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Acoustic Cafe, an event that allows students to share their stories through music and art, will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center. The free event features great music and free snacks and coffee.



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Campus plans Baylor welcome

By ROBYN SANDERS
REPORTER

Baylor students and visitors on campus should expect to encounter a massive gathering of student organizations and even watch a game of Quidditch at Fall Premiere this weekend.

Quidditch, a sport played in the Harry Potter series but modified slightly for “muggles,” involves two teams of players run-

ning around on broomsticks and trying score a ball, the “quaffle,” in the opposite team's goal hoops. Kelly Devoe, coordinator of visit events, said the Quidditch match will take place at noon on Fountain Mall.

Devoe also said the Quidditch team is a new group to campus that prospective and current students will be able to experience.

Fall Premiere will be hosted by the Baylor office of admissions,

along with organizations such as the Baylor chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Campus Living and Learning and Student Activities.

The event is for prospective Baylor students to come experience the campus and learn about what college life will be like. This year, along with the expected 1,500 prospective students, the event will feature more current student involvement than ever

before. Ross VanDyke, assistant director of campus visits, said the increased interest could bring the total attendance to 4,000 or 5,000 people.

Devoe said the goal is for current students to be able to connect with prospective students “to give an accurate picture of what their next four years could look like.”

The event will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday with an opening session in the Ferrell Center. From

9:30 to 11:45 a.m., visiting students can attend two academic sessions, with presentations by Baylor professors, in the academic field of their choice.

Then, from 11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., visiting students and their families can embark on a variety of activities such as campus tours, a residence hall open house, a

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MATTHEW HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Feature artist Matt Maher performs on stage as an opener to Addison Road and Tenth Avenue North during Island Party Sept. 24, 2010, at Fountain Mall. This years event will feature bands such as Rush of Fools, Jimmy Needham, The Advice and The Reliques.

Community event on a mission



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor Fraternity goes green for annual Island celebration

By JORDAN HEARNE
REPORTER

Baylor will host its first on-campus plastic foam-free event at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the Brothers Under Christ Island Party.

Each year, Chick-fil-A partners with BYX to provide food at the annual Island Party, where they serve sandwiches, bottled water and sweet tea.

In order to make the event green, David Depuma, vice president of BYX, worked with

Chick-fil-A and convinced them to get rid of the plastic foam cups used to sell tea.

“I was afraid of resistance and named other options, like substituting paper cups for the foam ones,” Depuma said.

After that idea was rejected, the company and Depuma finally came to an agreement that no tea would be served at this year's event, eliminating the need for plastic foam cups.

The idea to make the event

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Island Party concert brings big-name artists at small price

By GRACE GADDY
REPORTER

Brothers Under Christ Fraternity is bringing a wave of highly acclaimed Christian artists to Fountain Mall for this year's Island Party, a community-wide free concert event featuring Rush of Fools, Jimmy Needham, The Advice and The Reliques. Activities will start at 5:30, to 10:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Reliques, a two-woman band from Austin, will kick off the event, with The Advice set to take over at 6:30 p.m., Jimmy Needham at 7 p.m. and Rush of Fools at 8 p.m., although the schedule is tentative. I Am Second, a movement meant to inspire people of all kinds to live for God and for others, will also be at the event.

Keller senior David Depuma, vice president of BYX, has been planning the event since November. He said the goal for the night has always been the same — “to bring the message of Jesus Christ to thousands in the Waco and Baylor community,” and for people to enjoy themselves and just have fun.

In addition to music, free popcorn, Dr Pepper and cotton candy, Chick-fil-A will also be available for purchase, along with something new.

“We are selling TOMS shoes. That's a first this year. So we're very excited about that,” Depuma said.

The decision to sell TOMS ties in with the party's underlying theme to support missions,

he said. BYX is partnering with Baylor's Be the Change conference this year — also for the first time — which will wrap up a week of missions-focused campus initiatives with the party. Proceeds from Island Party T-shirt sales will also go to benefit missions via Mallory's Heart Foundation. T-shirts will be available for purchase in the Bill Daniel Student Center Friday and during the event.

Mallory's Heart was founded in memory of Mallory Norrell, a Baylor student set to graduate before being killed in a tragic car accident in December 2010. Depuma, who knew Norrell personally, described her as a “huge advocate for missions work.”

“Every year she would go to El Salvador,” Depuma said. She worked with her church through various outreaches to build wells, educate children and help provide for basic needs such as toiletries, clean water and medicine, he said.

Mallory's Heart will continue that operation, assisting those needs and providing support for various programs, orphanages and church planting.

A booth will be set up where people can donate money or drop off school supplies and toiletries to benefit Mallory's Heart. Five percent of all TOMS and Chick-fil-A profits

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Fliers test data safety

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

Fliers circulated around the Bill Daniel Student Center, Clifton Robinson Tower and other locations on campus Wednesday afternoon, soliciting students, faculty and staff to visit a website in order to win an iPad2. The fliers, along with CDs also dispersed through these areas, were part of a test administered by an external security company, according to a university spokeswoman.

“The university hired an external security firm to look at and test some aspects of the university's vulnerability in the area of technology,” Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, said. “That included fliers and also computer disks that were left around campus.”

Fogleman said this particular test is ongoing. Tests such as this one are administered every 18 months.

The website included on the flier asked people to provide a name, phone number, and either their Bear ID number or BearWeb user ID and PIN.

The CDs appeared to include sensitive information; one that was found on the first floor of Robinson Tower read “salary data information.” Fogleman said people who provided their personal information on the website or inserted the disks into their computers were not at risk of their security being compromised.

Fogleman said tests such as this one are administered to assess some aspects of the university's vulnerability, both on the user side, such as surrendering ID numbers and passwords, and of the university network.

“Many universities have dealt with serious breaches of security, so this testing is done here to help ensure a secure environment,” Fogleman said. “Reaction to the testing [has] been mostly positive in that people are questioning the attempts at getting data and alerting officials about disks that might include sensitive information.”

Fogleman said this was a “quiet test, but Baylor police were informed this would be happening.”

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New website keeps users Pinterested

With a long to-do list of school assignments and projects, you might be quick to assume how I spent my weekend. Tirelessly checking off these assorted tasks, right?

Wrong, that would have been a little too productive for my liking. Instead, I spent what most would determine as entirely too much time crafting my new on-line obsession: Pinterest.



Jade Mardirosian | Staff writer

What-terest? Pinterest— a fairly new social website that allows users to create and share images that can be categorized by boards, like virtual bulletin boards of all your favorite people, places and things.

Started in 2010, Pinterest has recently gained quite a larger following and was named to Time magazine's list of "The 50 Best Websites of 2011."

Interested in joining what will presumably become your new procrastination tool and fixation (bye-bye, Facebook)? All you have to do

is request an invite on the website and wait for an email that will allow you to sign up, create a username and begin pinning away. Oh, and don't forget to download the Pinterest

application for your iPhone for pinning on the go (or in class).

I'm currently working four different inspiration boards: one with pictures of gorgeous places around the world I have either visited or am dying to visit, another with pictures of clothing and accessories I am crushing on, another with only pictures of leopard print (ie: shoes, shirts, house accessories) and the last one has pictures of houses and interiors I find inspiring.

Where do I find pictures for my Pinterest? Everywhere, from different places on the Internet to pictures I snap in real life. Some of my favorite blogs and sites to find pictures are those like the-coveteur.com, which boasts great pictures of interiors and apparel and sneak peeks inside the homes of some of fashion's most influential people.

I also like to torture myself by surfing sothebysrealty.com to see international vacation homes that I can only fantasize owning.

You wouldn't believe the dream dwellings some people

are selling.

Pinterest also allows you to follow fellow pinners and their boards. You can find friends from Facebook or Twitter by syncing your Pinterest with those accounts.

Pinterest also suggests people you might be interested in following, many with an amazing collection of boards in the high double digits and followers in the tens of thousands.

"Pinterest is a great way to take a break from your obligations, all those assignments, meetings and projects and find inspirations for all the facets of your life through pictures."

things worth "repinning" just by browsing the Pinterest home screen, which includes recent pins by people you follow, which is better than the now old and outdated "like" button on Facebook.

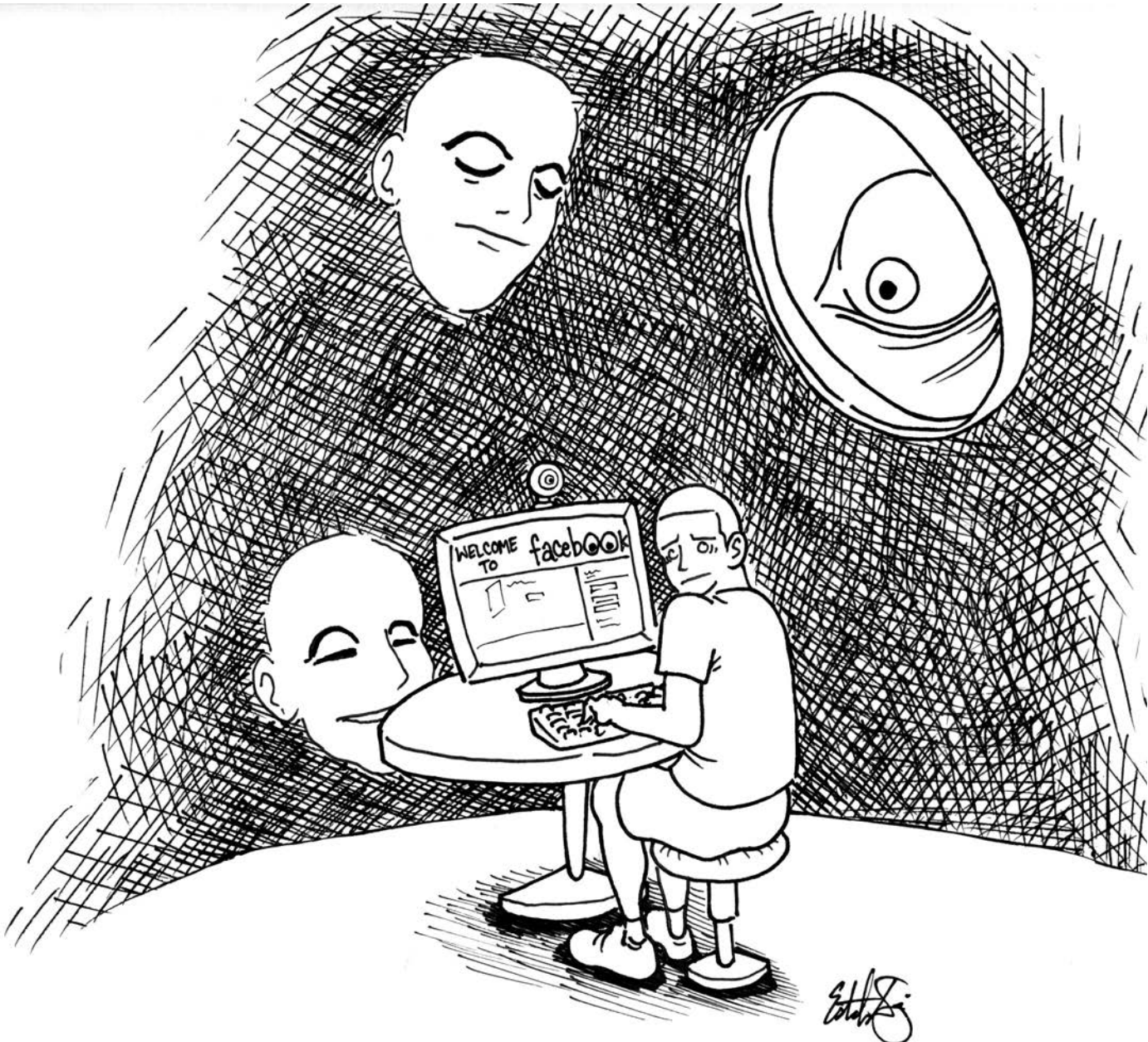
I am newly obsessed with Pinterest and I think I will stay interested since the type and number of inspiration boards you can create is virtually limitless.

Pinterest is a great way to take a break from your obligations, all those assignments, meetings and projects, and find inspiration for all the facets of your life through pictures.

I will definitely make time for my Pinterest (sorry, Twitter) and hopefully keep pinning and repinning tons and tons of pictures.

You can follow me at pinterest.com/jadeisabella.

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Facebook's lack of privacy leaves room for concern

Editorial

Matt Liebowitz wrote in an MSNBC.com article Monday, "The ticker gives Facebook's hundreds of millions of users up-to-the-second access to the personal lives of their contacts."

Things that should be private or less open to the public eye should not be so visible to users on their own home page. Liebowitz noted a blog post by Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant from the security firm Sophos, who said the new ticker on Facebook is "an invitation to disaster."

"The ticker has just made it much easier to eavesdrop on what were probably intended to be more private conversations," Cluley said.

Everybody realizes creating a Facebook profile allows their friends more access to their lives, but Facebook was operating fine without a ticker. It should be perfectly acceptable to upload a photo or make a comment without every one of your friends know-

ing. It is as if Facebook now puts a megaphone in front of each of its users; even a passing "hello" gets heard by everybody.

By the end of this week, Facebook will also have the "Facebook Timeline" installed for every user. The Washington Post's Hayley Tsukayama explained each new addition to Facebook and said the Timeline "is a comprehensive and curated version of your entire history on Facebook. Pictures and videos are featured prominently, making profiles much more visually focused."

Basically, everything you do on Facebook will be archived in a timeline format for all to see.

Yes, we have openly put this information on Facebook in the past, but when Facebook organizes every status update, wall post, picture upload or comment to a friend, that just raises the privacy concerns many users now have.

Not only will the Timeline consist of everything users have done on Facebook, but also all of the applications they have used in the past by posting their activity and information from the apps to the Timeline without permission

from the user. Apps that share the music you like, the news you read or the games you play will all be compiled in a person's Timeline to share with the Facebook world what they like to do and who they are.

Such integration is another unnecessary addition. At the very least, users must have the option to withhold whatever information they want from their timeline. If somebody doesn't want their taste in music from five years ago to be published, it shouldn't be.

As nice as it might seem to have a "timeline" of activity and organization of everything a user has done since he or she first joined the community, there is really no purpose for having that much information published. Information that should not be readily available to other users should not be on such an open display or shared with other users to such a high degree.

Within the next week, skeptical users will finally have a chance to see what the new Facebook will look like. There might be a little too much information for their liking.

Lariat Letters: Death penalty hurts Texan families

I don't know what's different about the Lariat from my freshmen year, but this year I don't go a day without picking up a copy of it. I find the stories to be varied and very interesting. Though I'm not a grad student, I also really love the grad-student comics as well as the political cartoons that come with the editorials.

I found the "Death sentence raises questions" column by Caroline Brewton on Sept. 21 really interesting, and I'm in agreement that the eye for an eye and a life for a life mentality isn't helpful in the least.

Your article did remind me of something from the Republican candidates' debate. I'm sure you probably already heard this, but at the debate, moderator Brian William posed a question to Rick Perry saying, "Governor Perry, a question about Texas. Your state has executed 234 death row inmates, more than any other governor in modern times. Have you..."

It was then that he was interrupted by whistling and applause from the audience.

I find it both interesting and a bit disturbing that we as Baylor students live in a

state that executes more inmates than any other state in the entirety of the U.S.

It left me wondering how many possibly innocent inmates have their lives hanging in the balance as well as how many Texan families suffer from the grief that the death penalty brings.

I look forward to reading my next copy of the Lariat.

*—Raymond Bravo
Houston sophomore*

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

Letters to the editor should be no more than 300 words and should include the writer's name, hometown, major, graduation year, phone number and student identification number. Non-student writers should include their address. Letters that focus on an issue affecting students or faculty may be considered for a guest column at the editor's discretion. All submissions become the property of The Baylor Lariat. The Lariat reserves the right to edit letters for grammar, length, libel and style. Letters should be emailed to Lariat_Letters@baylor.edu.

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Waco police department detains 7-foot-long snake

The following is the actual and unchanged text of a City of Waco press release sent out Monday detailing the capture of a large snake by Waco Animal Control.

The snake, a Red-Tailed Boa Constrictor was found on the McLennan Community College campus.

ACU Officers secure seven foot slithering serpent at school.

Waco Animal Control Officers were called out this morning to the 1300 block of College drive. Officers were advised of a large reptile in the yard at the Art Center on the M.C.C. campus

Officers were able to ssssnag the ssssnake and ssssecure it in a ssssafe container.

The snake was approximately sssseven feet long and was described to be as thick around as a large mans arm.

It has been determined to be a Red-Tailed Boa Constrictor. (Obviously not an indigenous snake for our area)

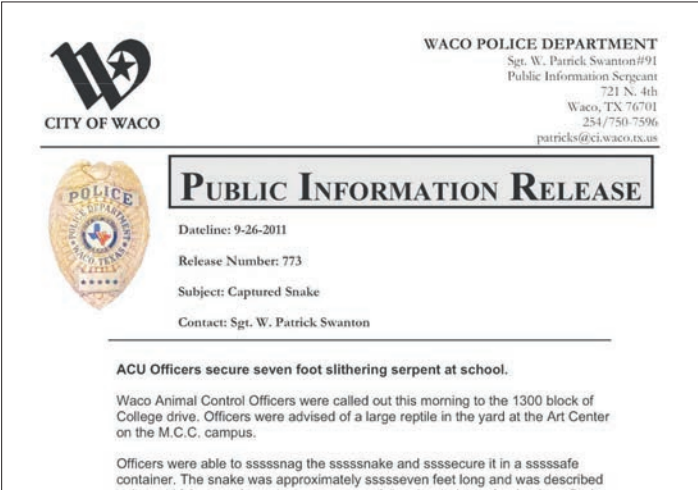
Once the slithering serpent was securely stuck in a safety cage, the suspect snake was taken to the Waco Zoo for incarceration. The Zoo is planning on keeping the snake for public display.

We sssssincerely hope this will be an example to other serpents to stay secreted sssssafely away.

No students were harmed in the apprehension of this snake.

If they saw it they probably would have the sssshivers but certainly not harmed.

Booking photo attached to release.



The City of Waco released this playful statement Wednesday after capturing a large snake on McLennan Community College's campus.



COURTESY PHOTO

The 7-foot-long Red-Tailed Boa Constrictor captured Wednesday is not thought to be native to this area, according to officials.



AMBIKA SINGH | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Rocking the boat

A sailing and canoeing student in the 4:40 p.m. HP class lifts up a capsized boat Wednesday in the Baylor Marina. The sailing and canoeing course teaches students basic nautical skills necessary for sailing and canoeing. American Red Cross certification is available at the end of the course.

Remote control plot spoiled

By JAY LINDSAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — A Massachusetts man was arrested Wednesday and accused of plotting to destroy the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol by attacking the buildings with large, remote-controlled aircraft armed with explosives in lethal quantities.

Rezwan Ferdaus, 26, was arrested Wednesday in Framingham. after undercover federal agents delivered materials he had allegedly requested for his plan, including grenades, six machine guns and what he believed was 24 pounds of C-4 explosive.

According to a federal affidavit,

Ferdaus said he wanted to deal a psychological blow to Americans, the “enemies of Allah,” by hitting the Pentagon, which he called the

“Allah has given us the privilege ... he punishes them by our hand. We’re the ones.”

Rezwan Ferdaus | Terror suspect

uses natural disasters to punish evil civilizations, and he would use them today.

“For us, we’ve gotta do that,” he said, according to the affidavit. “Allah has given us the privilege . . . he punishes them by our hand. We’re the ones.”

Ferdaus, a U.S. citizen and Northeastern University graduate, was scheduled to make his initial appearance in federal court in Worcester, Mass. on Wednesday afternoon.

Several alleged domestic plots have been thwarted since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, including in plots in Lackawanna, N.Y.; Portland, Ore.; and Virginia.

Police pepper spray use under investigation

By COLLEEN LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Police Department will look into a complaint that an officer wrongly used pepper spray at a demonstration against Wall Street last week, Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Wednesday.

Video from Saturday’s Union Square incident shows an officer blasting a cluster of women with pepper spray. Two of the women crumple on the sidewalk in pain. One screams.

The video leaves out tumultuous conduct by protesters who illegally tried to block streets, Kelly said. There have been about a hundred arrests since the protests began, mostly on disorderly conduct charges.

A handful were arrested on more serious charges of assaulting a police officer and obstructing governmental administration.

The city’s Civilian Complaint Review Board received a complaint on the pepper spray and is also investigating, but the board does not have the ability to enforce disciplinary action against officers.

An online group that says it is part of the protest in lower Manhattan posted the officer’s personal details online, including the names of his family and the address where

his children attend school, with the threat “Before you commit atrocities against innocent people, think twice.”

The officers union issued a statement saying the man’s motivations in using the spray were out of concern for the safety of officers under his command and the safety of the public.

“The limited use of pepper spray effectively restored order without any escalation of violence, use of force or serious injury to either demonstrator or police officer,” according to the statement from the NYPD Captains Endowment Association.

The group “Occupy Wall Street” has been camping out in a privately-owned plaza several blocks from the actual Wall Street and has no specific message or specific demand. Some demonstrators have said they were against Wall Street greed, others say they are protesting global warming and still others say they are protesting “the man.”

“We are extremely concerned with the conditions that have been created by those currently occupying the park and are actively working with the City of New York to address these conditions and restore the park to its intended purpose,” the company that owns the plaza, Brookfield Properties, said in a emailed statement.

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The Little Rascals finds success at Baylor

By JESSICA FOREMAN
REPORTER

“The Little Rascals” was a film released in 1994 based on a series of early-20th century short films called “Our Gang,” but The Little Rascals are also a gang of musicians at Baylor.

The Little Rascals, consisting of band members Taylor Pfeiffer on guitar, Claire Berlinsky as the main vocalist, Judah Owens as percussionist on the harmonica and cajon box, and Max Hellmerich playing guitar and vocals performed as the opening act for Baylor University’s annual After Dark variety talent show. The band of seniors was an act that stood out according to many in attendance at the Student Activities-sponsored event.

“Have you seen the movie? We’re a bunch of little rascals,” said Hellmerich, a formerly signed Up-roar Records artist who is credited with forming the band title. “Claire and I auditioned, and then we formed a band.”

The spontaneous thought of creating a band from a duo came from the initiative to perform something “more upbeat,” said Berlinsky.

“Originally we were going to do a ‘Need to Breathe’ song,” Berlinsky said. “The show wanted something more upbeat and so we decided to do ‘Barton Hollow.’

We wanted a lot more variety, so we called [Pfeiffer and Owens]...We asked permission. And Keith [Frazee], the head of After Dark, knows Taylor and Judah personally, so he didn’t see it as a problem.”

“I feel like really ever since the movie came out this has been something that’s been organizing under the stars,” said Hellmerich about the creation of the band.

“Just that some sort of musical genius would spur from the effect that that movie had in our lives.”

The last-minute music group formed a little over a week before the actual After Dark performance during Parents’ Weekend. Even though the four musicians had never played together at the same time, they have had stage experience in the past.

“I performed in Sing and Pig-skin before, so it wasn’t unfamiliar to be on the stage or in front of that many people,” said Owens, a member of the Baylor fraternity Kappa Omega Tau. “It wasn’t really that scary. We just played a song. We really just did that, we went up and played without intentions of impressing people. We just wanted to have fun.”

Berlinsky expanded on this and said, “I think that’s what I like most about playing with these guys. Nobody’s really too interested in impressing people or putting on a performance. We all just really like to play music. The fact that we got to do it onstage was just an added blessing.”

The buzz around campus since After Dark, contrary to the band’s intentions, has been about The Little Rascals, and attendees were more than impressed with their performance.

“The band came on and immediately got the crowd going,” Dallas senior Samantha Reed said. “The audience could tell that they were having so much fun with what they were doing onstage. I studied in Spain with Claire this past summer and knew she could sing, but her performance that night was incredible, and really just blew me away.”

So what does Berlinsky’s “incredible” voice sound like?

“Elton John,” Pfeiffer said.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

The Little Rascals, a feature group that performed at After Dark, consists of lead vocalist and Orlando, Fla., senior Claire Berlinsky; Tulsa, Okla., senior Maxim Hellmerich on guitar and vocals; San Antonio senior Taylor Pfeiffer on percussion; and New Braunfels senior Judah Owens, who also plays guitar.

“Yeah, most commonly Elton John,” Berlinsky said, laughing.

“Ozzy Osbourne,” chimed in Hellmerich.

Jokes aside, band members described their sound as “a rascal version of southern folk music.” While Hellmerich attempted to tag each description of the band to “rascal” or “rascal-ly,” Pfeiffer said he was “purely in it for the money,” an echo of a quote from The Little Rascals character George “Spanky”

McFarland: “People, people, we need your money!”

The impromptu band’s future is unsure, but members explained that After Dark was a kind of “springboard” to decide what steps they will take to play music together in the future. Hellmerich said he was in the process of writing songs for the four members to play together.

“There’s one song called ‘Amy,’” Hellmerich said.

“Clearly written for me,” interjected Claire.

“I was actually planning on finishing it today,” Hellmerich said.

Hellmerich said he has worked on putting together songs with Pfeiffer and Owens previously, and that he plays worship music every Thursday night with Owens for K-Life, a high school youth program that stems from the Christian summer sports camp Kanukuk.

The carefree jokes and banter

between band members proved “The Little Rascals” was a fitting band title for the After Dark performance.

All of the acts during After Dark were praised by students, parents and faculty alike. Alice Starr, wife of Baylor President Ken Starr, applauded each performance.

“We’ve got our own American Idol. ... in fact, it’s better than that because our students are so talented,” Alice Starr said.

Ripe bananas for the win

Editor’s Note: Molly Dunn runs a food blog titled “Clean Plate Girl ~ A college student’s love for food and other life adventures” at mollydunn.wordpress.com. As part of a new column highlighting notable bloggers on campus, as well as our ever-present desire to talk about good food, we are publishing an edited and updated excerpt from her blog here today.

By MOLLY DUNN
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

While grocery shopping this past weekend, the banana stand seemed overwhelmingly packed with overripe bananas. Someone has to use them before they go completely bad, so I decided to take three and put them to good use. What better way than to make banana walnut bread?

So, I came home, searched the Internet for the perfect recipe to follow and I came across a true southern recipe: Momma Callie’s banana nut bread by The Neely’s on Food Network. Gina and Pat Neely host a cooking show, “Down Home with the Neely’s” where they prepare classic southern recipes. I

love their recipes and I knew with one look at the ingredients that this was the one.

Banana nut bread is a childhood favorite of mine. There’s nothing better than melting some butter on a slice of warm banana nut bread and having it for breakfast, a snack, as a dessert or whenever you just feel like having a slice of comfort.

It must be all the memories of my mom making banana nut bread for my brother and me to eat at breakfast on a cool autumn morning that warms my heart and puts me at ease. I know that sounds a little over exaggerated, but you will understand once you eat this banana nut bread.

As all quick bread recipes go, I whisked together the all-purpose flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt and set it to the side. Then it came time to mash the bananas. The trick with this process is to maintain some texture or chunks of very ripe banana when you mash them with a fork.

Leaving bits of banana makes the bread moist, fluffy and gives it a melt-in-your-mouth consistency. I used three large ripe bananas for

this recipe.

In a separate large bowl, I beat a stick of softened unsalted butter and 1 cup of granulated sugar until creamy, then added the 2 eggs, one at a time. After I creamed the mixture, I added a 1/2 cup of sour cream, the mashed bananas and 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract. Once all the ingredients were completely mixed together, instead of adding chopped pecans, I decided to add chopped walnuts.

After mixing the wet ingredients with the dry, the banana bread batter was ready to go into the loaf pans and bake for almost an hour. The recipe calls for an hour and 10 minutes, but mine were done in 45 minutes, so you’ll need to watch the bread as it bakes.

I just love this recipe so much. Banana nut bread always brings a smile to my face every time I eat it. So the next time you want to bake something that’s comforting and warm, bake some banana nut bread. You won’t regret it.

Do you have a blog you think we might be interested in? Send us your thoughts and suggestions at lariat@baylor.edu.

Momma Callie’s Banana Nut Bread with Honey Butter

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/patrick-and-gina-neely/momma-callies-banana-nut-bread-with-honey-butter-recipe/index.html>

Cook Time: 1 hr 10 min
Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

- 1 stick butter, at room temperature, plus more for loaf pan
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for pan
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

- 3 large very ripe bananas*
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F and put a rack on the middle shelf. Butter and flour a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan.
- In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.
- In a separate small bowl, mash the bananas with a wooden spoon, leaving a bit of texture.
- In another large bowl, use a

hand electric mixer or stand mixer to cream the 1/2 cup of butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, 1 at a time. Stir in the mashed bananas, sour cream and vanilla and beat until just combined. Add the dry ingredients and gently stir in pecans.

Pour the batter into the pan and put on a sheet tray.

Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes in the pan then turn out onto a wire rack to finish cooling. Slice and serve with Honey Butter.

*Cook’s Note: To ripen bananas quickly, put them into a paper bag and fold down the top. The bananas should ripen in 2 days.

FUN TIMES

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- 1 *Rock conqueror?
- 6 ilk
- 10 *Soy milk brand
- 14 Diminish, as trust
- 15 Court target
- 16 Singer with the platinum 1992 album “The Celts”
- 17 *Dental checkup freebie
- 19 Hungarian spa city
- 20 “30 Rock” is loosely based on it, briefly
- 21 Georgia campus
- 22 Transparent personality?
- 23 Webber’s partner
- 24 Stink ending
- 25 Are proper for
- 28 *Wile E. Coyote buy
- 32 Napoleon, before seeing Elba?
- 33 Its symbol is “\$”
- 34 West Bank initials
- 35 *Gets creative
- 39 *Extent
- 41 “Alice” spinoff
- 42 Gives goose bumps, maybe
- 44 Pennsylvania port
- 45 *Flashy display
- 48 Umbrella brand
- 49 Idiot
- 50 Finalize, as a comic strip
- 52 Pub drinks
- 54 Sudden outpouring
- 55 Sch. with a Phoenix campus
- 58 Comic book buyer of old?
- 59 *Beginner’s piano piece
- 61 Analogous
- 62 Forceful takeover
- 63 John who played Gomez Addams
- 64 *Forged check
- 65 Maker of Kate Moss fragrances
- 66 It celebrates National Day on October 1 (and it’s where the answers to starred clues were invented)

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- 2 Mountain climber Ralston, subject of “127 Hours”
- 3 Hustler’s game
- 4 Atlanta summer hrs.
- 5 Warm up
- 6 Crowd
- 7 Words to one on deck
- 8 Nosegay
- 9 Bk. before Philipians
- 10 Envision a way
- 11 To a great extent
- 12 Caustic fluids
- 13 Go-__
- 18 ASCAP rival
- 22 Union member?
- 23 Like pintos
- 24 Lhasa __
- 25 Alberta national park
- 26 “Christ Stopped at __”
- 27 Amount requiring a credit card authorization
- 29 Japanese chip maker

- 30 Borden mascot
- 31 Derby prize
- 36 Some green acres
- 37 “Star Wars” tree-dweller
- 38 Sun. talk
- 40 Drudge
- 43 Abandon, with “on”
- 46 Oregon Ducks’ home
- 47 Irritable
- 48 Pin in a shirt
- 51 Gold units: Abbr.
- 52 Mt. Rushmore’s state
- 53 Joint Web project
- 54 “Buzz off!”
- 55 When Emile sings “Some Enchanted Evening”
- 56 Word with care or cream
- 57 Oliver North’s alma mater: Abbr.
- 59 V x LX
- 60 -like relative

SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

Object: Each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

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USA BASKETBALL PHOTO

Houston junior Brittney Griner works on drills at practice for the USA Basketball Women's National Team. Griner is the only collegiate player on the team, which is currently participating in a tournament in Europe.

Griner to play ball in Europe with U.S. team

By DANIEL WALLACE
SPORTS WRITER

Junior Lady Bear Brittney Griner is taking advantage of a great opportunity to play basketball in Europe with 25 professional athletes.

Griner was selected to play for the 2011 USA Basketball Women's National Team, in a tournament that is currently taking place in Europe. The Baylor superstar is the only collegiate player on the team.

Griner joins Baylor alumni Sophia Young are being coached by University of Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma. He gave the Baylor women's basketball program high praise, as two of his 26 players are associated with the university.

"Sophia Young has been a really good player since her days at Baylor, in the WNBA and overseas," he said. "Her and Brittney are two of the few players invited to be at training camp. That says something about the way they are coached in Baylor's program. Baylor has been good for quite some time now."

The team arrived in Naples, Italy, on Tuesday to begin training camp for the five-game exhibition tour that goes through Oct. 9. It will open its 2011 European tour with two games in Naples, followed by a game in Valencia, Spain. The final two games will take place in the Czech Republic and Hungary.

Griner said she feels humbled that she was even asked to help represent country while playing the game she loves.

"I feel honored that I got asked to participate," she said. "Just being able to wear the team's jersey is an honor itself. I'm doing everything I can to learn quick and help out."

Auriemma has only had one practice with Griner but said he can already tell she is unlike any other player he's seen play the game.

"I think from a physical stand-

point, you look at her and there really hasn't been anyone I can remember that has had her combination of height and athletic ability," he said. "That's unlike anything any college coach has had the good fortune to be around. When she steps on the court, the whole complexion of what your team looks like changes."

Young said she was taken back to her days at Baylor and her time spent under head coach Kim Mulkey, who she helped cut down the nets after winning the national championship in 2005. She said she has had to get used to Auriemma's coaching style.

"His style of play is definitely different," she said. "He's definitely more serious. Get in there, get the job done, and get out of there. Obviously he knows what he is doing."

Griner said she is excited to see her game improve while playing in the tournament and getting the international experience. She is looking forward to learning from Auriemma and adding that to what she has already learned from Mulkey.

"(He's) not as animated as Coach Mulkey," Griner said. "She will leap out of her blazer. He's definitely intense, just different. He knows exactly what he's talking about; just being able to be coached by him and Kim is just going to help my game out so much. I just got to try to get it all in while I'm here."

Griner said she has enjoyed her time in Europe thus far and was excited to try some authentic Italian pizza. She has not, however, enjoyed the difference in driving technique in the foreign country, saying there are no rules on the road and that the cars are too little.

The Lady Bear will be living large, on top of the mountains in Italy, for the next two weeks.

Griner's teammates include multiple WNBA stars, including Young, who plays for the San Antonio Silver Stars.

Big 12 Weekly Review

Longhorns seek revenge, Sooners seek blowout, Bears seek 4-0

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

2 Oklahoma (3-0)

LSU bumped the Sooners from its No. 1 ranking this week, due in part to the wake-up call it received from Missouri.

The Oklahoma defense allowed 532 yards to the young Tiger offense. Its offense, however, saw some struggle, as junior quarterback Landry Jones threw two interceptions. After the first quarter, the Sooners woke up and were ready to play ball.

This week, Oklahoma takes a break from conference play to face Ball State, a sure win to boost its confidence before heading to Dallas for the Red River Rivalry next week.

5 Oklahoma State (4-0)

The Cowboys silenced Kyle Field as they narrowly defeated Texas A&M 30-29.

Despite only 46 rush yards, OSU found the hole in the Aggie zone, running slants over the middle to reach 438 receiving yards. Weeden commanded his troops diligently with 438 yards and two touchdowns. Blackmon was a favored target with 121 yards and a touchdown. Senior wide receiver Josh Cooper stepped up to catch for 123 yards.

Oklahoma State can now relax for a week after such a highly anticipated game before it hosts Kansas next week.

14 Texas A&M (2-1)

The Aggies were celebrating on Monday. Not because of their one-point loss to Oklahoma State, a game in which A&M rolled over in the second half with a total of four turnovers, three of which happened in the third quarter on consecutive drives.

No, it was celebrating its official acceptance in the SEC. Perfect timing too, as Texas A&M heads to Dallas to face SEC member Arkansas (3-1). The Razorbacks are fresh off a loss to No. 3 Alabama 38-14.

People thought the Aggies would prove their talent was worthy of the SEC against OSU. The timing and opponent will provide the perfect setting for the Aggies' first game against an SEC opponent after their announcement of leaving the Big 12.

15 Baylor (3-0)

Baylor is looking to go 4-0 for the first time since 1991.

Last weekend, the offense showed depth and diversity with five different receivers catching for touchdowns. Robert Griffin III added to his Heisman-caliber numbers with 338 yards and six total touchdowns, five passing and one rushing, leading the offense to 673 total yards.

Nationwide, the Bears are No. 2 in yards per game with 594 and No. 3 in scoring 51 points per game. The defense will really need to step it up from the sloppy coverage last week. The only defensive gem was a 55-yard pick six by nickelback Ahmad Dixon.

Baylor has never won in Manhattan, Kan., and is looking to change that as the Bears face their first road contest of the season against Kansas State.

17 Texas (3-0)

The bitter taste of revenge is in the mouths of the Longhorns this week as Texas heads to Aimes, Iowa, to take on Iowa State.

Out of the seven losses the Longhorns suffered last season, the 28-21 upset in Austin by the Cyclones stands against the others for the Longhorn. After the game, Texas head coach Mack Brown openly questioned the knowledge

of his coaching staff and the passion of his players.

This year, sophomore quarterback Case McCoy is beginning to shape up like his brother Colt, who now plays for the Cleveland Browns.

The atmosphere at Iowa State should be electric as the Cyclones are hungry to beat the Horns for the second season in a row, something Mack Brown and company hope won't happen.

Texas Tech (3-0)

The Red Raiders come into conference play off a narrow win over Nevada 35-34. The winning touchdown came with 44 seconds left in the game.

Junior quarterback Seth Doege is slowly conforming to the caliber quarterback expected at Texas Tech, as he led his team with 222 yards and 3 touchdowns, racking up 441 total yards as a whole. Texas Tech was without its leading receiver, Darrin Moore, for most of the game. Moore left early in the first quarter after he injured his left ankle and knee on a deep incomple- tion. His status against Kansas is still unknown.

With or without him, Texas Tech should have no problem defeating the Jayhawks to open conference play.

Iowa State (3-0)

Iowa State's 3-0 start surprised many people. Each victory has been close; the team has won by 8 or fewer points each time.

After a bye week, the Cyclones are ready to host Texas. In order to beat the Longhorns in back to back seasons, quarterback junior Steele Jantz needs to improve upon his accuracy. If he begins this game like he did against UConn with 3 interceptions in the first 4 plays, the Longhorns will take control with no mercy.

Kansas State (3-0)

The Wildcats are coming off a huge win against the U in Miami.

After a less than impressive start to their season, that win was the perfect transition between nonconference and conference play.

The Wildcats come into this week with the No. 11 defense in the league, allowing 246 yards per game and 157 passing yards. The true defensive test will be if Kansas State can slow down Heisman-candidate Robert Griffin III.

The Wildcat offense will run out the play clock before snapping the ball to limit the amount of time the Bear offense will be on the field.

Kansas (2-1)

After an embarrassing defensive showing against Georgia Tech, allowing 604 rushing yards, the Jayhawks had a much-needed off week to reconvene before starting Big 12 play.

Entering his third season at Kansas, head coach Turner Gill, has high expectations to turn the program around, but it appears he still needs more time. As the Jayhawks enter conference play against Texas Tech this week, the chance to add to their win column becomes slim.

Missouri (2-2)

The Tigers shocked the Sooners and the nation as they lead 14-10 at the end of the first quarter last weekend.

Though it eventually lost the game, Missouri took a big step of progress in that game and now has a bye week to build upon it.

Sophomore quarterback James Franklin seems to be getting more comfortable in the pocket, a good sign for the Tigers. Will he continue to improve or will Big 12 defenses break his confidence?

Volleyball cannot hold back Aggies

By TYLER ALLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Baylor forced five sets against the Aggies Wednesday in College Station but could not come away victorious, losing by a final score of 3-2 (20-25, 25-22, 25-19, 15-25, 5-15).

"It was a hard-fought match, and we had the chance to put it away after going up 2-1," head coach Jim Barnes said. "But, unfortunately we let them back in it. We have to be a team that is able to put another team away. Bri (Tolbert) started strong, and she and Kate really connected well. I am really proud of Kayci (Evans) in one of her first matches to start, I thought she did a tremendous job."

Senior middle blocker Briana Tolbert led the Bears' attack with 12 kills and a .321 hitting percentage, followed by junior right-side hitter Alyssa Dibbern with 10 kills and a .258 hitting percentage.

Texas A&M grabbed the first set, jumping out to a 17-10 lead



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No. 1 middle blocker Briana Tolbert hits a shot over the net Wednesday in College Station against Texas A&M. Tolbert had a team-high 12 kills.

and never looking back. Baylor fought back to a 24-20 score but could not finish the rally.

The second set went back and forth as the teams were tied 20-20

at one point before Baylor took the lead and won the set.

Baylor began the third set with a 5-1 run and kept the Aggies back from ever taking the lead due to

nine service errors by Texas A&M.

The Aggies tied the game up with a dominating fourth set. Starting with a 7-0 run, they would take a 15-5 lead and finish with a 25-15 score.

In the tiebreaking set, the Aggies once again opened the set strong with an 8-1 start, before closing the game 15-5.

Texas A&M outit Baylor .262 to .136 and had 72 kills to Baylor's 45. Senior Kelsey Black had a game-high 17 kills for Texas A&M, followed by junior Alicia Katsmo who had 13 kills and an .391 hitting percentage.

Junior setter Kate Harris led the Bears' defense with 22 digs. Senior libero Allison King had 16 digs on the night.

Baylor hit below .150 in its three losing sets and better than .235 in two winning sets.

Volleyball is the second Baylor team to play Texas A&M since the drama of conference realignment began a few months back. Soccer lost in College Station Sept. 16.

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