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Tennis match

The Baylor men's tennis team will take on Louisiana-Lafayette at 3 p.m. today at the Baylor Tennis Center.

Multicultural meeting

The Hispanic Student Association will host a mass meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in Kayser Auditorium. Come visit with some of the multicultural Greek organizations and learn about the events the association has planned for this semester.

Row your boat

The Rowing Club will host an interest meeting at 8 p.m. today in the McLane Student Life Center Lobby.

Texas budget cut by billions

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers got their first glimpse of what the next state budget might look like late Tuesday, including a staggering \$5 billion cut to public schools, as Gov. Rick Perry and his supporters were dancing at an inaugural celebration.

While public education appeared to bear the brunt of the \$15 billion state revenue shortfall, few corners of state government were spared in the draft proposal for the next two years that spends \$73.2 billion in state money.

The proposal reduces state spending by almost \$14 billion over the current budget. The reduction is smaller than the shortfall because of \$1.4 billion in savings requested by the state leaders from the current year budget.

The budget draft, which is expected to be filed as legislation in the House later this week, would cut funding entirely to four community colleges and would generally eliminate financial aid for incoming freshmen and new students. The Texas Grants scholarship program would drop by more than 70,000 students over the next two years.

The proposal also would reduce reimbursement rates by 10 percent for physicians, hospitals and nursing homes that participate in Medicaid — a decrease that could eventually dry up participation in the program for poor and disabled Texans.

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Economic plans target downtown

By Ade Adesanya REPORTER

The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce is involved in a development effort to revitalize economic activity in Waco. The plans for economic development include a five-year plan and a 20to 40-year redevelopment plan.

The five-year plan is revised every five years to reflect changes in objectives of the chamber. Over the next five years, continued effort will be directed toward developing more direct connections between Baylor and downtown

"We are thinking of more ways to connect the downtown to Baylor, even if that means just having lunch in the downtown and heading back to campus," said Scott Connell, senior vice president of strategic development for the Greater Waco Chamber. "We are looking at increasing activity in the downtown area."

The chamber also hopes to increase downtown activity with the riverfront development plan. This strategic long-term plan will work toward commercial and private property development in the

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Behind the curtain

Members of Delta Delta Delta sorority hide behind blankets Wednesday as their sorority sisters discover who will be their big sister in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Son of 'trailblazing' Baylor student honors King



Rev. Dr. Kenyatta R. Gilbert speaks on "Living Above the Mountaintop" at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Luncheon Wednesday on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center

BY CAITLIN GIDDENS REPORTER

He said difficult days lay ahead. But from the mountaintop, he could see the Promised Land.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke these words the day before his assassination. According to Rev. Dr. Kenyatta Gilbert, the son of the first black Baylor student, he was right. As a student at Baylor from 1963-1967 and as a civil rights leader and pastor in Waco, Gilbert's father, Robert Gilbert, suffered severe discrimination and resistance to change.

At the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon, hosted by

the multicultural affairs department Wednesday, Gilbert added to King's famous words by encouraging members of the Waco community to live above the moun-

"When we live over the mountaintop, we see two things," Gilbert said. "We see despair on the ground and a providing hand to help us over the top of the moun-

The department of multicultural affairs partnered with 11 local organizations to host the luncheon. More than 300 guests, varying from leaders of the Waco community to Baylor faculty, attended the event.

"This is a celebration of King's dream," said Kelley Kimple, coordinator of the multicultural affairs department. "It is a reflection of how we are all living it out together."

Before Gilbert spoke, Baylor Associate Chaplain Ryan Richardson performed at the luncheon, inviting the congregation to sing along to "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." This union of voices warmed the stage for Gilbert's inspirational

"You honor my father and Dr. King with your presence here," Gilbert said. "I stand here in lega-

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Pay or spay: Law requires Waco pet owners to purchase breeding permit

By Ariadne Aberin Staff Writer

Waco passed a law on Jan. 1 requiring all dog and cat owners to spay and/ or neuter their animals.

Any owners who wish to breed their pets are now required to pay \$50 for a permit which allows them to breed their animals for one year. If the owner wishes to breed again after the allotted year has passed, he or she must purchase another permit.

"The reason Waco passed this law was to reduce the number of unwanted strays and unwanted animals," said Lois Reasoner, director of Fuzzy Friends Animal Shelter and registered veterinary technician.

Reasoner said the number of unwanted animals was getting out of control and too many animals were getting euthanized each year.

"Something has to be done to limit the amount of unwanted litter at the shelters," Reasoner said. "Fuzzy Friends is a no-kill shelter, but we sometimes have to turn these animals away for lack of space."

Reasoner also said spaying or neutering an animal has its health benefits.

"Many people don't know this," Reasoner said, "but if you spay or neuter your pet, it will actually be health-

Dogs are as susceptible to getting breast and testicular cancer as humans, and spaying or neutering pets reduces the chance. Almost 50 percent of unspayed female dogs develop breast tumors and almost 60 percent of intact male dogs suffer from prostate cancer.

However, students have expressed concern about the cost of spaying or

neutering a pet. Lee Roy Calderon, student at the Baylor School of Law and first-time pet owner, put off neutering his dog due to the cost of the procedure. Some organizations charge between \$50 and \$90 to spay or neuter one pet while others may charge up to \$150. However, there are clinics available that offer a lower price such as Emancipet in Austin, which will generally spay or neuter your animal for under \$50, and occasionally for free.

"I don't know if the law is necessary, but it's a good law," Calderon said. "The only problem with this law is that it's expensive to spay or neuter your pet. If Waco had some sort of incentive where they made that cheaper, then it'd be easier for people to get on board with

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Bear, a 12-week-old golden retriever, sits in a pile of leaves outside his Waco home. According to a new Waco City Ordinance, all Waco dogs are required to be neutered or spayed unless the owner obtains a permit.

Grade policy cheapens others' hard work

Baylor has a lot of great policies. One of them, allows students to drop a class without a grade being recorded through the 20th class day. That, I think,



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is a very just policy.

Twenty days gives students time to learn about the class and determine if they will have the time and ability to manage it for the rest of the semester. The policy gives them ample time to drop without negative consequences.

There is one policy, however, that I think Baylor takes too far in showing mercy to students.

The Baylor student handbook states that after students fail a course, they are allowed to repeat that course and "the grade received the last time the course is taken is the only grade that counts on the student's GPA."

This policy is unjust for multiple reasons, not the least because it rewards bad behavior. It sends the message to students that they can slack off during the semester and then be rewarded for not working hard.

They can fail a class, and instead of this negatively affecting their GPA, they can retake the class (and it will be easier because they already at least semiknow the material and are familiar with the material).

After they retake the class, and get an A for example, their GPA is not positively — instead of negatively — affected by first failing a class.

It is also categorically unfair to other students who work hard the first time. For example, say John Smith spent the semester studying hard for his economics

He skipped hanging out with is the city editor for the Lariat.

friends to make sure he studied, maybe he didn't go to a few Baylor basketball games, pulled a few all nighters, spent the weekends in the library and eventually got a B+ in the class.

In contrast, Jim Bob, who sat behind him, went out every weekend, partied with his friends and generally didn't care about economics at all.

He failed the class. Many would say he got what he deserved — but then he retakes the class the following semester (after already having taken the class once and learned some of the information), and gets a B+, too.

This policy is also discriminatory; it privileges the rich students at Baylor, and disadvantages the poor students. Students who come from wealthy backgrounds and have the financial ability to stay at Baylor longer or take summer classes to replace grades are less likely to take these classes seriously.

In contrast, students who are financially strapped are pressured to do better in classes because they cannot afford to stay any longer than necessary.

This policy is also not compatible with the real world. In reality, when we all get jobs, we aren't going to be able to fail at a task given to us by our employers and expect to have no conse-

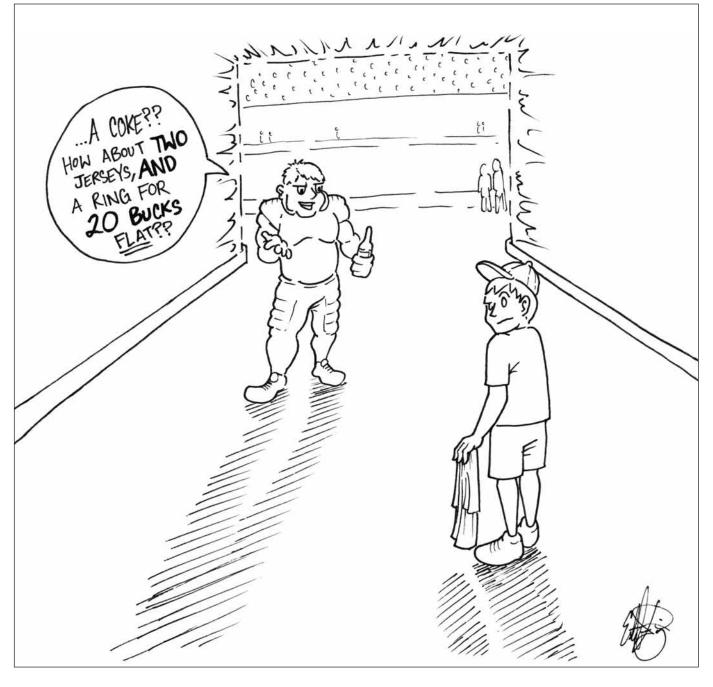
Finally, this policy cheapens academic honors such as graduating Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude or with a 4.0. I know a student graduating in May with a 4.0 — but this student definitely does not

He failed two classes and was given the opportunity to retake these classes, and got As. He is now graduating with a perfect 4.0, which completely cheapens the efforts of people who have labored their entire college career to ensure they could graduate with a 4.0.

This policy could easily be re-evaluated. Perhaps exceptions could be made for students who auto-fail because of illness or accidents, but these students are definitely not the majority.

The majority of students who take advantage of this policy fail because they got lazy or did not put in the effort.

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Nothing sweet about NCAA's lenient punishment of Buckeyes

Editorial

On Jan. 4, fans at the Louisiana Superdome were treated to an exciting Allstate Sugar Bowl game as Ohio State beat Arkansas, 31-26. It was a big night for several Buckeyes; quarterback Terrelle Pryor, running back Dan Herron and receiver DeVier Posey all racked up the yards and accolades that came with being the 2011 Sugar Bowl champions.

The problem is that these players, along with offensive tackle Mike Adams and defensive end Solomon Thomas, should not have been on the field.

In December the NCAA discovered the players committed violations, but instead of enacting an effective punishment, the NCAA let the Buckeyes go with what equated to a slap on the wrist.

The Ohio State players sold items totaling between \$1,000 and \$2,500, including Big Ten championship rings, football jerseys and uniform pants. A local tattoo parlor also offered discounted services to Thomas.

In addition to the standard four-game suspension for the violation, the NCAA added an additional game to the punishment because Ohio State did not immediately report the rules infraction. But when presented the option to include the Sugar Bowl game, the Buckeyes' most important game of the year, the NCAA allowed the players to play and instead sit out the first five games of next season.

The NCAA rationalized the decision by stating the players did not know that selling their personal items was against the rules, the Associated Press reported.

Worldwide inspiration for African women

Some of those associated with the Buckeyes, like Posey's mother, believed there was no crime committed at all. It was the players' property, Mrs. Posey told the Columbus Dispatch, and there should not be rules preventing them from selling it. The players also explained that the money went to help their families alleviate economic challenges.

supporting Posey's belief do have an argument, the counterpoint to which says NCAA athletes should not be able to use personas to sell items for exorbitant prices.

Regardless of the controversial nature of disallowing profit from personal items, the fact remains that such action is currently a rules violation. The NCAA's choice was simply an excuse let the team keep the most prolific players on the field for a highly publicized event.

Even a partial game suspension, a quarter or a half, for example, would at least offer some level of cost to Ohio State's program for failing to educate its players on proper NCAA conduct. It is quite possible that the majority of these players will never serve a single game of this suspension. Knowing they will only play seven or eight games next year, they might pursue careers in the National Football League and fore go their NCAA eligibility altogether.

By letting these players participate in the Sugar Bowl, the NCAA is fostering a culture in which television ratings and publicity overrule the ideals it promotes.

If the organization wants to uphold "the highest levels of integrity and sportsmanship," it must enforce rule violations with meaningful punishment.

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On Jan. 1, the Federative Republic of Brazil made history. Brazil's first woman president, Dilma Rousseff, was officially sworn into office. Brazil, the largest country in South America, set the pace for a new political era for itself and this region of the world.

The election of Rousseff is a reminder that many developing countries in the 21st century will witness more drastic changes. One of them is the rise of engaged and well-educated women who wish to make the world a better

According to voanews.com, thousands of people witnessed the historical inauguration of 63-year-old Rousseff. She was a freedom fighter in the 1960s and had the support of her mentor and former president of Brazil, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. Rousseff intends to set a country record by appointing nine female ministers



Jessica Foumena | Contributor

for her cabinet. She also intends to consolidate the work of her predecessor, to protect the most vulnerable in society and "to govern for all," according to BBC.

Rousseff joins the elite and

inspiring group of women political leaders like former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher from Great Britain, Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wazed, America's Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf from Liberia.

Through their hard work and dedication, these women have set a golden path for women of the millennial generation.

The millennial generation is the demographic group born from 1980 onward and brought up using digital technology and mass media.

The path these woman have set should be heeded by many on the continent of Africa.

Women of the millennial generation from Africa — particularly Cameroon — ought to follow Rousseff's footsteps. In fact, one of the potential Cameroonian leaders is doing just that.

Cameroonian presidential candidate Edith Kabbang Walla, popularly known as Kah Walla, resigned from the Social Democratic Party of Cameroon in October and has declared her intention to run on her own. Her stake for independence should be mimicked in other arenas of Cameroonian life.

The continent of Africa needs doctors, professors, librarians and journalists more than ever to catch up with the rest of the world. The determination of women around the world must be admired in Africa, too.

Millions of African young women around the world are currently getting their education. My hope is that they may see their roles and influence beyond the domestic sphere.

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Surprise guest encourages student service

Chet Edwards speaks at Student Leadership Dinner

By SARA TIRRITO STAFF WRITER

Guests at Wednesday night's inaugural Student Leadership Dinner were surprised with a visit by Chet Edwards, who made the dinner his first official public appearance since leaving office as congressman for District 17 this past November, a position he has held for the past 20 years.

"I planned for years [thinking] what would be the first public appearance I would want to make," Edwards said. "I would want it to be with student leaders because student activities in college literally opened up the doors of opportunity for my service in Congress."

Edwards said student activities and his involvement in college changed his life and led him to opportunities that might have otherwise eluded him.

Echoing a quote from Robert F. Kennedy, Edwards encouraged the students to realize every person can make a difference in the world.

"Each of you can be a ripple of hope," Edwards said. "Each of you can make a difference in the lives of your family, your friends, people in this community while you're here at Baylor and in the greater world when you leave."

Other speakers at the dinner included Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life; Michael Wright, student body president; Virginia DuPuy, former mayor of Waco; and Baylor President Ken

The dinner was the first in what Wright said he hopes to be a series of dinners. Wright envisions a setting in which student leaders can better get to know one another.

In addition to forming relationships, students will be introduced to organizations they might otherwise be unaware of.

Various volunteer opportunities in the Waco community will be presented to the leaders of student groups on campus in an effort to get students more involved in the



President Ken Starr shakes hands with former U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards at Baylor's Student Leadership Dinner Wednesday at the Blume Banquet Hall in Cashion Academic Center.

"I want to challenge you to take one step further," Wright said, "not merely to fill the needs of today, but to help build bridges to a brighter future, right here in our hometown

of Waco, Texas."

The volunteer opportunity presented at the dinner was with the Greater Waco Community Educational Alliance, an organization that has built a tutoring program in which volunteers read with students at a local elementary school for two hours a week.

DuPuy, executive director of

dents to become volunteers and to help tell the story of the organization and the work it is doing with the children at J.H. Hines Elementary School.

"Think about your life and what a rich life you have and the kind of experiences that you can share with the young people many of whom have never been out of

Waco," DuPuy said.

"Then you'll meet some wonderful people — there are wonderful people working with this you'll expand your relationships, and as others have so eloquently said, you never know exactly what kind of experience is going to lead to another, to another, to another and to another. And it's just, it's the right thing to do."

Starr, who volunteers with the group along with his wife, Alice, called on students to pray about not only their own involvement in the program, but that of others they know.

"We ask you, we urge you: sign up. Agree to become a mentor," Starr said. "If you say, 'I just can't do it,' then would you go find someone who will?"

Dead Sea Scrolls offer new perspective on Bible

By IADE MARDIROSIAN STAFF WRITER

The religion department hosted a lecture Wednesday on the topic of the Dead Sea Scrolls and their importance in learning about the

Dr. Sidnie White Crawford, Willa Cather professor and chair of classics and religious studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presented the lecture titled "What the Dead Sea Scrolls Teach Us About the Bible."

Crawford explained that through decades of research and interpretation, the previous picture of the Bible has been both complicated and clarified by the scrolls.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were dis-

covered between the 1940s and the 1960s in caves near the ancient settlement of Qumran in what is today the north shore of the Dead

Most of the scrolls came out in pieces and were put together by scholars like puzzles. There were a total of 15,000 fragments taken out of the caves and assembled into 900 manuscripts. The scrolls are written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek and are dated in age from 250 BCE to 70 CE. A total of 25 percent of the scrolls are biblical from the Iewish Cannon of scripture.

"What the Dead Sea Scrolls teach us about the Bible is that the process of becoming the Bible was really a process of growth and change that took place over a matter of centuries," Crawford said. "This had to do not only with the original composers of these books but also the communities that made them authoritative and eventually made them canonical."

Dr. Lidija Novakovic, Baylor associate professor of religion, played an important role in bringing Crawford to Baylor. She described the scrolls as one of the major finds of the 20th century, with a great impact on scholarship. "The Dead Sea Scrolls have

shown us the wealth of Jewish thought. They have also given us a glimpse into a community that we knew something about, but didn't know much," Novakovic said. "What is amazing is this community coexisted with Jesus' movement and yet the Gospel does not mention them. All of this is highly important and it helps us understand the diversity of Judaism in the first place."

Crawford explained there are many examples of variants in the scrolls found at the site in Qumran and these variants were sometimes forced into a harmonization. An example of this is found on the scroll titled 4QDeuteronomyn, which includes the Ten Commandments.

In the Bible the Ten Commandments appear in both Deuteronomy and Exodus. Crawford uses a discrepancy between the two books' versions of the Sabbath commandment as an example. Reading from the Torah, Crawford noted that in Deuteronomy the Hebrews are commanded to observe a day of rest because the Hebrews had been enslaved. In Exodus, however, they are told they must rest on the seventh day because the Lord rested after he made creation. The 4QDeuteronomyn scroll found at Qumran combines the Fourth Commandment from Deuteronomy and Exodus — the Hebrews are expected to observe a day of rest to honor the enslavement and God's act of creation.

"That's a harmonization; the scribe or the scribe's predecessor took the Deuteronomy text and added the Exodus reason into it," Crawford said. "This process went on in various biblical books sometimes to the point where a book could exist in two forms, two additions of the same book, and this occurred in the book of Jeremiah."

Crawford said the scrolls came to be accepted in the Qumran community through various au-

"You have two sources of authority, the composers who worked under divine inspiration and then also the community who equally worked under divine inspiration to eventually accept these forms and in between we have a very interesting period of flux and change," Crawford said.

Crawford is a member of the international publication team for the Dead Sea Scrolls and is responsible for editing 14 manuscripts from the Qumran collection.

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Anne Hathaway suits up as Catwoman for next 'Batman'

By Geoff Boucher Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Anne Hathaway will play Selina Kyle, the slinky and savage outlaw who is known as Catwoman, in next year's Christopher Nolan film "The Dark Knight Rises," according to a press release from Warner Bros.

Tom Hardy, already announced

as a cast member, will play Bane, the chemically created brute who first appeared in the comics in 1993 - making him a far "younger" villain for Nolan's Batman megafranchise, which has most prominently featured the Joker (who first appeared in 1940), Two-Face (1942), Ras Al-Ghul (1971) and the Scarecrow (1941).

Catwoman - then just called

"The Cat" – first appeared in 1940 as the creation of Bob Kane and Bill Finger, and she has brought leather-clad sexual tension to the Batman adventures both on the page and beyond. She was portrayed by Julie Newmar, Eartha Kitt and Lee Meriwether on the 1960s television series starring Adam West as the caped crusader, and Michelle Pfeiffer memorably cracked the whip

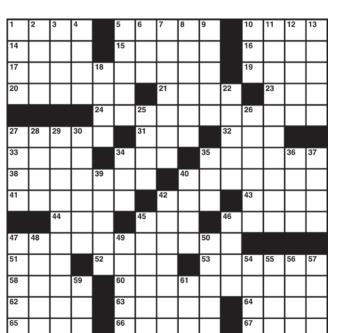
in the role opposite the masked Michael Keaton in Tim Burton's 1992 film "Batman Returns." In 2004, Halle Berry starred in the character's own solo film, "Catwoman," but the film became an infamous flop at the box office and was jeered by comic-book fans after director Pitof jettisoned years of comic-book lore and character

Nolan, in the Warner press release, said: "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Anne Hathaway, who will be a fantastic addition to our ensemble as we complete our story."

Of Hardy, who worked with Nolan on "Inception," the director said: "I am delighted to be working with Tom again and excited to watch him bring to life our new interpretation of one of Batman's most formidable enemies."

Nolan will direct the film from a screenplay he wrote with his brother, Jonathan Nolan, from a story by Nolan and David S. Goyer. Nolan will also produce the film with his wife and longtime producing partner, Emma Thomas, and Charles Roven. "The Dark Knight Rises" hits theaters on July 20, 2012.

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Baylor students showcase musical talent across Waco at various events tonight

REPORTER

Baylor students get vocal throughout Waco tonight with various performances both on and off campus.

Ranging from soulful to sassy, tonight's melodious conglomerates offer a fresh alternative to sitcom

Student Productions kicks off an exciting semester of on-campus events with Acoustic Café in the Bill Daniel Student Center from

A student favorite, this free bisemester event showcases artists Hannah Read, Brett Allen and Ben Horseman, Laura Webb, and Max Helmerich. Attendees will receive complimentary coffee and desserts.

Just one selection from the impressive lineup, juniors Allen and Horseman have played off and on for seven years, alternating between a variety of older cover songs mixed with Allen's own work.

"Our style ranges from jazz and blues sometimes to covers on the radio," Horseman said.

The duo will perform a sampling of Allen's newest songs at the

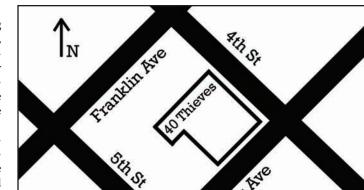
For those seeking an evening of light-hearted folksy melodies, Common Grounds delivers. Lindsay McCaul, featuring Brin Beaver and Amy Boykin of Uproar Records will perform at 8 p.m. in the Common Grounds Backyard. The cover charge is \$7.

McCaul, a Christian pop singer/songwriter from Chicago performed at the popular coffee house with Christian artists Shane and Shane last December, wowing the audience with her crisp, powerful

Beaver, a junior from Emory, and Plano freshman Boykin will accompany McCaul, creating a dynamic evening of vocal girl power. The two played at Common Grounds Friday in Uproar Records New Artist Showcase along with David Dulcie and the Ragtag Army, and KJ Doug Great, treating onlookers with their foot-tapping

Boykin describes her music as "jazzy and poppy," possessing a "tap-your-foot type sound," that compliments Beaver's emotive en-

If caffeine and eclectic ambi-



40 Thieves is located at the intersection of 4th St. and Mary Ave.

ence do not suit, 40 Thieves Hookah Lounge located on Fourth Street in downtown Waco welcomes students with a "Back 2 School" event at 10 p.m. today with a \$5 cover charge. The season's first in a series of

weekly live music nights, the event presents the instrumental melodies of Fort Worth junior Sarai Ingram in a relaxed environment for smoking shisha and playing pool.

A pianist of nine years, Ingram accompanies instrumental melodies from the likes of hellogoodbye, Kate Nash and Adele with her voice, in addition to writing her own musical content.

Enthused for her upcoming performance, she eagerly anticipates performing a new cover of Adele's "Hometown Glory," a mellow tune infused with volume, soul and "[Ingram's] own little twist on

As opportunities for socializing and soaking up sonorous beats abound, tonight's events offer a way to beat those back-to-school

NBC revives sitcoms with 'Perfect Couples'

By Robert Lloyd Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - No sooner are sitcoms pronounced dead, again, than they begin popping up all over, like Whac-a-Moles. This year we have been and will be getting a passel of relationship comedies built around interrelated contrasting sets of couples (and sometimes singles), usually packaged in groups of three, a la "Modern Family," whose success surely helped turn these lights green. There are perhaps more of them than the market can bear, but if any have to go, I would rather it not be "Perfect Couples."

The series, which begins today on NBC, fills the final slot in what is now a full night's worth of half-hour situation comedies - a rare thing - the least of which are pretty good and the best of which are among the funniest shows on television. Although the pilot feels somewhat made-to-order and its characters are schematically arrayed - publicity materials describe them as "the everyday couple" (Kyle Bornheimer and Christine Woods), "the high-passion couple" (David Walton and Mary Elizabeth Ellis) and "the couple that strives to be perfect" (Hayes MacArthur and Olivia Munn), subsequent episodes grow looser and more natural, even as they get stranger.

The title is meant to be ironic, since there is friction between the partners, and yet not, since they are all tightly bound. That is about all the premise there is, other than that the six of them, who spend all their time in various configurations of one another's company, are moving into their 30s - not yet through with their heedless youth but with a growing consciousness of the rest of their future. ("Listen ...," Woods says to Bornheimer, who has high cholesterol mixed with an unfortunate taste for junk food, "I love you, and I need to wring, like, 60 more good years out be gender-specific, it just wants to

Created by Jon Pollack ("30 Rock," whose exaggerated reality it lightly echoes) and Scott Silveri ("Friends," of which it is a kind of single-camera cousin), "Perfect Couples" works best as a kind of chamber music for half a dozen comic actors. (There are no weak links among them.) Here are some things the characters say in the course of it:

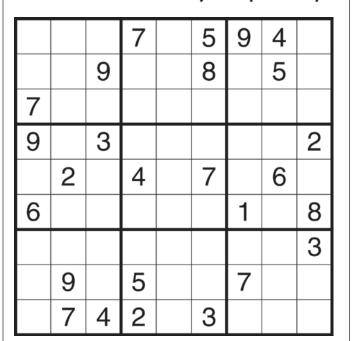
"I made a witty comment to a male Starbucks barista. Not everyone does that.

"What about feminism? What did our aunts die for?"

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Lady Bears win again behind Griner's 22 points

Rebounding key; three in double figures

SPORTS WRITER

It may have been 16 degrees in Lawrence, Kan, Wednesday night, but the Baylor Lady Bears were burning up the hardwood, starting the game with an 11-0 run in their win against Kansas 76-37.

Baylor, ranked No. 1 nationally and holding a 14-game winning streak, improved to 4-0 in conference play. Kansas fell to 1-3.

Such offensive success was aided tremendously by the Lady Bears' rebounds, a dominating 55 to the Jayhawks' 25.

"Rebounding has been on our No. 1 list since forever," sophomore Destiny Williams said. "All we're worrying about is rebounding. We can score, we can block shots, we have good guards, good post players, we just have to rebound."

Much to the pleasure of head coach Kim Mulkey, Baylor hauled in 21 on the offensive glass.

"I don't know if 21 is the largest number of offensive boards we've had all year, but we were hitting the board today," Mulkey said. "I thought that a lot of that had been stressed the last couple of weeks, blocking out to eliminate second chance points by your opponents and get in there. We're too athletic not to get more rebounds on the offensive end."

While the Jayhawks were walking off the court at halftime with just 14 points, sophomore Brittney Griner had already attained her fifth double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"She really played well," Mulkey said. "Her post-up moves down in the paint area. You know, she'd been rushing her shots, and we've been working with her. Don't worry about that. Plant your feet, settle in down there. If you have to pass it, you do. Make a strong, squareyour-shoulder move. She just really elevated her game early in the ball-

Griner led the Lady Bears in both scoring and rebounding with 22 points and 15 rebounds. Freshman Odyssey Sims and Williams also finished in double digits, with **Baylor** Kansas Game Stats **76** 37 47.8 FG pct. **Points in paint 52** Off. Rebounds 34 Def. Rebounds 20 **Blocks**

21 and 12 respectively, and senior Melissa Jones pulled in nine boards.

In fact, none of the Jayhawks finished the game scoring in double digits. Keena Mays, who came off the bench, led with nine.

Baylor was just shy of 50 percent from the floor as a team and was 3-13 from the 3-point range. The starting five — Sims, Griner, Williams, sophomore Kimetria Hayden and Jones — were 28 of 48.

The Lady Bears also overpowered the Jayhawks in points in the paint, 52-14.

With Griner's domination on both sides of the court, she earned herself some rest on the bench, but her teammates stepped in and kept the momentum rolling.

"I was able, and this is what I try to get Brooklyn Pope and Destiny [Williams] and those other post players to understand," Mulkey said. "Griner can't play 40 minutes every night; it's too hard. And to give her the rest that we did and never miss a beat, I thought Pope and Jordan Madden, and [Terran] Condrey, and all those kids that came off the bench were so valuable tonight."

Griner played 31 minutes Wednesday night, just above her 29.1 average entering the game.

Baylor's next game is 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center, when it takes on Texas Tech.



Baylor No. 42 sophomore Brittney Griner shoots over Kansas' No. 14 Krysten Boogaard in the Lady Bears' 76-39 victory Wednesday night.

Track and field breaks records, grabs medals at A&M meet

By LINDSAY CASH REPORTER

The Baylor men and women's track and field squads broke records and took home gold medals at the Texas A&M Challenge in College Station Saturday.

Saturday's meet was scored as a conference challenge, with the Big 12 battling the SWAC, Southland and Sun Belt conferences.

Texas A&M and Oklahoma joined Baylor in racking up the victories for the men's and women's

"To succeed the way we did just isn't something teams typically do the first week out," head coach Todd Harbour said.

Sophomore Skylar White set the school record and NCAA's leading mark in the shot put when she cleared her own record by a drastic four feet. White began her first throw at 50-6 3/4, with her next being 55-8 1/4.

"Skylar is a young lady that epitomizes what you want in a student athlete," Harbour said.

With the throw, White automatically qualifies for the NCAA Indoor Championships. She was also named Big 12 Female Track and Field Athlete of the Week by the Big 12 conference, comfortably holding the Big 12 lead in her tion." event by nearly three feet.

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Todd Harbour | Head coach

"After a performance like that, she's getting excited about shot put for this season," Harbour said. "Her diligence in weight training has been important to her, now giving her national title conten-

The Baylor men's squad had a record-setter, as well. Senior Marcus Boyd won the 400 meters with an NCAA-leading time of 46.77.

Harbour was pleased with Boyd's performance and was confident that he will, within a month, be "running down in the 45's."

Baylor's 4x-400 meter relay teams placed second and third.

The men's group, including junior Whitney Prevost, sophomore Drew Seale, junior James Gilreath and Boyd, snuck past Oklahoma for second place with a time of 3:10.26. The time ties the third fastest in the NCAA this year.

Baylor's women's distance medley relay claimed a cushioned victory by more than 55 seconds. Junior Leigh Ann Ganzar, sophomore Lynette Atkinson, freshman Mariah Kelly and senior Katie Shaw finished with a time of 12:12.18.

Freshman Tiffani McReynolds and senior Tiffany Townsend combined to take two of the top six spots in the 60-meter dash.

The Bears also dominated in four other individual events. For the men, junior Zac Flowers took the gold in the mile field, hitting his personal best at 4:10.65.

On the women's side, junior

Brittany OgunMokun took the 800-meter title at 2:10.98, while freshman Robyn Bennett claimed the 3,000-meter title at 9:47.33.

The Bears receive an upcoming weekend off, then head to Fayetteville, Ark., for indoor events at the Razorback Invitational on Jan. 28

Harbour expects to surpass last year's performance in Arkansas

"We are where we need to be. Practice wise, we will lay it out this week, and they're expecting that. We will be back off next week to reload our legs. Our main focus is to stay healthy," Harbour said.

Tennis begins spring with success

REPORTER

The Baylor men and women's tennis teams started off the spring season with strong showings in each of their respective tournaments. The men placed the tandem of sophomore Roberto Maytin and senior John Peers in the finals of the main draw at the Sherwood Collegiate Cup on Monday in Thousand Oaks, Calif. For the women, junior Diana Nakic reached the title match Sunday at National Collegiate Tennis Classic in La Quinta, Calif.

Maytin and Peers, the No. 1 doubles seed of the tournament, cruised into the final before being defeated for the first time this sea-

"We didn't mix things up as well as we should have in our service games," Peers said.

For the title Maytin and Peers faced the No. 2 seeded Bradley Klahn and Ryan Thacher from Stanford and began the match by holding serve, breaking Stanford, then holding once more to gain an early 3-0 lead.

Bears. That lead would be Baylor's last of the match as Stanford served to tie the match then broke to take a

Baylor tied the match at 6-6, but Stanford took the last two sets for

Maytin and Peers have an overall record of 13-3 when playing to-

gether since the fall season. "We are good friends and we have good communication," Maytin said.

Peers offered similar insight when asked what the key is to their

success as a duo. "We just know what the other

person is going to do without even saying anything," Peers said.

Senior Jordan Rux and junior Kike Grangeiro fought their way into the doubles consolation finals but did not get to play their final match, thus finishing the tournament with a 2-1 overall record.

When asked about the expectations for the Baylor men's tennis team this year, head coach Matt Knoll was confident.

"We have a chance to have a very special year," he said.

On the women's side, Nakic

ease but could not pull out the final

When asked why Nakic was so successful in this tournament, Lady Bears head coach Joey Scrivano simply said, "She puts in the work every day, she is extremely coachable and she does all the little things

But Nakic could not quite get going against No. 5 Hilary Barte of Stanford, who never lost a set the entire tournament. From the beginning of the match, Barte controlled play and took the first set, 6-2, before ending the match in the

second set with the score 6-0. Although Nakic could not pull out a championship victory for the Bears in singles, she teamed up with freshman Aya Bara and took the doubles consolation prize. The Baylor duo dominated Texas' Julia Wiegand and Elizabeth Begley, 8-1, to win the consolation bracket.

In their first dual matches of the spring season, the seventh-ranked Baylor men will face the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns at 3 p.m. today, while the Lady Bears square off with the Houston Cougars at 3:30 p.m. Friday. Both matches are will



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Waco Collegiate Forum seeks talents, offers involvement

By Ariadne Aberin STAFF WRITER

The Waco Collegiate Forum, an organization that discusses important issues in Waco such as education and community service, offers Baylor students an opportunity to be involved in the community.

"The goal of the program is to foster civic engagement and help students think more about being citizens of the community that they're living in," said Alexis Weaver, who heads the forum and is director of community affairs for the Community Development Department of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

Lauren Houser, a Cortez, Colo. junior Baylor Business Fellow who Collegiate Forum, sees the forum as an important bridge between Baylor and Waco.

"What we're trying to do is bring unity between students and the Waco community," Houser said. Houser said another goal is to increase commerce in Waco, since most students leave Waco for Dallas or Austin to find entertainment.

The program primarily targets upperclassmen, but is open to students of all years and majors. "We really want sophomores

and juniors just so they can sort of become leaders and help guide where the forum goes from there and build it up," Weaver said.

The program is also an opportunity for Baylor students to inter-

is actively involved in the Waco act with students from McLennan Community College and Texas State Technical College.

"It's nice to talk to people who come [from] different viewpoints because a lot of the MCC and TSTC students are older and going back to school to further themselves, so their view on education and business is completely different," said John Sommers, a Tulsa, Okla., senior Baylor Business Fellow who is involved in the Waco Collegiate Forum.

Weaver agreed it was a great way for students to get past their apprehension of talking to students from other schools.

'These are all different students with different priorities, but there are still commonalities and things

they can work on together," Weaver

"The administrations from the three schools all work great together, but we really want it to be around the students too."

Last fall, the forum and the chamber put together a college outreach and career expo event called Whacked Out that included students from TSTC, MCC and Baylor. Various local businesses set up booths and asked bands from Austin and Uproar Records to perform live for participants.

The Waco Collegiate Forum also does occasional service projects in Waco.

"The point is to not have a huge time commitment," Weaver said. "We meet once a month and we do

one service project per semester." The forum has held a community service day where members removed graffiti and painted a building as well as participated in events like Steppin' Out.

Meetings usually involve a guest speaker, which has included the mayor of Waco. Additionally, the forum plans to conduct a meeting that is more related to working professionally in Waco. The students can bring in their resumés and work one-on-one with a mentor while discussing professional development.

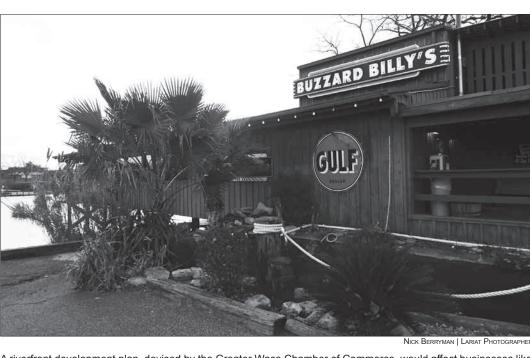
Weaver said many students stay in Waco for four years of college and then leave immediately, but often return to the city.

"So many students graduate

from Baylor and move out of Waco to a bigger city," Weaver said. "But then they get to their mid-20s and they're married and want to start a family, and they realize that they don't like the traffic, or the air pollution, or the cost of living in a big city, and that's when Waco starts to sound better."

She said one of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce's goals is to be a magnet for talent and Waco has one of the fastest growing populations of the 25-to 34 year-old demographic.

The Waco Collegiate Forum will put out applications in the spring and recruit in the fall. For more information, contact Alexis Weaver at aweaver@wacochamber.



A riverfront development plan, devised by the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, would affect businesses like Buzzard Billy's.

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downtown area and along the riv-

The riverfront development is a priority of the chamber because it will attract private interests and businesses to the city, Connell said.

"Our comprehensive campaign for the riverfront includes activities along the river, such as boat ramps to aid transporting people around the downtown area using the riverfront, including parts of Cameron Park," Connell said.

The chamber hopes to attract more people to the downtown area by constructing new buildings that will cater to commercial, residential and leisure needs of future downtown residents. These buildings will employ sustainable designs and housing, which will attract higher income earners who prefer the modernized downtown atmosphere with a riverfront.

Also vital to the downtown development plan is connectivity to a statewide transportation system that will allow traffic from Interstate 35 to conveniently access downtown residential areas, businesses and landmarks. The downtown area will also benefit from the proximity to the proposed highspeed commuter rail, which will facilitate easy access and economic growth to downtown Waco.

"Our goal is to promote the high-speed and commuter rail in Waco and we believe it will be an important piece of the transportation in Texas," said Chris Mc-Gowan, the urban development director of the chamber.

The chamber is one of many stakeholders in the economic development projects that will transform downtown Waco into a modern upper-scale sustainable community. Other stakeholders in the revitalization process included chamber President Jim Vaughan, local residents, investors, Baylor University and local bankers.

"We are promoting projects which will work in line with other long-term projects as they get completed. We want to bring the private sector to the table and be sustainable while doing so," Connell said.

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In total, 9,600 state jobs would be eliminated over the next two

"It's a catastrophe. No financial aid for kids to go to college. No prekindergarten for kids to learn their numbers and their letters. Health and human services slashed," said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine. "No Texan can be proud of this."

Perry took the oath of office earlier Tuesday for his third term in office. After a day of parties, he spent the evening at a celebration in downtown Austin, just a mile from the Capitol. Donors are picking up the \$2 million tab for the 2011 inaugural. The Legislative Budget Board was required by law to release the budget to leaders on Tuesday, the fifth business day after the session starts.

Some analysts say the true shortfall could be much higher than \$15 billion — closer to \$27 billion - to account for enrollment growth in public schools and on Medicaid rolls, cost increases and other variables. That figure amounts to almost a third of discretionary state spending in the current budget.

A \$4 billion reduction to the Foundation School Program — the pot of money distributed to schools based on daily attendance — means the program would be short almost

\$10 billion below the amount required to fund the school finance formulas under state law. That would make school finance reform legislation almost inevitable.

The proposal also recommends cuts to arts education, teacher incentive pay, money for schools to administer steroid testing and prekindergarten programs. The draft is just the beginning

of a long process, which probably won't be finalized until next summer when the governor signs the Texas budget for 2012-13. Four Texas two-year colleges

would be closed to save \$39 million in the next two-year state budget under preliminary spending plan. Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, Frank Phillips College in

Borger, Odessa College and Ranger College would be closed under a plan to slash \$145 million in state funding for Texas community and junior colleges. The state's contributions to the

state employee retirement fund would be reduced from 6.95 percent to 6 percent, less than what is needed to maintain the fund, according the Legislative Budget Board, which drafted the budget. The base budget proposes a similar cut in contributions to the Teacher Retirement Fund.

While almost every other state

agency would see a reduction in employees, the average number of full-time employees in Perry's office over the next two fiscal years would go to 132, up from an average of 120 in the 2010-2011 budget. The base budget does not use

any tax increases or money from the state's Rainy Day Fund. "Texas needs a balanced ap-

proach that includes using the Rainy Day Fund and adding new revenue," said Scott McCown, executive director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, which advocates for needy Texans. "With a revenue shortfall this large, as the proposed budget shows, the Legislature cannot balance the budget through cuts alone without doing terrible damage."

Rep. Jim Pitts, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said he would explain the proposal to the chamber on Wednesdav.

"There are no sacred cows for this next biennium for our introduced bill," Pitts said last week. "So many people said, 'You cannot cut education'. You can't not cut education. We will be cutting every article within our budget. We will be cutting health and human, we will be cutting education and we'll be cutting our own budget in the Legislature."

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Department, owners who fail to comply with the regulation may be required to pay a fine and the animal may be impounded. An additional fee will be required if the person attempts to get the animal back.

cy of my trailblazing father, and for all he gave to Waco.'

Gilbert followed in his father's giant footsteps by earning his Bachelor of Arts from Baylor. He now serves as assistant professor of homiletics, the study of sermons, at Howard University School of Divinity. From studying King's life, Gilbert explained the best way to honor the civil rights leader is to appreciate his humanity.

"Do not make King a fixed icon, because this is dishonoring his humanity," Gilbert said. "By making him an icon, we have muddied his dream. Stop making King an icon,

when God made him human."

To honor King's humanity and truly live above the mountaintop, Gilbert called the congregation to accept "God's greatest expectation," which is to love radically.

"King was dedicated to this expectation to love radically," he said. "And it cost him his life. King was a good man, and the world wanted to rid him. Because the good man asks us to do what we don't want to do."

As Gilbert spoke, the Baylor Sciences Building could be seen through the window of the Cashion Academic Center, standing as a salute to future students following the path that Gilbert's father helped

"My father struggled here at Baylor," Gilbert said. "But he wasn't caught up in being the first black student at Baylor. He was more

concerned with not being the last." Gilbert said living over the mountaintop requires a life commitment, comparable to that of his father and King.

"When we see the vision that God has orchestrated, it teaches us to love radically," Gilbert said.

"It should inspire us to live better, love better and stride for better

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