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#### Grab the Mic

Join the Association of Black Students and Phi Iota Alpha at the last Grab The Mic of the semester on at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

#### Wind Ensemble

The Wind Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall of the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The free program includes the regional premiere of a work by Baylor composer Scott McAllister and a solo performance by Baylor trombonist Brent Phillips.



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Students sing a Russian song during Global BU Vision, an international singing competition, Thursday in Bennett Auditorium.

## Contest celebrates diversity

### Seven languages showcased in singing event

By SARA TIRRITO  
STAFF WRITER

Members of seven foreign language groups competed in a light-hearted singing contest, Global BU Vision, Thursday night, show-

casing their talent in international music of both the contemporary and folk varieties. Some even dressed in regional costume, acting out the storylines of their songs.

The contest, held in Bennett Auditorium, was the first of its type at Baylor.

The student groups and their instructors sang in Chinese, French, Japanese, German, Russian, Portuguese and Spanish.

Although students of the vari-

ous languages have gotten together to sing in the past, this is the first year it has been turned into a competition.

In the folk category, the Chinese singers took the top spot with their "Kang Ding Love Song." The French singers claimed the runner-up title with a rendition of "Sur le pont d'Avignon."

The French singers also won the contemporary competition, singing "Champs-Élysées." The runners-up in that category were

the Portuguese singers, who sang "Garota de Ipanema."

To some, however, the celebration of cultural diversity was of greater importance than the competition itself.

"I'm just excited about the students getting together and celebrating different cultures," Dr. Rosalie Barrera, faculty director of the Global Community

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## Shutdown looms as Obama, leaders can't reach agreement

By DAVID ESPO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Time growing short, President Barack Obama and congressional leaders failed to reach agreement Thursday night on a compromise to cut spending and head off a midnight Friday government shutdown that no one claimed to want.

Obama, House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid all said the differences had been narrowed in a pair of White House meetings during the day. They directed their aides to work through the night in pursuit of a deal.

"I expect an answer in the

morning," Obama said in an appearance in the White House briefing room shortly after his second sit-down of the day with the lawmakers.

The comments capped a day in which the president, Reid, D-Nev., and Boehner, R-Ohio, bargained and blustered by turns, struggling to settle their differences over spending cuts and other issues while maneuvering to avoid any political blame if they failed.

With the economy just now beginning to create jobs in large numbers, the president said a shutdown would damage the recovery. "For us to go backwards because Washington couldn't get its act

together is just unacceptable," he said. The White House announced he had postponed a scheduled trip to Indianapolis for the morning.

But agreement remained elusive, and Republicans passed legislation through the House at midday to fund the Pentagon for six months, cut \$12 billion in domestic spending and keep the federal bureaucracy humming for an additional week. "There is absolutely no policy reason for the Senate to not follow the House in taking these responsible steps to support our troops and to keep our govern-

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JED DEAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

From left, senior editor Elinor Mazé, director Dr. Stephen Sloan, and associate director Lois Myers of the Institute for Oral History, which was recently awarded the Texas Historical Commission's 2011 Award of Excellence in Preserving History.

## Oral history institute honored for excellence

By JADE MARDIROSIAN  
STAFF WRITER

Baylor's Institute for Oral History has been awarded the Texas Historical Commission's 2011 Award of Excellence in Preserving History.

The institute records historically significant stories from individuals, which are then transcribed and preserved. The institute works on a wide range of topics including World War II and personal stories of faith journeys during the time of widespread lynching in America. The institute also holds workshops in oral history techniques.

"We have been doing this for

40 years and have more than 5,000 interviews now," Lois Myers, associate director of the institute, said. "The biggest majority of the interviews are a project we call religion and culture. Under that big umbrella are interviews on the church and civil rights, women in ministry, Catholics and the Vatican. That's really Baylor's unique contribution in the overall field of oral history. We are leaders in the national Oral History Association."

Elinor Mazé, senior editor at the institute, describes the significance in preserving history firsthand from eyewitnesses.

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

### Sittin' pretty

During the Swing-A-Thon, hosted by Sigma Alpha Epsilon on Thursday outside the Marrs McLean Gym, Wichita Falls junior Dalton Long and San Antonio freshman Abbey Brady collect donations for the Children's Miracle Network.





# A call to action: Aid Baylor vets

## Editorial

Recent budget cuts on the state and national level, though tough, have proved necessary. The recent cutting of funds for the GI Bill, however, is nothing if not a breach of trust and represents misplaced values in American society. The GI Bill provides scholarship money for veterans to attend college after their service. The amount of money given to veterans to attend private universities was originally determined on a state-by-state basis and would cover as much as the highest in-state tuition rate. In Texas, the highest in-state tuition rate is \$1,549 per credit hour and Baylor's tuition rate per credit hour is \$1,124, which meant veterans could attend Baylor at no cost. Now, after the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2010, which was signed into law on Jan. 4, the GI Bill will only cover \$17,500 of the cost of private and foreign universities per academic year. According to Pam Edwards, veteran affairs coordinator at Baylor, the university must cut scholarships from the aid a veteran can receive as part of the changes to the GI Bill. All of these changes will go

into effect for the fall semester of 2011 and will adversely affect more than 300 veterans at Baylor. For many, assistance with education is a primary motivation for joining the military. The contract military personnel sign with the United States government is legally binding and breaking this contract can result in criminal charges against individual citizens. Similarly, any promises the government makes in return to military personnel regarding the benefits of joining the armed forces should be strictly followed. Reneging on such promises should be illegal and is definitely a breach of trust between the government and citizens. It is also, ironically, very unpatriotic. Veterans, in repayment for the dedicated service to our country, are due any and all opportunities the government promised them. Cutting funds of those already involved in programs with a high cost causes much distress. While it would be nice to change President Barack Obama's mind with a single editorial, it is also highly unlikely. While we question why Congress approved cutting aid for our veterans, these new changes cut unnecessarily deep and harm the students who were already taking advantage of the GI Bill. The minimum required tu-

ition and fees at Baylor for the 2011-2012 school year is \$16,044 per semester — or \$32,088 for the entire academic year. The GI Bill will cover nearly 54 percent of the year's cost — leaving \$14,588 left for the student to cover. Now the students enrolled here are faced with two options: stay at Baylor and try to cover the high cost or drop out. There are, unfortunately, several students forced to choose the latter. That is why Baylor, as a Christian institution dedicated to freedom, should pick up the government's slack and assist our veterans in any and all possible ways to help them stay in school. According to Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, Baylor is considering the pros and cons of joining the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, which is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. The Yellow Ribbon Program "allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution," according to

the Department of Veteran Affairs. Fogleman said Baylor's participation in the program is unsure. Baylor's involvement should not be a question. This program is a viable solution for our university. This school has always sought out the best options for its students. Our endowment is \$1.1 billion and the new President's Endowed Scholarship fund is climbing everyday. We spend \$87,000 each year on funding for individuals and student organizations through our student government — money given for events and campus guests. We can definitely afford to assist the veterans who have fought to protect America and all it stands for. Samuel Palmer Brooks charged this student body to protect Baylor's mission. "Build upon the foundations here the great school of which I have dreamed, so that she may touch and mold the lives of future generations and help to fit them for life here and hereafter," wrote Brooks in his Immortal Message. Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program is imperative for this university. As students, we cannot sit idle as our peers are being forced to leave. That is not consistent with the Baylor mission or the truth as Christian faith.

# Behind the scenes: Taking PR pointers from the Spurs crew

I still maintain that the visit to the AT&T center this past Sunday was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. When I first read the syllabus in Dr. Cassy Burleson's advanced public relations class that we would be meeting Tom James, the Spurs' director of media services, I was ecstatic. Nothing could have kept me from class, but when I heard there was an opportunity to go behind the scenes and see what a public relations person does for a sports team, I made every effort to make sure I would be able to go. I lived in San Antonio for more than 10 years. When I first arrived there, I was angry for having to move to Texas when I'd enjoyed my life in Florida.

I used to say there were only two things I really enjoyed about Texas: bluebonnets and the Spurs. San Antonio eventually grew on me, and I think one of the reasons it did was because of the small-town community feel in such a large city. People laugh when I say that about the 10th largest city in the U.S., but it's true. The unique culture allows for a connected community atmosphere, but the support for our one professional sports team helps as well. As big as the city is, no matter where you go, when it's Spurs season you'll find flags on people's cars waving proudly, billboards proclaiming "Go Spurs Go," and even the old Taco Cabana colors of the Spurs: sea foam green, electric orange and salmon pink played across walls of buildings. It's this familiarity and hope that creates a bond between everyone in San Antonio, and is why we love our team.

The day we arrived, I actually felt a little nervous. This was so exciting that butterflies were in my stomach, and I wondered if it was really such a good idea to give up so much time that could be used to study for a role play in my Professional Selling class. No, I'd switched schedules at work, found a way to get down to San Antonio, and was now standing in the presence of Kris Davis, senior media services coordinator of my favorite professional sports team. It was the right choice. We took an elevator down to the event floor, and the only way it could be described was surreal. A member of our team gave a "How's

it going" to Antonio McDyess, who responded "What's up?" Was I acting like a giddy school girl to squeal in delight over something so small? Perhaps, but my enthusiasm was overwhelming any reservation I'd had about going on this trip. One of my favorite parts of the day was getting to see the players warm up while sitting courtside while Davis explained what a PR professional does in a normal day. Afterward, we were taken over to the head coach's office, where Gregg Popovich let reporters ask him questions. It was strange to hear the half-joking, half-serious comments of the journalists next to us who called us the future competition. When the interview began, the coach gave my favorite quote of the evening, directed toward us after he gave us a warm greeting. "The length of the answers reflect the quality of the questions," he said.

For anyone who has kept track of Popovich's career with the Spurs, they understand his meaning. While the winning the game was a great highlight, and enjoyable to watch from where the secondary press sit, I feel the next highlight was seeing the press in the locker room after the game. Watching the press gather around the players they wanted to speak to, waiting for them to dress, was surreal. The players do not answer questions until they are fully dressed, so George Hill, who performed very well during the game, took his time putting on clothing while a large group of cameras and reporters surrounded him. Overall, getting to learn what a PR professional does for a sports team was a dreamlike experience. This public relations team works every day to ensure people like me get to know and continue to love the Spurs as players and as individual people. The influence they have stretches nationally and they use influence to promote players of good character and skill. It is inspiring to see professional public relations in action and has only affirmed public relations as the field in which I belong. Kristina Bell is journalism major and attended a behind the scenes public relations tour with the San Antonio Spurs with her advanced public relations class.

# Dark horse: Rangers will repeat 2010 AL success

Las Vegas has the Boston Red Sox winning the American League. ESPN's analysts mostly have Boston, and none have the Rangers. What does this tell me? That the Texas Rangers will fly under the radar to win the American League pennant yet again.

## Here's why: Offense

The Rangers have tons of it. So far in the season, the team has shown the most impressive offense in Major League Baseball. If you look through the Rangers' lineup, it's easy to see why. They have a good combination of speed and power. Shortstop Elvis Andrus and center fielder Julio Borbon could each steal 40 or more bases, and even the Rangers' big hitters like left fielder Josh Hamilton, right fielder Nelson Cruz and second baseman Ian Kinsler are smart base runners who utilize their know-how rather than speed on



James Stockton | Reporter

the base paths. And in addition to base running, Cruz can hit the ball too. Cruz has begun the season on fire. With his fourth home run Cruz became the third player ever to hit a home run in each of his first four games. He leads the Rangers in nearly every offensive statistical category, and while he probably won't keep

this pace up, if he stays healthy (he hasn't played more than 128 games in a season) Cruz is on track to have a career season. The Rangers can beat you with home runs or with single after single. Offensively they can play any style and should be placed at the top of the elite offenses in all of baseball. Defense The Rangers, an already solid defensive team, upgraded in the off season with the addition of third baseman Adrian Beltre. The tandem of Beltre and Andrus makes for one of the best left infielders in baseball. Andrus is a year older, and at 22 has already cemented himself as one of the top defensive shortstops in the game. Add to that the Rangers' second baseman and first baseman are solid defensively and the outfield has four strong arms and defensive minds. The Rangers are a team poised

to improve on an already good foundation. Pitching I know this is the biggest question mark for the Rangers, but through the first six games — which I know isn't a lot — Ranger pitching has quieted the critics. C.J. Wilson, the Ranger ace, has been solid in his first two outings, going 1-0 with and earned run average of 2.84, but the real surprises have been at the back end of the rotation. Matt Harrison and Alexei Ogando came up big in each of their first starts. Harrison dominated a highly touted Red Sox lineup, earning his first win and striking out eight last weekend. Ogando was as impressive, if not more so, against the Seattle Mariners, allowing no runs in six strong innings. Couple the starters' strong start to the season with the fact that they have four veteran starters on the disabled list, come May or

June, the Rangers will have some difficult decisions to make in who gets starting spots. Which leads to the Rangers' biggest strength: depth. With a team that has two hitters batting over .500 on its bench and at least two opening-roster starting pitchers on the disabled list, manager Ron Washington knows he has a lot of options going forward. As the season continues, two things are certain: The Rangers will eventually lose and injuries will occur. And while the latter might influence the former, the Rangers are one of the best teams equipped to deal with inevitable injuries. If the Rangers' bullpen pitches like it did last year, they will be back in the World Series. And who knows. Maybe this time they'll be the team that everything happens perfectly for.

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## CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's article "Baylor Student Publications praised," the incorrect number of awards was reported. Baylor Student Publications claimed 75 — not 73 — awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

Thursday's article "Exhibit celebrates 400 years of famous Bible text," incorrectly stated that the exhibit would be moving to "St. Petersburg in Vatican City." The exhibit is actually moving to St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.



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# Care Net raises awareness with Walk for Life

By STORI LONG  
REPORTER

Throughout history, walks have been used by some of the greatest social revolutionaries of all time.

Both Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi used walks as a means to convey solidarity for a particular cause.

Today, the use of the walk to raise awareness and support is still in full effect. Among those groups is Care Net of Central Texas, who will hold their 18th Annual Walk for Life at 9:30 a.m. on April 16 at Baylor's Hart Patterson Track and Field Complex.

Those who volunteer to participate in the two-mile walk find other outside parties, who may not be able to make the walk themselves, to sponsor them.

The money goes directly to fund Care Net in its efforts to provide pregnancy education to women and alternatives to abortion.

"It's one of our biggest annual fundraisers," Austin senior Elizabeth George, pub-



Care Net's 18th annual Walk for Life will take place at 9:30 a.m. April 16 at Baylor's Hart-Patter Track and Field Complex.

lic relations intern for Care Net, said.

"We aid 25,000 women annually who are facing a crisis pregnancy; 300 people participate in order to help us support Care Net as a life-affirming agency to families all over Central Texas."

This year, Care Net is doing something special for those who walk by bringing in past Care Net babies in order to show them exactly where their money is going.

Supporters of Care Net see it as an incredibly important establishment in Waco and one that should receive support from the community.

"I think that it's an extremely valuable resource for a population that is underserved, especially at Baylor," Hunstville senior and Care Net supporter Leah Simpson said.

One of the areas Care Net specifically concentrates on is offering prenatal education and parenting classes for pregnant women.

Houston senior Rachanna Chinn, a student leader in St. Peter's Pro-Life ministry, has worked closely with crisis pregnancy centers like Care Net and puts his full support behind them.

"Care Net is extremely helpful in letting women know that abortion is not their only option," Chinn said.

"Pro-Life ministry helps minister to women who have already had abortions, but CareNet helps women to never have to go through that pain at all."

Chinn also said he supports Care Net as a positive representation of the anti-abortion movement.

"Lots of times when people think of 'pro-life' they think about screaming violent protesters, but most of us aren't like that at all," Chinn said.

"Care Net is about actively getting involved in the lives of the women they are helping, and Walk for Life is a very tangible way for those who care about this issue to put their money where their mouth is."

Walk for Life, aside from raising funding will also serve to raise awareness about what it is doing.

"Care Net does a lot of great stuff that needs to be recognized more in the community," Chinn said.

"And this is what Walk for Life does. It helps people in the community to partner with an organization that has saved countless lives, and you really can't put a price on that."

Those who wish to participate or support Walk for Life can register online at the Care Net website: [www.pregnancycare.org](http://www.pregnancycare.org).

## SBO candidates debate

## EVP

### Student Body President

Left to right:  
Cristina Galvan  
Zach Rogers  
Nate Larson



Ben Aguinaga, who has filed to run for student body president, did not attend

"I want to continue to ensure that the student voice is heard and acknowledged and listened to and working to make Baylor more affordable for students."

"The Lord has given me a passion to serve and with this passion, I want to use this passion for students for I believe that I am a servant leader."

"I want to help students and student organizations accomplish the goals that they want to accomplish, focus on things that they care about."

### External Vice President

(From top)  
Alex Baqui  
Angela Gray



### Internal Vice President

Left to right:  
Brian Kim  
Michael Lyssy  
Daniel Houston



"I want [to] increase the number of propositions we write as a senate, secondly I would like to see stronger leadership as a stronger IVP and, lastly, equally and fairly distributing the Student Government Allocation Fund."

"I know how senate works, I've been a senator, I have experience I've Been IVP and I believe the connections that I have made as a SBO will really help this position next year."

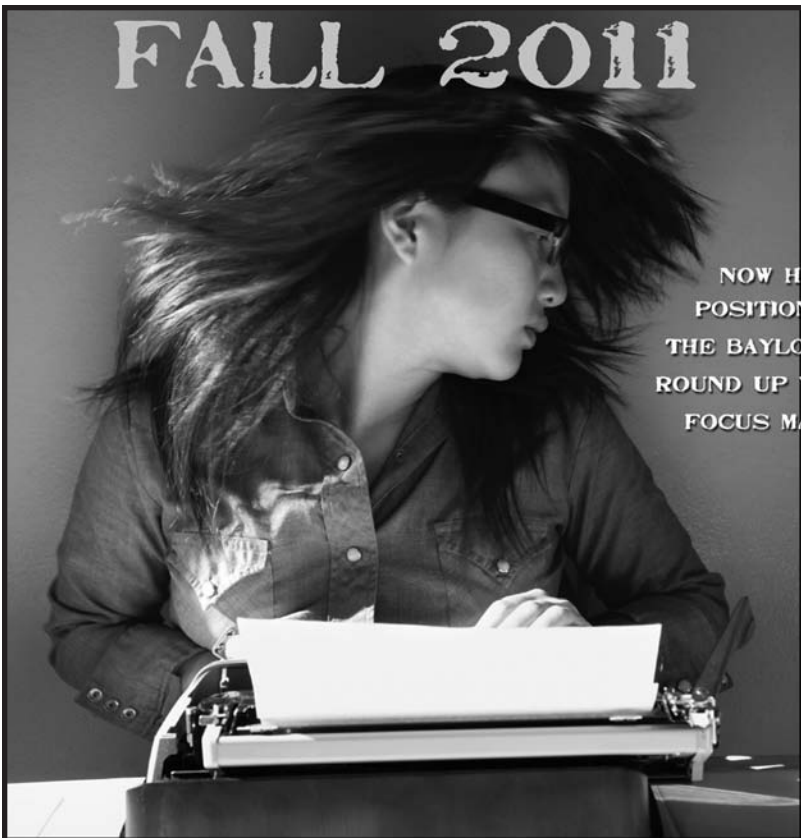
I am willing to work with students and provide a Senate that functions effectively enough that when a student comes before us with a concern and says 'This is where we want to see student government in the next 10 years' then we're going to be open to actually be receptive to that."



"I would like to reestablish connections at the state and federal legislators, establishing more connections outside of Baylor administrators."

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# Former Bear transforms passion into career

By KELLY GALVIN  
REPORTER

A recent graduate of Baylor wasted no time putting her degree to use. Allison Campbell opened her own shopping store, The Franklin Shops, in her hometown of Fort Myers, Fla., early this year and has been consistently attracting interested retailers and patrons of every kind.

Campbell graduated from Baylor in May 2009 and got the idea for the business in spring 2010.

She quickly went from having a plan to becoming the CEO of her own business.

The Franklin Shops is a storefront holding 27 different local retailers, and offering one-of-a-kind treasures around each corner. Spice is a store in Waco that is similar to The Franklin Shops, providing various merchandise from clothes to furniture from different retailers, but all housed under the same roof.

"We have a lot of original pieces, whether it's jewelry, home accessories, handbags. We even have a leather boutique, and we'll be having a swim boutique as well," Campbell said.

Campbell studied finance while at Baylor, giving her an advantage in starting her own business.

Campbell describes her concept as "a store with shops," and the business model she created convinced Rene Miville, a local investor, to show interest in the project.

"It's the most exciting thing for shopping in Fort Myers in 10 years," said Miville, who purchased the more than 10,000-square-foot building that houses The Franklin Shops.

Campbell's store provides different opportunities for customers to find what they are looking for. Miville said adding Campbell's shops to the building has made his store more marketable to a younger demographic.

Miville, 55, said he believes the opportunity with Campbell was meant to be, despite her young age.

"She blinds you with facts, and she's fresh out of college with great ideas," Miville said of his junior partner's business plan.

These shops act like a department store. Retailers are offered a venue to sell products without the headache of managing a business. Campbell runs the management

of all the merchandise.

"We handle everything: the employees, loss and prevention, and all the daily operations that are involved in operating a retail storefront," Campbell said.

Campbell knew she wanted to start her own business after leaving Baylor and has a passion for fashion. Campbell said selling merchandise is her dream job.

"I've always liked the idea of owning my own store and being my own boss. I like having the freedom to make my own decisions," Campbell said.

Campbell's parents said they knew she would be successful after leaving Baylor and are very proud of her accomplishments. Sherri Campbell, Allison's mom, said she has always known that her daughter would excel in whatever she decided to do but was especially excited about her new business.

"Allison has always had high expectations for herself and is a perfectionist, so to be her own boss is ideal for her," Sherri said.

Sherri is supportive and said Allison will put everything she has into the success of her store.



COURTESY PHOTO

Baylor alumna Allison Campbell turned her passion for fashion into a career by opening The Franklin Shops in her hometown of Fort Myers, Fla.

# Senior class gift: Raising funds for scholarship

By WILL DEWITT  
REPORTER

Senior classes have been giving back to Baylor in the form of senior class gifts for years. This year, students will have the chance to eat at some of their favorite restaurants and contribute to a fully-fledged scholarship for students.

"This is a longstanding tradition. For a long time it used to be things like park benches and trees and little memorial gardens. It wasn't until just a few years ago that they came up with the idea of pouring money into an endowed scholarship which grows each year," said Shelby, N.C., senior and senior class president Mary Katherine Leslie.

This year, the scholarship is being funded through the Senior Class Café initiative. Several restaurants — including Chipotle, Chick-Fil-A and McAlister's Deli — have agreed to donate a portion of each sale toward the scholarship fund if the student shows the fundraising flier or mentions the initiative at checkout.

"I think it's great because it's an easy way. I mean, everyone's going to eat at some point so it might as well have some of the proceeds go to something beneficial to a Baylor student," San Angelo senior Kyle Kirkland said.

Students have already had the opportunity to contribute through

3 Spoons and Chipotle, which donated 50 percent of each sale to the scholarship initiative, but students can still go to Chick-Fil-A on Monday or McAlister's Deli on April 26.

The scholarship has been used to help seniors the past few years, helping pay for two students' complete tuition this year.

"For every \$25,000 that is raised, then the endowed scholarship can provide financial assistance," Leslie said.

The Senior Class Café is not the only time students can contribute toward this gift. As part of President Ken Starr's initiatives, the class of 2011's endowed scholarship will be something this senior class can donate to as alumni.

"Because it is the class of 2011 we can continue, as we become alumni, to pour back into that so the class of 2011 can help support someone in the class of 2027," Leslie said.

Because this gift is something that will help many classes in the years to come, senior class officers want everybody to participate in the Café initiative.

"We want to raise money for something that has impact. Benches and parks are nice, but Baylor spends enough money on the campus. Its time we support students and what they need, and that's financial stability," said Houston senior and senior class vice president Rachael Gilbert.



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## Water works

During their Exploring Environmental Issues lab, Baylor students learn how to examine the properties of water in a hands-on session outside the Baylor Sciences Building.

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# StompFest 2011 opens with changes to tradition

By Liz Hitchcock  
REPORTER

The Baylor's 11th annual StompFest is starting at 7 p.m. today in Waco Hall, with another performance at the same time Saturday.

"Stepping is an African American tradition that has evolved over the years. It involves using your hands and feet to make rhythmic sounds and beats. It's one of the most creative, challenging and entertaining art forms of today," said Memphis, Tenn., senior Britney Thorton.

Thorton is a member of Zeta Phi Beta, the sorority that is organizing the event. She is also a coach for the Zeta Tau Alpha team.

Along with Zeta Phi Beta, Student Productions is organizing the event, which is not just a performance. StompFest is a competition, as well.

StompFest will look a little different this year. A first change being made is a more specific focus on a theme.

"The theme of Stompfest this year is Blockbuster movies, so each act will be performing with a theme of a different movie," Beth Roller, graduate apprentice at Student Productions, wrote in an e-mail interview with The Lariat.

Alpha Delta Pi's performance will be based on "The Godfather," Olney sophomore Krista Pirtle said. Delta Sigma will be performing an homage to the musical, "Chicago," according to Frisco, junior, Michael Minchew.

"About half the teams are Greek organizations, and the other half are independent teams. We have coaches from the National Pan-Hellenic teaching the people that are unfamiliar with stepping and helping them with their routines," Thorton said.

This year will be different from past step shows because there will



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER  
Baylor Transfer Council rehearses a Lion King-themed act for Stompfest 2011 Thursday in Waco Hall.

be two nights of competition, each will have different performances.

"[It is] our first year having an elimination round," Roller said. "The first night we will have 15 teams competing in 2 categories (greek and independent organizations)."

With the second night comes another change this year.

"The second evening, for the elimination round, the top three teams from each category, as well as one wildcard, will compete for the top three places."

The wildcard team will be chosen through audience votes. StompFest has never had a segment of the show judged by the audience, so it will be interesting to see which team will succeed, Pirtle said.

"There is going to be a big audience choice to save one team to go on to Saturday," Pirtle said. "So it's really a lot more competitive and more of a showcase this year."

Another change from the past years at StompFest is there will be shorter performances, as well as the more focused theme.

"In the past, performances have been around 10 to 15 minutes long," Minchew said.

"I remember that when I first came to Baylor, the performances were about twice as long as they are now. I think it will be less skit material and more quick, serious stuff. Back in the day they had more dialogue."

StompFest is also a philanthropic endeavor by Zeta Phi Beta.

Last year the sorority raised \$4,000 from ticket sales and this year they intend to reach a higher goal, Thorton said.

"The Zetas and the student production staff has done a really great job of getting everything organized," Pirtle said. "I think it will be a really great event."

Tickets are for sale at the door for \$10.

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Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Combine the kiwi, mango, and banana in a bowl. Process the strawberries in a blender until they are liquefied and pour over fruit mixture.

Stir to coat and refrigerate.


Coat both sides of each tortilla with the cooking spray. Cut them into triangle-shaped wedges and place on a baking sheet. Sprinkle cinnamon sugar evenly over the chips. Bake in preheated oven until golden-brown, about 10 minutes. Allow to cool and serve with the fruit mixture.


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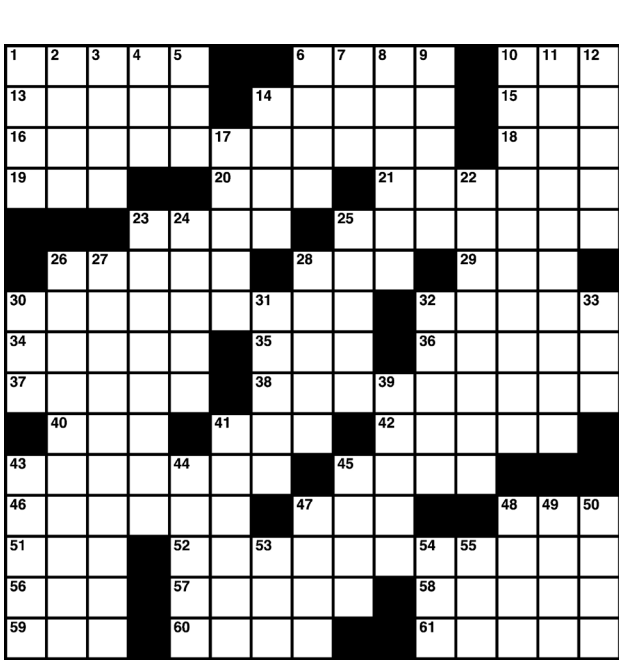


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# Pitching reliability key as Baylor battles Texas

By MATT LARSEN  
SPORTS WRITER

With a pitching staff still searching for consistency, Baylor baseball plays host to the No. 8 University of Texas today and Saturday before finishing up the three-game series Sunday in Austin.

"I think we know that we're better than we have been playing right now," sophomore right-hander Josh Turley said. "We'd like to show that to everybody else. I think we will play our best ball this weekend. I think we've got a little more at stake."

On Tuesday, Turley and company watched a 2-0 lead fall in the eighth inning and then a walk-off single seal the 3-2 road loss at midweek non-conference foe Sam Houston State.

"We're throwing a lot of strikes, but it really surprises me the number of hits we're giving up given the changes," head coach Steve Smith said, referencing the new rules this year that require bats to behave more like wood. "Some of our other numbers aren't bad. We're not walking an inordinate amount."

The Bears (17-13, 4-5) look to

redirect both an overall and conference season that has gotten off track a bit.

Baylor has won just one of the three conference series it has played thus far. All three of the series were against teams with the same or worse records in conference play.

Baylor pulled out two one-run

*"I think we know that we're better than we have been playing right now. We'd like to show that to everybody else."*

Josh Turley | Sophomore pitcher

wins over Kansas State (2-7) in Waco, but dropped two of three against Texas Tech (4-5) and Kansas (4-5).

Baylor's own 4-5 mark in Big 12 play and its overall record nearing .500 was enough to drop them this past week from the Baseball America's top 25 rankings, where it previously sat at No. 19.

"Hungrier for sure," junior

Brooks Pinckard said of the feeling stemming from the past few games.

Early April won't be an easy time for the Bears to infuse a streak of wins into their season as this weekend brings the second-highest ranked Big 12 opponent to the plate at Baylor Ballpark while next weekend features the toughest: No. 6 Texas A&M.

The Longhorns return most of the pitching staff that carried them to an NCAA Super Regional in 2010.

The 2011 edition features two pitchers with ERAs below 1.00 and six with averages under 3.00.

What impresses Smith even more is the number of walks that seem few and far between.

"They are not walking many guys period as a staff," Smith said.

The 6:30 p.m. matchup today pits junior Logan Verrett (3-2) against junior Taylor Jungmann (6-0).

Verrett carries a 3.53 ERA into today's contest while Jungmann brings a 0.94 ERA.

"I think the kind of year Taylor Jungmann is in the process of having is pretty unique," Smith said.

When it comes to Smith's im-



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No. 18 sophomore Cal Towey rounds third base in a March 29 game against University of Texas-San Antonio at Baylor Ballpark. Baylor faces Texas this weekend, today and Saturday in Waco and Sunday in Austin.

portant walk statistic, Jungmann models the ideal. The ace has handed over just eight free passes in his conference-leading 57.1 innings pitched.

Though stacked with experienced starters like Jungmann, Texas added a freshman who has already solidified his pivotal role on the team with a team-leading

0.93 ERA.

Freshman right-hander Cory Knebel has settled into his closing role with seven saves, second-most in the Big 12.

Turley will likely get the start at 3 p.m. Saturday for the Bears and comes in confident without downplaying the caliber of pitchers with which he will share the mound.

"It definitely puts pressure on us because we know they are going to throw three studs," he said. "But I think we will rise to the occasion."

Junior Trent Blank is expected to take the mound for the Bears on Sunday. Blank carries a 5.56 ERA and is fresh from a six-inning, three-run performance in last Sunday's 12-4 win at Kansas.

# Men's golf back on track after second tourney win of 2011

By DANIEL WALLACE  
REPORTER

For the first time since the 2008-2009 season, the Baylor men's golf team has won multiple tournaments in the same season. The first victory came last month in Charleston, S.C., and the most recent was Tuesday at the Wyoming Cowboy Classic. The Bears finished at 4-under-par 282-273-281=836, beating out second-place Arizona by three strokes in the 20-team field. The second round score of 273 was a season low.

The team posted 54 birdies in three rounds, with junior Joakim Mikkelsen carding 13 of them. Individually, Mikkelsen shot a final round score of 65 to finish at 7-under-par and in second place. He set new 18, 36 and 54-hole career lows for the second time this season to finish at 70-68-65=203. His third round score of 65 was the lowest individual round by a Baylor golfer since Colton Williams in 2007. This was the star golfer's third top-five finish this season and the sixth of his career.

Senior Payne Gniewek also had

a couple of career days in Wyoming. After getting off to a slow start earlier in the season, he posted his best tournament in his career at Baylor to tie for ninth place at 1-under-par 209.

"Once I got there [in Wyoming], it all felt right and it was good for my confidence," said Gniewek, who added he struggled earlier in the season with his putting. Mikkelsen said Gniewek's performance should not be seen as anything "special" from him because he is capable of playing consistently.

"That's as good as he is, if not better; he got back to where he needs to be ... hopefully he will keep playing like that," Mikkelsen said.

Head coach Greg Priest said he believes his team is peaking at just the right time because of the patience his team has shown throughout the season.

"We struggled early but made sure we stayed patient and understood that it's a long season. All the tournaments are warm-ups for conferences and nationals," he said. Gniewek said the attitude of

the team has changed recently and accredits that to their success. He recalled a meeting the team held about a month ago where they discussed staying positive, no matter the circumstances. After that meeting, he said they came out with a new sense of confidence.

"We expected to win; we expected to play well going into tournaments and had a lot of confidence going into tournaments [after that meeting]," Gniewek said.

Mikkelsen also added that not only is the team playing with more confidence, but its aggressiveness

has helped tit to be more successful as well. He hopes the team can show that same aggressiveness in its next tournament, the Aggie Invitational, beginning April 16 in Bryan.

Asked if he expects the team to win that tournament, he said, "We definitely hope to do some damage. We can't fool around, and we can't do anything stupid."

The Bears hope to ride their confidence going into their last regular season tournament before the Big 12 championship later in the month.

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Sports Briefs

**Softball**  
Softball’s bats hope to stay hot as the Lady Bears face the No. 21 Sooners this weekend in Norman, Okla. The Lady Bears are 4-2 in Big 12 play among a conference full of solid programs, with eight of the 10 schools nationally ranked in the top 25. Currently, Baylor has a combined ERA of 1.24, second in the Big 12 behind Texas, and the offense brings momentum from a mid-week, doubleheader sweep of Texas Tech, in which the Lady Bears belted three homers in the second game.

**Tennis**  
Men’s and women’s tennis returns to Waco this weekend. The men take on Seminole State College at 1 p.m. Saturday, followed immediately by a match with UT Arlington. The women welcome Nebraska at 5 p.m. today and Iowa State at 1 p.m. Sunday. Notably for the men, senior John Peers was selected Tuesday as the Big 12 player of the week, giving him the honor in back-to-back weeks.

**Track and field**  
The men’s and women’s track teams are competing in the 84th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays in Austin. Freshman Tiffani McReynolds enters the weekend with the NCAA’s fastest time in the 100-meter hurdles at 12.91. A hurdler to watch for the men is freshman Gabriel El Hanbli, who ranks among the top 10 in the 400-meter hurdles at 50.83. The meet’s events continue through Saturday, concluding with the 4x400 meter relay.

**Competitive Cheer**  
Freshman Jayme Edwards and sophomore Madeline Felio were named National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association All-Americans on Wednesday night. Baylor’s young team is competing at the NCATA Nationals Championships in Eugene, Ore., and has its sights are set high for next season.

Texas teams find positives early in year



Houston Astros' Jason Bourgeois steals second base as Cincinnati Reds shortstop Edgar Renteria (16) catches the late throw in the first inning of Thursday's game. Houston won, 3-2.

Astros hand Cincy first loss

CINCINNATI — Two on, two outs. Ramon Hernandez was coming up in the bottom of the ninth with a chance to start another raucous Reds celebration. It felt an awful lot like opening day, when Hernandez hit a two-out, three-run homer that launched the Cincinnati Reds’ best start in 21 years. Not this time. The drama and the NL’s last perfect record ended with a ground ball. Hernandez hit into a forceout for the final out Thursday, preserving the Houston Astros’ 3-2 victory. While the Astros celebrated their first win with hand slaps behind the mound, the Reds took their loss by focusing on the big picture, one that looks really good for the defending NL Central champions after an opening 5-1 homestand. “Our team puts good at-bats together,” said Nick Masset (0-1), who gave up Matt Downs’ tiebreaking double in the ninth. “We’ve been playing good ball. We can’t get down on ourselves.” The Reds now pack up for their first road trip. “We’ve just got to continue doing the same things we did at home,” manager Dusty Baker said. “You want to have a good month every month. If you do that, September will take care of itself.” Cincinnati’s opening homestand was about as good as it gets. The NL’s top offense from 2010 was going full-power most of the time. The Reds batted .329 in those half-dozen games, scoring runs at a Big Red Machine pace. They even gave themselves one last chance for a perfect finish on Thursday. Scott Rolen hit a tying, pinch-hit homer in the seventh off Brett Myers. After Downs put the Astros back ahead in the ninth, Brandon Phillips and Joey Votto singled with two outs in the bottom half against closer Brandon Lyon, who had blown his only other save chance. “That’s what we did all last year,” Hernandez said. “It’s what we’ve done so far this year. We go (hard) until the last out is made and anything can happen.” This time, Hernandez hit a grounder up the middle that didn’t get through. The forceout at second base left Texas as the only unbeaten team in the majors. Left-hander Fernando Abad (1-0) got his first major-league win. Houston’s pitching staff had allowed only two homers coming in, one of the best marks in the majors. The Astros gave themselves a chance by getting the Reds into a game of small ball — more suited to their lineup. Credit Myers for that. The right-hander didn’t let Cincinnati’s offense get rolling. Edgar Renteria doubled home a run in the second, and the Reds went on to load the bases with two outs, giving themselves a chance to break it open. Myers got Drew Stubbs to pop up a full-count pitch. Rolen’s solo homer on Myers’ 106th and final pitch tied it at 2 in the bottom of the seventh. It was the fourth career pinch-hit homer for Rolen, who was out of the lineup in a day game following a night game. The Astros came in batting only .214 with a league-low two homers. They squeezed out a pair of runs on groundouts: Hunter Pence drove in a first-inning run with a grounder, and Carlos Lee tripled and scored on Brett Wallace’s groundout in the fourth.

Rangers’ offense potent as team prepares for road trip

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS  
ARLINGTON — After their first World Series last year, the Texas Rangers are on quite a roll. They are pounding the baseball, even without a home run yet from AL MVP Josh Hamilton. They have already beaten the American League’s Cy Young winner and swept two teams. And after an impressive opening week at home, they are the AL’s only undefeated team — 6-0 for the first time in 15 years. “I knew we had a good team to compete and start good. But 6-0, I didn’t really put it in my mind,” new third baseman Adrian Beltre said. “It’s been good, and hopefully we can keep doing it.” The Rangers, who Friday night in Baltimore will try to match the team record for seven consecutive wins to start a season, have been winning with big bats, solid pitching and some spectacular defense. “What I’ve learned is we can play baseball, and we can play baseball any kind of way we have to play it,” fifth-year manager Ron Washington said. “I know we’re not going to blow everybody away and maintain this pace, but it’s about being consistent in the main areas, pitching and defense. If we can stay consistent there, I think y’all enjoy the year that we put together. I know we will.” Texas, already with a three-game lead in the AL West, had a day off Thursday before a nine-game, 10-day road trip. They begin against the Orioles and former manager Buck Showalter before going to Detroit and then New York to face the Yankees, who they beat in the AL championship series last fall. Nelson Cruz joined Willie Mays and Mark McGwire as the only players to homer in each of the first four games of a season. Cruz and Ian Kinsler were the first teammates to both homer in the first three games, and Kinsler became the first player ever with leadoff homers in each of the first two games. The Rangers had 13 homers in the first four games, even getting one from Elvis Andrus, who didn’t have a homer all last season. But they also won the last two games without hitting a ball out of the park. Alexi Ogando, No. 5 in the rotation because of Tommy Hunter’s groin injury, threw six shutout innings in his first major league start, a 3-2 win over Seattle. Texas then beat Felix Hernandez with four runs on six hits (five singles) over seven innings against the AL Cy Young winner. All five Rangers starters already have a win on a staff with a 2.83 ERA. Closer Neftali Feliz has retired all 12 batters he has faced in four appearances with two saves. Beltre is hitting only .125, and is 1 for 17 since his grand slam against Boston last Saturday. But he had two incredible defensive plays in the finale Wednesday against his former Seattle teammates. “Everybody is talking about homers, but pitching and defense got us where we needed to be, got us six big wins,” said designated hitter Michael Young, the longest-tenured Ranger in his 11th season. “I love the runs, but I like the pitching and the defense,” Washington said. “I’ll take nine, 10, 11 or 12 hits and eight, nine, 10 runs. But you don’t have success just constantly doing that every night. You’ve got the pitch, you’ve got to catch the ball.” Texas averaged seven runs in the opening homestand with more extra-base hits (32) than singles (23). The Rangers outscored the Red Sox and Mariners by a combined 42-20. The only time the Rangers have started a

*“I know we’re not going to blow everybody away and maintain this pace, but it’s about being consistent in the main areas, pitching and defense.”*  
Ron Washington | Manager

season 7-0 was 1996, when they won the first of three AL West titles in four years. They didn’t win the division again, or get back to the playoffs, until last season when they went all the way to the World Series before losing in five games against San Francisco. No team in the majors has been 7-0 since 2003, when the Giants won their first seven games and Kansas City started 9-0. Hamilton led the majors with a .359 batting average last season, along with 32 homers and 100 RBIs. The Red Sox intentionally walked Hamilton to load the bases in the second game right before Beltre’s grand slam. While the slugger surprisingly hasn’t been part of the Rangers’ season-opening home run derby, Hamilton has three doubles and four RBIs and is hitting .273. “I’ve always been when everybody else is doing their thing, I just kind of chill and take it easy. Then when they’re not doing their thing, I kind of take off and do what I have to do. It’s always been that way, I don’t know why,” Hamilton said. “Be patient, let everybody get theirs out of the way, then I’ll start.”

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raise money for the mission trip,” Hurtt said. “I don’t know if they saw a sign for Zumba, but they said, ‘Let’s see if we can break a record’ and when they got back, they sent students to investigate to see if it was even a category.”

“World’s Largest Zumba Class” is in fact a Guinness World Records category — the record was last broken by participants at the University of South Carolina. According to Palmetto Health Hospital, which partnered with the university to break the record, 1,135 people participated to break the record on Feb. 19 in celebration of the American Heart Association’s Heart Month.

“We’re hoping for 3,000 people, but we need at least 1,136,” Hurtt said. “We think it’ll be a lot of fun and give Baylor a lot of good publicity nationally and internationally.”

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate even if they have never heard of Zumba.

“We figure we’ll put all the good people on the edge where all the press and cameras will be and all the rest of us can be in the middle,”

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“[Oral history] is sometimes called history from the ground up and that implies that ordinary people like us are the people through whom history is lived, created,” Mazé said. “History that is written is of dates and treaties and so on, but that doesn’t tell the story of life as you know it. People say it’s history of the ordinary person, but what you learn when you do this is that there are no ordinary people. Everyone has some part of an extraordinary story to tell.”

William McWhorter, coordinator for military sites and oral history program for the Texas Historical Commission, nominated Baylor’s Institute for Oral History.

According to the Texas Historical Commission, the award honors an individual, organization or project that has significantly contributed to the understanding or preservation of Texas history. It recognizes achievements in preserva-

Hurtt joked.

The main purpose of the world record attempt is not fame but raising money for the accounting mission trip.

“We are trying to raise money to do a variety of different things on our trip,” Dr. Bill Thomas, an accounting and business law professor, said. “We have to really remember that this is a mission trip we’re going on and the primary focus is to glorify God and do his work.”

Accounting students will help students at the Uganda Christian University develop the business skills and job skills they need to succeed in an economically-depressed country. Thomas said unemployment in Uganda is around 70 percent.

“We need to teach students how to interview and even start up their own businesses. You name it, they need it,” Thomas said.

In addition to participating in the Zumba class, students can also donate neckties for Ugandan students who lack the proper attire for job interviews. Students can drop off neckties in a box in the student center of the Hankamer School of

Business. The accounting team is also accepting cash or check donations. All checks are to be addressed to Baylor University and given to Hurtt in room 140 of the accounting suite in the Hankamer School of Business.

Students on the mission trip will be conducting an entrepreneurship conference on small business and offering funds to help students with good ideas get their businesses started.

While Uganda Christian University is closed on the weekends, Baylor students will travel to local orphanages and put on carnivals for the kids.

“We’re collecting nail polish, face paint, stickers, sports equipment — things you would give out at a kids carnival,” Hurtt said.

The accounting mission team will also be hosting sports camps for the kids on the weekends.

Hurtt and Thomas urge Baylor students to participate in the potentially record-breaking Zumba class.

“My request to all Baylor students is to come and shake what your mama gave you,” Thomas joked. “We need people to come.”

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Living-Learning Center, said. “The competitive part of it to me is completely secondary, almost not important.”

Dr. Adrienne Harris, assistant professor of Russian, said she couldn’t have asked for more from the event. Bringing the students together for the contest helped them not only learn the language they study specifically, but also to experience a taste of several other cultures, Harris said.

“It shows it to the public. It’s

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ment open,” said Boehner.

Obama flashed a veto threat even before the bill passed on a 247-181, mostly party-line vote. The administration issued a statement calling it “a distraction from the real work” of agreeing on legislation to cover the six months left in the current fiscal year, and there was no indication Reid would allow a vote on it.

As they left the White House after the evening meeting, Reid and Boehner issued a brief written statement that said they had narrowed their disagreements and said they would “continue to work through the night to attempt to resolve” the remaining ones.

Republicans want deeper spending cuts than the Democrats favor and also are pressing for provisions to cut off federal funds to Planned Parenthood and stop the EPA from issuing numerous anti-pollution regulations.

“They’re difficult issues. They’re important to both sides and so I’m not yet prepared to express wild optimism,” said the president.

For all the brinksmanship — and the promise of more in the Senate on Friday — there was agreement that a shutdown posed risks to an economy still recovering from the worst recession in decades.

The political fallout was less predictable, especially with control of government divided and dozens of new tea party-backed Republicans part of a new GOP majority in the House. Twin government shutdowns in the mid-1990s damaged Republicans, then new to power in Congress, and helped President Bill Clinton win re-election in 1996.

not just sitting at home and working, they’re actually learning their language,” Harris said, “and I think the students were exposed to languages and cultures they wouldn’t normally be exposed to.”

Garland senior Lela Atwood, president of the Russian Club Interest Group, agreed that the event was a success.

“I think it went pretty well. I felt like there was lots of excitement,” Atwood said. “I think it’s great that they can have the opportunity to have fun with a foreign language — it’s not just doing schoolwork all the time.”

The contest was sponsored by the Campus Diversity Committee, the Russian Club Interest Group, the modern foreign languages department and the Global Community Living-Learning Center.

Donations were also collected at the event for the Japanese Red Cross, to help with relief efforts for the recent disasters in that country.

expected agency closings.

But the air traffic control system would stay up and running, the emergency management agency would still respond to natural disasters and border security would not be affected.

There was no indication Reid planned to bring the House-passed stopgap bill to a vote, and he accused Republicans of blocking a deal by demanding anti-abortion provisions and a blockade on Environmental Protection Agency regulations on greenhouse gas and other pollutants.

“We don’t have the time to fight over the tea party’s extreme social agenda,” he said.

It was unclear whether the day’s maneuvering marked attempts by negotiators to gain final concessions before reaching agreement, or represented a significant setback to efforts to avoid a shutdown.

Either way, Boehner pointed out that the current clash was only the first of many likely to follow as the new, conservative majority in the House pursues its goals of reducing the size and scope of government.

“All of us want to get on with the heavy lifting that is going to come right behind it, dealing with the federal debt and putting in place a budget for next year,” he said.

For all the tough talk, it did not appear the two sides were too far from a deal.

Officials in both parties said that in the past day or so, Democrats had tacitly agreed to slightly deeper spending cuts than they had been willing to embrace, at least \$34.5 billion in reductions.

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