day weekend.

Fox financed the movie with Dune Entertainment and Ingenious Film Partners at a cost of about \$95 million.

Like “Wolfman” it will need to generate solid word-of-mouth and international receipts to turn into a hit if its domestic debut is in line with estimates.

“Percy Jackson” opens this weekend in 63 foreign markets including the United Kingdom, Mexico and South Korea.

Fox will also open its foreign production “My Name is Khan,” which features Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan, in India and at 120 domestic theaters in cities with large Indian-American populations.

Last-minute Valentine’s gifts for the forgetful student

By RACQUEL JOSEPH
REPORTER

In case you have been buried in a flurry of tasks or quite possibly snow, and have not been paying close attention to the dates in your day planner, Sunday is Valentine’s Day.

Which means that if you have a significant other and would like to continue having one on Monday, you had better do something a little last-minute but thoughtful to celebrate the holiday of love and the wonderful qualities of the one you love. The following are a few suggestions to get your creative juices flowing.

Traditional with a Twist:

Sweets:

Make your own decorated box of hand-dipped strawberries. Recipes are simple, searchable, quick and delicious.

Another option is to check out unique bakeries around town

such as What About Cupcakes that allow you to customize individually wrapped cupcakes and cupcake bouquets.

Flowers:

Consider doing something a little greener this year: instead of commercial bouquets considering getting your culinary cutie fresh potted herbs. They can grow on a windowsill and add a fresh scent and fresher taste. Potted flowers also encourage a green thumb and brighten a room.

Dinner and a show:

Wedding singer and Green Room Grille

Waco Hippodrome and Green Room Grille have teamed up to offer a special discount on the classic dinner and a show combo. Attending “The Wedding Singer” tonight or tomorrow gets you free cover at the Green Room Jazz Lounge if you make online reservations from wacoperform-

ingarts.org. The restaurant also donates 15 percent of your bill to the Hippodrome.

Concert Tickets:

Buy tickets months in advance to her favorite artist. When presented with a nice card and a smile at dinner, irresistible.

Outside of the Box:

Lessons:

In golf, paintball, breakdancing. Whatever you are good at and they are not, teach them. If they are a being a good enough sport, sharing your passion with someone you care about is a bonding and memorable experience.

Materials:

Does he knit? Does she play tennis? Try finding a quirky accessory or accoutrement that they don’t need but will actually use because it involves doing what they like.

Free Time:

That tedious chore that they keep saying they are going to do? They don’t have time, energy, or motivation.

So organize their kitchen, clean out their car and then serve a meal: instant love.

Handmade:

Jewelry making:

Either go it alone and present it as a gift or go as a couple and see how a cocktail ring can become unisex. Local shops like Got to Bead are offering a class on Saturday

A fixer upper:

If your boy/girl lives in a apartment like so many Baylor students, it is easy to leave things blank and repairs half done. Why not step in with a curtain rod and a frame or two? Some new dishes or a rug in a favorite color will be appreciated for long after a holiday.

Heart Shaped Pizza

Ingredients

- 3 cups bread flour
- 1 (.25 ounce) envelope active dry yeast
- 1 1/4 cups warm water
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 (14 ounce) can pizza sauce
- 3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 ripe tomatoes, sliced
- 1 zucchini, sliced
- 15 slices vegetarian pepperoni
- 1 (2.25 ounce) can sliced black olives

Directions

Place bread flour, yeast, water, and 2 tablespoons olive oil into the bread machine pan in the order recommended by the manufacturer. Select the Dough setting. Press Start. When the dough is finished, knead rosemary into the dough.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Divide the dough into three portions. Shape each piece into a heart shape about 1/2 inch thick. Brush with remaining olive oil, and spread a thin layer of pizza sauce on each pizza. Sprinkle cheese over pizza sauce, and arrange tomatoes, zucchini, pepperoni, and sliced olives on top.

Bake for about 15 to 20 minutes, or until cheese has melted and crust is browned.

Cherry Berries on a Cloud

Ingredients

- 6 egg whites
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- Filling:
 - 2 (3 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- Topping:
 - 1 (21 ounce) can cherry pie filling
 - 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
 - 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Directions

In a mixing bowl, beat egg whites, cream of tartar and salt until foamy. Gradually add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating on high until stiff peaks form (do not underbeat). Spread evenly in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking pan. Bake at 275 degrees F for 1 hour; turn off oven (do not open door). Let cool in oven at least 12 hours.

Beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth; gently fold in whipped cream and marshmallows. Spread over meringue. Chill for 4 hours. Cut into 16 pieces. Combine topping ingredients; spoon 1/4 cup over each serving.

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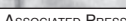
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By BETSY SHARKEY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

As if in recognition of the slings and arrows that might fly his way in light of the sheer amount of sugary mush we've asked to swallow here, Marshall throws in something akin to a warning label. It comes as the curtain, and the sun also, rises on Ashton Kutcher's cheery flower-shop owner who's picked Valentine's Day to pop the question. His very beautiful, very type-A, very out of his league girlfriend Jessica Alba says yes, and like uncorked Champagne, he's bubbling over with excitement. All smiles and soon off to work, V-Day is D-Day for florists, you know, where he tells buddy George Lopez (and the rest of us) he intends to be a

Here's the setup: Ashton loves Alba, while his best friend, Jen-

Meanwhile, local TV sports-caster Jamie Foxx is forced to spend the day reporting on romance thanks to his heartless boss. With *Patience*, he's

Meanwhile, in case you've forgotten just how many pop love songs have piled up over the years (again I'll handle the figures here), there have been countless, seriously countless, and "Valentine's Day" dips into that deep well of mood music, pulling out a mix of vintage ballads such as "When a Man Loves a Woman," a

The effect of all those spinning songs, stars and scenarios is merry-go-round-like, producing a sort of dizzying collage that no doubt some will adore, while others will just get nauseous, maybe Julia or Bradley will hand over

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Softball team charges into new season with eager freshmen, polished veterans



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Sophomore shortstop Bree Hanafin steps into a swing last season in a conference game against the University of Nebraska. Hanafin had seven home runs in 2009, the most of any returning starter on a team.

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

With new weapons both on the mound and at the plate, the No. 15-ranked Lady Bears softball team begins its 2010 campaign this weekend by traveling to Houston for the Marriott Houston Hobby Classic.

"The first word is enthusiasm," head coach Glenn Moore said when asked what the freshman class brings to the team. "It's not unusual for the freshman class to be enthusiastic about playing their first year, but a lot of them hit a wall in the fall because it's not summer ball anymore. This class just ran through that wall."

Moore also praised the hunger the youngest team members come in with.

"I think the freshman and sophomore class have a World Series mindset already," he said. "They watched Baylor in the World Series in 2007, and I think they believe that's where we're supposed to be every year and until somebody tells them differently... And I like that. They're fearless."

The newcomers join a team that finished last season with its third NCAA Regional Title in school history and has been working to improve off last year's mark.

"We worked a whole lot on our offense, mostly hitting," said Moore, whose squad lost to the University of Michigan in the Super Regionals. "We know this: We finished third in the Big 12 in hitting last year so it wasn't that bad, but we need a few more home runs."

What Baylor lacks in power, it compensates for in speed and contact. Outfielders and Wesley twins Nicole and Tiffany return for their senior seasons. Tiffany boasted a .318 batting average in 2009 and converted on all 25 steal attempts, while sister Tiffany added a .289 average with 12 steals.

Kaycee Walker tied the single-season batting average record for Baylor in her freshman season as the outfielder finished her All-Big 12 season with a .413 batting average and 23 stolen bases.

Shortstop Bree Hanafin finished her freshman campaign with seven home runs, the most of any returning player.

In 2007, the Lady Bears had a boisterous line-up, including senior power hitters Chelsi Lake and Ashley Monceaux. Brette Reagan alleviated the duo's departure in the recent two seasons by providing pop in her bat, but now the three-time All-American has also graduated, Moore is left searching for someone to fill the void of a home run hitter.

Senior catcher Courtney Neiten (formerly Oberg) believes the team is up to the challenge.

"We're hitting the ball hard," she said. "I'd like to think we have some of the best pitchers in the country, and we're still hitting. That says a lot about our hitters because they're making adjustments."

According to Moore, the senior is one of the biggest reasons. The Lady Bears' bats are on the rise.

"She had a great freshman year and a very average sophomore and junior year," he said. "But maybe it's that she got married, I don't know, but she's just on a mission."

"It's amazing how you can lead when you're producing. Now that she's performing the way she is, the eyes look to her a little more, so we're seeing more leadership out of her."

When looking for leadership on the mound, few can question where the eyes will turn.

"We have the returning Big 12 pitcher of the year in Whitney [Canion]," Neiten said.

"And she is coming back looking as good as she has ever looked — real confident."

Canion will be joined on the mound by East Bernard freshman Courtney Repka, who finished her high school career with 95 wins, 1462 strikeouts, 51 shutouts and 42 no-hitters. She also set the Texas state record with 23 perfect games.

"Whitney is more the flame-thrower, throw-it-by-you type. Courtney is more deliberate and lots of spin," Moore said about his top two starters. "I'd like to eventually have two number ones because [Repka] brings something different to the table. Right now she is our No. 2, but I told her I don't want her to accept that role."

We've got to grow her a little bit, but I think she'll be real good."

Canion voiced her excitement to have the freshman on board and downplayed anything beyond friendly competition.

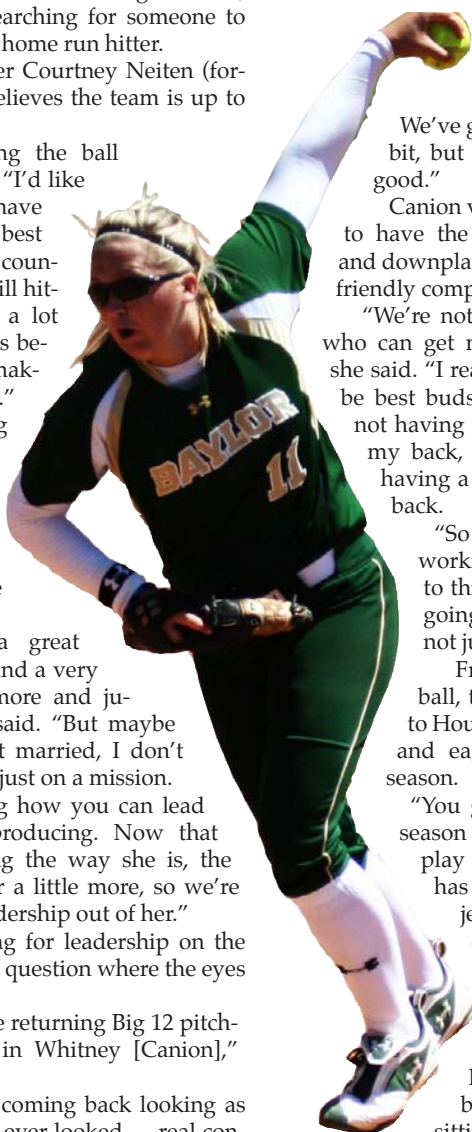
"We're not on this team to see who can get more pitching time," she said. "I really think we need to be best buds to know when I'm not having my best day, she has my back, and when she's not having a good day, I have her back."

"So I really think us working together is key to this year, because we're going to need both of us, not just one of us."

From both sides of the ball, the Bears head down to Houston with high hopes and eagerness to start the season.

"You get to a point in the season where you need to play an opponent that has a different-colored jersey than you have on," Moore said. "I think we're at the best condition to start a year in, and the rest has to be learned by coming back on Tuesday and sitting down and talking about the mistakes you made in those situations against teams that exposed your weaknesses."

The Lady Bears begin the tournament today with games against the University of Louisville at 3 p.m., then play Sam Houston State University at 5 p.m.



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Canion adds artillery to repertoire

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

If the 70 mile-per-hour rise-ball wasn't enough to send batters back to their dugouts in droves last season, sophomore pitcher Whitney Canion has added two new pitches to her arsenal.

"Last year I didn't really have a low pitch," the Bears' left-handed ace said. "It's the matter of developing a new weapon each year because everyone knows I throw a rise-ball."

The more prominent of her two new pitches is the drop-curve.

"It moves like nobody's business," senior catcher Courtney Neiten said. "It's a great pitch."

The drop-curve will move into a right-handed batter as it approaches the plate and tail away from the left-handers.

Her second addition is called a backdoor curve that she will use primarily use against left-handed batters just once or twice a game. The pitch moves into the batter at first and then fades away.

However, new pitches present new challenges for both the pitch-

er and the catcher.

"It's learning on both ends," Neiten said. "When she is learning how to throw it. I've got to learn what it's going to do when it works and what it is going to do when it doesn't work."

In addition to adding to her repertoire, the Big 12 Pitcher of the Year also worked to improve her changeup.

"Her changeup has come along very nicely," Neiten said. "Because she has worked so hard on slowing it down and making everything look like a fastball before she throws that changeup at you. She is selling it really well."

Head coach Glenn Moore also voiced his excitement at her work on the pitch.

"Her changeup has become a big factor and that's going to be a key to her success," he said. "I'm hoping that she'll get outs earlier in the at-bats. If she can get some groundballs, we'll get more ten-pitch innings. Then when we get down with three-quarters of our season under our belts, she will still be pretty fresh."

With two new pitches and a

slower changeup, the chemistry between catcher and pitcher has been tested, but both parties strongly believe they are better for it.

"We have really grown to know each other," Canion said. "We have really grown to read each other's minds. When she is thinking the same thing, we're each other's sidekicks."

Neiten shared her sidekick's excitement about the growing bond between the two.

"We had a lot of growing pains last year," Neiten said. "Because she throws harder than anybody I've ever seen in my life. She has matured a lot, and I've matured a lot. It's gotten to the point where I can tell her yes that's a good pitch, no that's not a good pitch and not have to worry about hurting her feelings."

After months of bullpen work, Canion feels ready to put her new pitches to the test.

"I have a lot of challenges," Canion said. "But I really think I have to know that I have worked hard on it all fall and to really trust it once batters get in the box."



Whitney Canion, seen here pitching during a game in 2009, has added a drop-curveball and a curve into her arsenal for this season. The sophomore fanned a Baylor record 415 batters last year.

Skiers believe Olympics aren't indicative of who's best

By CRAIG HILL
McCLATCHY NEWS

Barbara Cochran keeps her gold medal from the 1972 Olympic slalom in a case and is often asked to show it off at speaking engagements all over Vermont.

But, as far as she is concerned, her medal isn't even her family's most impressive skiing accomplishment. She's more impressed by her sister's 1969 season World Cup giant slalom title.

"That was one race," Cochran said of her gold medal. "For me, I think it's tougher to win a World Cup title because you have to be consistent for a whole season, not just one day."

The eyes of the world will turn to Vancouver for the Win-

ter Olympics to see who will win gold. While athletes covet Olympic gold and understand it's the pinnacle of their sport, many also believe it doesn't prove who is best in the world.

"(The emphasis on winning Olympic gold medals) is completely American," said Jeret Peterson of Boise, Idaho.

Peterson finished seventh in aerials in 2006 a year after winning the World Cup season title. "If you don't have a medal you are pretty much a nobody as soon as the games are over," Peterson said. "I think that's a horrible thing."

When the U.S. media billed ski racer Bode Miller as a five-medal threat at the 2006 games, he was widely thought of as a failure

when he came up empty.

Ted Ligety, who won gold in the '06 combined (one run on the downhill and two on the slalom), even though he's never won a combined on the World Cup tour, laughed at the idea that Miller needed Olympic gold to validate his career.

Miller's resume includes two World Cup overall season titles, six discipline season titles, four World Championship gold medals and two Olympic silver medals from the '02 games.

"He's the best skier in the world," Ligety told The Tacoma News Tribune in '08. "I still can't believe I have an Olympic gold medal and he doesn't."

Miller will be in Vancouver with five more shots at his elu-

sive gold.

Lindsey Vonn enters the games with the expectations Miller had in '06. Vonn was injured in a training run at the '06 Olympics and didn't medal. She's facing a similar situation this year because of a shin injury he suffered about a week ago in a training run in Austria.

On Wednesday, Vonn said she was unsure if she would even be able to ski but made it out for a short ski on Thursday.

Still, Vonn has more World Cup season titles (two) and discipline season titles (four) than the combined resumes of all seven American women alpine gold medalists. (They've combined for two discipline titles, all by Picabo Street, and no overall titles.)

"The (World Cup) overall title is more of something that is respected in the skiing community," Vonn said.

Vonn says "at the moment they (the Olympics) mean more to me than anything else" because it's the only accomplishment her career is missing. And while she has dominated the World Cup circuit this season, she knows trying to win any race, especially the Olympics, is a monumental challenge in a sport where the winner is often determined by a fraction of a second.

The last time she raced on Whistler's Olympic downhill course, she finished second by 0.01 second with two healthy legs.

"There are a lot of variables in

this sport," Vonn said. "A gust of wind at the wrong time and your Olympics are over."

That's precisely why mogul skier Patrick Deneen isn't putting too much pressure on himself to win gold.

"A gold medal is definitely something that I'd like to have, but it's not what my entire career is about," Deneen said. "It's about being the best I can possibly be."

His dad, Pat, said his son aspires to be the best in the world this season.

"Whether that happens at the Olympics or at the end of the season," Pat said, "that's what he's going for."

Deneen won the world championship last season.

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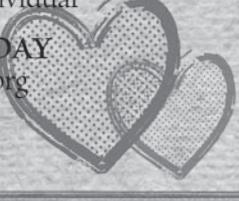

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Lady Bears’ daunting schedule resumes with trip to Iowa

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

After a 62-60 overtime loss to the University of Oklahoma Wednesday night, the No. 11 Lady Bears face a quick turnaround before a Saturday morning matchup against Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

In preparation for the Cyclones (18-4, 6-3), head coach Kim Mulkey continues to build her team’s mentality and confidence on the court.

“I want them to be intense on that floor and correct, listen and learn. I want them to develop a fiery personality in the way they play,” Mulkey said.

Wednesday left Baylor disappointed in its struggle to corral rebounds. The Lady Bears also committing several turnovers that helped Oklahoma to a win. The execution, Mulkey said, was not there late in the game.

On the offensive end, Mulkey challenged her team to make more shots, as the Sooners willingly conceded open looks to concentrate on guarding in the paint.

When Brittney Griner left the game with three minutes remaining, Baylor’s problems compounded

as a poor field goal percentage and lack of inside presence allowed Oklahoma’s lead to balloon.

“In basketball there’s only so much you can do when you have five people guarding one in the paint,” Mulkey said.

Baylor’s road does not get any easier with No. 20/17-ranked Iowa State. For the fourth time this season, Baylor takes on an opponent who had an extended rest prior to playing the Lady Bears. The Cyclones have not played in five days, while the University of Colorado came into Waco on seven days’ rest and the University of Nebraska visited the Ferrell Center after a five-day layoff.

When Mulkey’s team played in Austin, the Longhorns were fresh from seven days off.

Iowa State enters Saturday’s game after a 65-39 drubbing of the University of Missouri last Sunday in Columbia, Mo. Led by senior guard Alison Lacey, the Cyclones began with a 20-4 lead and never looked back.

“They’re going to be very disciplined, well coached, and they’re not going to take bad shots,” Mulkey said. “We’re going to see the same thing we’ve seen in every

conference game. They’re going to challenge us to make perimeter shots.”

Some of the Cyclones’ more impressive wins include a 63-56 win over Oklahoma and a 73-71 decision against Texas in Austin.

“I think what you saw today was kind of Iowa State at its finest — grind it out, find a way to do things right,” Cyclone head coach Bill Fennelly said after beating the Longhorns.

Fennelly’s team has held opponents to a Big 12 low 57.3 points per game in conference play. It shoots 36 percent from 3-point range, good for second in the league, and only Nebraska and Texas have exceeded Iowa State’s 59 3-pointer total against conference opponents.

Baylor can also expect a noisy arena, as Iowa State leads the Big 12 in average conference attendance with 9,029 in Hilton Coliseum.

Junior guard and team leader Melissa Jones remains on the bench with a stress reactor but will travel to Ames. Although Mulkey keeps Jones off the floor to prevent worsening the injury, she expects Jones to make each road trip and help the team cope with inexperience in pressure situations.



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Brittney Griner celebrates following the Jan. 27 victory against Texas A&M University. Griner has recorded triple-doubles in her two previous games for the Lady Bears.

Sports Briefs

Men’s tennis heads to ITA Nationals in Virginia

No. 6-ranked men’s tennis will face No. 11-ranked Florida in the opening round of the ITA National Team Indoor Championship in Charlottesville, Va.

The Bears improved their record to 5-0 Wednesday after beating the University of Texas-Pan American 7-0.

Their match against the Gators will be a rematch of Baylor’s 5-2 win earlier this year in Waco.

Women’s tennis travel north for Indoor Championship

No. 5-ranked women’s tennis heads to Madison, Wis., for the ITA National Team Indoor Championship and will face No. 21-ranked Florida State in the opening round.

In their last match, they defeated No. 6-ranked Miami 4-3 to move to 3-0 on the year. No. 17-ranked senior Lenka Broosova will look to add to Baylor’s all-time career wins record.

Track ends two-week hiatus with trip to Arkansas

Following a two-week break, the track and field team heads to Fayetteville, Ark., for the second time this year. This time they compete in the Tyson Invitational.

In their last meet, the Bears helped in the Big 12’s win over the Pac-10 and SEC conferences at the Texas A&M Challenge. Sophomore sprinter Whitney Prevost led the men’s team with an

automatic-provisional qualifying time in the 200 meters. On the women’s side, junior sprinter Tiffany Townsend posted provisional-qualifying times at both the 60- and 200-meter distances.

Jerrells named to D-League All-Star team

Former Baylor guard Curtis Jerrells has been added as a replacement for the NBA D-League All-Star Game in Dallas. Jerrells, who led the Bears to the NIT Championship game last year, currently plays for the Austin Toros and averages 20.5 points per game.

Victory with Integrity Campaign concludes

Baylor’s Victory With Integrity Campaign raised \$95 million, surpassing their original goal of \$90 million, thanks to the help of more than 60,000 donors.

In its five-year campaign, some of the money has gone toward the newly constructed Jay and Jenny Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility, a newly constructed practice basketball facility and renovations to the Hurd Tennis Building.

Equestrian returns to play

The No. 4-ranked equestrian team plays host to No. 3-ranked Texas A&M at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Willis Family Equestrian Center.

The women edged out SMU 6-5 their last time out.

Compiled by Daniel Cernero

By EDDIE SEFKO
McCLATCHY NEWS

This weekend is a can’t-miss proposition.

The NBA is in town, sweating every last detail, and there just isn’t any way that this All-Star extravaganza will be anything but an unqualified success.

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So naturally, All-Star Weekend will be coming back to Dallas and Arlington again soon, right?

Don’t be so sure.

David Stern sees this visit to the world’s newest, grandest sports playpen as a one-shot deal.

“I think it’s possible,” the commissioner said of a quick return. “But right now, we’re viewing it as a place where we’re going to set and retire the record for the most people ever to have attended not just an NBA game but a basketball game.

“I think Cowboys Stadium, which we’ll lovingly refer to as

Jerry-world, is a wonder of the world. And we’re holding it there for that reason. Jerry (Jones) has been generous in welcoming us. Mark is keen to represent North Texas in the proper way with Jerry, and so this seemed like a good idea at the time. So we’re doing it. That’s the way we do things. And I think for some period of time, this will be unique.

“This is not a return to domes.”

During an exclusive interview at the NBA’s midtown Manhattan offices, Stern touched on a variety of subjects but was particularly effusive about the Mavericks, their history and this year’s marquee event (so far), the 59th All-Star Game and its accompanying events.

It’s overwhelming to think about how much has happened since the last All-Star Game was here.

Reunion Arena was a still-new, sparkling addition to the city’s landscape. The Mavericks were a model franchise for how to build from scratch. The Dow Jones was losing 453 points that year and gas was a whopping 93 cents a gallon.

Since then, the economy has boomed. And busted. Gas rose,

fell, rose again and fell again.

And the last vestiges of Reunion Arena were demolished in November 2009.

Through it all, Stern said, the Mavericks never wobbled, even though they were universally declared the worst sports franchise in the ‘90s. The Mavericks were never in danger of leaving Dallas.

“Never, never, no chance,” Stern said. “Donald (Carter) would never have heard of it. He was devoted to Dallas and still is.”

And, yes, the original owner still sits courtside at many games.

As does Cuban, with whom Stern has butted heads but not so much that he ever wished the owner for the last 10 years would just go away. Remember, Stern is the most powerful person in basketball.

NBA owners are there because they can afford to be but also because Stern believes they are good for the league.

If that wasn’t the case with Cuban or any other owner, they probably wouldn’t get past the interview process.

“We have always enjoyed him,” Stern said of Cuban. “We

may question what we find enjoyable, but we’ve always enjoyed our relationship with Mark. There were times when we might not talk to him. But that happens with families.

“Plus, he’s been constructive and helpful on a variety of things. We would be on the one hand finding him some exorbitant amount of money and on the other hand asking if he was going to do the tech summit,” Stern said of the panel that has met every All-Star Weekend since 2000 to discuss advances related to media, marketing and technology.

Dallas is not the only city that has gone more than two decades without an All-Star event.

Chicago hasn’t had one since 1988, even though the palatial United Center was opened in 1994.

So just how big will this game be? Is it sold out?

“I think that’s a moving definition,” Stern said. “In other words, as many tickets as have been released have been sold. There’s some pressure to open up more sections and the like.

“But we’ll see how that goes. We could live and hold our heads high with 85,000 to 90,000 people.”

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