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At home, Bears beat Aggies, 70-66

By JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

Stained by flagrant fouls, jawing off and heated debates with referees, the latest rendition of the Battle of the Brazos lived up to its billing Wednesday night in front of a boisterous crowd of 10,094 at the Ferrell Center.

Even with the heated match-up, the main storyline from Wednesday night's contest didn't revolve around the extracurricular activity, as the No. 24-ranked Bears fought off a late comeback from the No. 22 Aggies in a 70-66 victory.

"It was a great atmosphere and a great game," Drew said. "It was a typical Baylor vs. Texas A&M game from the last couple of years... I am very excited and proud of our guys."

Texas A&M guard Donald Sloan finished with 22 points and displayed a furious fight in the closing minutes, but Lace-Darius Dunn led the Bears to victory by lighting up the scoreboard with 23 points. Baylor (21-6, 8-5) rebounded from its loss at Oklahoma State University, and has yet to suffer consecutive losses this season.

"Once we take a loss, we always bounce back a little

harder," Dunn said. "We come in and have a great practice the next day and give it our all for the next game."

Always a point of emphasis for a lengthy Baylor squad, the Bears outrebounded Texas A&M in Wednesday's matchup.

"We knew it would come down to winning the battle of the boards because down [in College Station] they had 10 more rebounds than us."

Highlighted by Quincy Acy's rebound, Baylor made several critical rebounds in the last minutes. Up one point, Ekpe Udoh retrieved a long offensive rebound from Tweety Carter's missed 3-point shot, and Josh Lomers also pulled in several rebounds throughout the game.

"We couldn't get rebounds," Texas A&M head coach Mark Turgeon said. "They were plus seven on the boards, which was a big difference in the game."

In the middle of the second half, the Bears began to pull away from the Aggies. Texas A&M mauled its way back into the game after a Fred Ellis 3-point basket gave the Bears a 52-39 lead. Catalyzed by six consecutive free throws from Bryan

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No. 4 forward Quincy Acy reacts after throwing down an uncontested slam dunk in the first half against Texas A&M Wednesday at the Ferrell Center. Acy finished the game with nine points and six rebounds and the Bears knocked off the Aggies 70-66.

Special Election Coverage



Candidate Senator Kay Hutchison and Governor Rick Perry are in a battle for the top spot of the Republican party in the March 2 primaries.



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Five vie for local House seat

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Five Republican candidates are competing in the March 2 primaries for the chance to run against incumbent Rep. Chet Edwards for the District 17 House of Representatives seat in Texas. The candidates are Rob Curnock, Timothy Delesandro, Bill Flores, Dave McIntyre and Chuck Wilson.

"This is going to be a nationalized election," Delesandro said. "If we want to take back our government, we have to do it in the House of Representatives. This is the most conservative district in the entire United States and we have a liberal Democrat in office. You are standing at ground zero right now to take back your nation. And it starts right now."

In this term, Edwards voted against the health care reform bill, going against his own political party. The Republican candidates say that the health care system could be better reformed through means other than the reform bill.

Delesandro's stance on health care is to support a market-based system instead of a socialized one.

"I believe that tax breaks and health savings accounts combined with catastrophic insurance coverage could make health care affordable for most Americans without depending upon employers for their coverage," Delesandro said in a statement on his Web site. "That would make coverage portable."

Delesandro also said Edwards only voted against the health care bill because his vote was not necessary for the bill to pass.

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The race for Texas governor

By CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

As the March 2 primary approaches, Gov. Rick Perry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison battle for the top spot in the primaries until the votes are announced.

According to a poll released Tuesday by Public Policy Polling, Perry leads with 40 percent support from voters, leaving Hutchison trailing at 31 percent. The poll included a margin of error of 4.9 percent.

Both Perry and Hutchison hold a strong lead over Democratic candidate Bill White, according to a poll by ccAdvertising, which puts Perry ahead by 23 points and Hutchison by 26 points.

Allison Winney, president of the Baylor chapter of College Republicans, said both candidates would be a good choice for Texas.

"I think one way or the other we are going to have two great candidates running for governor," Winney said. "Each candidate is going to have bad qualities and good qualities."

Perry was first elected Governor of

Texas on Dec. 21, 2000.

"I believe this race is about the future of our state," Perry said in an e-mail to the Lariat.

"It will determine whether we continue down a path that has made Texas one of the strongest economies in the country or a path that gives way to more burdensome, intrusive Washington policies."

Hutchison has served in the United States Senate since 1993.

"I am running for governor because I want to ensure that Texas remains strong," Hutchison said in an e-mail to the Lariat.

Kay Hutchison desires to improve higher education in Texas.

"I believe the state has a tremendous need for more tier one universities. Texas has only three, which is not enough, in my opinion," Hutchison said.

She said she wants to increase federal funding for schools and also desires to improve public education and the academic standards of incoming freshmen.

"I believe it is also vital to address the affordability of higher education in Texas," Hutchison said. "When tuition rates

at our public universities have increased by 85 percent since 2003, you know it is an issue. We cannot let higher education opportunities drift out of reach."

Perry also said he desires to create more tier one universities in Texas. On his Web site, Perry talks about the "road to tier one," which outlines strategies for universities to follow in achieving tier one status.

"Texans strongly support the high standards and strong accountability for our schools that have made us a national leader in both categories," Perry said in a Feb. 4 press release. "Other states are even studying our approach, the first in the nation to make a college-preparatory curriculum the default for every student, as a basis for their own standards."

Under Perry's governorship, funding for financial aid programs totals \$1.1 billion for the 2010-2011 biennium.

Dr. Elden Barrett, professor of curriculum and instruction in the school of education, said to be wary of claims made by

Tiger Woods: the toughest battles still to come

Point of View

By JUSTIN BAER



Friday afternoon, Tiger Woods vulnerably stood in front of a small crowd to admit his transgressions. While only a few dozen of Woods’ closest peers witnessed in person, millions watched live on various television networks.

Woods made his first public appearance since he wrecked his Cadillac in the front yard of his Florida estate on Thanksgiving night. In a prepared speech, the universe’s most famed golfer asked for forgiveness.

Through all the PGA events and majors, the comebacks, and the Sunday afternoon clutch moments, Woods may have faced his steepest challenge Friday afternoon — winning back the respect he has earned throughout the past decade.

Just like when he stares down the putting green through the tunnel vision of his Nike cap, Woods stared into the cameras and the audience that included his mother and mother-in-law. At the most humiliating point of his life, the invincible became apologetic. However, was it good enough?

Glancing methodically at his prepared statement, Woods projected a lack of true sincerity throughout his apology. His robotic demeanor displayed has many, including myself, questioning the true intentions of the world’s richest athlete.

Woods has cowardly betrayed his wife throughout the entirety of their marriage. While touring across the country, Woods succumbed to temptations of women flocking to him.

Nobody knows the precise details of his affairs. Other than gossip and hearsay of various women, the true story of his intimate affairs will never be known. Albeit, it takes “two to tango,” as a married man, it is his responsibility to remain loyal to his wife — no matter how beautiful the woman approaching him is.

While the public relations efforts behind Woods’ last few crucial months have been shaky, the overwhelming theme shouldn’t be focused on how the situation was handled, nor how poorly his speech was performed.

As much as I disagree with his actions, I will give Tiger a chance to redeem himself. We all make mistakes. We cannot condescend upon him, because we all sin. Woods firmly stated that he will never make mistakes like he did again.

Going forward, he must avoid situations that one would even be able to presume he has gone off track. Texas Rangers’ outfielder Josh Hamilton faced a drug addiction during his ascension into the Major Leagues. Hamilton rescued his life by placing his responsibilities into the hands of others. Admirably, Hamilton re-devoted his life to God. To further aid his comeback, Hamilton delegated the task of his money handlings to accountable individuals.

While Hamilton’s and Woods’ predicaments weren’t identical, Woods could learn a lesson or two from Hamilton’s rehabilitation. First, Woods’ travel without his family should be limited. If Woods wants any chance of salvaging his marriage and his reputation, he needs as many public appearances with his wife. Second, never be alone with another woman. With the proliferation of social media (Twitter, Facebook, Flickr), a cell phone picture upload can be sent around the world instantaneously. And as innocent as any encounter with any woman he may have, presumptions can only be negative.

While Tiger’s intentions may have seemed insincere at the podium Friday afternoon, his true colors will be displayed in the upcoming months.

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Texas legislators should comply with Waco family’s push for ‘Kari’s Law’

Editorial

Nearly four years after he killed his wife, Matt Baker, former Baptist pastor, was finally convicted and sentenced to 65 years in prison last month.

Baker drugged and suffocated his wife, Kari Baker, then made it look like suicide. It was only after his former mistress testified before the court, admitting her four-month affair with Matt and her knowledge of Kari’s murder, that Matt was charged with her death.

Families shouldn’t be forced to live with the uncertainty Kari’s parents were left with for years after their daughter’s death. If an autopsy had been performed on Kari’s body in the first place, the truth of this case could have been revealed much sooner.

Tom and Jan Purdy, a retired Waco couple, are working to ensure this for the future. They are pushing Texas legislators to pass “Kari’s Law” — a state law that would make autopsies mandatory in cases of suspected suicide. They wrote a letter last week to 14 local and state officials urging them to adopt a policy similar to other states, such as Florida, that requires an autopsy on every apparent suicide.

Lawmakers should seriously consider

this plea and take the measures necessary to begin making this law a reality. There would be benefits across the board for everyone from the family to the jury to the justice of the peace — who, under the current law, has sole discretion about whether to order an autopsy.

Matt Baker is the perfect example of the relative ease it takes to manipulate a scene to make a murder appear to be a suicide, complete with a note and all. Without a law in place making autopsies mandatory, this becomes too simple for someone like Matt.

In this case, the justice of the peace didn’t even see the body himself before ruling in 2006 that Kari had committed suicide. Those who hold the position of justice of the peace are elected into office and are obviously competent individuals.

However, many times their position comes with cumbersome other duties, and despite their undoubtedly wide-ranging knowledge, they simply may not be equipped to make decisions that seem more appropriate for a medical examiner.

The question of how many other similar cases exist and have been overlooked as a result of the current Texas law is an unsettling one. While an autopsy cannot provide all the answers needed in a murder case, it can at least serve as a deterrent to those thinking of masking a murder as a suicide in the future.

Regardless of what the “right” answer may be, this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Citizens are concerned enough about it to bring it to the attention of legislators, and our lawmakers should ensure that the proper consideration be given to it. It is obvious that the current system has failed, so a healthy dialogue about this is certainly in order.

Every law has its roots somewhere, and the Purdys should be commended for their determination to fight in honor of Kari Baker. Rather than continuing to leave these literally life and death matters up to the judgment of a justice of the peace, why not let science step in every time?

Matt Baker almost got away with the perfect murder; we should ensure that no one else has the opportunity to do the same.

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Starr’s political past, Baylor’s future cannot be separated

Feb. 18’s Lariat article, “Student Officers, Starr talk concerns,” quotes Baylor sophomore Cody Orr, chairman of Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas, responding to Kenneth Starr’s presidential appointment: “Orr believes that Starr’s previous policies are a nonissue. ‘I feel that his personal positions should not play a role in deciding if he is qualified or not to be the president of Baylor,’ Orr said. ‘Every person has their own personal opinion on these controversial issues and I don’t think it is fair to use that as a criteria for or against him.’”

This confession by our fellow student colleague represents a tragic American dichotomy between one’s public and one’s private lives. Friedrich Nietzsche, in his essay *History in the Service and Disservice of Life*, sharply criticized such an artificial division: “No one any longer dares to risk his own person, but wears the mask of the

culture man, a scholar, a poet, a politician. If we take hold of these masks... We suddenly find ourselves holding nothing but patches and tatters.”

Sadly, ours is a society of such hidden persons. Like Mr. Orr, they too often tritely declare that one’s most basic convictions should not determine one’s judgment of the moral character of political candidates and academic officers. The former are allegedly private matters that should be kept to oneself, disconnected from one’s qualifications in public discourse.

This is to get matters exactly backwards. One’s judgments about Mr. Starr’s handling of the Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky investigations should profoundly shape one’s judgments about his abilities to serve as Baylor’s 14th president. They are both enterprises that must be judged morally, no less than academically and administratively.

It is imprudent, therefore, to continue

this separation of one’s personal conviction from one’s public judgments. Otherwise, we will only enhance the delusion that one can live one’s life as two persons, similar to an actor wearing two masks during the same play. In that case, we become merely “patches and tatters.” Or more importantly, like a house built on a poor foundation (Matt 7:24-27), we will lack the integrity upon which to build communities of moral character.

We must thus bear witness to a basic truth: that we are in fact whole persons.

For as our first president and a man of unimpeachable character, George Washington, once said, “I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.”

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Baylor student makes history, wins contest

By SARA TIRrito
STAFF WRITER

After three weeks spent writing and memorizing a speech in Japanese, Houston senior Rachel McCutchen went to the Dallas Regional Japanese Language Speech Contest and won, becoming the first Baylor student to win the competition.

It was McCutchen's first time to participate in the competition, held Feb. 13.

On March 6, she will compete in the Texas State Japanese Language Contest at Rice University in Houston.

"It makes me really proud for my school, but I really had no idea that I was the first Baylor student until someone told me," McCutchen said. "It made me feel really good because before the competition started there was some talk among some of the other schools' contestants [and] they were very intimidating because they really weren't worried about us at all."

Yuko Prefume, a lecturer in Japanese, said preparing for the

competition required frequent practices to help work on the delivery of McCutchen's speech.

"We pretty much had to practice almost every day," said Prefume, who has been teaching McCutchen's Japanese classes since her freshman year. "She would come in my office and recite the speech, and I would make corrections in intonation and pronunciation - trying to make her sound like Japanese people because all the judges at the contest are Japanese. They get judged on content as well as delivery."

Aside from her practices with Prefume, McCutchen practiced the speech often on her own.

"I just read it out loud to myself everywhere I went," McCutchen said, "and I'm sure people thought I was crazy because I was talking out loud to myself in a different language."

Students in the competition can choose their own topic for their speech.

Coppell senior Dee Guo, who also competed at the regional competition, said this can make it harder to succeed in the contest.

"You have to be prepared for your speech to not necessarily do well because you're coming from a bunch of different topics, and you have to be prepared that yours may not be considered one of the top topics," Guo said.

McCutchen focused her speech on cultural identity.

"It's basically about how I think many Americans don't know their own culture because there's so many different cultures that have influenced America, so I think cultural identity is something you have to kind of discover for yourself," McCutchen said. "I talk about how my own culture is Mexican and Japanese because I am actually half Mexican, so I grew up with almost all Mexican culture but I received a lot of cultural influence from my studies of Japanese and studying abroad there."

McCutchen will use the same speech at the state competition, with minor modifications.

However, at this competition, there will also be a segment in which the judges ask contestants various questions in Japanese, to

which the students must respond in Japanese.

"When I practice I try and think of answers to questions about vague parts of my speech or things I might be able to expand on that I couldn't fit into my speech," McCutchen said. "It seems most likely that's what they would ask."

McCutchen said preparing for the competitions has taught her a lot about the language.

"I've definitely learned a lot in a short period of time by doing this," McCutchen said. "I always study on my own, but trying to make the best speech that I could, I received a lot of input from my teachers that I remembered better because I applied it for a purpose, an actual goal."

Since she became interested in learning the language, McCutchen has also formed several other methods to study it.

These methods include watching Japanese television online, listening to Japanese music, and traveling to Killeen or Dallas to sing Asian karaoke with groups of friends.



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Competition winner and Houston senior Rachel McCutchen with lecturer in Japanese Yuko Prefume, and Coppell senior Dee Guo, who also competed in the contest.

She said the karaoke helps her to learn more kanji, which are the written Japanese characters.

"I pick up how to read a lot of those from karaoke, because I already know the song, but when

you have to read the lyrics on the screen, I associate the word I already know with the reading on the screen," McCutchen said. "Kanji's probably the most difficult part of learning Japanese."

New technology in copying now available in libraries

By JAMES BLAKE EWING
REPORTER

A new alternative to copy machines has been added to Moody and Jones libraries this week at three locations: the first floor of Moody, the garden level of Moody and the first floor of Jones.

Three state-of-the-art Knowledge Information Center scanners are now free for use in the libraries.

"This is the next generation of the photocopier," Jeff Steely, director of central libraries, said. "It's easier, cheaper, more convenient and accessible."

Two photocopiers have been

removed to make space for the KIC scanners, but there are still a number of photocopiers around the library for those who prefer them.

However, the new scanners help the environment and the university because they eliminate the use of paper.

The machine uses a camera to take a high-resolution photo and then crops it automatically.

The KIC scanner also allows the student to scan each page with the top of a button on the screen, which simplifies the copying process.

"It offers us an opportunity to cut down on our paper and toner consumptions," Smith Getter-

"This is the next generation of the photocopier. It's easier, cheaper, more convenient and accessible."

Jeff Steely
Director of central libraries

man, sustainability coordinator, said. "Any time we can cut down on printer and paper usage it's a big win for the university."

MIT also received similar

machines from Digital Library Systems Group and cut down photocopying in the library by 25 percent in one year.

Instead of dealing with the hassle of carrying around handfuls of paper, students who use the scanner can carry everything on a flash drive, which is the only way to get the files from the scan.

For students who want to use the machine but don't have a flash drive, there are options.

Java City on the garden level of Moody now sells flash drives.

The circulation desk, tech point desk and the reference service desks will also let students borrow a flash drive, using their

Baylor ID as collateral.

Then students can e-mail it or upload their files to BearSpace.

The touch screen interface has a number of quality and imaging options.

Users can also output the scan to a .jpg, .png, .txt and searchable .pdf.

There's even an option to output any scan as a .wav file to be listened to instead of read.

"The thing that's really unique about them is that the interface is very simple," Steely said.

Yet with the ability to scan any book in the library, piracy concerns may arise.

However, the first thing that appears on the screen before

making a scan is a copyright statement.

"It's just a more efficient means of asserting fair use rights," Steely said.

By pressing OK on the copyright screen, students are agreeing to the terms and taking responsibility to uphold the law.

"I don't think it's any different from a photocopier," Steely said, when it comes to copying instead of buying one's own copy.

Students are already taking advantage of this new addition to the library.

"I like how easy it is," Dallas junior Matt Hansen, a student worker in the library, said. "It's easy to function."

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candidates about education.
'I am not a big fan of politicians and education, and what they say and what they are going to do is not necessary going to be the same thing,' Barrett said.
'And what they do is not going to be necessarily helpful.'
Barrett said politicians often don't follow through with their promises. He said, for example, many politicians promise to give teachers' pay raises, but don't follow through. He also said many attempts made by politicians to improve education have not met expectations. As an example, he said the No Child Left Behind Act has caused many problems.
'The amount of testing going on in Texas and around the country is not good for students,' Barrett said. 'It can be detrimental to students. It teaches students how to take tests, but not much else.'
Another major issue between the two candidates is the economy.
'The current governor is not preparing Texas for the 21st century economy,' Hutchison said in an e-mail to the Lariat.

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Davis, Texas A&M stormed to a 13-4 run.
Later, Dunn faced off against Sloan and B.J. Holmes in a 3-point shootout. Sloan drained a 3-pointer to put the Aggies within a one-point deficit. On the ensuing possession, Dunn watched his 3-point shot rattle around the rim before dropping in. Holmes punched the wind right back out of the Baylor fans, though, as he splashed a 3-pointer to bring the score to bring the score to 62-61. Dunn made the final basket of the duel on the next drive to give the Bears a four-point lead.
'Making the big plays they were, I had to take advantage of making the big shots,' Dunn said. 'I think I made big reads and got open.'
With 50 seconds on the clock, Ray Turner made a pair of free throws to cut the deficit to one point. Then after letting time

Whale kills trainer

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press
A SeaWorld killer whale snatched a trainer from a pool-side platform Wednesday in its jaws and thrashed the woman around underwater, killing her in front of a horrified audience. It marked the third time the animal had been involved in a human death.
Distraught audience members were hustled out of the stadium immediately, and part of the park was closed.
Trainer Dawn Brancheau, 40, was rubbing Tilikum after a noontime show when the 12,000-pound whale grabbed her and pulled her in, said Chuck Tompkins, head of animal training at all SeaWorld parks. Park officials say the veteran trainer drowned.
Audience member Eldon Skaggs said Brancheau's interaction with the whale appeared leisurely and informal at first. But then the whale "pulled her under and started swimming around with her," he told The Associated Press.
Skaggs, 72, said an alarm sounded and staff rushed the audience out of the stadium as workers scrambled around with nets.
Skaggs said he heard that during an earlier show the whale was not responding to directions. Others who attended the earlier show said the whale was behaving like an ornery child.
He left with his wife and didn't find out until later that the trainer had died. The retired couple from Michigan had been among some stragglers in the audience who had stayed to watch the animals and trainers when the accident occurred.
'We were just a little bit stunned,' said Skaggs' wife, Sue Nichols, 67.
Another audience member, Victoria Biniak, told WKMG-TV the whale "took off really fast in the tank, and then he came back, shot up in the air, grabbed the trainer by the waist and started thrashing around, and one of her shoes flew off."
Two other witnesses told the Orlando Sentinel that the whale grabbed the woman by the upper arm and tossed her around in its mouth while swimming rapidly

Hutchison claims that too many Texans don't understand property taxes and the property taxes in Texas are often unfair. Hutchison is in support of the Texas Taxpayer Empowerment Act, which is aimed at educating Texans about property taxes and teaches them how to challenge property taxes.
Perry said under his leadership the Texas economy has overcome many obstacles and is doing well. He said he has aggressively pursued job creation, creating approximately 1 million new jobs since July 2003, which is more jobs than the other 49 states combined.
'I'm proud of my record as governor and the fact that during my tenure we have been able to create jobs, cut taxes, limit spending, maintain predictable regulations, hold the line on frivolous litigation and strengthen our children's education,' Perry said in an e-mail to the Lariat.
'Our commitment to these principles has made Texas one of the strongest economies in the world, even during these challenging

economic times, and established a model of good governance for other states to follow.'
A July 20, 2009, article of the National Review said, "Governor Perry sums up the Texas model in five words, 'Don't spend all the money.'"
According to the article, Texas' economy would make it the 15th-largest national economy in the world if it were a nation, and estimates that 70 percent of new jobs created in the U.S. during 2008 were created in Texas.
Hutchison believes her experience in the Texas Legislature and in the U.S. Senate will make her more sympathetic to the Texas Legislature.
'I am best qualified to lead Texas for the next four years because I have the best track record in solving problems,' Hutchison said in an e-mail.
'Having served in the Texas Legislature myself, I am aware of the need for collaboration between the legislative and executive branches. I have heard time and again from legislators who privately express their frustration that the current

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"He only did that because he had permission because the bill was going to pass anyway," Delesandro said.
"But how does Chet vote when he doesn't think you're watching?"
Curnock, who was Edwards' Republican opponent in 2008, also opposes an overhaul of the health care system, but thinks some changes are needed, such as providing tax incentives to small businesses that provide their employees with health care.
"You know how much we got out of Chet Edwards as far as opposition for these horrendous bills that are going to destroy America if they ever become law? We have this much — nothing. Silence out of him in his opposition for these bills. He has voted to keep partial birth abortions, gun control laws," Curnock said.
'We are getting our message through and folks in Central Texas are deciding that enough is enough and Nancy Pelosi should not be calling the shots in this district — we should.'
Curnock said after his last race against Edwards, the District 17 seat made gains in notoriety.
"Last cycle, I went against Chet Edwards because he was perceived as unbeatable — couldn't be beaten in any way shape or form," Curnock said.
'With the help of grassroots and volunteers in getting the message out and getting the word across District 17, even though we were outspent by 2 million dollars, we ended up pulling within four and a half points, and now this seat is on the map. The national party has made us the No. 2 targeted seat in the nation, and you now have a state full of candidates who are willing to take Chet Edwards out.'
According to his Web site,

governor unexpectedly vetoes their bills, with no advanced notice. I will reach out to legislators and talk with them individually about their bills that have passed one chamber, before it reaches my desk, so they can address any issues I may have in advance.'
Perry said he is the best governor for Texas and has proven it. He said Texas' quality of life testifies to his ability as governor, and that he will continue to meet the needs of Texas citizens.
'I will use my experience to provide the transportation, electricity and water infrastructure Texas needs to meet the demands of its growing population and continue prospering,' Perry said in an e-mail to the Lariat.
'I will build on our state's success by working to create jobs and ensure our children receive the best possible education.'
Both candidates are pro-life and seek to protect traditional marriage between one man and one woman.
Winey believes that both candidates have led impressive careers, but thinks their greatest

assets will be their greatest liabilities. Winey said Hutchison's time in the Senate could provide her with valuable experience, but could also be harmful.
"The fact that [Hutchison] has been in the Senate and in Washington for so long is a concern to me because she is in the Washington politics," Winey said.
'It is a little concerning to me that she wants to give up her Senate seat to run for governor.'
Hutchison is adamant that her time in the Senate is not a negative, and says she is not neglecting her spot in the Senate to run for governor. Winey believes that the fact that Perry has been governor since 2000 could be beneficial, especially since he has certain agendas he is trying to get through, but she thinks he may have overstayed his time as governor.
'I think just the fact that [Perry] has been in there for so long, he can do things the way he wants without repercussions,' Winey said.
'I think it would be important to take a different light to things and do things dif-

ferently.'
Perry, however, thinks he is doing a better job than those in Washington and has still has more to do for Texas.
'People are very frustrated with Washington right now, and I am one of them,' Perry said in an e-mail to the Lariat.
'When you look at what is coming out of Washington: record debt, earmarks, bailouts and a complete disregard for the taxpayers of this country, it is our children and grandchildren who will be stuck paying for these fiscally irresponsible decisions.'
Perry also pointed out some of the positives coming from Texas.
'Texas has billions in surplus while Washington has a \$14 trillion deficit,' Perry said.
'Texas is cutting taxes while states are raising taxes and running deficits. Texas' unemployment rate has stayed around two percentage points lower than the national average. There is a major contrast between what is going on around the country and what is happening here in Texas.'

Edwards wants to lessen premiums on health insurance for small businesses and the self-employed, and lower prices of prescription drugs, among other health care goals.
"Congressman Edwards will oppose any single-payer plan that socializes our health care system or prevents people from keeping the quality private health

"When you see me on the street, I'll have to explain why I voted the way I did the previous week."
Chuck Wilson
Candidate

care plan of their choice," the site said.
"Lowering costs, maintaining competition and choice, and preserving quality health care are his top priorities."
Flores' stance on health care is that simpler changes in the system, such as creating permanent tax deductions on the premiums that families pay, would be more effective than the changes currently being considered, according to his Web site.
In reference to the economic recession, Flores said the Federal Reserve must be preserved.
"Every developed, strong economy has a strong, independent central bank," Flores said.
"We do need to audit [the federal

reserve] but we do not need to do away with it. We need to make sure audit isn't designed to manage the Federal Reserve, but to make sure what it does is transparent so that you and I know what our Federal Reserve is doing."
How - ever, Wilson said he doesn't think the Federal Reserve was the sole cause of the country's economic problems.
"The problem is not the Federal Reserve, the problem is the policy that got us there — of subprime lending, of inadequate regulations — policy that promoted irresponsible behavior," Wilson said.
"We can't do away with the Federal Reserve. We need to reform the Federal Reserve, not do away with it."
McIntyre said personal accountability was the most important issue to him.
"I went to West Point because of the honor code," McIntyre said.



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High fat intake poses major stroke risk to women, study finds

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
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SAN ANTONIO — A moment on the lips, forever on the hips? A bad figure is hardly the worst of it.

Eating a lot of fat, especially the kind that's in cookies and pastries, can significantly raise the risk of stroke for women over 50, a large new study finds.

We already know that diets rich in fat, particularly artery-clogging trans fat, are bad for the heart and the waistline.

The new study is the largest to look at stroke risk in women and across all types of fat.

It showed a clear trend: Those who ate the most fat had a 44 percent higher risk of the most common type of stroke compared to those who ate the least.

"It's a tremendous increase that is potentially avoidable," said Dr. Emil Matarese, stroke chief at St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne, Penn. "What's bad for the heart is bad for the brain."

He reviewed but did not help conduct the research, which was presented Wednesday at an American Stroke Association conference.

It involved 87,230 participants in the Women's Health Initiative, a federally funded study best known for revealing health risks from taking hormone pills for menopause symptoms.

Before menopause, women traditionally have had less risk of stroke than similarly aged men, although this is changing as women increasingly battle obesity and other health problems.

After menopause, the risk ris-

es and the gender advantage disappears, said Dr. Ka He, a nutrition specialist and senior author of the study from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

He and another researcher, Sirin Yaemsiri, wanted to see whether dietary fat affected the odds.

Participants in the study had filled out detailed surveys on their diets when they enrolled, at ages 50 to 79.

"If you don't change their patterns and problems in childhood, you're really looking at a lifetime of obesity."

Dr. Lee Schwamm
Stroke specialist,
Massachusetts General Hospital

Researchers put them into four groups based on how much fat they ate, and looked about seven years later to see how many had suffered a stroke caused by clogged blood vessels supplying the brain — the most common kind.

There were 288 strokes in the group of women who consumed the most fat each day (95 grams) versus 249 strokes in the group eating the least fat (25 grams), Yaemsiri told the conference.

After taking into account other factors that affect stroke risk — weight, race, smoking, exercise and use of alcohol, aspirin or

hormone pills — researchers concluded that women who ate the most fat had a 44 percent greater risk of stroke.

They also found a 30 percent greater risk of stroke among women eating the most trans fat, which is common in stick margarine, fried foods, crackers and cookies.

"We need to look at the labels on the foods we buy," because many of these fats are hidden in baked goods and people are not aware of how much they're consuming, Matarese said. "This is a simple way that any woman, especially postmenopausal women, can improve their health. Simply avoiding fried foods is a big one."

On average, American women in their 50s and 60s eat 63 to 68 grams of fat a day, federal health statistics show.

A little context: A 2-ounce Snickers bar contains 14 grams of fat; a 2-ounce bag of Crunchy Cheetos has 20 grams, as does a Haagen-Dazs ice cream bar.

The American Heart Association recommends limiting fat to less than 25 to 35 percent of total calories, and trans fat to less than 1 percent.

The healthiest fats come from nuts, seeds, fish and vegetable oils.

"We don't do a good enough job of emphasizing the importance of a good diet," said Dr. Lee Schwamm, a stroke specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital. Pediatricians in particular need to address the risk for chubby kids.

"If you don't change their patterns and problems in childhood, you're really looking at a lifetime of obesity," he said.



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A confectionery worker fries doughnuts Feb. 11 at a confectionery in Warsaw. The last Thursday of the Carnival is called in Poland "Fat Thursday," as people traditionally eat many times more cakes than usual, especially doughnuts.

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Fashion Week shines for last time in Bryant Park

Sky-high stilettos walk down the runways of New York Fashion Week, held for the last time in the tents of New York’s iconic Bryant Park, where dark colors, geometric shapes and belts were displayed by the world’s major fashion lines.

POINT of view

By ASHLEIGH SCHMITZ

CONTRIBUTOR

New York Fashion Week kicked off on Feb. 11. It marked the start of the last New York Fashion to be held at Bryant Park, and now will also be remembered as the day acclaimed British fashion designer Alexander McQueen was found dead in his London home.

Between the massive screen updating live with Twitter feeds and the Blackberry addicted fashion scenesters attached to their phones at fashion week, it did not take long for news of McQueen’s death to create a pall and change the mood in the tents.

However, the shows must go on, and they did. Fashion week continued with tributes from various designers such as Betsey Johnson, who sent her final model down the runway with a sign that read “Long Live McQueen.”

While designers had no way of knowing such a tragedy would befall fashion week, many seemed to pay respects with predominantly black collections. It is not uncommon for the fall season to preview darker colors; the most recent fall seasons have done so using dark hues and jewel tones rather than black and shades of gray. Designers like Marc Jacobs, Diane von Furstenberg and Alexander Wang sent out lines full of the color of the night.

When designers weren’t showing blacks, prints and color blocking rose to the occasion. Cynthia Rowley, Diane von Furstenberg, Rodarte and BCBG Max Azria are just a few of the designers to give a reprieve from the black. At BCBG Max Azria, the color blocking and drapery gave way to long and lean silhouettes that often included trousers and a belt to complete the looks.

Rowley and von Furstenberg used their prints to add pops of color to the black that dominated the catwalk. The prints in Rowley’s line were smaller and more delicate, while von Furstenberg’s prints were a tad larger and splashier, mimicking the water that rippled over the runway as models traipsed down it. Rodarte, however, featured no black at all. This allowed the floral prints to complement the demure creams that brought new life to the season that rarely sees such heavenly tones.

BCBG Max Azria was not alone in showing waist-high-lighting belts. Whether thick or thin, chunky or light, belts were abundant for Jill Stuart, Christian Siriano and Marc by Marc Jacobs, only to name a few.

Siriano used smaller and medium-weight belts to politely cinch the waist of professionally dressed models. Jill Stuart introduced thick and chunky belts that went over heavy knits. These were shown under jackets and blazers, even paired with velvet, draped dresses proving that belts are back and styling them can be as out of the box as ever.

At Marc by Marc Jacobs, belts helped amp up the thrift-shop-meets-Army-Navy-store feel. The belts all hit at the natural waist no matter the texture or weight of the garment they were giving shape to. The rule book for wearing belts has officially been thrown out the window. Belts no longer need to be the same size and weight as the garment they are paired with. Designers showed that slightly askew is the new direction.



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Fashion from Rodarte fall 2010 collection is modeled Feb. 16. Rodarte was one of the week’s designers to introduce color into the line for the fall.



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The Alexander Wang Fall 2010 collection showed that black is a staple of fall fashion.



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The Marc by Marc Jacobs fall 2010 collection is modeled Feb. 16. The collection displayed a lot of color combined with geometric prints and cuts.



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The Diane von Furstenberg fall 2010 collection is modeled Feb. 14. In soaring pumps, the models treaded over a multicolored rippling catwalk.



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Christian Siriano collection for fall 2010 collection is modeled Feb. 12. Flowing fabrics were tightened into flattering silhouettes with one of the week’s most popular accessory: the belt.



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The Marc by Marc Jacobs combined two important features of fall fashion: black and belts.



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The Diane von Furstenberg collection, filled with bold patterns, is modeled Feb. 14



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Models for Halston’s fall collection don thick high heels accented with metallic chains, a trend that has been popular in 2010, for the Feb. 15 fashion show during New York Fashion Week.

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BU student groups ready for primaries

By KATY McDOWALL
REPORTER

Baylor's student political organizations are gearing up for the upcoming March 2 primary.

Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas is endorsing Rick Perry for governor.

"Personally, I think that Rick Perry definitely has the experience and political clout to lead Texas into the future in a positive way," Sugar Land sophomore Cody Orr, the Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas chairman, said. The group met on Jan. 16 with the heads of other chapters, as well as members of the state board, to choose a candidate for governor, according to Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas media and public relations officer liason Reagan Artz.

They also decided which members of the Texas Legislature and Congress to support.

"Republican candidates from various districts were interviewed to see which ones held positions closest to our own," Artz, a Lorena freshman, said.

"The great thing about politics is that there is always something new and different occurring, especially during election year."

Allison Winney
San Antonio junior

After the interviews, the voting process began. Each chapter got at least one vote, and an extra vote for every 15 additional paid members past five members, Artz said. Baylor only got one vote, since only 16 members paid at the time.

"The decision had to be made by a majority of all of the voting numbers of all of the chapters across Texas," Orr said.

Other schools' chapters present included the University of Texas, University of Texas San Antonio and Texas Tech. Two weeks ago, Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas held a phone bank for Perry's campaign, Artz said.

"I think for the governor's race a very important issue is who people feel confident leading Texas," Orr said.

Orr said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has previous experience in Congress, but for her to win the primary she's going to have to convince people she is the most conservative.

"For Rick to win, he just needs to focus on the fact that he is experienced, and he can and will lead Texas properly," Orr said.

The Baylor Democrats are also working on getting students to vote.

They hosted voter registration in the SUB from Jan. 22 to Feb. 5, and registered 54 to 55 students in time for the primary, said Galveston senior Oscar Boleman, who is also Baylor Democrats president.

For Boleman, education is always the most important issue in an election.

"The appalling graduation rate in Texas public schools needs to be addressed and brought to the forefront," Boleman said.

According to its charter, the group cannot endorse a candidate until after the primary.

But the group has still been involved in the Democratic candidate campaigns.

On Feb. 18, Farouk Shami, a Democratic primary candidate for governor, visited Waco.

"We were invited by his campaign to go see him talk," Boleman said. "A few of our members went to go see him off campus."

Baylor Democrats is also working on phone banking for Bill White's campaign.

Last Saturday members set up phone banks at the Waco Organizing for America headquarters from 3 to 6 p.m., said Baylor Democrats member and Waco freshman Alex McElroy.

McElroy said he was surprised at how effective setting up a phone bank is.

"The people we called were folks who had voted in previous Democratic primaries and were therefore likely to participate in this year's primary," McElroy said. "Many of the people I called were already planning to support Bill White, but were unaware that early voting had already started."

White may be the best candidate because of his ability to help the economy, McElroy said.

"Bill White has consistently cut taxes as Houston mayor five years in a row and the city saw incredible job growth under his leadership," McElroy said. "I think he can do great things for the state."

Boleman said they also made calls for a candidate for the chairperson of the McLennan County Democratic Party.

"Some of us, although not Baylor Democrats as a whole, were also asking people to support Kelvin Williams, a local Waco minister and businessman, for Democratic county chair," McElroy said.

Baylor Democrats' plans for the gubernatorial election continue after the primary.

"After the primary, we're hoping to have a visit from whoever the primary winner is and as many primary winning candidates as possible after the election runs its course," Boleman said.

Like Baylor Democrats, College Republicans cannot yet endorse a candidate but are closely following campaign activities.

The group hosted a watch party for the first gubernatorial debate, which they watched via live Internet stream, said College Republicans president and San Antonio junior Allison Winney.

"We had a great time watching the different candidates debate, and we enjoyed giving our own opinions to what was being said," Winney said.

College Republicans secretary and Aledo junior Daniel Abernathy is the on-campus representative for the Kay Bailey Hutchison campaign, according to Winney.

"I think it's great he's getting involved in the campaign and he's working really hard," Winney said. "We have other people who are interested in other candidates and it's great to have diversity."

At College Republican meetings, they discuss the ongoing campaigns of Perry and Hutchison, Winney said.

"Right now it is early voting so I am very anxious to learn the results on who is ahead in the Republican gubernatorial race," Winney said.

Winney said the group's goal is to also remain aware of the elections on the local level.

"We are keeping a close eye on the county elections for judge-ships," Winney said. "Also, over the past year we have hosted many of the Republican candidates who are running in the primary for U.S. Congressional District 17 seat held by Rep. Chet Edwards to speak out our weekly meetings."

"If there is a run-off election for the Republican ticket for the CD-17, Winney said the College Republicans would like to host a debate between the candidates."

Winney said after the primary College Republicans are going to be in contact with the winning candidates and try to help them with their campaigns and invite them to meetings.

"The great thing about politics is that there is always something new and different occurring, especially during an election year," Winney said.

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Baylor students build a stronghold out of snow during a snowball fight outside of Brooks Residence Hall Tuesday.



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Baylor shut down its operations at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Students took advantage of the snow day with snowball fights across campus.

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