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Carter BloodCare supplies blood to Waco hospitals and throughout the Central Texas region. Ice and snow have shut down many of Carter BloodCare's blood drives throughout Texas, but the need continues. Donate from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Friday at buses on Fountain Mall and across from the Bobo Baptist Student Center.

SPJ meeting

The Society of Professional Journalists will host local radio announcer Jessica Goodlett at 6 p.m. today in 245 Castellaw. Goodlett graduated from Baylor in 2010 and currently hosts the afternoon show on 92.9 FM Waco. She also provides sports updates for 1660 ESPN Radio Waco and has interned with ESPN in New York City. The event is open to the entire campus and free pizza will be provided.

Karnival of diversity

OneBU has partnered with the admissions department to showcase the different cultures and opportunities on campus. Students are invited to the Kaleidoscope Carnival, taking place from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. The Carnival has invited nearly 100 high school seniors to learn more about Baylor's diversity in conjunction with the Winter Premiere.



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Employees from ServiceMaster Clean vacuum up water Wednesday after a pipe burst in Carroll Science Building.

Outages, leak mark frigid day

BY STEPHEN STROBBE
REPORTER

A series of rotating power outages swept across Central Texas Wednesday after the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) called for utility companies to begin temporary power outages. Electricity usage soared across the state as temperatures remained below freezing, leaving utility companies unable to meet the demand. The main Baylor campus remained largely unaffected from the electrical outages.

"ERCOT is in a power emergency right now. We have rotating outages in progress," Dottie Roark, media relations contact for ERCOT, said. "As of right now we have more than 7,000 megawatts of capacity out of service due to the extreme winter storm and we right now don't know how long the rotating outages will continue. It depends on the amount of time it takes to restore some of the generation that has been lost."

Rotating outages are controlled interruptions of electric service in an effort to reduce the loads across the electric grid. Rotating outages usually last only 10-45 minutes per neighborhood, with prior-

ity given to hospitals and nursing homes. Some power outages could last for longer periods of time if the power surges cause equipment failure during the restoration process.

Even with the threat of rotating outages ongoing across Central Texas, Baylor's main campus should remain immune to a loss of power.

"We have our own high-voltage transformers and high-voltage customers are not affected by the blackouts, so our main campus should not be affected by the rolling blackouts," Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, said.

However, many apartment complexes outside the range of Baylor's high-voltage transformers were at risk of undergoing outages.

"I got up around 8 a.m. and it was about 60 degrees in my apartment," Longview sophomore Abby Forbes said. "I looked on Facebook and everyone's status said that the electricity was out. I left as soon as I could, found someone to go onto campus with me and I haven't been back since this morning. From what I hear my roommate said it was still off. I called my mom and if

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Water spreads into the faculty offices on the fifth floor of Carroll Science Building on Wednesday after frigid weather caused a pipe to burst.

Contest promotes green campuses

By LEIGH ANN HENRY
REPORTER

Jan. 23 marked the beginning of a nationwide recycling competition between colleges and universities.

Recyclemania is an annual competition that lasts 10 weeks, but schools send in their recycling totals for only the last eight weeks of the competition.

The first two weeks of the competition are a non-binding pre-season, but from Sunday through April 2 recycling totals from each participating school will be submitted weekly.

"It's an opportunity, number one, to concentrate for 10 weeks on education about recycling in our community," said Carl Flynn, director of marketing communications for IT and libraries.

Recyclemania originated in 2001 when students from Ohio University and Miami University decided there was a need to increase recycling at schools across the country.

For Recyclemania 2011, about 620 schools currently registered for participation and 43 of those are located in Texas.

Recyclemania surveys indicate "80 percent of participating schools experienced a noticeable increase in recycling collection during the competition."

The competition hosts two divisions: benchmark and competition.

The benchmark division is much less formal and requires the schools to submit their totals, but the campuses are not ranked. The competition division requires totals submitted weekly where the campuses will be pitted against each other and organized from most recycled to least.

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BU students evacuate Egypt, escape turmoil

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER



COURTESY PHOTO

The Woodlands senior Matt Royall studied abroad in Cairo in spring 2010. Two Baylor students studying in Egypt this semester left the country as a result of the political unrest that has gripped the nation.

The two Baylor students participating in a study abroad program at American University in Cairo have left Egypt because of its political unrest and are now waiting to see how the situation unfolds before making further plans.

"Baylor has been monitoring the situation in Egypt for the past couple of weeks and we've been in close contact really over the past several days with those two students and also with their families," Lori Fogleman, director of media relations, said. "After discussing the situation in Egypt with their families and with Baylor officials, both students decided to leave the country."

Baylor media relations would not release the names of the two students out of concern for their privacy.

Both students left Egypt on Tuesday, one for Kenya and one for Dubai, to meet family or family friends at their respective destinations. Fogleman said the university has received confirmation that both students arrived safely.

The students' academic situation remains uncertain. American University has halted classes until Feb. 13.

"We're having to watch the situation play out, but we've also been in communication with the students about if and when they'll be able to safely return to Cairo so they can continue their studies there at American University," Fo-

gleman said. "If it's not clear within two weeks, we'll assist them in their return to the United States and we'll work with them about how to handle credit for the academic semester. But that still remains to be seen — it's such a fluid situation right now."

In the meantime, university officials will remain in contact with the students and their families, Fogleman said.

Confronted by scenes of bloody chaos in Cairo, the White House on Wednesday challenged Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to show the world "exactly who he is" by quickly leading a peaceful transition to democracy.

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Organization shines light on dark side of Super Bowl

By CAITLIN GIDDENS
REPORTER

More than 100,000 fans will flock to the Cowboys Stadium on Sunday to mark Super Bowl XLV, but for many young women, the Super Bowl marks a day of terror.

During past Super Bowls, hundreds of people have fallen victim to sex trafficking. Baylor's International Justice Mission will travel to Arlington on Saturday to educate fans of the prevalence and risk of sexual exploitation, especially during major sporting

events. More than 50 girls were rescued from sexual exploitation at the past two Super Bowls.

"People think trafficking is something that happens in different countries, in poor parts of the world," Katy sophomore Kristina Miller, a member of International Justice Mission, said. "But this happens in our backyard, especially in Texas. We just want to educate people because once people know trafficking is going on, they want to help."

An estimated 100,000 to 300,000 U.S. children are at risk

for sex trafficking each year. The organization's mission is to raise awareness of this growing statistic.

Miller invited students to join. Members of the organization will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday at Irving Baptist Church in Dallas.

The Dallas area has been preparing for the Super Bowl by initiating Anti-Pimp My Ride, a campaign that will educate football fans on human trafficking by implementing fliers and bumper stickers. After attending an Anti-Pimp My Ride training session

in Dallas, Miller anticipates more than 300 participants will join the protest.

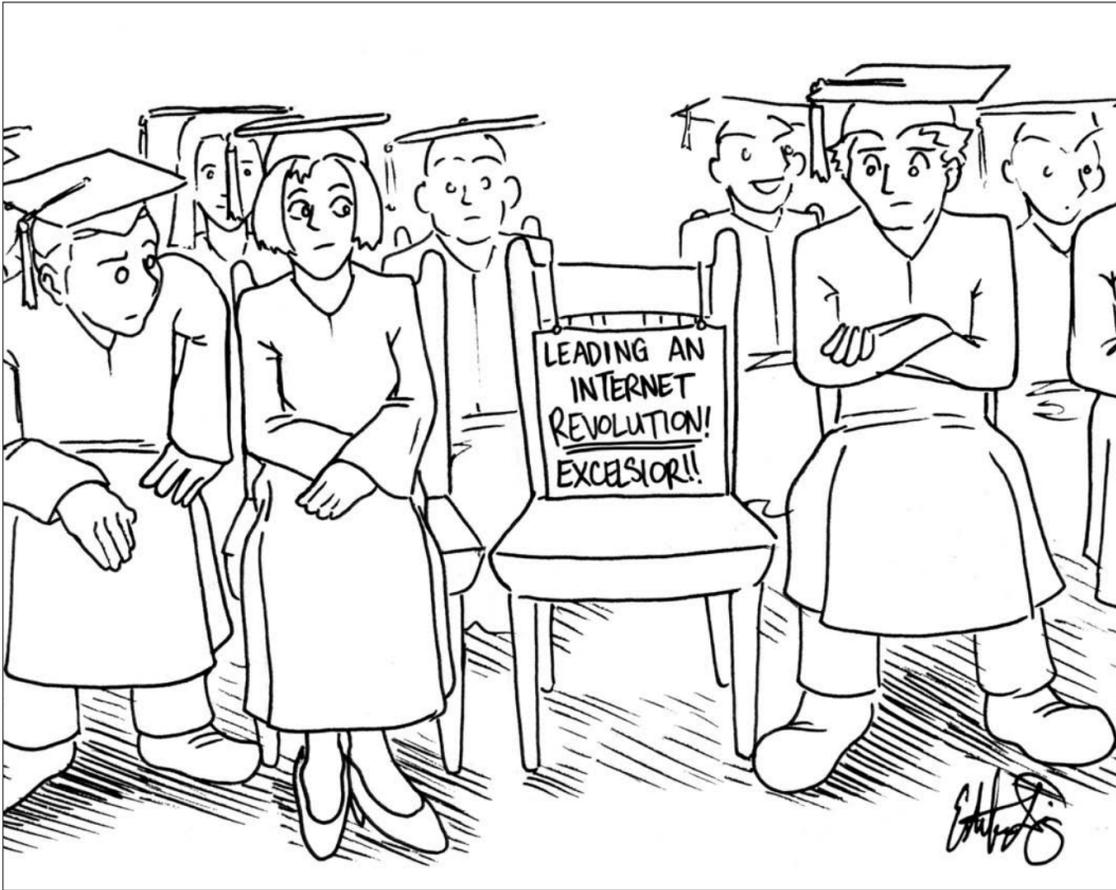
"We went to Dallas for the training session last weekend," Miller said, "and received a huge bag full of giant magnets and stats about human trafficking. We just want everyone at the Super Bowl to realize what is happening."

International Justice Mission encourages Super Bowl fans who witness suspicious situations, such as a young girl who seems to be held against her will, to immediately call the trafficking hotline.

The hotline, 1-888-3737-888, receives more calls from Texas than any other state. Fifteen percent of those reports come from the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, according to the organization's reports.

"This is happening a lot in Houston, and even in Waco," Miller said. "It's American citizens being bought and sold for sex. You don't have to be a social worker or a police officer to help. You just have to open your eyes

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Backing Egypt: America's stance on democracy should mimic our values

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there lived a people subject to the British Empire.



Jonathan Angel | Web editor

They worked hard to sustain their livelihoods, but tensions led to British officers firing upon crudely armed villagers. Eventually, this spark was fanned into widespread discontent of British rule; the people shucked the colonial yoke in favor of a new republic.

Over the course of decades, investment reformed the economy. The population exploded on both sides of the great river that divided the nation. And in 2011, protests against the autocratic president were met with water cannons, rubber bullets and tear gas. Then on Jan. 28, in the midst of these protests, access to the Internet was disabled nationwide.

America and Egypt have so much in common, from money to innovation to founding history.

Thus, it was most surprising that through late last week President Barack Obama and the United States Federal Government continued to support the Egyptian autocratic president, Mohamed Hosni Mubarak against his citizens, even as they clamor for self-rule, for changes, for freedom.

Over the past two months, the Middle East has been in perhaps the greatest state of internal unrest since World War II. From the collapse of Lebanon's pro-western coalition government to the night flight of Tunisia's pro-Western dictator from his post to the ever-more-forceful protests in other countries, especially pro-Western Egypt and Yemen, the region may be headed toward an era of greater individual freedoms and less acquiescence to U.S. political interests.

In his June 2009 speech in Cairo, Obama extended a hand of friendship to the Muslim world - "A New Beginning," to use the words of the speech title. He commended Morocco for being the first country to recognize the U.S.'s sovereignty, in 1777.

He noted that America and Islam share the common higher principles of "justice and progress; tolerance and the dignity of all human beings."

Why, then, would Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stress just days before Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's flight that "we are not taking sides" in this fight for [Tunisian] democracy? Even after a July 2009 State Department cable (classified, but released by Wikileaks) cited that Tunisia had "serious human rights problems" and that "major change in Tunisia will have to wait for Ben Ali's departure," the U.S. continued to insist on supporting Ben Ali until the day he fled the country.

The State Department, had it been more astute, would have enjoined support for the Tunisian people; its own cable stated that "most still admire ... the American dream." Instead, we're likely viewed now at best as self-interested imbeciles without moral consciences.

"It is not the role of any other country to determine Egypt's leaders," Obama said Tuesday from the White House. And he is right; in Iraq we see the consequences of military intrusion. This revolution, however, is of the people, by the people, and for the people of Egypt.

The great news is that we have been given a second chance, an opportunity to form a lasting relationship with a people that will, whether tomorrow or in 10 years, get rid of President Mubarak and install a truly democratic leader.

Second chances rarely come around, and when they do, it's often at great cost. It took an attack on Pearl Harbor for us to reconsider entering World War II, despite the danger the Axis powers posed. Let's not demand a second Pearl Harbor to learn our lesson this time.

The U.S. has long shared a special relationship with Egypt. From the Camp David Accords to the nearly \$2 billion in annual aid sent to support Egypt's economic and military might, the two countries have a complex history of support.

That relationship should not hinder us from pushing unabashedly for much greater democratization in Egypt; it certainly didn't hinder President Mubarak from unabashedly ordering crackdowns on nonviolent protests.

Is freedom worth risking a friendly relationship with a dictator? Obama has finally answered that in the affirmative.

"Going forward, the United States will continue to stand up for democracy and the universal rights that all human beings deserve, in Egypt and around the world." The question now is whether he will fulfill that promise and end his practice of apologetics for Mubarak's continued grip on power.

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Internet successes fail to negate education's worth

Editorial

In Barack Obama's State of the Union Address the 44th president praised the fact that we live in a world with "Facebook and Google." It is extremely fascinating that these two companies have become so successful — providing outlets for communication and research on a global scale.

However, later in his address Obama goes on to stress the importance of an education, saying that America's percentage of people holding a college diploma ranks only ninth in the world — a startling fact considering our nation used to reign supreme.

The correlation in these two statements by the president is a convoluted but serious one.

The creator of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, may have had an award-winning movie made about the early years of his now multi billion-dollar site and he may have been named TIME magazine's person of the year — but he never got a degree. He dropped out of college because

of the success of his website.

First off, it should be said that we are in no way questioning the intelligence of Zuckerberg or taking a stance against the major social network of our time.

But the Lariat recognizes a propelling trend toward online innovation. One that could arguably be associated with the billions of dollars that are associated with those tales like Zuckerberrgs — a 20-something developing something on the Digital Frontier while huddled over a computer in his room.

As we become a society that becomes more dependent on the Internet and technology, should we begin to consider how important a degree from an institute of higher education is in America? Or how digital technologies, while they allow many to make it big without a degree, could be detrimental to our future generations' aspirations?

Zuckerberg — and all other non-degree holding, Internet-based billionaires — are the exception in America. While their ingenuity is astounding and admirable and their innovations

are changing the way this world operates, there is still something to be said about them not holding a degree higher than a high school diploma. As we begin to raise a nation that receives iPod touches for their seventh birthday and reads all books on an e-reader, we may begin to idealize the exceptions.

We herald their creations as incredible (rightfully so) but their back-stories don't provide the best example for students — especially in a nation that has a national collegiate ration that is falling.

But technology definitely is not the first, or last, industry that has unintentionally promoted a path to fame and success sans higher education.

The public has always held sports stars and film actors and actresses in high esteem while a large percentage did not attain a degree.

Of course there are exceptions to the exceptions, which we find in the actors and athletes that do complete college before transitioning to their trade.

While completing a degree is

a personal choice and the technological industry has a few stand out celebrities that have not finished college, it is safe to say that the thousands of workers that now make up the companies are highly qualified degree holders that have had to fight for their employment at companies like Facebook.

Many Internet companies are known for their intense application processes and the rigor of their workloads, though the best and brightest flock toward them.

So, while the innovations of the exceptional Zuckerberrgs of the world are truly amazing and benefiting the world, it is safe to say that more people should seek the degree and its benefits. Because being a college graduate doesn't mean that a person is better than someone else, it should be seen as a chance to be a role model for the kids aspiring to something great.

As numerous people from Baylor's student population go out and create new things, their back-stories will point all on-lookers toward one road — higher education.

Reputation rests on backs of current journalists

Sometimes I forget how little trust the public has in the media.

But as I walked home from church on a recent Sunday, I was stopped by a man who reminded me of just that. He asked me a few questions about my church and whether I was a Baylor student, and then asked about my major: journalism. It's not a question I've ever been afraid to answer, because people normally at least act intrigued and as though they think this is a respectable field of study, or else we simply don't linger on the topic. Not so with my new acquaintance.

"How can I say this nicely?" he asked. "So you want to be one of those people who makes up things?"

It didn't come across so much as a question as it did an accusation of journalists everywhere.

"No," I answered, "I want to write the truth."

"That's what they all say," he replied.

I was taken aback by his cer-



Sara Tirrito | Staff writer

tainty and stubbornness, and at first I tried to defend my vocation. But I quickly realized there would be no changing his mind.

I think this confrontation was most disheartening because for me, this man was a representative of a larger population — a population of people who have lost their respect for journalists somewhere along the way and

who have no inclination to give us another chance.

In some ways, I feel as though I can't blame these people — I don't like being duped or lied to either, and I know there are corrupt journalists out there. I know there are some who are outright liars. I don't live in a fairytale world; I have watched the movie about Stephen Glass.

But if you look around, there are corrupt individuals in every profession, from businesspeople and priests to doctors and police. That doesn't mean that we stop trusting everyone in those fields, or label them all as liars. Our attitudes toward journalists should be no exception.

Although many people don't, I do have faith in the media today.

There are honest reporters in the world, reporters who do everything they can to write the truth and keep their articles balanced while doing it.

They throw themselves into

their work with honesty and dedication, seeking to help bring about change where change is needed and disclosure where it is called for. I want to become one of those journalists.

But just as I was recently reminded, it sometimes seems that before I even write my first word as a professional journalist, those who have written irresponsibly before me have already diminished my own credibility. It's a discouraging feeling for sure, but it won't keep me from writing.

Instead, I will pursue my passion with a hope that, one story at a time, journalists everywhere can overcome the prejudice we face and earn a newfound trust from the public based on our honesty and our work as individuals. However, this can only happen if the public will first give us a chance.

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Opinion

The Baylor Lariat welcomes reader viewpoints through letters to the editor and guest columns. Opinions expressed in the Lariat are not necessarily those of the Baylor administration, the Baylor Board of Regents or the Student Publications Board.



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Chicago junior Gretchen Nyberg, who is pursuing an education degree, says she wants to make a difference.

Students yearn to teach

By KELLY GALVIN
REPORTER

Preparing a child for their future is a task that takes a lot of time and patience.

With recent budget cuts and an unsteady job market, teachers face the uncertainty of layoffs or pay cuts, but many Baylor students are still striving to take on the role of educator.

Palos Verdes junior Justine Rellos was inspired to become a teacher at a young age.

"My fourth-grade teacher was always my favorite and told me that she knew I was going to be a teacher. She did a lot of hands-on learning and really engaged us in activities," Rellos said.

There are many reasons students choose the majors they do, but Rellos has a personal reason behind her choice.

"When we adopted my little brother and sister, I always helped them with all their schoolwork and realized the importance of it," Rellos said. Her new siblings were especially eager to learn and Rellos was just as eager to help.

Chicago junior Gretchen Nyberg was also inspired to be a teacher at a young age.

"I've always grown up knowing I want to be a teacher; I love kids," Nyberg said.

Nyberg helps teach eighth grade at the Carver Academy in Waco.

"I want to teach middle school grades four through eight. I feel you can make the most difference in a kid because they're the most vulnerable and need someone to talk to," Nyberg said.

"I don't think I would ever not teach, to be completely honest."

Following a path that she says was set for her has allowed Nyberg to fully appreciate teaching through both its advantages and disadvantages.

"The benefits are seeing the progress in your students and know that you are making a difference every day, and feeling so rewarded when students do well," Nyberg said.

Nyberg says there are less positive aspects as well.

"I think people don't realize how time consuming teaching is and the emotional aspect when dealing with a difficult home situation," she said.

Nyberg makes lesson plans for each class, which can take up to three hours a night, not including the many hours spent with students.

Rellos said helping youth will be in her future even if it is not as a teacher.

"I would probably be a counselor for children. I want to impact students' lives and care for their needs as well as prepare them for the future," Rellos said.

Baylor courses have helped improve the skills of these women and have given them tools to help children thrive academically.

"The most helpful course is being a teaching associate because you're in the classroom not just learning through a book, but through experience," Nyberg said.

Katy junior Ashley Entz is also an education major at Baylor and is planning to teach kindergarten.

Entz says teaching children in kindergarten is especially rewarding because the children are enthusiastic and love to come to school.

"I have the opportunity to make an impact in the lives of children," Entz said.

These women agree that their futures as teachers are very important. They are fostering the education of the future and have nothing but excitement for what is to come.

Religion: Personal or crowd-pleasing?

Psychology class explores social side of faith

By STORI LONG
REPORTER

At a university where every student is required to take two semesters of Chapel, it is no surprise that the study of religion and faith works itself into many different facets of study.

Psychology 4339, Psychology of Religion, is one of the those classes attempting to provide Baylor students with a different perspective on religion and religious experiences.

"The class focuses on the social psychology of religion," Dr. JoAnn Tsang, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience, said. "Social psychology describes how we are affected by the presence of other people. ... This is fun to apply to religion because people are usually religious in front of other people."

Tsang said this is particularly relevant to religion because no matter a person's faith, the way

someone treats the people around them is often dictated by what religious creed he or she follows.

The class also explores how people react to the religious experiences of others. People in groups are much more likely to have religious experiences if those around them also claim to be having them, Tsang said.

"This is particularly relevant to those who may want to enter into the Christian counseling profession," Tsang said. "With this kind of knowledge in mind, it might encourage a counselor to take those mountaintop 'come-to-Jesus' moments with a grain of salt."

The class is very dialogue driven, with Tsang serving as coordinator and assuring that the class stays on topic. The students read and discuss various authors, ranging from the religious to the atheistic, who have written about the social and cognitive factors of religious experience, such as social pressure, political propaganda or mental stability.

"It's very interesting to read so many varying opinions on a topic that is important to so many people," Seattle senior Alyssa DeMoss said. "It's amazing that so many



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Dr. JoAnn Tsang, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience, teaches the Psychology of Religion course which challenges students to look at religion in a new way.

different thinkers can look at the same topic and come to so many different conclusions."

The class is primarily composed of psychology majors, but also includes some religion majors and a few students who are double majoring in both.

In dealing with a topic as personal as religion, Tsang stresses to her class the importance of keeping an open mind and respecting all opinions.

"Religion is something we study scientifically in this class, and people are pretty good about it," Tsang said. "I figure it's a 4000-level course; everyone should be prepared at that point. We don't all have to agree. We just have to agree to be nice."

Tsang said she hopes this friendly class atmosphere will help foster a healthy dialogue. The students come from varied religious backgrounds, and the discussion

is not exclusive to any one religion but seeks to study how people respond to any sort of religious experience.

"If we all just agree with each other all the time, there would be no discussion. I'm thankful the climate is comfortable enough for people to talk," Tsang said.

This tolerance and ability to listen and take seriously various opinions toward any issue is one of the fundamental skills Tsang wants her students to take away from the class.

"I enjoy it when students come at an issue from all angles," Tsang said. "I love seeing people's reaction when they are exposed to something they've never thought of, spurring critical thought."

Tulsa senior Amy Liu echoes this sentiment and said exposure to different opinions and beliefs is one of her goals in taking the class.

"I hope to gain more and different perspectives on religion, and why different people believe different things," said Liu. "Especially at a Baptist university, you don't get exposed to much more than the usual conservative Christian religion. ... It would be good to broaden those horizons a little bit."

BU engineering to partner with UMHB

Program gives two degrees in five years

By JADE MARDIOSIAN
STAFF WRITER

Baylor's School of Engineering and Computer Science has created a program with the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor that will allow engineering students to earn two Bachelor of Science degrees in five years.

Students will begin the Young Engineering Students (YES) program at UMHB and after three years transfer to Baylor to complete another two years of coursework.

Cindy Fry, senior lecturer and assistant dean of Baylor's School

of Engineering and Computer Science said both schools will benefit from the program.

"This works out really well," Fry said. "It meets UMHB's need to have their students gain accredited engineering degrees, and it meets one of our challenges to bring in more qualified transfer students."

Dr. Bill Tanner, chair of the department of computer science and engineering at UMHB, explains how the concept for YES program came about.

"The idea for starting the program arose naturally from our mutual desire to expand our scientific programs at UMHB and to provide quality undergraduate transfer students for Baylor University," Tanner said.

Tanner explained that students will begin taking courses at UMHB

in basics such as English, history, and religion, as well as prerequisite courses in mathematics, science, computer science and engineering, in preparation for upper-level engineering classes.

According to the agreement, "the student who progresses through the program as prescribed would receive a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Engineering Science from The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, or Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from Baylor University within five years."

Tanner sees the program as helping to fill a need for engineers in Texas.

"There will be a shortage of

engineers in Texas, and we established the YES program specifically to address that need," Tanner said. "UMHB students who wanted to prepare for a career in engineering could not do so at UMHB. With the YES program, a major in engineering science was available for pre-engineering students who want to do their work at UMHB."

Fry views the partnership as key to bringing in valuable additions to Baylor's student body.

"We are looking for quality transfer students and are looking to increase the number of qualified students who will finish with a bachelor's degree and perhaps even stay for some graduate work," Fry said. "We would love to get more students involved in research as undergrads and having highly qualified juniors and seniors com-

ing into our program gives us a much wider population to look at."

Fry said the program will be especially positive for Baylor's School for Engineering and Computer Science and is looking forward to the partnership.

"This is the first time we've had something that brings the two campuses back together. UMHB shares a lot of the same mission and objectives that Baylor does, so this is exciting," Fry said. "I see this opening up future possibilities in collaborative teaching and research. We are close enough that we could share industrial partners, so who knows what this will be the start of"

Students will begin matriculating to Baylor beginning next fall, with about 16 students already planning to transfer.

Dallas one of top three cities with job growth

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Jobs are hard to come by in every U.S. city, but you stand a better chance of getting hired if you live in Washington, Dallas or Boston.

Those three metropolitan areas topped the rest of the nation's cities in jobs added in 2010.

All three are home to industries that are poised to hire this year. Information technology companies, biomedical research firms and government contractors are growing industries that are likely to add to their payrolls in the coming

months — and the federal government has plenty of jobs listed, too.

The unemployment rate fell in 2010 of the 372 largest metro areas in December, the most to report a decline since September. It rose in 122 areas and was the same in 43, the Labor Department said Wednesday.

Nationwide, the unemployment rate dropped sharply in December to 9.4 percent from 9.8 percent. About half that decline was because more unemployed workers gave up on their job searches. The government doesn't count people as unemployed when they stop looking for work. The metro data

lags behind the national data by several weeks.

The largest generators of net jobs were Washington, Dallas-Fort Worth, Boston, Phoenix and Minneapolis-St. Paul. All five metro areas have unemployment rates below the national average.

Boston, Dallas and Washington are among the top 10 areas with the most online job ads in January, according to the Conference Board's help wanted online index.

All three have benefited from growth in the information technology sector, economists said. Companies such as Intel, which has a plant in the Boston region, are pro-

ducing more semiconductors, and computer makers have also boosted output. Corporations are investing more in computer networking and data storage equipment.

That's helped companies like EMC Corp., which is based in the Boston area and makes data storage network equipment, and Dallas-based chipmaker Texas Instruments.

"Those sectors have bounced back much better" than struggling areas like housing or auto production, said Alan Clayton-Matthews, an economist at Northeastern University.

The Washington metro area,

which includes suburbs in Maryland and Northern Virginia, has also benefited from accelerated hiring by the federal government. The area added 57,500 jobs last year, the most of any city. The region's unemployment rate fell to 5.7 percent in December — the lowest unemployment rate among major metro areas.

"The first thing I would point to is the federal government," said Sara Kline, a regional economist with Moody's Analytics. Federal employment in the region grew 3.7 percent in 2010, she said, compared to a 1 percent increase nationwide.

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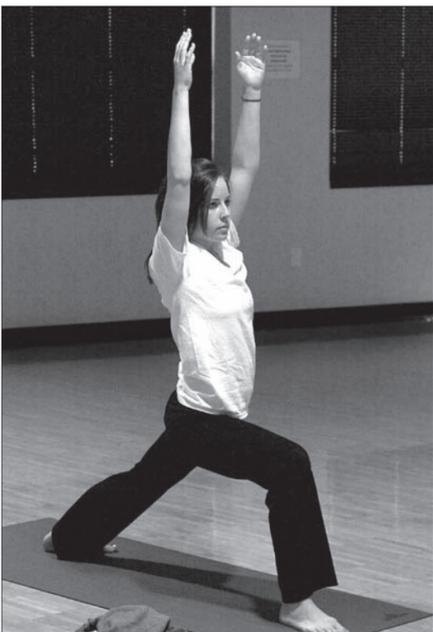
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McGregor graduate student Brianne Bidwell performs a "Warrior 1" position Wednesday during the 7:15 a.m. yoga class in the McLane Student Life Center.

Yoga, pilates offer flexibility, relaxation

By MOLLY DUNN
REPORTER

Some people see yoga and pilates as difficult and strenuous activities, but these exercises have been proven to increase flexibility as well as tone and strengthen the body.

"A lot of people label themselves as 'I'm not flexible enough' or 'I can't do that,'" Ilianna Garcia, pilates and yoga Bearobics instructor at Baylor, said. "I really think that my class as well as the other classes here just offer the tools to get you from square one to the goal of doing the entire pose."

Garcia, a San Antonio junior, has been teaching yoga and pilates for Bearobics since 2010 and found her passion to practice and teach not too long ago.

"Two summers ago I started to do it with this lady back home at my gym and she was intense about it and really challenging, so I just started to get into it because of that," Garcia said.

After doing yoga and pilates on a regular basis, Garcia said it is vital to the body in terms of flexibility, toning and overall relaxation.

"It's so good to be flexible and when you are doing yoga every day. You are getting your blood flowing to every area of your body that we are working," Garcia said. "If you're doing it right and you're breathing in and out properly, it is like cleansing your body."

Pam Long, fitness graduate assistant at the McLane Student Life Center, believes yoga is an unique exercise that many people should do more often.

"Yoga is just you and your body," Long said. "Yoga uses your own body's resistance, so it gives you the optimal core strength for your body size."

Not only does yoga contribute to the overall toning of the body, but it also provides relaxation, making it different from other types of workouts. Long said yoga encompasses breathing, which promotes reduction of stress and relaxation and poses, increasing flexibility

and body strength.

Jennifer Ditlevson, a first-year graduate student from Ashland, Ohio, said she enjoys pilates and yoga classes at Baylor because of her background in dance.

"With pilates and yoga you get more flexible, too, so you get that like you would get from dance. So it was kind of the next best thing for me," Ditlevson said.

Having a background in dance is not necessary, however, for someone to do pilates and yoga. In fact, Garcia encourages newcomers to attend classes for Bearobics.

"I would say come even if you've never done it before because it's for anyone and everyone," Garcia said. "You can really challenge yourself and see the results physically as well as feel more relaxed."

Madison Oldham, a Dallas senior, came to her first Bearobics yoga and pilates class on Saturday in search of a new workout to improve flexibility and have fun at the same time.

"I just decided that it was time to start working flexibility in different ways," Oldham said. "I've always done workouts myself downstairs, but I kind of got bored with that, so I decided to move on to trying pilates and yoga, and getting more flexibility that way."

Bearobics offers yoga and pilates classes daily throughout the week. Long said more yoga and pilates classes were added this semester because it is an enjoyable workout for students.

With Bearobics, students can participate in more than 40 aerobics classes for a small fee, varying from Zumba to Boxing/Conditioning and even Aquacise. Bearobics classes are taught by Baylor students on the third floor of the McLane Student Life Center. Garcia teaches yoga every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:15 a.m. and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings, each for one hour.

Go to www.baylor.edu/campusrec/fitness/ for more information on the Bearobics schedule and class descriptions.

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Once posted, the information can be followed online weekly.

Baylor is registered for the competition division along with 384 other colleges and universities, 22 from Texas.

Over the 10 weeks in which Recyclemania takes place, schools will record and report the weight of recycled materials including bottles, cans, paper, cardboard and trash.

The data is organized according to who collects the most recyclables per capita, total recyclables, least amount of trash per capita and highest recycling rate.

In the fall 2010 semester, 100 Baylor students took part in the first campuswide survey regarding recycling know-how, organized by the sustainability department at Baylor.

"The focus this year is recycling education. We want students to know what they can recycle on campus and where they can recycle on campus — currently, students just don't know," said Smith Getterman, sustainability coordinator at Baylor.

The survey also housed a comments and suggestions section where survey participants could leave their thoughts.

Most of the student proposals from this survey included the need for additional recycling receptacles or centralized placement near trashcans along with the need for glass recycling capability.

Getterman said recyclable items include paper, cardboard, plastics and aluminum, but there is currently no method for recycling glass. Ideas are being discussed to try and resolve this matter.

Baylor has more than 800 recycling receptacles located around campus that may be found in the Moody and Jones Library, the Bill Daniel Student Center, Hankamer School of Business, Baylor Sciences Building, all of the residence halls and many other locations around campus.

"You're not doing it alone. It's a friendly competition and goal if we can get some school spirit behind it," said Flynn, who also helps oversee sustainability at Baylor.

In 2010 Baylor's involvement in the competition left the university ranked third for overall highest recycling rate among other schools from the Big 12 conference, with Colorado and Missouri ranking first and second.

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it doesn't get back on then I'm going to get a hotel room for the night."

Students in the on-campus facilities did not face the same problems.

"I live in the dorms so we had power and a nice toasty atmosphere," The Woodlands freshman Lauren Brubaker said. "But in my classes this morning we heard there were a lot of people off campus that didn't have any power. It's miserable. I'm from the Houston area. We don't do this weather."

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The Woodlands freshman

A pipe on the fourth floor of Carroll Science Building burst, likely the result of the inclement weather. Water leaked from the fourth floor down the main staircase, and two classrooms were affected.

A note was posted on the entrances to Carroll Science Building informing students that classes being held in the building Wednesday were canceled. The pipe bursting early in the day meant the university was able to get contractors in almost immediately, and as of press time the university expected classes to resume today. Students should check the English department's Blackboard page for more information.

"The contractors are used to responding to these kind of burst pipes and they can return a building to regular use pretty quickly," Fogleman said.

Despite all of the difficulties that flowed in along with the cold front, Fogleman said Baylor would continue functioning as normal throughout the freezing temperatures and the winter storm.

"We continue to be open and operational here at Baylor. Unless you hear otherwise through our notifications then it is safe to assume we are operational and classes will be held as scheduled. It is always a good idea to check our website for additional information about any disruption to university operations."

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Dr. Mark Long, program director for the American University in Cairo program and associate professor in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, said he hopes the students are able to return to Cairo.

"I hope that there's a peaceful transition to a truly democratic form of government, one that embraces constitutional liberalism, and that it's possible to send students back," Long said. "As long as it's not resolved, we wouldn't send students."

The Woodlands senior Matt Royall attended the Cairo program during the Spring 2010 semester. Although he said it was too soon then to see indicators of the political revolution that is occurring now, Royall did notice a divide between the Egyptian government and its citizens.

"There was a definite disconnect between the government and the people, and that was always very obvious. And with the people there was never any sort of open protest or open disagreement with the government," Royall said. "The second thing, too, that I noticed is just a huge income disparity there like no place I've ever seen. You have very wealthy people ... and then something like 50 percent living in extreme poverty, and they live right next to each other."

Royall said he is glad he had opportunities to travel safely around the country.

"It has so much history and has so many things to offer tourists," Royall said, "so I feel bad for the people who went there expecting that and unfortunately aren't going to be able to experience it."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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and see what's happening around you."

International Justice Mission teaches members to look for signs of sex trafficking, even in their seemingly innocent hometowns, and take a stand. Houston sophomore Dalychia Saah, a new member of the organization, hopes students from all different majors will join.

"When you sit down and look at the statistics, it can be overwhelming," Saah said. "This epidemic can't be solved with just social work and pre-law students. We need everyone to help, especially pre-meds so we can show them the signs."

Taking another step to prevent trafficking, Baylor's International Justice Mission has been showing local doctors the signs of victims.

"We've heard stories of some of these victims who went to doctors, and they didn't see the signs," Saah said. "Pimps can be like boyfriends, saying you don't love me if you don't do this. It's a very confusing relationship. Pimps will beat these girls, but then take them to the hospital."

In addition to reaching all majors, International Justice Mission hopes to involve both genders in its mission.

"Men can play a powerful role in this," Miller said. "It's men who can go undercover in brothels. And men can hold each other to a new standard. When their friends say they may get a prostitute, a man can stand up and say that's not OK."

On average, American girls are

first prostituted at age 13. Professions in pornography and exotic dancing often begin with trafficking as a minor.

"Society perceives these women as scum of the earth, and they're not," Miller said. "They're victims, and they need to know they deserve more."

International Justice Mission partners with It's Not My Fault, a campaign that reaches out to trafficking victims.

"At 13 years old, you don't decide to sell your body," Saah said. "So It's Not My Fault tries to take the shame out of prostitution among minors."

Students planning to join the organization can attend the weekly meetings, which take place at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday in the Cowden room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Those interested in attending the Super Bowl protest should contact Miller at Kristina_Miller@baylor.edu.

In addition to its involvement with the Anti-Pimp My Ride campaign during the Super Bowl, the organization is planning a spring break trip to Houston and a summer trip to Los Angeles.

"Investing in the younger generation is a vital step to stopping this cycle," Miller said. "Another step is flexing our political power by supporting candidates who make issues like trafficking a priority. This is going on right under our noses and we as Americans should take it personally that in the home of the free, a type of slavery still exists."

Blizzards blanket nation

By DON BABWIN
AND MICHAEL TARM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — A fearsome storm spread a smothering shroud of white over nearly half the nation Wednesday, snarling transportation from Oklahoma to New England, burying parts of the Midwest under 2 feet of snow and laying down dangerously heavy ice in the Northeast that was too much for some buildings to bear.

Tens of millions of people stayed home. The hardy few who ventured out faced howling winds that turned snowflakes into face-stinging needles. Chicago's 20.2 inches of snow was the city's third-largest amount on record. In New York's Central Park, the pathways resembled skating rinks.

The storm that resulted from two clashing air masses was, if not unprecedented, extraordinarily rare for its size and ferocious strength.

"A storm that produces a swath of 20-inch snow is really something we'd see once every 50 years — maybe," National Weather Service meteorologist Thomas Spriggs said.

Across the storm's path, lonely commuters struggled against drifts 3 and 4 feet deep in eerily silent streets, some of which had not seen a plow's blade since the snow started a day earlier. Parkas and ski goggles normally reserved for the slopes became essential for getting to work.

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Compassion finds a voice in Waco's youth

By BONNIE BERGER
REPORTER

Waco teens put pens to paper and lyrics to beats through the Mission Waco Youth Center's music program.

Aimed at providing a creative outlet for their talents and experiences, mDub Music puts kids in the studio rapping and recording professional-grade albums.

The first such album, "The Mix Tape," was released in December 2010 and is available for \$5. A more intentional album, "Medicine," will be released later this year for \$10. Tracks addressing suicide, lamenting premature death, heartache and hope litter the album.

"At the end of the day, we want people to identify with what's being said," said youth director Gabe Dominguez. "We want kids to listen to this album and think, 'If I could sing a song, that's what I'd be singing.'"

Stevie Walker-Webb, director of the Jubilee Theatre, grew up actively involved with Mission Waco. After recently graduating from the University of North Texas, Walker-

Webb returned to Waco to contribute to a program that positively impacted his life. Offering his musical talent, Walker-Webb's soulful vocals are featured on the upcoming album.

"For me, music is a second love, rivaled only for my love of theater," he said. "[Dominguez's] passion for music is feverish, like my love for theater. ... it's difficult to separate the two."

Initiated by Dominguez, mDub Music enables youth to creatively process and share experiences without turning to violence or drugs. It gives them the chance to be heard.

"The music unleashes what's on the inside in a healthy way," Dominguez said. "They live this stuff. It's not just a beat."

The Mission Waco Youth Center, a constituent of the nonprofit organization founded by Jimmy and Janet Dorrell in 1991, offers kids a safe space for a warm meal, fun, relaxation, help with homework and a chance to pursue musical passions.

Transformed from a bar, the youth center is equipped with ame-

nities such as a 62 inch big screen TV, an exercise area, and a pool table, allowing kids to fill their time after school. The center also houses a TV/audio production room that services mDub Music.

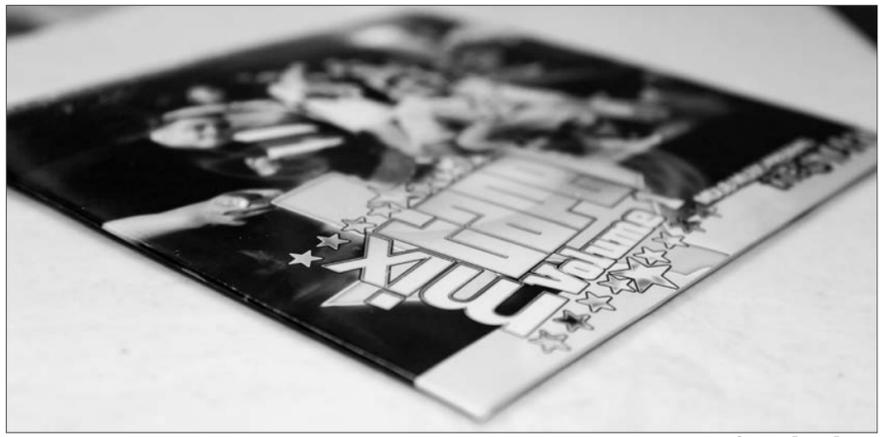
Dominguez identifies with the teens he mentors. A Waco native, he dropped out of school and sank into drug dealing and selling firearms, which landed him in prison.

"Our music is for those who find themselves in situations where they don't want to be," he said. "It's a process to get where we want to be ... somehow, the lyrics give us hope that there's people like us."

Individuals throughout Central Texas are contributing to the budding music program's efforts. During a visit to Mission Waco in October 2010, Christian artist David Crowder donated a 100-CD duplicator to the studio.

Also, Dominguez's longtime friend Mike Sanchez, a musician and producer, has joined forces with mDub Music.

"I've seen the damage our generation caused this younger one," Sanchez said in a recent press release. "I want us to give something



COURTESY BONNIE BERGER

Mission Waco utilizes its Youth Center to reach kids interested in music through providing a creative outlet of music production.

back after all we've taken."

Currently, the studio is operating on borrowed equipment that does not allow unlimited access.

"I don't know how long I'll be on this earth, but it'd be nice to know that they have their own equipment," Dominguez said.

Aspiring musicians, producers and those with a heart for outreach

are encouraged to volunteer their time.

"You start to build relationships," said Mission Waco staff member and Woodlands junior Kristine Gear. "The kids are excited to see you. It's fun and rewarding when you realize you're building those relationships."

Making an impact is not re-

served for the musically gifted. Baylor students who are interested in volunteering their time and investing in the lives of Waco's youth are encouraged to contact volunteers@missionwaco.org for further information.

"Don't be afraid to jump in," Gear said. "If you have a willing heart, there's a place for you."

Super showcase: 'Glee' to become latest series to exploit post-game slot

By CHUCK BARNEY
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

The Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers won't be the only ones out to wow America on Super Bowl Sunday. Those scrappy underdogs from Fox's musical sensation, "Glee," are also bringing their "A" game.

Airing directly after the title clash, "Glee" will present a massive song-and-dance homage to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video. With a price tag reportedly in the \$3 million to 5 million range, it's the show's most expensive episode to date.

Thus continues the grand television tradition of trying to milk

the plum post-Super Bowl time slot for all it's worth. Knowing that it's the biggest showcase of the year, networks typically bank on the slot to launch a new series - as CBS did with "Undercover Boss" last year - or to boost the profile of an existing show.

"Glee," which already has a robust fan base, might not seem like a natural fit with the football crowd. That undoubtedly explains why it will open Sunday's episode with a dance number featuring cheerleaders and plenty of skin.

Not every post-Super Bowl TV show is a winner, of course. In 2007, CBS coughed up a fumble with a gloomy episode of "Criminal Minds" that - ugh - had

James Van Der Beek playing a serial killer. Still, there have been enough memorable moments to comprise a mini hall of fame.

Let's go to the highlight reel: "The A-Team" (1983)

We pity the fools who missed the two-hour pilot of NBC's soldiers-of-fortune thriller. With its fast-paced action, abundant violence and a scowling star (Mr. T) who was built like a linebacker, the show proved to be perfect fodder for viewers already revved up from watching the Washington Redskins throttle the Miami Dolphins. Audience: 21.9 million.

"60 Minutes" (1992)
All eyes were on the CBS news-magazine as presidential candidate

Bill Clinton showed up - with wife Hillary - to address the allegation that he'd had an extramarital affair with model-actress Gennifer Flowers. "That allegation is false," he tells reporter Steve Kroft, displaying a coolness under pressure many quarterbacks would envy. Audience: 24.8 million.

"Friends" (1996)

The NBC comedy, already a megahit, unleashed an all-out blitz with a parade of guest stars that included Julia Roberts, Brooke Shields, Jean Claude Van-Damme and Chris Isaak. Critics mostly panned the episode, which had the gang visiting a movie set. But viewers piled on, making it the most-watched post-Super Bowl show

ever. Audience: 52.9 million.

"Survivor: The Australian Outback" (2001)

"Survivor" fever was at full-blast when the CBS reality show returned for its Season 2 opener. This edition introduced fans to several colorful contestants, including Colby Donaldson, Jerri Manthey and Amber Brkich. It also launched Elisabeth Filarski's (Hasselbeck) TV career. "Survivor" went on to be the top-rated series of the season. Audience: 45.3 million.

"Grey's Anatomy" (2006)

In one of the show's most tense episodes ever, a patient arrives at Seattle Grace with an unexploded bazooka shell embedded in his

body. The "code black" situation puts the entire hospital at risk and leaves Meredith (Ellen Pompeo) holding the trigger. A gut-wrenching cliffhanger kicked the fan frenzy surrounding the ABC series to new heights. Audience: 37.8 million.

"The Office" (2009)

Then in its fifth season, the sitcom probably wasn't NBC's best game-day option, but it delivered perhaps the funniest post-Super Bowl episode ever. It had clueless boss Michael Scott (Steve Carell) trying to relieve workplace stress by offering himself up for a comedic roast. The laughs were punctuated by cameos by Jack Black, Jessica Alba and Cloris Leachman.

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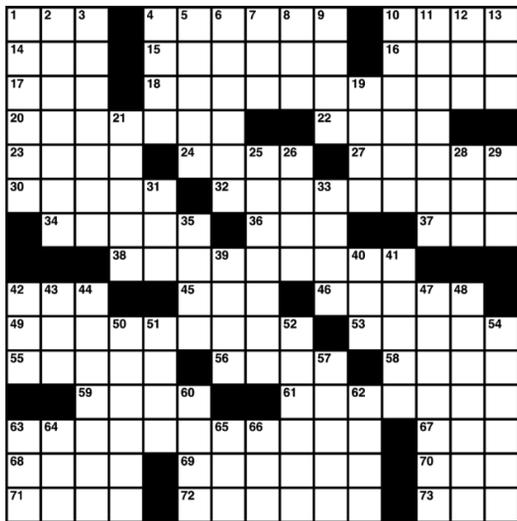
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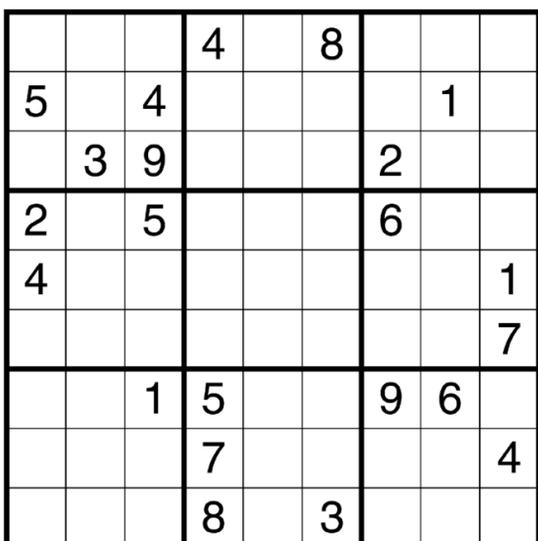


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National Signing Day 2011

Bears stress defense, O-line with 19 recruits

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS EDITOR

It did not take coach Art Briles much time to determine the Bears' 2011 recruiting needs. Bidding farewell to senior leaders like safety Byron Landor, defensive tackle Phil Taylor and linebacker Antonio Johnson, Baylor placed a premium on defensive players.

On behalf of his team, Briles officially announced Wednesday a class of 19 players who chose green and gold.

"I'd like to look at it as the first victory of 2011 today with our signing class," Briles said. "Our depth has gotten better; our needs have diminished a little bit. What we really got to be was selective with the guys we brought on campus to be future Baylor Bears."

The Bears inked 19 athletes, including four junior college transfers, all on the defensive side of the ball.

Those transfers, Navarro College defensive lineman Nick Johnson, College of the Sequoias defensive back K.J. Morton, Kilgore College defensive back Josh Wilson and Iowa Western defensive

back David Whitmore, could see playing time immediately.

"We want our guys coming in thinking that they need to play now. Is it realistic always? No," Briles said. "We've got some guys that can come in and play. I don't want to throw them out there individually, but we have some people that can help us next year, no doubt."

Johnson, Morton, Wilson and Whitmore are four of the 11 defensive recruits. Johnson was slated to join Baylor's offensive line, but Briles chose to employ his 6-foot-3, 290-pound frame on the other side.

The most highly acclaimed recruit,



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Coach Art Briles introduces Baylor's 2011 recruiting class at Wednesday's press conference. The group features 19 players, including four junior college transfers. Eleven will serve on the defensive side, and another four add offensive line depth.

however, is offensive lineman Spencer Drango. The Cedar Park standout was ranked the No. 23 offensive lineman in the country by Rivals.com and given four stars.

But Briles doesn't take much stock in numbers.

"If they fit what we're looking for and they happen to be a one-star, great. If they happen to be a four-star, outstanding. Because what some people perceive as the best guy may not always be the reality. And the reality is getting people we think really fit what we're looking for," Briles said.

Drango is one of four offensive linemen, a group whose athleticism has Briles excited. Lincoln's Desmond Hilliard could win a state title in discus throwing, Amarillo's LaQuan McGowan packs a 335-pound punch, and Kilgore's Pat Colbert's versatility allowed him to play tight end earlier in his high school career.

While Briles emphasized defense and offensive linemen, the Bears did pick up a few offensive weapons as well. Headlining the skill position recruits is Tatum's B.J. Allen, a 5-foot-11, 185-pound player recruited as an athlete. Briles says

Allen will most likely serve as a running back or inside receiver in future years.

"B.J. is probably one of the more dynamic players we've signed in the last two or three years without a doubt. He'll win state in 300 hurdles this year," Briles said. "He is a guy that can run, that is really elusive."

Cypress Creek running back Jeremichael Selders was a late, unexpected addition that could join the mix as well. Jonathan "Jay" Lee is the lone receiver, one whose speed could make him a deep threat like sophomore Josh Gordon.

OL Drango declines top schools for BU

By KRISTA PIRTLE
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As Baylor students were waking up to frigid temperatures and no electricity, hoping to find class cancellation e-mails on their phones, four-star recruit Spencer Drango had already signed his national letter of intent for Baylor, the first signee of the day.

Drango, a 6-foot-6, 264-pound offensive tackle from Cedar Park has had Baylor on his mind since July 2010; however, after Jan. 21, when five-star offensive line recruit Christian Westerman jumped ship from the University of Texas to Auburn, Texas came knocking at Drango's door.

Texas might not have really affected his decision on Baylor, seeing as Drango



Drango

turned down offers from top schools such as Arkansas, California, Louisiana State and Stanford, but the fact that his childhood team was calling turned the tables.

Drango's friend and teammate, Chet Moss, had already committed to Texas and was starting to try and take Drango with him.

"I grew up a UT fan. It was a tough decision, but every time I thought about it, I kept pulling toward Baylor," Drango said.

Cedar Park head coach Chris Ross

could see Drango and Baylor were beginning to fit together quite nicely.

"I believe he chose Baylor because it fits what he wants out of life," Ross said. "His brother goes there, and their staff did a tremendous job recruiting him and making him feel like part of the Baylor family."

This relationship was the factor that kept Drango with Baylor.

Late Friday, Drango made the call to University of Texas assistant coach Stacy Searels, declining their offer.

Since that point, both Drango and Baylor Nation knew that today was going to be a big day.

Drango was ranked No. 15 among offensive linemen in the nation by ESPN.com, named "Best Offensive Lineman" in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas

Football Winter 2011.

"He's a winner on and off the field," Ross said. "He was the unanimous captain of our team and was All-State athletically and academically."

It only made sense that Drango would be the first to sign, being one of the top recruits this season for Baylor.

When asked why he signed so early, he simply responded that he was up anyway.

Such excitement leads to the thoughts of Drango's potential in the next four years.

His quick feet and long arms are great assets that cannot be coached, but his weight might not be enough for now to hold off the size of the Big 12 opposing defensive linemen.

This problem is nothing to worry

about; Drango is a dedicated player who knows there is still room for improvement, amongst his astounding list of accolades.

Baylor head coach Art Briles was pleased to have Drango officially commit to Baylor.

"Our job as coaches is always to evaluate from a positive and improvement standpoint, and we are having a hard time finding anything that he is not already up to speed on," Briles said. "He has it all; size, strength, purpose and great mental attitude as far as approaching the game and his academics. He is going to be a great leader for us. We are very excited Spencer is with us."

Ross added that he could not be any prouder of Drango and the player and person he is becoming.

Women thrash OU; men struggle

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If there was any question why the Baylor Lady Bears have held the No. 1 spot for five weeks, they were all answered Wednesday night in Waco as the Lady Bears continued their winning streak of now 17 games, dominating the Oklahoma Sooners 92-70.

From Baylor's 17-2 start, the Sooners never had a chance to answer back and shorten the gap, seeing as Baylor was firing from all cylinders, hitting 50 percent from the floor.

"We were hitting on all cylinders," Lady Bears head coach Kim Mulkey said. "When you can pass a ball around the way we did and hit shots from many places on the floor, you're going to have a good night."

Melissa Jones showed senior leadership, opening and closing the first half with a pair of treys, finishing the game with 14 points and six assists.

The Sooners had no answer for

Brittney Griner; once she found her rhythm, their only hope of stopping her was to foul. But that wasn't very effective either, as Griner went 11-15 from the free throw line.

Griner led the Lady Bears with 29, followed by Destiny Williams with 19.

In the paint, Baylor overpowered the Sooners, outscoring them 52-6. Griner and Williams combined accounted for 48.

Freshman Aaryn Ellenberg led the way for Oklahoma with 27, hitting seven shots from behind the arc. Right behind her was Danielle Robinson, acquiring 25 with her last-minute bucket from half court, while Whitney Hand contributed 10.

The Lady Bears left the hardwood at halftime with a commanding 41-17 lead.

In the second half, Oklahoma outscored Baylor 53-51, mostly because of Aaryn Ellenberg's hot streak, totaling 25 points. The Lady Bears look to set things right from their loss last year in Stillwater,

Okla., as they take on Oklahoma State at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Men fall in Norman

It was looking like the blizzard conditions and the postponement of the game was going to assist Baylor in a win, but as time dragged on in the second half, the cold seemed to take its toll, not only on the outside, but on the Baylor basket as well.

After holding a seven-point lead with 15 minutes remaining in the game, the turnover-plagued Bears fell to Oklahoma, 73-66, at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla.

Oklahoma freshman Cameron Clark led all scorers with 25 points. Baylor freshman Perry Jones III led the Bears with 19, followed by Anthony Jones with 16 and Lacedarius Dunn with 15.

Anthony Jones had a big game for Baylor offensively, going 7 for 9 from inside the arc and 2 for 3 from beyond it. He usually averages nine points a game, but Wednes-

day afternoon he had obtained 12 points by half time. Quincy Acy came in as the sixth man for the fourth game in the row, scoring 11 points, six boards and three blocks.

Baylor finished the first half with a lead of 39-34 and only four turnovers.

A turnover by senior Lacedarius Dunn with 14:42 sparked an eight-minute, 17-2 Sooner run, as they capitalized on the Bears' seven turnovers by scoring nine points. Baylor went without a bucket for 5:26 during this run.

The momentum seemed to be turning back toward Baylor with 2:57 left as Oklahoma sophomore Andrew Fitzgerald trekked his way to the bench with five fouls; however, the Bears couldn't recapture the lead, closing the gap to three with 31 seconds left.

Oklahoma pulled away as Carl Blair went 4-5 from the line as Baylor fouled desperately to gain some more offensive chances.

Baylor next looks to find a win as they face Texas A&M at 1 p.m. in College Station Saturday.



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No. 5 senior guard Melissa Jones drives the ball on Oklahoma in Wednesday's 92-70 win over the Sooners. Jones, one of four Lady Bears to finish the night in double figures, scored 14 points.