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#### It's Christmastime

Baylor Round Table will host its annual Christmas celebration "Sing We All Merrily" at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Armstrong Browning Library. The event is free and features the Baylor Chamber singers. Admission is open to female faculty and administrators and the wives of faculty and administrators and guests.



# Old tradition brings new excitement

## Annual Christmas on 5th Street event to feature second musical Advent service

By GRACE GADDY  
REPORTER

For the second year in a row, Christmas on 5th Street will feature a rising new tradition, "New Anthems for an Old Story" — a musical Advent service to celebrate the season and the coming of a King.

The 40-minute service will start at 6 p.m. today in Armstrong Browning Library and will feature a harmonious blend of choral and instrumental music, prayers

with local ministers, Scripture readings and times for reflection. B.A.S.I.C., an ecumenical chamber choir from Central United Methodist Church in Waco, will also contribute to the event, with both solo performances and selected songs and hymns for congregational participation.

Melodies that will fill the air were written and composed largely in part by two of Baylor's own: university chaplain and dean of spiritual life, Dr. Burt Burleson, and his friend and colleague,

Carlos Colón, artist-in-residence at Armstrong Browning Library and a resident fellow at Baylor's Institute for Studies of Religion.

Burleson penned the lyrics for the new songs, and Colón composed the music — the fruit of a vision birthed the summer of 2009.

"We started working on it about two years ago," Burleson said. "The idea was, OK, let's get something ready for [the season



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

The Christmas on 5th Street ornament sits in its traditional location Tuesday in the Vara Martin Daniel Plaza. The ornament is the first decoration placed out in preparation for Christmas.

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# Panel enacts new rules for faculty lecturers

By ROB BRADFELD  
STAFF WRITER

Faculty lecturers seeking promotions at Baylor have a new set of rules to learn.

The Baylor chapter of the American Association of University Professors hosted a panel discussion on the Faculty Senate's new policies for lecturers and senior lecturers Wednesday.

In attendance were members of the AAUP, other faculty and professors at the Louise Herrington School of Nursing by videoconference.

Dr. James Bennighof, vice provost for academic affairs and policy, and Dr. Ann McGlashan, chair of the Faculty Senate's ad-hoc committee on lecturers' issues, gave a brief explanation of the changes and addressed concerns.

Some of the reforms enacted by the Faculty Senate include a new evaluation process for promotions that increase faculty involvement, new policies for faculty evaluations and earlier deadlines for contract renewals. Also included was a provision to allow a lecturer's outside experience and research to play

a larger role in advancement evaluations, much like the system in place for the tenure track.

Even though the criteria have been expanded, "a majority of lecturers are [still] going to be evaluated primarily on their teaching," Bennighof said.

In 2008, a Senate committee composed of faculty from across the university and headed by McGlashan began evaluating the old system and discussing improvements. After repeated collaboration with administrators, and several drafts, the committee returned with the new system, which they hope will streamline the promotion process.

Part of that system includes "a rolling two-year contract for senior lecturers" that prevents them from having to re-apply repeatedly, McGlashan said.

The role of student feedback will also be preserved in the new system. Student evaluations and concerns raised to department chairs and administrators have always played a part in the promotion process, and according to the Faculty Senate, the reforms

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# Revised MCAT sample available online now

By RACHEL AMBELANG  
STAFF WRITER

The incoming freshman class of 2016, and possibly this year's freshman class of 2015, will be the first students to take the new version of the Medical College Admission Test.

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) recently posted samples of the new version of the test on its website.

"The changes preserve what works about the current exam, eliminate what isn't working and further enrich the MCAT by giving attention to the concepts tomorrow's doctors will need," according to the AAMC website.

In 2008, the AAMC commissioned a committee of biology professors, medical school admission advisors, medical students and others involved in the acceptance process to evaluate the MCAT.

These evaluations are done to

ensure that the context of the test is reflective of current medical education and the health care system.

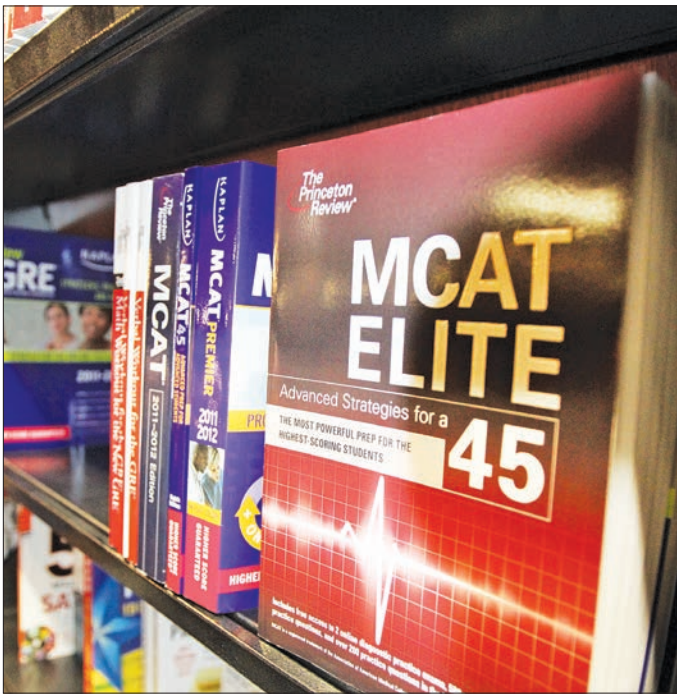
The 2015 change marks the fifth major alteration of the MCAT since it was introduced in the 1920s.

The new MCAT will include the addition of an entirely new section titled "Psychological, Social and Biological Foundations of Behavior," as well as a more intense examination of the biomedical sciences, such as genetics and biochemistry.

Despite the removal of the writing sample section, this new MCAT will last at least two more hours than the previous six-hour test.

Jeff Koetje, director of pre-health programs at Kaplan, takes part in the research done among medical school admissions boards.

Koetje said the addition of psychology and sociology to the test was necessary because of the



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MCAT test preparation books are available at the Baylor Bookstore. The 2016 freshman class will be the first to take the now eight hour MCAT.

advances made in health care as well as the sociocultural changes within the health care system.

"Patients are more complex today, and medical schools have to ensure that these students will be capable of treating the whole

person and everything that comes with that," Koetje said.

Baylor does not currently require pre-med students to take sociology and psychology courses, which is a change that

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# Forum explores interracial dating

By ASHLEY YEAMAN  
REPORTER

In a survey administered by the Baylor chapter of the NAACP to 406 Baylor students earlier this semester, 82 percent stated they are in an interracial relationship or would consider dating someone of another race.

The complete survey results were revealed on Wednesday, in Kayser Auditorium at Colors of Love, a forum discussing motivations behind choosing whether or not to pursue a relationship with a person of another race.

Killeen senior Brittany Walker, president of Baylor NAACP, said the purpose behind the survey and

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# End of UT-A&M game ruins spirit of rivalry

Money and ego are beginning to erode the competitive nature that fuels what most Americans sit down to watch on Saturdays: college football.

I have no vested interest in Aggie athletics. Still, as they walk away from the third-longest rivalry in the nation, I see fault in the system.

We all witnessed the nationwide game of musical chairs between universities and conferences as schools sought higher levels of revenue and competition.

The Aggies, tired of being the little brother to Texas, found a new home in the SEC. As they move east, other schools are looking to find the conference that offers the most benefits financially.

This means that geography is no longer a factor.

Texas A&M, located a short drive from Waco and Austin, leaves behind two great rivalries in Texas against Baylor and Texas.

Rumor has it that A&M wants to continue playing Texas, but the Longhorns refused. Funny. Wasn't it the Longhorn Network that started this mess in the first place?



Krista Pirtle | Sports writer

number of zeroes you can get on your paycheck. When so much is rooted in a rivalry, is it worth it to dig it up and move on? I don't think so.

A game that holds an unlimited amount of bragging rights must live on. But while hot heads and selfish hunger prevail, this historic rivalry will come to an end.

So what's more important – driving down the road to face your arch nemesis or watching a new, watered-down rivalry on television because you can't afford the cost of the road trip to the stadium?

We can distract ourselves, blame the system and beg for playoffs, or we can address this head on.

On the turf, under the lights, surrounded by both fans and agitators, are guys in their early 20s (except Brandon Weeden) who have the opportunity to play the game they love for four more years.

It is passion that fuels this league, not money. So why take the passion away?

The last Texas A&M vs. Texas game was a low-scoring game by Big 12 standards, decided by a field goal. That game was undoubtedly fueled by passion and for the love to play. Don't take that away from the players.

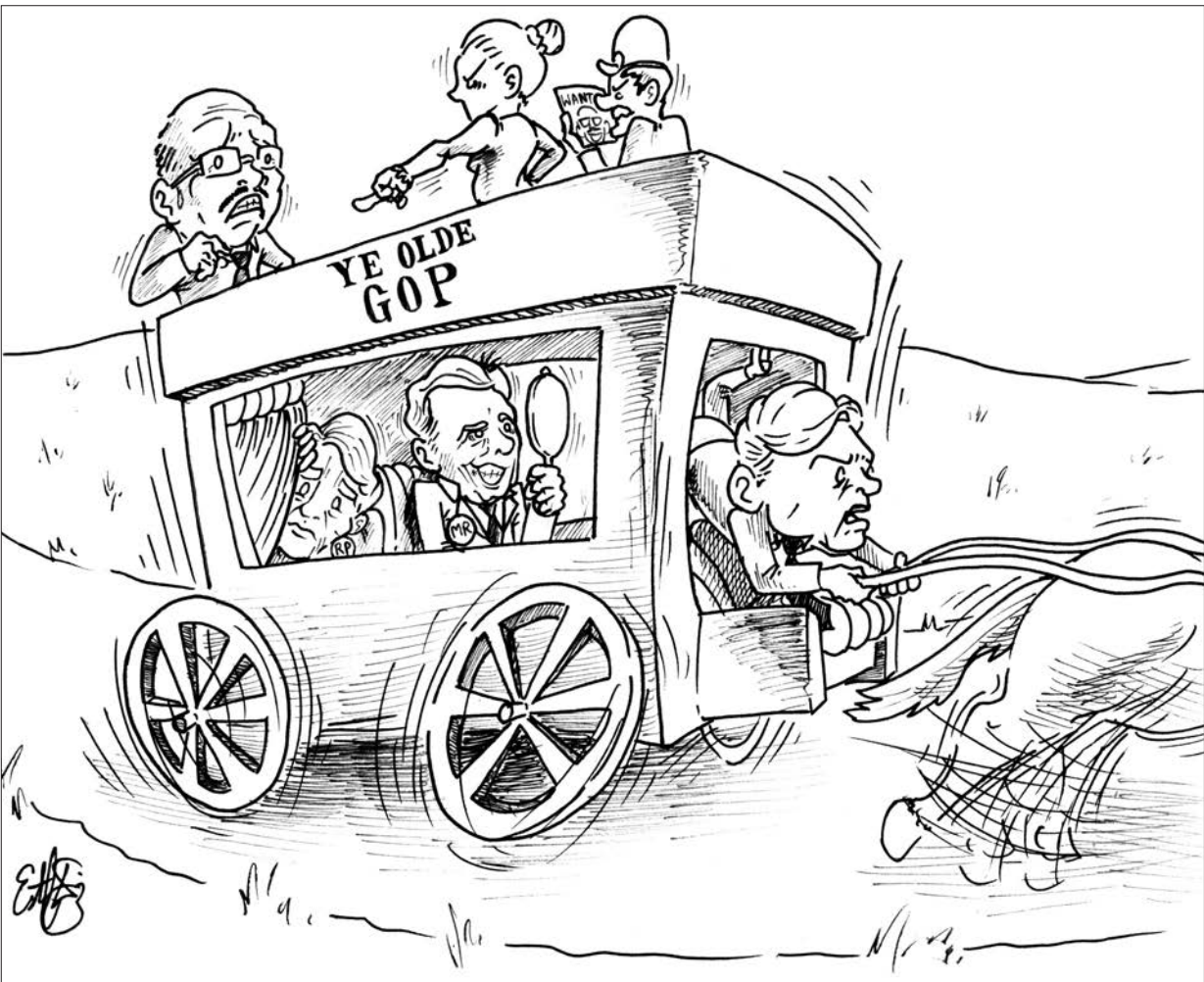
I am green and gold through and through and would have been perfectly content if both teams could have lost.

But the very nature of college football is displayed on Thanksgiving night in either Austin or College Station with players and fans fixated on beating their rival.

Shouldn't there be a huge stadium in the state of Texas with a wealthy owner who could afford to write fat checks to both schools to continue this rivalry?

Oh, hi, Jerry Jones.

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# GOP nomination race leaves spot up for grabs

## Editorial

All bets are off in this year's GOP nomination because of the lack of viable candidates.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry seemed promising until he embarrassed himself during several debates and lost the confidence of voters in the polls.

Businessman Herman Cain briefly surged ahead, then suddenly multiple women came forward with allegations of harassment. According to the Associated Press, Cain told his aides he is considering dropping his bid after this week.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has received high votes of confidence from straw polls, though Democrats have begun to highlight changed positions in an effort to discredit his campaign.

So far the real surprise is the rise of former House speaker Newt Gingrich in the polls.

Parodied on Saturday Night Live as the candidate who didn't seem to actually want to run for president, Gingrich seems to have found his stride late in the nomination process. His decision to fully engage in the nomination race seems to

be marked by his foray into criticisms of other candidates. A noticeable deviation from a campaign strategy that focused solely on President Barack Obama, Gingrich also criticized Romney's flexible positions in a radio interview in South Carolina.

As CNN reports in "Why Gingrich's N.H. endorsement is a bigger deal than it seems," Gingrich received the endorsement of the New Hampshire Union Leader, and enviable accolade as it confers prestige and continued support from a stolidly conservative entity.

According to CNN, Sen. John McCain was only able to sustain his campaign in 2008 because the newspaper's endorsement gave credibility and life back to a struggling bid.

The paper reportedly chose Gingrich over Romney due to his relative authenticity. The Union Leader did not mention Romney by name, but made it clear it was referring to the New Hampshire resident in the piece when the editorial board said, "We would rather back someone with whom we may sometimes disagree than one who tells us what he thinks we want to hear." The author of the editorial and publisher of the paper confirmed to Fox News that the slight was directed at

Romney.

Gingrich has definite hurdles to overcome. While he has tried to support his stance on immigration by reminding Republicans that they claim to be the family party, his own home life has come under fire following two divorces and Gingrich's admission of infidelity.

Gingrich, however, is counting on an approach that presents him as the candidate most likely to defeat Obama. Gingrich has gone on record saying he isn't perfect, but that he is "a lot more conservative than Mitt Romney and a lot more electable than anybody else."

The media is now leaning toward headlines that suggest the GOP nomination has become a two-man race, but we believe the drama is not over yet.

Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., Perry and Cain all once experienced exhilarating rises in the polls followed by disappointing drops. One step forward, two steps back, the saying goes.

While Gingrich may have picked up an endorsement or two as Romney's armor starts to chink, the race is far from decided. Come to think of it, the former governor of Utah Jon Huntsman Jr., and Sen. Rick Santorum still have their 15 minutes to claim at the head of the race.

# Hey, 12-year-olds: Your Disney, Nickelodeon shows stink

If I could travel back in time, I would definitely go back to the '90s. I miss wearing scrunchies, watching awesome Saturday morning cartoons, playing outside until the streetlights came on and hopping around with my Skip It for hours on end. Today's kids don't seem to have the wonderful things we had growing up. Nowadays 10-year-olds have iPhones and know how to use them better than their parents do. Technology seems to have taken over the lives of kids, causing them to miss out on the things those who grew up in the '90s cherished.

One of the things I miss the most were the television shows on Disney Channel and Nickel-

odeon. After watching not even a minute of a current show on Disney Channel, I began to miss the shows I watched as a kid. What happened to "Even Stevens," "Boy Meets World" or "Lizzy McGuire?" If you ask any kid under the age of 12 if they have heard of these shows, you are most likely going to get a blank stare.

It's a shame that most of the shows I would run home to see on a Friday afternoon once school got out are no longer aired on TV. I wish there could be a channel dedicated to airing all the shows '90s kids grew up with. We have TV Land for the shows our parents grew up watching, so why not have an entire channel filled with

Saturday morning cartoons like "Hey Arnold!," "Doug" and "Rugrats," followed by "All That," "Full House" and "Bill Nye: The Science Guy"? I can guarantee that not only would people my age watch those shows, but the kids who have never seen these shows before would fall in love with them.

The most we have is a two-hour block of classic Nickelodeon programs broadcast on a channel called TeenNick. That was introduced this past July.

Even though I've probably seen every episode of these shows, I'd watch them again and again. These shows have stood the test of time, and it's a shame they aren't being played as much on

television as they should be. Just as I enjoy watching "Gilligan's Island" and "I Dream of Jeannie" like my parents did when they were younger, today's generation of kids will enjoy the shows we enjoyed in the '90s.

I don't know what has happened to television shows for kids these days, but I do know that they do not even come close in comparison to the classics of the '90s. Yes, I am calling them classics, because they truly were. We will never forget how awesome the cartoons were, or how legitimately funny the sitcoms and live shows were. Today's shows don't have the special charm the '90s shows had. As a kid, all the shows

I watched brought a smile to my face or made me laugh. Now, TV shows are filled with cheesy humor that sometimes receives an occasional chuckle, if anything.

I'm sorry that kids born after the golden age of the 1990s classic television shows have to watch things that are really not that funny or entertaining at all. Maybe today's writers should sit down, watch the old Disney Channel and Nickelodeon shows, take some notes and learn a thing or two about true entertainment.

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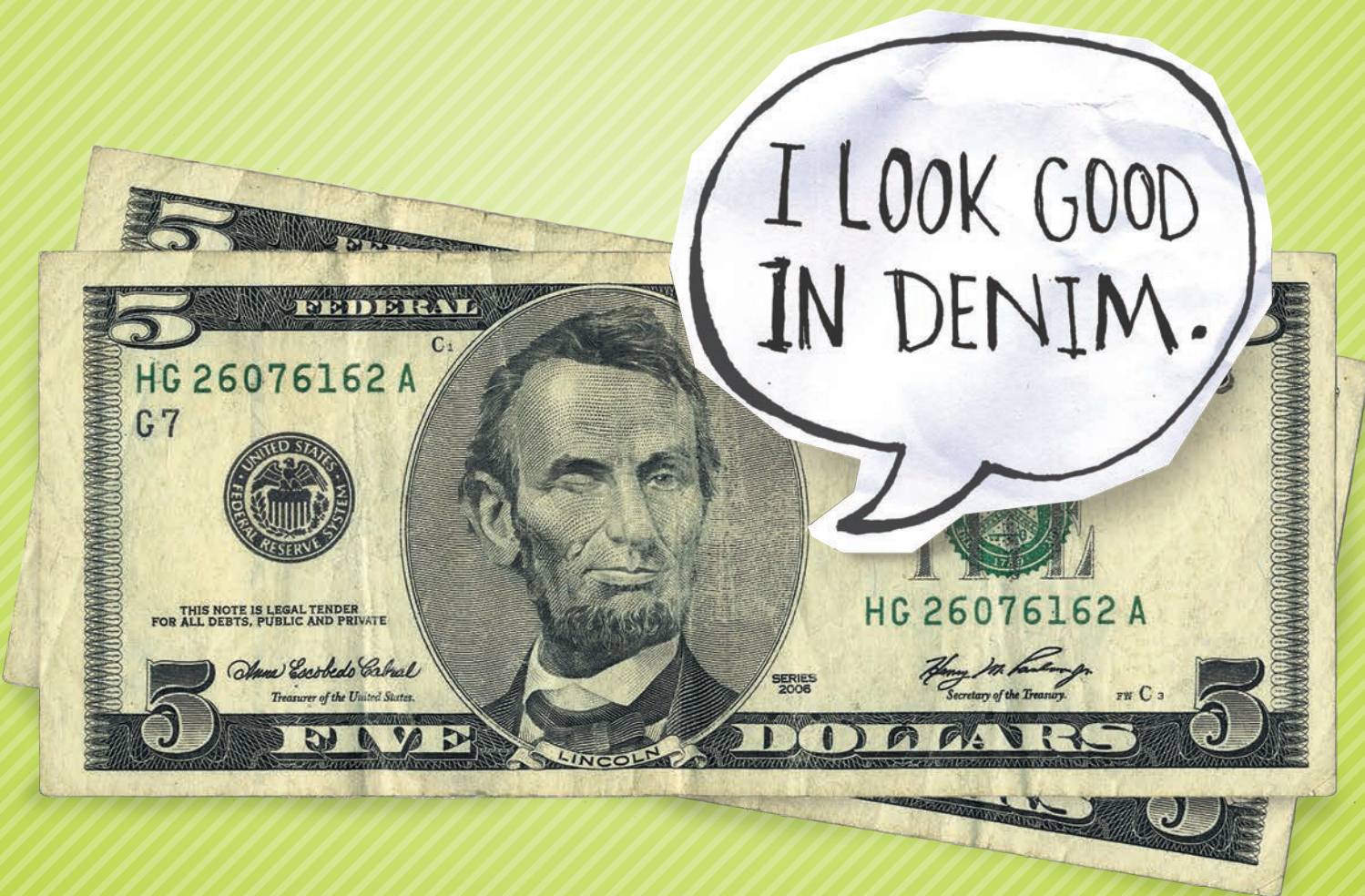
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# Hold your horses, beg animal activists

Congress lifts ban on horse slaughter inspection funding to boost economy, prevent neglect; some object

By JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TULSA, Okla. — Horses could soon be butchered in the U.S. for human consumption after Congress quietly lifted a 5-year-old ban on funding horse meat inspections, and activists say slaughterhouses could be up and running in as little as a month.

Slaughter opponents pushed a measure cutting off funding for horse meat inspections through Congress in 2006 after other efforts to pass outright bans on horse slaughter failed in previous years. Congress lifted the ban in a spending bill President Barack Obama signed into law Nov. 18 to keep the government afloat until mid-December.

It did not, however, allocate any new money to pay for horse meat inspections, which opponents claim could cost taxpayers \$3 million to \$5 million a year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture would have to find the money in its existing budget, which is expected to see more cuts this year as Congress and the White House aim to trim federal spending.

The USDA issued a statement Tuesday saying there are no slaughterhouses in the U.S. that butcher horses for human consumption now, but if one were to open, it would conduct inspections to make sure federal laws were being followed. USDA spokesman Neil Gaffney declined to answer questions beyond what was in the statement.

The last U.S. slaughterhouse that butchered horses closed in 2007 in Illinois, and animal welfare activists warned of massive public outcry in any town where a slaughterhouse may open.

“If plants open up in Oklahoma or Nebraska, you’ll see controversy, litigation, legislative action and basically a very inhospitable environment to operate,” said Wayne



Cheri White Owl, founder of Horse Feathers Equine Rescue, is pictured Tuesday with a horse recently dumped at her sanctuary in Guthrie, Okla. White Owl objects to a recent ban lifted by Congress that prevented federal money from being used for the inspection of horse meat for human consumption.

Pacelle, president and chief executive of The Humane Society of the United States. “Local opposition will emerge and you’ll have tremendous controversy over slaughtering Trigger and Mr. Ed.”

But pro-slaughter activists say the ban had unintended conse-

quences, including an increase in neglect and the abandonment of horses, and that they are scrambling to get a plant going — possibly in Wyoming, North Dakota, Nebraska or Missouri. They estimate a slaughterhouse could open in 30 to 90 days with state approval

and eventually as many as 200,000 horses a year could be slaughtered for human consumption. Most of the meat would be shipped to countries in Europe and Asia, including France and Japan.

Dave Duquette, president of the nonprofit, pro-slaughter group

United Horsemen, said no state or site has been picked yet, but he’s lined up plenty of investors who have expressed interest in financing a processing plant. While the last three slaughterhouses in the U.S. were owned by foreign companies, he said a new plant would be American-owned.

Sue Wallis, a Wyoming state lawmaker and the group’s vice president, said ranchers used to be able to sell horses that were too old or unfit for work to slaughterhouses but now they have to ship them to butchers in Canada and Mexico, where they fetch less than half the price.

The federal ban devastated “an entire sector of animal agriculture for purely sentimental and romantic notions,” she said.

Although there are reports of Americans dining on horse meat as recently as the 1940s, the practice is virtually non-existent in this country, where the animals are treated as beloved pets and iconic symbols of the West.

Lawmakers in California and Illinois have banned the slaughter of horses for human consumption, and more than a dozen states tightly regulate the sale of horse meat.

Federal lawmakers’ lifting of the ban on funding for horse meat inspections came about in part because of the recession, which struck just as slaughtering stopped. A federal report issued in June found that local animal welfare organizations reported a spike in investigations for horse neglect and abandonment since 2007. In Colorado, for example, data showed that investigations for horse neglect and abuse increased more than 60 percent — from 975 in 2005 to almost 1,600 in 2009.

The report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office also determined that about 138,000 horses were transported to Canada and Mexico for slaughter in 2010,

nearly the same number that were killed in the U.S. before the ban took effect in 2007. The U.S. has an estimated 9 million horses.

Cheri White Owl, founder of the nonprofit Horse Feathers Equine Rescue in Guthrie, Okla., said she’s seen more horse neglect during the recession. Her group is caring for 33 horses now and can’t accept more.

“A lot of the situation is due to the economy,” she said, “People deciding to pay their mortgage or keep their horse.”

White Owl worries that if slaughterhouses open, owners will dump their unwanted animals there instead of looking for alternatives, such as animal sanctuaries.

Animal rights groups also argue that slaughtering is a messy, cruel process, and some say it would be kinder for owners to have their horses put to sleep by a veterinarian.

“Euthanasia has always been an option,” Pacelle said. But “if you acquire a horse, you should be a responsible owner and provide lifetime care.”

The fight over horse slaughtering has pitted lawmakers of the same party against each other.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., said the poor economy has resulted in “sad cases” of horse abandonment and neglect and lifting the ban will give Americans a shot at regaining lost jobs and making sure sick horses aren’t abandoned or mistreated.

But U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., is lobbying colleagues to permanently ban horse slaughter because he believes the process is inhumane.

“I am committed to doing everything in my power to prevent the resumption of horse slaughter and will force Congress to debate this important policy in an open, democratic manner at every opportunity,” he said in a statement.

# Global economy perks up as cost of borrowing goes down

By DANIEL WAGNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A move by the world’s central banks to lower the cost of borrowing exhilarated investors Wednesday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average soaring 490 points and easing fears of a global credit crisis similar to the one that followed the 2008 collapse of Lehman Brothers.

It was the Dow’s biggest gain since March 2009 and the seventh-largest of all time.

Large U.S. banks were among the top performers, jumping as much as 11 percent. Markets in Europe surged, too, with Germany’s DAX index climbing 5 percent.

“The central banks of the world have resolved that there will not be a liquidity shortage,” said David Kotok, chairman and chief investment officer of Cumberland Advisors. “And they have learned their lessons from 2008. They don’t want to take small steps and do anything incrementally, but make a big bold move that is credible.”

Wednesday’s action by the banks of Europe, the U.S., Britain, Canada, Japan and Switzerland represented an extraordinary coordinated effort.

But amid the market’s excitement, many doubts loomed. Some analysts cautioned that the banks did nothing to provide a permanent fix to the problems facing heavily indebted European nations such as Italy and Greece.

It only buys time for political leaders.

“It is a short-term solution,” said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank. “The bottom line on any central bank action is that it papers over the problems, buys time and in some respects takes pressure from politicians. ... If nothing’s done in a week, this market gain will disappear.”

Banks stocks soared as fears about an imminent disaster in the European financial system ebbed.

American and European banks are connected by contracts, loans and other financial entanglements,

meaning that a European financial crisis would punish U.S. bank stocks.

The brighter outlook that emerged Wednesday relieved some investor concerns.

JP Morgan Chase & Co. jumped 8.4 percent, the most of the 30 Dow components. Morgan Stanley rose 11.1 percent and Citigroup Inc. 8.9 percent.

Worries about the financial system — and the reluctance of the European Central Bank to intervene — have caused borrowing rates for European nations to skyrocket.

Wednesday’s decision reduced the rates banks pay to borrow dollars — a move that aims to make loans cheaper so that banks can continue to operate smoothly.

European banks rely on dollars to cover loans they have promised to consumers and businesses and pay for investments in U.S. credit markets.

They traditionally have tapped short-term funding from U.S. money market mutual funds and

other banks. But money market funds have been pulling dollars from Europe in recent months, and lending between banks has dried up.

In response to the new rates, the euro rose sharply, while U.S. Treasury prices fell as demand weakened for ultra-safe assets.

The Dow rose 4.2 percent to close at 12,045. It has more than gained back the 564-point slump it had last week. It is up 813 points, or 7.3 percent, so far this week. The last time the Dow closed up more than 400 points was Aug. 11.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 closed up 52, or 4.3 percent, at 1,247. The Nasdaq composite index closed up 105, or 4.2 percent, at 2,620.

Seven stocks rose on the New York Stock Exchange for every one that fell. Volume was heavy at 5.7 billion shares.

Surging commodity prices lifted the stocks of companies that make basic materials such as steel. United States Steel Corp. gained 15.3 percent, the most in the S&P

500. AK Steel Holding Corp. added 13.4 percent. Energy stocks also leaped. Alpha Natural Resources Inc. rose 15.2 percent, Peabody Energy Corp. 14.3 percent.

The act by the central banks took some pressure off the financial system, which has signaled in recent days that many banks were losing faith in their trading partners. And it offered hope that more help was on the way.

“People are taking comfort that it’s globally coordinated,” said Peter Tchir, who runs the hedge fund TF Market Advisors.

The move would have a limited effect, he said, “but the bulls are anticipating that this is just the beginning of central bank and other actions” to ease market pressures.

Any successful plan would have to reduce borrowing costs for Italy and other indebted nations, Tchir said. Italy’s borrowing costs edged lower Wednesday, but the nation was still paying more than 7 percent interest for 10-year borrowing — a dangerously high level.

European finance ministers in

Brussels have been meeting since Tuesday but have failed to deliver a clearer sense of how the currency union will proceed. More leaders gather next week on Friday for a summit.

In another attempt to free up cash for lending, China on Wednesday reduced the amount of money its banks are required to hold in reserve. It was the first easing of monetary policy in three years, and analysts are expecting more.

Growth in China, which has the largest economy after the European Union and the U.S., could be crucial to sustaining any recovery after the debt crisis.

A string of positive U.S. economic news also propelled the market higher. An index measuring manufacturing in the Midwest surged to a seven-month high; private company hiring jumped in November to the highest level this year, according to payroll company ADP; and the number of contracts to buy homes jumped in October to the highest level in a year.

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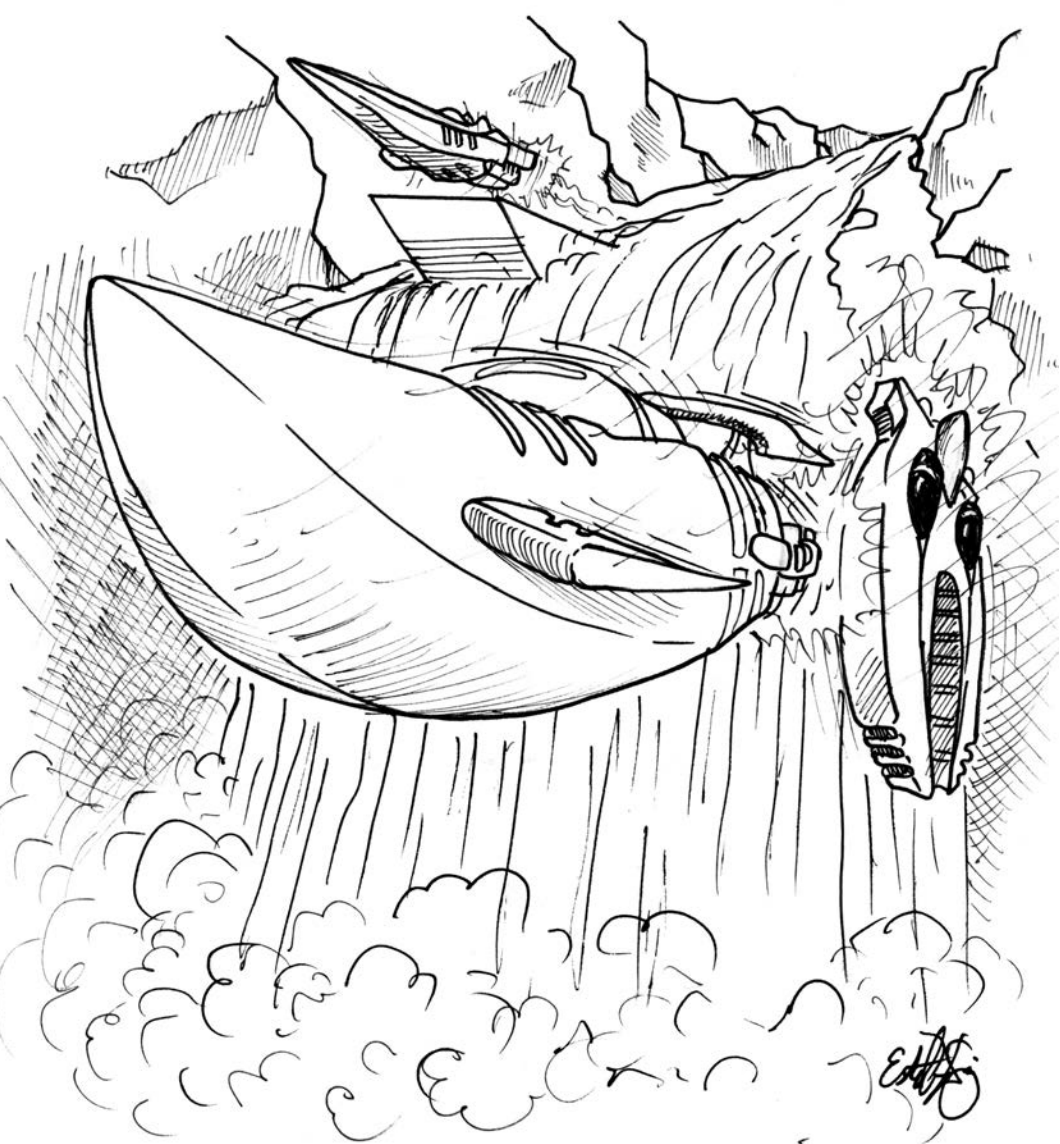
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‘Hydro Thunder’ storms game history

By JOSHUA MADDEN  
A&E EDITOR

Although shortened this week, our weekly “Great Video Game” selection is “Hydro Thunder,” a boat-racing game that found a place in video game history as one of the all-time greatest racing games.

One of the most interesting things about “Hydro Thunder” is that each console’s version of the game had unique features. The PlayStation version had a more extensive single-player mode than the Nintendo 64 version, but the Nintendo 64 had four-player multiplayer. The Dreamcast wasn’t left out either; it had advanced graphics, which were notably advanced at the time the game was released in 1999.

The gameplay in “Hydro Thunder” was what was so much fun. It captured all of the best elements of both home console play while also maintaining every positive aspect from the arcade experience. It was hard to play “Hydro Thunder” without yelling at your screen.

Twelve years later, it’s still that much fun to play. “Hydro Thunder” has aged remarkably well and that’s why it’s a great video game.

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Christmas on 5th Street features Uproar, Santa

By JESSICA FOREMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Deck the quadrangle with songs of Holly (Tucker); ’tis the season to take a carriage ride and be jolly. Don we now our 5th Street apparel; troll the Baylor language department’s carol. Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Christmas on 5th Street is a traditional holiday event that students, faculty and Waco natives all look forward to in order to switch gears into the Christmas spirit. This year brings more festivities and fun for attendees.

Christmas on 5th is from 6 to 11 p.m. today and will take place at Fountain Mall, Burleson Quadrangle, Traditions Plaza and the Bill Daniel Student Center. The Baylor Activities Council, The Department of Student Activities, Kappa Omega Tau Fraternity, Baylor Religious Honor Choir and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority have worked jointly to bring Christmas on 5th Street together.

One of the newest additions to this year’s celebration is collaboration with the Mayborn Museum on University Parks Drive, which is featuring model railroad layouts. The event takes place in Anding Traveling Exhibit Hall from 5 to 9 p.m.. Baylor buses will transport guests between 5th street and the Mayborn Museum beginning at 6 p.m.

Matt Burchett, Baylor’s director of student activities, said another addition is the designer tree room in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Local artists and companies each decorated a Christmas tree unique to their style, store or company tastes.

“The trees will be sold in a silent auction at the event with all proceeds going to local philanthropies,” Burchett said. “It is a great opportunity to purchase a beautiful tree while making a difference in our community.”

This year the department of Modern Foreign Languages will kick off the Christmas celebration by singing international holiday carols in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Korean, Italian and more at 5:45 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room. Christmas-themed movies will be playing in the SUB Den beginning at 6 p.m. with “Mickey’s Christmas Carol” and ending with “The Polar Express” beginning at 8 p.m.

Uproar Records will be featuring their student artists who plan to perform their favorite Christmas songs. Holly Tucker, Layne Lynch, Fifth & Fite and Trannie Stevens will be performing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

“Christmas on 5th is such a great experience for Baylor students, and having the opportunity for our artists to play is incredible,” said Lincoln Faulkner, marketing and sales vice president Uproar Records. “We also have a lot of freshman performers who I am excited for, not only because they get to play for so many students, but because its probably the first time for some of them to attend the event. I’m sure it will be a memorable evening, both for them and the audience.”

Faulkner said having Baylor’s own students perform at such a cherished and traditional event will make this year’s Christmas on 5th Street even more special.

“All of our artists have been practicing and preparing like they would for a normal show,” said Ryan Anderson, Uproar Records president. “However, most of our artists have had to tweak their set lists to play more Christmas music. I’m really looking forward to hearing some cool Christmas arrangements from our artists that also showcase the genre of music they represent.”

Kappa Omega Tau’s annual Christmas tree lighting will be in Burleson Quad at 8:45 p.m., right after Nelo performs at 8 p.m. Nelo is an alternative rock band from Austin and has performed at Austin City Limits Festival, South By Southwest, The House of Blues in several locations and more. The sextet recently released a new single, “Old Friends,” and is planning to release other live tracks in addition to this single in an album form.

Local country artist Aaron Watson will also be headlining at the event and ending the series of performances at 9 p.m. Watson’s independent record label recently released his newest album, “The Road and the Rodeo,” on Oct. 12.

Guests will also have the chance to take pictures with Santa, decorate cookies, take family portraits and write letters to Santa on the second floor of the SUB. There will be a live nativity, pony rides and a petting zoo outside of the SUB. Carriage rides, cocoa and cookies will be available around Fountain Mall, and Fifth Street on campus will be lit with Christmas decorations. More information about the event can be found at [baylor.edu](http://baylor.edu).

Christmas Calendar

Today

**-Christmas on 5th Street:**  
**When:** 6 to 11 p.m.  
**Where:** Fountain Mall, Burleson Quadrangle, Traditions Plaza and the Bill Daniel Student Center (The SUB)  
**What:** The event will consist of a Christmas tree lighting, Christmas marketplace, cocoa, cookies, and carols as well as additional family-oriented events, including pony rides and letters to Santa. An Uproar Christmas takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will feature performances from Baylor Uproar artists. For more details, please see our preview on this page.

Sunday, December 4

**-Christmas Carillon Recital:**  
**When:** 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Pat Neff Hall  
**What:** University Carillonneur Lynnette Geary performs a program for the Christmas season. This event is free of charge and open to the public, according to Baylor’s website.

Monday, December 5

**-Christmas Carillon Recital:**  
**When:** 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Pat Neff Hall  
**What:** University Carillonneurs Ariana S. Phillips and Matthew J. Pool perform a program for the Christmas season, according to a press release from the Baylor Department of Music.

Tuesday, December 6

**-Chamber Singers Christmas Concert:**  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Armstrong Browning Library  
**What:** The Chamber Singers Christmas Concert features tickets for \$15 and tickets are not yet sold out. More information about the event can be found on the Baylor Department of Music’s website at [baylor.edu/music](http://baylor.edu/music).

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# Big 12 Weekly Review

## Bowl positioning comes down to final week and three games

By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER

With the removal of the Big 12 championship game after the exit of Colorado and Nebraska, this final week of games will decide which team earns the automatic BCS bid. Although only six teams are playing this week, all of them have earned bowl bids, making each matchup important for the Big 12 standings and potential bowl positions.

**No. 22 Texas (7-4, 4-4)  
at No. 17 Baylor (8-3, 5-3)**

Solid offense meets solid defense.

While the Baylor offense leads the Texas offense by a landslide, the opposite can be said for the Texas defense. The only ground where the two stand evenly is the rush game with senior Terrance Ganaway for Baylor and freshman Malcolm Brown from Texas.

Ganaway stepped up in big ways for Baylor last week, rushing for 4 yards short of a school record with 246 total. Texas' Brown only rushed for 44 yards, but the Texas A&M front line does not usually offer holes big enough to run through.

The player that was highlighted in the Thanksgiving game was senior kicker Justin Tucker, who hit the game winning field goal from 40 yards out. For Baylor, sophomore kicker Aaron Jones has been hit or miss throughout the season. What matters is that he usually hits when the team most needs it.

On the Texas side of the game, the Longhorns need to figure out their offense. Brown might have some openings to run through but Texas should look to attack the secondary for success against Baylor. This will mean the Longhorns will need confidence in the pocket, something that sophomore Case McCoy has more of.

For the Bears, the defense needs to continue to improve. The line has done well penetrating the offensive line to sack the quarter-

back, and the cornerbacks have played with more passion later in the season and have read the offense well. Linebackers need to get more knowledge of who they're facing in order to fill the gaps and make the tackle. As for the safeties, the speed and effort is there. They just need to have confidence in what they know about their opponent.

If Baylor wins, the Bears will secure a finish in the top four of the Big 12. If Texas wins, the Longhorns will be in a three-way tie for fourth with Baylor and Missouri.

**No. 10 Oklahoma (9-2, 6-2) at No. 3 Oklahoma State (10-1, 7-1)**

The Big 12 doesn't have a conference championship game this year, but this matchup is most definitely the deciding factor of who the conference champion will be.

If Oklahoma wins, the Sooners should take hold of the title, making Oklahoma State second and Kansas State third. If Oklahoma State wins, the Cowboys could have a shot at the National Championship while Kansas State should finish second and Oklahoma will come in third.

This matchup features two high-profile quarterbacks in Oklahoma's junior Landry Jones and Oklahoma State's senior Brandon Weeden. Offensively, with the Sooners' loss of senior wide receiver Ryan Broyles, they have struggled to find a true threat through the air. For the Cowboys, junior wide receiver Justin Blackmon provides a deadly target down the field.

On the opposite side of the ball, Oklahoma prevails over Oklahoma State. In the red zone, the Sooners have found more success in the past at 90 percent compared to the Cowboys' 87.

For the Cowboys to find success defensively, they must blitz often to force Jones to move around in the pocket. Once he is forced in motion he is not as good as when his feet are confidently set.

For the Sooner defense, pressure is needed on Weeden, who has 12 interceptions on the season. Oklahoma has pulled in 13 inter-

ceptions in 2011. Oklahoma State beats that number by 10.

This game will most definitely be a shootout as both defenses try to slow down the prolific power offenses.

As long as the Cowboys can shut down Jones and the Sooner offense, they should be begging at the gates of the Super Dome.

**Iowa State (6-5, 3-5)  
at No. 11 Kansas State (9-2, 6-2)**

The Wildcats should come away this weekend with a victory, ensuring them a top three finish in the conference and 10 wins for the season, the first time in eight years.

After a shaky start to the season, Kansas State rose beyond expectations, thanks to its junior quarterback Collin Klein.

Klein has rushed for 1,013 yards on the season and passed for 1,587. Individually he is responsible for 36 of Kansas State's touchdowns.

As for Iowa State, the Cyclones should be happy they are bowl eligible. With a mid-season switch at quarterback from junior Steele Jantz to freshman Jared Barnett, Iowa State has put up a better fight against its opponents.

This fight, however, probably will not sustain a victory for the Cyclones against such a destructive offensive presence as Klein.

**Missouri (7-5, 5-4)**

The Tigers ended their season with a 3-game winning streak, including last week's 24-10 victory over the Kansas Jayhawks at Arrowhead Stadium. Sophomore quarterback James Franklin threw for 187 yards and two touchdowns but also had three interceptions.

The game was Missouri's final Big 12 matchup, as the Tigers will be heading to the SEC next season. Missouri currently ranks fourth in the Big 12, with its final position depending on whether Texas wins or loses against Baylor.

**Texas A&M (6-6, 4-5)**

The Aggies ended their final Big 12 season on a sour note, losing

four of their last five games.

Last week, Texas A&M hosted the last Lone Star Showdown for the near future, losing to the Longhorns 27-25 on a last-second field goal.

Junior quarterback Ryan Tannehill threw for 224 yards and two touchdowns but also had three picks. Senior receiver Jeff Fuller had 107 receiving yards and a touchdown in the losing effort.

What began as a season with high hopes, as the Aggies were ranked in the top 10, has ended in mediocrity.

The Aggies will play one more game this season, as their blowout victory over Kansas two weeks ago made them bowl-eligible. They currently rank seventh in the Big 12, but could move down to eighth if Iowa State pulls an upset against Kansas State.

**Texas Tech (5-7, 2-7)**

The Red Raiders had their chance to become bowl eligible Saturday at Cowboys Stadium but were unable to out-score the RG3-less Baylor Bears, losing 66-42.

The loss was the last of a five-game streak for Texas Tech.

Junior quarterback Seth Doege threw for 355 yards and three touchdowns as well as two interceptions. His main target was sophomore Eric Ward had 151 yards receiving and two touchdowns.

Texas Tech ended the season ranked seventh in passing yards but 118th in points allowed.

**Kansas (2-10, 0-9)**

Rejoice Jayhawks fans; football season has come to a close and the main focus can now switch to basketball. After beating its first two nonconference opponents, Kansas lost its remaining 10 games, many by double-digit differences.

Its final loss was at the hands of rival Missouri 24-10. The only touchdown of the game for Kansas came on an interception return.

Head coach Turner Gill has been fired, giving the Jayhawks a clean slate for next season.



David Ash - Texas quarterback



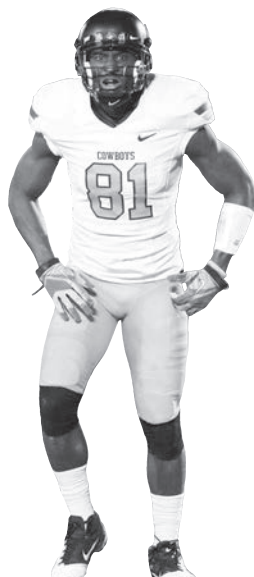
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Terrance Williams - Baylor receiver



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Collin Klein - Kansas State quarterback

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# Lady Bears breeze past another opponent

By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER

It was a tarnished win but a win nonetheless as the Baylor Lady Bears’ basketball team dominated Texas Southern 91-39.

Baylor could have easily put up 100 against this Texas Southern team, but the Lady Bears did not score as easily and as often as one might expect against the less athletic Tigers.

“This game was an opportunity to get back on the floor,” Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said. “We didn’t look at the opponent or the scoreboard. We worked on the full court presses. This was just an opportunity to come home after a big victory on the road and just play.”

On the evening the Lady Bears put up 50 points from the paint, and 10 of those points were made in transition.

“We run the floor harder this year than we did in the past,” junior Brooklyn Pope said.

Baylor had 18 turnovers with six of them as steals forced by Texas Southern.

“I didn’t think it was sloppy,” Mulkey said. “I thought Odyssey [Sims] came to play. You hope it spreads to all of them. I think it was a midweek game, and there was just a lot going on.”

After shooting 91 percent from the charity stripe Sunday against Tennessee, the freebies were hard to come by for Baylor as it shot 65.5 percent on the evening.

Junior Brittney Griner got out to yet another slow start but finished strong, recording a double double with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Sophomore Odyssey Sims followed with 19 points and nine assists.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 42 center Brittney Griner scores a basket for the Lady Bears in their 91-39 win over Texas Southern in the Ferrell Center on Wednesday night.

Baylor	Wednesday, Nov. 30 Ferrell Center	Texas Southern
91		39
47.8	FG pct.	27.1
65.5% (19-29)	Free Throws	33.3% (2-6)
17	Off. Rebounds	11
35	Def. Rebounds	25
Griner, 23	Lead Scorer	Taylor, 12
18	Turnovers	31

This game was the prime setting for the bench to get an adequate amount of playing time as the five combined to score 32 led by sophomore Kimetria Hayden and freshman Sune Agbuke with seven each.

Agbuke led the Lady Bears in blocks with five while Griner and sophomore Jordan Madden each contributed two.

The Lady Bears picked the pockets of Texas Southern 18

times, led by Sims with eight.

Off those turnovers, Baylor scored 43 points.

Sims’ numbers had her just shy of a triple double.

Mulkey said she would have left her in for a couple more minutes if she would have known how close Sims was, but Sims didn’t care.

“It’s about my team,” Sims said. “Let them get their minutes.”

Baylor will hit the road to take on Minnesota at 1 p.m. Sunday.

# Florence looks to future after dropping redshirt

By TYLER ALLEY  
SPORTS EDITOR

One minute junior Nick Florence is standing on the sidelines, helping the offense and cheering on his teammates to victory as he has done all year.

The next minute, Baylor football’s medical staff chooses to keep star quarterback junior Robert Griffin III out of the second half against Texas Tech, and the coaching staff calls Florence’s number and send him into the game, sending possible waves of doubt and worry into Baylor football fans.

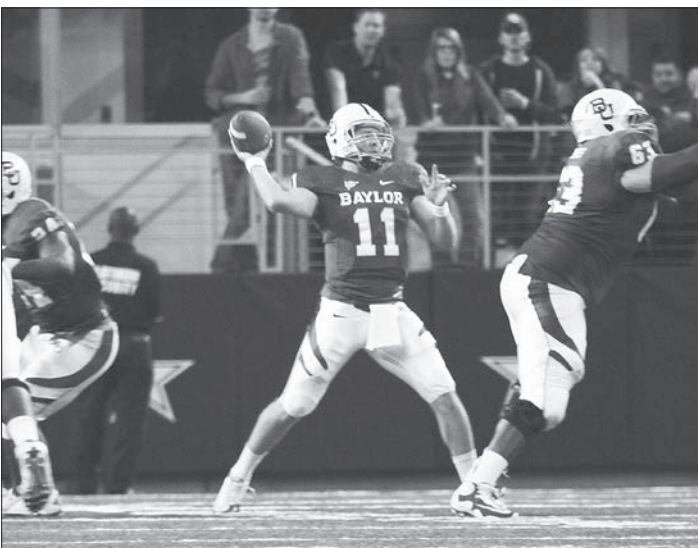
“When people see [Robert] get hurt, they’ll be like, ‘We’re not going to win,’” senior receiver Kendall Wright said. “But when Nick came in, it helped us. As a skill group we all got together and we just had to rally around Nick and keep him positive.”

And rally around him they did. Baylor went into halftime with a 31-28 lead, not exactly a comfortable margin.

Florence quickly put all doubt to sleep by throwing two touchdowns in the third quarter: one 46-yarder to Wright and another 40-yard pass to junior receiver Terrance Williams.

“Throwing that first touchdown pass was huge,” Florence said. “I haven’t played all year and I thought back to two years ago and I just tried to think good thoughts because that is all that you can do in that type of situation. I just had confidence that I had grown as a player and the team had confidence. The first touchdown in the second half brought life to our sideline and belief that we had the game. We weren’t going to let this [game go] because it was our turn and our time to beat Texas Tech.”

Florence ended the game with 151 yards and two touchdowns, as well as a rushing touchdown. His ability to step in for Griffin earned



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 11 quarterback Nick Florence played his first game this season against Texas Tech at Cowboys Stadium on Saturday. Baylor won 66-42.

him praise from the opposing head coach.

“I thought he did a great job,” head coach Tommy Tuberville said. “We’ve watched him before. They either ran the ball with him or threw the ball deep. He threw two touchdown passes, two very good ones on the money.”

Baylor head coach Art Briles had originally intended to redshirt Florence for the season. If Florence did not play this year, the redshirt would allow him two extra years of eligibility.

If Griffin were to leave after this season for the NFL, Florence would have been able to take over the offense for the next two seasons.

“The deal with ... Nick — and it’s kind of been our thought process since the first day of camp — if we can redshirt Nick, we think for the program down the line, we think for him, that that’s the best thing to do,” Briles said after the Stephen F. Austin game earlier this season. “He agrees with that, which is Nick all the way. Nick is a great team person, a great leader and

he’s a very intelligent person. He’s a good guy for us to have in the meeting room and the sidelines.”

The redshirt opportunity for this year ended Saturday, but Briles said there still can be a plan for Florence.

“There’s a game left in this season besides the bowl game,” Briles said. “He can always redshirt next year. He’s got a redshirt sitting out there and he can be around in 2013.”

This is not the first time Florence has taken the helm for the Baylor offense. Two years ago, Griffin went down early in the year with his ACL injury, as did then-quarterback Blake Szymanski. Florence, a true freshman, stepped in during the third game and would start seven games that season.


His first career start was against Kent State, throwing for 216 yard with no touchdowns or interceptions.


That same year, he set the Baylor record for passing yards in a game with 427 against Missouri, with three touchdowns.

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will have to be made for next year's incoming pre-med students.

Although the AACMC is still unsure about whether or not the class of 2015 will be required to take the revised test, it is certain that the incoming pre-med students will have to take the new version of the MCAT.

Jane Lin, program coordinator of the Baylor pre-health programs, discussed the necessary changes to the curriculum.

"[The changes] are something that we will probably start discussing this summer," Lin said. "We just have not had the chance to meet with the psychology and sociology departments in order to incorporate these changes yet."

Kaplan does a yearly survey among medical schools both in the U.S. and Canada, and this year asked the different admissions boards what they thought of the new MCAT.

Koetje said that 73 percent of the schools agree with the changes made.

"There is general agreement that these are the right changes and right time for these changes in order to produce better medical students for today," Koetje said.

According to the Kaplan survey, However, only 52 percent of the admissions boards believe that there is enough time for undergraduate schools to make the necessary changes in curriculum

of] Advent at Baylor. Let's help Baylor begin to think about Advent as a community."

He said the season of Advent marks a momentous time on the church's calendar, but very little music exists to specifically highlight and reflect on that season. This is something Burleson and Colón seek to change, since the season of Advent — which underscores the hope, longing and anticipation for Christ's coming — forms Christians' understanding of Jesus, "and how his story becomes our story," Burleson said.

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the event was to educate Baylor students about opinions and experiences involving interracial dating and relationships on campus.

"I'm sure all of us interact with students of other races frequently, [but] how do Baylor students feel about [interracial] interaction on a more personal and intimate level?" Walker said.

Survey results revealed several motivations behind individuals not pursuing interracial relationships.

Among female students, the highest reason against interracial relationships was raising children. Male students cited judgment from others as their No. 1 reason.

A group of forum speakers discussed various reasons behind the approval or disapproval of interracial relationships.

Dr. Kevin Dougherty, associate professor of sociology, said America's religious landscape remains "deeply divided when it comes to race," which in turn influences social groups and potential dating pools.

"American congregational life

“You need to know what it’s like to need Christ to come again in fresh ways into your life and into our world,” Burleson said — “to get in touch with what it was like for people to long for a Messiah.”

So the service will provide a time to do just that.

“We get in touch with that, we slow down, we remember our need for a Savior,” he said.

Because in the midst of the bustling holiday season, it is needful for Christians to slow down and reflect on that moment in history — and all that it meant — when

Trying to do that musically was a different story, however. Colón remembered sharing their ideas over lunch, the one that struck a chord for them both.

"We started talking," Colón said. "I'm a composer and Dr. Burleson is really good for words," so accordingly, the two decided to put their passions to work.

"Our idea was, 'Let's create something that can be used by the church,'" Burleson said.

And Colón agreed to help, con-

Burleson explored the Scripture, pulling text from such passages as Psalms 80 and Psalms 25, which speak of themes in accordance with the Advent season, like longing and hope for restoration.

"Carlos and I feel like these kinds of themes these scriptures, these moods and these meanings are going to take us where we need to go as a community of faith," Burleson said. "And we need to let the wisdom of the church take us deep into the story, deeper and deeper. So that's part of my hope."

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