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The place to go to know the places to go

Strings to the front The Baylor String Orchestra will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. This concert is free and

open to the public.

Men's Lacrosse on deck The men's Lacrosse team will play Centenary College from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Parker **Brother Sport** Complex on LaSalle Drive. Admission is free



Black history exhibit focuses

on local hero

By Mallory Hisler REPORTER

Although names such as Martin Luther King Jr., Booker T. Washington and Rosa Parks are sometimes the most readily associated with major contributions to the advancement of African-Americans, there are people who have lived in the Waco area and made impacts as well.

In order to highlight such individuals, The Texas Collection will present "A Homegrown Vision: Robert L. Smith and the Farmers Improvement Society' next month.

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was at the bar on the fifth deck of

the Costa Concordia when the ill-

fated luxury liner hit a reef.

BERLIN — Herbert Greszuk

Unable to get back to his sec-

ond-deck cabin after the emer-

gency signal came, he made it to

a lifeboat with only the clothes

on his back — leaving behind ev-

cruise, including his tuxedo, camera, jewelry, euro400 (\$520) in

cash, credit cards, identity papers

small flower shop and cafe in the

western German town of Reck-

linghausen, counts himself lucky

to have escaped the ship after it

capsized Jan. 13, leaving at least

16 dead and 16 still missing. But,

he estimates that he lost at least

euro10,000 (\$13,000) in goods

sengers and crew who were on

board and will likely want com-

pensation, and material loss just

physical and mental trauma, and

payments to families of the dead,

There's the ruined holiday,

scratches the surface.

He's only one of the 4,200 pas-

The 62-year-old, who runs a

and even his dentures.

victims

Costa

The exhibit, the library's first to honor Black History Month, will feature a Waco family that made strides to improve the lifestyle of African-Americans.

The exhibit will focus mainly on the Farmers Improvement Society — a boarding school that taught vocational agriculture, as well as regular school subjects - and its founder, Robert Lloyd Smith. It will also follow Smith's relationship with his wife, Ruby

"In every society there are elite families. For African-American families in Waco, they are it," John Wilson, director of the Texas Col-



The Farmers Improvement Society boarding school is the student body photographed outside the school building (year unknown). lection, said, of the Cobb-Smith family. "They were interested in education and invested in the African-American community.

They were interested in the bet-

terment of people in general."

Smith's society sought to enhance the lives and overall wellbeing of African-Americans by teaching them various life and

vocational skills.

"Robert L. Smith... was the guy that was taking Booker T. Wash-

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In this undated photo released by the Italian Navy on Thursday, the Costa Concordia cruise ship is seen grounded off the Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy. Sixteen deaths have been confirmed so far in the disaster, but three of those bodies have yet to be identified. Another 16 people are still missing from the ship, which grounded Jan. 13. Salvage experts worked Thursday so they could begin pumping tons of fuel off the ship starting Saturday to avert an environmental catastrophe. The stricken ship lies very close to a marine sanctuary.

dent many believe was prevent-

"It's about accountability, " Greszuk told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his cafe. "Something like this must not be allowed to happen again. So many people died; it's simply inexcusable."

In Rome on Thursday, representatives of ship operator Costa Crociere SpA met with consumer activists to discuss a blanket compensation deal for some 3,206 people from 61 countries who suffered no physical harm when the ship hit the reef.

The offer would consider the price of the ticket, costs incurred in getting home after the disaster, the cost of items lost aboard the ship as well as damages for the ruined vacation and trauma resulting from the accident, said Furio Truzzi of the consumer group As-

It would not apply to the hundreds of crew on the ship,

the roughly 100 cases of people injured or the families who lost

loved ones. "We are working for a collective transaction to come up with a value for damages," Truzzi said. "Each passenger can decide if this proposal is satisfactory. If it is not, they are free to react through a lawyer."Truzzi said it was premature to discuss exact amounts

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The Senate narrowly succeed-

"I don't disagree with the

ed in overriding his veto with the

idea," Rogers said. "I just don't

know if that [bill] was the best

method by which to do it, but it's

done. I was just thinking that ve-

toing that legislation would allow

us to do further research on the

topic and make a more accurate

proposal to the administration on

the students' opinions on Wi-Fi in

Michael Blair, freshman sena-

necessary two-thirds majority.

among other things, in an inci-Senate debates cost of renovating 'Big 5' dorms

"They're already going

to spend the money so

we might as well get

some Wi-Fi coverage

out it."

By Daniel Houston REPORTER

A Baylor administrator announced plans are in the works to refurbish five of the university's residence halls over a 15- to 20year period at Thursday's Student Senate meeting.

Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life, told the senators about the renovations to facilitate a conversation about enabling Wi-Fi Internet access in the dormitories.

The Senate voted to recommend outfitting the old dormitories with Wi-Fi after overriding a veto by the student body president that sought to kill the bill in light of concerns with the cost of

"There is an initial planning process underway to assess the cost and feasibility of refurbishing what is commonly called the

'Big Five' residence halls: Collins, Penland, North Russell, South Russell, and Martin," Jackson said in an interview after the meeting.

The renovations will likely include adding additional student

lounge and study spaces, improving bathrooms, replacing floors and ceilings, and improving the technological capacities of the residence halls.

Micheal Blair | Student Semator A plan for

the renovations will likely be finalized in the next 12 months, according to Jackson.

He said one of the reasons for the extensive planning process is to assess whether the halls could be refurbished during breaks in the summer, or whether the university needs to trade off closing each of them down for an entire academic year.

"Closing a hall for a year is our least-preferred option," Jackson

> said, "because when you have all that [residential] space offline, you want to make sure you have space for those students to live on campus."

Zach Rogers, body president and Houston senior, vetoed the Wi-Fi bill after speaking with administrators who informed him the cost of im-

plementing wireless Internet cov-

erage in the residence halls could

cost \$750,000 to \$1.2 million.

tor from Scottsdale, Ariz., defended the bill on the grounds it would identify Wi-Fi access as a top student priority in the residence hall student renovations. "This is something that we

want for the students," Blair said. "What it sounds like [Dr. Jackson] is saying, is we are already planning to spend this money [on re-

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Starr's initiative on track to hit goal

By Linda Wilkins REPORTER

The President's Scholarship Initiative has reached \$43 million and is on track to reach its goal of \$100 million by May 2013, Ali Abercrombie, assistant vice president and campaign director, said.

With combined efforts of groups such as Student Foundation, student government and donors, the initiative has seen an increase in fundraising involvement and is continuing toward the goal set by President Ken Starr in September 2010.

In an interview Thursday, Student Body President Zach Rogers said he hopes more students will become involved in the scholarship initiative.

He said student government will host a townhall meeting Feb. 21 with Provost Elizabeth Davis to discuss the strategic plan, and the scholarship initiative is "a large component of that." The meeting will be in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

"Current students will one day be alumni and the initiative creates a culture of giving," Rogers said. "We are called to give; this is a biblical principle."

Lizzy Davis, director of Student Foundation, said the foundation's goal every year is to raise money for student scholarships, which go toward the initiative.

Members of the group also donate their own money, Louisburg, Kan., senior Paul Baumgardner, a co-president of Student Founda-

"Our mission is very visible in our organization because over 85 percent of our members have personally donated to the fund," Baumgardner said.

Davis said Student Foundation has collected \$1,100 from members so far this year, but she hopes the foundation will surpass their total from last year, which was nearly a full scholarship amount of \$2,000.

Student Foundation also raises money through Bearathon, which will be held March 24, and sign-ups are currently taking place. Baumgardner said the fundraiser will feature a 5K run, which is approximately 3.1 miles, and a half-marathon, which is approximately 13.1 miles.

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Miami's new booster policy should have come sooner

Editorial

As of Jan. 16, the University of Miami will no longer allow boosters to provide occasional meals for student-athletes or host them at their homes.

The move comes after former Miami booster Nevin Shapiro told Yahoo Sports last August he provided extra benefits for 72 Hurricanes players from 2002 to 2010. The story led to an investigation by the NCAA and Miami self-imposing a bowl ban for the 2011 season.

While the effort by Miami to clean up its act should be applauded, the move should have come much sooner considering how prominent and harmful the violations were to the program and its student-athletes. Shouldn't the compliance office have pounced on this issue from the beginning?

Again, Miami deserves applause, as the school is banning activities that are not technically violations under the NCAA. According to NCAA rules, athletes "may receive an occasional meal from a representative of athletics interests on infrequent and special occasions." The

NCAA also allows boosters to host events at their home.

So Miami has taken the initiative to go beyond the NCAA rules, but it took five months for them to set these new boundaries for boosters. This rule should have been in place immediately.

If Miami had put these rules in place immediately, not only would it have helped the problem, but it would help the university's public image. Typically the public likes it when the fire is extinguished early and does not burn the whole building down. Many college football fans already have a negative image of "The U" due to the teams from the late 1990s which portrayed themselves as thugs.

Additionally, the NCAA has not ruled as to whether or not it will sanction Miami for the claims brought by Shapiro, and if it does decide to sanction Miami, to what extent. Miami has already tried to soften that blow with the self-imposed bowl ban – but that does not stop the NCAA. Universities under investigation in the past have tried punishing themselves and still received additional punishment from the NCAA.

Had Miami changed the rules for boosters sooner, it may have been a sign of

good faith to the NCAA that the school is trying to move in the right direction, and the NCAA may have taken that into account in its sentencing. Granted, since the sanctions have still not been placed, Miami making the move now may still help.

Another question that must be raised is should the NCAA change its rules for boosters interacting with student-athletes? An argument can be made that allowing boosters to give meals and hosts athletes at their homes is a slippery slope to violations. Also, should a student-athlete be receiving this special treatment simply because he or she a prominent athlete?

On the other hand, a booster's job is to support the university financially, and providing occasional meals is a way to do so that does not step too far out of the boundaries.

Ultimately, more stringently limiting contact between boosters and student-athletes should be something the NCAA considers, as Miami is not the first school to have issues with boosters having inappropriate contact with players. Hopefully Miami can get back on its feet, and "The U" can regain recognition for athletic success once again.

Knowing why people swear helps cussers, non-cussers reconcile

As an English major who spends all my free time in the journalism, public relations and new media department, I am well aware of the power of language. Words have the power to build up or tear down, and the difference between a well-crafted piece of writing and a hasty rant is always apparent. As Mark Twain said (and Dr. Joe Fulton loves to quote), "the difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter – it's the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning."

There are right words and almost right words, but there are also wrong words. What is it that makes a "bad" word bad? The Lariat's recent editorial on derogatory words in popular music prompted me to consider the use of derogatory language beyond the confines of the public arena.

There are two types of people who use profanity. The first, the casual swearer, says a cuss word about as often as most Baylor women say "like." The words are empty, useless adjectives that have lost impact for the speaker, though not necessarily the audience. The second, the passionate swearer, generally reverts to cursing in moments of anger or extreme emotion. The language is thrown in to communicate tone, or sometimes for humor. Those who do not fall into either category are people like my mother, who find profane language to be unacceptable in any situation and don't use it under any circumstances.

The relationship between casual, passionate and non-swearers can be tense. Passionate swearers are generally tolerant of casual swearers, though sometimes the sheer volume of offensive words can become grating. Interestingly, the presence of a casual swearer seems to increase the number of passionate swearers in a particular setting. People who never cuss find casual swearers very off-putting, and look disapprovingly on the moments when passionate swearers let a bad word slip.

We all know someone in each of these categories, but classifying people according to frequency of profanity does not illuminate what makes a bad word bad. Obscenities in the English language range from biblical (damn it) to anatomical (generally backside related) to simply descriptive (think female dog). In my mother's house, "crap" and "that sucks" are offensive, though those phrases wouldn't have earned me a detention in middle school.



Amy Heard | Copy editor

Take it from another angle. Say "bloody hell" in England and you have made a strong statement. In America? My grandma probably wouldn't bat an eye. She's also in the 'never sworn in her life' category, just for clarification.

Twain also said, "under certain circumstances, profanity provides a relief denied even to prayer," suggesting that perhaps what is offensive about expletives is the release they provide. It is the lack of self-control implied by the hissed execration that is so questionable.

If it is the intention behind the words that makes them bad, then why is it is generally considered acceptable to substitute "fudge" for a stronger term, or "shoot" when you really mean "i" instead of "oo"? Are you any more in control of yourself when you say a substitute word instead of its four-letter version? (That was hypothetical, but just so we're clear, the answer is no.)

The answer to what makes a bad word bad then must be a confluence of context and construct. An ass with four legs and a tail isn't naughty, but put that word in a sentence with an ex-boyfriend and you have an insult. Certain words are offensive because society has made them that way, and because we put them into our language with specific intentions.

Words are just words, but everyone knows they can hurt just as much as sticks and stones.

As adults, we have the responsibility to watch what we say, whether that be for profanity, vulgarity or just plain insensitivity.

Amy Heard is a senior English major from San Antonio and is a Lariat copy editor.

Baylor Nation, hoops teams must keep on keeping on

Well done, Baylor Nation.

Despite the loss by men's basketball to Kansas last week, the Ferrell Center sold out last Saturday for the game against now No. 2 Missouri. It's clear fans were excited to see some awesome college basketball featuring two Top 5 teams and were eager to support the Bears.

Then after the loss to Missouri, the game this Saturday against Texas is also an advance sellout, the second consecutive in program history. Thank God fans have some perspective on the season and did not abandon ship after an undefeated team suffered two straight losses.

Baylor losing on the road to a Kansas team that rarely loses there and then losing at home by one point to a very good Mis-



Tyler Alley | Sports editor

souri team is not a sign of the apocalypse. It's not a warning to push the panic button. It certainly does not point to the end of what is being referred to as "The

Golden Age of Baylor Athletics."

It's the Big 12. Despite all the talk in national media (cough, ESPN) that the Big 12 was falling apart this summer, it still is one of the strongest conferences in the nation in every official sport. In some sports, the argument can be made it is the strongest.

Every Big 12 coach will tell you that they expect every conference game to be a struggle. The Bears getting a win in Norman Tuesday shows that this team is able to bounce back from tough losses.

To see how hard road wins are in the Big 12, look at Missouri, who lost Wednesday night at Oklahoma State, a team Baylor beat in the Ferrell Center by 41 points

Let's not forget: Two losses

in a row can be a downer, but an overall record of 17-2 is great. There are plenty of teams in the country who would love to show off that record.

This team has plenty of potential left for this season, and there is one big way we can help: keep the sellouts coming. I don't just mean for the men's team either. All three of the sellouts in the Ferrell Center's history have come this year, the first being the Lady Bears' win over Connecticut.

No. 1 Baylor women's basketball is undefeated, and the men gave us 17 straight wins. Fans, it's time we give back. How many games in a row can Baylor nation sell out the Ferrell Center? The streak is currently at two for the men's home games. Johnnie Hatfield, a Baylor alumnus, sent a plea for Baylor nation to the Lariat last week and had this to say:

"Our men's team suffered its first loss last night to Kansas in a sold out arena that holds 6000 people more than the Ferrell Center. We have a No. 1 undefeated women's team and until last night an undefeated men's team. We need to have our arena sold out every single game."

She is right. Also, look what happened when Baylor football asked the fans to rise up. We were able to witness a 10-3 season with dramatic victories over TCU and Oklahoma, our first bowl win in almost 20 years and a Heisman Trophy. The big downside to our season? Baylor is sending its high-profile quarterback to the

NFL Draft where he most likely will be a top five pick.

If that's what football could do, imagine what the basketball teams are capable of with a nonterrible postseason system. So keep rising up, Baylor Nation. I think these teams are just getting started.

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Thanks to Ms. Hatfield for her letter to the Baylor Lariat. If you have an opinion and would like to be featured in the Lariat, send your letter to Lariat_Letters@ Baylor.edu. Letters should be no longer than 300 words, although longer pieces might be considered for guest columns.

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Steppin' Out: the remix?

Fraternity to host step competition to benefit charity

By Alyssa Maxwell Reporter

Music without a melody: step-

Stepping involves using one's entire body as an instrument to produce rhythm through a mixture of motions: clapping, stepping, gesturing and speaking words.

"Stepping initially came from slavery as a means of communication, and that's how it started in African-American culture — and we step to honor that," said Atlanta senior Bryant Daniels. Daniels is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, which hosts an annual show celebrating the art of step.

The fraternity will host its eighth annual Battle of the Burning Sands Step Show, a contest in which step teams compete to win cash prizes, on Saturday in Waco

Celebrity Marion "Pooch" Hall, who stars in television's "The Game,

will act as the master of ceremonies. Hall has also been in movies such as "Jumping the Broom" and "Stomp the Yard 2: Homecoming."

"A majority of the chapter [is made up of] seniors, and we kind of want to switch it up and do it a little bigger this year since most are graduating in May."

Dexter Dafney | Alpha Phi Alpha member

The show has a history of celebrity involvement. Farnsworth Bentley, who starred in "Honey" and "Fat Albert," and Alex Thomas, who was a screenwriter for "The

Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," have previously acted as masters of ceremonies for the show.

The show will feature a variety of teams of all ages: middle schoolers, high schoolers, fraternities and sororities.

Though the lineup of performers is kept secret, Longview senior Dexter Dafney, who is also an Alpha, said both the Pi Mu chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and Rho Theta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta will be performing.

Cash prizes are offered to the first-place and second-place groups of men and women, who will compete in separate divisions. The first-place groups of men and women will receive \$1,500, while the second-place groups will receive \$750.

Two DJs have been chosen for this year's show, although normally only one is featured.

Dafney said the additional DJ will help the Alpha's put on a big-

ger production this year.

"A majority of the chapter [is made up of] seniors, and we kind of want to switch it up and do it a little bigger this year since most are graduating in May," Dafney said. The DJs will perform before and after the show.

Pre-sale tickets can be purchased from Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity members and cost \$15 for students with a Baylor ID and \$20 for all others.

Prices increase \$5 if tickets are purchased at the door. Some proceeds will benefit the fraternity's philanthropy, a charity chosen by the Alphas to receive donations every spring semester.

Donations will also be accepted and will directly benefit the philanthropy, which has not yet been chosen.

Dafney said previous philanthropies have included disaster relief following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.



Meagan Downing | Lariat Photographe

Fortune fun

Lake Forest, CA, sophomore Ingrid Shih shows students how to use a fortune teller at the Fortune Teller Trivia booth at the Chinese New Year celebration on Thursday in Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center

Dog park offers safe off-leash option for Waco dogs

By Rob Bradfield Staff Writer

For dogs tired of endlessly lapping the Bear Trail, Waco's offleash dog park might be worth a

The three-and-a-half acre Heart of Texas (HOT) Dog Park is the first of its kind in Waco. The privately owned park is located at 4900 Steinbeck Bend, just past Lake Shore Drive, and is open dawn to dusk all week free of charge.

The park's organizers said they envisioned it as a safe, natural setting where dogs and owners can interact and play without the constraint of a leash.

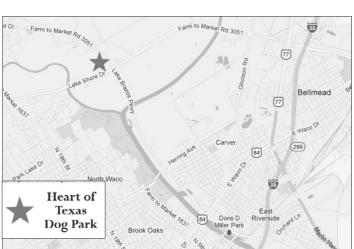
"We wanted to have a good

place that you can feel safe in bringing your animal," Julie Williamson, HOT Dog Park committee secretary, said.

The HOT Dog Park began as a patch of land bought by Dr. Lu Anne Ervine, owner and chief veterinarian at the adjacent Texas Animal Medical Center.

Jeanelle Kramolis, HOT Dog Park board president, said many members of the board were frustrated about the lack of safe places to exercise their dogs off-leash.

"I adopted a standard poodle and had nowhere for it to play, and I knew that when Dr. Ervine opened on Steinbeck Bend, she had wanted to open a dog park," Kramolis said.



The first fence went up in Febbeen built.

ruary, and since then, benches, The park had a soft opening walkways and water stations have in October, with an official grand

opening and fundraiser planned for March. The grand opening will feature food, drinks and an auction.

Future construction plans include walking paths and more permanent shade structures.

"We hope to have a gazebo or covered area so owners can enjoy the park," Williamson said.

Though all types of dogs are welcome at the park, in the interest of safety, the park operators ask that all dogs be well-behaved and have current shots.

There is a separate area for smaller dogs, and the Texas Animal Medical Center next door has a staff member on call at all times in case of emergencies. The park organizers said a few students have been using the park, but general awareness of the park is not high.

"I've heard that it's a lot of fun

and there are a lot of nice dogs there," Crowley junior Diane Draper said. Kramolis said one of the main

goals of the HOT Dog Park board has been to give Baylor students a better place to exercise their dogs.

Their first commitment, however, has always been to the health and happiness of the dogs themselves, Kramolis said.

"Until you've seen a dog offleash and running, you just don't know how happy they can be," Kramolis said.

STATEMENT ON HAZING Spring 2012

Section 51.936 (c) of the Texas Education Code requires Baylor University to publish and distribute during the first three weeks of each semester a summary of the Texas Hazing Law, subchapter F, Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code, and a list of organizations that have been disciplined for hazing or convicted of hazing on or off the campus of the institution during the preceding three years. In compliance with this law, Baylor provides the following information:

$\underline{Texas\ Hazing\ Law, Subchapter\ F, Chapter\ 37\ of\ the\ Texas\ Education\ Code}$

private high school. (2) "Pledge" means any person who has been accepted by, is considering an offer of membership from, or is in the process of qualifying for membership in an organization. (3) "Pledging" means any action or activity related to becoming a member of an organization. (4) 'Student" means any person who: (A) is registered in or in attendance at an educational institution; (B) has been accepted for admission at the educational institution where the hazing incident occurs; or (C) intends to attend an educational institution during any of its regular sessions after a period of scheduled vacation. (5) "Organization" means a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, club, or service, social, or similar group, whose members are primarily students. (6) 'Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization. The term includes: (A) any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity; (B) any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (C) any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, iquor, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (D) any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining

§ 37.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter: (1)
"Educational institution" includes a public or private high school. (2) "Pledge" means any person who has been accepted by, is considering an offer of membership from, or is in the process of qualifying for membership in an organization. (3)
"Pledging" means any action or activity related to

§ 37.152. PERSONAL HAZING OFFENSE. (a)

A person commits an offense if the person: (1) engages in hazing; (2) solicits, encourages, directs aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing; (3) recklessly permits hazing to occur; of (4) has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution, or has firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report that knowledge in writing to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution. (b) The offense of failing to report is a Class B misdemeanor. (c) Any other offense under this section that does not cause serious bodily injury to another is a Class B misdemeanor. (d) Any other offense under this section that causes serious bodily injury to another is a Class A misdemeanor. (e) Any other offense under this section that causes the death of another is a state jail felony. (f) Except if an offense causes the death of a student, in sentencing a person convicted of an offense under this section, the court may require the person to perform commu service, subject to the same conditions imposed on a person placed on community supervision under Section 11, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, for an appropriate period of time in lieu of confinement in county jail or in lieu of a part of the time the person is sentenced to confinement in

§ 37.153. ORGANIZATION HAZING OFFENSE. (a) An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing. (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by: (1) a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000; or (2) if the court finds that the offense caused personal injury, property damage, or other loss, a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than double the amount lost or expenses incurred because of the injury, damage, or loss.

§ 37.154. CONSENT NOT A DEFENSE. It is not a defense to prosecution of an offense under this subchapter that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

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The following student organization has been disciplined for hazing or convicted for hazing during the previous three years:

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Baylor's <u>Statement on Hazing</u> can be reviewed online at: http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/hazing.

HONOR CODE REPORT Spring 2012

The Baylor University Honor Council is charged with the responsibility of reporting each semester to the campus community violations of the Honor Code.

During the Fall 2011 semester, there were 59 reported violations of the Honor Code; 15 of these cases proceeded to Honor Council hearings. The other 44 cases were handled by faculty. Some cases are still pending.

The types of violations and sanctions for each may be reviewed on the Academic Integrity Web site under the Honor Council Reports at: http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/honorcode.

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'Tekken 5' takes true greatness

This is part of our ongoing "Great Video Game" series in which readers and staffers alike are encouraged to submit articles about video games they consider great. This week's submission is "Tekken 5."

> By Rob Bradfield STAFF WRITER

Every gamer, from the casual to the hardcore, has played some sort of fighting game. Some are unbelievably bad — "Shaq-Fu" comes to mind — but once in a while a game comes around that stands as a testament to humanity's technological achievements.

'Tekken 5," one of the latest installments of the "Tekken" series, is one of those games. The entire "Tekken" series has been a fixture in video arcades across the country

Most people will remember such storied names as "Tekken 3" and "Tekken Tag." While some will no doubt hold the "Mortal Kombat" or "SoulCalibur" series higher than "Tekken," I challenge them to start playing "Tekken" and not end up playing for another three hours

The secret of "Tekken" is they perfected the basic fighting game formula early on and have constantly improved since then. In "Tekken 5" the familiar four button, three-round, two-fighter format returns with new characters, stages and moves.

Instead of the annoying and nonsensical high kick/low kick button layout that "Mortal Kombat" employs or the ridiculous controls that "SoulCalibur" uses, each button controls a limb, which means your butt-kicking potential is exponentially increased.

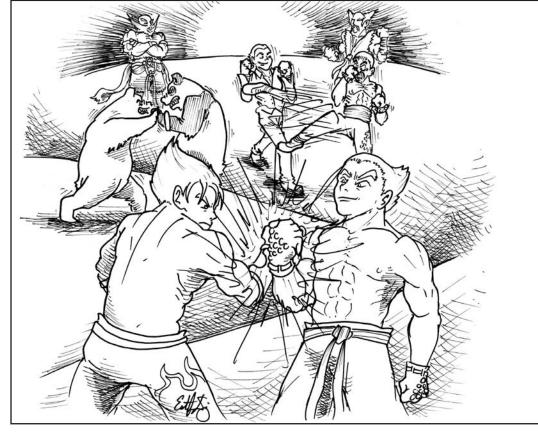
Another thing that sets the series apart is the variety of charac-

Instead of the ninjas that have essentially all the same moves, each character features a distinct style of

When you have a Jackie Chan character using Five Animal Kung-Fu fighting a Mexican Luchador, the possibilities for high-flying, high-action, flying-fist fun are nearly limitless. The game also has a fair dose of

nationalistic humor (most of the American characters are muscleheaded jocks or morbidly obese) that reminds you that it was designed almost exclusively for a Japanese audience.

What really sets "Tekken 5," and the whole "Tekken" series, apart is



the intangible joy that you can only experience from playing the game. There's something magical about a man in a jaguar mask beating the tar out of a kangaroo, or an old Chinese man headbutting a robot

The only way I can even begin to convey the way fighting in "Tekken" makes me feel is by passing the controller and saying, "You wanna take me on?"

Do you have a video game that you consider to be great? Please send us your submission at baylor@lariat.edu. Please include a few hundred words on why you consider your game select to be great.

Weekend Calendar

Friday:

Game Night When: 7 - 10 p.m. Who: Baylor Game Club

Where: Lobby of Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building

What: Game Night features food and games Attendees are welcome to bring their own games in addition to the ones featured.

Ongoing:

Oscar Films

When: Ongoing starting today

Where: Starplex Galaxy 16 Theaters

What: In reaction to the announced Oscar nominations, "The Descendants" and "Hugo" - two films nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture will be screening in Waco. This marks the premiere of "The Descendants" in Waco and a return for the Oscarnominated "Hugo," which had already been screened in Waco at the Starplex The-

Baylor ladies' basketball scores new uniforms from Nike

By Krista Pirtle STAFF WRITER

The No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears basketball team will display what many hope to be the look of the future when it hosts Texas A&M on

Nike has unveiled its new Hyper Elite Platinum uniforms, which are just that color: gray.

The Uni Watch college basketball season-preview column ran in November that "College basketball is under a cloud — a gray cloud."

As the latest and most innovative fit system, the Nike Hyper Elite Platinum uniform is designed at the intersection of sustainability and performance.

These specifically designed, allgray uniforms have been given to nine schools, all of which have won NCAA championships in Nike footwear and apparel: Baylor women's team, Connecticut women's and men's teams, Arizona men's team, Duke men's team, Florida men's team, Kentucky men's team and North Carolina men's team.

"Nike is committed to producing top-of-the-line performance attire with reduced sacrifice to the environment," said Phil Cook, Nike's brand manager for basketball. "With our Nike Hyper Elite Platinum design, Nike is maintaining its long-standing obligations to our fans to not only produce the best on-court looks but also a design that makes use of the resources we already have."

Nike created the uniforms specifically for superior performance and lower environmental impact.

The fabric of the Nike Hyper Elite Platinum shorts are made from 100 percent recycled polyester while the jersey fabric is made from at least 96 percent recycled polvester.

Both short and jersey are tai-

lored for the optimal efficiency of movement and are 5 percent lighter than the previous Nike Hyper Elite uniform.

The shorts have laser perforations for breathability. The letters and numbers are reflective.

These jerseys have come about

due to a commitment made by Nike in 2011.

The back of the jerseys will have a sublimated graphic as they have in the past; however, this time the graphic will not be contained to the center but extended from shoulder to shoulder.

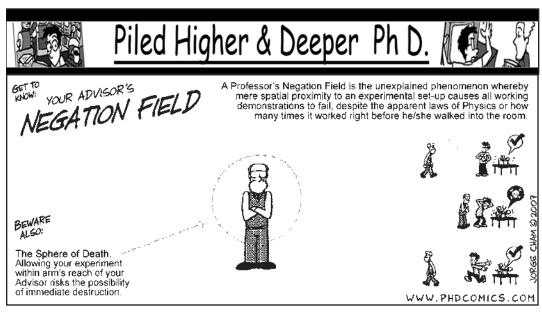
The player names will be under the number and the years of the school's past championships are shown in little stars above the number.

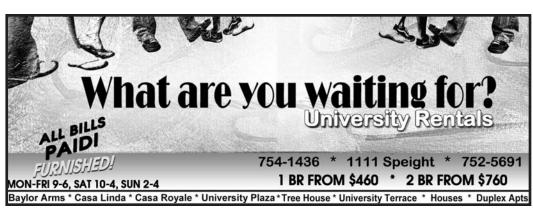
Nike committed to increasing its use of more sustainable materials by doubling its use of recycled polyester, using approximately 440 million PET plastic bottles, enough to cover over 12,000 basketball courts, and 2012 will build off of those successes.

Not only will Baylor and the eight other teams receive jerseys; shoes will be thrown in as well.

The Nike Hyper Enforcers offer a mixture of dependability and flexibility, according to representatives from Nike.

These uniforms will be worn only once this season.







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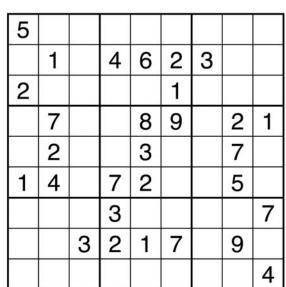
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Baylor downs Sooners again — Lady Bears this time



Baylor's Destiny Williams (10) goes to the basket as Oklahoma's Kaylon Williams (42) defends during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Norman, Okla., on Thursday.

By Jeff Latzke ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORMAN, Okla. - Whitney Hand and her Oklahoma teammates tried to find ways to avoid Brittney Griner. They also tried to go right at Baylor's towering super-

Neither way gave the Sooners much of a chance.

Griner had 18 points and seven blocks, Odyssey Sims and Terran Condrey scored 14 apiece and top-ranked Baylor ran away in the second half and beat Oklahoma 89-58 on Thursday night. After seemingly avoiding the nation's top shot blocker at all costs in the first half, the Sooners (12-6, 4-3 Big 12) aggressively attacked the 6-foot-8 Griner coming out of the tunnel to temporarily cut into the lead.

Nicole Griffin went after Griner inside and converted a three-point play, and Morgan Hook's steal at the end of a 10-0 run led to a fastbreak layup that brought Oklahoma back within 46-40 with 17:17 to play. The Sooners weren't within striking distance for long, though.

Condrey silenced the crowd with a 3-pointer from the left wing, sending the Bears (20-0, 7-0) on a 19-3 surge that put them firmly in

"We just got worn down. We

don't have anywhere to go," Sooners coach Sherri Coale said. "Guys are playing multiple, multiple minutes and it's a real challenge obviously to try to defend them. And then that carries over and there's

"I just felt like we got fatigued and quit moving and then kind of let one play lead into another, lead into another and suddenly there's a snowball that you can't stop."

Griner followed Condrey's 3 by swatting away Hand's jumper from the right wing, eliciting a smile from Hand, who must have seen it coming. Griner blocked two more shots under the basket by Hook during the big run, capped by Sims' 3-pointer from the left wing that gave the Bears a 65-43 advantage with 10:18 remaining.

A late 12-0 run pushed the lead to 83-51 after Pope's layup with 3:15 remaining and helped make the margin of victory the largest for Baylor in the 38-game series.

"We can't get punched and then just back away. We've got to just keep fighting until the end," said Hook, who had a season-high five steals. "Today, we got punched and we started coming back and then we got punched again and we just kind of stayed down."

Hand led Oklahoma with 19 points and Ellenberg scored 11 points on 5-for-17 shooting. The Sooners, had won two straight games against Top 25 opponents this season, fell to 0-13 all-time against teams ranked No. 1.

Destiny Williams added 13 points and Kimetria Hayden and Brooklyn Pope each had 10 as Baylor put six players in double figures. The Sooners frequently had a post player behind Griner and Aaryn Ellenberg sagging in front of her on the offensive end to keep her from getting the ball.

"They, I guess, challenged us to have to have that kind of scoring. I thought that they left players open because they were so concerned on defending Griner," Mulkey said. "That's what Division I basketball players do."

The Bears barely escaped with a one-point win in Norman last season on their way to the regularseason conference title but this time left nothing in question.

Mulkey called timeout with 3:14 remaining after a 12-0 run pushed the lead to 32, then sent her front-liners back onto the court with something special planned. Griner connected on her first 3-pointer of the season on Baylor's next possession, and that got the reserves off the Bears bench.

"She can shoot the 3. The unfortunate thing is she's playing for a coach that won't let her shoot it much. But Brittney is an outstand-

ing 3-point shooter," Mulkey said. "I guess she got tired of being banged in there and asked me could she shoot a 3, and I said,

'Come off the stagger and go shoot

After falling behind by six right off the bat, Oklahoma rallied back to take a brief lead at 16-15 when Ellenberg's jumper along the right baseline finished the Sooners' own run of six points in a row.

Hayden responded with a three-point play, and Pope followed with one of her own on the next possession to start a 10-2 response that put Baylor ahead to stay. Sims' runner gave the Bears their first double-digit lead at 30-

20 with 6:51 to go before halftime. Baylor led by as many as 17 late in the first half and 43-28 at halftime before Oklahoma made its charge to get back within six early in the second half, only to get turned away by Condrey's 3-point-

"When (Condrey) hit that 3, it definitely gave us a boost. That was the spark that we needed to get us going," Griner said. "After that, I just feel like everybody was ready to move the ball around and we got the looks that we needed to get to

Longhorns headed to Waco

By Greg DeVries SPORTS WRITER

Baylor men's basketball will square off with in-state conference rival Texas at noon Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

Last time the Bears played the Longhorns, Texas junior J'Covan Brown was held to 3-10 shooting. Since that game last season, Brown has elevated his game, and he is now the leader of Texas' basketball

It was in this game that Lace-Darius Dunn broke Andre Emmett's Big 12 scoring record. Dunn was the only Bear to finish in dou-

ble figures as Baylor lost 60-54. One of the statistics that led to the loss was rebounding. The Longhorns outrebounded the Bears 44-29, with the majority of their rebounds coming on the of-

fensive end.

"Their interior last year really beat us up on the boards, so we have to do a much better job with them on the boxing out part," head coach Scott Drew said.

The good news for Baylor is that the keys to winning are obvious: stop Brown and win the battle

Brown is averaging more than 19 points per game this season. He shoots between six and seven 3-pointers per game but still has a strong drive to the basket. Keeping him off of the free-throw line should also be a point of emphasis. In Texas' last five games, Brown is

31-32 from the line. "Texas is a young team that has gotten better throughout the year," Drew said. "I think J'Covan Brown is one of the premier scorers in the country, and when he gets going he is tough to stop."

As in most games, Baylor has an advantage in the post.

Sophomore forward Perry Jones III should look to have a big game. He notched his first 20-point, 10-rebound game against Oklahoma on Tuesday. Only one of his made baskets came outside of

For some of the players, this game isn't just about strategy or

statistics. Texas is just one of those teams that everybody wants to

"It's Baylor/Texas. It's a rivalry game. So I think there's always a little extra in the tank for those

games," Drew said. Maybe it has to do with the success of Texas' athletics over the past decade, or maybe it's because the school is about an hour away. Whatever the reason, this game

stands out on the schedule. "Growing up in Texas, Texas is the school. You go to gas stations, go to malls, you see the gear everywhere," senior center Quincy Acy said. "They're rebuilding. They had a couple of 1-and-dones, which says a lot about their program."

Junior guard Pierre Jackson will look to get his third start this sea-

He has earned the starting job after averaging more than 15 points and almost 10 assists per game over the past six games.

Baylor's all-time record against Texas is 79-157, including 46-64 at

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of compensation.

He said it would be an average and that any passenger who deemed his or her losses greater than the offer was free to counter the proposal.

He said Assoutenti would work separately on a proposal for those who lost loved ones in the disaster and was open to working with crew members.

The ship ran aground off the Tuscan island of Giglio after the captain, Francesco Schettino, veered from his approved course. Costa Crociere's chief executive, Pier Luigi Foschi, has said Schettino didn't have approval to change the course and was going too fast — 16 knots — to be so close to shore.

Schettino is under house arrest, facing accusations of manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning a ship before all passengers were evacuated.

Although it is still early and talk of compensation is ongoing, lawsuits are expected to be filed in Germany, Italy, the United States and elsewhere.

In France, the Justice Ministry said that complaints filed by French people have been brought together by the Paris prosecutors' office. It said 462 French passengers were aboard — four were killed and two remain missing.

Attorney Hans Reinhardt, who represents Greszuk and a dozen other German survivors, said passengers did sign liability wavers — a common requirement for cruises — but that he considers them void under the circumstances.

"You do not sign off on a disaster situation, what you sign there is for normal daily situations like if there is a little storm or high water or something like that," he said. "This was such a large failure by the captain and by Costa that you can sign whatever you want but you will still get your money."

Depending upon their individual situations, he said he is seeking between euro10,000 (\$13,000) and euro50,000 (\$65,700) for his clients and would wait for three months to see if Costa would settle before taking the matter to court.

Though the cruise company is Italian, Costa's parent company is Miami-based Carnival Corp. and Reinhardt said he was trying to determine which could be held responsible for the incident.

If it's Carnival, he said he would pursue his case in the U.S., where damages awarded tend to be higher than in Germany.

The company also faces the question of compensation for crew members who have lost their jobs because of the accident, not to mention the costs of salvaging the ship and of a possible environmental disaster if the unused fuel cannot be safely removed.

Salvage experts worked Thursday so they could begin pumping tons of fuel off the ship starting Saturday to avert an environmental catastrophe.

The stricken ship lies in pristine waters that are prime fishing grounds and part of a protected area for dolphins and whales.

German reinsurers Hannover Re AG and Munich Re AG, two

of the world's largest, both said this week that liability claims from the fatal capsizing could run in the triple-digit millions of euros. Swiss Re, the other reinsurance powerhouse, said Thursday it was still too early to even guess what it might cost.

Reinsurers offer backup policies to companies writing primary insurance policies, which helps spread the risk around so the system can handle large losses from disasters. Carnival has said it has liability insurance, though with a \$10 million deductible.

Of the so-called "hull insurance," which covers damage to the ship, Carnival is responsible for the first \$30 million in damage, while the rest is covered by a network of insurers led by XL Group. Carnival also said it expects to lose \$85 million to \$95 million in bookings on the ship that have had to be canceled.

Meantime, Greszuk said he has been trying to piece together his life — getting a new driver's license, credit cards, passport and other identity documents — but is feeling abandoned by those responsible for his plight.

"I feel so lost and alone," he said.
"Nobody is helping us out. Neither
Costa nor the travel agency have
contacted me — do you know how
that feels?"

"I called the travel agency and they said it's not our problem any more, call Costa. I called Costa and they said they'd get back to me, but as of today, I haven't heard a word."

Texas speed limits revised

Drivers will see new 75 mph signs on major highways

between Dallas and Houston.

miles of I-10 between San Antonio

and Houston; and 143 miles of I-45

Nighttime speeds also will be 75

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Transportation officials on Thursday signed off on a faster speed limit of 75 mph for about 1,500 miles of Texas highways.

The Texas Transportation Commission approved the change for segments of nine interstates where the current limit is 70 mph. Drivers must wait until the new limit is posted.

The longest stretch is 310 miles of Interstate 20 from near Fort Worth to a remote area of West Texas, where 80 mph zones have existed for several years.

Other long stretches include 139 miles of I-30 in East Texas; 145 mph on the approved interstates.

Last year, the Legislature approved the faster speed on all ru-

proved the faster speed on all rural roads deemed safe. Previously it was only allowed in sparsely populated counties. With the commission's action Thursday, the bill's passage has led to 1,618 miles of 75 mph driving. Before the law went into effect the state had 1,445 miles of 75 mph speed limits and 521

One transportation official said in a release that the faster limits help the economy.

However, they are not given

directly for that purpose, Thomas

Hibbs, dean of the Honors College,

said, because the donation still

goes into the total for the initiative.

lege held a community dinner to

honor four different families who

Sunday, the Honors Col-

miles of 80 mph — most of them

in sparsely populated West Texas.

"Texas' economic strength depends on the efficient and safe movement of people and goods,' traffic operations division director Carol Rawson said.

The faster limit will also include I-37 between Corpus Christi and San Antonio and in the Panhandle on I-40 on either side of Amarille from the New Mexico border to Oklahoma as well as I-27 betweer Lubbock and Amarillo. In addition to miles along I-30 in East Texas I-20 drivers from just east of Dallas to the Louisiana border also can go 75 mph.

The commission late last year approved a smattering of other miles — about 101 — along interstates and highways.

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The foundation hopes to surpass their numbers from last year, which counted 1,699 participants for a total of \$35,000 raised, Davis said.

Davis and Baumgardner said the next scholarship deadline, which is open to students of any classification, is 5 p.m. today. The scholarship application can be found online on the Student Foundation page.

Donations to the Honors College scholarship fund also help in reaching the President's Scholarship Initiative goal.

oday. The had made donations for endowed can be scholarships. In Foun- Joseph and Kelly Armes, Ted

and Sue Getterman, and Tommye Lou Davis were among the donors, along with one other couple.

That couple was Clifton and Betsy Robinson, who made an ini-

tial agreement in 2007 to donate \$1 million dollars every year for five years, Hibbs said.

Their agreement ended this

year, bringing their donations to ar accumulation of \$5 million. At the dinner Sunday, Starr re-

At the dinner Sunday, Starr reiterated the importance of scholarships and the importance of recruiting students. Hibbs said the initiative helps bring students to Baylor who otherwise might no have been able to attend.

"It is important to drive for scholarships and keep them at the forefront of our minds," Hibbs said

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ington's ideas and applying them to Texas," Paul Fisher, a processing archivist who is coordinating the exhibit, said.

"For him, education was the

way out, and the type of education he believed was best for the people was farming education." Smith's background set him up

for a different path from most African-Americans of his time.

He was born free at the beginning of the American Civil War, and was well-educated — two things that were out of the ordinary for those living in the South.

"Seeing a man [that] society was pitted against and wouldn't help, and then seeing how much he did — it was just so much," Ann Payne, a library associate who is

coordinating the exhibit with Fisher, said. "He did so much on his own, against the odds, and helped so many people with his society," she said.

According to both Fisher and Payne, Smith's love for education and desire to impart knowledge are what brought him to Texas.

Wilson said he is excited about the exhibit because of its ability to teach today's students and researchers about the contributions of someone from 100 years ago through firsthand documents.

In fact, researchers have already come from North Texas to look at the collection, he said.

"This exhibit was such a natural, because most people wouldn't realize what kind of an impact

[Smith] had in Waco, and all over Texas," Wilson said.

The exhibit will consist of four display cases on the main floor of Carroll Library, where the Texas Collection is housed.

Payne said the main case will give background on the financial institutions that stemmed from the Farmers Improvement Society and a "What it would be like if you were a member" section.

There will also be cases dedicated to Smith, Cobb and the actual school that was located in Ladonia (a small town in North Texas) and its archives.

The exhibit will open Feb. 1 and will run until March 20. The Texas Collection's hours are 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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furbishing the halls]. So, basically, we want this to be a priority when you are refurbishing these dorms over the next 15 to 20 years."

"They're already going to spend the money, so we might as well get some Wi-Fi coverage out of it."

In other business, the Senate voted unanimously to approve \$25,000 in funding for this year's musical entertainment at Diadeloso. The funding discussion was closed to the public.

By Michael Graczyk nan

Murderer rushes own execution

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — Convicted murderer Rodrigo Hernandez was executed Thursday night for the abduction, rape and strangulation of a 38-year-old woman in San Antonio 18 years ago.

The lethal injection was carried out about 2 ½ hours after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal to block the punishment. Her-

nandez, 38, told a chaplain as witnesses filed into the death chamber: "I'm ready. They better hurry up." Moments later, when asked by the warden if he had a statement, Hernandez said: "We are all family, people of God almighty. We're all good. I'm ready." As the lethal drugs began taking effect, he said, "I'm gonna go to sleep. See you later. This stuff stinks, man." He then blurted out "almighty" before slipping into unconsciousness

Illegal immigrants urged by colleges to seek legal status

By JIM VERTUNO
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AUSTIN — Texas colleges must send illegal immigrants who pay in-state college tuition rates reminders that they promised to seek

legal status in exchange.

A tweak in state law officials was unanimously approved Thursday.

The tuition break was a flashpoint issue that helped doom Republican Gov. Rick Perry's campaign for president.

The rule change by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is a small step toward putting more pressure on those students to follow up on their pledge.

The change will not end the tuition break or the student's ability to qualify; only the Legislature can do that.

But the board will require schools to be more active in pushing students toward gaining legal status by sending them annual reminders and encouraging them to contact federal authorities.

Advocates for immigrants say the reminders, which students could start seeing as early as this summer, are unnecessary.

They said it could prompt students to place themselves in jeopardy of deportation if they contact authorities without first seeking legal advice.

Since 2001, Texas has allowed students who are in the U.S. illegally to qualify for cheaper, in-state tuition rates at public universities if they attend high school in Texas for at least three years before they graduate.

Those students must also sign an affidavit saying they plan to seek

legal status.

Perry's refusal to backtrack on

his support for the law during his campaign angered conservatives and tea party activists in the state and nationally.

They consider it a benefit reserved for illegal immigrants at the expense of U.S. citizens.

According to the higher education board, more than 16,000 students qualified under the law in the 2009-10 school year, the most recent year for which complete data were available.

Of those, about 4,400 attended a public university and about 12,000 attended community or

technical college.

The rule change requires schools to keep the affidavits on file and remind the students of their pledge every year they are enrolled and upon graduation. Students are

not required to respond.

Board spokesman Dominic Chavez insisted the rule change is not because of the flare-up over immigration politics in the Republican primaries but acknowledged the issue got "white hot" when Perry was still in the race.

The issue has come up several times since the law passed in 2001, and the board began considering the change last summer, Chavez said.

Luis Figueroa of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund said advocates for immigrants are concerned universities will encourage students to contact federal agencies about their status before consulting a lawyer. "They need legal guidance," Figueroa said.

Ainee Athar, a third-year anthropology student at the University of Texas, moved with her family to Texas from Pakistan 15 years ago and has qualified for the lower tuition rate.

She said the yearly reminders about a student's legal status are unnecessary.

"No one forgets that," she said.
Supporters of the tuition law
say the thousands of students taking advantage proves its worth.
Those are students who might not
be able to afford a college education without it.

The average cost at a four-year university for Texas residents is about \$7,000 in tuition and fees and about \$17,000 for nonresidents.

At community colleges, the average cost is about \$1,400 for residents and \$4,800 for nonresidents.

"It's not about immigration," Athar said. "It's about education."

State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, a San Antonio Democrat who helped write the law, considers the rule change a minor one that won't change the intent of the law or its impact on those who use it.

She also said she isn't worried that it's the first step in an effort to eventually repeal the law.

"They've been trying to repeal it every year since I passed it," Van de Putte said. The latest effort was in 2011,

when Perry was flirting with running for president but was not yet a candidate.

Legislation by Sen. Brian Bird-

well, a Republican from Granbury, to repeal the tuition break was defeated by a bipartisan group of lawmakers in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Birdwell called the rule change

a "step in the right direction ... (but) these rules do nothing to solve the core problem of nonresidents unfairly receiving discounted tuition rates."

