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Baylor guard LaceDarius Dunn hangs on the rim after dunking against Old Dominion Saturday during the first half of an NCAA second-round college basketball game in New Orleans.



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Baylor's Brittney Griner reaches to block the shot Monday of Georgetown's Adria Crawford during an NCAA tournament second-round game.

Bears head to Houston to battle Cinderella team

By JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

After budging through the opening rounds of the NCAA tournament last weekend in New Orleans, Baylor received a coveted invitation to the Sweet 16 beginning this Friday at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

The Bears and Kansas State University are the only two teams remaining left from the Big 12, which entered the tournament as the No. 1 conference in the RPI. With the overall No. 1 seed Kansas eliminated, a 2-seed knocked out (Villanova) and all but one 3-seed (Baylor) surviving to the second week of the tournament, the tournament has panned out to be one of the more peculiar ones in recent memory.

Power conference schools like Kansas, Villanova, Pittsburgh, Wisconsin and Georgetown have been replaced by St. Mary's College, Northern Iowa and Cornell.

"I think until recently you

didn't have as much parity because you had fewer programs and more dominance before the NBA rule changed," Drew said.

"And now with the scholarship reductions, I think more TV exposure for a lot of teams have helped, too, with recruiting and also international basketball. You put all that together and that's why you have all this parity."

The 3-seeded Bears knocked off a pair of Cinderella hopes en route to Houston, and both scrapped together fights until the games' final minutes. In order to reach the Elite Eight against the winner of the Duke/Purdue game, Drew's crew will have to knock off another.

Friday Baylor will take on St. Mary's College, which upended Villanova to earn a trip to the Southern Regional semifinals.

The 10-seeded Gaels have become the sweethearts of America recently for their scrappy demeanor of play and underdog role. Before last week,

the team hadn't advanced past the first round of the NCAA tournament since 1959, when the squad made an Elite Eight appearance.

Now media analysts are latching on to St. Mary's as a team that could make it to the Final Four.

"St. Mary's is going to come in with energy and come in with fight, they aren't going to hand us the game," senior point guard Tweety Carter said.

"We just got to come out and match their intensity and just be better. We've got to prepare for them like any other game and know that we can win if we don't take them lightly and come out and play our style."

In Saturday's second-round game against Old Dominion University, Josh Lomers provided the spark that the Bears needed to ignite a stagnant Baylor team in a 76-68 victory.

In the Bears' first game against Sam Houston State

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Lady Bears beat Hoyas, bound for Sweet 16 play

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

BERKELEY — Try to tell the Lady Bears they are a one-woman team, and see what happens. Although Brittney Griner sat most of the first half in foul trouble, Baylor quickly took a commanding lead and beat Georgetown, 49-33, in its NCAA tournament second round game Monday night.

Five Lady Bears scored at least seven points, including Morghan Medlock's game-high 11.

"I think our team is so diverse. You can't guard just one person. I think we're talented enough to attack with any player," junior guard Melissa Jones said.

The Lady Bears advance to the Sweet Sixteen for the fifth time in seven years, where they face the Tennessee Lady Volunteers in Memphis on Saturday.

Baylor took advantage of Georgetown's poor shooting to begin the game on a 10-0 run.

While the Hoyas missed their first 13 shots, the Lady Bears got baskets from four players during the span before Griner got into foul trouble.

At the 12:29 mark, Griner was whistled for an offensive foul, her second offensive foul of the game. As coach Kim Mulkey has done in previous foul trouble situations, she sat Griner for the rest of the half.

The Lady Bears, though, did not miss a beat. After the two teams exchanged several possessions following Griner's substitution, guard Kelli Griffin swatted Rubylee Wright's layup attempt with Griner-esque authority. Melissa Jones later came to the block party and sent the Hoyas' leading scorer Sugar Rodgers' layup into the court-side band.

Baylor's defense irritated Georgetown from the opening tip. Despite turning the ball over five more times than the Hoyas, the Lady Bears held the Hoyas to 8 of 40 shooting in the first 20 minutes and 12 of 70 for

the game. Contested shots and constant ball pressure made the difference in a physical game, Mulkey said.

"It wasn't a pretty game," Mulkey said. "I think the most beautiful part of the game was our defense. When you hold a team that shot 70 times to 17 percent from the field, you're guarding somebody."

In the second half Baylor picked up where it left off. Griner committed her third foul 17 seconds into the half but rejected her second shot 33 seconds later. She was pleased with her 14-block, seven-point effort in her second career NCAA tournament game.

"I looked a little frustrated every time I blocked their shot," Griner said. "I give a lot of credit to my teammates. They played well in the first half with me on the bench."

Her block total set an NCAA tournament single-game record, and with 198 on the year set an

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Teen arrested in connection with student kidnapping

By NEELY GUTHRIE
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The Baylor Police Department arrested Waco resident Donaile Jerome Green, 17, on Friday on a charge of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

The arrest was made in connection with the kidnapping and robbing of a Baylor student earlier in the week.

According to the public information release from the Waco



Green

The victim agreed and once the man

Police Department, a man first approached the victim around 11 p.m. March 14 at Common Grounds, asking for a ride.

was in the car he pulled a pistol and ordered the victim to give him all his money and withdraw more from an ATM. They stopped at an H-E-B, where the victim was able to escape and call the police.

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said they developed information on the suspect late on the night of March 15 and they had an idea of him. On Wednesday night an officer was doing his patrol near 10th and 11th streets,

when he observed a suspect similar to the description and engaged him in conversation.

"Surely we couldn't let him know he was a suspect because we didn't have a warrant," Doak said. "The officer did a good job of putting up a smoke screen and getting the suspect's name and driver's license number."

The Baylor Police Department cooperated with the Waco Police Department to obtain a warrant for Green's arrest on

Friday since the location of Common Grounds is under Waco Police's jurisdiction. In the meantime, Doak said officers were monitoring Green very closely until the warrant was obtained, and shortly after it was signed he was arrested at 3 p.m. Friday near 9th and Speight.

"It was a great piece of work on [the] officer's part in putting up the smoke screen, so [Green] didn't know he was the suspect," Doak said.

Doak further stressed the importance of never letting a stranger in your car no matter what.

"The vast majority of people are not desperate. ...Never give a dollar or two or three. Direct people to the Salvation Army or Mission Waco, places that can help them if they will take the help," Chief Doak said.

Green remains in McLennan County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

Baylor: pursuing research, committed to faith

When board members and administrators from Baylor University and the Baylor College of Medicine were recently engaged in conversation about the possibility of strengthening ties between the two institutions, some suggested that the faith component of Baylor University’s mission would negatively affect the quality of the scholarship for which the Baylor College of Medicine is so well known.

As scientists and people of faith, we were troubled by reports in the media that characterized serious scientific research and a faith commitment as incompatible. We believe we speak for thousands of accomplished scientists when we say that this is a false dichotomy

terrestrial and marine ecosystems.

Similarly, the science content of our curricula is no different from that offered in science departments at other major universities.

The research faculty at Baylor University embraces the scientific method and the tenets of evolution to explain what we observe in the natural world.

We hire world-class teachers who conduct meaningful research that informs their teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Our faculty members hold prestigious government grants from the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health and Department of Energy.

They publish in Science, Nature

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that reflects an ill-informed understanding of the way many of us perceive the wonder, mystery and revelation of God.

Like so many in the scientific community, we celebrated the remarkable and historic work of Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, when, in 2003, he and his colleagues reported their landmark findings. And those of us in the scientific community who maintain an active faith life were not surprised when Collins later wrote in his book *The Language of God*:

“Will we turn our backs on science because it is perceived as a threat to God, abandoning all of the promise of advancing our understanding of nature and applying that to the alleviation of suffering and the betterment of humankind? Alternatively, will we turn our backs on faith, concluding that science has rendered the spiritual life no longer necessary, and that traditional religious symbols can now be replaced by engravings on the double helix of our altars?”

“Both of these choices are profoundly dangerous. Both deny truth. Both will diminish the nobility of humankind. Both will be devastating to our future. And both are unnecessary. The God of the Bible is also the God of the genome. He can be worshipped in the cathedral or in the laboratory. His creation is majestic, awesome, intricate, and beautiful-and it cannot be at war with itself. Only we imperfect humans can start such battles. And only we can end them.”

Having religious convictions does not preclude us from exploring the universe, advancing human health or discovering solutions to the environmental issues that plague us — including in the Houston area, where Baylor University researchers are studying water pollution near the Ship Channel to understand how cancer-causing dioxins and furans spread between

and a wide array of other outstanding journals, and have doctorates from some of the world’s pre-eminent academic institutions.

Scientists at Baylor University are committed to the standards of the professional guilds and the scientific community at large. Baylor’s success is reflected not only in the discovery of knowledge through our publications but also in the accomplishments of our graduates as physicians, academicians, engineers, politicians and business leaders, many of whom are already part of the national conversation on so many issues important to the future of our country.

We and our colleagues at Baylor University are acknowledged national and international scholars who are unapologetic in our faith. There is no necessary conflict inherent in the pursuit of scientific inquiry within the context of our faith commitment. While we remain true to our Christian faith and institutional mission, our research is leading to new discoveries regarding the human condition and the natural world.

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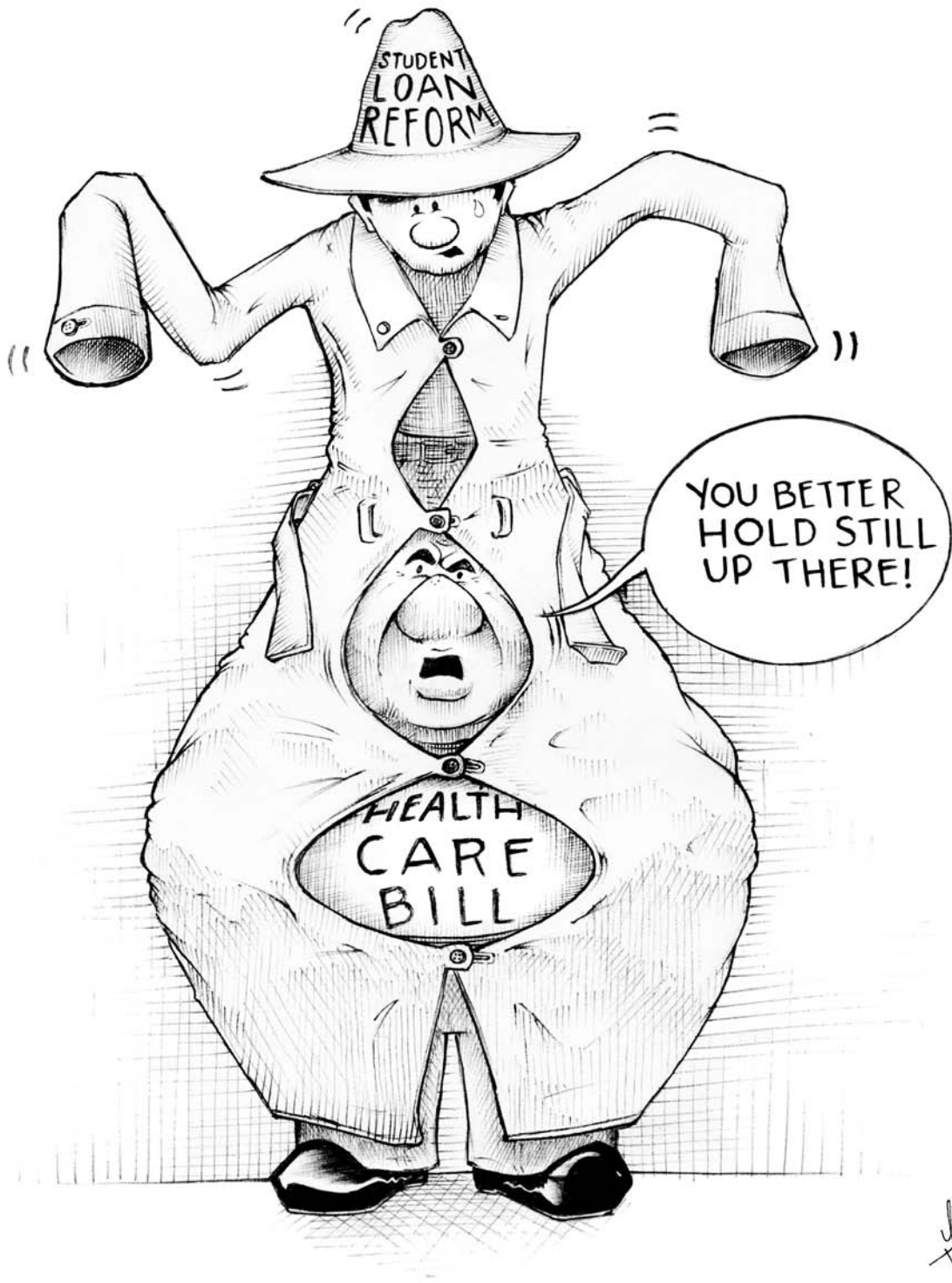
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Student loan bill deserves more attention than it’s being given

Editorial

With Sunday’s 219-212 vote in favor of the heavily-debated health care reform bill, the House has now sent all amendments made by House members to the Senate for final approval. Within those amendments is one that strikes close to home: student loan reform. However, with the ruckus the health care reform bill caused, not enough debate or time was given to the issue of student loans and the Senate should deny the House amendment to the health care bill.

Representatives’ decision to include student loan reform was a tactic to attract more votes affirming the health care bill — it was not an addition made sincerely for the sake of struggling college students. Normally the first financial burdens that students take on, student loans are not matters to be mishandled. Changes to student loans deserve to be fairly debated and a chance to succeed in both houses of Congress.

The new plan for student loans would end the current bank-based system of lending and funnel all student-loan participants through the U.S. Department of Education.

According to an article from the Chronicle of Higher Education, the new bill would allow nonprofit loan providers from several states to still operate and would allow some for-profit lenders to be selected through a “competitive selection process.”

The change is meant to encourage lower interest rates and to bolster funds for the Federal Pell Grant Program.

However, since the plan makes students go through the government for all loans, many are crying foul and believe the switch would extend government’s hand deeper into Americans’ personal lives; a stance that holds much weight.

According to the Education Department’s Web site, the Federal Pell Grant Program “provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain post-baccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education.”

However, what is not clear is how this change will affect those who do not qualify for a Pell Grant. If the change is meant to give more money to the Federal Pell Grant Program, will non-Pell Grant students suffer?

Before this issue is decided in Congress, it should be considered more thoroughly. Though access to high education for low-income students is important, the rising cost of attending college is also hurting the middle class.

According to a Thursday article from the Chronicle of Higher Education, the estimated savings from this change was \$87 billion in the last 10 years.

“Delays since then left lawmakers facing a new estimate of about \$87 billion over 10 years,” the article stated.

That \$20 billion loss will be accounted for by cuts to the proposed funding for community colleges and lowering the amount of money lent to low-income students.

Delays to this bill have already cost students money and because the House decided to attach the student loan bill to the health care bill, beneficial debate and changes to student loan policy were non-existent. Students are prone to lose even more if the Senate passes the student loan amendment without seriously considering the consequences.

The final plan that was outlined included aspects to help various sections of higher education: \$255 million would go to historically black colleges

and \$750 million over five years would go toward the College Access Challenge, a program that helps states encourage underrepresented students to attend college.

Though reduced, the bill would still allocate \$2 billion over 10 years to community colleges.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the bill would cut the monthly payments on federally subsidized student loans from the current 15 percent of a person’s monthly income to 10 percent.

Another aspect of the proposed changes: the bill allots \$10 billion to be directly returned to the U.S. Treasury in an effort to reduce the American deficit and another \$9 billion would go toward offsetting the bills attached health care reform.

The student loan bill, though raising some questions, has many appealing qualities.

It is a piece of legislation that could greatly affect America’s college students. As such, it should have been handled with greater care and emphasis. There are still problems in the proposed amendment, such as how non-Pell grant students will benefit from the bill and whether non-Pell Grant students would lose money if more money goes to the Pell Grant recipients?

A similar student loan bill should be presented to Congress as a stand-alone document in order to promote effective dialogue on the necessity of student loan reform.

Unfortunately, placing the bill in conjunction with the health care bill did not offer a fair chance for student loan policies to be changed for the greater good. We have already rammed health care reform through — let’s not do the

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Health care bill received with mixed attitudes

By SARA TIRRITO
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Barack Obama is slated to sign the health care reform bill into law today, even without a decision from the Senate on the revisions package approved by the House on Sunday.

The law would give coverage to 32 million more people than are currently covered and would ensure that even those with pre-existing medical conditions can get the care they need.

Reactions to the passage of the bill have been mixed.

In a statement posted on his Web site, Rep. Chet Edwards, D - Texas said that he voted against the bill in order to keep the promise he made to his constituents.

"Last year I made a promise on the issue of health care reform. I said I would listen to the people of our district, study the issue carefully and do what I believed was right for our district and country," Edwards said. "By voting 'no' on the health care reform bill, I kept my promise to the people of our district. Based on over 30,000 letters, emails and calls I received, I believe my 'no' vote reflects the views and values of the vast majority of our constituents."

Dr. Kent Gilbreath, professor of economics, said that although he didn't want to comment on the specifics of the bill because it's so all-encompassing, he does believe health care reform is necessary.

"What I can say is the country has been in desperate need of health care reform in terms of one providing health insurance to the millions of uninsured people, providing insurance to groups that have been previously uncovered - including students or young people who have just left home and are no longer covered by their parents' insurance - and [also that] would be the beginning of controlling the growth in health care costs that



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi acknowledges applause from House members Mon. after signing the Senate Health Reform Bill on Capitol Hill in Washington. From left are, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Md., Rep. George Miller, D-Calif.; Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y.; Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.; Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.; Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.; Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich., and Rep. John Larson, D-Conn.

are threatening the economic health of our nation, especially the rapidly growing costs of medical care for the elderly," Gilbreath said.

Dr. Stephen Gardner, chairman and professor of the economics department at Baylor, said he is glad that the passage of the bill will help the United States achieve broader health care.

"I personally am pleased that it passed. I have thought for a long time that we at least needed to get a process started moving toward broader health care in the United States," Gardner said. "This is the first step in broadening access to the system and reforming some other aspects of the system. It's certainly not a perfect bill that has been passed,

and so I think along the way a lot of changes will be needed to improve the bill."

Gardner said the bill will benefit college students because they will be able to stay on their parents' health insurance policies for a longer period of time.

"On the positive side, one thing that will help quickly from the bill, as I understand it, is that it'll be possible for college students that are on their parents' policies to continue on their parents' policies until age 26," Gardner said. "The sons and daughters of Baylor faculty have already been able to stay on the policy until age 26, but for many other companies that was not true, and that will become true now."

Gardner said the bill would

help young people afford health insurance and also would encourage students to get past the mentality that they are bullet-proof, which are both important things because they will lead to a more diversified group of insured Americans which will in turn help the system to function better.

"[The legislations will help with] getting past that mentality, convincing young people that they need to be part of the insurance pool," Gardner said. "It's needed to broaden health insurance, but also to mean that we have a pool that includes healthy people [and] not-so-healthy people, because insurance works better when you have a more diverse population in the pool."

Gardner said he hopes to

see the creation of more family practice clinics around the country like the ones already established in Waco, as a result of the legislation.

"Hopefully it means that after the legislation is more fully implemented that here and in other places if you need to go to the ER, you won't be waiting in line behind people who are trying to receive primary care," Gardner said.

Allison Winney, president of the Baylor College Republicans, said she was sickened by what she perceived as the Democrats' disregard for what most Americans want.

Winney said she was also opposed to the haste with which the bill was passed.

"I'm not opposed to health reform, I believe we do need health reform, but the way Congress went about this I thought was completely wrong. They needed to look at different options and they shouldn't have passed it just to have it passed," Winney said. "The bill probably won't go into effect until 2013; there's no reason they had to rush the bill in under six months."

Daniel Abernathy, secretary of the Baylor College Republicans, said he was also disappointed in the passage of the bill, and that he wishes the planning of the bill had been covered more publicly.

"I feel like they sort of took some illegitimate measures to pass the bill just because they thought it was important, not because it was important to the American people," Abernathy said. "I think it could have been a lot more public than it was. I feel like the Republicans were shut out of a lot of the planning of the bill, which I feel like illegitimizes the end product."

Stanley Staton, vice president of the Baylor Democrats, said that although the bill provides some steps in the right direction,

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it isn't really substantial.

"I think that there could have been more measures to include more people," Staton said. "I think that it's showing that Congress and that the government care more about people than corporations. They're including people who have been excluded: people who were poor, but not poor enough to fall under Medicaid or Medicare; people who had pre-existing health conditions that disqualify them from obtaining health insurance before this bill. I think those are the two main groups. Including them in the amount of people that can get insurance is a great step in the right direction."

Staton said he thinks the bill will also be beneficial to those citizens of Waco who are living in poverty.

"For the city of Waco - you can look around and I think this is a pretty poor neighborhood," he said. "And they're going to be able to get health care, they won't have to wait until they have to go to the emergency room."

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She & Him’s new album is full of sunny tunes

By JAMES BYERS
REPORTER

Since indie folk band She & Him released its first album, “Volume One” in 2008, both members have only worked harder and grown more famous.

“She” is Zoëy Deschanel, the

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doe-eyed actress and musician who garnered serious indie credibility by marrying Death Cab for Cutie lead singer Ben Gibbard and starring in last year’s flick “(500) Days of Summer.” “Him” is Matt Ward, better known by his solo moniker M. Ward, a prolific musician who last year released his sixth solo album and an album with the folk super-group Monsters of Folk.

Between their busy schedules, Deschanel and Ward found time to record their second album as She & Him, the logically titled “Volume Two.” Like the first album, Deschanel wrote the songs. Ward produced and arranged them.

“Volume Two” is a grander affair than the first. The songs have grown lush and more layered with strings and background vocals, as immediately evidenced in opener “Thieves.”

First single “In the Sun” lives up to its name with a bouncy piano intro and a summery, uplifting chorus before ceding to Ward’s guitar solo. Feel free to roll the car windows down and sing along.

“Don’t Look Back” is another upbeat standout with a shout-along chorus. Deschanel preaches the virtues of not looking back because “all you’ll ever get is the dust from the steps before.”

Deschanel’s songwriting favors old school romanticism and straightforward lyrical imagery. She calls her lover “darling” and you can visualize the narratives unfolding on a black and white TV screen. These songs are throwbacks to a more innocent era, an era when romance wasn’t automatically associated with sex. It doesn’t hurt that Deschanel has a lovely, pure-as-honey voice. Anyone who remembers the shower singing scene from the comedy “Elf” knows she can carry a tune.

Ward, an accomplished vocalist himself, only lends his soulful voice on a few tracks, such as “Me and You” and “Ridin’ in My Car.” The latter was originally written by little-known American band NRBQ, and here Ward and Deschanel cover it with a give-and-take banter that’s exceptionally cute.

But mostly Ward occupies himself with the arrangements, which hark back to classic girl group ’60s pop and maudlin country ballads.

“Home” is the album’s centerpiece and most complex song. Among hand claps and chiming church bells, Deschanel’s voice is layered over itself; she sings lead vocals and provides the background “oohs” and “ahhs.” It’s sung by a choir of Zoëy Deschanels, and it’s all the more gorgeous for it.

The album closes with two low-key numbers, including the gentle “If You Can’t Sleep,” ending the album on a calm, reverential note.

Deschanel is clearly the star of She & Him. I can’t help but wish that Ward would sing on more



COURTESY: SHE & HIM

She & Him band members Matt Ward and Zoëy Deschanel release their second album, titled “Volume Two,” today.

tracks, considering the duo’s obvious chemistry. But he’s content to stay in the background and make her sound good. The partnership the two have formed

on “Volume Two” isn’t groundbreaking. The album won’t offend anyone and it doesn’t take many chances. What it does offer is plenty of sunny melodies that

can’t help but make you smile. And lucky for you, it’s out just in time for spring.

Grade: B+

Polanski’s ‘The Ghost Writer’ subtly thrills audiences

By JAMES BLAKE EWING
REPORTER

As winter draws to a close, “The Ghost Writer” offers audiences one last chilling thriller. Following on the heels of such films as “Edge of Darkness” and “Shutter Island,” Roman Polanski’s thriller enters the same space of intrigue, mystery and a consistent tone of dread.

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The Ghost Writer (Ewan McGregor) is called upon to construct the memoirs of Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan), a former British prime minister who has a contro-

versial past. As the ghost writer delves into Lang’s past in the prime minister’s home, tension rises among the household. Past political decisions come to light in the media and present personal indiscretions simmer under the surface.

Roman Polanski is known for suspense pieces built around the suppressed, “Rosemary’s Baby” and “Repulsion” being his two most well-known examples. Yet unlike those films, Polanski offers little catharsis from the ever-mounting tension.

While most suspense films are a series of rising tensions that are either shockingly cut off or slowly dissipated until the next suspense piece, Polanski strings

along the suspense gradually. This makes the audience more and more uneasy and in the dark until, literally, the last moments of the film.

Polanski conveys a lot of the unease through the camerawork. More than once he puts things just slightly out of focus and draws some suspense out of having things at distance that may or may not be threatening. The main set itself is a discomfitingly clean house amid a bleak winter beach.

The play of light also contributes a lot to the overall feeling of obscurity. Yet instead of playing up these elements, Polanski just gives hint at them.

By making these elements al-

most imperceptible, he makes the audience even more uncomfortable for they have no idea why they are at unease.

Part of the unease comes out of how quickly the performers can change gears. Brosnan shifts in and out of the amiable politician and a resentful hothead. Kim Cattrall who plays Amelia Bly, Lang’s aid, is perfectly professional one moment but will often without warning unleashing a biting line.

Perhaps the strongest performance is Olivia Williams, Mrs. Lang, who shifts a seething woman colder than the howling wind into a deeply vulnerable and broken woman, often in the same scene.

But are these really the same people? Is it all a façade to cover a dark secret or simply the lives of duality these people have crafted in order to survive the political realm?

It may seem odd then that Ewan McGregor character is actually the least developed. He’s not even given a proper fictional name, simply credited as The Ghost. This is intentional on Polanski’s part.

While people joke that McGregor’s character actually is a ghost, in some ways he is. Often he’s simply an observer, fading into the walls and watching what plays out.

It might strike some as sloppy screenwriting, but the film is more

interested in having him as a stand-in for the audience and less on spending time the film doesn’t have on fleshing out a character who doesn’t need a personality. On some level, it is still a cop-out, but it makes the film much more effective overall.

“The Ghost Writer” is an unusual thriller in that it’s not much of a thrill ride. It’s less about the twists and turns and more about the tone and mood.

It is not a thrill ride that one can sit back and enjoy, but a film that slowly pulls one in, a masterpiece of suspense that firmly grasps one’s attention, releasing it at the final moment.

Grade: A

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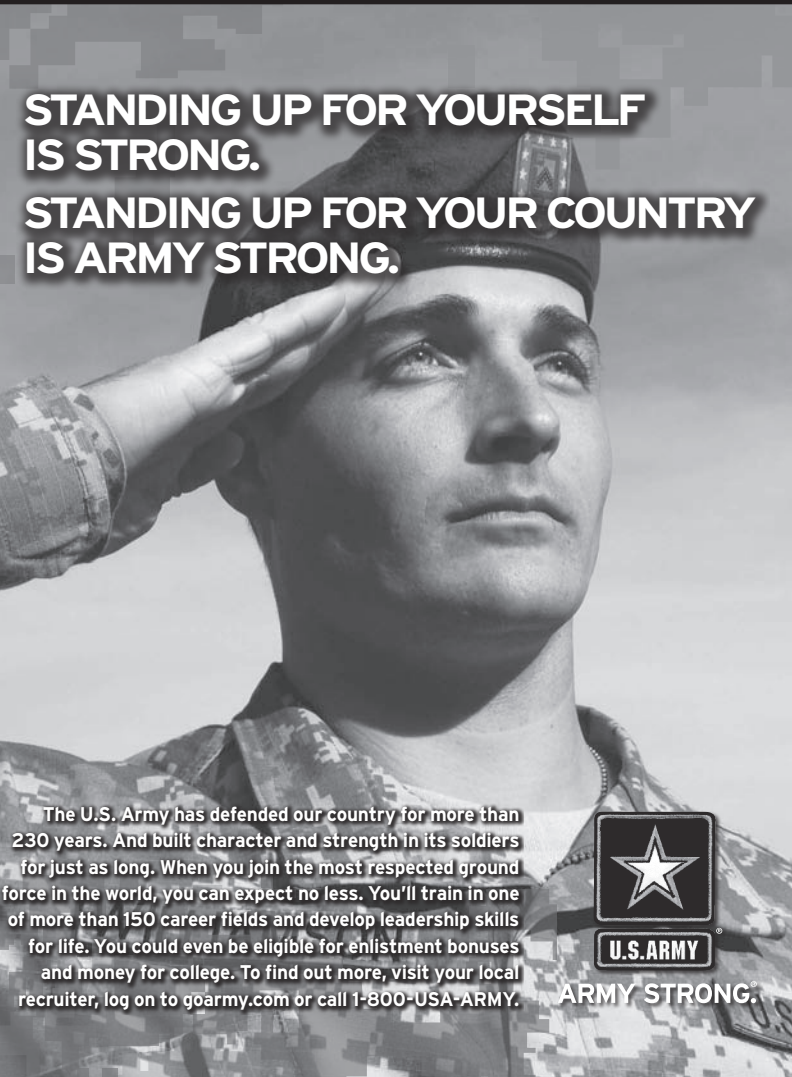
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Lightning forces Bearathon cancellation; money not returned

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

Bearathon runners woke up Saturday morning to find wet weather and lightning striking throughout the Waco area. As a result, Student Foundation decided that the race would be postponed to later in the morning.

At 8:50 a.m., Student Foundation decided to cancel the event because of the lightning and the severe thunderstorm warning, which was in place throughout Saturday morning, said director Lizzy Davis.

“Our lightning policy is clear; the only way we would cancel our race is if there was lightning,” Davis said. “It’s clear on the Web site. I sent out an e-mail the week of the race just saying the same thing because of how the forecast was looking.”

Davis explained that rescheduling the race to a different week-

end this semester is impossible for the foundation, since it takes about a year to plan this event.

“We still have to pay for all the costs of putting on the race,” Davis said. “We’re not getting helped out any either. But if there is any extra [money], it will definitely still go into the scholarship fund, just as it would have beforehand.”

Participants were not refunded their registration money. Registration cost \$55 before the race and \$70 the day of the race.

New Mexico senior Abby Worland wasn’t upset that she didn’t get her registration money back.

“We ended up getting to keep our T-shirts and all of the stuff in the gift bag, which is what a lot of our registration goes to,” Worland said. “I don’t think it’s fair for us to keep our stuff and get our registration money back.”

Since the cancellation, Davis

said there have been concerns raised as to the weather’s impact on next year’s race.

“As far as Student Foundation members go, I think they’re concerned about how it will affect our runner numbers,” Davis said. As of Friday night, the number of runners was 1,370 and Davis guessed that the number was close to 1,400 the day of the race.

Early Monday, Davis sent an e-mail to all race registrants explaining, in more detail, what transpired Saturday morning and thanking them for their participation.

Davis also noted that the race was a huge disappointment for Craig McSavaney, the creator of the HydraPouch and HydraPour. As the Lariat reported in February, the company donated equipment to make the Bearathon the first cup-free half marathon in the nation.

Some of the funds for the Bear-

athon were part of an allocation from Student Senate, according to the Feb. 18 meeting of Student Senate. In total, Student Congress gave StuFu \$10,165.28.

Davis explained that some of this funding was to be used for things that, in the end, were not used. One such item was food for the finish line. Since these items were not brought out, this money can be returned to Student Senate.

Michael Wright, president of Student Senate, explained that, while the event didn’t happen, student government would go through its normal procedures following events that it helps fund. Student Foundation will have seven business days to meet with the Student Senate attorney general and go through receipts from the event.

“It’s just so unfortunate because from what I understand, a lot of the money has already been

spent,” Wright said.

He explained that any money spent before the Bearathon was canceled would not be returned to student government.

“We would love to have as much back that they didn’t use from the allocation, but beyond that we can’t ask for more money,” Wright said.

Houston senior and education major Elizabeth Strange has been training for the Bearathon since October.

Her regimen has included running, healthy eating and cross training with swimming and running hills.

“It was kind of deflating after training for so long and wanting it so bad,” Strange said. She said she wanted to run the race to prove to herself that she was strong enough to complete it.

“[Student Foundation] did the best they could, which was the hardest part too,” Strange said.

“They put on such a good race and then for them to not have it, that’s just so deflating for them too. And then for all the runners that came out – it was just so sad. The air just left the room. You could just kind of feel it leave.”

Strange explained that they had transferred runners into the Bill Daniel Student Union Building so they wouldn’t have to wait in the rain and lightning.

“Everybody kind of thought that we were getting ready to go outside and all of a sudden, it was ‘Sorry, guys, it’s just lightning and we have to cancel,’” Strange said.

Worland said that despite the disappointment, she knew the race had to be canceled.

“I was disappointed that it was canceled because I trained for it and I was ready to run, but I knew they canceled it because they had to, not because they wanted to,” Worland said.

BU makes new loan program switch, eliminates middle man

By CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

Baylor will switch to a new loan program, Direct Loans, in the summer 2010 semester. Baylor decided to make the switch before the House passed a student loan reform Sunday evening.

Jackie Diaz, assistant vice president for student financial services, said that under Baylor’s previous loan program, Family Federal Education Loan (FFEL), the federal government used private banks as a middle man to provide federal loans to students. Under Direct Loans, students will borrow directly from the federal government, eliminating other providers.

“It sounds like this is a scary change. It is truly not,” Diaz said. “What Direct Loan program has done is take the middleman out. And now you are going directly through the federal government to get your Stafford Loan.”

The eligibility for subsidized and unsubsidized loans will also be the same under Direct Loans as it was in the FFEL program through the FAFSA application process. The FAFSA application process will remain unaffected.

“The only change for students is the lender and the process for completing the loan application the first time,” Diaz said.

Many other universities across Texas have already made the switch as well.

Tom Melecki, director of Student Financial Services for the University of Texas, said in a March 15 press release that they made the switch because of the uncertainty of the future of the FFEL program. Other universities that have switched include Rice and Texas Christian University.

Some of the uncertainties surrounding the FFEL program include the credit crunch hurting the funding of the banks, meaning individual banks did not have the funds to keep providing student loans to students.

“Given the volatile conditions in the credit market and the student loan industry, we wanted assurance that funding will be available for our students,” Diaz said. “Direct Loans provides that assurance.”

This uncertainty in the industry often meant banks would sell student loans to other providers, which can be confusing for students. Houston senior Melyssa

Brown has had her loans sold to different lenders.

“It is a little confusing,” Brown said. “You get a letter in the mail and most of them will not happen at the same time. So you are not exactly sure who you owe thousands of dollars to.”

Brown said the interest rates on the loans can be affected when loans are sold. She said the Direct Loan program could make borrowing easier for future students, as it will give security to the loans that private lenders cannot provide. However, she is concerned the customer service will deteriorate. Diaz is certain the frustration levels under the Direct Loan program will be substantially lower than those felt under the FFEL program.

“Students and parents have experienced frustration in the last two years since many lenders have decided to stop participating in the FFEL program,” Diaz said. “Sometimes students have borrowed from the same lender for two or three years at Baylor only to find that lender is no longer an option for their remaining years of study. Students then had to choose another lender and complete another promissory

note.”

Monument, Colo., junior Will Dockins said his loans have been affected by the questionable funding under the FFEL program, as his loans have been sold to another bank. While Dockins said there was no real inconvenience when his loans were sold, taking out loans from the federal government will be more reliable.

“It will add a little bit more feeling of security getting it from the federal government than from a bank. I have a little bit more faith in the federal government,” Dockins said.

Another uncertainty in the FFEL program was the possibility of student loan reform requiring all colleges to use the Direct Loan program. The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which passed the House on Sunday evening under the health care bill, will force other universities to use Direct Loans beginning in the summer of 2010.

In a news release from the Committee on Education and Labor, George Miller, chairman for the House Education Labor Committee and a U.S Representative, said the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act will include

measures to convert all federal student loans to the Direct Loan program and will invest \$36 billion over 10 years to increase the Pell Grant scholarship.

“Today Congress voted to stop wasting billions of taxpayer dollars to subsidize big banks, and start investing that money directly in our students and families. With this one move, we will help students pay for college, prepare them for our global economy, keep jobs in America and reduce the deficit,” Miller said in the news release.

Diaz listed many benefits from switching to Direct Loans.

“The most important advantage of the Direct Loan program is that we can assure students funding will be available,” Diaz said. “Another important advantage for parents under the Direct Loan program is that the interest rate on PLUS loans is lower, 7.9 percent rather than 8.5 percent under FFEL.” Dickens is excited about the lower interest rates.

“Of course that is a good thing, especially for students who have a lot of loans, when it will take them a longer time to pay them back,” Dickens said. This switch will also affect how many lenders

current students have.

“Students who already have loans under the FFEL program and who continue to borrow under the Direct Loan program may have two or more lenders to repay when they get out of school,” Diaz said. “However, many lenders may have already sold the loans they made under FFEL to the Department of Education.”

Diaz emphasized that the switch to Direct Loans will only affect federal loans, such as Stafford Loans or PLUS loans. Private loans, provided through private lenders, will not be affected. Students will still be required to complete entrance counseling for the Direct Loan program, even if they have previously completed entrance counseling for another lender.

“We want them to receive as much information as possible about Direct Loans and entrance counseling is a good introduction,” Diaz said. Students will be required to complete a new electronic Master Promissory Note. For more information about Direct Loans, parents and students can go to <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/DirectLoan/student.html>.



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University, the team’s perplexity from the Bearcats’ triangle-and-two defense frustrated Baylor throughout the 40 minutes, but LaceDarius Dunn spurred for eight points in the game’s final two-and-a-half minutes to advance the Bears.

“We wanted to win and that is what we got. I am not really worried about who got it and who did what,” Lomers said humbly during a press conference Monday.

“We all did our part, and I did not do anything alone. Nothing I do is without my team.”

The Bears’ first Sweet 16 appearance in school history has been greeted with exuberance from the school’s students, alumni and fans. Students lined up at the Ferrell Center as early as 6 a.m. Monday for a chance to get tickets for this weekend’s games.

With Reliant Stadium being a short trip down Highway 6, Baylor will have a distinct homecourt advantage over the other teams that are hailing from North Carolina, Indiana and California.

“It’s great when you can bring the university together as one,” Baylor forward Ekpe Udoh said.

“It’s really coming together. This morning I heard the ticket line was long and you don’t see that here. So it’s good to know that times are changing and it’s very exciting.”

Baylor’s tip-off against St. Mary’s is scheduled for 6:27 p.m. and will be broadcast on CBS.

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NCAA single season record.

Both teams did suffer an ugly stretch in the second half between 14:54 and 10:27, in which Baylor and Georgetown could not find a basket. Even when Terran Con-drey broke the drought with a free throw and made the score 38-26, neither team produced much offense as Baylor coasted to the final buzzer.

Among all Baylor players, Shanay Washington may have had the gutsiest performance. She suited up Monday night despite suffering from flu-like symptoms. Her first half fast break layup extended the lead to 18-2, drawing an and-1 opportunity, but the play created a scary moment. Washington was undercut driving to the rim and crashed to the floor in apparent pain. She spent most of the second half on an exercise bike with a hip pointer, though Mulkey did not undervalue her toughness throughout the game.

“For her to even play after being sick the last 48 hours, I respect that kid so much,” Mulkey said.

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Reality Check

Reality Check, an inaugural event sponsored by Career Services will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Fountain Mall. Students can bring their resume for review and also play games such as Guitar Hero, Laser Tag, Wii and more. There will be There will be Dr. Pepper floats, cookies, free T-shirts and prizes. For more information contact Kat Reed at 710-3771 or visit www.hireabear.com.

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Professors judge top artists competition

By STEPHANIE LEE
REPORTER

Dr. John McClanahan, chair of the art department, along with two other top Waco art directors and experts judged Waco’s Top Young Artists of the Year.

The program gives McLennan County high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to win scholarships through an emphasis on arts, said McClanahan, who is also the director of the Allbritton Art Institute.

Forty-eight students from 17 McLennan County high schools participated in this competition, and seven students were awarded college scholarships Monday.

McClanahan said the selection had to meet certain criteria.

“It was my intention to select examples that speak for themselves and go beyond subject matter and technical facility to make a personal and original creative statement,” he said. “I have tried to recognize the works that do this best and in cooperation with my colleagues, to identify the strongest examples.”

China Spring High School junior Kelsie Truman was the grand prize winner of \$2,000.

“I am excited and happy. I want to go to college, but not sure what to do yet,” Truman said.

Pat Magid, who has been at Waco Studio Gallery for 40 years, said the award program has been in operation for three years.

“It all started with my son,

Lance, my best creation yet. I’m so proud of him and to be his mother,” Magid said.

And for her son, Lance, the mission of the program and event was simple.

“I wanted to bridge the gap between academic and athletic scholarships,” he said.

Magid believes that their contributions have paid off.

“To our knowledge, we give the largest amount of art scholarships in the area. They range from \$2,000 to \$250,” she said.

Also, a new award is being added to the program.

“Due to the response from our customers, we are having a People’s choice award this year. One of the \$500 scholarships was awarded and voted on by the Waco community. This is a great opportunity. We had 294 votes,” she said.

Magid also said the winners’ work be displayed at seven Waco facilities.

“This is a great opportunity for Waco businesses,” Magid said. “All of this takes place after the kids have their art on display at the Art Center of Waco for one week.”

She said Monday was a special day for these young artists.

The awards were presented by Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy, and she has proclaimed Monday as Waco’s Top Young Artists day. Each of the 48 participants in the competition will receive a copy of the proclamation,” Magid said.



West High School junior Kelli Gardner’s painting was entered in the Waco’s Top Young artists of the Year competition. Dr. John McClanahan, chair of the art department, along with two other top Waco art directors and experts judged this year’s competition.

Pieces of the students’ artwork are already for sale.

“Thirty-six of the 48 pieces are for sale,” Magid said. “I believe four have already been sold.”

The money from the sale are used for only one purpose.

“Say a piece of artwork is \$100. The kids get to keep 75 percent of the sales price. Twenty-five percent of it will be donated to the scholarship fund,” Magid said.

Magid also said the sky is the

limit for creativity.

“We give the kids a variety of mediums. We don’t do sculpture, photography or ceramics. There’s no certain theme. Art is art, and we don’t want to put any more boundaries than we have to,” Magid said.

University High School junior Isaac Carrillo won first prize, which was \$1,000.

“I wanted this award, and am so proud to have it. I want

to go to TCU or Abilene Christian University to do something with computers,” Carrillo said.

Magid believes many lives have been touched because of this scholarship program.

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