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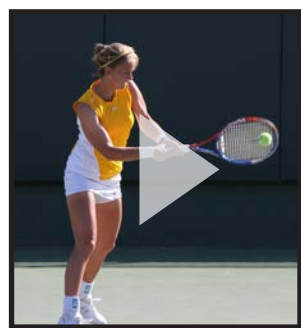


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Senior Sona Novakova returns the ball against Northwestern on Sunday at the Baylor Tennis Center. The Bears won 4-2.
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To the ballgame

Baylor baseball will play against Michigan State from 6:35 to 9:35 p.m. today at the Baylor Ballpark. Tickets can be bought in the box office of the Bill Daniel Student Center or online at baylorbears.com

History as we know it

The history department will continue its Charles Edmondson Historical Lectures at 3:30 p.m. today in 100 Morrison Hall. Dr. Donald J. Raleigh will speak on "Russia's Cold War Generation and the End of the Soviet Dream." This event is free and open to the public.



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Distemper virus threatens local dogs



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

A severe outbreak of distemper has been affecting the dog community at local shelters in Waco.

By ROB BRADFIELD
STAFF WRITER

No one adopting a puppy expects it to die after two weeks, but that is exactly what happened to several Baylor students.

Horseshoe Bay sophomore Lesley Lowry adopted a 6-month-old lab mix from the Humane Society of Central Texas at the beginning of the fall 2011 semester. Soon after she got it home, the dog became lethargic and began finding places to cower.

Several days later the dog was very clearly sick. It's nose was dry, oozing mucus and the dog was having trouble eating.

According to veterinarians, Lowry's dog was suffering from canine distemper — a highly contagious disease that can be fatal to unvaccinated dogs.

Lowry's story is not an isolated incident. According to Dr. LuAnn Ervin, owner of the Texas Animal Medical Center, the Waco area

has been in the grip of a canine distemper outbreak for nearly a year. Symptoms of distemper have been seen in dogs from across the area, and of different age groups.

The Texas Animal Medical Center normally sees no more than two or three cases each year, but last year's total neared 30.

This year Ervin has already treated six dogs with symptoms of distemper, and as the weather gets warmer and more humid she expects to see more.

"It's a viral infection, so the disease can spread like wildfire," Ervin said.

Canine distemper is an airborne disease and can be transmitted between dogs very easily through contact or simply sharing space.

Symptoms include fever, diarrhea, difficulty breathing, lethargy, dry nose, mucus from the eyes and nostrils, and jaw spasms called "chewing-gum fits." Treatments are available. Lowry spent

nearly \$400 on them, but there are limits to what veterinarians can do.

The best way to treat a dog with distemper, according to Kristen Dodson of the Hewitt Veterinary Hospital, is to make sure it doesn't get it in the first place.

"I'd really stress that everybody gets their pets vaccinated," Dodson said.

According to Ervin, the mortality rate for young dogs can be as high as 90 percent.

While puppies are the most likely to contract the disease, sick or old dogs are also at risk.

The best way to ensure containment is to isolate any new dogs for a short period before taking them out in public, and making sure all dogs are vaccinated.

"Everybody wants to see the new puppy, but it would be best not to take them out before getting them two or three vaccines,"

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Texas DPS says avoid Mexico for spring break

By LINDA WILKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Baylor Police Department urge students to avoid going to Mexico for spring break because of the increased violence in the country.

The Texas DPS issued a warning Tuesday about going to any part of Mexico, including resort areas.

Drug cartel violence and other criminal activity remains a significant safety threat in the country, despite progress made in battling those issues, DPS director Steven C. McCraw said in a press release.

"The Mexican government has made great strides battling the cartels, and we commend their continued commitment to making Mexico a safer place to live and visit," McCraw said.

Narcotics deals often lead to violence such as homicides, the release stated. It also said bars, nightclubs and resorts are "havens for drug dealers and petty criminals," and that resort areas have had an increase in rape and assault cases.

The Baylor Police support the Department of Public Safety's warning against traveling to the country, Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said.

In the first nine months of 2011, 12,900 people were killed in Mexico, Doak said.

"We are concerned for our students and we want all our students to return after spring break," Doak said.

Students thinking about going to Mexico should consider the dangers of their trip, even if they are staying in a resort area that was safe in the past, Doak said. He said all travelers must research their travel plans and make sure they know what they might be headed into.

"If they do go, there is nothing the police department can do about it," Doak said, referencing the decreased access to help that students may have in Mexico.

Doak said the slaughter in Mexico is "senseless" and students need to apply common sense at the highest level when considering going there. If students go, Doak said, they should leave their information with family and friends so someone can know where they are.

Waco senior Skyy Walton and New York senior Patricia Konowal were aware of the violence in Mexico but decided a cruise would avoid much of the problem by decreasing the amount of time they will spend on land, Walton said. She and Konowal will stop in Cozumel to visit the beaches, and then they will go to Progreso to visit the Mayan ruins.

Walton said her plans for staying safe are to stay in a big group and not go far inland. She said the ruins are the farthest they are going inland in Mexico.

"I am a little nervous about going to Mexico, but I think we'll be fine because we're going on a cruise," Walton said.



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Action on the field

Houston freshmen Will Lindsey and Amira Lewally keep their eyes on the ball during a game of soccer Tuesday at Bear Park.

Trombone player to compete against 1,000 others in Paris

By KAYLA REEVES
REPORTER

One Baylor freshman will play his trombone at an international competition in Paris this summer.

Niceville, Fla., freshman Stephen Farrell, a trombone major, is one of three finalists in the Gilberto Gagliardi Trombone Competition, an annual contest meant to find the best tenor trombone players age 18 and under.

The finalists will compete for further recognition at the International Trombone Festival on July 5 in Paris.

Associate professor of trombone Brent Phillips teaches Farrell, along with two other Baylor students who placed in other age groups of the Gagliardi competi-

tion, and one who got honorable mention in Farrell's age range.

Phillips said he encourages his students to compete and audition in order to test their skills.

Farrell beat out young musicians from all over the world in the Gagliardi competition by submitting a recorded solo piece with piano accompaniment.

Farrell said it took several months to practice the song — "Piece Concertante" by Samuel Rousseau — and find a pianist to accompany him.

He said he rented out Roxy Grove Hall from 8 p.m. to midnight two nights in a row and recorded his piece about 30 times.

"It's an enjoyable process," Farrell said. "You get a lot better by listening to all the recordings and

figuring out what you like and don't like about them."

Phillips said he knew Farrell had a good shot at winning because of his dedication.

"It's not always about who has the skill; it's who has the work ethic," Phillips said. "Stephen outworked everybody else. He's dedicated."

This summer, Farrell will play a new piece from memory in front of new judges, while being around "probably about 1,000 of the very best trombone players in the world," Phillips said.

"It's a lot more pressure," Farrell said. "I get one shot to play it."

But for now, with the competi-

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SAE, Baylor Activities Council to hold second Salsa Fest

By BRE NICHOLS
REPORTER

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Baylor Activities Council are teaming up to present the second annual Salsa Fest from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, which will feature a salsa-tasting contest, free food and live entertainment from a local cover band.

The event will take place in Traditions Plaza between the Bill Daniel Student Center and Carroll Science Building.

All funds raised at the event will benefit SAE's philanthropy, the local Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

The organization's website states its mission is to provide children with an after-

school program that gives them "a safe place to learn and grow — all while having fun."

This year, SAE decided to partner with the Baylor Activities Council in hopes of "expanding the event and making it bigger," said Sophia Cooper, a sophomore from Saratoga, Calif., and the program coordinator for BAC.

"We're going to have Nolan Pick and the Sawdust Junkies — a local cover band — free chips and salsa, free snow cones from Penguin Pete's, and you can't have a Baylor event without Dr Pepper," Cooper said.

Houston sophomores JC Rodriguez and John Reul served as Salsa Fest chairs to help plan this year's event.

Rodriguez, also the SAE philanthropy chair, said the fraternity liked the idea of having a salsa fest as a fundraiser, and this year it is hoping to engage more of the student population.

"After last year, we really wanted it to grow and get bigger so it could become a campuswide event," Rodriguez said. "Twenty teams participated last year and this year, we're hoping to have 30 to 35."

Twenty teams have already signed up to participate in this year's salsa contest, and more students have emailed wanting to sign up teams, he said.

Teams are allowed to have up to four members, and the entrance fee for each team is \$25.

Teams can sign up until noon Thursday by emailing JC_Rodriguez@baylor.edu.

"You come with the salsa already prepared, and then we will have four judges that will taste the salsa. And then teams will be placed in different categories such as spiciest, best overall, craziest or wackiest ingredient," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said he wants everyone to come out and enjoy themselves and to have "one last hurrah before spring break."

For more information, visit the Campus Program Center located in the SUB or email JC_Rodriguez@baylor.edu or Sophia_Cooper@baylor.edu.

Schools shouldn't have to make up for bad parenting

There comes a point in every teenager's life when everything, simply put, sucks. School, friends, parents and everything else seems to have a deliberate and vicious agenda against your happiness. Problems – emotional, physical and intellectual – abound as we try to figure out who we are.

As we enter adulthood, the goal is to become wiser, calmer, more logical and not so self-centered. Unfortunately the parents of Kathleen Mulvey in Orland Park, Ill., seemed to have missed that step.

Kathleen Mulvey was a student at Carl Sandburg High School, struggling to make her way like any other teenager on the face of the planet. Huffington Post reported that Mulvey endured “intense bullying” by other girls on the basketball team. Mulvey's



Ashley Davis | News editor

know. The bulk of my umbrage is directed towards the audacity of Mulvey's parents in suing the coach and the school instead of the other player's parents.

Mulvey's mother, Ellen, said in an interview with CBS Chicago, “The coach [Chris Hellrung] knew what was going on. He saw it on a daily basis; he heard it. If this is accurate, then Mulvey's parents also knew what was going on and were either too distracted or too lazy to stop it themselves.

As parents, it is their job to intervene when a situation has obviously gone too far, not the school. Mulvey's mother reported that Kathleen would come home depressed and would have trouble sleeping several nights at a time. These aren't symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder – these are symptoms of being a high school student. Heck, they're symptoms of life.

This is a matter of accountability. It's a matter of common sense on the part of the parents. There are several alternatives in this situation that would have saved Mulvey a lot of heartache and allowed Joseph and Ellen a little more pride as parents.

Every parent has their own way of preparing their children for the outside world. My mother always told me to either ignore it or duke it out in the playground with a dance-off when dealing with a bully.

I made up the dance-off part – my mother was a little more frank with her word choice. But I digress. My point is that Mulvey's parents seemed to have missed addressing that crucial part of parenting.

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WKU set unfair social media policy

Editorial

If you're a student at Western Kentucky University, you criticize your school using social media and the university doesn't like it, tough luck.

Western Kentucky has come under scrutiny for its social media policy, which could lead to students being disciplined for saying disparaging marks about the university.

The student handbook reads “accessible communications deemed inappropriate may lead to disciplinary action.”

Western Kentucky's student newspaper, the College Heights Herald, highlighted the policy after the university asked Twitter to shut down an account called @PimpRansdell, which parodied university president Gary Ransdell.

After the account's founder made adjustments to the account, including uploading a new photo that censored Ransdell's face and changing the description to say

“This is a parody account. Not affiliated with Dr. Ransdell or WKU,” the account was reactivated.

While the university said the account was deactivated for trademark infringement and not the fact that it was a parody site, the account was still shut down as part of Western Kentucky's efforts to monitor its students' social media usage.

We question Western Kentucky's stance on social media and believe it could set a restrictive precedent for students. It could even be unconstitutional.

Adam Goldstein, attorney advocate with the Student Press Law Center, told the Herald that Western Kentucky's policy violates the Constitution and cannot be enforced as long as Western Kentucky is a public university.

“As long as the word ‘inappropriate’ is there, that just means we're going to punish whatever we don't like, and as the government you positively cannot do that ever,” Goldstein said.

Regardless of the constitutionality of Western Kentucky's

social media policy, such a policy defeats one of the purposes of college. Students are supposed to think critically, and sometimes that involves criticizing one's own institution in hopes of enacting change.

At Baylor, we acknowledge we attend a private university and could be subject to restrictive social media policies. We can only hope that Baylor does not enact such a policy.

Of course there is responsibility. Sometimes it's obvious that a criticism or parody contains vulgarity, such as one of @PimpRansdell's tweets that read, “I will only be happy with 3D TVs when they start making 3D porn.”

The aforementioned tweet clearly had no critical value, but what happens if a profanity-laced comment was intended to be analytical? Ask WKU senior Josh Newman, who had to go in front of Western Kentucky Judicial Affairs for Twitter comments he made on the night of Jan. 5. Newman made “vulgar comments,” according to the Herald, about WKU's athletics director, Ross

Bjork. Newman urged Bjork to fire the men's basketball coach, Ken McDonald.

The tweets are no longer visible on Newman's Twitter feed, but Newman did tweet to Bjork on Jan. 6, “I'm sorry for the tone of my tweets last night, not for their content. I believe in you as an AD, but Ken has to go.”

Coincidentally, McDonald was fired that day.

Western Kentucky is right about one thing. As the university's executive vice president of the Student Government Association, Kendrick Bryan, told the Herald, “WKU students need to watch themselves, be more careful. Employers and others view those accounts.”

But if students are willing to put themselves on the Internet and criticize their university, they should have that right. No matter how critical students are of their universities on any given issue, they can and should say what's on their minds.

Otherwise, those students aren't really using their minds at all.

Letters to the editor should be no more than 300 words and should include the writer's name, hometown, major, graduation year, phone number and student identification number. Non-student writers should include their address. Letters that focus on an issue affecting students or faculty may be considered for a guest column at the editor's discretion.

All submissions become the property of The Baylor Lariat. The Lariat reserves the right to edit letters for grammar, length, libel and style. Letters should be emailed to Lariat_Letters@baylor.edu.

Lariat Letters: UC Davis editorial misinformed

In the Lariat's editorial “Police Shouldn't Pepper Spray Peaceful Protesters” published last Thursday, the author reflected a poor knowledge of the true facts surrounding the event at UC Davis, instead repeating the false rhetoric so widely circulated by the Occupy Movement.

The article states, “The videos show a sickening display of unnecessary police force against a group of students simply expressing their views.” That is dreadfully misleading. Take note of this brief overview of the actual events that occurred at UC Davis.

The day before, Nov. 17, campus police sent out emails and warned students that all tents on campus would be removed the next day. UC Davis is fully within its rights to ban students from camping out in the middle of campus for obvious health and safety

reasons. On Nov. 18, hundreds of students ran around the university in the name of “free speech,” banging on classroom doors and screaming, “We are the 99 percent!” Causing as much of a disruption as possible, the protesters eventually gathered in the field, where, as they had warned, the police began confiscating the tents and arresting only the students who refused to leave their tents.

In the video, we then see hundreds of protesters surround the police completely, screaming “F*** the police.” They begin making demands, threatening, “We will not let you leave unless you let our friends go.” The circle refuses to part, trapping the officers inside of hundreds of screaming students.

The actual event depicted in the popular picture took place as a police car tried to get to the scene to

take the arrested students away. The students refused to move, blocking the car outside and the police inside their circle. An officer spoke to the students in the way, telling them directly that unless they let the police car through, they would be pepper-sprayed. After multiple warnings, the students responded with cheers and anger.

Surrounding the police and threatening them was not “a simple expression of views.” The police were trying to leave the scene – but the students trapped them, knowing exactly that they would be able to manipulate the public to believe exactly the position of the Lariat's article.

— Danny Huizinga Lombard, Ill., senior

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Republican presidential candidate and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, celebrates with his wife, Karen, at his election night rally Tuesday at Steubenville High School in Steubenville, Ohio.

Rick Santorum gains ground in Super Tuesday primaries

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Rick Santorum and Mitt Romney split six states and duelled for supremacy in Ohio on a Super Tuesday that stretched from one end of the country to the other in the most turbulent Republican presidential race in a generation.

Santorum broke through in primaries in Oklahoma and Tennessee and in the North Dakota caucuses. Romney had a home-state win in Massachusetts to go with victories in Vermont and Virginia.

Ohio was the marquee match-up of the night, a second industrial state showdown in as many weeks for the two rivals. Of all the Super Tuesday states, it drew the most campaigning and television advertisements, and for good reason—no Republican has ever won the White House without carrying the state in the fall.

With votes tallied in 77 percent of the state’s precincts, Santorum was winning 38 percent of the vote to 37 for Romney, 15 percent for Newt Gingrich and 9 percent for Ron Paul.

Gingrich had a victory in his column - his first win in more than six weeks. He triumphed at home in Georgia, but had to share the delegates.

Paul pinned his hopes on Idaho and Alaska as he scratched for his

first victory of the campaign season.

Whatever the outcome in Ohio, Romney was on track to pad his lead in the hunt for delegates to the Republican National Convention. Not surprisingly, he focused on the delegate chase.

“This is a process of gathering enough delegates to become the nominee, and I think we’re on track to have that happen,” he told reporters as he arrived home in Massachusetts to vote in the primary.

Later, he told supporters, “I’m going to get this nomination.”

Yet Santorum’s multiple victories, coupled with Gingrich’s win, provided fresh evidence that Romney’s conservative rivals retain the ability to outpoll him in certain parts of the country despite his huge organizational and financial advantages.

Santorum waited until Oklahoma and Tennessee fell into his column before speaking to cheering supporters in Ohio.

“We’re going to win a few. We’re going to lose a few. But as it looks right now, we’re going to get a couple of gold medals and a whole passel of silver,” he said.

In all, there were primaries in Virginia, Vermont, Ohio, Massachusetts, Georgia, Tennessee and Oklahoma. Caucuses in North Dakota, Idaho and Alaska rounded out the calendar.

Some 419 delegates were at

stake in the 10 states.

Romney picked up at least 129 delegates during the evening, Santorum 47, Gingrich 42 and Paul at least 10.

That gave the former Massachusetts governor 332, more than all his rivals combined, including endorsements from members of the Republican National Committee who automatically attend the convention and can support any candidate they choose.

Santorum had 139 delegates, Gingrich 75 and Paul 35. It takes 1,144 delegates to win the nomination at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., this summer.

In interviews as voters left their polling places, Republicans in state after state said the economy was the top issue and an ability to defeat Obama was what mattered most as they made their Super Tuesday choices.

They also indicated nagging concerns about the candidate they supported, even in Massachusetts. There, one-third of all primary voters said they had reservations, and about three-quarters of those voted for Romney.

Massachusetts is a reliably Democratic state in most presidential elections, but in Ohio, 41 percent of primary voters said they, too, had reservations about the candidate they supported. No Republican has ever won the White House without capturing Ohio.

FBI offers \$1 million for safe return of missing agent

By ERIC TUCKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — FBI Director Robert Mueller made a personal plea Tuesday for the safe return of a former FBI agent who vanished in Iran five years ago, announcing a \$1 million reward for information leading to his location and recovery.

The reward, coupled with a new publicity campaign across southwest Asia, represents the latest high-profile effort by the FBI to determine Robert Levinson’s whereabouts.

The private investigator, who spent more than two decades with the FBI, disappeared from the Iranian island of Kish. Friday marks the five-year anniversary of his disappearance.

“We in the FBI are working every day to bring your husband, your father and your grandfather back home to you,” Mueller said at a news conference announcing the reward, standing against a backdrop of dozens of current and former FBI agents.

The case has increasingly frustrated investigators, who have relied unsuccessfully on evolving strategies — including diplomacy and the public release of a proof-of-life video — in hopes of finding Levinson.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced last March that Levinson was alive and called on Iran to help, and U.S. officials met privately with members of the Iranian government to discuss the case.

The family in December released a video, received in November 2010 in an email from an unknown address, showing a haggard Levinson pleading for help.

The short video generated enormous publicity but no concrete leads, and no captor followed up with any demands.

Mueller’s attendance at the



Christine Levinson, wife of former FBI agent Robert Levinson, joined by FBI Director Robert Mueller, left, and Washington Field Office Assistant Director in Charge James McJunkin, speaks on Tuesday during a news conference in Washington.

event as well as the \$1 million reward was intended to focus renewed public attention on a 5-year-old disappearance.

Clinton called Levinson’s return a “priority” in a statement Tuesday, and called on the Iranian government to help secure his return.

Levinson’s family has said he was there investigating cigarette smuggling for a corporate client.

He spent one night in a hotel, meeting a fugitive named Dawud Salahuddin, a man wanted for the slaying of an Iranian diplomat in the United States in 1980. He checked out of his hotel and vanished.

James McJunkin, the assistant director in charge of the FBI’s Washington field office, said investigators have reason to believe Levinson is still alive, and that there are indications he’s being held along the borders of Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan.

Still, the U.S. still has not identified the kidnappers or captors.

“We just haven’t had that last perfect hint or clue that’s allowed us to bring him home,” McJunkin said.

Levinson, who turns 64 on Saturday, has diabetes and also has been diagnosed with hypertension, McJunkin said.

“There are no words to describe the nightmare my family and I have been living every day,” said Levinson’s wife, Christine, who also attended the news conference. “I never imagined that we would still be waiting for Bob to come home five years later.”

Christine Levinson said she still held out hope that her husband would be rescued, like the two Western hostages safely recovered in Somalia in January by a Navy SEALs team.

“I look forward to the day when the president calls me with the same good news that Bob has been found and is coming home,” she said.

The publicity campaign includes billboards, radio messages and flyers, primarily in Pakistan and Afghanistan, as well as a telephone tip line allowing callers to confidentially provide information.

McJunkin acknowledged that a reward of this size was unusual for an FBI investigation, but said, “What we’re trying to do is underline the importance this case has to the FBI,” he said.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the FBI at <https://tips.fbi.gov>.

Baylor Law defeats self in competition

By MALLORY HISLER
REPORTER

Baylor Law School beat out Baylor Law School in a recent American Association for Justice Regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition. The law school sent two teams to the regional competition last Thursday to Sunday in Dallas, where they both knocked out 14 other teams to make it to the final round and ended up competing against each other for the title of regional champion.

The team consisting of Ben Yelverton, Akilah Craig, George Cowden and Justin Fowles were the winners of the competition and will advance to the association’s national competition later this month in Las Vegas.

The Baylor team that came in second was made up of law students Michael Bristow, Leah Maxwell, Stephen Netherton and Blayne Thompson.

Between the two four-member teams, only one student had previously competed in mock trial.

“This is definitely an unusual group,” Jim Wren, associate professor of law and one of the team’s faculty coaches, said.

Wren, who coached a national championship team in 2007 and a national semi-finalist team in 2009, said this made the groups’ success even more impressive.

While many schools have seasons filled with other trial competitions that help prepare their competitors for events such as regionals, Bay-

lor’s preparation is quite different, Wren said.

“We basically put together a team for a specific competition,” Wren said. “They don’t necessarily have experience before that.”

Kathy Serr, the law school’s advocacy program coordinator, said the low number of returning participants is not because of disinterest in the competition, but rather finding the time to participate.

“It’s not a problem of retention,” Serr said. “We don’t allow our first-year law students to compete in external competitions because we want to give them time to adjust from being an undergraduate to being a law student.”

Serr said that while some get the chance to participate in the latter part of their second year, many do not get to until their third and final year at law school, after they have gone through Baylor’s rigorous practice court.

In order to prepare the team for the mock trial competitions, the coaches have Baylor Law School alumni help out.

“To prepare for the competitions, they have been put in front of Baylor trial lawyer [alumni] to help critique them,” he said. “We have taken them to the federal court in Tyler and down to Austin.”

The mock trials usually deal with a specific type of case.

“AAJ’s mock trial cases are always civil cases and tend to deal with products liability, personal injury or medical malpractice/negligence issues,” the American As-

sociation for Justice website states.

Mock trials are generally thought of as a practical way to prepare law students for trial law.

Teams will be judged on their skills in case preparation, opening statements, use of facts, the examination of lay and expert witnesses and closing arguments.

The team that wins the national competition, held March 22-25, will receive an all-inclusive trip to the American Association for Justice annual convention in Chicago.

Each of the members will also get a \$2,000 scholarship, courtesy of the Melvin M. Belli Society.

This is the second competition win for Baylor Law School mock trial teams this year. Late last month, two teams — including Chaille Graft Walraven, Joel Townner, Mark Walraven and Steven Lopez — competed in the national trial competition, where they won all 10 trials they participated in and advanced to finals.

The law school’s moot court teams have also enjoyed success at competitions this year.

In February, one team won the National Security Law Moot Court Competition and a second team advanced to the semi-finals, a third team garnered a win at the Elliot Cup and a fourth team won the American Bar Association Moot Court Regional Competition.

Baylor Law also won the Transnational Law Meet Midwest Regional February in its first time participating at the competition.

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Most affected are dogs caged within close proximity to each other at shelters such as the Humane Society of Central Texas, located on Circle Road.

Ervin said.

According to Gina Ford, Humane Society director, it’s standard procedure for shelters to vaccinate. However, vaccines also won’t work on animals that have already contracted the disease.

Since it can take between two and three weeks for dogs to start showing symptoms, dogs can pass through shelters without anyone knowing they’re sick.

“We would never knowingly send out an animal with distem-

per,” Ford said. “That’s cruel for the animal as well as the adopter.”

Although the Humane Society vaccinates every dog for distemper, due to the volume of dogs it gets each week it can sometimes take several days for a dog to receive all the required vaccines.

During an outbreak, even a short exposure can be enough for an unvaccinated dog to contract the disease.

The Humane Society is working to curb the number of cases and

has changed its vaccination policy in response.

“We will be vaccinating all animals, starting April first, on immediate intake,” Ford said.

For Lowry, this all came too late. Veterinarians had to euthanize her dog when it became apparent that it wasn’t improving.

The Humane Society offered to give her another dog free of charge, but Lowry said she won’t be getting a new dog any time soon.

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tion still a few months away, Farrell said he is more excited than nervous.

Still, overcoming performance anxiety is something all musicians generally have to practice, he said, adding that this is the biggest issue for performers, second to their actual skill.

“You have to learn how to focus that energy to make yourself perform better instead of losing focus,” he said.

Farrell said he practices about 30 hours a week —more than the

three hours a day that Phillips requires — and is now starting to work on the new piece for the Paris competition.

Phillips said he is very proud of Farrell, and humbled and honored to teach such talented students.

But he can’t take much credit, he said.

“I feel like I’ve instilled in them a strong work ethic and given them the tools, but they’ve been the ones to show a tenacious effort and zeal, and they deserve the credit,” Phillips said.

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Baylor study analyzes role of modern gaming

By CANDY RENDON
REPORTER

Are virtual sports more enticing to video gamers than actual athletics? Are the graphical elements in those games the reason for that?

Dr. Daniel Shafer, assistant professor in the department of communication studies, film and digital media division, and his team of graduate students ask these questions and more with their current video game study.

Ending this week, the study, which started four weeks ago, examine student responses to a specific genre of video games. With “Madden NFL 2012” and “NBA 2K11,” the research looks at the believability factor of sports video games.

Shafer says the students sign up for a research session voluntarily. They come to the lab, play a video game and then answer questions about their emotional reactions with the game as a whole.

The questionnaire measures players’ perceptions of how much suspense they felt, player perceptions of their own individual skill set at the game, to what degree they felt they had a sense of spatial presence (actually being in the game world) and social presence (being with other actual beings in the game) and their enjoyment of the game experience.

Shafer also said that gamers of all experience levels could have participated with the conducted research.

“The reason for this,” Shafer said, “is that A: a sufficiently large population of gamers is very difficult to find and B: we need pure reactions to games as well as reactions from experienced players.”

Waco resident and master’s candidate Jenna Ables is working with Shafer to help with the student volunteers. She said that games have advanced with time.

“Video game research is important to media studies as it encompasses many of the current trends that are happening in the current state of media,” Ables said. “Video games are influencing the way media consumers are interacting with TV, movies, the Internet and media in general.”

Whether the students participating are novice or expert players, the data supports enough information for Shafer and his team of

graduate student conducting the lab work for observations. A more general phenomenon is likely to occur with a broad range of student gamers rather than as limited to experienced gamers.

Based on previous research done by Shafer in the past, the study is evaluating the following hypotheses (educated predictions):

Hypothesis 1: Players with a higher level of fandom for the sport they are playing will experience greater enjoyment than those with a lower level of fandom.

Hypothesis 2: Players who win the game will experience greater enjoyment than those who lose.

Hypothesis 3: Outcome will be a moderator between fandom and enjoyment.

Hypothesis 4: Perceived suspense will be a significant, positive predictor of enjoyment of a sports video game.

Hypothesis 5: Both spatial and social presence will be a significant, positive predictor of enjoyment of sports video games.

Shafer goes into the specific details about why his work with video game research studies is so important.

“A lot of people care about this stuff more than they might realize,” Shafer said. “More and more people are spending more of their

time playing games, and the overwhelming question is, ‘Is that a bad thing or a good thing?’”

There is research and writing that supports both perspectives, but how do some of the students who participated in the study feel about it all?

“Today, I realized I don’t much care for ‘NBA

2K11,” Houston sophomore Drew Kayle said. “But hopefully I was able to provide enough help. I can only assume that my hour spent with a controller in hand is a valuable resource towards pushing the limits of modern science.”

Shafer said games can be self-destructive, but on the other side they can provide users with endless possibilities for good as well.

“There is research that notes the dangers of game addiction,” Shafer said.

Games can be a testing ground for new and innovative problem-solving techniques. They can be used for team-building exercises. They can be used as teaching tools or they can just be a way to relieve some stress. Either way, Baylor has Shafer and his team of students to question the role one of the most popular forms of entertainment media today.



DAVID LI | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Trannie Stevens

McGregor sophomore and Uproar Records artist Trannie Stevens performed at her EP Release Party at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

Cameron criticized for anti-gay remarks

By FRANK LOVECE
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

NEW YORK — Tracey Gold and Alan Thicke, who played Kirk Cameron’s sister and father on the 1980s sitcom “Growing Pains,” have joined the chorus of performers taking exception to their castmate’s anti-gay comments.

Gold, a long-married mom of four, tweeted Sunday, “I am a strong supporter of the #LGBT Community, and I believe in equal rights for all!”

Thicke, after first tweeting Sun-

day that, “I’ll address kirk’s comments as soon as I recover from rush limbaugh’s,” wrote Monday afternoon that he was “getting (Cameron) some new books. The Old Testament simply can’t be expected to explain everything.”

Cameron, 41 — a born-again Christian who has starred in faith-based movies and co-founded the Bellflower, Calif.-based evangelical ministry The Way of the Master in 2002 — told CNN’s Piers Morgan on Friday that being gay is “detrimental,” “unnatural” and “ultimately destructive to so many of the foundations of civilization.”

He said if one of his children were to come out as gay, “I’m going to say, ‘There are all sorts of issues we need to wrestle through in our life. Just because you feel one way doesn’t mean we should act on everything we feel.’”

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) immediately responded, calling Cameron “dated” and “out of step.” And the remarks sent numerous celebrities to Twitter to vent their feelings.

Roseanne Barr wrote on Sunday, “kirk or kurt or whatever cameron is an accomplice to murder

with his hate speech.” Debra Messing, acknowledging Cameron’s right to his beliefs, said, “I can’t be forced to be tolerant of intolerance. I find his words hurtful and ‘destructive’ — but yes; free speech.”

“Modern Family” star Jesse Tyler Ferguson wrote, “The only unnatural thing about me being gay is that I had a crush on Kirk Cameron until about 24 hours ago.”

As for Morgan, TMZ reported that the talk-show host said Cameron was brave for sticking to what he believes, even if most people find his views to be “antiquated.”

A&E Brief

Moontower Comedy & Oddity Festival:

Moontower Comedy & Oddity Festival announced Tuesday its updated comic lineup, with additions including Dana Gould, Marc Maron, Bil Dwyer, and the comics of Theme Park.

Dana Gould is perhaps best known for his TV work, including “The Simpsons,” “Family Guy” and frequent appearances on the comedy talk show “Real Time with Bill Maher,” which airs on HBO.

This is the first annual Moontower Comedy & Oddity Festival and it is taking place April 25 to 28 in Austin.

FUN TIMES

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 - 5 Merry
 - 11 One doing serious crunching in 29-Down
 - 14 Perturb
 - 15 Hang on a clothesline
 - 16 One of a swiveled pair
 - 17 1981 Richard Pryor film
 - 19 Sit-_: protests
 - 20 Ancient Greek theater
 - 21 Merry old king
 - 22 In a funk
 - 23 Managed
 - 24 Band whose frontman passes through the audience in a plastic bubble, with “The”
 - 27 Typical “Twilight” fan
 - 28 Billy of “Titanic”
 - 29 Daisylike blooms
 - 32 Pipe dream
 - 36 Bartlett, e.g.
 - 37 Distress signal
 - 38 Pop
 - 39 Chew out
 - 42 Chic
 - 44 “How steak is done” sauce
 - 45 Like a battery needing a charge
 - 46 “Everything but” item
 - 50 “Don’t _”: 2005 R&B hit
 - 53 Dull discomfort
 - 54 Chess ending
 - 55 Cultural values
 - 57 King of Spain
 - 58 Jolly Roger fliers
 - 60 The word, as suggested by the saying formed by the ends of this puzzle’s four longest answers
 - 61 Cab rider-to-be
 - 62 Sheltered, at sea
 - 63 Mimic
 - 64 Lover of Tristan
 - 65 Student’s stressor

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Answers at www.baylorlariat.com — McClatchy-Tribune

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- 4 Choir member
- 5 “The Brady Bunch” girl
- 6 Tin Woodman’s saving grace
- 7 Auto race noise
- 8 Puts on a pedestal
- 9 Arms supply
- 10 Caustic substance
- 11 It’s measured in alarms
- 12 Man cave hanging
- 13 Church areas
- 18 Suss out
- 22 Leading a charmed life
- 25 Guitar great Paul
- 26 Novel-sounding beast
- 27 Outdoor dining spot
- 29 Busy month for 11-Acrosses
- 30 Notice
- 31 Percussive dance
- 32 Homer call?

- 33 Charged particle
- 34 Like 2011, e.g.
- 35 Anti’s cry
- 37 Plot outline
- 40 “Delightful!”
- 41 Causes of pallors
- 42 Phil Rizzuto’s number
- 43 Fall implements
- 45 Tried to lose, in a way
- 46 Fate
- 47 Freeze, as a road
- 48 Herb in a bouquet garni
- 49 Slot in a stable
- 50 Country that’s nearly 25 times as long as its average width
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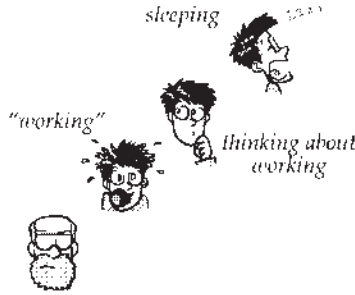
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An Introduction to QUANTUM Gradnamics

Another principal concept in Quantum Gradnamics is the observation that graduate students do not move toward graduation in a steady and continuous manner. Rather, they make progress through discrete bursts of random productivity called “wanta” (short for “want data”) whose energy is proportional to the frequency of meetings with their advisor.

Grad students, or “p-ons” as Einstein called them, can only occupy a discrete number of energy states:



“I discard all hope of predicting hitherto unpredictable quantities, such as my graduation.”

— Werner Heisenberg

A direct consequence of this is the “Heisenberg Uncertain-Thesis Principle”, perhaps the most well-known theorem of Quantum Gradnamics. Developed by Heisenberg during a particularly unproductive period in his graduate career, the principle states that it is not possible to know where a grad student is and where it is going at the same time:

no idea what they are doing × no idea what they’re doing with the rest of their lives > Normal amount of Uncertainty

When probed under pressure, a grad student will either blurt out what they are doing (but won’t know if it means anything), or they will blurt out what they plan to do (but won’t know how to do it). Simply put, there is an inherent degree of certainty and precision that is missing from their everyday life.

Heisenberg attributed this to the fact that meetings with professors are non-communicative (that is, the order in which orders are given doesn’t tell you whether they are worth doing).

Big Shoes to Fill

Football begins spring drills with 10-3 record, Heisman in rearview

By TYLER ALLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Baylor football left the Alama-dome field victorious on Dec. 30, 2011. The team returned the field Tuesday for the first time since to begin spring practice.

"It's just fun to back on the field. 6:30 workouts every morn-ing get kind of old," senior quar-terback Nick Florence said. "Let's get out on the field and toss the ball around. It's a game and it's fun, and that's why we all do it because we have a blast doing it."

With Robert Griffin III headed to the NFL, the focus of the Bears for next fall is on the quarterback position. Florence is currently slat-ed to be the starter for the Bears.

"We're grateful and thankful for everything Robert did for Bay-lor University and Baylor football in general," head coach Art Briles said. "We're happy for his journey, proud of his journey, excited about his journey in the NFL. It's a pro-cess. Your kids grow up and you don't want to keep them around the house until they're 28 or [29] I don't think. Tap them on the rear end and say, 'Y'all get out there and see if you can make it on your own.'"

Next season will not be the first time Florence has taken snaps

for the Bears. When Griffin went down with his knee injury in 2009, Florence came in and started sev-en games, passing for 1,786 yards and six touchdowns. He also came in for Griffin in the second half against Texas Tech and passed for 151 yards and two touchdowns.

"It's huge. It's confidence build-ing right there," he said. "I know I can do it. I've done it before. I've done it for four years now. Physi-cally I've matured from 2009. So I'm excited. All the puzzle pieces are falling into place."

Briles said Florence and sopho-

"I've not been handed the keys, and I don't want it to be that way. I want to go out and compete..."

Nick Florence | Quarterback

more Bryce Petty both have a shot at starting quarterback; Florence is receiving the edge right now due to his experience.

"Bryce is going to do a great job," Florence said. "We're going to compete for it. I've not been hand-ed the keys, and I don't want it to be that way. I want to go out and

compete for the job and make us both better."

The Bears lost another big se-nior in running back Terrance Ganaway, who set a school record by rushing for 1,547 yards and 21 touchdowns. Three running backs will look to take his place: senior Jarred Salubi, junior Glasco Martin and sophomore Lache Seastrunk.

Another big hit for Baylor came in the receiving corps with the de-parture of Kendall Wright. Wright set multiple school records in re-ceiving and was the main target for Griffin.

"I feel like it will be a more spread-the-wealth type thing," se-nior receiver Lanear Sampson said. "You know we had Kendall for four years. He's kind of been that guy. But now, me and Terrance [Wil-liams] have played. Tevin Reese have played a lot. We need some young guys to come up and take some playing time."

The offensive line will go through some transition as former center Philip Blake graduated and headed for the NFL. Briles said senior Ivory Wade could take the starting center position.

"He's smart. He's fast. He's ex-perience. Got good hand-eye co-ordination. And he's skilled," Briles said. "He fits everything we're looking for. And to us that's one of



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 11 quarterback Nick Florence looks for a way around Texas Tech players on Nov. 26, 2011, at Cowboy Stadium in Dallas. Baylor beat Texas Tech 66-42. Florence looks to replace Robert Griffin III as starting quarterback.

the more important positions on the offensive side of the ball. He's a guy that's been in the grind a little bit. He understands the game and we'll see what he can do."

The defense will begin its sec-ond season under coordinator Phil Bennett.

"We've been more comfortable than we were last year, even at the end of the season," junior nick-el-back Ahmad Dixon said. "We feel a whole lot better than we did going into the bowl game. We're con-fident and ready to roll."

The squad remains largely the

same, as the only departing seniors were defensive tackles Nicolas Jean-Baptiste and Tracy Robert-son, and linebacker Elliot Coffey.

Seniors Kaeron Johnson and Nick Johnson look to replace the defensive tackles. The middle line-backer position is in flux, as soph-omore Bryce Hager and junior LeQuinc McCall could take the spot, as well as junior college trans-fer Eddie Lackey from Riverside Community College in California.

The Bears are dealing with a number of injuries heading into spring practice. Junior defensive

end Tevin Elliot could miss the entire spring with a knee injury, as could fellow defensive end, senior Gary Mason Jr, with a shin injury.

Senior guard Cameron Kauf-hold is out with a shoulder injury, and senior cornerback Chance Casey is out following knee sur-gery.

Spring practice is scheduled for March 6, 8, 19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 30, 31, April 3, 5, 10, 12, 13 and 14.

"The great thing about it is in the spring you can put your prac-tices and have open days in be-tween them," Briles said.

No. 15 softball takes both games of doubleheader

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Lady Bears bounced back from a rough weekend in Or-lando to sweep its doubleheader with Louisiana Tech 3-1 and 3-1.

The first game started out rough for Baylor with a pair of er-rors committed. However, no runs were scored.

"Defensively that was probably the worst outing for the first couple innings that we have had all year," head coach Glenn Moore said. "I think it's probably pressing a little bit, feeling you have to do more than you really have to instead of just playing that game. That's usu-ally what happens knowing the adversity you face getting more ground balls without Whitney Canion. I think we have to just en-joy that."

In the bottom of the first, se-nior right fielder Kayce Walker led off by running out a grounder to shortstop, and junior center fielder Kathy Shelton walked.

Senior third baseman Megan Turk stepped up to the plate and smashed a single to left field, scor-ing Walker and Shelton.

The following inning Baylor would add another run off a sac fly by Shelton to make the score 3-0.

From then on the Lady Bears could not seem to string a set of hits together. Louisiana Tech got on the scoreboard with an earned run in the top of the fifth.

Junior right-handed pitcher Courtney Repka got the win for the Lady Bears, pitching five in-nings and allowing five hits, walk-ing three and striking out one.

Sophomore right-handed pitch-er Liz Paul entered the circle in the sixth and got the save, allowing only one hit.

"Courtney was doing a great job," Turk said. "She kept getting on top of her count so I think that was definitely motivational for us. And we just tried to stay in it."

Paul remained in the circle for the second game, one that took a while for either team to get on the scoreboard.

She got the win with six innings pitched, allowing one earned run and one walk and striking out one.

Repka came in and got the save in the top of the seventh going three up, three down.

In the bottom of the fourth the

Lady Bears went back to the dug-out stranding three base runners after recording a trio of hits.

Baylor finally found a way home due to a suicide squeeze by sophomore left fielder Shelbi Red-fearn, scoring two Lady Bears.

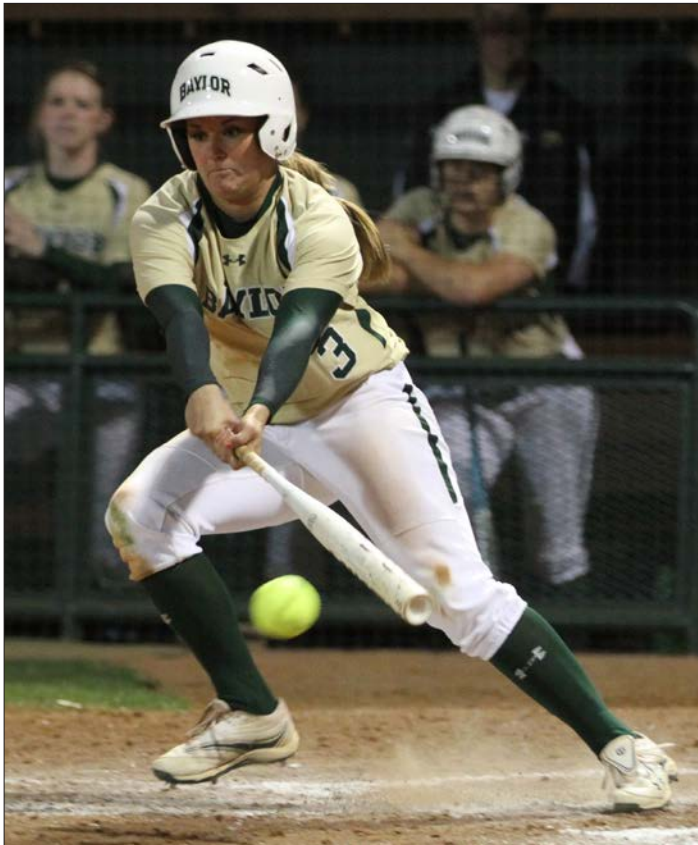
"I feel like everyone was see-ing the ball well and feeding off each other, kind of passing the bat," Shelton said. "I just feel like we were swinging the bat well."

Louisiana Tech answered in the top of the sixth with a run off a single to left-center field.

The Lady Bears added insur-ance in the bottom of the sixth af-ter a leadoff triple by junior catcher Kelsi Kettler, the first of her career.

Freshman shortstop Jordan Strickland would knock her in with a sacrifice fly to center field.

"I thought we really just had the best two games offensively, although we didn't put up a lot of runs," Moore said. "Our at-bat after at-bat was quality and being aggressive in the zone. We hit so many right at them, especially the first game, that you know eventually it is going to go your way. I was pretty happy with our offensive performance for the first time in a long time."



MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 3 senior outfielder Kayce Walker hits the ball against Louisiana Tech on Tuesday at Gettman Stadium. The Bears celebrated a 3-1 victory.

Baseball loses late to TCU

By CHRIS DERRETT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Baylor's bullpen lost con-trol late in Tuesday night's game against TCU, and the Bears fell, 9-4. Junior Colt Browder took the loss after allowing two costly walks that helped the Horned Frogs grab an eighth-inning lead they would not lose.

Baylor entered the bottom of the eighth ahead 4-3 but surren-dered six runs in the frame.

After striking out the leadoff hitter, the Bears allowed four con-secutive walks that included two from Browder and brought home the tying run.

Junior Nick Wright, whose walk let TCU tie the game at four, later gave up a 2-RBI single and hit back-to-back batters, the first of which loaded the bases and the second of which gave the Horned Frogs a 7-4 advantage.

TCU managed a dubious honor

despite grabbing the win, tying an NCAA team single game record with 10 hit batters.


With Baylor's three hit batters, Tuesday's game set a new NCAA record of combined hit batters. The previous record was 12 when South Florida (8 hit batters) faced Central Florida (4) on April 1, 2008.

The Bears briefly took a 4-3 lead in the top of the seventh. Ju-nior Josh Ludy drove in the first of three runs in the inning with an RBI-groundout, junior Logan Vick drilled an RBI-double and fresh-man Michael Howard reached on a throwing error that allowed Vick to score.

Ludy finished the game with two RBI and is tied for second on the team in batting average at .327.

The Bears next face Michigan State (4-6) today at 7:35 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark. The Spartans were swept by Texas A&M last weekend in a three game series.

Tweets about men's basketball's new uniforms



Baylor released its new adizero uniforms Tuesday for the Big 12 Champion-ships. Here are some of your tweets.

@thekuhlness — *neon yellow and zebra? What is this? The 80's?*

@abisnab — *I think they're hideous. It seems weird that we wouldn't wear our tra-ditional colors in the tournament when we're most visible.*


@T_Prehn — *not traditional. Sort of an eye-sore. #gobackto-GreenandGold*

@hkkirch — *i like the black ones, but the all-neon is a little much. and i love neon. #yikes*

@Lizzy_Joyce — *I'm going to need to wear sunglasses when I watch them play now.*

@NathanMc — *"And win all our victories for the Ne! On! Greeeeen!" just doesn't have the same ring to it.*

Follow us on Twitter @bulariat for live updates on games during the Big 12 tournament.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Serve, return, keep on rolling

Junior Roberto Maytin returns the ball during a tennis match against Maryland Tuesday at Hurd Tennis Center. Baylor men's tennis extended its winning streak to four matches with a 5-2 victory over Maryland. Maytin and Mate Zsiga upset the 36th-ranked doubles pair, Maros Horny and John Collins, 9-8.

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