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Gospel Fest will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Waco Hall. Gospel choirs come from different regions of Texas and surrounding states to sing and fellowship with other choirs. Admission is \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the Bill Daniel Student Center ticket office. This event is open to all Baylor students and the Waco public.

## To battle

Men's basketball will play the Iowa State Cyclones at 6 p.m. Monday in the Ferrell Center. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket office of the SUB Den. The game will be televised on ESPN.

## On the field

Women's lacrosse will play the University of Texas from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Parker Brother Sports Complex located on LaSalle Avenue. The event is free and open to the public.



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## Walk the line

Plano freshman Nick Davis walks along a rope tied between two trees on Thursday in Fountain Mall.

# Senate debates impeachment

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Senate voted down a motion Thursday that would have removed one of their members from office for alleged ethics code violations, setting up a debate at next week's meeting about whether to amend the impeachment process.

The debate over the charges was closed to the public, but Falls City senior Michael Lyssy, president of the Senate, confirmed the Senate rejected the charges and the student will remain a member

in good standing with the organization.

"Since we were all in executive session, I don't feel comfortable mentioning who it was or what the vote was," Lyssy said. "I don't know if I can reveal the specific charges ... but I can tell you it was for violating our Senate ethics code."

The Senate will consider a bill next week intended to reform the impeachment process. The bill was introduced by Michael Blair freshman senator from Scottsdale, Ariz.

The bill would require the Sen-

ate Executive Council, a committee comprising all the committee chairs, to approve all dismissal charges after discussing them with the accuser and the accused. Currently, any individual senator can bring charges against another member.

"Basically, it changes it so that it's not just one single person [who can bring charges]," Blair said. "It changes it so that the Senate Executive Committee [sic], with a two-thirds vote, can file the charges."

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Within the next few months, the Beck Group will begin renovating the BRIC building with lab facilities and other interior areas. By January 2013, Baylor intends to have approximately 100 faculty and staff members already working and operating within the building.

# BRIC research facility gains momentum

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
STAFF WRITER

Baylor administrators are planning to move about 100 faculty and staff members into the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative facility by January 2013 as Phase 1 of the construction plans draws to a close.

The university secured funding for the next stage of construction last week when it successfully sold \$120 million in bonds, about \$12 million of which is devoted to the research facility, according to Dr. Truell Hyde, vice provost for research.

"Phase 2A is basically what I'm calling the critical mass phase," Hyde said. "It will provide space within the building for us to move the first group of Baylor faculty into the building."

When completed, Phase 2 will provide about 45,000 square feet

of research space for the electrical engineering department, the Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research, and the Hankamer School of Business Innovative Business Accelerator, and others, according to a Nov. 4 press release.

"The BRIC is not the normal university research park," Hyde said. "It's actually something completely new and different where you mix university research with the Innovative Business Accelerator."

The IBA is a business-school entity that will develop marketing plans and business plans of a nature that would normally come from a business incubator, Hyde said.

The BRIC facilities will also have about 40,000 to 50,000 square feet of space devoted to

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# Burned body discovered in student's car

By ROB BRADFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Baylor officials have confirmed that the Cadillac sedan found burning on Eastland Lake Road Thursday morning belonged to San Antonio Freshman Will Patterson.

Members of the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core met with University Chaplain Burt Burleson Thursday afternoon to pray for Patterson, who has been reported missing since this morning.

The McLennan County Sheriff's Department reports an body was found in the car, but due to the severity of the burns it has not yet been identified.

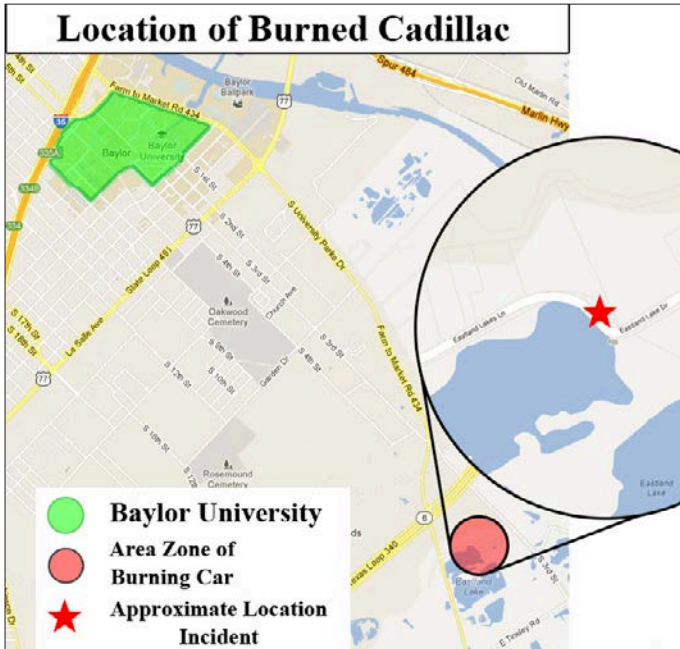
"Baylor PD, and the McLennan County Sheriffs have encour-

aged us not to speculate about it, but he knew that students would be in a very difficult place so we wanted to convey what we do know and remind them of the support of the community," Burleson said.

Neither the Sheriff's department or the Baylor Police department could be reached for comment, but according to a report by the Waco Tribune-Herald the investigators have not ruled out or confirmed the possibility of foul play.

The body found in the car has been sent to Dallas for investigation.

According to an email sent by Baylor to students in the BIC, police are treating the incident as a questionable death.



# MTV career coach ready to take Baylor students under his wing

By LINDA WILKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Ryan Kahn, "Career Coach" and host of MTV's "Hired!" will be at Common Grounds from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 18 as part of Dream Careers' Campus Tour.

"We will be there to help meet with students about internships, talk to students about interning in various places and help them decide what to do for summer internships," Kahn said.

Ameen Shallal, director of the Washington D.C. Dream Careers program, said Dream Careers is a destination internship program that helps students plan their career goals. The internships are normally with companies in destinations such as Washington, D.C., or Manhattan, Shallal said.

Kahn and Shallal are traveling to 34 campuses in 47 days.

Shallal said to acquire an internship through Dream Careers, students can fill out the online application, found at www.summerinternships.com, and then go through an admissions evaluation process. The applicants participate in an informal interview with the company, and then admissions will decide if the student is accepted into the program or not.

Accepted students are assigned to a career coordinator, like Kahn, who helps them with their resume, their work, discovering what they're passionate about and what they want to do in their chosen career field, Shallal said. The coordinator makes internship recommendations for

the student, and the student has the opportunity to look through the Dream Careers' internship database, he said. The coordinator would also schedule interviews for the internships.

"The internship placement is guaranteed," Shallal said. He said while an internship is guaranteed, specific placement with a certain company is not necessarily guaranteed.

Shallal emphasized the importance of internship experiences. He said internships give the student the opportunity to live in a new city as a young professional. Depending on the university, the student can also get academic credit for their internship.

In addition to the internship, students will have housing, meals and transportation provided, Shallal said.

At the Baylor event, Shallal said students can apply directly to the program the same day without filling out an online application. The coordinators, Shallal and Kahn, will be able to talk to the students one-on-one. Internships are important to establishing a career because they provide a quick view into a company, Kahn said.

"This way, you aren't making a commitment for several years with a company you may not like," Kahn said.

Kahn also said getting internships for the summer is a key for success in a future career, and the process for getting these internships starts now.

"Now is the time to start for those who have big dreams; the

best [internships] go first," he said. "Now is the time to be ahead of the game."

Kahn gave several of his top tips for acquiring internships.

A main step toward getting an internship is checking with the career center on campus and expressing interest in an internship, Kahn said.

"If you know what you want to do and you know a specific company you want to work with, go directly to the company and look into it," he said.

Kahn also suggested using websites that help find internships, such as Indeed.com, as a good way to find local jobs and other internships.

Career fairs on campus are also a way to make connections, Kahn said.

"Network is net worth," Kahn said, in reference to meeting new people. He said it is essential to meet as many people as possible in one's industry of interest.

Kahn is from New Port Beach in southern California and has lived in L.A. for the last 12 years, working with students all around the world in places such as Australia.

"I originally came into the business by having a passion for music," Kahn said. "I didn't know what to do to get into the [music] business."

Kahn said he started taking classes at the University of California at Los Angeles to learn what to do, and took one taught

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# Lariat Letters: Parking column was misinformed

I want to thank the Lariat’s Rob Bradfield for his well-written opinion piece in yesterday’s paper. While it was principally composed of misinformation, unfounded accusations and the sort of tinfoil hat theories generally reserved for Dan Brown novels, it does raise questions about some important issues.

Let me begin by clarifying Baylor’s intentions with respect to the development of a “truly residential campus.” Both internal and national studies indicate that students in a residential university setting have greater satisfaction with their education, higher GPAs, and better retention rates.

Looking beyond the so-called “Baylor Bubble,” the top 10 schools in the nation boast an average campus residency rate of 86 percent. Take the top 20 schools and the number remains almost 80 percent. Given such an obvious correlation between performance and residency, why shouldn’t Baylor strive to expand its residential offerings?

I would also like set the record straight regarding the Student Court. Mr. Bradfield is correct in his assertion that the members of the Court, justices and clerks alike, are appointed rather than elected. He is wrong, however, in his claim that this fact somehow renders the court corrupt. I strongly doubt that Mr. Bradfield would accuse Judge Starr — to whom he addressed his grievances — of having served on a “kangaroo court” simply because he was appointed to the bench rather than elected. I see no reason that he should cast such aspersions upon the Student Court because of the constitutionally mandated appointment procedure that we follow.

Furthermore, Bradfield blatantly misrepresented the court’s appeal procedure. We are bound, and properly so, by the Student Body Constitution. As such, appellants are never “presumed

guilty.” Furthermore, and contrary to Bradfield’s allegations, there is an absolute guarantee that the Student Court will review any appeal that is properly presented.

When the court receives completed appeals from Parking and Transportation Services, the clerk will email appellants with specific information, including the time and location of their hearing. We offer students a two-hour window in which to present their case, and we do not schedule more students than we can hear in a given sitting. We do this to accommodate frenetic student schedules, but if a student chooses not to appear personally before the court we still render a decision based on their written appeal.

Of course, Bradfield is correct when he claims that parking on campus has become a challenge. I join with him in his call for Baylor to develop its transportation infrastructure and to better coordinate transportation needs with the Waco community, particularly as we move closer to becoming a truly residential campus. While efforts to that effect are already under way, the parking problem deserves greater attention and increased student involvement. This is a complex issue — one that requires the cooperation of a number of constituencies.

One final note: Rob, if you are wrongly cited by parking services in the future, I encourage you to take advantage of your right to appeal. The Student Court will carefully review your case, as we would any other, without bias. However, I humbly suggest that you avoid opening your testimony with, “I knowingly park illegally.”

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# Susan G. Komen flip-flopped on issue irrelevant to mission

## Editorial

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is known for breast cancer awareness walks and pink versions of almost every product. Its most recent foray into the public eye, however, has been much less positive.

On Jan. 31, the breast cancer charity’s decision to stop grants to Planned Parenthood was made public, and the news quickly went viral.

Planned Parenthood expressed disappointment for a move it viewed as motivated by political pressure from pro-life activists, a view at least one Komen board member did not deny. As the New York Times reports, Komen was attempting (unsuccessfully) to end a relationship with a controversial group that was negatively impacting donations and support.

What Komen did not consider, however, was that bowing to pressure from one side would result in a negative backlash from the other side.

According to the New York Times, “by the end of the week, Twitter users had sent more than 1.3 million posts mentioning Planned Parenthood, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation

and related terms and hashtags. On Thursday alone, there were more than 460,000 Tweets.” Facebook also saw an increase in posts about the foundation and its decision, with reactions ranging from approval to disgust.

Komen spokeswoman Leslie Aun said the decision was a result of a new policy forbidding grants to groups under investigation by local, state or federal authorities. Planned Parenthood is currently the subject of an inquiry into allegations of the use of public funds for abortions, instigated by Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla. Supporters consider the investigation to be politically motivated and illegitimate.

After an overwhelmingly negative response from social media sites, Capitol Hill and within the Komen foundation itself, Nancy Brinker, the founder of Komen, reversed the decision. “We want to apologize to the American public for recent decisions that cast doubt upon our commitment to our mission of saving women’s lives,” Brinkley said in a statement.

What casts doubt on Komen’s commitment is its focus on political pressure rather than its mission. Yes, political savvy is an important aspect of any major fundraising group, but Komen has built a strong reputation as a breast cancer fundraising and

support group and make those efforts the priority.

If board members felt strongly about needing to sever ties with Planned Parenthood due to supporters’ feedback, they should have publicly announced their decision and been honest about the end of the relationship. Instead, Komen made a rule about investigations that only applied to Planned Parenthood, and then attempted to keep the effects of that rule secret for over a month.

Komen has played the victim in this situation, publicly bemoaning its position between pro-life and pro-choice supporters. “Is it possible for a woman’s health organization to stay out of the abortion issue and help all women?” asked John D. Raffaelli, a Komen board member. “I don’t know the answer to that yet. What we were doing before was angering the right-to-life crowd. Then, with our decision in December, we upset the pro-choice crowd. And now we’re going to make the right-to-life crowd mad all over again. How do we stop doing that?”

The answer lies in transparent dealings with all partners and to make clear to supporters what Komen grants are funding. Pro-life men and women are notorious for their hatred of Planned Parenthood, but Komen’s support of the organization allowed for

mammogram vouchers for low-income women. These vouchers are not a pro-life or pro-choice issue. They are a public health and poverty issue.

Money raised for Komen was not being funneled to abortions. It was being used to allow women without health insurance or disposable income to have breast cancer screening opportunities, which have saved many lives. If the board felt supporters needed a way to feel more comfortable giving money without supporting Planned Parenthood, they could have looked into a provision included on donation forms. That could allow the donors to say their money can only be used for research or some other caveat to sidestep the issue.

As the premier breast cancer awareness organization, Komen owes it to women everywhere to focus solely on breast cancer. If the foundation decides to expand to a broader definition of women’s rights, then they can fight the pro-life, pro-choice battle at that time.

Until then, it would behoove Komen, and all other foundations on precarious political ground, to stick to what they know and work to educate rather than react. By flip-flopping over funding, Komen managed to anger both pro-life and pro-choice supporters in the same week. Hopefully the weeks to come are better.

# God’s call can evoke fear, but there’s no option to decline

I woke up two Sundays ago with tears in my eyes while my fearful heart asked God, “Do I have to?”

Mom came to visit this weekend and as our time together was drawing to a close, I began to question the goodness of God.

If God knows what is best for me, why would he call me to something so difficult?

My heart ached as I pondered the possibility of answering his call.

A battle waged in my soul between the joy set before me and the joy I have always cherished.

Is it possible that there is greater joy to be found as my trust in God deepens?

The greatest love I have ever experienced on Earth is the love

of my family, but God’s love for me is much more.

God’s love cannot be measured and it has no equal.

God’s love is both wide and deep.

God’s love endures forever.

God’s love is entirely faithful.

God’s love extends to every heart in every generation.

God’s love casts out all fear.

God’s love conquers the darkness.

God’s love washes clean the tainted souls of man.

God’s love is not only enough, but it is better.

For God so loved the world. God gave his only Son. Whoever believes in him will not crumble.

For those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.

For all who are saved are chosen. All who are chosen have life. The life that God gives is a life of love. For God so loved the world he gave us love.

God did not give us just any kind of love, but the everlasting love he created.

Before time began God knew my mind would gravitate toward fear.

For God knew I would wander in search of security.

God created me with a natural tendency to worry.

But God so loved this world he made another way for us.

For all who believe in God’s Son receive a new nature.

This nature cannot be discovered through empty substitutes that masquerade themselves

as good.

The deeds we do to “give back” are barren without the love of God.

Without God’s love I am gasping for breath, but I cannot breathe in the air I need to survive.

I am a suffocating slave to sin until I let the love of God rush in.

For God’s love is an endless flow of living water.

God’s love is the breath of life we need to survive.

For God so loved the world he gave us life through his Son’s death and resurrection.

God has given me life for today, so why should I fear what tomorrow holds?

Right now there are people in this world who do not know the

love of God.

Whether across the ocean or across this campus there are thirsty souls longing for freedom.

Open your eyes.

Do you see the blind stumbling in the dark looking for the light?

If you have the light of Christ, I challenge you to shine bright.

As God prepares my heart o answer his clear call to be a missionary overseas after I graduate in August, I can’t help but be fearful.

“Do I have to?”

Yes, I must.

For I no longer live for myself, but for the one who reigns above.

For God so loves.



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# Students raise money to combat human trafficking

By BRE NICHOLS  
REPORTER

Students are working to connect and educate women about the millions of people enslaved worldwide by human trafficking. Sophomores Melanie Babb of Greenwood Village, Colo. and Brittany Reed of Tyler are attempting to free people currently involved in the sex trade and help those who have already been rescued by collecting donations of clothes to raise money.

“There are 27 million slaves in the world right now, the most in world history,” Babb said. “We cannot become numb to that large number.”

These students are collecting donations of clothes, shoes, purses

and jewelry in a box outside the Pi Beta Phi room in The Stacy Riddle Forum on Ninth Street and Baylor Avenue.

The collection will continue throughout the school year as part of the Fashion for Freedom Exchange, the initiative Babb and Reed began this week.

At the end of each month, all donations will be taken to Buffalo Exchange in Dallas, a thrift store that gives cash in exchange for clothing and accessories. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the A21 campaign.

The A21 Campaign is a non-profit organization that shelters the victims of human trafficking. The first shelter built by the organization is located in Greece, but the

organization is in the final stages of opening a second shelter in

*“There are three times more slaves right now than ever before, but it’s not talked about because it’s not something people want to bring up.”*

Melanie Babb | Created Fashion for Freedom Exchange

the Ukraine. The A21 Campaign has also begun a program to raise

awareness about the issue and educate those at-risk to the dangers of human trafficking.

According to the campaign’s website, the money received by the organization will be used to support girls in the shelters. On average, it costs \$120 per day to support one girl in the shelter.

The campaign aims to end human trafficking and keep women safe.

“It’s a psychological warfare, and this [lifestyle] becomes their identity that they’re placed with,” Babb said. “So to bring them out of something so difficult is huge.”

Of all the slaves who are rescued in Europe, “80 percent of rescued women end up being re-trafficked. Most of this re-trafficking

occurs within the first two years of their escape,” the campaign said.

Babb said she desires to support the education and awareness that the A21 Campaign provides.

“People in America hear the word ‘slaves’ and automatically think of chains,” Babb said. “And because we don’t see any, we think we are free.”

Babb said although the issue of human trafficking is prominent in Texas, it isn’t regularly discussed.

“There are three times more slaves right now than ever before, but it’s not talked about because it’s not something people want to bring up,” Babb said. “It’s horrific, absolutely horrific.”

Through the Fashion for Freedom Exchange, Babb and Reed

said they hope to get the Baylor community involved.

“We are called by God as a community of 14,000 students to make a difference,” Babb said.

Reed said she encourages the whole university to participate in donating clothes.

Though the box is located in the panhellenic building, the Fashion for Freedom Exchange “is not just for sorority girls,” Reed said. “Baylor — as a campus of people willing — has the power to turn around sex slavery and give hope.”

Antioch Community Church will also hold an information rally about human trafficking on March 4 with speakers who will pray and talk about what people can do to help.

## Research finds link between religion, closed-mindedness

By LINDA WILKINS  
REPORTER

Baylor psychology students are continuing research into the effects of religion on interactions between people that indicates religion may lead to more closed-minded interactions.

Dr. Wade Rowatt, associate professor and director of the Ph.D. graduate program in psychology, is coordinating the studies along with several Baylor graduates and undergraduates.

Doctoral candidate Megan Johnson is working on the studies as part of her dissertation.

Johnson said previous studies have shown that “in-groups,” otherwise known as a group of people who have multiple characteristics in common, tend to have prejudice toward “out-groups,” which are groups that do not share the same characteristics as the people in the in-groups.

In the studies so far, Rowatt said religion appears to be influential in the interactions between the in-groups and the out-groups. He said religious influences tend

to increase the bonds within the in-group and the out-groups are further ostracized.

The studies examine how religion affects these interactions, and the researchers conduct the study by priming. Priming is planting a subliminal message in someone’s mind.

Each of these studies examines an aspect of the effects of religion on interactions between in-groups and out-groups, Johnson said. One study examines a person’s behavior after they are primed and the other examines their aggression.

In this study, Johnson said she hopes the outcome will be the same as the outcomes of similar studies, because similar results would validate the outcomes.

“We wanted to break apart that relationship between religion and outlook,” Johnson said. Johnson said a person’s religion can affect their outlook on others who violate their religious values.

These two studies are an extension of a study that was published this past fall.

This published study focused on the hypothesis that priming a

person with religious words leads to a more negative attitude against the out-groups, Johnson said.

For the first part of the study, the participants answered questions about their feelings toward out-groups. The students in this study were primed with a computer test that had either religious words or non-religious words, Johnson said.

Students involved with the study did not know which test they were given, she said. The students then rated various groups based on their feelings toward the group on a scale of zero to 100. The students were not aware of whether the group they were rating was considered an in-group or an out-group.

For this study, the out-groups were gay males, Muslims and atheists — groups that are generally thought by Christian groups to be value-violating, she said. The in-groups were Christians and heterosexuals. This study found that students who were primed with religious words were more negative toward out-groups than the students primed with non-religious words.



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### Dance the night away

Dallas junior Karington Buchanan and Waco senior Chris Johnston swing dance together at the Valentine’s Day Banquet hosted by Highland Baptist Church on Thursday.

## Ten states leave Bush’s plan behind

By BEN FELLER AND  
KIMBERLY HEFLING  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It could be the beginning of the end for No Child Left Behind.

The goal was lofty: Get all children up to par in math and reading by 2014. But the nation isn’t getting there, and now some states are getting out.

In a sign of what’s to come, President Barack Obama on Thursday freed 10 states from some of the landmark law’s toughest requirements. Those states, which had to commit to their own, federally approved plans, will now be free, for example, to judge students with methods other than test scores. They also will be able to factor in subjects beyond reading and math.

“We can combine greater freedom with greater accountability,” Obama said from the White House.

While many educators and governors celebrated, congressional Republicans accused Obama of executive overreach, and education and civil rights groups questioned if schools would be getting a pass on aggressively helping poor and minority children — the kids the 2002 law was primarily designed to help.

The first 10 states to be declared free from the education law are Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Tennessee. The only state that applied for the flexibility and did not get it, New Mexico, is working with the administration to get approval.

Twenty-eight other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have signaled that they, too, plan to flee the law in favor of their own plans.

The government’s action on Thursday was a tacit acknowledgement that the law’s main goal, getting all students up to speed in reading and math by 2014, is not within reach.

The states excused from following the law no longer have to meet that deadline. Instead, they

had to put forward plans showing they will prepare children for college and careers, set new targets for improving achievement among all students, reward the best performing schools and focus help on the ones doing the worst.

Obama said he was acting because Congress had failed to update the law despite widespread agreement it needed to be fixed.

“We’ve offered every state the same deal,” Obama said. “If you’re willing to set higher, more honest standards than the ones that were set by No Child Left Behind, then we’re going to give you the flexibility to meet those standards.”

The executive action by Obama is one of his most prominent in an ongoing campaign to act on his own where Congress is rebuffing him.

No Child Left Behind was one of President George W. Bush’s most touted domestic accomplishments, and was passed with widespread bipartisan support in Congress. It has been up for renewal since 2007. But lawmakers have been stymied for years by competing priorities, disagreements over how much of a federal role there should be in schools and, in the recent Congress, partisan gridlock.

The law requires annual testing, and districts were forced to keep a closer eye on how students of all races were performing — not just relying on collective averages. Schools that didn’t meet requirements for two years or longer faced increasingly harsher consequences, including busing children to higher-performing schools, offering tutoring and replacing staff.

Over the years, the law became increasingly unpopular, itself blamed for many ills in schools. Teachers and parents complained it led to “teaching to the test.” Parents didn’t like the stigma of sending their kids to a school labeled a failure when requirements weren’t met. States, districts and schools said the law was too rigid and that they could do a better job coming up with strategies to turn around poor performance.

As the 2014 deadline approaches, more schools are failing to meet requirements under the law,

with nearly half not doing so last year, according to the Center on Education Policy. Center officials said that’s because some states today have harder tests or have high numbers of immigrant and low-income children, but it’s also because the law requires states to raise the bar each year for how many children must pass.

The current law requires schools to use standardized tests in math and reading to determine student progress. The waivers announced Thursday do not excuse states from those requirements but instead give them the freedom to use science, social studies and other subjects in their measures of student progress.

The 10 states also now can include scores on college admission exams and other tests in their calculation of how schools are performing. They can be excused from penalties included in the federal law but had to come up with their own set of sanctions for low-performing schools.

For example, Georgia will replace the law’s pass-or-fail with a five-star rating system and will use end-of-course tests and Advanced Placement performance in its measure of students.


In Oklahoma, schools are to be taken over by the state if they consistently fail to meet standards.

Kentucky — the first state to formally ask the federal government to be excused from some requirements when Gov. Steve Beshear sent a letter to Washington last summer — will use ACT college-entrance exams and other assessments by that company in its measures.

The schools still have to focus on the subgroups of students outlined in the federal law, such as English language learners and students with disabilities.

Not everyone applauded Thursday’s announcement.

While No Child Left Behind isn’t perfect, said Jeanne Allen, president of the Center for Education Reform, it’s thrown a valuable spotlight on problem schools. She said giving districts and states more flexibility “without firm consequence” is not reform.



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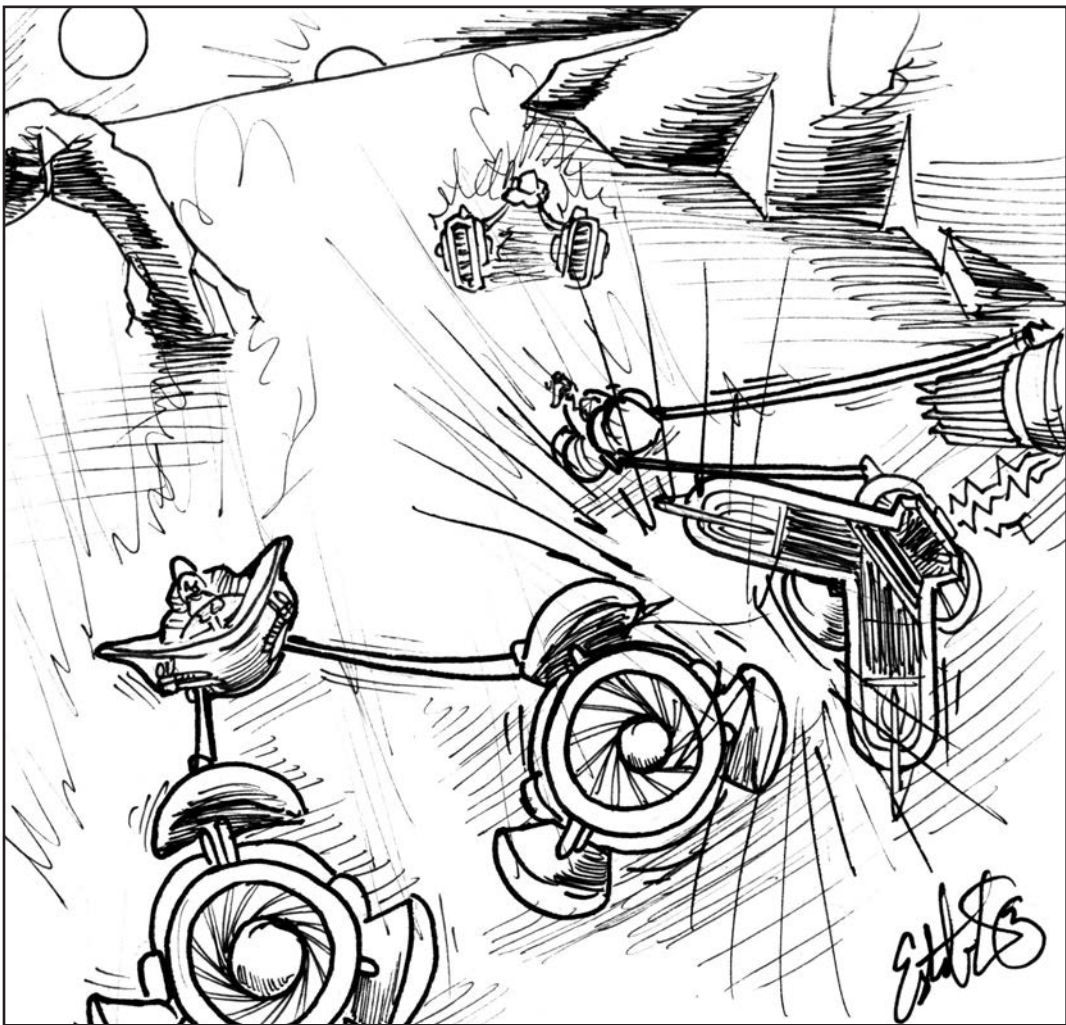
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# ‘Episode I’ races into spot for video gaming greatness

*Editor’s Note: This is an article in our ongoing “Great Video Game” series in which readers and staffers alike are asked to submit a few hundred words about a video game that they consider to be great. This week’s pick is “Star Wars Episode I: Racer.”*

By JOSHUA MADDEN  
A&E EDITOR

Whether you are the most die-hard “Star Wars” fan or someone who’s barely even seen the films, you are still probably familiar with the work that LucasArts has done in the video gaming world. With “Battlefront,” “Clone Wars,” “The Force Unleashed,” “Knights of the Old Republic,” and “Rogue Squadron” all having been created by the development company, it’s hard to pick which one might be the best, but “Star Wars Episode I: Racer” definitely qualifies as one of the greatest video games of all time. On the day that “Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace” races back into theaters, it seems only fitting to celebrate the game that gave millions of people around the world the chance to enjoy the most awesome part of the movie

for themselves: pod racing. According to the 2011 Guinness World Records, “Racer” currently holds the record for the best-selling sci-fi racing game with worldwide sales of 3.12 million. That’s ahead of other notable series like “Wipeout,” “F-Zero” and the notably underrated “Extreme G” series. Podracing, although only featured in the movie for essentially one scene, has become one of the first things that everyone associates with the “Star Wars” series, and that is in large part due to this game. When I played this game as a kid, I remember being struck by how fun it was to drive a pod racer as Anakin Skywalker. When I rediscovered it by purchasing a used copy for Dreamcast — this time as a pseudo-adult now pursuing an undergraduate degree in New York City — I was struck not by the fact that I could play as Anakin Skywalker, but more the depth that the game brings to something as seemingly simple as podracing. There’s a lot more to this game than merely being the first to cross the finish line. You can go shopping for parts between races and

build up the power of your pod, make differing wagers on the races based on how confident you are in your own ability and purchase pit droids to improve your repair time. The game is actually really tough, which is something I didn’t appreciate enough as a kid. Memorizing the maps, figuring out what turns to make and what shortcuts to take is knowledge that takes time to build, but it’s worth it to get the most out of “Racer.” Research into the “Racer” series, specifically its sequel “Star Wars: Racer Revenge” revealed that playing the game can actually improve your hand-eye coordination. Surgeons play “Racer Revenge” to better themselves and decrease the amount of mistakes they make. So consider throwing together a podrace with friends this weekend — it’s actually good for you.

*Does reading this article make you think of a video game that you consider great? Please send us an email at [lariat@baylor.edu](mailto:lariat@baylor.edu) with a suggestion for a “Great Video Game.” Please include a few hundred words on why you consider your game to be great and you just might find your opinion here.*

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# Cellist receives major honor from Baylor

By CANDY RENDON  
REPORTER

Renowned cellist Lynn Harrell, who has performed around the world, will appear next on Baylor University’s Distinguished Artist Series. This guest performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 in Jones Concert Hall, located within the Glennis McCrary Music Building. Harrell will also join his friend, pianist Victor Asunción.

“Playing the cello requires a great deal of strength and power,” Harrell said. “Oftentimes, people think my power comes from the fact that I am a very large man. I assure you it is helpful, but I also assure you that many people can play with perhaps twice as much power if they used what nature has intended them to use.”

“Gravity and weight,” Harrell said, “are what need to be utilized.” The program will open with two compositions by the great German master, Ludwig van Beethoven. They will play Beethoven’s “Seven Variations in E-flat major” on a Theme from Mozart’s “The Magic Flute,” “WoO 46,” and then the “Sonata No. 3 in A major, Op. 69.” Following intermission, the duo will play Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff’s “Sonata in G minor, Op. 19.”

Lynn Harrell was born in New York to musician parents, the baritone Mack Harrell and the violinist Marjorie Fulton. He began his musical studies in Dallas (with Lev Aronson) and proceeded to the Juilliard School and the Curtis Institute of Music. Another of his teachers was Leonard Rose. Harrell joined the string section of George Szell’s Cleveland Orchestra in 1962 and served as that orchestra’s principal cellist from 1964 until 1971, the year after



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Lynn Harrell, a renowned cellist who has played with groups around the world, will be performing at Baylor on Feb. 17.

Szell’s death. Harrell is a frequent guest of many leading orchestras, including Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Ottawa, Pittsburgh and the National Symphony. In Europe, he appears regularly with the orchestras of London, Munich, Berlin, Tonhalle and Israel. Harrell is also a cello teacher. He is widely known for his educator status. During the late ’80s and early ’90s, he held the International Chair for Cello Studies at the Royal Academy in London, and he was Artistic Director of the orchestra, chamber music and conductor-training program at the L.A. Philharmonic Institute. In 1993, he became head of the Royal Academy in London, a post he held through 1995. Harrell has also given master classes at the Verbier and Aspen festivals and in major metropolitan areas throughout the world. Since the start of the 2002-03

academic year, Harrell has taught cello at Rice University’s Shepherd School of Music in Houston. Lynn’s frequent collaborator and friend Victor Asunción will also be joining Lynn on Feb. 17 playing piano. Hailed by the Washington Post for his “poised and imaginative playing,” pianist Victor Santiago Asuncion is recognized as a pianist of innate musical sensitivity, fiery temperament and superb technique. He has appeared in major concert halls in Brazil, Canada, Japan, Mexico, Turkey, and in his native Philippines. Tickets are available at [www.baylor.edu/music](http://www.baylor.edu/music), or in person at the Baylor University School of Music box office in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The telephone number for the box office is 254-710-3571. Any unsold tickets will be available for purchase at the door, beginning thirty minutes prior to the concert.

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BU athlete embodies model of citizenship

By Savannah Pullin  
Reporter

Focused, passionate and loving. When asked to describe herself in three words, she used these adjectives. And every single one of them is right on target. “Everything I do I’m really passionate about,” she said. Baylor track and field senior Diamond Richardson was one of 10 student-athletes league-wide chosen for the Big 12 Chick-Fil-A Winter Community of Champions award.

“I feel really honored. It makes me sound more amazing than I am, though,” Richardson said. “To me, it’s just how I live my life, so I don’t think about it as working really hard.” Richardson said the award makes her sound better than she is, but the criteria says otherwise. The Community of Champions award is awarded based on three criteria: academics, community service and leadership/sportsmanship.

Richardson is a business journalism major with a 3.92 GPA. After graduation, she wants to get a position in public relations, although she is still unsure in what field. Richardson has had two internships in the field — the first with Baylor Media Communications and the second with Buckner, a global Christian ministry dedicated to helping orphans, foster care children and other vulnerable adolescents. Through these experiences Richardson said she learned how passionate she is about public relations.

To receive the award, Richardson was also critiqued on her community service activity. As former community service chair of her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, she coordinated many of the service activities the girls were involved in.

Richardson is also highly involved in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, through which she has been able to assist with the Special Olympics and other outreach programs. “They really try to encourage us to go when we can,” she said. Richardson also volunteers with Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Girl Scouts Beyond Bars — a program that reaches out to Girl Scouts whose parents are in jail. Richardson said she looks just about anywhere for service opportunities, even if it’s just a one-time random activity. Richardson’s track eligibility runs out next year, but she will still be at Baylor finishing her degree. She is planning on using this time to be more involved in the community.

“I’ve always wanted to do more stuff,” Richardson said. She said she is excited about using her extra time next year to work with children involved with domestic violence.

Finally, Richardson received the Community of Champions award for her ability to display leadership on and off the field. “When I first came [to Baylor], my perception of a leader was someone who was really bossy, and I didn’t want to be like that,” she said.

So Richardson found her own way of taking a leadership role by being a good listener. “To me, being a leader is more of being there for people and hearing them out, and then at the end, giving them ways to stay motivated,” Richardson said.

After four years of experience on the track, Richardson has all the right advice to give to newcomers and people who just need encouragement. She said she knows the little things that are said to her teammates make a big impact. So how does this humble athlete have time to fit all her activities into her busy schedule? “It’s just about balance,” she said. She admits it was hard at first getting into a whole new routine, but after she developed a method, she stuck with it. With this award, it appears to be working for her.



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No. 42 junior Brittney Griner shoots over an Oklahoma defender Monday at the Ferrell Center. Baylor faces Texas A&M Saturday at home.

No. 6 Bears head to Mizzou

By Greg DeVries  
Sports Writer

No. 6 Baylor men’s basketball will look to bounce back from a deflating loss at home to the Kansas Jayhawks, as it takes on the No. 4 Missouri Tigers at 1:30 p.m. Saturday as they travel to Columbia, Mo. Mental toughness will help the Bears move past the loss to Kansas. “I think the feeling that we all felt after the game hopefully stays with us until we play again,” head coach Scott Drew said. Drew also said there are “execution points” and other areas the team can get better in, including mental focus. “Making sure on the offensive end, especially when the other team is on a run, that we get the quality of shot that we need to have at that point,” Drew said, “and then just make sure that when we have opportunities to extend leads, that we don’t waste those opportunities.” Baylor’s inability to stop Kan-

sas’ runs played a key role in the loss, but Missouri is a very different team. “They’re a matchup nightmare for any team,” sophomore Brady Heslip said. “You saw when they played Kansas, [Missouri] gave them problems because they play four guards.” These four guards are led by senior Marcus Denmon. Denmon is averaging nearly 20 points per game in Missouri’s last four games. This includes a 29-point performance against Kansas on Saturday. Preventing the fast break will be important for the Bears. “They’re great playing at home, and they’re a lot faster when they play at home,” sophomore Perry Jones III said. “We just need to prepare for them and hopefully we can get a win so we can stay in the race.” But Missouri’s guard play isn’t the only aspect of the game that the Bears will need to focus on. In the previous meeting, the Tigers’

Lady Bears to host Aggies

By Krista Pirtle  
Sports Writer

With the defending national champions coming to town this weekend, one would think all the focus would be on Texas A&M and the Aggies would be the team wearing special uniforms. That, however, is not the case. The No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears will host Texas A&M at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Ferrell Center. The Lady Bears won’t be clad in their usual white uniforms, but will don the Nike Platinum uniforms, one of two women’s programs in the nation to receive the special uniforms. “I think they’re going to look pretty sweet,” junior Brittney Griner said. “I’m happy to be in them. Ready to get a win in them. It’s an honor to be one of the two teams on the girls’ side that have them. We’re going to wear them proud.” Last season, Baylor beat Texas A&M twice in the regular season and once in the Big 12 tournament finals. The heartbreaker came when the Lady Bears couldn’t defeat

them for a fourth time in a single season, falling in the Elite Eight. “This game is the next game on our schedule,” head coach Kim Mulkey said. “To win a Big 12 championship, to remain undefeated and the fact that they were the last team to beat us motivates you and when they beat you it was at the end of the year when there was no tomorrow.” Ultimately, Baylor is playing the same program as it did last year but not the same team. Starting for the Aggies are three ringed veterans, a junior transfer and a freshman. Seniors Tyra White, Adaora Eloni and Sydney Carter lack Danielle Adams and Sydney Colson from last year’s squad. Kelsey Bone transferred from South Carolina after her freshman season and sat out the entirety of last season due to NCAA rules. Saturday evening won’t be the first matchup between Griner and Bone, as they faced each other in high school AAU ball. “We were two big posts just going at it,” Griner said. “I’m looking forward to it.”

The point guard position belongs to freshman Alexia Standish. “Texas A&M is similar in the fact that they’ll play great defense,” Mulkey said. “The difference is that Bone isn’t like Adams. She doesn’t shoot the three that much. She’s more of a banger inside. They’re playing with a freshman point guard. They have had to find their own identity this year.” The Lady Bears find their identity on the defensive side of the ball. “Offense comes and goes but you can definitely rely on defense because it’s nothing but effort and hustle,” junior Destiny Williams said. “We have a great defensive team especially with our wings denying, and we have a 6’8” in [the paint] blocking shots so it makes it hard for our opponents to score.” Not only will this be a highly anticipated match-up with some classy jerseys; country music star Trace Adkins will be singing the National Anthem. Earlier this week Adkins admitted he had a crush on Mulkey when they were both student athletes at Louisiana Tech.

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