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Baylor football officially begins this week as the Bears take on TCU this Friday at Floyd Casey Stadium! The game starts at 7 p.m. Bears are encouraged to wear the green and gold in support of BU football.

Baylor's Traditions Rally coming soon

The Traditions Rally, an annual event that celebrates the beginning of the Baylor football season on Sept. 01, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. Sponsored by Baylor Athletics, Student Activities, the Baylor Activities Council, and Greek Life, the Traditions Rally takes place in the SUB Bowl and Fountain Mall. Free food, live music, and a chance to meet Baylor's coaches and players make this an event not to miss.

Save the Date for Parents Weekend 2011

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Texas A&M inches closer to SEC

Big 12 outlines withdrawal policy

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP SPORTS WRITER

Texas A&M received a letter from Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe on Monday outlining the withdrawal procedure should the Aggies decide to leave the league.

University spokesman Jason Cook said the letter "outlines the withdrawal procedures according to the financial provisions of the Big 12 bylaws and mutual waivers of legal claims."

Cook wouldn't provide any other details of the letter or comment on what A&M's next step might be.

The Aggies are interested in joining the Southeastern Con-

ference and the letter comes less than a week after they formally told Beebe they are exploring their options and asked for the conference to outline the process if they decide to leave. The league's board of directors addressed the possible departure of the Aggies this weekend.

"I certainly appreciate the discussion among the Big 12 presidents/chancellors and the expression of their desire for Texas A&M to remain in the conference," Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin said in a statement. "We all agree that Texas A&M is an extremely valuable institution; thus, it is incumbent upon me, as the president of the university, to

ensure that we are in a position to enhance our national visibility and future financial opportunity."

Loftin added this is a "complex and long-term decision," but "it is not our intent to prolong our conference exploration for an extended period of time."

The SEC said earlier this month it was happy with its current 12-school membership but left the door open to expansion. Loftin then received authority from the board of regents to take any action he deems necessary in terms of realignment.

There is concern that a departure by the Aggies could jeopardize the future of the Big 12, which is down to 10 teams after



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Texas A&M considered a move to the Southeastern Conference last year before deciding to stay in the Big 12.

Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) left the league last July. Loftin has said the Aggies would

consider how their departure would impact the future of Big 12

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BU joins research in Europe

By ROBYN SANDERS
STAFF WRITER

A group of Baylor researchers is currently engaged in a high-energy physics experiment taking place at Europe's Large Hadron Collider (LHC), which is a particle accelerator.

Baylor researchers, led by Dr. Jay Dittmann, associate professor of physics, and Dr. Kenichi Hatakeyama, assistant professor of physics, are hoping to define the Higgs Boson particle as part of their involvement with the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) experiment taking place at the LHC at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. The Higgs Boson, according to Dittmann, has certain properties that help to explain why all particles have mass.

"We know that things in the world have mass, but we still don't really understand why," Dittmann said, "and we don't understand the mechanism for how different particles obtain the mass they do. The Higgs Boson is the last particle that is predicted by the standard model that hasn't yet been observed experimentally. We don't know if it really exists or not. The standard model theory says it ought to, but every measurement that we've done so far has not revealed it yet. One reason for that could just be because we haven't collected enough data, and with more data we would actually be able to see some sign of it."

Hatakeyama said that although he would be excited to find the Higgs Boson, the discovery on its own is not as interesting as it could be.

"We think there is a good possibility that some physics beyond the Higgs can show up," Hatakeyama said, "and that will make the physicists much more excited."

Dr. Greg Benesh, professor and chair of the physics department, said that the researchers are trying to understand nature at a fundamental level.

"They want to understand how it all fits together, you know, why these particular particles? How do they combine in order to create more massive particles and all the things in nature that we see?" Benesh said. "So the search for the Higgs is not so much a search for one particular particle, but it's to see if this theory really is descriptive of nature."

Although Baylor is now di-

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Reaching our Goals

Students play a game of volleyball Monday in front of the Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building during an annual party held by the school.

Students discuss summer internship, poverty initiative

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative hosted a Summer Internship and Fellowship Open House Monday at the Bobo Spiritual Life Center where six students discussed their work with non-governmental organizations.

"The Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative is a catalyst for social change around issues of poverty, social justice and human capability. We try to offer a range of different opportunities for students to get involved in social justice issues," Amanda Allen, Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative project manager, said. "Whether it's a one time service oppor-

tunity, continual service or an eight to 10 week internship, we try to offer lots of different ranges of opportunities."

Eight students completed internships that allowed them to address various social concerns through their work in different types of regional, national and global non-profit and civil organizations.

Waco junior Jake Abell was an intern for the African Wildlife Foundation in Washington D.C., where his responsibilities included working with social media, public relations, and writing various copy for the organization as well as for Africa Geographic Magazine.

"You really can't overestimate the value of a BIPI internship," Abell said. "I was only able to do this program because of the financial

support, and the community support made it that much of a better experience. Its absolutely something worth doing."

Cypress senior Marissa Moschetta said she had a similarly rewarding experience. Moschetta completed her internship at the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center in Marvell, Ark. She explained that the city, with a population of 1,091, is still racially divided in some ways and is in one of the most impoverished counties in the state.

"It was a whole new world over there. It was a fantastic opportunity and I loved it," Moschetta said. "I learned a lot about my-

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Texas' first four-year seminary behind jail walls opens its doors

By MICHAEL GRAZCYK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSHARON (AP) — Thirty-nine men in identical white uniforms bowed their heads, sang, laughed, clapped, cheered and prayed as they were formally installed Monday as the state's first class of seminarians studying to become ministers under a new program operating totally behind prison walls.

"Most of us in here haven't done anything good in our lives," Bible student Javier Sanchez, 33, of Houston, said. "It's life changing. It's like there's still hope."

Like his fellow seminarians assembled for a convocation at the chapel of the Darrington Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Sanchez wears the white suit of a Texas prison inmate. He has at least 10 years left on

a lengthy prison term before he becomes eligible for parole, hasn't been involved in serious trouble since his imprisonment, has a high school diploma or equivalent and has shown an aptitude that he can succeed in completing the four-year program that leads to a bachelor's degree in Biblical studies.

Sanchez has been locked up since 2003 with a 45-year sentence for aggravated robbery.

Armed with his degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, he'll be assigned to a Texas prison to minister to the spiritual needs of fellow inmates.

"I think it's amazing to watch God work here in prison," Sanchez said.

The nondenominational program is modeled after a similar project in Louisiana that's credited with reducing inmate violence by 70

percent since beginning in 1995. The Texas project, an extension of the Fort Worth-based seminary, uses no state money and is financed with private donations.

"The hand of God has been in this project," said Sen. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican who pushed the program with Houston Democratic Sen. John Whitmire after they both visited the Louisiana prison at Angola.

"I'd never seen so many people serving life sentences with smiles on their face," Whitmire said. "We were committed to taking this back to Texas."

Brad Livingston, executive director of the criminal justice department, said it's hoped the program's success will spawn a second class next year and then continue annually.

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College’s forced fitness activities go too far

In an effort to lower the obesity rate in South Carolina, this year’s freshman class at Coker College will be required to complete fitness assessment tests and partake in physical activities, such as intramurals, aerobics classes and wellness programs.

As noted in a USA Today article, South Carolina moved from being the 9th fattest state to the 8th fattest state, with 32 percent of South Carolina residents classified as obese according to a study released in July 2011.

With these statistics in mind, Coker College officials decided to educate students on how to live a healthier life to better prepare them for life after college.

But while educating students on lead-

ing healthy lifestyles is beneficial, necessary and important, Coker College has taken this type of “education” a step too far.

Coker College will require students to have their body mass index (BMI) measured, “do a one-mile run/walk; and see how many push-ups and sit-ups they can do in a few minutes,” USA Today said.

While Baylor’s fitness requirement is less stringent, it is no less mandatory. All students must take four human performance credits to graduate.

It is possible to fulfill these requirements without ever stepping foot in a gym, however. The university accepts Citizenship and Community Service

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classes as human performance credits, for example.

There is a difference between educating and requiring. Students ought to have the options of taking aerobics classes or eating healthy items in the cafeteria; they should not be forced to participate in intramural sports and wellness programs. Forcing students to do so takes the program’s objective to a whole new level and most likely discourages students from wanting to live a healthier life.

It’s great to see that colleges want to promote healthy living by offering nutritious food options in cafeterias, hold-

ing seminars on nutrition or fitness and having a variety of exercise activities for students, but the decision to participate should be in the students’ hands, not the administration’s.

Two years ago, Lincoln University in Pennsylvania attempted to install this type of a program among their overweight students, but failed. According to an Associated Press article in 2009, students, especially seniors, were upset by the fact they had to take these fitness classes in order to graduate.

“I didn’t come to Lincoln to be told that my weight is not in an acceptable range,” Tiana Lawson, senior at Lincoln University, said in the school’s newspaper, The Lincolnian. “I came here to get

an education.”

The reason students choose to attend college is to receive an education to prepare them for life outside of college, not to be forced to complete classes normally offered as extracurricular activities.

Although Lincoln University only required those with a BMI over 30 to participate in these classes, students with high or low BMIs should not be forced to actively partake in this program as part of their requirements for a college degree.

This university and any other university that chooses to follow in Coker College’s footsteps ought to restructure their program and put the focus on educating rather than mandating.

Irene coverage shortchanged viewers with sensationalism

By JOSHUA MADDEN
A&E EDITOR

As someone who once lived in New York City and now lives in Texas, I never would have guessed I would be the one who could successfully avoid a hurricane while my friends in New York City would spend the weekend preparing for a natural disaster.

New York City, if it faces a natural disaster at all, is likely to deal with a snowstorm, not a hurricane named Irene. So, understandably, the fact that Irene was headed right toward New York City was big news and generated a lot of attention in the media.

But was the attention justified?

Even before the event, several people on Twitter were joking that Irene looked as if it was going to be an event comparable to “Carmeggedon” in Los Angeles.

For those of you unfamiliar with “Carmeggedon,” Los Angeles officials shut down a major stretch of highway in the Los Angeles area and publicized the event and made careful prepara-



Joshua Madden | A&E Editor

tions to minimize the potential damage. The event turned out to essentially be a non-event, with very little negative consequences actually occurring.

If anyone is going to be overcautious, emergency-support officials are probably one of the best groups. Katrina showed us the potential for damage when emergency-relief personnel do not prepare for

the worst.

Coverage from the media – all major cable news outlets in particular – seemed more exploitative than anything else.

Many of the events surrounding the storm were certainly big news, like the subway system shutting down in New York City, potentially leaving millions of people stuck in their homes as they awaited the end of the storm.

Much of the coverage, however, seemed to place far too much of an emphasis on the commentary of others instead of actually providing useful information.

The lack of transportation options affected millions of people in the New York City area as well as other metropolitan areas, for example, but outlets like Fox News and MSNBC seemed to predominantly exaggerate the impact of Irene.

Areas with minimal flooding – at least in terms of hurricanes – were labeled as dealing with “major flooding.”

All of this, of course, while the subways were still shut down and millions

of people were essentially stuck in their homes.

If I had been watching the news in New York and had sat inside, waiting the all-clear from cable news outlets to go outside, I would probably still be sitting inside. This storm was not as bad as other hurricanes that America has dealt with in the past and instead of praising the officials who did a terrific job of preventing damage to their citizens and cities, television news continues to focus on the damage that seems to have largely been avoided.

In no coverage surrounding Hurricane Irene did the media fail more than in post-event coverage. This should have been largely positive news – focusing on the fact that there was minimal damage to people and property – and instead it came across as mainstream reporters trying to desperately find a story where there was not one.

Journalists are responsible for informing the public in an honest and straightforward way. While one of the most essential responsibilities of suc-

cessful journalism is the need to inform people of potential danger to their lives, journalists often seem to forget that they also need to inform people responsibly in order to prevent panic.

Overblowing the damage done in any situation, particularly a natural disaster, can have profoundly negative effects on large numbers of people. Hopefully a major disaster will not hit the New York area again anytime soon, but there is little doubt people will remember how much the media exaggerated Irene and decide to stick it out.

These people will not listen to officials like Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who was proved on this event to be remarkably competent. The media will then criticize Bloomberg and others when the disaster does more damage than it should have because people ignored his advice.

But I think we know who will really be to blame.

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Correction

In Daniel Houston’s Aug. 22 story regarding Baylor’s attendance policy, the School of Nursing and the School of Engineering and Computer Science both communicated their attendance policies to the Lariat. The School of Nursing requires 80 percent attendance, and the School of Engineering requires 75 percent. Academic units set attendance policies, and professors may only set requirements more stringent than those of their academic units.



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Baylor in Brazil students share faith, earn class credit

By JESSICA FOUMENA
REPORTER

Through the Baylor in Brazil program, students spent the second summer session combining faith with work on the southeast coast of Brazil. The students took classes, taught health classes to locals and did mission work with several local Baptist churches during their stay.

“Students worked with local churches to develop programs that develop healthy lifestyles: eating healthy and managing stress,” Dr. Eva Doyle, co-director of the program, said.

Fort Worth junior Mallory Streiffert said she liked the comprehensive aspect of the program because it included mission work, public health education and study abroad credit hours.

The missionary aspect of the program caught the attention of Gilmer junior Jade Webb as well.

“This trip was unique from most Baylor study abroad trips because it was a mission-based trip,” Webb said.

This program not only allowed students to take Baylor courses in a foreign country, but also to become involved with the people of that

country by working with churches and other health leaders in Brazil.

In the mornings, students attended two courses: Global Health and Environmental Health. The afternoons and evenings were dedicated to teaching local residents about having better health; each student taught at least two or three lessons as part of their curriculum.

“Our plan was to focus on areas that most affected these adolescents, like nutrition, exercise, stress, drugs, alcohol and sexuality,” Streiffert said.

The global health course provided knowledge about health issues around the world and locally in Brazil, whereas the environmental health course addressed the effects of various factors such as society, culture and economy on people’s health.

“Our goal for the students is that their eyes will be open about health issues around the world,” Doyle said. “They will develop a deep understanding of how they can help and be part of the solutions of these health issues.”

The first full week, the group traveled to a small mountain community called Dores do Rio Preto with the First Baptist Church of Anchieta, where they renovated a

local church and hosted a vacation Bible school for the children of the community.

“We worshipped with this church and evangelized to the people of the mountain community,” Webb said. “While there, as well as with the other churches and school, we taught the LiveWell program or a modified version of the LiveWell program.”

The LiveWell program focuses on the different aspects of health, with particularly heavy emphasis on the spiritual aspect. Students taught classes to the local residents through the program.

“Teaching about human physiology through a translator to an audience that I did not know the education level had its challenges,” Streiffert said. “I simply kept it simple to understand while at the same time did not insult their intelligence.”

Despite the language barrier, the students worked directly with the local residents and had the opportunity to share their faith.

“We worked to teach the adults and adolescents that God fills our life with purpose and part of that purpose involves maintaining a healthy life by exercising and eating better,” Webb said. “It was dif-



Baylor students assist Brazilian children and adults in learning how to live healthy lifestyles during their study abroad program in the second 2011 summer session.

ferent to interact with a different culture spiritually and learn what exercise looks like a different setting.”

The students plan to transfer their newly acquired knowledge in their future professions.

“I plan to implement what I learned about people’s physical, spiritual and emotional health when I am a doctor,” Streiffert said. “Being around the Brazilian people and seeing what their actual needs are encouraged me to further my

education in order that I can go to low-income countries and help as a medical doctor with these needs.”

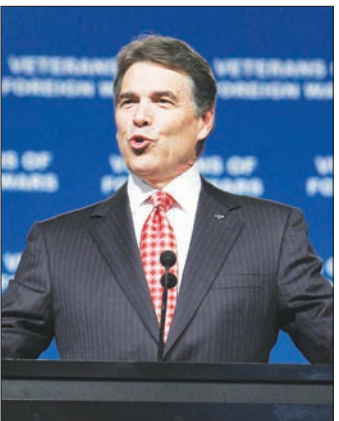
For more information about the Baylor in Brazil program, email Dr. Eva Doyle: Eva_Doyle@baylor.edu.

Perry vows no stimulus program if elected into presidency

By JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TULSA, Okla. — Republican presidential hopeful Rick Perry said Monday that no new economic stimulus package is needed to “get America working again,” but he declined to give specifics about how his still-unannounced plan to jumpstart the nation’s economy would create jobs.

During an appearance at the Tulsa Press Club, Perry said he would let his “guiding principles” as a fiscal conservative inform his policies. But when pressed for details, Perry resorted to general statements he has often repeated



Perry will seek the GOP nomination on the campaign trail.

“No. 1 is don’t spend all the money, you can figure out what

that means,” Perry said at the Tulsa Press Club event also attended by U.S. Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla. “You won’t have stimulus programs under a Perry presidency. You won’t spend all the money.”

The Texas governor, the newest entry into the 2012 GOP presidential field having announced his candidacy just over two weeks ago, has yet to release a national economic plan.

His campaign often cites the 1 million jobs Texas added in a decade that ended with a national recession. Some critics, however, point out that many of those new jobs are low-paying and the product of a low cost of living, so they

question how much credit Perry’s business-friendly policies actually should get.

At the Tulsa event, Perry said the nation’s “entrepreneurial spirit” would create jobs and that his tax policies would allow Americans to keep more of what they earn. He said his tax system would be “light on job creators” and called for a more predictable legal system “that doesn’t allow for over-suing.”

While he shed little new light on his campaign’s economic plan, nor did he directly attack President Barack Obama’s. Instead, he simply positioned himself as an alternative.

“We have seen a clear thirst for

leadership in this country,” Perry said.

In the oil-rich Southern Plains — the Tulsa oil boom was so big a century ago that huge containers had to be built around town to hold the overflow. Perry called for additional development of the U.S. nuclear energy industry so the country can become as energy independent as possible.

Earlier Monday, Perry’s focus was foreign policy. He said American military commanders should always control U.S. military forces abroad.

“It’s not our interest to go it alone,” he said. “We respect our allies and we must always seek to

engage them in military missions. But at the same time, we must be willing to act when it is time to act. We cannot concede the moral authority of our nation to multilateral debating societies, and when our interests are threatened American soldiers should be led by American commanders.”

Perry did not elaborate on what kinds of world bodies he was referring to, but the Obama administration has backed NATO-led airstrikes in Libya. The Libya operation is being run by a Canadian general from a NATO headquarters in Italy, but an American officer is the top NATO commander — and always has been.

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Greg Walker pulls a woman, who wished not to be identified, with his canoe north on Winnikee Ave. in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. after the Fallkill Creek flooded large areas in the north side of the city Monday.

Death toll jumps for Irene

By JENNIFER PELTZ
AND WILSON RING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The full measure of Hurricane Irene’s fury came into focus Monday as the death toll jumped to 38, New England towns battled epic floods and millions faced the dispiriting prospect of several days without electricity.

From North Carolina to Maine, communities cleaned up and took stock of the uneven and hard-to-predict costs of a storm that spared the nation’s biggest city a nightmare scenario, only to deliver a historic wallop to towns well inland.

In New York City, where people had braced for a disaster-movie scene of water swirling around skyscrapers, the subways and buses were up and running again in time for the Monday morning commute. And to the surprise of many New Yorkers, things went pretty smoothly.

But in New England, landlocked Vermont contended with what its governor called the worst flooding in a century. Streams also raged out of control in upstate New York.

In many cases, the moment of maximum danger arrived well

after the storm had passed, as rainwater made its way into rivers and streams and turned them into torrents. Irene dumped up to 11 inches of rain on Vermont and more than 13 in parts of New York.

Meanwhile, the 11-state death toll, which had stood at 21 as of Sunday night, rose sharply as bodies were pulled from floodwaters and people were electrocuted by downed power lines.

“It’s going to take time to recover from a storm of this magnitude,” President Barack Obama warned as he promised the government would do everything in its power to help people get back on their feet.

For many people, the aftermath could prove more painful than the storm itself.

In North Carolina, where Irene blew ashore along the Outer Banks on Saturday before heading for New York and New England, 1,000 people were still in emergency shelters, awaiting word on their homes.

At the same time, nearly 5 million homes and businesses in a dozen states were still without electricity, and utilities warned it might be a week or more before some people got their power back.

Up and down the Eastern Seaboard, commuters and vacationers

found their travel plans scrambled. Airlines warned it would be days before the thousands of passengers stranded by Irene find their way home. Some Amtrak service in the Northeast was suspended. Commuter trains between New Jersey and New York City were not running. Trains between the city and its northern suburbs were also disrupted.

Early estimates put Irene’s damage at \$7 billion to \$10 billion, much smaller than the impact of monster storms such as Hurricane Katrina, which did more than \$100 billion in damage. While hard-hit regions, such as the North Carolina coast, will suffer from lost tourism, rebuilding homes, repairing cars, and fixing streets and bridges should provide a small boost to economy, experts said.

As for why the flooding was so bad this time, Shaun Tanner, a meteorologist with the forecasting service Weather Underground, said August had been unusually wet, and Irene’s sheer size meant huge amounts of rain were dumped over a very large area.

“More attention should have been paid to the torrential rain that Irene was going to dump not only on coastal areas, but also inland. That was clear several days ahead of time,” Tanner said.

Chapel guest dramatizes story of Bonhoeffer to inspire students

By GRACE GADDY
REPORTER

Former pastor Al Staggs brought German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer back to life through an original dramatization during Monday’s chapel in order to encourage students to think seriously about society’s ills.

Bonhoeffer, one of Staggs’ 10 characterizations, was a Lutheran pastor who resisted Nazism in Germany during World War II. He was arrested and later executed for his involvement in plans to assassinate Hitler.

For 25 minutes, Staggs paced back and forth onstage in a black-and-white striped prison uniform in a scene portraying Bonhoeffer’s final hours. Talking, shouting and even lapsing into song, Staggs as Bonhoeffer wrestled with questions surrounding the atrocities and injustices of the Nazi regime and the apparent complacency of the German Protestant church. He indicated that “God’s true people” could not sing sacred hymns in a church on Sunday while the cries of Holocaust victims rose simultaneously to the sky.

“I believe we Christians have either created a living hell for people right here on this earth, or we have allowed it to exist by our apathy,” Staggs exclaimed.

Staggs, who served as a Baptist pastor for 24 years before feeling God’s call to relay his mes-

sage through the dramatic arts, said he hoped viewers would take away something more than “just a plunge into history.” Rather, he wants his performance to stimulate questions relevant to the modern day and age.

“I would like to evoke in the audience a sense that what Bonhoeffer struggled with in his own time, we are struggling with in a different way in our time, and that is the structures of injustice,” Staggs said.

He added that people will interpret those structures differently.

“It’s like looking through a prism. People see different ideas, and they see different concepts, and that’s as it should be. It’s not doctrinaire in that sense,” he said.

University chaplain Dr. Burt Burleson emphasized the importance of students to observing such ideas over the course of their education. “We want to sort of introduce to them the idea that there’s this large conversation going on, and it has been going on throughout the centuries, and now they get to join in it,” Burleson said.

He then said he hopes that Chapel will expand that conversation for students by hosting a wide array of speakers, or, in this case, the dramatic presentation of a theologian who left his mark on history.

“Bonhoeffer is a significant figure in the last century for folks who understand the development of theology, and while he was a

scholar, he was also a very committed churchman and pastor,” he said.

Burleson noted Bonhoeffer’s founding role in a movement known as “the Confessing Church.”

“It was this movement to say this is not something you’re simply born into just because your daddy was a Lutheran... This is a faith you must confess by the way you live your life,” Burleson said.

A Johns Creek, Ga., freshman Alex Parker, said Staggs’ performance gave a call to action.

“I feel like this made you think, like how the church today isn’t what it should be,” he said. “I feel like the church has just become complacent not really doing what they are called to do.”

A religion major, Parker plans to branch out into full time ministry through missions after graduation.

“It all goes back to ‘actions speak louder than words,’” he said. “You can’t just stand by and see suffering in the world and not do anything about it.”

Staggs said he just wants to cause a “spark.”

“I’d like to see Christians question the structural and systemic evils of society. Having said that, I can’t tell them what to do,” he said. “All I can hope to do is just to make them curious about what it is that God is up to in this world today and what their part might be in that world.”


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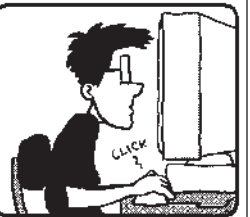
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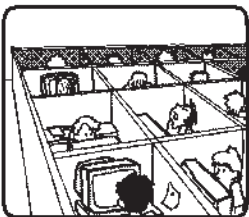
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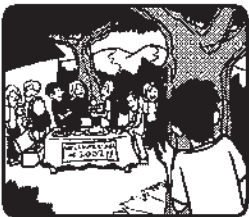


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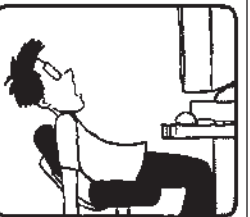
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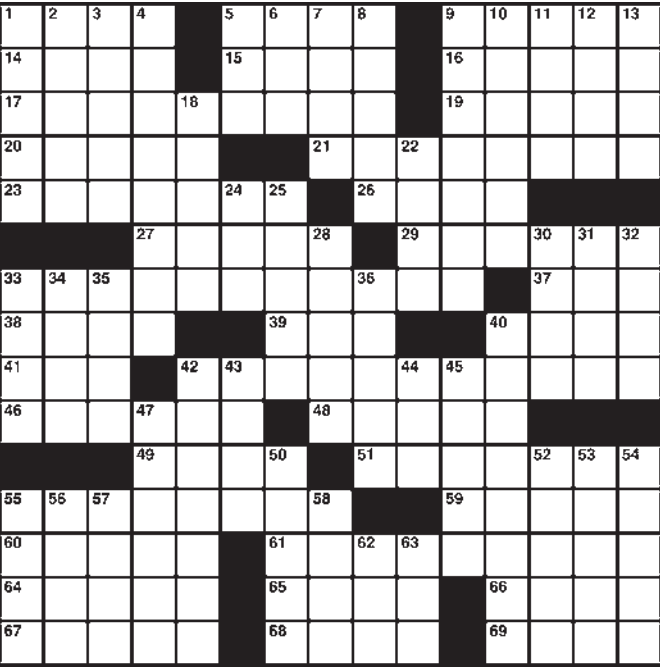
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- 40 Iditarod racer
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- 46 Like porn
- 48 Very strange
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- 61 Overachievers, and a hint to a word that can precede both words of the starred answers
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- 11 Tra-__
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- 18 Wombs
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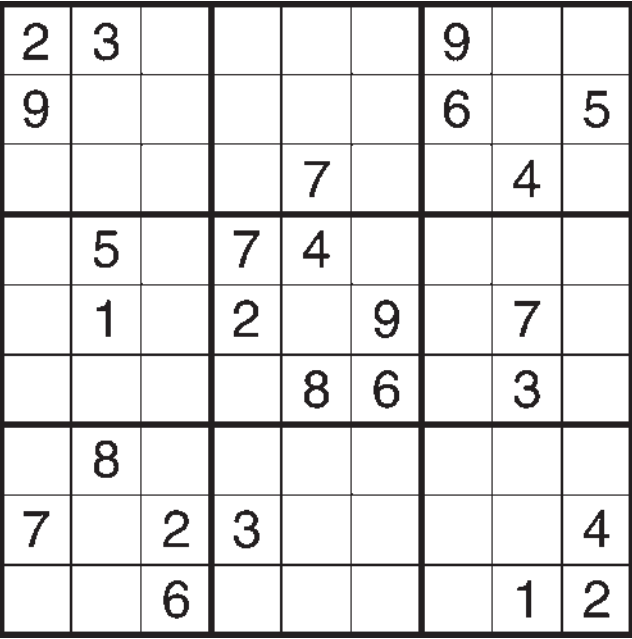
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By JOSHUA MADDEN
A&E EDITOR

Every now and then we have the opportunity to add something new to The Baylor Lariat. When looking at different options for this coming year, one thing we really wanted to improve was the lack of content directed toward graduate students.

A Lariat reader suggested the comic featured here in the paper, "Piled Higher & Deeper" (PhD). Upon reading the comic ourselves, we realized instantly we had found something that could really work for the paper.

It's a comic that is funny, but like many of the best comics, it is also insightful and provides commentary on what graduate student life can be like. Graduate student life is something difficult to understand until you've actually experienced it.

Jorge Cham, the creator of PhD, has experienced graduate student life and it is evident in his comics. He holds a doctorate (an actual Ph.D., not the comedic kind) from Stanford in mechanical engineering, so his academic merit is pretty much beyond question.

If you care to read more about Cham on the PhD Comics website,

you'll quickly realize that a lot of personal elements have been put into this comic. This is a comic written by someone who has been through the fire and who is making fun of life in a friendly-way.

The Baylor Lariat has probably been a little biased toward undergraduate students in the past, partially because they outnumber graduate students by large margin here on campus. However, as a graduate student myself, I understand the number of graduate students who read the paper on a daily basis and I've made it one of my goals for this semester to give them more content they're interested in.

As I am in the process of beginning work on my own thesis, I find PhD to be incredibly relatable. At the same time, I think it applies to the whole college experience, not just graduate student life.

What undergraduate student hasn't spent the night drinking coffee while furiously trying to finish a paper that should have been started months beforehand?

Architectural majors spend hours on end in their studios. Photography students spend hours taking pictures around campus. Journalism majors will likely spend hours on staff here at the Lariat. Language and linguistics majors

spend hours learning languages and doing all sorts of things that the rest of us will probably never understand.

In this respect, PhD does not just apply to those of us who, well, may eventually get a Ph.D. It applies to every student at this school — we have all been in a situation where we watched helplessly as we found ourselves in piles of homework growing higher and deeper.

Great comics like "Peanuts" and even graphic novels like "Watchmen" say something about the human experience. PhD fits in that tradition. Anyone who has ever struggled to pass a class will find something to relate to in this comic.

I think PhD strikes a great balance of being directed toward graduate students but being applicable to everyone on campus, whether they're worried about their dissertation or not. I'm proud of the fact that we're now including it in the Baylor Lariat and I hope that you enjoy the comic as much as I do.

Are you happy about the inclusion of PhD in the A & E section? Is there something else you would like to see added? Let us know by emailing us at lariat@baylor.edu.

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Football transfers strengthen team

By TYLER ALLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Oregon running back and Temple native Lache Seastrunk enrolled at Baylor last week and has become a member of the Baylor football team.

"I'm ecstatic," Seastrunk said. "I know what I can do. People [have been] counting me out. My ambition is my family and the good man above."

The University of Oregon granted redshirt freshman Seastrunk unconditional release Aug. 20. Oregon head coach Chip Kelly said Seastrunk came to him and said he was homesick. Seastrunk said he also has family members suffering through some illnesses.

"It's really because of my family and my grandmother," Seastrunk said. "My granddad, who had emphysema, he was in and out of the hospital; my grandmother had Hepatitis C."

Seastrunk played running back at Temple high school and earned prep All-American. He rushed for 4,127 yards, 52 touchdowns (32 career games), and came out as a five-star prospect. Head coach Art Briles said he was happy to see Seastrunk on the practice field.

"I think it's good," Briles said. "It's good for him. He's settled. He's got a home. Now what he has to do is refocus his vision and his mission. The football part will take care of itself. Right now, we got a football team and Lache just happens to be a member of it"

Seastrunk leaves a program currently dealing with controversy. The NCAA is investigating Houston-based recruiting service owner Willie Lyles for possibly steering players to Oregon, which would be an NCAA violation. Oregon paid Lyles and Complete Scouting Services \$25,000 last year for scouting reports on players, which is within NCAA rules. The recruiting mate-

rial Oregon received for the payment was outdated, however, leading critics to question what service was actually being paid for.

Lyles said in interviews that the service he provided went beyond what a scouting service should and that he "made a mistake." He also said Oregon never asked him or paid him to guide players to their school.

Now removed from the turmoil surrounding Oregon, Lache took the practice field Wednesday for the first time with his new teammates.

"I'm excited," Seastrunk said. "I can't wait to go out here and run around. It's going to feel so good to run around. It's a wonderful feeling. It's good to be back home, back in the Texas heat, back in the Texas sunshine. All I can say is God has been good to me."

Due to NCAA compliance rules for transfers, Seastrunk will have to sit out this season, but will retain three years of eligibility.

"Honestly, I don't know yet if he has to go through the acclimation period again since he switched universities," Briles said. "He actually went through it at Oregon, where you have to be out of pads two days. We'll let him bounce around a little bit. But he's a guy that may not even be eligible this year. We'll probably get him some looks against our defense some and scout team and go from there. We got people carrying the football right now for us."

Seastrunk said he will apply for a hardship citing his grandmother's health as his reason for transferring. If the NCAA granted a hardship, it would allow him to be eligible immediately and retain four years of eligibility.

"I hope I get my waiver," Seastrunk said. "It's really because of my family ... It was really hard to focus in Oregon thinking about them and wishing I could see them."



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 9 running back Lache Seastrunk answers questions Wednesday before practice at the Simpson Athletics and Academic Center.

Lache is one of three players to transfer to the Baylor football team this fall. Demetri Goodson, former starting point guard from Gonzaga, enrolled for the fall semester and will play defensive back for the Bears.

The Spring native is allowed to play immediately because Gonzaga does not offer football. Goodson has not played football since starting at cornerback for Klein Collins High School, where he earned All-District honors. Goodson enrolled as a junior and will have two years of football eligibility.

The Bears also added line-backer Cordarius Golston from Kilgore College. Golston, a sophomore from Lancaster, transferred to Kilgore College from Arizona,

where he was redshirted his first and only year. At Kilgore College he totaled 50 tackles, three for loss, 2.5 sacks, two blocked punts and one forced fumble.

The Bears have five transfers on the roster. Sophomore Jordan Najvar transferred from Stanford prior to last season and was forced to sit out due to NCAA rules. He practiced with the team and returns this year looking to start at tight end.

Senior Terrance Ganaway played at the University of Houston his freshman year under Briles, and then sat out a year at Texarkana College before transferring to Baylor as a sophomore. Ganaway is the Bears starting running back this year.

Soccer redeems itself in second half

By DANIEL WALLACE
STAFF WRITER

Tied at 1-1, the Baylor soccer team jogged into the locker room disappointed in its first half of play.

Jogging back onto the field for the second half, the team came out poised, confident and ready to dominate.

On Sunday, Baylor (3-0-1) remained undefeated in a 5-1 victory over the UTSA Roadrunners (0-3-0) at Betty Lou Mays Field.

The first 45 minutes of the game was unorthodox Baylor soccer.

"We didn't come out the way Baylor soccer plays," junior Dana Larsen said. "We came out a little flat, a little bit loose on our marks."

The slow start put Baylor in a position it had not been in all season: trailing. In the ninth minute, the Roadrunners struck first on a header that found its way into the high left corner of the goal to give UTSA a 1-0 lead.

The lone first-half goal for Baylor came in the 21st minute when Larsen netted the ball to the far post with an assist from sophomore Karlee Summey to tie the game.

Although her team was tied at the break, head coach Marci Jobson was not pleased, and she voiced her frustrations to the team.

"We came together as a team and talked about it," Larsen said. "We're like, 'We are going to do this for each other, coach and just for Baylor.'"

And they did just that. Summey scored the first of four second-half goals in the 54th minute on a left-footed laser from 25 yards out that bounced off the crossbar in the upper-right corner and into the goal for the 2-1 advantage.

Things got exciting in the 73rd minute when freshman Alexa Wilde used her head to bounce in a perfectly placed corner kick from freshman Justine Hovden, to give Baylor the 3-1 lead.

Six minutes later on another corner kick, Wilde did it again. Summey's kick was placed high in the center of the box and Wilde was there to jump over the defenders and knock the ball into the back of the net on another powerful header.

Wilde became the first freshman to score multiple goals in a game since Hanna Gilmore in 2009.

"Alexa [Wilde] is our best player in front of the goal, so if she's in the game, she's dangerous."

Marci Jobson | Head Coach

"I am so excited for Alexa to get a little more experience and come in," Larsen said. "She's been dominating,"

Coach Jobson gave her high praise as well.

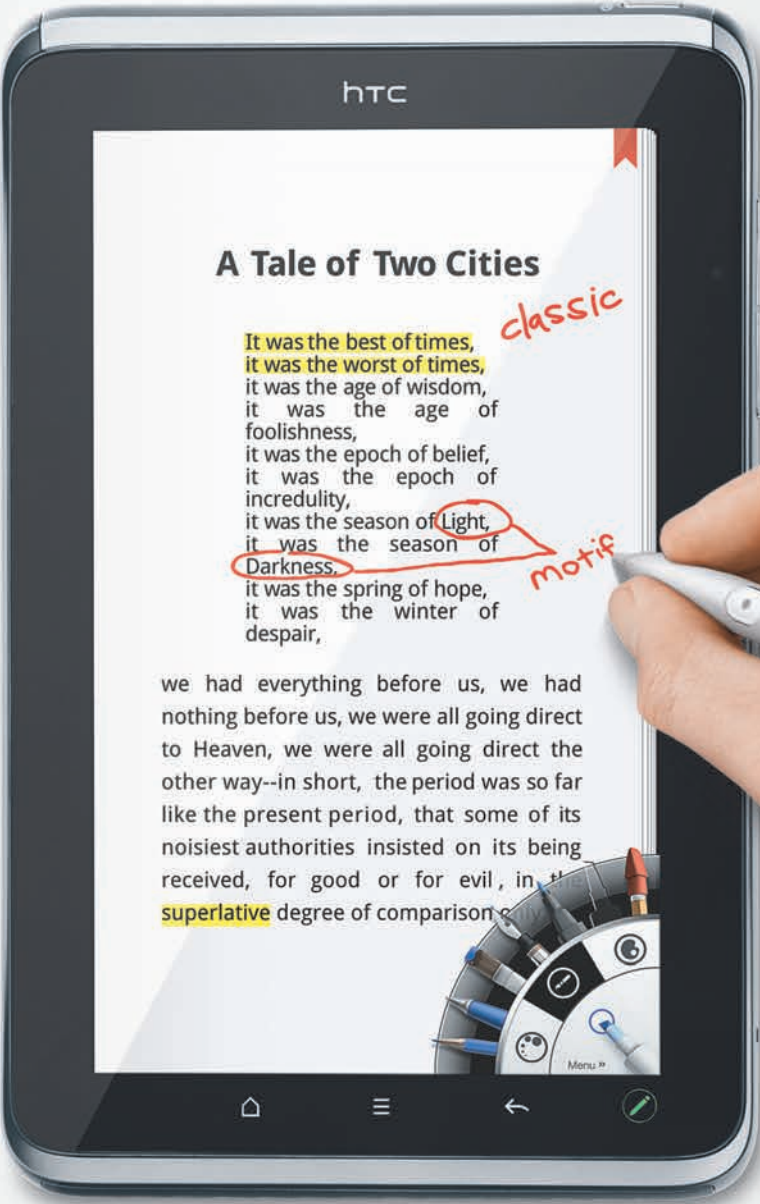
"Alexa is our best player in front of the goal," Jobson said. "So if she's in the game, she's dangerous."

Wilde was elated about the team's strong second half performance and that she was able to punch in two goals herself.

"It was awesome," Wilde said. "The corner kicks I got though were perfect serves from Justine and Summey. I couldn't have asked for any better serves. I was just glad to put them in. But after, I felt pretty awesome."

The fourth goal of the half was Larsen's second of the game, sealing up the 5-1 Baylor victory. UTSA was unable to attempt a shot the entire second half, as Baylor took control of the ball position. The Roadrunners were outshot 23-0 in the second half and 33-5 for the entire game.

Baylor soccer plays again this Friday at Louisville.



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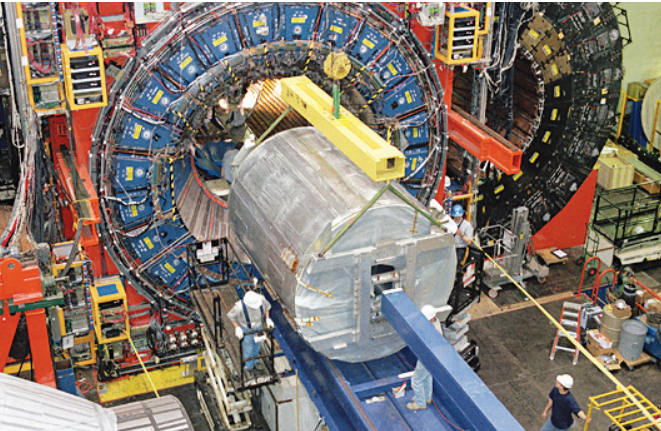
rectly involved with the CMS experiment in Europe, Dr. Dittmann is also involved with the Collider Detector at Fermilab (or CDF experiment) in Illinois. Dittmann said that the Fermilab experiment has been searching for the Higgs Boson as well, but that it will stop collecting data on Sept. 30.

“For quite some time the Fermilab experiment’s produced some very nice results that showed that if the Higgs Boson exists, it has to exist in a certain range of masses,” Dittmann said, “But now the Large Hadron Collider is producing these tremendous results which are ruling out even more masses. And over time, if you rule out all the possible masses that it could be, it means that the Higgs can’t exist. And that’s when it’s exciting because we have to go back and take another look at the theories.”

This past summer, Dr.



Dr. Jay Dittmann (Left) with Victor Guerrero (San Antonio) and Charlie Malmberg (Spring, Tex.)



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before any decision is made.

The Big 12 would need to find a team to replace the Aggies if they exit the conference and there has been a lot of speculation about possible schools. So far, the only school to publicly express interest in moving to the Big 12 is SMU. Athletic director Steve Orsini said he’s had informal talks with Big 12 officials for

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self and how I view poverty and how I view my role in that. I also learned that education is crucial, not just school but teaching people about resources they have and what they can do with those.”

Some internship opportunities also helped students further shape and plan their futures and career goals. Waco senior Melissa Casserly interned at the Baylor University Community Garden in Waco and described the experience as the “beginning of everything.”

“I gained a lot of clarity in what I want to do,” Casserly said. “I want to continue building gardens for people. I am doing another intern-

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“There will be some challenges, but I believe we’ve put the pieces in place for success here,” he told the inmates, survivors from among 600 who expressed interest in joining the program. Each of them received a new leather-bound Bible personalized with his name inscribed on the book. “This is a tremendous opportunity. I believe this partnership is built to last.”

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Livingston said it was selected because of its proximity to the Baptist seminary’s resources in Houston, about an hour’s drive to the north.

“This is like draft day in the NFL and y’all are first-round draft picks,” Patrick told the prisoners, who cheered. “But there’s more on the line than a Super Bowl. It’s not about your past, it’s about your future.”

Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, said ever since the beginning of Christianity prisoners have been considered important.

“There’s always been an emphasis on the importance of transforming lives of people as best as you could,” he said. “We’re all in it together, studying to allow the word of God to produce fruits of spirit.”

Brandon Authement, 29, of Orange, said when he saw an application for the program he prayed about it.

some time to inform them of the school’s improvements and growth.

In the letter Loftin sent to the Big 12 last week, he said if the Aggies leave, they would want to do it in a manner that complies with league bylaws. He also has said financial concerns will factor into any decision to leave; the school likely would face an exit fee.

The Big 12, including Texas A&M, agreed to a 13-year television deal with Fox Sports in April worth more than \$1 billion. There is a chance the contract could be voided if the Aggies leave the conference, which could lead to legal issues for Texas A&M and its new league.

The Big 12 declined to comment on Monday’s letter.

ship this fall; part of it is education based. I will be teaching the program I created this summer and also helping to prepare a lab with the environmental sciences department.”

Two students completed internships with Raven + Lily, a design house in Austin that works to bring designs from Africa and India to western cultures. The company works with women in these countries to bring products such as jewelry and journals.

Another student completed a fellowship which included an internship at the Constitutional Rights Foundation in Los Angeles as well as separate research on Supreme Court

cases addressing the free exercise of religion.

Rosemary Townsend, director of business affairs and community partnerships, gave a special thanks to the students for their intelligence, service and devotion. “I truly believe this is a life changing experience for our students,” Townsend said. “It doesn’t make a difference what your major is or your interest is, we are very, very interested in growing these opportunities.”

Students interested in completing an internship through Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative for summer 2012 should contact Allen for more information.



Denny Autry, right, dean of the J.Dalton Harvard School of Theology, speaks to inmates before a convocation ceremony at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice’s Darrington Unit Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, in Rosharon, Texas. Houston lawmakers and representatives of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary helped celebrate the opening of the state’s first 4-year seminary program to operate entirely behind the walls of a Texas prison.

“God blessed me by pushing my application through,” said Authement, locked up since August 2005 for a murder in Austin. “I’m hoping this will have a positive effect on society. This is really a blessing. Who would have dreamed this? This is an honor to be in the seminary.”

He said he grew up “a pastor’s son” who

“went sideways.”

Asked his father’s reaction to his enrolling in the seminary, he replied: “He’s ecstatic. We’ve become more kindred spirits. I have a lot of people praying for me.

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