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John E. Thomas, Fritz London Professor at Duke University, will present a physics lecture titled "Bowls Made of Laser Light to Corral Ultracold Atoms" at 7 p.m. today in B110 Baylor Sciences Building



SARAH GROMAN | ROUND UP PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 10 quarterback Robert Griffin salutes the crowd after scoring a touchdown Saturday against Kansas at Floyd Casey Stadium. Griffin had a career-high 380 passing yards and four total touchdowns as the Bears crushed the Jayhawks 55-7 to improve to 4-1.

Bears chalk up historic win

Record-breaking day ends in 55-7 blowout of KU

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS EDITOR

Quarterback Robert Griffin threw three touchdowns and a career-high 380 yards as Baylor beat Kansas, 55-7, at Floyd Casey Stadium on Saturday. The Bears' offensive assault struck early and often en route to a Baylor-record 678 total yards, while the defense forced four Jayhawk turnovers.

On Monday Griffin was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts, including a

school-record 444 yards of total offense. The Bears also received 10 votes in the Associated Press top 25 poll, the third-highest total in the week's poll among Texas schools.

"At halftime we had 43 offensive plays, and they had 54. We had 27 points and they had seven. That was a good sign," said head coach Art Briles. "That is a lot of plays for an opponent, but they were having to work hard for their yardage, and that was a good sign for us."

After the Jayhawks went three-and-out to start the game, Griffin connected with Josh Gordon on a 39-yard toss down the sideline, capping a five-play, 72-yard drive lasting only 1:07.

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DANIEL CERNERO | PHOTO EDITOR

No. 12 wide receiver Josh Gordon races to the end zone during a 94-yard reception, the longest catch in Baylor history, Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium. Gordon finished with 161 receiving yards.

Pro-Life Waco demonstrates on street

By CARMEN GALVAN
STAFF WRITER

Pro-Life Waco, a nonprofit organization that promotes anti-abortion beliefs, hosted a demonstration in Waco on Sunday to raise awareness about abortion issues in America.

More than 80 Wacoans of all ages attended the event to raise awareness by holding signs toward the road at the intersection of West Waco Drive and Valley Mills Drive, said Dr. John Pisciotta, director for Pro-Life Waco and

primary organizer of the event.

Signs displaying phrases such as "the baby is a child not a choice," "one heart stops another breaks," "women do regret abortion" and "men regret lost fatherhood" were spread along the sidewalk as drivers honked and gave thumbs-up to the demonstrators. Mike Hoover, volunteer and board member of Pro-Life Waco, said the best part was watching the reactions of people driving by.

"Normally every Sunday we get a couple of people who don't wish us the best and who make

gestures to us, but this Sunday we didn't have any of that. They were giving us the thumbs-up and waving at us, and we've never had that before."

A wide range of ages and ethnicities were represented, including a large number of youth from local churches, Hoover said.

"We had a strong showing from [St. Louis Catholic Church], a lot of folks from various non-denominational churches and St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption," Hoover said. "I would say about 75 percent of

people were Catholic, and ethnic-wise it was more heavily Hispanic than any other ethnicity."

The demonstration was a means to trigger thoughts among citizens about abortion, said Pisciotta, associate professor of economics.

"We wanted to give people something to think about: a life-saving event," Pisciotta said. "There is a report that one young woman who was pregnant and was thinking of an abortion

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Round Table to support scholarship initiative

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Round Table, a women's organization of faculty, administrators and wives of faculty and administrators, held its annual fall Membership Tea on Friday, with an estimated 200 women in attendance. The tea was held at the Albritton House, home of President Ken Starr, and his wife Alice Starr, who is one of the Round Table's newest members.

The organization raises money for its endowed scholarship fund each year, and provides its members with opportunities to fellowship, socialize and become involved in the community.

This year, the organization found out it qualifies for a bronze plaque in the Endowed Schol-

arship Hall of Honor, meaning its scholarship endowment has reached at least \$50,000.

The endowment was begun by the wife of former university President Abner McCall, who was president from 1961-1981.

"Those have been mostly small gifts that have been given over the last about 40 years and really grown into a large amount so that we can provide scholarships for one student and possibly more," Marilyn Eichelberger, the Round Table president, said. "I think [the plaque is] a really wonderful tribute to the group."

The organization is also working to support President Starr and the scholarship initiative he launched in September.

"We're encouraging our membership to actively support this



DANIEL CERNERO | PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor first lady Alice Starr (right) greets guests at a Baylor Round Table gathering Friday at the Albritton House.

initiative by giving to whatever area in the university that they want to give, but if they don't have a preferred area, to please use Baylor Round Table as their platform," Eichelberger said. "We think it's very much in-line with what he's doing and are happy

that we can support it."

In order to raise money for their scholarship, the Round Table will host a fundraiser and silent auction in December. The organization also sells painted note

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Student robbed by pair

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

A Baylor student was robbed Sunday night by two men carrying small silver handguns, the Baylor Police Department said Monday. The robbery occurred at approximately 11 p.m. at the Baylor Plaza III apartments located at 2014 S. Second St.

The student answered the door to a 5-foot-10-inch, 170-pound white male in his early 20s, unshaven with short brown hair, wearing all black and a 6-foot, 200-pound black male, wearing a black hooded mask and a long-sleeved black sweatshirt, police said. Both men were wearing gloves.

Upon entering the apartment, the two males stole clothing, food and other miscellaneous items from the victim, who was not injured during the robbery.

Baylor police are investigating the armed robbery. Anyone with information regarding the incident or who may have seen anyone fitting the description of the suspects should call 254-710-2222.

Students should remember to be aware of their surroundings at all times, Baylor police said.

Police arrest two in campus theft case

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Police Department used the online auction and shopping website eBay to arrest two men connected with the theft of three music instruments from the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

Detectives searched both Craigslist and eBay for a French horn that was reported stolen on Sept. 8 by a Baylor student. Police identified the suspects on Sept. 16 and the following day were able to execute arrest warrants for the two men involved.

"We did a surveillance [on eBay] and made contact with some people who had purchased the horn," Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said. "We were then able to track the suspects and execute search warrants on an apartment near campus."

Upon searching the apartment, Baylor police recovered a saxophone and flute they were not aware had been stolen. Both instruments were taken from the music building at the same time as the French horn.

Christopher Collander, 23, and Allen Huckins, 21, were arrested and charged with state jail felony of theft, a misdemeanor. Both men, who are not Baylor students, were placed in McLennan County Jail and each released on \$3,000 bail.

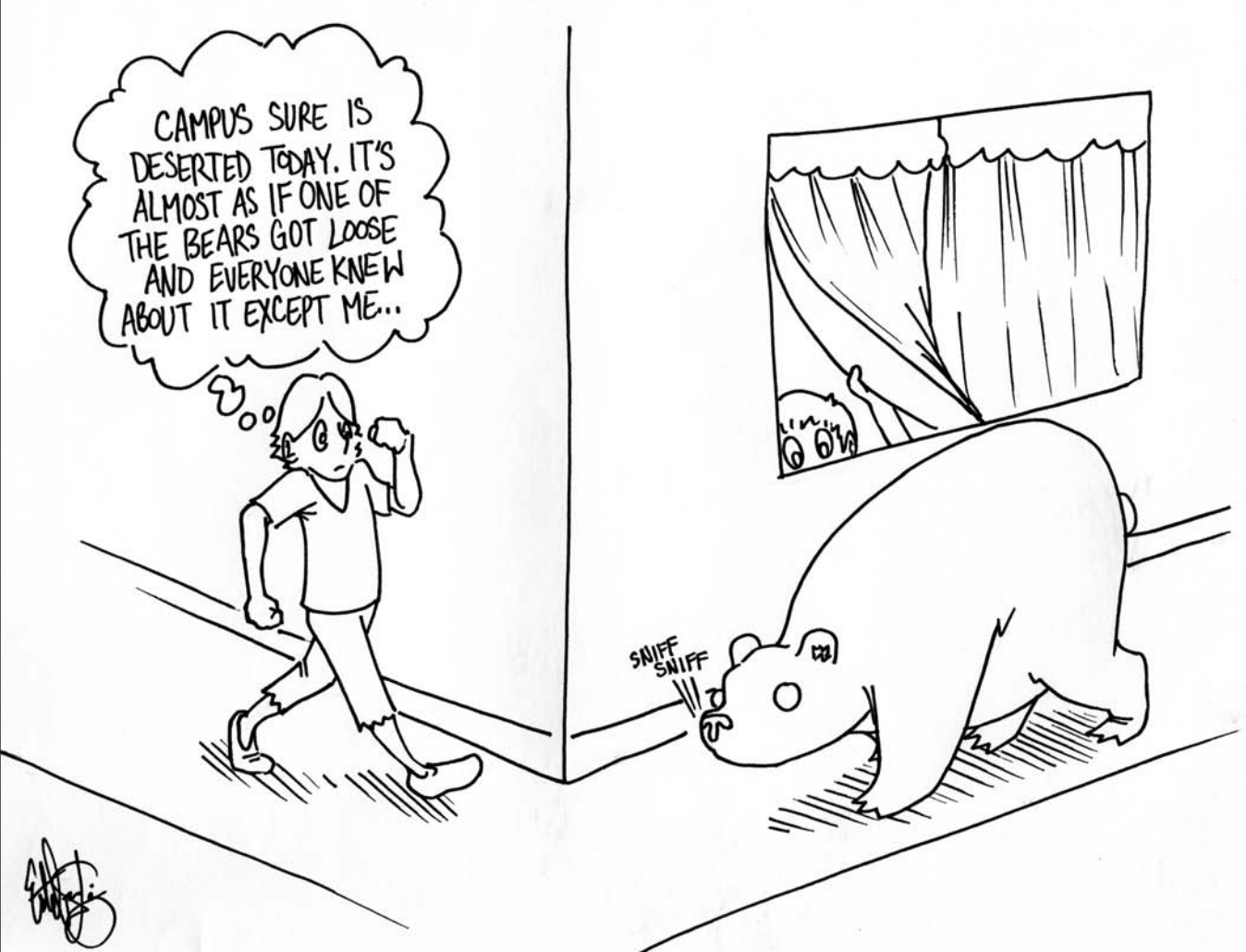
"They both acknowledged that they randomly walked around the campus looking for things to steal," Doak said.

Two of the three instruments have been returned to the students who own them. Police are still waiting for the third to be claimed.

Doak did not disclose the exact location where the instruments were taken.

"They were available and were not secured," he said. "Sometimes

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University alerts only effective if students update information

On Sept. 28, a student at the University of Texas at Austin fired shots on campus, ran into the library and took his own life on the sixth floor.

He hurt no one but himself, though his actions wreaked havoc for the university's more than 50,000 students.

When an emergency occurs on campus, students need to know as many details as fast as possible. At UT, students were notified of the situation through text messages and e-mails.

The university sent timely updates to students, notifying them with the latest information as quickly as possible.

With these updates, students who were not yet on campus knew not to go and students who were on campus knew why they were being kept under lockdown; these messages created organization amid chaos.

Baylor has a similar system, and students have been notified about potential harmful incidents twice this semester — about a man-

dated boil order when construction workers struck a main pipe during work at Ivy Square and a near-campus armed robbery.

Students were provided with information that helped them understand the situation and were given directions as to what they should do about the situation.

During some emergencies, Baylor will also send out automated phone calls so that students can be provided with information. This was done when Waco was under a tornado warning a few years ago.

These security systems are highly effective, but only if students allow them to be. That is, if a student doesn't have up-to-date information on file, the system's purpose is rendered useless.

Students should always update their contact information on BearWeb.

The rise of unlimited text messaging allows texts to be the best way to be notified of an emergency on campus.

Though many students are constantly

connected to their e-mail accounts, text messages seem to be the earliest form of communication a university utilizes during crises.

During last week's UT shooting, the first university wide communication was a text message sent just minutes after the shooter entered the on-campus library.

If you witness something that you think might compromise safety on campus, don't be afraid to notify the Baylor Police at (254) 710-2222.

Baylor Police are trained on how to react to many different emergencies. For example, the police have been training on how to react if there is a shooter on campus since several years before the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007.

They are responsible for making sure that the students, faculty and staff feel safe at Baylor, and they have been doing a great job.

The only thing that can improve their performance is an effective Baylor Nation that is collectively ensuring safety on campus.

Drive now, txt l8r. Thnx.

Brakes lock, tires skid on asphalt like a fork scraping against a plate. A car swerves back into its lane as a horn blares loud and long.



Wakeelah Crutison | Copy editor

their own safety as well as for those around them.

Their fingers sit in the grooves of the steering wheel, hands perpetually at 10 and 2. Their eyes scan the scene before them and occasionally glance at the rear-view mirror. Not to mention, they actually look behind them when they're backing out of a parking space.

Other drivers? Not so much.

Their deft fingers are artfully typing on the tiny keys. Their eyes are on the screen, glued to the no doubt ingenious message of awesomeness they are about to send.

Their minds don't even acknowledge the road, just the flitting cursor, the letters rolling onto the screen and the send button.

Sparing a glance at an incoming text or typing a few words on the phone may not seem like a big deal to some people. It's only a few seconds, right?

A study conducted by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute concluded that looking down at a phone for 4.6 seconds while driving 55 miles per hour is the equivalent of driving the length of a football field without looking.

The people I've seen drive fast. Maybe not 50 miles per hour, but way too fast to be in an enclosed space full of multiple levels, blind turns and pedestrians.

By no means do I consider myself to be the world's best driver, but when I get behind the wheel, I make an effort to be aware of my surroundings and considerate of other drivers.

So I challenge my fellow students to be more observant, more cautious, and to take the time to drive safely.

There's no reason to be in a rush to get somewhere and then not make it there because you've wrecked your car and your day.

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A close call caused by a cell phone. In a parking garage.

I can't even count how many close calls I've experienced in the garage across from North Village.

Searching for a parking spot is bad enough without the added mini-trauma of a car flying around the corner and into your lane. Seeing a car speeding toward you head-on and being overcome by the feeling of dread, like nausea with a heartburn chaser, is not the best way to start your day.

Luckily, in my case, the drivers managed to stop on time and I've never been hit (knock on wood). But I know people who haven't been as lucky.

A friend of mine was hit in the parking garage by a girl who was texting and driving. Even after my friend stopped her car and honked her horn, the other driver somehow still managed to collide into her. Epic fail.

I think it's safe to say parking garage etiquette (and by etiquette I mean common sense) is severely lacking.

Some drivers are alert, firmly in control of their vehicle for

Transfer student: BU students are expert complainers

Everybody at Baylor has something to complain about.

Don't get me wrong, I love to complain. But Baylor students have complaining down to an art.

It seems like every day I hear someone complaining about tuition, parking, food and Waco. People complain in their classes. They complain to each other. They complain in Chapel. Loudly. It never ends. Baylor is a surprisingly negative place.

In light of all this negativity, I would like to shed some light on the "terrible" conditions here in Waco. First, I'll start with tuition. Yes, it keeps going up. Yes, it is atrociously high. Guess what, though — Baylor isn't the only school in America with rising tuition rates.

The cost is prohibitive, but in my experience, Baylor works very hard to provide aid. Instead of constantly complaining about something that's out of your control, maybe you should put all of



Amy Heard | Copy editor

that extra energy toward a job.

Second — parking. There isn't enough parking on campus. They keep taking away parking spaces and increasing the number of students on campus, leading to an inevitable shortage of spots. I'll admit, I get annoyed when I have to go all the way to the fourth floor of the garage mahal at eight in the morning because freshmen are

permanently parked on the first three levels. It's incredibly frustrating to circle lots without finding a spot as the clock inches closer to class time.

You know what, though — if I were frustrated enough I could just get a bike. I would venture that most students live close enough to campus to bike without any sort of struggle.

I don't have a bike yet, but every day I can't find a parking spot, I get closer to getting one. There are infinitely more bike spots than parking spots on campus, and I would even be inadvertently helping out the environment a little bit.

Third — food. There are four residential dining facilities on campus. There is a Subway, a Chili's and a to-go option at Memorial. Every place has a huge number of options. Think the pizza at Penland is too greasy? Don't eat it! The school I transferred from had one dining facility. One.

They served one hot option, had a

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Amy Heard | Copy Editor

single salad bar, and cooked a few pizzas a day. That food got old. If the food gets old here, you're not being creative.

Finally — Waco. For the record, my hometown is San Antonio.

I was raised in a town of more than a million people and grew up thinking every business stayed open until at least 10 p.m., so I can understand the frustrations people have with Waco. I also understand, however, that there are much worse places. Lexington, Virg., where I spent my freshman year of college, was lucky to have

a Wal-Mart. There was one movie theater that had three screens and was about three months behind on movies.

Most of the shops had nothing for college students — the ones that did were overpriced, and everything closed by 5 p.m. I was absolutely thrilled when I moved to Waco to discover there was a Target. Yes, downtown could use some love, but it has some cool restaurants and a unique feel. Waco is big enough to have festivals and even though some of those are outside the comfort zone of the average college kid, expanding your horizons is a good thing.

On top of all that Waco actually has to offer, if there ever really were a weekend when there was nothing to do, Dallas and Austin are only an hour and a half away.

Austin is one of the unique cities in America, and Dallas will never fail to disappoint. Waco may not be a major metropolitan hub, but in all fairness, you knew that

when you decided to come here. Now I know people are going to disagree with me, and some might even call me hypocritical. I do love to complain. I complain because I work long hours, I complain when I'm tired from staying up too late — sometimes I'm probably complaining just to hear myself talk. At the end of the day, though, I am happy to be at Baylor. I am annoyed by the same things everyone else is, but to be honest, hearing everyone else talk about them nonstop does absolutely nothing to make it any better.

There are always going to be things in this world that we can't change, and getting bitter about them is only going to make for some unhappy people. Overall, I think Baylor is doing a great job, and I am grateful to be here. I hope all the other complainers out there feel the same way too.

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The quickest and most electrifying drive, however, lasted just one play. Gordon caught a Griffin screen pass, picked up blocks from Ivory Wade and Terrance Williams and sprinted 94 yards for his second touchdown of the game and a 24-7 Baylor lead late in the second quarter. The play was the longest touchdown in Baylor history.

“Terrance Williams and Ivory Wade made the perfect blocks,” Gordon said. “I haven’t had one of those [long plays] since high school.”

On Kansas’ possession after Gordon’s game-opening score, Tevin Elliott knocked the ball loose from Kansas’ quarterback Jordan Webb and set up a Baylor first down from the Jayhawks’ 25-yard line. Four plays later kicker Aaron Jones sent a 37-yard field goal through the uprights to put the Bears ahead

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cards by Madelyn Jones, co-chair of the scholarship fundraising committee, and will have a home tour for members in the spring, among other projects.

In addition to its scholarship fundraising efforts, the Round Table’s purpose is to bring its members together for fellowship, opportunities to socialize and community involvement.

“When I see these ladies across campus or in the grocery store, I know them and they’re my friends and that’s important to me. That’s important to each one of us — that we meet people who are outside of our work circle,” Julie Covington, the Round Table vice president, said. “A lot of these ladies here who do work on campus, they work all different departments and areas, so if you don’t work near them you don’t see them often except if you come to one of these. So that’s the best part about being in this group is that you get to meet new people, but you also get to have that camaraderie and friendship.”

Eileen Bentsen, a member of the Round Table who has been at Baylor for five years, said the group has helped her to network, make new friends and learn more about the community and its offerings.

“The women are just so wonderful. They are really concerned about the community, both the Baylor community and the larger Waco community,” Bentsen said. “As a newcomer to Waco, they’ve introduced me to some of the really wonderful organizations in town, some of the wonderful opportunities to get involved in different things.”

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students just set things down, in the Bill Daniel Student Center, or Moody Memorial Library, wherever, and these guys took advantage of that situation.”

Lt. Kevin Helpert was the lead investigator on the case and was aided by officers Brent Howell and Jazier Ybarra.

“They did a great job of tracking on Craigslist and eBay and were able to make some very nice and discreet contacts,” Doak said. “It was really terrific police work on the detectives’ part to be able to work through the eBay and Craigslist systems to be able to identify the suspects. It was a really great catch.”

Look, no hands!
Man rides for research money

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ADRIAN, Mich. — A man plans to ride his Harley-Davidson about 300 miles from the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan to the Ohio border without using his hands to steer to raise money for Parkinson’s disease research. Phil Comar of Adrian told The Daily Telegram that the Sunday ride is in memory of his father, Robert, who died in 2008. He wants to raise \$3,000 with the ride for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research.

The 61-year-old has been riding motor bikes and motorcycles almost 50 years, and said he’ll steer with his legs and by leaning. An extra gas tank has been added to the back of his motorcycle so he can go nonstop.

Comar plans to ride to the bridge that connects Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula on Saturday — no-handed at times.

tossing the rock for Baylor. Kendall Wright capped Baylor’s second half opening drive by executing a trick

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Josh Gordon | Wide Receiver

play pass to Williams for a 50-yard touchdown. “Coach told me he just wanted me to get one. I just finally got one in,” Wright said.

Although he quarterbacked in high school, Wright was 0 for 4 last season with two interceptions.

Even Baylor’s least orchestrated

play of the day ended well. Midway through the third quarter, fans watched in dismay as a shotgun snap went through Griffin’s hands and bounced several yards backward. But Griffin scooped it up, ran to his left and hit Williams, who was waving his arms in the end zone. The Bears took a 41-7 lead on the fortunate play.

Monday morning the play was on ESPN as No. 3 on its top 10 plays.

Safety Tim Atchison put more icing on the cake on Kansas’ first play from scrimmage after Griffin’s scrambling touchdown pass. Atchison picked a tipped ball out of the air and ran 14 yards, giving his team a 48-7 lead.

Griffin sat the entire fourth quarter, though he remained loud and encouraging as running back Glasco Martin rushed one yard for Baylor’s final touchdown.

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drove by and saw us out there and the next week went to Care Net Pregnancy Center and said she saw people with signs that adoption is the loving option. You never know what the effect is of what you do, and we do a lot.”

However, Pisciotta said the demonstrators don’t achieve this effect through shock.

“Our signs are on the mild side. We don’t have signs that have aborted babies,” Pisciotta said. “In public venues, that’s not appropriate and the idea is not to shock people as they drive by, but to ask them to think about it.”

Molly Frye Wilmington, a 1994 alumna who was at the demonstration with her 2-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son, said the demonstration made an impression.

“Two things come to mind,”

Wilmington said.

“One was talking more to other pro-life people in town and building friendships and encouraging one another, and the other is so many people honking and cheering for us. Nothing vulgar and no one being crude, and it was really encouraging to see so many people, even Baylor students.”

Pro-Life Waco holds monthly, local Life Chain demonstrations in order to continue raising awareness of the organization’s mission.

“Pro-Life Waco is all about changing hearts and minds about abortion and issues relating to abortion,” Pisciotta said. “It’s educational and challenging sensibilities of people, to get people to think about it, if it’s really the right thing to do.”



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Students account for fellowship in Uganda

By WAKEELAH CRUTISON
COPY EDITOR

Students in the accounting department ventured to Uganda to use their talents to help people improve their businesses.

Dr. Jane Baldwin, professor of accounting and business, said this trip served to give the students a new view of what mission trips could be.

"It was to help accounting students to be able to use accounting skills in a mission setting," Baldwin said. "Often we think of missions as going somewhere and building a facility or just doing something we weren't trained to do. With this trip we were trying to show the students they could use their skills and help people in Third World countries and through that, we could glorify God."

Along with Baldwin, faculty members Dr. David Hurtt, associate professor of accounting and business law, and Dr. Jason MacGregor, assistant professor of accounting and business law, accompanied 15 students to Uganda.

The Baylor group partnered with Compassion International, a nonprofit group dedicated to helping impoverished children in Third World countries. They also partnered with students from Uganda Christian University, the first Christian

university in Uganda. The school focuses on incorporating faith with learning.

"We consulted with small businesses and with HIV positive women who sell things they've made and help them market their projects better, earn more money and have better quality of life," Baldwin said.

Along with business consulting, Hillsboro senior Melanie Watson said the group distributed Bibles and taught seminars to students at the university.

The seminars covered business etiquette and professional dress, business practices of oil and gas, and business ethics.

"My favorite thing was giving the seminars, especially the one we did on ethics. A lot of the students there grew up thinking that you can't have a successful business and remain ethical," Watson said. "We were able to go in and show them that they could be successful while still being ethical. It was a different way to share the knowledge we learned in school."

Watson said nothing could have prepared her for what she experienced on the trip.

"It's Africa and everything is unexpected. They have a completely different way of life," Watson said. "One thing I noticed was that they were very open with their



COURTESY PHOTO
Students and faculty from Baylor's accounting department ventured to Uganda to help students of the Uganda Christian University with business practices.

faith. It was the neatest thing to see how they lived their life for Christ."

Arlington senior Crystal Feldbush said the best part of the trip was interacting with the people.

"Going in, I was so excited to be able to use my talent to bring glory to God and interact with people from a different culture," Feldbush said. "We worked with Compassion and visited one of their sites

and played with the kids there. Seeing the smiles on their faces was really inspiring."

Feldbush said she enjoyed witnessing the Uganda Christian University students' hunger to learn.

"As Americans, coming from the outside, we had a stronger influence and the people were more willing to listen to what we had to say," Feldbush said. "People really valued what we said. They were simple things to us, like tying a tie or what to put on a resume, but they were so eager and enthusiastic to learn it."

One of the experiences that stuck out in Watson's mind was when the students visited the home of one of the families they encountered.

"We sat in a room the size of an office and it's where a family of 11 slept," she said.

The two-week trip was the second mission trip the accounting department has taken and Baldwin said they hope to make it annual.

"It was a real interesting experience to go to Africa. It's eye-opening to see how open the people were ... and seeing the joy the people had in the Lord and how the lack of materials helped them focus on God," Baldwin said. "They witnessed to us more than we did to them. Our students got to see that joy was not dependant on material things."

Professor's book explores spirituality of Harry Potter

By MEGHAN HENDRICKSON
STAFF WRITER

Why do the readers of "Harry Potter" find themselves rereading the series time and time again?

This is just one of the questions discussed in the new book "One Fine Potion: The Literary Magic of Harry Potter" by Dr. Greg Garrett, professor of English.

"This is a book about the deeper philosophical and spiritual meanings of the Harry Potter story," Garrett said. "I take a close look at community, parallelism, hope and faith."

Garrett said he was inspired to write the book because he thinks the story about a boy at wizard school is a great story.

"My younger son and I have been reading the Harry Potter stories, watching the

films and listening to the books on tape together since he was small," Garrett said. "The more I listened to them and read them, the more I thought there were some themes that accounted for people returning to the Harry Potter series over and over again."

Garrett's job requires that he research deeper meanings of movies, music and literature, and thus, he enjoyed discovering the themes behind the Harry Potter series and their deeper meanings.

"I would like for readers to come away from reading my book with a greater appreciation for the Harry Potter books and films," Garrett said. "I think there are a lot of really powerful ideas and spiritual wisdom expressed in them."

Garrett's book targets those who enjoy reading "Harry Potter," as his book

assumes some familiarity with the series. It is published by Baylor University Press and will be released Oct. 15.

"My target audience is people like me who love the book and are moved by it," Garrett said. "That's a large target audience that I am happy to reach."

Garrett also believes people of faith will read the book because he discusses spiritual aspects of the series.

For the past four Wednesday nights, Garrett has been teaching a four-part series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Waco. The series was loosely based on his book, as he looked at four different fanatical elements of the Harry Potter books and how those elements apply to Christianity.

The themes covered were dispelling the myth that J.K. Rowling's story is anti-Christian, the importance of community,

what true heroism is and finally, the end times.

"For me, I really like literature, and I enjoy being able to pull out some themes in literature that are appealing on such a wide level and also being able to see those themes in light of Christianity," Billy Collins, sales and publicity associate for Baylor University Press, said.

You don't have to be a Christian or even interested in Christianity to read it, though, said Dr. Tom Hanks, an English professor, who read an early copy of the book this past spring.

"One thing I like is how he makes it clear that a Buddhist, a Muslim, a Jew or anyone who thinks humans can have transcendent experiences will think this book is a good insight into Rowling's books," Hanks said. "Baylor students have just


grown up in the Christian tradition, but people in other traditions will be very comfortable with Greg's ideas."

Garrett opens his story by retelling an evening when he, his son and his girlfriend were standing outside a bookstore in Austin just before midnight waiting to get his son the new and final Harry Potter book.

His son read the book until 3 a.m., when he fell asleep. Immediately, Garrett picked it up and read it until he too fell asleep.

"This book is fun to read and speaks to any person who has ever waited in line for the new Harry Potter book," Hanks said.

Gregg is having a book launch party at BookPeople at 5 p.m. Oct. 16 in Austin. It will be a low-key event with butterbeer, wizard treats and a book signing.



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Praise-worthy conference meets attendees' expectations

By JENNA DEWITT
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When Jerry and Bea Reece drove to Waco from Muskogee, Okla., they knew it would be worth the trip. After all, the name David Crowder was attached.

David Crowder's Fantastical Church Music Conference brought more than 2,000 musicians, ministers and Christian music fans from around the world to campus last weekend. Like many conference attendees, the Reeces said that when they were first introduced to Christian music about three years ago, they couldn't get enough.

"We just kept wanting more. It's just amazing," Jerry Reece said. "It's always so blessed."

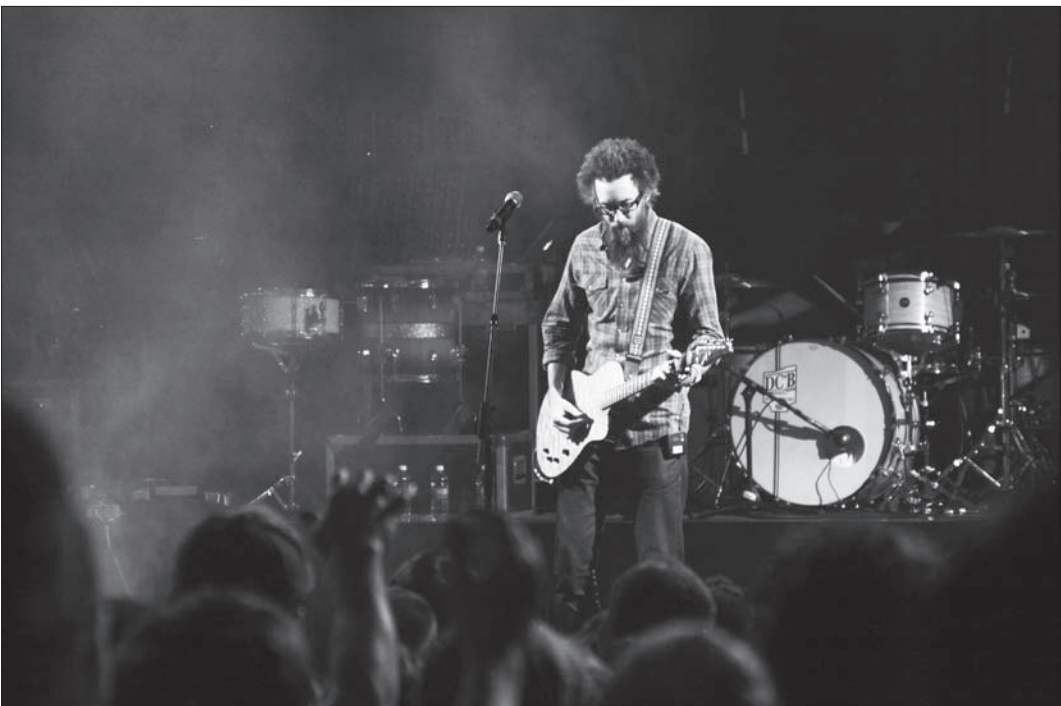
He said he liked getting to see the artists as normal people through the conference.

"You get to see them more as people when you get to hear their stories," he said.

Whether through a concert, a workshop or personal interactions, artists shared their stories of triumph and struggle, all to help them answer one simple question: Why do we sing?

In his signature style, Louie Giglio answered the question with photos of the universe and recording of the sound waves emitted from globular clusters of stars.

"I sing because I live in God's universe," Giglio said. "I'm part of the universe he created." Twenty-five years ago Giglio started his career as a Baylor graduate student leading a small group-based campus ministry attended by more than 10 percent of the student population. Giglio also added a more personal touch by describing his family's reaction to his mother's recent death: singing praises to God for the life she had lived. Giglio said this experience led him to re-



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David Crowder, host of Crowder's Fantastical Church Music Conference, closes out the concert Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010 at Waco Hall.

alizations about human life and its place in creation. "We are cosmologically insignificant, but divinely prized," he said. "I'm singing because my soul has been awakened from the dead."

On Friday night, Hillsong London followed Giglio with a similar philosophy toward worship.

"When your eyes turn off yourself and on Jesus, you realize you are in right standing with him," lead singer Peter Wilson said.

"When you realize his glory and grace, you can't help but praise him. We are going to lose any inhibition and praise him."

Conference attendee Michael Honza, youth director at First United Methodist Church in Woodway, said he was appreciative of the conference's aim to promote diversity within church music.

Honza said that he recently helped start an 8:15 a.m. contemporary service at his church.

"I'm liking the different approaches to music," he said. "Crowder searches out the new. Everything they do has a quirky feel. They approach it from scratch."

Other veterans of the Christian music scene included Jars of Clay and Israel Houghton. These seasoned performers showed the younger bands at the conference the difference that experience makes.

The Jars of Clay concert managed to reinvigorate an exhausted late-night audience with new and old tunes that inspired clapping and singing along.

Baylor Religious Hour Choir director Clint Kimmel, a Richardson junior, said bringing such well-

known artists to campus was a way Crowder showed his appreciation for Baylor.

Kimmel said the ability to go behind the scenes and participate as a student performer in Isaac Wardell's Friday morning session was a unique opportunity for him.

"As a church music major, it was very special. You don't often get the opportunity to rub shoulders with artists of that stature," he said.

Kimmel said the conference was beneficial to his future career in music ministry, especially guest speaker Bob Kauflin's session titled "The functional limits of creativity: how innovative can we be with the gospel?"

"The topics were very insightful," Kimmel said.

"I will be using those for the rest of my life."

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By AUDREY CAREY
CONTRIBUTOR

When a 24-hour offering of the \$5 footlong and an Exxon that offers an impressive variety of coffees and snack foods galore join forces, a mecca for college students has been created. The coffee station on the Exxon side is really more than just a coffee station... it's like a magical energy-boosting collection of cappuccino comfort. Almost everybody can find some type of coffee or cappuccino that tickles his or her coffee fancy. Recent Baylor graduate Bethany Salminen remembers "the s'mores cappuccino" as her favorite all-nighter assistant. "I drank them all the time," she admits.

But it's not just the coffee that makes this places sing "study here." It's the huge selection of sandwiches served on fresh bread that calls out to students' stomachs. For an easy-to-eat-while-flipping-pages meal, try the honey-oat bread, warm and pillow soft, with thinly sliced ham or turkey and with a few garden-fresh veggies, clean and crisp (\$5). Also on the menu are wraps, pizzas and an array of big salads that would even impress Seinfeld's Elaine Benes.

Although I would advise chicken salad connoisseurs to steer clear of Subway's orchard chicken salad, there aren't many other menu items that don't satisfy the

need for a fresh, filling meal. And if you happen to be pulling an all-nighter, you'll be safe here. They're opened 24 hours, and they serve up hash browns and toasted breakfast sandwiches with your choice of meat and toppings (from \$2 to \$3.25). Yes, Subway really is all that and a bag of chips.

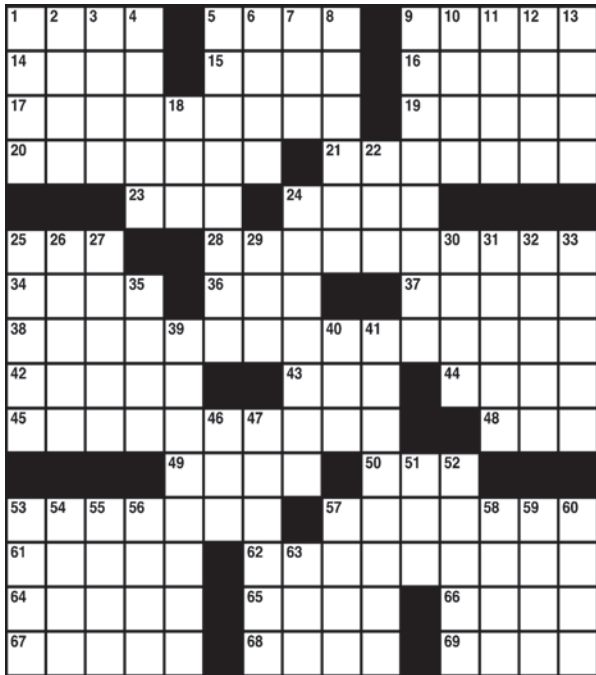
Although it does sometimes get crowded, students tend to come often but leave quickly, leaving an abundance of space for studiers to pitch a tent and stay for hours in the back booths. The free wireless Internet makes writing a report a cinch, and with Facebook at your fingertips, Subway makes socializing while studying a little bit easier. It's also within walking distance of the SUB, so you can run by and print your paper after writing it.

With a mocha cappuccino in hand, your papers plastering the smooth tabletop and a scoop of frozen yogurt from their newest addition, Orange Cup, this is where fast food and comfortable studying meet. Its huge windows make for a nice view, and a one footlong sandwich can be stretched into two meals and a snack. There's no doubt that Subway ranks high on the list of study-worthy restaurants near campus. It offers an atmosphere that lends itself to an enjoyable eating and studying experience that leaves your stomach full and your mind fuller.

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- 10 Actor Guinness
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- 12 "The Godfather" author Mario
- 13 Goulash, e.g.
- 18 Summer drink
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- 27 "Cross my heart!"
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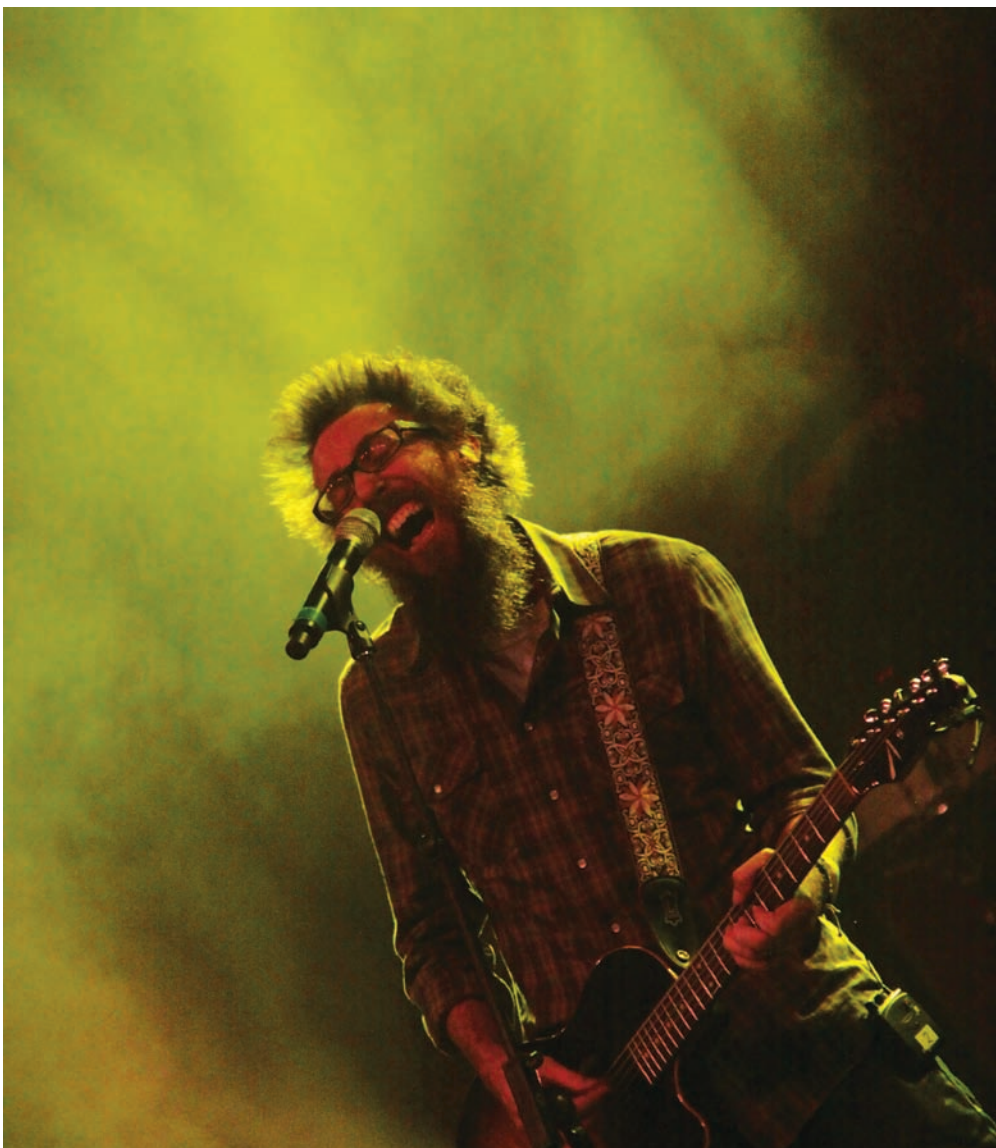
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David Crowder concludes the Crowder Fantastical Church Music Conference in a final jam session at 11 a.m. in Waco Hall. The conference was held from Thursday through Saturday at Waco Hall and featured 14 artists and 11 guest speakers.



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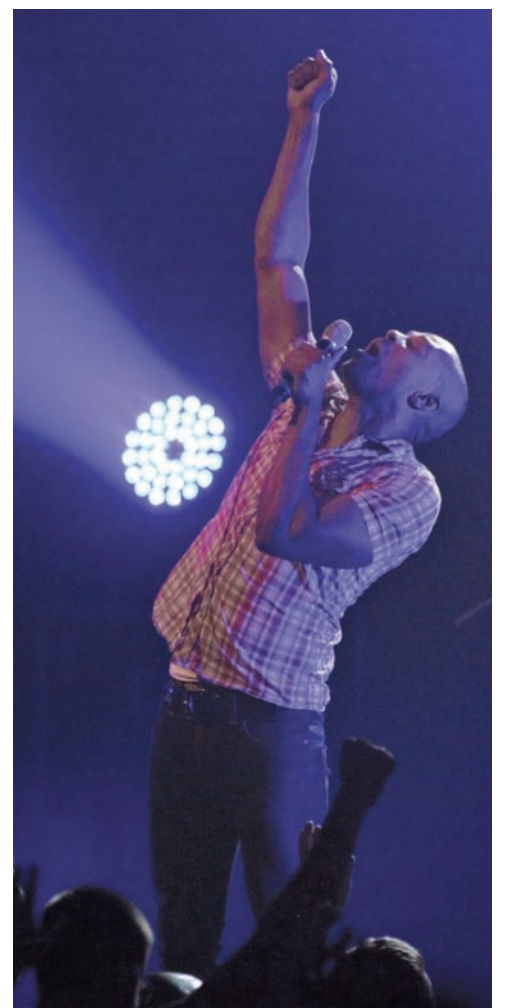
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Defense helps soccer defeat Buffs, Huskers

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor soccer regained its top defensive form upon returning home this past weekend, defeating the University of Nebraska, 2-1, on Friday and No. 22 ranked University of Colorado, 1-0, on Sunday.

“Our girls wore them down,” coach Marci Jobson said after Sunday’s match. “I said that if we don’t defend well, we won’t be in this game. You could see we were defending with everybody. As the game went on, our punches got stronger and stronger.”

For 103 minutes, Baylor (9-3-1, 2-2) and Colorado (5-6-1, 1-2-1) kept each other equally unsuccessful offensively. Both teams finished with 15 shots apiece, but the one that mattered came off the foot of sophomore Dana Larsen in the 103rd minute.

“I saw that ball get played in, and I was like, ‘If anybody can get the touch and finesse on this ball, it’s Dana who can put this away,’” junior goalkeeper Courtney Seelhorst said. “And she was able to do it. It was such a slow roller, I was just waiting for it to hit that side netting just so I could know. I got goose bumps.”

Fellow sophomore Lisa Sliwinski slid the ball to the corner of the six-yard box as Larsen made a run through the penalty area. Larsen finished the shot through a narrow window into the far-side netting, past Colorado keeper Annie Brunner, who came off her line.

“I don’t even know how she found that kind of composure when we had been playing for 100 minutes,” Sliwinski said. “She is clutch like that.”

Sliwinski came close to her own goal late in the second half when her shot slid past Brunner. It would have rolled into the goal had it not been for a Colorado defender marking the post for the



No. 11 midfielder Lotto Smith runs down the field with the ball during the game against Nebraska on Friday at Betty Lou Mays Field. A second half goal helped the Bears to a 2-1 win, their first conference win this season.

corner kick.

The Bears seemed content to let Colorado be the aggressor in the first half, allowing seven shots while taking just three.

Baylor gradually took control in the second half, though, ripping nine shots to Colorado’s seven in regulation. The Bears then out-shot the Buffs, three to one, in ex-

tra time.

With teams as attack-minded as Colorado and Nebraska, Jobson was happy to see her defense hold strong in the first half of both

matches until it could use its conditioning to its advantage in the second.

“Every back played well this weekend,” head coach Marci Jobson said. “But our team defended well together. That team [Colorado], is going to come out all over you. They are one of the best attacking teams in the Big 12. We just wore them down.”

Posting a season-high six saves in both matches, Seelhorst proved to be one of the main factors that kept both visiting offenses from finding the back of the net more than once.

Against Nebraska (9-4, 2-2), freshman Alex Klein beat senior goalkeeper Tara Macdonald to the near post just before half for a 1-0 Baylor lead.

Sophomore Morgan Marlborough, the Big 12’s leading goal scorer with 12 goals in 13 matches, evened the score for the Cornhuskers in the second half by finishing a rebound from one of Seelhorst’s saves.

Junior Christine Clark notched her second goal of the season in the 68th minute to give the Bears a 2-1 lead that they held onto despite being out-shot 13-7 in the second half.

After beating the Buffaloes, Jobson was asked how her players were able to score clutch goals during the weekend’s games.

“Tenacity,” Jobson said. “Some of our younger kids are getting more experienced. They are just chipping away [until they score].”

“Our next challenge,” she added, “is we have got to be able to go on the road and win a game against a great opponent.”

The Bears have an opportunity to do just that when they visit No. 10 ranked Texas A&M at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Last season Baylor lost twice to the Aggies, the second meeting eliminating the Bears from the Big 12 tournament.

Quest for the Cup

Three days have passed for Baylor men’s tennis at the D’Novo/ITA All-American Championships. Follow the Lariat throughout the week for updates.

The Bears have two players alive in the qualifying draw as No. 28 ranked John Peers awaits his action in the main draw beginning Thursday.

Junior Kike Grangeiro won his first round match against Hawaii at Manoa’s Dennis Lajola, while senior Sergio Ramirez fought his way through the pre-qualifying draw and won in the qualifying draw’s first round. Sophomore Roberto Maytin fell in the same round to Washington’s Kyle McMorrow.

Ramirez and junior Julian Bley started play in the second round of the 256-player pre-qualifying last Friday after they received first round byes.

Ramirez emerged victoriously, staging a 6-3, 7-4, 6-2 comeback win over Cal Poly’s Brian McPhee.

Bley lost to Indiana’s Isade Juneau 6-0, 2-6, 6-2 as an upper-body injury affected Bley’s serve.

In pre-qualifying draw third round action on Saturday, Ramirez beat North Carolina State’s Rob Lowe and Wichita State’s Juan Estens-soro, each 6-1, 6-1. The win put Ramirez into the qualifying draw.

Ramirez faces Mississippi State’s Malte Stropp at 8 a.m. today, and Grangeiro plays Chris Mengel of Duke an hour later.



No. 24 outside hitter Ashlie Christenson bumps the ball during the game against Oklahoma on Saturday at the Ferrell Center. Despite beating the Sooners in several statistical categories, the Bears lost the match, 3-1.

Sooners stifle volleyball’s offense

By RACHEL ROACH
SPORTS WRITER

Volleyball lost to the University of Oklahoma on Saturday, 3-1 (22-25, 21-25, 25-13, 22-25) in their fifth conference game of the season.

After a 3-0 sweep in its match at Texas Tech last Wednesday, Baylor (8-8, 1-4) was beginning to show improvement playing their game while under pressure.

One of head coach Jim Barnes’ offensive goals against the Sooners (11-5, 3-2) game was to attack from the middle. The offensive strategy to open up the outsiders for scoring proved unfulfilling against the Sooners.

“When we have Liz [Graham] and Torri [Campbell] both hurting teams from [the middle], our offense really gets going. But, as a team we are disappointed that we didn’t come out and play our game from the beginning,” Barnes said.

The team totaled five players with at least 10 digs. Seniors Caitlyn Trice and Ashlie Christenson and junior Allison King led the Bears with 17, 16 and 15 respective digs.

Offensively, senior Elizabeth Graham led the team with her 15 kills and .538 hitting percentage. Torri Campbell followed with 11 kills. The two middle hitters were set up by junior Brittany Ridenour and sophomore Kate Harris, accumulating 25 and 27 respective

Baylor	22	21	25	22
Oklahoma	25	25	13	25

Baylor	Match Stats	Oklahoma
57	Kills	51
.212	Hitting Percentage	.201
84	Digs	72
9	Blocks	7
3	Aces	3

assists.

Despite the Bears beating Oklahoma in total kills, digs, assists and blocks, the team was unable to match junior Suzy Boulavsky’s 17

“As a team we are disappointed that we didn’t come out and play our game from the beginning”

Jim Barnes| Head coach

kills and sophomore Maria Fernandez’s 23 digs.

During the first set the Bears lost their initial lead. The team had glimmers of hope with a 1310 and 16-15 advantage. However, the

Sooners prevailed 25-22.

The Bears began the second-set with a 6-5 lead. But Oklahoma soon gained the advantage, and Baylor didn’t catch up until forcing a 19-19 tie. The Bears lost the set 25-21.

Baylor dominated during the third set, holding the Sooners to a .025 attacking percentage and winning the set 25-13.

After winning the third set, Baylor took a 12-5 lead in the beginning of the fourth. However, the Sooners tied the set at 14 and had another run to win the set, 25-22.

Baylor plays Texas A&M at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at College Station.

Last season the Aggies and Bears split the series one game apiece. The visiting team won each time.

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Baylor Kids program partners football, student mentorship

By WAKEELAH CRUTISON
COPY EDITOR

It's October, and in Texas, that means one thing: football. Baylor fans unite in a season-long wave of school spirit, tradition, rivalries, warrior paint and a gold sea of fresh line jerseys. This season, 200 kids from the Waco community will feel what it's like to be part of the Baylor community.

An anonymous donor worked with the Honors Residential College and the Baylor athletics department to give underprivileged kids the opportunity to experience Baylor football through a new program called Baylor Kids.

"It's an exciting program that bridges the gap between the university and the surrounding community," Sarah Jane Murray, faculty master of the Honors Residential College, said. "It gives kids the chance to interact and meet new role models they wouldn't meet otherwise."

Every home game, kids from various nonprofit agencies in Waco will receive free tickets food, Baylor T-shirts, and the chance to take part in singing the "Baylor Line".

"The ultimate goal is to give kids who wouldn't normally have the opportunity [a chance] to experience things we take for granted," Houston junior Ben Aguinaga,

a member of the Honors Residential College, said.

Aguinaga hopes the program will show kids what they could become.

"Hopefully we can ignite a spark of ambition to go to college," Aguinaga said. "By investing in them, we can plant a seed."

Students in the Honors Residential College will provide an example the kids can relate to.

"The Baylor Kids are used to having older role models, so seeing someone close to their age accomplishing things will hopefully inspire them," Murray said. "Kids get to see Baylor at its best and the students are reminded of the things they were blessed with."

Murray believes the program highlights the students' charity ability.

"It's really a testimony of Baylor students," Murray said. "It really shows how much they care."

The kids come from social service organizations in the Waco community, said Paulette Edwards, assistant to the dean of the Honors Residential College. At the beginning of every game, each Honors Residential College student will be assigned a group of students to accompany to the game. The group will meet at the media tent before the game and will get a chance to interact with the mascot.

"It's great that Baylor students

are involved with the project," John Garrison, Baylor associate athletic director of marketing, said. "It's a great opportunity for kids to get to come to Touchdown Alley beforehand or get their face painted and get to experience Baylor."

Garrison and the athletic department worked with the donor to bring the program to life.

"The athletic department stood behind the initiative," Murray said. "They were really good about blocking a section so everyone can sit together."

Mentorship is the key to the program with the hope that interaction with Baylor students will have an impact on both the students and kids' lives. The hope is for the program to work like a Big Brother, Big Sister relationship between Baylor students and the "Baylor Kids."

"We can demonstrate that our passion for the community extends past the four walls of the HRC," Aguinaga said. "We're not here for ourselves. If we can use our talents to give value to the kids, it's a blessing."

Aguinaga said the Honors Residential College hopes to make the program ongoing for years to come.

"We're the pilot group and we'll hopefully set the standards high," Aguinaga said. "I can't imagine it going anywhere but up."



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Members of the Cuban female dissident group Ladies in White demonstrate Sept. 19 during their weekly march in Havana. Cuba's Roman Catholic Church on Friday revealed the names of four more political prisoners to be released into exile in Spain, bringing to 36 the number freed and sent off the island under an agreement with President Raul Castro's government.

America works to bring Cuban prisoners to U.S.

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HAVANA — Washington is working on a plan to bring the vast majority of exiled Cuban political prisoners from Spain to the United States and has already processed the first case, a senior State Department official told The Associated Press on Monday.

Nearly all of some 39 former prisoners who are already in Spain, along with more than 100 family members, are likely to accept the offer, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the program publicly.

"The majority of those prisoners and family have expressed an interest in the program," said the official.

State Department spokesman Charles Luoma-Overstreet confirmed the broad outline of the anonymous official's account.

"We welcome the unconditional release of political prisoners by the government of Cuba, and continue to call for the release of all political prisoners," Luoma-Overstreet said.

The plan gets around a Catch-22 whereby Cubans who left the island were no longer considered in harm's way, and thus not eligible for traditional asylum requests.

Some 39 prisoners have been released from Cuban jails after agreeing to leave the island with

their families. Another 13 remain behind bars, reportedly because they have so far refused to leave Cuba.

Cuba agreed in July to free all 52 remaining political prisoners jailed in a 2003 crackdown on dissent, after an accord ironed out with the help of the Roman Catholic Church and Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos.

The prisoners have been leaving for Spain in drips and drabs ever since. Some have complained that Spanish officials did not properly inform them of how their departure would effect a U.S. asylum request or their eventual return to Cuba. They have also said the emergency accommodations found for them in Spain were unpleasant.

Luoma-Overstreet said that "the U.S. Embassy in Madrid is actively reaching out to the released political prisoners to inform them of this possibility and share information about eligibility."

The senior official said the process began three weeks ago and the vast majority expressed interest in going to the United States, where many have family.

One family's case has already been processed, and more interviews are expected to take place later this week in the Spanish capital, Madrid.

He said the program — called the Significant Public Benefit Parole program — has been in effect

in other parts of the world, but had not yet applied to Cuba. He said officials at the State Department and Homeland Security worked together to make the transfer happen.

Under the plan, each applicant will have to apply for entry, a process that could take up to a month. Homeland Security officials will make the final determination on who gets accepted.

The Cubans will enter the United States without formal residency status, but will be able to apply for residency once there. They will also be issued work permits almost immediately.

The official said he did not believe consular staff at the U.S. Interests Section in Havana had yet informed the families of remaining prisoners of the offer, but he hoped they would hear about it now that the program is public. America maintains the Interests Section in Havana instead of an embassy because it has no diplomatic relations with Cuba.

While many of those still in jail have refused to go to Spain because they do not want to abandon their homeland, the possibility of settling in the United States might entice some to agree to leave, using Spain as a transit point.

Despite the releases, Cuba has long denied holding any political prisoners. It says those in jail are mercenaries paid by Washington to destabilize the government.



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