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# Baseball gains national recognition

By GREG DEVRIES  
SPORTS WRITER

"Others receiving votes." That's where the Baylor baseball team was in the rankings to begin the season. A record of 35-7, including 24 straight wins, has changed the minds of voters around the country.

Collegiate Baseball Newspaper ranked Baylor the No. 1 team in the country Monday, in a first-place tie with the Kentucky Wildcats. This marks the first time in program history that baseball has earned the nation's top ranking.

The team is also ranked No. 3 by Baseball America and Perfect Game, and No. 4 by USA Today/ESPN. This was due in large part to the recent three-game sweep of then-No. 2 Texas A&M University and the 24-game winning streak.

"I don't try to explain it. We didn't win 24 straight. We won a game 24 times," head coach Steve Smith said. "The guys are just playing. I don't have to explain it."

The first game of the series took place Friday in College Station. With the Bears down by one run in the top of the eighth inning, sophomore second baseman Lawton Langford hit an RBI single down the left field line. With two



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

The Baylor baseball team celebrates its 24th straight win with a Sic' Em on Sunday after a 7-5 win against Texas A&M. The team has been recognized by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper, Baseball America, Perfect Game and USA Today/ESPN.

outs, junior center fielder Logan Vick drove in the go-ahead runs and gave Baylor the 5-3 advantage and subsequent win.

"I haven't been frustrated, nor have I sensed any kind of frustration with this team in so long that I can't remember the last time I

had it," Smith said after Friday's game. "They're just competing."

Senior right-handed pitcher Trent Blank earned his nation-

leading ninth win of the season in front of a Baylor Ballpark record

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# Collins Award winner to lecture on leadership roles

By LINDA WILKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Fake leaders, people who deceive their followers and those who just aren't what they say they are: either get lost, or listen to Collins Outstanding Professor Dr. Blair Browning. Collins Outstanding Professor Award recipient Dr. Blair W. Browning, communications department professor, will give his Collins Award lecture on leadership today.

The lecture, titled "Prophetic Leadership: How Critical Life Events Act as a Catalyst for Change," will focus on how life events can change the way people handle leadership roles.

The lecture will be at 4 p.m. in

101 Castellaw Communications Center.

Browning said he will speak about authentic leadership, which is a new area of leadership studies.

He said leaders have often let down their followers because they are not what they claim to be, and today many people are calling for authentic leadership.

Browning said he is excited and grateful for the opportunity to speak about this topic.

"I love getting the opportunity to share about something very relevant to today," he said.

Authenticity has become a big topic in companies, classrooms and churches, Browning said, and it is something he tries to exemplify himself.



Browning

# Baylor bookstore robbery provokes increase in security

By LINDA WILKINS  
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Bookstore has started to allow students to leave their bags behind the counter after a student's backpack was stolen from the cubbies in the lobby April 13.

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said the student's backpack had numerous possessions in it.

The Campus Fire and Crime Log online lists the loss as between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

Doak said there are no suspects at this point in the investigation, which is ongoing.

Richard Schleiffer, assistant manager of the Baylor Bookstore, said the store started using the cubbies to increase safety.

He said students used to drop

their bags off in the front of the store and when the store would get crowded, people would trip on them.

He said the cubbies are meant to clear the entrance way.

Schleiffer said there are staffers outside in the lobby when the store is busy and they watch the cubbies, and staffers have also started making rounds to the cubbies even when the store isn't busy.

Schleiffer said he could not comment on the actual theft because it is a police matter and an open investigation.

He said he has not heard of any other items stolen from the lobby and he was amazed that the theft occurred at Baylor.

Hamilton, Ontario, Baylor Law student Taylor Ormond said

"I try to live an authentic life to my students," Browning said. "Authentic leaders are role models of what they're leading."

Dr. James Bennighof, vice provost for academic affairs and policy, encouraged the Baylor community to attend the lecture.

"It will be very informative and inspiring," Bennighof said. The Collins Professor is selected by the current senior class, Bennighof said.

Seniors submit nominations for their choice of professor beginning in January.

The faculty members with the highest number of student nominations are then placed on a ballot and seniors vote online to make the final decision.

Bennighof said voting closed March 2. Dr. Michael F. Korpi, professor of film and digital me-

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MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

A recent theft from the cubbies located in the lobby of the Baylor Bookstore is estimated to have a value of \$1,500-\$20,000.

she finds the cubbies inconvenient because students cannot take their bags into the store and doesn't think the area with the cubbies is safe enough.

"I understand they [the store] need to protect their merchandise, but they need some sort of security for [the lobby]," Ormond said.

# Special Olympics in need of volunteers

By TREVOR ALLISON  
REPORTER

Special Olympics Texas will host the Heart of Texas Spring Games on Saturday at Connally High School in Waco.

The games will include track and field events and will begin with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m.

Tommy Smith, the Heart of Texas area director for Special Olympics Texas, said his organization received an overwhelming response to its call for volunteers in the Waco community.

"Special Olympics Texas is an organization with very few paid staff," Smith said. "For an event of this magnitude, we have to have volunteers."

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# New program helps university make progress on tough topics

Last Monday, Baylor took a step toward fostering on-campus discussion of sensitive issues. Students met in an information-gathering forum, the results of which will help determine the topics discussed at the Discerning Dialogues program beginning next semester.

In Discerning Dialogues, students will participate in discussions facilitated by student leaders trained in moderating. Students in attendance will talk on topics, such as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students, religious beliefs and even hot-button governmental policy issues.

At last Monday's forum, the aforementioned topics were among the topics most requested to be discussed at Discerning Dialogues.

Last semester the Lariat complimented Baylor after the Princeton Review released its list of "LGBT Unfriendly" schools, showing Baylor went from 11th in 2010 to unlisted in 2011. With the inception of Discerning Dialogues, we again applaud Baylor

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for its step in the right direction in creating an on-campus environment of understanding.

As we did last semester, though, we also must point out how we can further make students of different sexual orientations, religions and political views feel welcome and accepted at Baylor.

An area of concern we see with Discerning Dialogues is that it will be led by students who receive instruction from Baylor administrators prior to conducting the event.

There are positives to having trained students, as any productive discussion needs direction to keep ideas flowing.

"The last thing we want to do is have a forum where people are at odds and there's no consensus about what's good for our university," dean for student development Dr. Elizabeth Palacios told the Lariat.

However, we fear that these student leaders might steer away from points on topics if the discussion begins to contradict Baylor's policies.

As we've said before, we would never expect the university to support groups and discussions advocating for ideas that contradict Baylor's policies. At the same time, we want students to feel comfortable tackling these issues considering the free flow of ideas that exists in the world and society around us.

Perhaps Adam Short, president of the Sexual Identity Forum at Baylor, said it best when he said "When it's a student-run group with student officers ... I feel as if that's very much needed for students that want to really discuss sexual identity and sexuality in a comfortable setting."

This is why we're more open to students running their own discussions without training or direction from Baylor administrators. Sure, administrators can be in attendance to make sure these student leaders don't advocate ideas opposing Baylor's views, but Baylor doesn't need to tell these students beforehand how to direct the conversations.

Discerning Dialogues can be a vehicle for progress on our campus. Over the course of many discussions, there might be less misunderstanding between students of differing viewpoints and personal beliefs. As the Princeton Review indicated, we're moving forward on at least one sensitive topic by not being "LGBT Unfriendly."

There are many other topics on which we can work to expand our knowledge and understanding. Whether student- or administrator-led, Discerning Dialogues has the potential to open minds and make Baylor students even more well-rounded that they already are.

# Student Senate seeks unity, not revenge, with Bear Pit bill

## Guest Column

A unified, powerful, and enthusiastic student section to cheer on an elite basketball team. This is what Senator Grant Senter and I wish to see. There is no wish to demolish the loyal organization of the Bear Pit. There is no personal vendetta against Bear Pit members. There is only a wish to see a successful, representative student section at Baylor basketball games.

The inability of the Bear Pit to fill its premiere seating section and provide an energetic and intimidating atmosphere that accurately portrays the greatness of the Baylor student body is precisely why Grant Senter and I wrote a bill in Student Senate aiming to restructure the Bear Pit.

The bill we authored and passed through senate with a commanding 23-5 majority recommends allowing Baylor students to sit in Bear Pit seating without having to endure the hassle of paying fees or wearing the distinguishing jerseys that misrepresent Baylor colors. Instead, students wearing a Baylor shirt would be able to claim their courtside seats on a first-come, first-serve basis, partaking in cheers led by Bruiser and the rest of the Baylor Spirit Squad.

Instead of disbanding or destroying the Bear Pit, Senter and I seek to unify the Bear Pit with the rest of the student body. Those who are currently Bear Pit members and those who are not would all be able to come together in unison to support their team.

Rather than those like Lariat sports editor Tyler Alley who would disparage the student body by doubting their ability to fill this new Bear Pit section,

Senter and I are confident the seating would be packed based on the fact that Baylor student attendance at football and basketball games ranked towards the top of the Big 12 this year.

After discussing the whole Bear Pit issue with countless Baylor students and faculty who are all concerned with creating a better atmosphere in the Ferrell Center, it is apparent we can all agree on two points. First, the Bear Pit contains some of the best fans of Baylor basketball out there. From their support during the dark days of the Bliss and Dennehy scandals to the small but loyal current members who show up every night to cheer on the bears, their passion for Baylor sports is commendable.

However, we can also all agree on a second point that the Bear Pit has failed to consistently fill up their premiere section with a vocal fan base. Even despite the amazing success of our team as of late, the Bear Pit has consistently throughout past years presented a lackluster turnout of students that presents a negative and misrepresentative picture to national television audiences.

Therefore, the Bear Pit has failed in its fundamental purpose to "increase and promote school spirit at Baylor men's basketball games; thereby creating an atmosphere of excitement for both players and fans to enjoy."

Restructuring of the Bear Pit is clearly needed. After spending countless hours on this topic, Senter and I are confident masses of students will pour into the new restructured Bear Pit seating we proposed, creating the great unified Bear Pit we all wish to see.

— Kirby Garrett  
Bend, Ore., sophomore  
Sophomore class senator  
Co-author of SR 59-33  
Bear Pit Restructuring

## Poll: How do you feel?

The Lariat has created a poll on SurveyMonkey which poses this question:

Do you agree with the Baylor Student Senate recommendation to get rid of the Bear Pit as it is currently organized for men's basketball games and to open Ferrell Center floor bleachers to all students on a first-come basis?

More than 300 people have already voted. Make your voice heard at:  
**surveymonkey.com/s/bearpit**

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# Lariat Letters: StuGov voter turnout was terrible

The Lariat's Rob Bradfield reported on April 20 that 2,093 students (about 14 percent of the student body) voted for the office of student body president. Not many people ran for other positions, so one of the uncontested positions reportedly was won with even fewer than 500 votes. Senate seats will now have to be filled by application.

This election's turnout was shameful. Voting is the voice of the students, and student government can't genuinely know what students want if they don't vote.

As a current sophomore senator and a junior senator-elect, I feel as if I did not earn my seat. While I am proud of my role at Baylor and I am grateful to

those who voted for me, I wish that my seat was worth more to the student electorate. I hope that I will have to fight to represent my peers in future elections.

Student body president races have a special competitiveness, of which the key factor to success is winning the "Greek vote." Unlike most students, Greeks vote. The monopoly of the Greek system on an election permits a tyranny of the minority.

It is unfortunate that we will never know if the majority of the 15,000 students attending Baylor actually support the candidates who the Greeks endorsed, but we do know that Greek interests will certainly be well served in student government.

Poor turnout also undermines the authority and legitimacy of all three branches of "democratic" student governance. At the end of the day, while Senators and executive branch members may possess fine judgment about what comprises "the student welfare," the degree to which they can really "advocate for student interests" should be questioned, since the voices they represent are not necessarily an authentic representation of the majority of the student body.

— Joe Casey  
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Sophomore class senator

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# Government debates appropriate role in cybersecurity

By DONNA CASSATA  
AND RICHARD LARDNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The mysterious caller claimed to be from Microsoft and offered step-by-step instructions to repair damage from a software virus. The electric power companies weren't falling for it.

The caller, who was never traced or identified, helpfully instructed the companies to enable specific features in their computers that actually would have created a trapdoor in their networks. That vulnerability would have allowed hackers to shut down a plant and thrown thousands of customers into the dark.

The power employees hung up on the caller and ignored the advice.

The incident from February, documented by one of the govern-

ment's emergency cyber-response teams, shows the persistent threat of electronic attacks and intrusions that could disrupt the country's most critical industries.

This week, the House will consider legislation to better defend these and other corporate networks from foreign governments, cyber-criminals and terrorist groups. But deep divisions over how best to handle the growing problem mean that solutions are a long way off.

Chief among the disputes is the role of the government in protecting the private sector.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business groups oppose requiring cybersecurity standards. Rules imposed by Washington would increase their costs without reducing their risks, they say.

Obama administration officials and security experts say companies

that operate power plants, communication systems, chemical facilities and more should have to meet performance standards to prove they can withstand attacks or recover quickly from them.

The rift echoes the heated debate in Washington over the scope of government and whether new regulations hamper private businesses.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Friday that without standards for critical industries, there will be gaps that U.S. adversaries can exploit. "That system, which is mostly in private hands, needs to all come up to a certain baseline level," she said.

The proposed formation of a system that allows U.S. intelligence agencies and the private sector to share information about hackers and the techniques they use to control the inner workings of corpo-

rate networks also is contentious.

Civil libertarians and privacy advocates worry that a bill written by the Republican chairman and top Democrat on the House intelligence committee would create a backdoor surveillance system by giving the secretive National Security Agency access to private sector data.

The agency, based at Fort Meade, Md., is in charge of gathering electronic intelligence from foreign governments but is barred from spying on Americans. Army Gen. Keith Alexander, the NSA's director, also heads the Pentagon's Cyber Command, which protects military networks.

"The question is whether this is a cybersecurity bill or an intelligence bill," said Leslie Harris, president of the nonprofit Center for Democracy and Technology. "There is just a fundamental debate

over what role the National Security Agency should have in protecting civilian networks."

Intelligence agencies say the bill grants no new power to the NSA or the Defense Department to direct any public or private cybersecurity programs. But committee leaders said they are open to making changes to ease the privacy concerns as long as the alterations don't undermine the goals of the bill. Businesses including Facebook and the Edison Electric Institute support the bill because it leaves it to individual companies and industries to decide how best to prevent attacks.

House Republicans last week scaled back a separate piece of legislation that would have given the Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies responsibility for ensuring that critical industries met security performance

standards. But those requirements were dropped from the bill during a meeting of the House Homeland Security Committee.

Rep. Jim Langevin, co-chairman of the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus, said the bill was "gutted" because the House Republican leadership sided with business interests opposed to regulations.

"We cannot depend on the good intentions of the owners and operators of infrastructure to secure our networks," said Langevin, D-R.I.

The GOP-led House appears to be heading for a showdown with the Democratic-run Senate over an approach on cybersecurity.

There is little disagreement over damage from cyberattacks. China and Russia are the most proficient at cyber-espionage, according to U.S. officials.

# Census data shows number of illegal immigrants has fallen

By HOPE YEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The number of Mexican immigrants living illegally in the U.S. has dropped significantly for the first time in decades, a dramatic shift as many illegal workers, already in the U.S. and seeing few job opportunities, return to Mexico.

An analysis of census data from the U.S. and Mexican governments details the movement to and from Mexico, a nation accounting for nearly 60 percent of the illegal immigrants in the U.S. It comes amid renewed debate over U.S. immigration policy as the Supreme Court hears arguments this week on Arizona's tough immigration law.

Roughly 6.1 million unauthorized Mexican immigrants were living in the U.S. last year, down from a peak of nearly 7 million in 2007, according to the Pew Hispanic Center study released Monday. It was the biggest sustained drop

in modern history, believed to be surpassed in scale only by losses in the Mexican-born U.S. population during the Great Depression.

Much of the drop in illegal immigrants is due to the persistently weak U.S. economy, which has shrunk construction and service-sector jobs attractive to Mexican workers following the housing bust. But increased deportations, heightened U.S. patrols and violence along the border also have played a role, as well as demographic changes, such as Mexico's declining birth rate.

In all, the Mexican-born population in the U.S. last year — legal and illegal — fell to 12 million, marking an end to an immigration boom dating back to the 1970s, when foreign-born residents from Mexico stood at 760,000. The 2007 peak was 12.6 million.

Christian Ballesteros, who has been at a shelter for immigrants in Matamoros, Mexico, across the border from Brownsville, Texas,

pointed to stiffer U.S. penalties for repeat offenders as well as brutal criminal groups that control the Mexican side of the border as reasons for the immigration decline. Ballesteros, who has been deported four times, was recently caught after hopping the border fence near Nogales, Ariz.

"The Mexican cartels are taking over, are actually being like the border patrols on this side," Ballesteros said. "They threaten them, 'if you don't pay, what we're going to do is we're going to cut your head off.' That's the worst, the worst, the worst part," Ballesteros said.

After his last apprehension by U.S. authorities, Ballesteros was sent to a detention facility in Las Vegas for 2½ months. He fears it could be six months if he's caught again.

"You can lose money, but if you lose time there's no way you can recover that time," Ballesteros said, noting that many immigrants have families to support.

Jeffrey Passel, a senior demographer at Pew who co-wrote the analysis, said Mexican immigration may never return to its height during the mid-decade housing and construction boom, even with the U.S. economy recovering. He cited longer-term factors such as a shrinking Mexican work force.

He noted that government data now show a clear shift among Mexican workers already in the U.S. who are returning home. He said that data is a sign that many immigrants are giving up on life in the U.S., feeling squeezed by increasing enforcement and limited opportunities that they don't see improving anytime soon.

About 1.4 million Mexicans left the U.S. between 2005 and 2010, double the number who did so a decade earlier. In the meantime, the number of Mexicans who entered the U.S. sharply fell to about 1.4 million, putting net migration from Mexico at a standstill. More recent data suggest that most of the

movement is now heading back to Mexico, accounting for the drop in the illegal immigrant population.

During the same period, the population of authorized Mexican immigrants edged higher, from 5.6 million to 5.8 million.

Among the Mexican immigrants who leave the U.S., an estimated 5 to 35 percent are deported while the rest opt to go back voluntarily, often taking U.S.-born children with them.

Those who were in the U.S. illegally and returned to Mexico also are increasingly saying they will not try to come back — about 20 percent, compared to 7 percent in 2005. The Pew estimates come amid heightened attention on immigration in an election year where the fast-growing Hispanic population, now making up roughly 16 percent of the U.S. population, could play a key role. Arizona's law, being challenged by the Obama administration in the Supreme Court, seeks to expand the authority of state po-

lice to ask about the immigration status of anybody they stop on the rationale that federal enforcement has largely failed.

Since Arizona's law passed in 2010, five other states — Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah — have passed similar measures.

Steve A. Camarota, director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington group that advocates tighter immigration policies, said the latest numbers show that immigration policies do make a difference.

"The bottom line is that immigration is not the weather. It is something that ... can be changed," he said. "The economy is worse but enforcement is also higher, making it more difficult for immigrants to get jobs in states like Arizona. They are now making new calculations and changing their views."

Associated Press writer Christopher Sherman in McAllen, Texas, contributed to this report.

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John Cusack plays author Edgar Allen Poe in the new thriller, "The Raven," which mixes elements of his stories and written works with events from Poe's life.

# Thriller film ‘Raven’ brings Poe to screen

By ROGER MOORE  
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

ORLANDO, Fla. — John Cusack has heard the sniping. He’s Internet savvy, a big-time Twitter user. So he knew Edgar Allan Poe fanatics were complaining about the movie he was making about the writer.

He knows the early reviews of “The Raven,” in which he plays the poet/thriller writer as a haunted man on the trail of a serial killer, haven’t been kind.

“Poe probably deserved better than this movie which turns his heritage into a sub ‘Se7en’-style serial killer thriller,” sniffed Britain’s Birmingham Post. But Cusack isn’t taking that lying down.

“Somebody I’ve read said, ‘Oh, he wasn’t some heroic man of action.’ And I go, ‘Oh really? He went to West Point. He was kicked out, but he was there. He got in. And he was a swimmer. It’s not a stretch to think of him trying to solve a mystery, a series of crimes. He had an analytical, mathematical mind. You can see that in the writing. He called it ‘rationation.’ But basically, he invented forensics in his fiction.”

And Cusack is just getting started. An actor fond of finding the dark side in light characters and bringing lightness to the dark ones, Cusack found Poe to be right up his alley.

At 45, Cusack has lived his movie-making life by making more interesting choices than

commercial ones. He’s just hoping filmgoers get into Poe the way he got into the author of “The Tell-Tale Heart,” “The Raven” and “The Cask of Amontillado” — the 19th century author who popularized the short story, invented the thriller, detective fiction and, some say, science fiction.

“The Raven,” directed by James McTeigue (“V For Vendetta”), re-imagines Poe’s last days and the mystery surrounding his death.

“I loved the conceit, here,” Cusack says. “Poe getting caught up in one of his stories, trapped by a fan who is mimicking the murders in his work.

“He wrote about gruesome crimes ... And he wrote about people going mad, as in “The Tell-Tale Heart.” The movie acknowledges Poe’s mental state, but makes note of his scathing wit and wicked wordplay.

“He was on the verge of madness, a lot of the time. He was a poet who wanted to understand death, walked around graveyards, wanted to scare the hell out of himself. What a crazy, wonderful character to play.”

The screenwriters for “The Raven” reference various Poe works and have the serial killer connect the murders by names, addresses and manners of death depicted in Poe’s fiction.

They establish a “ticking clock” element to the pursuit by borrowing plot elements from Poe’s “The Premature Burial.” Cusack wanted “the REAL Poe” to be as present as

possible, so he pushed for quotations from the stories and Poe’s own letters.

“I could distinctly hear the sound of darkness as it stole over the horizon,” Cusack says, noting a favorite line. “He revered women and every one that he loved died in his arms, coughing up blood. ‘I could not love except where Death. Was mingling his with Beauty’s breath.’ Poe transmuted all the tragedies of his life into his writing.”

And that, Cusack argues, is what “The Raven” does.

“The real Edgar Allan Poe was acerbic, needy, loved his wife and adored being adored. He was very aware of being famous.

“He was a paradox, a larger-than-life figure who was a whole lot of things at once. He certainly wasn’t just a melancholy, inward-looking and intense artist. He was a man, too. We wanted to show a lot of facets to the man.”

And some Poe fan film critics are buying into that, praising its “literate script, atmospheric direction, some suitably grisly murder sequences and a superb performance from John Cusack.” (View-London)

Whatever others read into the film, Cusack says he “never saw it as some lame attempt at turning this guy into an action hero. Seriously, if you like Poe, if you know something about this frail, vain, but also courageous, pioneering writer, I think you’ll see we did justice to him.”

# Story still central for film lecturer

By CANDY RENDON  
REPORTER

Baylor’s film and digital media department has undergone changes over the years. No longer does the industry revolve solely around 35mm film cameras. The digital age is abundantly present.

With all the conveniences arising for aspiring filmmakers, some believe that the industry has drastically changed.

Senior Lecturer Brian Elliott said the fundamental motives within the field of making movies, however, have remained constant.

“It’s harder to be a filmmaker now,” Elliott said. “Because there is so much stuff floating about, but being able to maintain a focused narrative or documentary follows the same rules that I had when I was still in school.”

Elliott said his journey in finding a career at Baylor’s film and digital media department aptly paints the picture of how times have changed and remained the same for Baylor film students.

Scripts and storyboards are found all over the Internet, and film students can quickly shoot links to their low-budget projects over to big budget directors and production companies via Twitter and Facebook.

“I think it’s great that students can post their works on the Internet and find new and exciting things because of new changes [social networking sites],” Elliott said. “But students need to slow down and work on simple stories.”

He never knew he would be teaching filmmaking techniques to young filmmakers. In all truth, he said he never expected being in film at all.

When Elliott chose Baylor, he was studying religion. It was not

until he took an introductory film course with Dr. Michael Korpi, professor of film and digital media, that he fell in love with the field.

Elliott said that students today have the world at their fingertips, and he expressed his admiration for what seems to be a booming student filmmaking community in Texas.

He said students today have clear goals for their film projects during undergraduate studies. Elliott highlighted that this was different than his time as an undergraduate, in which he was unsure as to even which career field to work in.

He worked at a handful of jobs at a children’s psychiatric hospital, a deli, a social services community and a film distribution company until he met with David Franks, a news broadcast producer in Texas.

Franks knew Elliott was interested in the entertainment industry, and he offered Elliott a job at the local Channel 10 television station.

Elliott said he enjoyed the job because he could spend his hours off the clock using the network’s expensive equipment. The job fulfilled his desires to write different stories and create mini-projects, something that he said some students today may take for granted with Microsoft Word on almost every device.

After spending a year and a half with the station, he again met with his previous film and digital media instructors Dr. Corey Carbonara, professor of film and digital media, and Korpi at a local restaurant. The two instructors asked Elliott to come and teach at Baylor where he could receive his MBA and work within the film department.

“It was at that point that I thanked God for knowing my professors,” Elliott said.

Elliott said that students must initiate contact with their teachers just as he did or they will never get their projects and work out into the open.

Elliott strongly suggests that students talk with their professors frequently so that they build up a list of contacts. During this time, the film and digital media department was getting renovated. Carbonara and Korpi were looking for ways to expand Baylor’s communications section.

Carbonara, who worked as the product manager of high-definition systems at Sony Broadcast Products Co., said that students today at Baylor now have access to some of the most advanced filmmaking technology in the world.

“We wanted Baylor to be ahead of the filmmaking curve,” Carbonara said. “We had a great broadcast journalism area when I first started teaching [in 1983], but we wanted to build more specific disciplines.”

Elliott said Carbonara and Korpi are constantly attempting to place Waco ahead of the filmmaking curve. He said, however, that the duo does this while preserving the core concepts of filmmaking, despite ever changing networking mediums such as Vimeo, YouTube and Tumblr.

“This field [film and digital media], Elliott said, “provides a lot of opportunities, however, you have to be really good at it. Therefore, one has to truly immerse his or herself in films.”

Elliott said this will not change over the course of new decades of technology changes and new filmmaking mediums. Instead, opportunities for making a difference as a filmmaker rely on the same principles that held true when he was a student.

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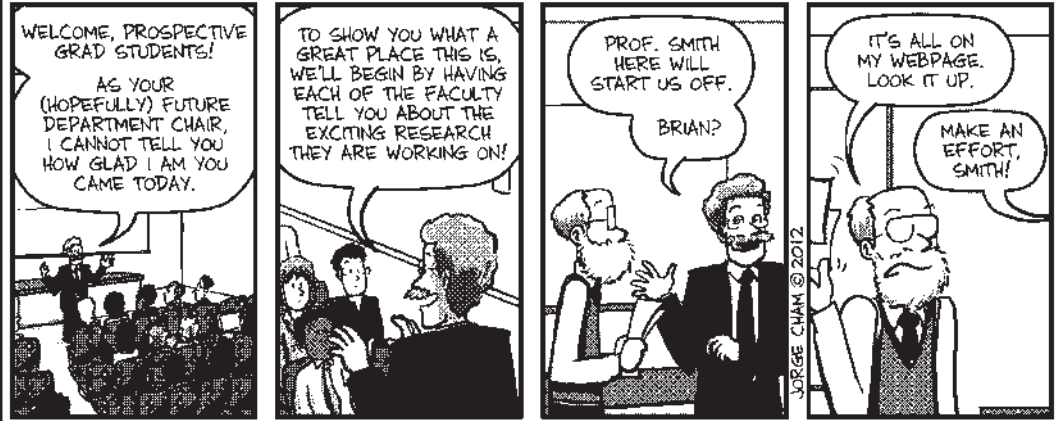
## Voting continues on “Great Video Game” poll

Early results are in for our “Great Video Game” poll, but we won’t be publishing any until our final issue, leaving only two more days for readers to vote for their favorite entry on our “Great Video Game” list. Make sure that your voice is heard. The web address for our poll is to your left, so check it out.

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Baylor baseball keeps on rolling, bringing its winning streak to 24 games with a three-game sweep of ranked conference foe Texas A&M. Check out some of the photos from the past weekend.



No. 30 senior catcher Josh Ludy swings at the ball against Texas A&M on Sunday at Baylor Ballpark. Ludy had two hits and two RBIs in Sunday's 7-5 win over the Aggies.



Junior right-handed pitcher Max Garner shakes hands with senior Josh Ludy after Sunday's victory.



A fan holds up a "Feed the Beaver" sign showing baseball's unofficial new motto Sunday at Baylor Ballpark.



Two Aggie players look on from the dugout after a 7-5 loss to Baylor Sunday at Baylor Ballpark. The win by the Bears completed a three-game sweep at both College Station and Waco.



No. 20 infielder Jake Miller tags a Texas A&M runner at second base on Sunday at Baylor Ballpark. The runner was called safe on the play.



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At a Glance

A quick recap of last weekend's action and upcoming events

Shut out the Tigers

No. 13 women's tennis defeated Missouri 7-0 on Sunday at the Hurd Tennis Center. The Lady Bears did not even drop a set in the performance, and they improve 21-6 on the season, 6-2 in conference play.

Ready for Big 12 tourney

No. 16 women's golf finished fourth out of 11 teams at the 32nd annual Lady Buckeye Spring Invitational Sunday in Columbus, Ohio. It was the Lady Bears' seventh top-five finish of the season. Freshman Hayley Davis tied for ninth place with a 14-over-par 230, her seventh top-10 finish of the season. Senior Valerie Sternebeck tied for 11th at 15-over-par 231 and senior Chelsey Cothran tied for 14th with a 16-over-par 232.

No luck against Aggies

Men's golf finished seventh out of 10 teams at the Aggie Invitational Sunday in Bryan. Senior Joakim Mikkelsen tied for 20th, Baylor's best individual finish in the tournament, with a 12-over-par 228. Freshman Kyle Jones finished second highest for the Bears, tying for 24th with a 13-over-par 229.

Hosts that can boast

Track and field held its lone home meet of the season and totaled 10 wins at the Michael Johnson Dr Pepper Classic Saturday at the Hart-Patterson Track Complex. The women's team brought home eight wins and the men's team added two more.

Softball wins one of three against Texas Tech

By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor softball ventured out to Lubbock over the weekend and returned with one win in a three-game series.

The opening game featured a first inning three-run bomb that put the Red Raiders up 3-0, a lead they would never relinquish.

"They got the big hit tonight and we didn't," head coach Glenn Moore said. "[Junior pitcher] Courtney Repka did a nice job coming back in and shutting them down the rest of the way. We just weren't able mount a comeback."

Sophomore pitcher Liz Paul began the game but didn't make it past the first inning, walking the leadoff batter and giving up a double before the next hit was over the wall. Repka took the circle for the remaining six innings, allowing one hit and striking out five.

The Lady Bears would come back in the seventh.

Junior Kelsi Kettler began the inning with a single but was out at second due to a fielder's choice by freshman Kaitlyn Thumann. Freshman Sarah Crockett stepped up to the plate to pinch-hit and drove a double down the left field line to place runners at second and third with one out. A wild pitch scored Thumann from third to cut the Tech lead to two before a grounder to third ended the game.

The only Lady Bear to cross home plate for Baylor came out firing on all cylinders in the second game, hitting 4 for 4 at the plate.

Thumann's four hits were a career high and marked just the second time a Baylor player has re-

corded four in a game this season, as Kathy Shelton did so on March 13 against UTSA. Four Lady Bears recorded a pair of hits on the day: senior Megan Turk, sophomore Holly Holl, freshman Jordan Strickland and sophomore Clare Hosack.

With 15 hits in the game, Baylor marked a season high in a conference play.

"We took an aggressive approach at the plate today and executed," Moore said. "I was really happy with our response to last night, but we have to be ready for a battle tomorrow."

Baylor snatched a 4-0 lead after the first off a Kettler sac fly with runners on second and third. Turk and Thumann followed with RBI-singles of their own. Strickland also brought a runner home with a single before the end off the inning.

The score was increased by a run in the third thanks to Thumann's first career home run, a shot to left center.

A pair of Lady Bear runs was added in the fifth when Crockett stepped up to the plate with bases loaded and brought two of them home with a single to left.

Texas Tech cut the Baylor lead down from seven to three with a grand slam in the bottom of the fifth, but that was all the scoring that would happen for the Red Raiders.

The Lady Bears added one more run in the top of the seventh with a home run from Strickland.

Repka pitched the entire game for Baylor, allowing five hits and striking out eight.

The final game featured the Lady Bears up 5-3 before com-



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 1 pitcher Courtney Repka winds up to throw a pitch against Texas on Wednesday at Gettman Stadium.

mitting a pair of errors that led to three unearned runs for Texas Tech to take the win.

"I am really proud of this team for the way we performed and fought," Moore said. "We had a couple bad breaks in the seventh inning, but we had players step up and perform this weekend that will

give us momentum the rest of the way."

A grounder bounced off Strickland, which turned an out into an extra base, putting a Red Raider on second to begin the inning.

The next play featured Shelton and Thumann colliding in shallow right field to snag a popup that fell

out of Shelton's glove.

A two-RBI hit followed to tie the game before a single drove in the game-winning run for Texas Tech.

Baylor's road trip will continue at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday with its final venture to College Station to take on No. 19 Texas A&M.

Tennis finishes regular season strong with shutout victory



DAVID LI | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Nina Secerbegovic returns a volley during a tennis match against Iowa State on Monday at the Hurd Tennis Center.

By KASEY McMILLIAN  
REPORTER

No. 13 Baylor women's tennis defeated the Iowa State Cyclones 4-0 for its last regular-season match and home game for the year on Monday at the Hurd Tennis Center.

The Lady Bears had a good start by winning the first two doubles matches, putting them in the lead 1-0. The No. 17 doubles duo of freshman Ema Burgic and senior Nina Secerbegovic, came out on fire defeating Iowa State's Maria Fernanda Macedo and Tessa Lang 8-1. Senior partners Diana Nakic and Sona Novakova won their match against Simona Cacciuttolo and Marie Chartier 8-3. Freshmen

Megan Horter and Nicole Kosakowski lost their match after putting up a fight, only losing by one point 8-7.

In singles, seniors Secerbegovic, Nakic and Novakova came out aggressive and received Baylor's three singles wins without losing a set.

No. 24 Secerbegovic was the first to win in singles defeating her opponent Macedo 6-1, 6-2 in two quick matches.

Seconds later, No. 12 Nakic was next to win her singles match against Iowa State's Pronina in both sets 6-1.

"We came out really focused and prepared," said Nakic. "We knew that they were a solid team and we just wanted to show them

we were ready for the conference."

Freshman Burgic won Baylor's final point after a 6-0, 6-2 victory to end the game 4-0.

"It was good to see the focus out of our team tonight," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "The ladies came out and got the job done tonight. We really needed to play well these last two matches heading into the tournament."

Baylor will head into the post-season on a three-match winning streak as the No. 2 seed in the Big 12 Conference Championship from Thursday to Saturday in College Station.

On Friday, Baylor will go up against the winner of the Kansas-Oklahoma match that will take place on Thursday.

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BASEBALL

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5,911 spectators. Blank pitched eight shutout innings and helped the Bears win 1-0.

"It felt like somebody else was behind me, so I just want to thank God right now," Blank said. "I want to thank these fans, I want to thank my teammates and family. It was amazing. [The crowd] felt great and I hope they keep coming out."

The only run of the game came when Langford drew a walk to load the bases again in the bottom of the fifth.

With freshman right-fielder Adam Toth and junior designated hitter Nathan Orf on third and second, respectively, Muncy delivered an RBI sacrifice fly to center field that scored Toth and gave the Bears a 1-0 lead in the third inning.

There was much more offense in the final game of the series.

The Bears posted four runs in the bottom of the first inning, highlighted by senior catcher Josh Ludy's two-run home run over the left field wall.

The home run came on the 15th pitch of the at bat after Ludy fouled off pitch after pitch.

"I hardly ever foul off that many pitches. I don't know if I ever have," Ludy said. "Luckily I just got a pitch I could handle better, and [I was] just looking for a [sacrifice] fly or something. It ended up going out."

The Aggies fought and took the lead in the top of the sixth inning.

Ludy doubled down the left field line to end a long hitless streak by the Bears.

Vick followed with a double to the right fielder that advanced Ludy to third base.

The Bears regained the lead after senior left fielder Dan Evatt singled up the middle to score both runners and help the Bears regain the lead, 6-5.

"I just got a good pitch to hit. I really locked in, got extremely focused for that at bat because I knew it was a huge one. I thought I got it done," Evatt said. "It's kind of nice to send them off to the SEC with a sweeping."

The Bears added another run before winning 7-5 and completing the three-game sweep of Texas A&M.

The Bears will next travel to San Antonio to take on the University of Texas at San Antonio tonight.

The Bears come back to Baylor Ballpark at 6 p.m. today to take on the University of Texas at Arlington.

AWARD

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dia, won the award in 2006.

He said the award is encouraging for professors because they may not have realized they've had an impact on students.

"At the end of the semester, [professors] tend to focus on how they didn't bat a thousand," Korpi said, in reference to how some professors might still have students who aren't successful in their class. "Winning the award means you have a pretty good batting average."

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Smith said there will be 369 participants in the games and 405 volunteers to facilitate the event. So many people volunteered that a new volunteer area had to be created, he said.

"We created an additional opportunity called 'Fans in the Stands,' where fans can wait around the finish line to cheer on participants and give them high-fives when they cross the finish line," Smith said.

Smith said Special Olympics Texas depends on volunteers, and is something to which many people enjoy giving their time. "People love to be involved in some sort of volunteering, and Special Olympics Texas gives people a chance to be involved in something unique and fun," he said.

Lorena graduate student Jon Pickle was one of those volunteers. Pickle, who has volunteered at several different Special Olympics events, said one job he had was passing out snack bags.

"Making the snack bags seemed pretty minute compared to running the different stations, but seeing reactions from different contestants when they got their snack bag was enjoyable to see," Pickle said. Pickle said he encourages Baylor students to volunteer for the organization if they have the chance.

"Volunteering with Special Olympics is a simple way to give back to the community and help out a great cause," Pickle said. "Baylor students are blessed in many ways, and Special Olympics is a way to bless the lives of others."

Smith said the next Special Olympics sport event for the Heart of Texas area is an equestrian competition, which will be held May 19.

Smith said that with Special Olympics Texas, unlike other sports competitions, participants don't need to win to qualify for the state games.

The Special Olympics Texas Summer Games 2012 will be held May 24-28 in Arlington on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington. Many volunteer opportunities are still available for the Summer Games, which include competitions in five different sports.

Special Olympics Texas is a nonprofit organization that hosts more than 300 regional and state-wide events in 22 sports every year, utilizing 47,000 volunteers.

Smith said volunteer spots are still available for Fans in the Stands. To volunteer, visit [area12.eventbrite.com](#). For more information about the organization, contact Tommy Smith at [tsmith@sotx.org](mailto:tsmith@sotx.org) or 254-230-4824.

Date set for Ted Nugent's illegal black bear kill case

By RACHEL D'ORO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Rocker Ted Nugent is scheduled for a court hearing in Alaska on Tuesday, when he is expected to plead guilty to transporting a black bear he illegally killed.

The conservative activist and gun rights advocate signed a plea agreement with federal prosecutors that was filed Friday in U.S. District Court. Nugent was set to participate by telephone in Tuesday's U.S. District Court proceeding in the southeast Alaska town of Ketchikan, his attorney said.

The plea agreement says Nugent illegally shot and killed the bear in May 2009 on Sukkwan Island in southeast Alaska days after he wounded a bear in a bow hunt, which counted toward a state seasonal limit of one bear for that location. The agreement says Nugent knowingly possessed and transported the bear in misdemeanor violation of the Lacey Act.

According to the agreement, the six-day hunt was filmed for Nugent's Outdoor Channel television show "Spirit of the Wild."

Nugent's Anchorage attorney, Wayne Anthony Ross, said Monday that his client didn't know he was breaking the law, which went into effect four or five years ago. Ross, an assistant hunting guide in Alaska, said he didn't know about the rule either.

Besides, the first bear left only traces of blood, as if it had just been scraped by the projectile, according to Ross.

Nugent is going with a guilty plea, however, because "the law is the law," Ross said.

"What are you going to do about it — a magician act?" he said. "The fact that we didn't know about it doesn't change it."

Broadcasting footage of the hunt on his TV show also shows



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Musician, author and outdoor enthusiast Ted Nugent smiles on the set of his TV show, "Surviving Nugent" on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 17, 2004 near China Springs.

Nugent didn't know he was in the wrong, said Ross, who sits with Nugent on the National Rifle Association's board of directors.

"It's kind of embarrassing for him because he practices ethical hunting and advocated ethical hunting and gets caught up in a crazy law that none of us have heard about," Ross said.

A call seeking comment from assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Schmidt was not immediately returned Monday.

Nugent, who signed the document April 14, agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine, according to the document, which says he also agreed to a two-year probation, including a special condition that he not hunt or fish in Alaska or Forest Service properties for one year. He also agreed to create a public service announcement that would be broadcast on his show every second week for one year, the document states.

Nugent also agreed to pay the state \$600 for the bear that was taken illegally, according to the document.

A plea agreement would have to be approved by a judge. Nugent, famed for his 1977 hit "Cat Scratch Fever," drew the attention of the Secret Service last week after he rallied support for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and said of the Obama administration: "We need to ride into that battlefield and chop their heads off in November." His comments were made during a National Rifle Association meeting in St. Louis.

Nugent discussed the matter with two agents on Thursday while in Oklahoma, the singer said on his website. Nugent said he was just speaking figuratively and that he didn't threaten anyone's life or advocate violence.

A Secret Service spokesman has said the issue has been resolved. With hunting, Nugent has run afoul of the law before.

In August 2010, California revoked Nugent's deer hunting license after he pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of deer-baiting and not having a properly signed tag.

Nugent's loss of that deer hunting license through June 2012 allows 34 other states to revoke the same privilege under the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Each state, however, can interpret and enforce the agreement differently.

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FREE Senior Send-Off T-Shirt

While supplies last.

FREE Food

Music Provided by

Brian & Jeremy of Sloppy Joe

Giving away: iPad 3,

\$50 & up to \$500 Cash, Gift Cards,

and Drawings Every Fifteen Minutes!

You must be present to win.

april 24 2012

4:30-6:30pm

HUGHES-DILLARD alumni center

1212 South University Parks Drive

(Directly across the street from North Village and west of Mayborn Museum)



# BAYLOR BASEBALL™



Team record  
winning streak:  
24 games

Big 12 record:  
18 straight  
Big 12 wins

# BAYLOR EQUESTRIAN

NCEA Hunter Seat National Champions



NCEA Championships Third Place Overall