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Men's basketball, fresh off a victory over La Salle on Tuesday afternoon, returns to action against Jackson State at the much more student-friendly tip-off time of 7 p.m. today in the Ferrell Center.

Ministry opportunity
Spiritual Life is looking for 10 Baylor students for a youth ministry opportunity in Athens, Greece. The trip will be during the second summer session, and class credit will be available. An interest meeting will be held at 9 p.m. today in 314 McLane Student Life Center.

Go abroad
Students can learn about teaching overseas, education, health and public and civic affairs in Thailand at the information session for the American-Thai Foundation, presented by Dr. Nirund Jivasantikarn, chair of American-Thai Foundation and founder of Yonok University, at 4 p.m. today in 110 Cashion Academic Center.

Get job help
Seniors still in need of job search help can get it (along with free pizza) at Career Services' "Senior Crash Course," beginning at 4 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

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Dinner on the grounds
Join students and faculty for a Thanksgiving meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. today at Fountain Mall; don't forget to bring your Baylor ID



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Meal fit for a Greek

Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Tau Omega host the All-University "Spaghetti Not-So-Formal" dinner Wednesday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Electoral code faces revisions

BY SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

A bill to revise the electoral code is slated for introduction at tonight's Student Senate meeting. This bill follows a similar bill tabled in the senate last Thursday that called for extensive revisions of the electoral code. The revisions are currently a source of hot debate in the senate.

Tonight's bill will be the first of three related bills and will include some of the same revisions as the original bill, but will not include revisions to policies re-

garding coalition campaigning, disqualification or criteria used by the executive commission for sanctioning, said Fort Worth senior Daniel Houston, president pro tempore of the Student Senate and chairman of the operations and procedures committee. Senate president and Falls City junior Michael Lyssy said he was pleased with the senate's discussion of the original bill, but he thinks dividing the revisions will help to make the document presented tonight more acceptable to the senate.

"I think that's going be a little

bit more manageable and a little bit more acceptable in the long run than trying to look at a gigantic document with such immense changes," Lyssy said.

Houston led the revisions on both the original bill and the bill slated for introduction tonight.

Although Houston is not required to keep amendments proposed during the original bill's presentation to the senate when the new bills are written, he said he plans to take the concerns raised into consideration.

"I fully intend to work with the sponsors of all of those

amendments to address concerns they had," Houston said. "Certainly the spirit of the amendments could very well be reflected in the final product."

Of the next two bills, one will include revisions regarding free campaigns association and the other will include revisions dealing with disqualifications and the criteria used by the executive commission to determine the severity of sanctions, Houston said.

"Changes are needed in the electoral code because there's

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Obama, Clinton rally support for stalled treaty

BY ANNE GEARAN
AND MATTHEW LEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Setbacks are piling up for President Barack Obama's foreign policy efforts as he struggles to salvage his signature nuclear weapons treaty with Russia and to keep Mideast peace talks alive.

The apparent collapse of the arms treaty because of political opposition in Washington follows the disappointments Obama suffered recently abroad. He returned from a tour of Asian democracies without a trophy trade agreement with South Korea, and he was unable to persuade other nations to join the U.S. in branding China as a cur-

rency manipulator. On Wednesday, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton beseeched the Senate to ratify the treaty this year, saying delay was a threat to the nation's security. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said he believes the New START deal will come up and be approved during the lame-duck session now under way.

The pact, a top foreign policy priority for Obama, would shrink the U.S. and Russian arsenals of strategic warheads and revive on-the-ground inspections that ceased when a previous treaty expired nearly a year ago.

"This is not an issue that can afford to be postponed," Clinton said after an unusual breakfast meeting

with key members of Congress.

Vice President Joe Biden and Defense Secretary Robert Gates have been telling senators the same thing, and Russian officials have warned that failure to ratify the pact imperils the fragile effort to mend relations between Washington and Moscow.

All to little effect.

A key Senate Republican, Jon Kyl of Arizona, stunned the administration by saying he does not want to vote on the treaty during the current session. Without the support of Kyl, a leading Republican voice on the treaty, Democrats have little hope of securing at least eight Republican votes — the mini-

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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, center, flanked by Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., left, and Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., talks about the START Treaty following their meeting Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

PR students stay cool under pressure, win top awards

BY NYDIA PEREZ
REPORTER

Knowing how to work effectively as a team to communicate a crisis earned Baylor public relations students top awards this past weekend in Austin.

The students competed at the Texas Public Relations Association last Friday at the Crisis Communication Conference. The competition tested the students' ability to prepare and handle crisis communication.

Agency principal and creative director of MM2 public relations agency Larry Meltzer, who is also president of the Texas Public Relations Association, was present at the competition and praised the

Baylor team.

"As someone who runs an agency and sees a lot of mediocrity walking through our doors for interviews, it was heartening to see the cream of the crop last week in Austin. Baylor should be really proud," Metzler said.

There were six students and two professors from Baylor, including San Antonio senior Brittan Black, Thousand Oaks, Calif., senior Kate Williams, Spring senior Claire Moncla, Euless senior Colton Wright, West senior Becky Petter and Waco senior Kristina Ballard. The professors were Larry Norwood, Radford professor of journalism and media arts, and Carol Perry, lecturer of journalism and media arts.

The six students split up into two teams of three.

The Baylor teams took home both first and second place for their overarching crisis plan, and first and second place for their news release. Six other schools competed. Texas Tech took third for overarching crisis plan and Abilene Christian took third for news release. Each school had two teams.

"Working as a team is what ultimately placed us ahead of the larger schools," said Williams.

Williams said Baylor competed with very few aids or resources.

"We thought the rules were no notes and one computer. We

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Workers’ safety should be worth more than ashes to casino owners

Editorial

Four years ago, Nevada voters strongly approved a ban on public smoking, but the ban was only able to exist if it included a provision that allowed smoking in casinos.

Recently, blackjack dealers and other casino workers, who are alarmed about the amount of secondhand smoke that exists in casinos, are pressing a \$5 million federal class action lawsuit against the Wynn Las Vegas casino in order to force the hotel to protect casino workers who have to sit in smoke-misted rooms.

The casino workers do not expect smoking to be banned in

the casinos, and the most that the plaintiff’s lawyers are hoping for is the installation of high-technology air-cleansing devices to help clear the smoke.

Though smoking is a personal choice, it becomes a problem when it affects others.

Smoking should be banned in public places, including casinos, so that people who do not smoke cannot be harmed by the actions of others.

It is not likely that Las Vegas casinos will ban smoking anytime soon. Especially if it is anything like Atlantic City, which banned smoking in 2008 and lifted the ban a month later due to complaints from the city’s casinos. Profit has proven to be a stronger incentive for casinos than the health of their employees.

While other places have strictly enforced smoking bans in order to keep others from the negative effects of secondhand smoke, it is painfully clear that casinos are not willing to sacrifice a dime to ensure the safety of their employees.

Those who do not support a smoking ban for Las Vegas casinos say that people who do not want to subject themselves to secondhand smoke could just not go to the casinos.

However, why should non-smokers be denied the ability to gamble because of their non-smoking preference?

An article in the New York Times described how a woman who worked as a casino executive died of lung cancer at age 62, and her daughter said she was convinced that her mother had died

of secondhand smoke.

Stephanie Steinberg, chairwoman of Smoke-Free Gaming, an organization of casino workers and patrons who are pressing casinos to ban smoking, said Nevada stands out among the other states with legalized gambling because it is has a relaxed stance on in-casino smoking.

South Dakota approved a voter initiative this month to ban smoking in commercial casinos, joining Colorado, Delaware, Illinois and Montana in passing complete or partial bans.

Steinberg said her organization uses the catch phrase “What happens in a casino stays in your lungs” to warn people about the dangers of secondhand smoke in casinos.

Because secondhand smoking

kills people who did not make the decision to smoke, Las Vegas casinos should re-examine their decision to allow smoking.

Accommodating for all wouldn’t be a trying task. Casinos could develop smoke-free areas for gambling within their casino or could provide zones where smoking is permitted.

However, the right to gamble is not as important as the casinos’ employees’ right to life. As a major economic factor in Nevada, the casino industry is also a major employer and many have nowhere else to work.

Providing cleaner air for casinos is not as important for the tourists looking to gamble as much as for the workers looking to make a living without endangering their lives in the process.

Letters to the editor

International gratitude

This week, Baylor University celebrates its International Education Week. Consequently, the Center for International Education has scheduled several events throughout the week such as the study abroad information table in the SUB. I would like to take this opportunity to share my perspective on studying in the U.S. As a child, I remember being introduced to the United States via my family television set that showed a few international channels such as the Cable News Networks. Even though I did not understand an English word pronounced by the journalists, I was fascinated by their strange accent and the different pictures I watched. Impressed by the cultural and racial diversity of the U.S., I dreamed of visiting this complex and powerful country. Fast forward several years later. I am now studying in the U.S. I realized my dream. And I can safely say that the benefits of studying in the United States have exceeded my expectations.

Not only do I now claim to be fluent in English, my second language, but I have developed friendships that will last a lifetime. These friends are a mix of international and domestic students with whom I often share common interests. Sometimes our cultural, social and racial differences are actually the common factors of some of the friendships I developed.

Instinctively, my friends and I bonded because we want to know more about each other cultures and customs. Before we knew it, we could not have enough of each other.

Furthermore, I have been impressed by the warmth and the support I received from strangers, faculty, staff and church members. Unfortunately, the warmth and support are not always found among my American peers.

I noticed that most domestic students who express an interest for international students are generally those who have been somewhat exposed to the rest of the world through trips abroad or those who had formally developed friendships with international students. These domestic students are able to relate with the struggles experienced by international students.

Besides developing strong relationships, studying in the U.S. has also offered me the honor of being an unofficial ambassador for Cameroon, my home country, and to some extent, Africa.

I was initially frustrated by some of the questions about Cameroon and Africa but then I realized the crucial role I could play in providing people with the most objective views on Africa. For example, the international media has desensitized the world about Africa’s poverty with an excessive number of pictures of hungry African children. Furthermore, positive changes and events such as the World Cup 2010 that took place in South Africa this summer are given insignificant if no coverage in the international news. Therefore, people are unaware of the progress made by some developing nations. The internationalization of education is a real phenomenon and Baylor is definitely part of it with students from all 50 United States and more than 70 countries who call Baylor home.

Happy International Education Week to the Baylor community.

Jessica Foumena
Journalism graduate student

Take 10 seconds, be silent and listen to His call

Life is filled with noise. With classes and exams, friendships and families, organizations and work, successes and failures, hopes and limitations, fears and forgetfulness – our life is crowded with chaos in every moment.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

God calls us, as followers of Christ, to always rejoice and pray without ceasing. But with so much noise in our lives, how are we to do that? Only by the power of the Holy Spirit that indwells those who have chosen to give up their life to the control of Jesus Christ. I feel like God continues to place me in situations to further teach me the same lesson time and time again. It must be my nature to try to do things on my own, with my own strength – rather than let go and let God reign in power over my



Meghan Hendrickson | Staff writer

every moment. But God is sovereign and holds authority over all things – that is all things in my life, all things in the world and all things in me. Not only is my life in His hands, but my spirit is too.

And so, being saved from eternal separation from God and all that is good, by the wonderful grace of Jesus Christ, I am to re-

joice in the Lord always, and constantly be in prayer by the Spirit – no matter the circumstance.

And what does prayer look like? So often I find myself crying out to the Lord in distress, or praising Him in thankfulness for His wonderful blessings... so often I find myself talking. But God is not asking us to talk continually, but pray continually.

I believe that one of the most significant, rewarding and respectful things we can do in prayer to the Lord is simply to listen. Stop reading this column for enough time to count to 10.

It is incredible what just 10 seconds of silence can do, right? Did you also notice how in that short period of silence, your mind wanted you to start thinking of something else? We are constantly at battle. Before you are adopted into the family of God, you are under the power of Satan and your own selfish desires.

But when you choose to follow Christ, those two things do not go away. Rather, you begin a battle that will continue until your last breath. But here is the good news: God has conquered it. Even though the attacks we face each day may seem like more than we can bear, they are not stronger than the Spirit of God that lives within us.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” — 2 Timothy 1:7

And let me tell you, there is nothing more fulfilling than seeing the righteousness of the Lord triumph over the darkness in this world we live in. Think about the greatest lessons you have learned in life. I can confidently assume that the majority of my life’s lessons were learned by listening to someone and reading something.

Just last night I was on the phone with my mom and she pointed out how even in the most

stressful times in life, God still has a plan and a purpose for His glory – and sure enough, He did. I learned a lot and gained clarity just by listening to my mom last night, so surely I will learn and gain greater clarity when I listen to my Heavenly Father, the creator of all things. I know that with the holidays and finals rapidly approaching, your schedule is getting just as booked as mine.

But I am asking you, not for my sake, but for Christ’s name, that you would take the time to listen to the Lord – that you would pray without ceasing.

“He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” – Psalm 46:10-11

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Fraternity donates \$5,000 to diabetes fund

Juvenile diabetes research receives proceeds of fundraisers from Delta Epsilon Psi

By CARMEN GALVAN
STAFF WRITER

The Zeta chapter of Delta Epsilon Psi fraternity donated \$5,000 to the Juvenile Research Diabetes Foundation Wednesday to support research for a juvenile diabetes cure.

This is the largest donation the fraternity has made to date. The money was collected from various fundraisers they organized, said Varun Joseph, president of the Zeta chapter of Delta Epsilon Psi.

The brotherhood presented a representative from the Juvenile Research Diabetes Foundation with a ceremonial check. The foundation representative, Susan Cornette, who also holds the title of Mrs. Bell County, presented the lecture “Juvenile Diabetes: Its Impact and the Race for a Cure.” The ceremony and speech were intended to raise awareness about diabetes as well as offer an opportunity for the foundation to come to campus and speak to students.

“The purpose of this event was to raise awareness for juvenile diabetes so that students can put a face to the disease,” Joseph said. “It’s not just a statistic, a PowerPoint or a presentation — we see that in class every day — but today is to put a face to the event to see how it affects families. We hope you will come away with an understanding and a determination to join us in our cause.”

The chapter has organized events such as the Sugar Free bowl, a charity flag football tournament, and Who’s Got Game, and a charity basketball tournament, all of which take place every fall and spring semester.

The fraternity also holds smaller events such as car washes, raffles and individual fundraising through family and friends.

In her presentation, Cornette related the impact juvenile diabetes has on those diagnosed.

“There are so many different variables to juvenile diabetes,” Cornette said. “Each time blood sugar is too high or too low you can correct it, but it can take a toll on other organs. You can not only lose your eyesight or have kidney failures, but it can shorten your life too.”

Cornette also explained the dif-

ference between type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that is genetically transferred. It is not preventable and has no cure, unlike type 2 diabetes, which is developed through time by bad diet and a lack of exercise.

Although currently there is no cure for juvenile diabetes, Cornette said each day brings researchers one step closer to finding one.

“Seeing the impact makes anyone become passionate about finding a cure, and these kids are longing for a cure,” Cornette said. “And I truly believe we’re getting that much closer to a cure every day.”

Plano sophomore Rayyan Islam, a member of the Delta Epsilon Psi fraternity, said he hopes the event serves as a reminder to others about the impact of juvenile diabetes.

“It’s so rewarding to finally get to see a face with where this money is going,” Islam said. “Knowing where it goes motivates me to work harder each year and to create bigger and better events. It was a great reminder of what we give to but also to show other where it’s going; it’s a collaborative effort and the event catered to that.”



MAKENZIE MASON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Susan Cornette, Mrs. Bell County and a representative of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, speaks to students during a Delta Epsilon Psi Wednesday in the Baines Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Judge rules for mosque

By LUCAS JOHNSON II
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — A judge refused Wednesday to stop construction of a proposed mosque in Tennessee that was opposed by some local residents who tried to argue that there was a conspiracy by Muslims to impose extremist law on the United States.

Opponents filed a lawsuit claiming that Rutherford County planning officials violated Tennessee’s open meetings law when they approved the site plan for an Islamic Center in Murfreesboro, about 30 miles southeast of Nashville.

Rutherford County Chancellor Robert Corlew ruled after closing arguments that he could not find that the “county acted illegally, arbitrarily or capriciously” in approving the plan.

But much of the questioning from plaintiffs’ attorney Joe Brandon Jr. was about whether Islam qualified as a religion. He pushed his theory that American Muslims want to replace the Constitution with extremist Islamic law.

Corlew said there was some concern about the public notice requirements and suggested county or state officials look at those requirements. But he said the court did not find that members of the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro held extremist religious ideas.

Mosque leaders want to expand their facilities to accommodate a growing congregation and currently the proposed site is being prepared but no construction has started. Federal investigators are looking into a dump truck that was set on fire at the construction site earlier this year and the repeated vandalism of a sign announcing the future location of the mosque.

Brandon had his hands on his face and at times was bent over the desk during the judge’s ruling. Afterward he briskly walked out of the courtroom without addressing the media.

During the testimony, witnesses pointed out that Islamic Center of Murfreesboro board member Mosaad Rowash previously had pro-Hamas postings on his MySpace page, something the mosque’s leaders have not denied. The U.S. government considers Hamas, a Palestinian Islamic political party with an armed wing that has attacked Israel, a terrorist organization.

Brandon said before the ruling that the dispute would continue, however the judge rules. “If the court rules against us, we’re not going to stop,” he said.

Jim Cope, the attorney for the county, said they will be prepared for any further challenges.

“We will continue to defend the county’s rights and interests in seeing the actions that we took were upheld appropriately,” he said.



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An oil sheen swirls on the surface of Newton Creek in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, N.Y. Exxon Mobil has agreed to pay \$25 million to resolve complaints over its handling of the huge underground oil spill.

Oil company to clean up, pay

By DAVID CARUSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Exxon Mobil Corp. has agreed to pay \$25 million to resolve complaints over its handling of a huge underground oil spill in New York City.

The settlement with Attorney General Andrew Cuomo and the environmental group Riverkeeper will settle years of litigation over spills from refineries that once lined the Brooklyn waterfront.

The agreement will also hasten a decades-long cleanup of the site, Cuomo vowed Wednesday.

For the first time, the company will be held to deadlines for cleaning up portions of the spill, said Cuomo, New York’s governor-elect. Exxon Mobil will also be required to clean contaminated soil and ensure that fumes from the spill are not entering people’s homes.

“They have to do more, better, faster,” Cuomo said.

An estimated 17 million gallons of petroleum once lay beneath land that was once a major production center for Standard Oil, and later was the home of refineries and fuel distribution terminals for several energy companies.

These days, the neighborhood, in

the borough’s Greenpoint section, is a mix of light industry and residential homes. The oil, which Exxon believes was spilled bit by bit over a century, sits on top of the water table dozens of feet underground.

Exxon first recognized the problem in 1978 and since 1990 has been extracting oil from the ground using a network of wells. To date, more than 11 million gallons have been pumped out, but the pace of the cleanup has frustrated neighborhood residents.

Today, oil still seeps into Newtown Creek, which separates Brooklyn from Queens. Some people living above the plume had complained about an oily smell in their basements after periods of heavy rain.

“This was a nightmare that they lived with for many, many years,” Cuomo said

Exxon, and two other oil companies involved in the site, BP and Chevron Corp., have always defended their cleanup operations, saying they were using the best methods available.

In a statement, the company said Wednesday that it remained committed to the remediation project.

“The health, safety and welfare of those living and working in the Green-

point community continue to be our top priority,” it said.

Other legal battles still lay ahead for the company. A group of Greenpoint residents who live above the oil plume have another lawsuit still pending.

Robert McErlean, a local homeowner, said the oil company’s representatives are scheduled to come out to his house again on Dec. 8 to check his basement for evidence of infiltration by vapors from the spill.

Asked whether he thought Wednesday’s settlement would lead to a quicker cleanup, he said he’s heard similar promises before.

“Do you believe ‘em? Maybe I’m skeptical about everything that goes on with this world,” he said. “When it is all done and over with, I’ll probably be dead in the grave.”

The U.S. government also recently declared Newtown Creek to be a federal Superfund site, which will lead to wrangling over who is most responsible for polluting the industrialized waterway.

Irving, Texas-based Exxon has always denied responsibility for the globs of petroleum that bob on surface of the Newtown Creek, claiming that spilled fuel must have come from somewhere else.

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Students to play at Acoustic Cafe today

By CHRIS DAY
REPORTER

Two Baylor students will perform and a movie will be shown at Acoustic Café, which will take place at 7 to 9 p.m. today in the den of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

This evening's performers will be Plano freshman Amy Boykin, who was selected this semester to be an artist for Uproar Records, and Colorado Springs, Colo., junior Brandon Reed.



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER
Wes Butler performs during Acoustic Cafe Sept. 23 at the Bill Daniel Student Union Building Den.

"Taylor Pfeiffer first talked to me about Uproar Records," Boykin said. "We met at Line Camp when I was playing at Common Grounds. Then I did After Dark, and they told me I should audition."

Boykin describes her sound as having elements of jazz, pop and folk and lists Regina Spektor and David Crowder Band as influences. "I really love worship music, so of course I like David Crowder," Boykin said. "I've played piano since kindergarten. I picked up guitar in the eighth grade when I started leading worship, and I started taking jazz

piano my junior year."

At the start of her set, Boykin will fly solo, but after a few songs, her friend Josh Stone will join on guitar.

Boykin's sets consist primarily of originals, but she enjoys playing covers occasionally.

Reed, the other musician performing, will also be playing a set of original material, which he describes as "very coffee shop, which fits with Acoustic Cafe."

Reed always plays with a violin-

"Performers for Acoustic Café are selected from the Uproar Network," Keith Frazee, coordinator of student productions, said. "The Uproar Network is a roster of talented student-performers that are given performance opportunities across campus at different programs. The artists selected for the Uproar Records CD are first mem-

"I feel like the Lord has given me stories to tell. I feel like if I keep those to myself then those are wasted experiences."

Brandon Reed | Student performer

bers of the Uproar Network. The music of Amy Boykin and Brandon Reed is acoustic and impressive. Both will be sure to give the audience a great show."

The film that will premiere is "43 Days" and is the third film in the Justice Film Festival series, but viewers should be aware that it contains mature content, Frazee said.

"It will be pretty impactful no doubt," Frazee said. "But the audience should be cautioned because the topic of the film features the compelling topic of human trafficking. Consequently there will be some mature content expressed."

This evening will also feature some visual art and photography from Baylor student artists.

"Acoustic Café is a program that has been around for almost 10 years, always showcasing some of Baylor's greatest student talent," Frazee said.

Students interested in performing at future Acoustic Café events can e-mail Student_Productions@Baylor.edu to get involved.

ist and lists William Fitzsimmons and Ron Pope as influences on his sound.

"I mainly just play stuff that I write," Reed said. "My goal is to speak to people's situations, to relate with them through the music."

Reed's relationship with God has also influenced his music.

"I want to share my music because I want to relate with people's experiences," he said. "I feel like the Lord has given me stories to tell. I feel like if I keep those to myself then those are wasted experiences."

Reed will release an EP at this evening's show.

Baylor Ensembles visit Renaissance with music

By CHRIS DAY
REPORTER

The Baylor Early Music Ensembles will play various Renaissance pieces from different regions of Europe in a program titled "A Renaissance Passport: Musical Expressions of National Identity" today at 5:30 p.m. in the Armstrong Browning Library.

Under the direction of Dr. Jann Cosart, associate professor of musicology and director of music ensembles, the ensembles will play music from the 15th and 16th centuries.

"We'll be going to Italy, Germanic-speaking lands, Franco-Flemish regions and England," Cosart said. "Both a secular and a sacred piece will be played from each region."

The ensembles each have a maximum of six people, and they will play on replicas of the instruments of the period.

"Baylor has a collection that I've been working on for a while," Cosart said. "I think it's important

for us to learn about history and make it come alive."

Cosart views the performance as a chance for students to dive into an older musical mindset.

"I think it's important to understand the cultural and sociological mindset of the time," Cosart said. "If we try and go back and use the mindset they actually used in music, like how it was printed and the manuscripts, it kind of gets you to appreciate and understand more about the history."

Copperas Cove junior Katie Kelley, a music education major, will play flute in this week's ensemble.

"My mother was a piano player, so music was always around," Kelley said. "I studied recorder starting in the fourth grade and flute in the sixth."

Kelley said the Renaissance music for this week will be more specifically from the Baroque period.

"The youngest composer died in 1704. The oldest was born in 1450," she said.

Collaborative pianist Guilherme Almeida will play harpsichord. He said he has worked with both the School of Music and the theatre arts department accompanying their performances.

"Harpsichord has been one of my secondary focuses as well as early music, so I did a lot of work with Dr. Cosart," Almeida said. "This week's program considers different aspects of music in the Renaissance in Europe. Things were blossoming in different parts of Europe."

The concert will include sets of dance music indicative of the king's court as well as sets of vocal music.

"We will have vocal music that is played on the instruments as well as pieces that will be sung with Emily Chapman," Almeida said. "We have an exciting program with different kinds and styles of music being played. Each semester we've picked a style. This semester you're going to hear several different styles of music."

The concert is free to all who wish to attend.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER
The Baylor Jazz Ensemble performs Sept. 23 in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

Jazz group to perform final concert of 2010

By LIZ APPLING
REPORTER

The Baylor Jazz Ensemble will present its third and final concert of the semester at 7:30 today in Jones Concert Hall in the McCrary Music Building.

The free concert today will feature a wide range of music, including tunes from the earliest parts of big band as well as modern big band music.

The ensemble, led by Alex Parker, director of the Baylor Jazz Program, will present eight different selections, including a song called "Sugar Rum Cherry" by Duke Ellington, a well-known jazz composer and pianist.

The performance will close with a finale of "Minuano Six-Eight" by Pat Metheny, a modern jazz guitarist, and Lyle Mays.

Wildomar, Calif., senior Kassie Light said the finale piece is her favorite of the selections.

"It's a really great piece. It has just got so much character," Light said. "I am really excited about our concert. I feel like Mr. Parker has chosen a lot of really challenging music that pushes the ensemble to be better."

The music that will be played tonight is not the only challenging aspect of the jazz genre.

"The biggest thing we do that none of the other ensembles do is improvisation," Parker said. "Improvisation is a big part of the jazz language. Basically what that means is we have students that will stand up in front of the audience, and they compose on the spot. Their sole responsibility is to make up a new melody."

Parker said improvisation is probably one of the most difficult things to do in music because it requires more than just standing up and performing.

"The piano, bass and drums will continue to play the harmony that is in the song that we're playing, and the student will go and make a new melody up on the spot"

Parker said the improvising students cannot just play whatever they want because they need to stay within the confines of what the harmony is and make the piece rhythmically make sense with the music going on around them.

Light said being a member of the Jazz Ensemble has also improved her sightreading and ear training as a musician.

"You have to really know your part because usually you are the only one playing that part in a big band ensemble," Light said.

"I love being in the Jazz Ensemble, especially because Mr. Parker

is such an influential teacher," Light said. "He makes us all really love jazz. It takes a really great person to facilitate that."

The ensemble is a class that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays and consists of 20 students ranging from freshmen to graduate level.

The group is a full big band ensemble with five saxophones, four trombones, five trumpets and a rhythm section. The ensemble plays everything from modern jazz to music from the swing era.

"We play music from the earliest part of jazz around the 1920s all the way up until stuff that has been written in the past year," Parker said.

The students are mostly music majors, but there are several non-music majors as well.

They present three concerts per semester on campus and participate in various off-campus performances as well.

Bay City senior Daniel Webbon said the group is one of the largest jazz performing groups on campus.

Austin senior Michael Culbertson said the music read in the Jazz Ensemble is extremely challenging.

Culbertson said the group plays a significant amount of music per concert, noting the eight pieces that will be performed today.

Dietitian offers tips for wise, healthy Thanksgiving eating

By RACHEL STOBAUGH
REPORTER

"Don't starve up to stuff up," said Dr. Suzy Weems, registered dietitian, professor and chair of family and consumer sciences, when giving healthy advice for Thanksgiving.

One way of staying healthy during the holiday is to stay active.

"Exercise is actually more fun if you participate yourself," Weems said. "Rather than watching football, it's more effective to go outside with the family and play a game of football."

Eating a healthy breakfast can help students fill their plates proportionately when the Thanksgiving feast comes along, Weems said.

Maintaining a similar eating

pattern can keep hunger issues under control for the most part, so that overcompensating isn't an issue. Furthermore, make sure to eat when hungry, not just because there is food on the table, Weems said.

"Don't feel like you have to eat everything at the same meal," Weems said.

However, when everything on the table is appealing, Dr. Weems has a few simple tips to cut calories and make wise choices during Thanksgiving break:

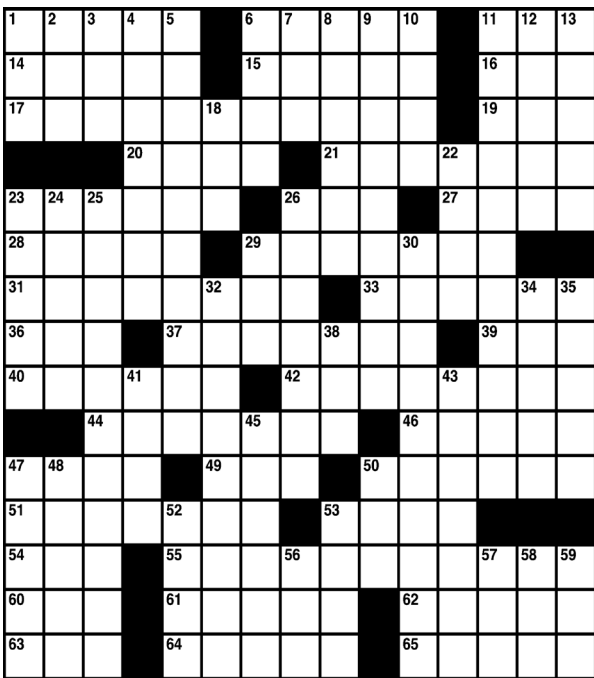
- When choosing meat, it's best to choose white meat with no skin to save a few calories.
- As for potatoes, cover them with a small scoop of gravy rather than flooding them, and the rest of the plate, too, for that matter.

- Baked sweet potatoes are also a healthy option, and top it with cinnamon and a bit of butter or margarine for flavor. Baked sweet potatoes are a healthy alternative to the classic candied sweet potatoes that are sitting in melted butter, sugar and cinnamon and often covered with marshmallows.
- When preparing green bean casserole, choose a low-fat soup and fresh green beans and mushrooms for more nutrients and extra flavor.
- Making fresh cranberry sauce is a great way to save on calories and pump up fresh flavor, rather than having the traditional canned cranberry sauce.
- Pumpkin pie is half the calories of pecan pie, so opt for pumpkin pie if possible.

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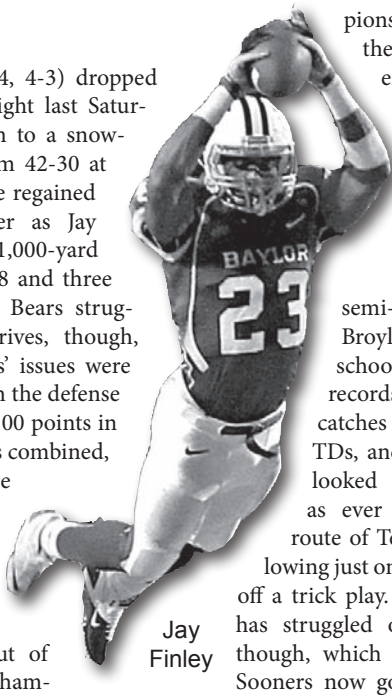
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1ST AND 100

Sports writer Matt Larsen talks about Big 12 South teams, getting 100 words per squad in the year’s final installment.

Baylor

The Bears (7-4, 4-3) dropped their second straight last Saturday, falling victim to a snow-balling Aggie team 42-30 at home. The offense regained its home swagger as Jay Finley broke the 1,000-yard mark with his 168 and three touchdowns. The Bears struggled to finish drives, though, and special teams’ issues were even costlier. With the defense giving up nearly 100 points in the last two games combined, a win against the No. 16 Sooners will likely require scoring touchdowns and not field goals. Though out of the Big 12 South cham-



Jay Finley

pionship picture, the Bears can end the Sooners’ dreams of winning the South.

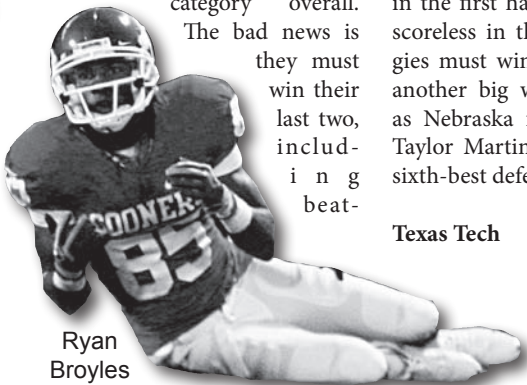
Oklahoma

Maxwell semi-finalist Ryan Broyles broke school receiving records with eight catches and three TDs, and the defense looked as dominant as ever in the 45-7 route of Texas Tech, allowing just one touchdown off a trick play. That defense has struggled on the road, though, which is where the Sooners now go to play the

conference’s two best offenses. For Oklahoma to be in the conference championship, the defense must find a way to play four quarters on the road against Baylor and Oklahoma State. They’re backing Nebraska this week though as a Texas A&M loss would keep things simple.

Oklahoma State

The No. 12 Cowboys (9-1, 5-1) collected one of two road wins, this a 33-16 victory over Texas, before they come home to face in-state rival Oklahoma for the Big 12 South championship. The offense had another 500+ yard day with their usual big names (Brandon Weeden, Kendall Hunter and Justin Blackmon) doing what they do best, even if 33 is low for the na-



Ryan Broyles

tion’s top offense.

The Cowboys really only need to beat Oklahoma in the season finale to play for the Big 12 championship, but a loss to the last-place Jayhawks this week would hurt BCS placement.

Texas

Though the defense flexed its guns by holding Oklahoma State’s top-ranked offense under its usual 45 points, Texas (2-5, 4-6) still fell at home to the Cowboys 33-16. The good news for the struggling offense is that Garrett Gilbert managed to throw just one interception (a significant improvement from his five a week ago), and broke even in the turnover category overall. The bad news is they must win their last two, including beat-

ing Texas A&M, to get the necessary six wins for bowl eligibility.

But if the offense can start turning yards into touchdowns this week against Florida International, they have hope.

Texas A&M

The red-hot Aggies (7-3, 4-2) extended their streak to four wins with a 42-30 victory at Baylor. Cyrus Gray led the charge by rushing for 137 yards and four touchdowns while the special teams contributed a kick return for a touchdown and a blocked field goal.

Though the defense that shut down the Sooners’ goal line efforts a week before looked suspect in the first half, it kept the Bears scoreless in the second. The Aggies must win out and will need another big week on both sides as Nebraska features a healthier Taylor Martinez and the nation’s sixth-best defense.

Texas Tech

Two weeks ahead of most in the Big 12, the Red Raiders (5-5) finished

their conference season at 3-5 after a 45-7 loss at Oklahoma. The usually explosive offense was held to just one trip to the end zone and that came via a wide receiver pass.

Though not an ideal conference closing performance, Texas Tech still has two more chances to gain bowl eligibility as it hosts Weber State and Houston in Lubbock. Though it’s no Big 12 championship, a 7-5 mark should not be too disappointing for Tommy Tuberville in his first season.

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Big 12 South Weekend

Nov. 20

OSU at Kansas – 11 a.m.
Spread: OSU -24
Television: FSN

Weber State at T. Tech – 2 p.m.
No spread given

Fla. Atlantic at Texas – 2:30 p.m.
Spread: Texas -21
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Oklahoma at Baylor – 7 p.m.
Spread: Baylor -7.5
Television: ESPN

Nebraska at Texas A&M – 7 p.m.
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Young defenders answer call in Bears’ time of need



DANIEL CERNERO | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 33 linebacker Earl Patin and No. 31 linebacker Chris McAllister bring down Texas Tech No. 24 running back Eric Stephens Oct. 9 at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. The Bears lost, 45-38.

By TYLER ALLEY
REPORTER

With injuries to multiple players on defense this season, redshirt freshman linebacker Chris McAllister and true freshman cornerback Tyler Stephenson are two of several young players asked to step up and play bigger roles.

“Those guys certainly come to mind,” head coach Art Briles said. “It’s imperative that those guys step in and contribute, and that’s what they’ve been able to do. We got a lot of other young guys that are playing that have played throughout the course of the season, but those guys have come on here lately and played a bunch.”

Both players were asked to start the Texas A&M game due to key injuries in the defensive backfield. Senior linebacker Chris Francis, Baylor’s second-leading tackler on the season, and junior linebacker Elliot Coffey, the fifth-leading tackler on the season, were both out, along with sophomore cornerback Chance Casey.

Senior safety and Baylor’s leading tackler Byron Landor had some encouragement for McAllister.

“I was messing with Chris before the game because I could tell he was a little jittery,” Landor said. “I just kind of messed with him and said, ‘Man, if you’re scared I’ll give

you a hug when we run out on the field.’ He kind of laughed it off and went out and played a good game.”

McAllister did not disappoint, leading the team in tackles at nine in the loss to the Aggies, including one and a half tackles for loss. The San Antonio native made his first start for the Bears Saturday night.

“I was real nervous leading up to the game,” McAllister said. “The whole day I was kind of nervous because Chris Francis is such a good player and I had to fill in for him for this game and hopefully not have a dropoff. Once I got in and got the first hit then I was good. It was just another game.”

Stephenson contributed as well, getting seven tackles and a pass breakup. This was the second start for the Lancaster native, who also got the nod against Oklahoma State.

Stephenson has also played corner throughout the season in formations with more defensive backs than the normal 4-3 set.

“At first I was real nervous because it was a big adjustment,” Stephenson said. “But then after the first few games, that’s when I started to get into myself and everything was kind of normal.”

Both McAllister and Stephenson were top 100 recruits coming out of high school and both made their respective all-area teams.

Both players also admit having to make adjustments when they arrived on the Big 12 stage.

Each player says they have gained 20 pounds on the year, and McAllister in particular earned some praise from coach Briles.

“He had a really good offseason last spring and the summer,” Briles said. “He’s very dependable. That used to be one of my sayings is the important ability is dependability, and he has that. Athletically [he’s] just a big gifted guy who can run, move and think.”

On the year, McAllister has 37 tackles, three and half resulting in a

loss, and one sack. Stephenson has 17 tackles on the year along with two breakups and two pass deflections.

“They’re talented,” Landor said. “I think [Baylor has] done a good job recruiting over the last couple years. I think that we’ve done a good job as seniors to kind of lead and open the door for those guys to start believing in themselves. I think the future is bright.”

Landor also admitted that injuries happen in football, and while “you hope you’re not throwing a freshman in the fire, sometimes it happens like that.”

Strong fourth set leads BU past Kansas

By RACHEL ROACH
SPORTS WRITER

After losing against Kansas in its last meeting at home, Baylor volleyball repaid the favor Wednesday evening, beating the Jayhawks 3-1 (23-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-12) in Lawrence.

The win improves the Bears to 8-9 in Big 12 play and pushes them past Kansas for sixth place in the conference standings.

Throughout the first set the teams kept the score close, but Baylor’s comeback from a 21-24 deficit fell short.

Starting off the second set with a 4-0 run, the Bears set the pace for the rest of the match. Seniors Elizabeth Graham and Ashlie Christen-

Baylor	23	25	25	25
Kansas	25	20	23	12

Baylor	Match Stats	Kansas
56	Kills	47
.232	Hitting Percentage	.084
69	Digs	71
9.5	Blocks	11

son closed the game, scoring the final two points and wrapping up the set 25-20. Winning the second game is what Baylor needed to give the team the extra momentum to get the match under their control.

The third set produced nine tie scores.

The Jayhawks quickly gained a five-point advantage over the Bears, their largest of the set at 9-14. However, the Bears answered, making a five-point run from 15-19 to 20-19 where Kansas made one last attempt to stop Baylor. But the Bears prevailed, 25-23.

The Bears started off the fourth set with the lead and the first two points of the set. Kansas made a few comeback attempts before Baylor made an 8-0 run, bringing the score to a quick 13-5. Kansas played tougher coming out of its timeout, but for every point the Jayhawks scored, Baylor scored as well, keeping the lead and winning the set 25-12.

Graham and Christenson led the Bears on offense with 12 kills each. Sophomore Torri Campbell and redshirt freshman Zoe Adom followed suit, each collecting nine kills. Defensively, Campbell led the Bears with six blocks, while junior Allison King tallied 21 digs.

Baylor next plays Missouri at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

Tennis looks to spring after strong fall season

By KRISTA PIRTLE
REPORTER

The Baylor men’s tennis players have put their rackets on reserve as they end their fall season.

Among their achievements this summer are senior John Peers receiving a bid to the ITA Indoor National Championships and the duo of Peers and Roberto Maytin winning the Baylor H-E-B Invitational.

Three new faces were on the courts for the Bears — the Australian native and Middle Tennessee State transfer Peers, Brazilian junior and Troy transfer Luis Grangeiro and Shreveport freshman Robert Verzaal.

Junior Julian Bley, sophomore Roberto Maytin and senior Sergio Ramirez returned to take part in

the action during the fall semester.

“I think the guys did a really good job this fall. I think from top to bottom we had a pretty productive fall,” assistant coach Chris Brandi said.

“You know, we only had six players here, so that was a challenge to not have the full team that we’ll have in January together. I really think everyone did some really great things, from John Peers to Sergio to Robert Verzaal. Everybody had a really good fall on and off the court,”

In the spring, the team welcomes back senior Jordan Rux after he missed the fall season for reasons Brandi declined to disclose.

“With him back we’ll have a full team, ready to go,” Brandi said. Peers ended the fall semester

with a record of 10-4.

Bley finished the season 5-4 in singles play; in doubles, with partner Grangeiro, he finished 4-2. Grangeiro finished the season at 6-3 in singles.

“I think the guys did a really good job this fall. I think from top to bottom we had a pretty productive fall.”

Chris Brandi | Assistant coach

Roberto Maytin ended at 6-6 in singles play; in doubles he finished 10-2 with partner John Peers.

Ramirez is 8-4 in singles, and in doubles he finished at 1-2 with partner Verzaal. Verzaal went 3-7

in his first semester of college play.

“I feel the team has been up and down all semester, but as a whole I think we’re all going to come together very well and very quickly come the spring. We should have a good spring, a good chance to have some fun,” Peers said.

The men will be back in action Jan. 14-17.

With such a long space of time between tournaments, the players will turn to the weight room to keep them fit for their spring schedule.

“Really this is just kind of a time of year for the guys to try and get fitter and do a lot of off-court stuff and focus on school and finish strong for finals and things like that. They may play a little bit on their own here and there,” Brandi said.

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University, Vanderbilt University and Loyola University. Samantha Jones, a senior pre-law political science major and sociology minor, also attended the conference and said it was an exciting experience to represent Baylor.

“We were the only people from Texas that I met at the conference, and I would tell them that I’m from Baylor, and being from Texas I just think that everybody knows Baylor so it was cool hearing people say ‘Oh Baylor. I love Baylor,’” Jones said. “It’s nice to have that name recognition and to know that we’re not that unknown Big 12 school anymore.”

Salisbury and Jones were accompanied to the conference by Amanda Allen, project manager for the Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative, an organization dedicated to social justice and change. Allen said the organization offered Salisbury a grant to attend the conference as it pertained to social justice. Allen learned about the conference through the Love 146 website. Love 146 is an organization with the mission to end child sex slavery and exploitation through a united community front.

“Someone told me about the organization Love 146 and from there I just paid attention to the news and checked the 146 website every once in a while, and in the beginning of the school year and looked at who would be presenting at the conference and I personally wanted to go,” Allen said. “I saw the student research panel and saw what they were interested in and that they were inviting students to submit approaches and proposals about sex trafficking and exploitation, and from getting to know [Salisbury] I knew she had that research.”

Salisbury and Jones hope to raise awareness that slavery still exists, and that students should strive to make a difference.

“A lot of college students think we can’t do anything about trafficking, but you can raise awareness by telling everyone around you,” Jones said. “Make yourself aware, make others aware and don’t get overwhelmed by the numbers. Helping just one man or one woman, that’s worth it.”

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a huge disconnect between the candidates running for positions and the individuals in the electoral commission who are enforcing the provisions of the electoral code, and this is due in large part to ambiguity in the language of the document. It’s due to the fact that people when they read the document take different things from it,” Houston said. “This ambiguity allows for a wide range of interpretation on the part of the electoral commission that is not conducive to holding an objective election.”

Electoral commissioner and Houston junior Gregg Ortiz said he agrees that some changes to the code are needed, such as adding in regulations for Facebook and media campaigning, and correcting grammatical errors. However, he said little about the code is ambiguous and that differences in the interpretation of the code should not cause problems because candidates can consult the electoral commission for clarifications.

“The reason the commission is there is to set the regulations for the entire election and therefore to answer questions,” Ortiz said. “If a candidate is concerned or confused about a certain point in the code, then they would come to me, or anybody on the commission for that matter, and we would gladly clarify it. It’s not like we set them out blindly and then sanction them for violating something that they weren’t aware of.”

Although there is room for the electoral commission to interpret the code differently from year to year, Ortiz said, the commission tries to be practical in its decisions.

“When we are reviewing a case and debating on what a violation is and what a sanction should be, it’s always done in the most practical and simplistic form,” Ortiz said. “It’s rarely an issue of what’s the most extreme sanction we can provide or put down and I think if there was any difference from year to year as far as how it’d be interpreted, it would be in a number of extremes that would show up from commission to commission. Every commissioner’s basic goal is to keep it as simple as possible. We’re not power hungry.”

In last spring’s internal vice president race, then-junior Paul Baumgardner was disqualified for “coalition campaigning” with his sister Katie Jo and for Facebook violations. Although some revisions to the code that were brought before the senate in last Thursday’s bill (and that will be brought up in a future bill) address the same topics that were brought up by last year’s IVP race, Houston said those revisions were not proposed based solely on what happened last year.

“When you’re trying to examine the problems in a document like the electoral code over the course of ultimately years, you cannot ignore an issue as prevalent as Paul Baumgardner’s disqualification, just like you cannot ignore issues with previous campaigns,” Houston said. “A majority of the changes we proposed have no reflection whatsoever to Paul Baumgardner’s campaign last year.”

Ortiz said he believes that what happened during the spring elections did instigate the call for some revisions, such as those regarding disqualification, but he hopes that the commission’s ability to disqualify a candidate won’t be taken away.

“The commission should be able to regulate an election in a perspective that others won’t see,” Ortiz said.

“You need an outsider to always have a fresh look and make a logical decision, and in the last five years, disqualification has only been used twice.”

Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life and adviser to the student body president and Student Senate, said he thinks it is wise for the senate to examine last spring’s elections in order to determine if changes need to be made to the code.

“I think each time you have an election you learn something and I think it is wise of our Student Senate to review what they feel like was learned from the last election, and if they think it is significant I think they need to bring those forward and see if there are enough senators that agree with them to change the code,” Jackson said.

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mum they would need for ratification in the current Senate.

The administration’s hopes suffered another hit when Republican Sen. George Voinovich, an Ohio moderate who is retiring this year, expressed his reservations Wednesday.

“I am deeply concerned the New START treaty may once again undermine the confidence of our friends and allies in Central and Eastern Europe,” Voinovich said in a statement.

Obama has pointed to the treaty as an example of his practical foreign policy and his attention to a frayed U.S. relationship with Russia. Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed the agreement in Prague last April, agreeing to reduce the Cold War superpowers’ arsenals to the lowest point since the frightening arms race of the 1960s.

“This ceremony is a testament to the truth that old adversaries can forge new partnerships,” Obama declared then. “It is just one step on a longer journey.”

Obama has been less bullish about chances for a Mideast peace settlement, but he persuaded Israel and the Palestinians to renew long-dormant peace talks this fall. The talks quickly hit an impasse over the issue of Israeli homebuilding on disputed land, and the United States has now offered Israel a package of military and other incentives in exchange for a temporary slowdown.

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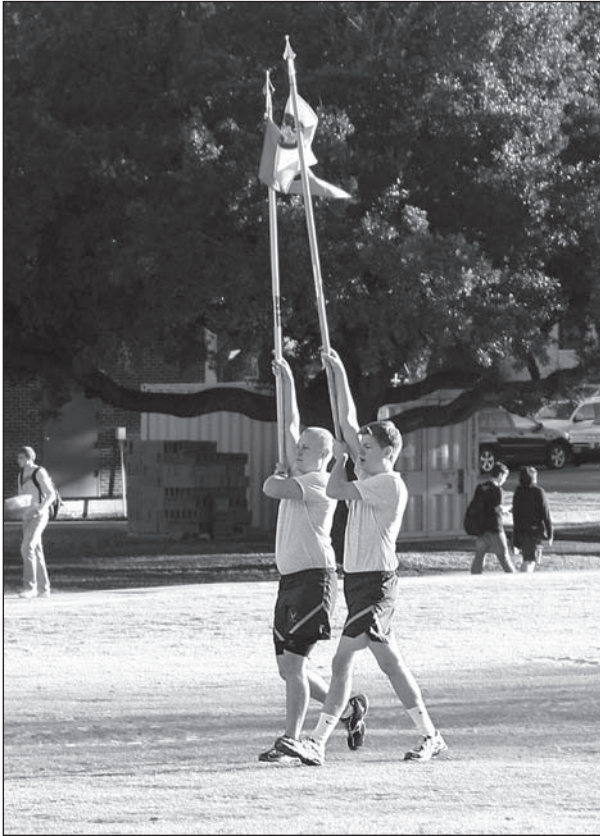
showed up and the other schools had multiple laptops and notes,” said Williams.

The team had to share a computer and Williams drafted the news release by hand.

Williams said the limited resources actually worked in the team’s favor, because while other schools were able to split up the work individually, Baylor was forced to work as a team.

Wright, who was on the team that won first place for news release and crisis management, said that getting along with a team is an important factor during an actual crisis.

“You have to work very intimately in a crisis. You show a little more of yourself because nerves are on fire but you have to get over it,” Wright said.



TRENT CRYER | LARIAT STAFF

Stick to my side

Clifton sophomore Air Force ROTC Cadet DJ Neelley, left, and Moorpark, Calif., sophomore Thomas Johnson participate in Guideon training Wednesday on Bear Park.

The teams were given a disaster scenario and were given an hour and 15 minutes to prepare the news release and overarching crisis response for the disaster.

“The disaster included a tornado hitting and leveling a fully packed basketball stadium,” Petter said. “Due to the commotion of the game, the audience failed to hear the sirens. The storm hit, leaving more deaths than survivors.”

Petter explained that crisis management involved taking information and knowing what to do with it. Petter also said the team’s ability to respond well was a reflection of the preparation they received from their instructors, Norwood and Perry.

“We met for a month prior to the competition, working two days a week sometimes up until 8 or 9 p.m.,” Petter said. “They would give

us slips of paper with news and give us 10 minutes to write a news release. It was very intense but very helpful.”

The students participated as part of a public relations agency class that was offered for the first time this year.

Petter said winning the competition was significant for the public relations department.

“It shows the kind of work that our professors are doing with us here. It’s awesome to be recognized and I hope that it continues,” Petter said.

Perry also expressed her satisfaction in the students’ work.

“The Baylor teams not only applied their expertise, but they worked together seamlessly,” she said. “We couldn’t be more proud of these students.”

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