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### Two worlds collide

A lecture hosted by the department of philosophy titled "Science and Religion: Where the Conflict Really Lies" will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Armstrong Browning Library. The speaker will be Alvin Plantinga, a John A. O'Brien Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, and Jellema Chair of Philosophy, Calvin College. A reception will follow.



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# Texas official seeks to reach student voters

By LINDA WILKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade will be on campus today to speak about her voting initiative, "Make Your Mark on Texas."

Andrade will speak at 1 p.m. at the Bill Daniel Student Center Den stage area and will be available for questions afterward.

Rich Parsons, director of communications at the secretary of state's office, said Andrade has been making visits all over Texas to potential voters and to encourage people to register to vote. The deadline to register to vote in the Texas primary is Monday.

"Before you can educate people on the voting process, you've got to engage them," Parsons said.

To help voters, a traveling photo booth will be available at the SUB for people to take pic-

tures with the secretary of state and with each other, he said. The pictures represent how people can make their mark on Texas, he said, because people can have them placed into a digital Texas flag. The pictures will make up the entirety of the flag. Pictures can be uploaded to the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/votetexas>.

The booth will be available from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.

Parsons said Andrade wanted to student voters by visiting Baylor, which is also a central location of McLennan County. The county has 122,000 registered voters, Parsons said.

The voter education program was designed to provide the 12.9 million registered voters in Texas with all the materials they need for the 2012 elections, he said. Parsons said the materials for vot-

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Andrade



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## Now that's appreciation

Top 2012 NFL draft prospect Robert Griffin III poses next to a food statue celebrating his induction as "Famous Fan of Subway" on Tuesday in New York. Subway unveiled the lifesize creation, which joins a roster of famous athletes including Michael Phelps and Blake Griffin, to announce its new Smokehouse BBQ Chicken sub. The statue contains more than 300 pieces of chicken, with garlic for teeth, and dried chilli peppers for hair.

# Baylor PD charges student, non-students with burglary

By ROB BRADFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Between Diadeloso celebrations and a string of home invasions over the weekend, the Baylor Police Department has had its hands full.

Police action helped keep various unsanctioned student activities under control during the holiday, but resulted in the arrest of eight students in the Tenth Street area. With the exception of one count of assault, all the student arrests on Dia were for alcohol-related crimes.

In an unrelated incident League City senior Michael Greenleaf and two non-students — Chad Bailey Miller and Zachary Daniel Smith — were arrested



Greenleaf



Miller



Smith

Sunday by Baylor Police outside of the La Mirage apartments on Baylor Avenue.

"One of our officers caught them coming out with a TV and another blocked in their vehicle," Baylor police chief Jim Doak said.

The three men, all in their early to mid-20s, were arrested and charged with burgling a

habitation and engaging in organized criminal activity. In Texas, burgling a habitation is a second-degree felony that carries a sentence of between two and 20 years.

In this case, engaging in organized crime is a first-degree

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

## Reach for the stars

El Paso senior Jessica Ubanyionwu competes in the triple jump event during the Michael Johnson Dr Pepper Classic at the Hart-Patterson Track Complex. Ubanyionwu won the triple jump for the second straight week, with Baylor track and field finishing with 10 wins. See full story on page 7.

# Alpha Tau Omega seeks to help Waco with 5K race and run

By BRE NICHOLS  
REPORTER

Baylor fraternity Alpha Tau Omega is teaming up with Mission Waco this Saturday to host Race ONE, a one-mile walk/run and a 5K race.

The event will be held at 8 a.m. at Jubilee Park in Waco. Profits will support Mission Waco, a local organization that serves the Waco community by providing "Christian-based holistic, relationship-based programs that empower the poor and marginalized," according to its official website.

Fort Collins, Colo., sophomore Scott Uhrlich, ATO community service project chair, said ATO's goal is to raise \$5,000 for Mission Waco by the end of this event. With money from previous

fundraisers held earlier this semester, the fraternity has already accumulated more than \$3,500 toward that goal, he said.

Bedford sophomore Brandon Baker, a member on the Race ONE committee, is in charge of publicizing the event on campus. Baker said the event aims at getting students outside the Baylor Bubble.

"We're hoping to bring Baylor [students] and Waco together so students can see the other side of Waco they might not get to experience," Baker said.

Uhrlich said although the fraternity has the goal of raising money, it isn't necessarily the overall goal. The purpose is to get Baylor students involved with the

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By MALLORY HISLER  
REPORTER

The Baylor University Libraries plan to conclude their Celebration of Texas event with a grand — or rather, giant — event at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

The Celebration of Texas Film event will include a discussion of the cultural significance of the film "Giant" through clips from the 1956 film and a panel discussion.

"Filmed in Marfa, the movie explores the transformation of the Texas economy from ranching to oil," according to the University Libraries' website.

A highlight to the event will be the involvement of 1974 Baylor graduate Kirby Warnock, who made an award-winning documentary about the making of the movie.

Carl Flynn, director of marketing and communications for university libraries, said the event will not show "Giant" in its entirety, because it is more than three hours long.

It will instead feature Warnock's 50-minute documentary,

"Return to Giant."

Along with the clips, screenings and discussion, organizers hope to draw students in with free food.

"Vitek's [BBQ] will be serving classic Texas fare, including brisket sliders and sides," Alison Pruett, digital media and communications specialist for university libraries, said.

Kathy Hillman, director of special collections and one of the event coordinators, said choosing "Giant" and "Return to Giant" to highlight in the Celebration of Texas Film was an easy choice.

"It was just one of those things that came together," Hillman said. "We were looking for a Texas movie that had cultural significance, and 'Giant' immediately came to mind."

The movie has a personal significance to Hillman, who grew up in Marfa, and whose mother will participate in the event as a member of the panel.

"I listened to the stories growing up," Hillman said. "I have seen the movie a number of times and I knew the extras. It's one of those quintessential Texas films about life, oil and the grand state."

Hillman also had a connection to Warnock, one of her husband's friends from college.

Warnock, whose father is from a West Texas town near Marfa, saw remnants of the "Giant" set when he was a young boy, but had to wait until he was an adult to see the actual film.

"There was no VHS back then, so if you didn't catch it in theaters or on TV, you missed it... The first time I saw it all the way through was in 1976," Warnock said. "I saw the first 15 minutes in 1973 at Baylor while I was waiting for my date. It was playing on TV, and I thought, 'Holy cow, I've been there before.' But I had to wait like three more years to see it in full."

Both Hillman and Warnock agree that "Giant" was the first film to more accurately portray Texas culture to the masses than the John Wayne/Roy Rogers movies people were used to.

"It was the first movie that got it right, really," Warnock said. "That's what got me fascinated by it. It's one of the only movies about Texas that was actually made here."

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# Ludicrous lawsuits, disturbing ads make me worry for U.S.

I love this country. I love the ideals it was founded on. And I'm sure you can hear the inevitable "but..." in this introduction because you're American, and you can read between the lines. So I'm going to level with you right now because there are things that must be said. For the past year I've been noticing small problems in our society — inescapable issues that have slowly built up a dam of unease in my brain about the future of our country. I'm talking about the complete lack of integrity or accountability a good percentage of America's population seems to entertain.

I'm talking about the woman who recently initiated a lawsuit against Apple Inc. for endangerment because she injured herself running into a glass wall (instead of going through what she thought was the door) in one of their stores. I'm talking about the woman years ago who sued Starbucks because her coffee was too hot. I'm talking about the whole state of Florida (too many problems to count). I'm talking about PETA's (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) over sexualized pro-vegan ads and pretty much every other campaign it has imposed on the world.

I guess when you get down to it I'm targeting the parents in this letter. The future of our country is in the generation you are raising right now. I firmly believe there should be a whole slew of required testing to determine if someone has the ability to raise a child. I'm talking about parents who blame school districts, the Internet, the government, everything but themselves when their children are traumatized by bullies and don't know how to handle it. Parents who expect a child leash to replace effective discipline and, years later, wonder why their children don't respect them are a major part of the problem.



Ashley Davis | News editor

Of course, this is by no means a complete summation of American society. The aforementioned problems are just a few among thousands of examples of how our country is degenerating into one big show on MTV. And yet America still manages to hang on as one of the most powerful countries in the world.

America is indeed the land of opportunity. However, there must be a line drawn between taking an opportunity and sacrificing your own integrity for a brief moment of gratification. As we draw closer to the end of this school year (Praise Jesus) I implore you to take this lesson with you into the summer and for the rest of your life. Stop blaming your shortcomings or mistakes on others. Stop making excuses for your own misfortunes. It's going to be OK. We're all human. Crap happens to the best of us. And yes, we all have our opinions and a right to stand up for what we believe in. But please, take some responsibility, have some common sense. Read self-help books or do whatever you have to do to stop contributing to the landslide this country is going through.

Ashley Davis is a junior journalism major from Killeen and is the Lariat's news editor.

## You say goodbye, I say hello

Check Friday's graduation issue for a final word from current editor-in-chief Chris Derrett as well as Rob Bradfield's thoughts on being next year's editor in chief.



# Michigan school district spoils deserving athlete's senior season

## Editorial

The news is filled with plenty of depressing and bleak stories. The stock market falls, kids get shot and soldiers die every day.

As human beings, we need a story every now and then to bring some light to the world. A story about a person who defies the odds, goes above and beyond and brings hope to the world. Eric Dompierre is one of those people, but his story may change if the Michigan High School Athletic Association has its way.

Dompierre has Down syndrome, but since elementary school he has been able to play sports with the other kids in Ishpeming, Mich. He kept playing, even when he reached high school, joining the Ishpeming High School football and basketball teams.

He practices and works out with the other players and has even made played a few minutes

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in games. Dompierre's father recorded video of Eric making a three-point shot in a basketball game and kicking an extra point in a football game with fans on both sides cheering.

Dompierre faces a problem heading into his senior year, however, as the constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic League does not allow students who turn 19 before Sept. 1 (Eric was held back in kindergarten because of his disability). The rule does make sense normally, as it prevents a competitive advantage from a more developed athlete.

One would think, however,

that an exception could be made for a student with a disability, but a committee with the athletics association refused two proposals to allow kids like Eric to participate in high school sports.

There is no reason the committee cannot change its constitution to allow Eric to play his senior year. It may be understandable for the committee not to hesitate if this issue had come up out of the blue, but Dompierre's parents and the Ishpeming High School District have been trying to get the rule changed for the past two years so he can play his senior year.

James Derocher, president of the committee, said one of the concerns is if Dompierre is allowed to play, other 19-year-olds could claim a disability for a competitive advantage in the future. As long as the exception to the rule specified the types of disabilities that would allow a student to participate past the age of 18, Derocher's concern should not be a problem. Doc-

tors can check if students really have a disability such as Down syndrome.

As of right now, 23 states allow age exceptions for students with disabilities. It should be 50. People who believe otherwise are stuck in very old ways. The rule in Michigan, for example, is 100 years old. As Eric Dompierre's father, Dean Dompierre, said, our country has come a long way in our treatment of people with disabilities.

Dompierre should be allowed to continue playing high school sports. He has the backing of his school district, his town and 80,000 more people, according to an online petition on Change.org.

The committee needs to come through for Eric and his family. There should be nothing to fear in terms of Dompierre greatly affecting the outcome of games. The only consequence will be making a good kid happy, and perhaps having a little more light in the world.

# Lariat Letters: Amazon's e-book policy is just fine

I found numerous problems with the Lariat's April 20th editorial, "Amazon's Dirt Cheap E-book Prices Hurt Authors."

The author says, "In the current model, only consumers and Amazon benefit from e-book pricing." This is rather misleading. If producers and authors did not make a relatively significant profit from the sale of e-books, would they allow Amazon to sell them?

In a free market economy, they cannot be "forced to sell their books at low prices" as the author suggests. They can instead sell their books on Apple's site, or not sell them online at all. That they give Amazon

the right to sell their books shows they agree to the pricing terms.

The same concept can be extended to authors, who, if dissatisfied with their share of profits, may approach a new publisher. While typically e-books are cheaper than normal books, the sale of e-books increases the number of books sold. People are more willing to buy a new book if it is \$3 on their e-reader, rather than upwards of \$10 for a hard copy. E-books are more desirable because they are portable, durable and easily accessible in a variety of mediums. This actually encourages the art of reading.

It is preferable for consumers to benefit from lower

prices. Instead of destroying the art of writing, lower prices allow this form of communication to thrive in a modern marketplace. It is arguable that if a new gas station opened with modernized pumps and gas for \$1/gallon cheaper, few would be advocating the old prices to "preserve the integrity of the industry."

Personally, I prefer paper books, and I will probably never buy an e-reader. That being said, I am quite grateful to Amazon for making books more accessible to other readers who prefer e-books.

— Danny Huizinga  
Lombard, Ill., freshman

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Waco community. The registration fee is \$10 for the one-mile walk/run and \$15 for the 5K race. With their entry fee, participants will receive a lunch of hamburgers and fruit, provided by Waco Custom Meats and Seafood.

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However, Warnock was also quick to note that he believes “Giant” and the television show “Dallas,” which was popular in the 1980s, were the main reasons there were misconceptions about Texas. “I think that the other thing is that it gives a few false impressions — that everyone has cattle and horses and if you don’t, you’re a rich oil man,” he said. Warnock said the residents of Marfa who were able to experience the filming of “Giant” were a part of something special. “All of those people in Marfa that I talked to, they were talking about that summer. They just talked about it like it was the best time of their life — and they’ve been waiting for it to come back ever since,” he said. “It’s not like they’re still living in the past. They just had a doggone good time.”

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felony, which is punishable by up to 99 and no fewer than five years in prison. Both charges can include a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Doak said three men were carrying toy guns when they broke into the apartment and began removing the absent tenant’s personal possessions. Police recovered a television, video games and a small amount of marijuana from the scene. The incident is still being investigated by police. The students arrested on Tenth Street won’t be facing such stiff charges. In addition to the eight arrests, five people were also taken to the hospital for alcohol-related injuries. According to Doak, this has been one of the calmest Dias in recent years, due to increased police presence.

Obama woos young audience by pushing low-rate student loans

By BEN FELLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — President Barack Obama went after the college vote Tuesday, pitching cheaper student loans as he courted the one age group where he has a decided advantage over Republican rival Mitt Romney. The twist? Romney, too, has endorsed the idea, though it’s unclear whether deficit-leery Republicans in Congress will go along. In the race for the White House, both the Obama and Romney campaigns see huge opportunities to court younger voters. This week, their efforts are focused on the millions of students — and their parents — who are grappling with college costs at a time when such debt has grown so staggering it exceeds the totals for credit cards or auto loans. Trying to make it personal, Obama told students at the University of North Carolina that he and first lady Michelle Obama had “been in your shoes” and didn’t pay off their student loans until eight years ago. “I didn’t just read about this. I didn’t just get some talking points about this. I didn’t just get a policy briefing on this,” Obama said. “We didn’t come from wealthy families. When we graduated from college and law school, we had a mountain of debt. When we married, we got poor together.” Obama’s emphasis on his personal experience set up a contrast with Romney, whose father was a wealthy auto executive. It’s a point the president is sure to return to during this summer’s campaigning. Though both Obama and Romney have expressed support for freezing the current interest rates on the loans for poorer and middle-class students, lawmakers are still exploring ways to pay for the plan. The timing is important because the rate will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1 without intervention by Congress, an expiration date chosen in 2007 when a Democratic Congress voted to chop the rate in half.

Participants can register online until Thursday by visiting www.Active.com and searching Race ONE, or at the registration table set up in the Bill Daniel Student Center lobby from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday or from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday. Warnock, who was a history major at Baylor, said he took an oral history class in college, and after hearing the stories of the Marfa residents, he knew what he needed to do. “I had never made a movie before; it was my first,” he said. “But I had learned how to do interviews and capture good stories and stuff like that [because of the oral history class], so I had already had a lot of practice.” A former Deloitte employee, Warnock is now a self-described freelance writer and freelance producer. He is currently working on a feature film. Warnock will be on the discussion panel following the showing of his documentary, along with Waco Tribune-Herald entertainment editor Carl Hoover, director of Baylors film and digital media

“We made it a point to engage students and set the tone,” Doak said. Students also made it a point to engage the officers by talking with them and posing for the occasional picture. Doak said close to 40 officers from the Baylor police department, the Waco Police Department and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission were sent to deal with the celebrating students. The officers set up a command post that morning in the Speight Avenue HEB parking lot and maintained a presence on Tenth and the surrounding area for the rest of the day. Even at varying levels of intoxication, students were generally responsive to police requests, Doak said. He said their main concern

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ing, which include information on when and where to vote, how to register to vote and voters’ rights, are also online at www.votetexas.gov. Parsons said the secretary of state will be visiting multiple areas of Texas through May 29, when the primary voting occurs. division Chris Hansen and Marfa resident Mary Barton-Robinson, who is Hillman’s mother. The event is free and open to the public. Both Hillman and Pruet encourage students to check out “Giant” from the library so they can see it for themselves. “We wanted to show it initially, but it was just too long,” Hillman said. “But the library has a copy to check out for free.” Warnock said “Giant” was James Dean’s last role before he passed away, and also featured stars Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson and Dennis Hopper. Giant is No. 82 on American Film Institute’s “100 Years...100 Movies” list, and stars Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean are numbers seven and 17 on AFI’s “100 Years... 100 Stars” women’s and men’s lists, respectively.

that day wasn’t crowd control, but the number of people on the roof of a house on the corner of Tenth and Wood Avenue, which police say reached nearly 70. Other concerns were students diving off a roof into an inflatable pool, but police broke up most of the celebrations that afternoon and people went home. “At 5 p.m. the decision was made to shut the music down,” Doak said. Thanks to police presence and sturdy roofs, and in spite of the robberies, injuries and arrests the police department is satisfied that they helped give Baylor students one of the safest Dias to date. “It was certainly not as bad as it could have been. Everybody went home in one piece,” Doak said.

improve his chances in the November election, Michael Brendan Dougherty wrote in a blog carried by sites including Free Republic. By taking on student debt, Obama spoke to middle-class America and also targeted a growing economic burden that could hamper the national recovery. While leaning on Republicans in Congress to act, he also sought to energize the young people essential to his campaign — those who voted for him last time and the many more who have turned voting age since then. Obama urged students to go to social media sites like Twitter to pressure their lawmakers to prevent the interest rates on the loans “from shooting up and shaking you down.” The blurring between Obama’s official and campaign events emerged here in Tar Heel country, with Obama encouraging students to give him an “Amen” at times (they did) and the crowd also giving him an unsolicited chant of “Four more years!” On a blue-sky, breezy day, Obama soaked in the youth vibe on campus, where he also appeared in a taping of “Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.” With Romney seemingly assured of sweeping the five Republican presidential primaries being held Tuesday, the former Massachusetts governor planned a focus on the general election with a speech in New Hampshire titled “A Better America Begins Tonight.” Ahead of the speech, Romney supporters said Obama’s policies had hurt younger voters and questioned whether the president could garner the same amount of support as in 2008. “Young people are sitting here three and a half years later and they’re not better off,” said Alex Schriver, chairman of the College Republican National Committee. The president was also speaking Tuesday at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and then at the University of Iowa on Wednesday. All three schools are in states that Obama carried in 2008, and all three states are considered among the several that could swing to Obama or Romney and help decide a close 2012 election.

North Korea threatens South Korea with violence

By JEAN H. LEE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PYONGYANG, North Korea — North Korea sharply escalated the rhetoric against its southern rival, claiming it will soon conduct “special actions” that would reduce South Korea’s conservative government to ashes within minutes. Monday’s threat from the North’s military leadership comes amid concerns that North Korea may be plotting another provocation in the wake of an unsuccessful rocket launch condemned by the U.N. Security Council as a violation of a ban against missile activity. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged North Korea to refrain from “further provocative measures,” telling reporters in New York late Monday that such actions “will not be desirable for the peace and stability of the Korean peninsula.” North Korea characterized the April 13 rocket launch as a failed bid to send a satellite into space — not a disguised test of missile technology as Washington and Seoul claim. Two days after the attempt, Pyongyang unveiled a new long-range missile at a military birthday parade for late President Kim Il Sung. There are new concerns that North Korea may conduct a nuclear test as it did after rocket launches in 2006 and 2009. South Korean intelligence officials say recent satellite images show the North has been digging a new tunnel in what could be preparation for a third atomic test. On the North Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone, a military guide told The Associated Press that he believes his country needs atomic weapons to defend itself against the threat of attack from the U.S.

“Nuclear weapons are not the monopoly of the United States,” Lt. Col. Nam Dong Ho said. “It’s my personal opinion, but I think we’ll continue to conduct nuclear tests.” On Monday, the military warned in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency that it would launch “special actions” soon against the South Korean government and conservative media. For days, North Korea has railed against South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and conservative South Korean media for criticizing its rocket launch and the celebrations of the centennial of Kim Il Sung’s birth. But the military message, attributed to the “special operation action group” of the Korean People’s Army’s Supreme Command, was unusual in its specificity. “Once the above-said special actions kick off, they will reduce all the rat-like groups and the bases for provocations to ashes in three or four minutes, in much shorter time, by unprecedented peculiar means and methods of our own style,” it said. The threat comes as North Korea’s new commander in chief, Kim Jong Un, makes a show of support for the “military first” policy championed by his late father and predecessor, Kim Jong Il. North Korea marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of its army Wednesday. A South Korean Defense Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with departmental rules, said no special military movement had been observed in the North. There also was no outward sign of tension on the North Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone. At Panmunjom, small groups of tourists were touring the “peace” village and the buildings where the Korean War armistice was signed

in 1953. Seoul expressed worry that the threats were hurting relations. “We urge North Korea to immediately stop this practice,” Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Hyung-suk told reporters, according to the ministry. “We express deep concern that the North’s threats and accusations have worsened inter-Korean ties and heightened tensions.” In November 2010, after issuing a warning to the South Korean government, North Korean troops showered artillery on a front-line island in disputed western waters held by South Korea. The attack killed four people, including two civilians. However, it is unlikely that North Korea would launch a large-scale military attack against South Korea, which is backed by nearly 30,000 U.S. troops stationed in the South, said Kim Young-soo, a professor at Sogang University in Seoul. Late Monday, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry accused the U.S. of slander and of spearheading the campaign of criticism of its rocket launch. The launch prompted the U.S. to halt a Feb. 29 deal to provide Pyongyang with much-needed food aid in exchange for a moratorium on nuclear and missile activity. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said North Korea “needs to understand that it’s not going to achieve anything but further isolation and pressure by threats, by launches, by any of this.”

Associated Press writers Youkyung Lee and Jiyoung Won in Seoul, South Korea, contributed to this report.

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Jason Statham is taking on another action film in “Safe,” directed by Boaz Yakin. Yakin served as the screenwriter on “Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time.”

# Statham is ‘Safe’ bet for action film success

By ROGER MOORE  
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

His Awesomeness, Jason Statham, has let it be known that he chooses his films based on the fight choreographer the producers hire. Often as not, that blows up in his face. Why else would the Human Bullet from Blighty end up in dogs like “War,” “Transporter 3” and “Death Race”?

But with “Safe,” working with choreographer J.J. Perry (“Haywire”), that strategy pays off. A slow-building B-movie thriller, the plot is nothing new for Statham. There’s a girl in need of his protection from assorted gangs of bad men. But the dialogue crackles with flinty one-liners.

“Don’t lose sleep. He had it coming,” he tells bystanders after killing a boatload of bad guys. His bald skull and perma-stubbled face lean into the camera like the athlete he was and is, bristling at the bit, ready to get on with the serious citywide butt-whipping he’s about to lay on the Russian and Chinese mobs and New York cops on the take.

We meet Mei (Catherine Chan), who is in a Russian mobster’s office. He wants something from her. A number. He says he’ll subject her to “one of those tortures you people are so famous for.”

Nobody in “Safe” is politically correct. And nobody thinks anything of menacing a little girl. Mei is 11.

Flash back to a year before,

when Mei was in a Chinese school correcting her teacher’s math. A Chinese mobster (James Hong, reliably evil) needs her as his courier. Numbers on a computer “leave a trail that’s easy to follow,” he purrs in Mandarin. Little girls who can remember long strings of numbers do not.

Writer-director Boaz Yakin (“Remember the Titans,” “Uptown Girls”) keeps us off balance, spending much of the film’s first half hour following Mei, winning sympathy for her plight. Shipped to America, in the care of a murderous adoptive dad (Reggie Lee), she’s had to learn “business” the hard way — witnessing torture, murder, shake-downs and corruption.

Then, there’s mixed martial arts cage fighter Luke (Statham), a man who has just crippled an opponent in the ring in a fight Luke was supposed to throw.

The Russian gamblers plan elaborate punishment for him. They kill his pregnant wife and turn him loose, promising to murder anyone he gets close to, no matter where he goes.

It’s a promise we see them keep. “If you stay here tonight, tomorrow we’re going to kill your landlady!”

Mei slips free of her captors, but only temporarily. The Chinese Triads want her, and the Russian mob, and crooked cops playing both against each other, led by Capt. Wolf (Robert John Burke, men-acing as all get out). That’s when Luke sees her and finds, in her, a purpose: keep her “Safe.”

What we have here is basically an American “Transporter,” with Statham caught up in the most jaw-dropping, quick-cut fights you’ve seen in years. He plows through Russians on the subway, Chinese gangsters in a casino and cops in between, on the mean streets, which he navigates with dazzling automotive dexterity. Occasionally he stops long enough to make a threat.

“I’m going to do things to you that make me ashamed to look at myself in the mirror,” he tells one villain. “When I’m done you won’t even be the memory of a memory,” he promises another.

And Mei? She speaks the fractured English of an 11-year-old learning English as a second language: “Now you know everything. Happiness for you?”

The dialogue and the characters are better than the plot. And the fights are better than even the one-liners. Statham never phones it in, though his roles can seem to be one long version of the same guy: haunted and hunted, in need of a shave.

Yakin writes his story into a few corners, and the object of this quest, again having to do with numbers, is so pedestrian as to remind you that this is the guy who wrote “Prince of Persia” and the dreadful “Dirty Dancing” sequel.

But Statham makes Yakin’s lines sing. And thanks to Perry, he brings the pain. In the world of B-movie action, Statham’s still the safest bet there is.

# Evidence presented at Hudson murder trial

By MICHAEL TARM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The trial of the man charged with murdering three of Jennifer Hudson’s family members resumed Tuesday with the Oscar-winner shutting her eyes as a police officer described finding her dead family members and later leaving the courtroom before photos of their bodies were shown.

Hudson watched much of the testimony before getting up and leaving shortly before prosecutors displayed pictures of her mother and brother’s bloodied bodies. Prosecutors often let family members know when they will be showing unsettling evidence.

A day after Hudson offered emotional testimony, prosecutors began shifting their focus to presenting crime scene evidence in the case against her former brother-in-law, William Balfour.

Balfour was estranged from his wife, Hudson’s sister, at the time of the killings. He has pleaded not guilty to murdering Hudson’s mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew.

Several of the photographs showed Hudson’s mother, 57-year-old Darnell Donerson, sprawled face down on the floor, with blood staining her white nightgown.

Donald Fanelli, the forensics expert who was on the scene the day of the killings, testified that Hudson’s mother may have used a broom by her hand in one picture to fend off the attacker.

Other photos showed Hudson’s 29-year-old brother, Jason Hud-

son, with a gunshot wound near his ear, his head still on his pillow as he lay in bed.

Earlier in the day, Hudson hung her head and shut her eyes as Chicago police Sgt. David Dowling described finding her mother’s body in the living room with gunshot wounds through her back.

Dowling described finding Jason Hudson dead in his bed, with the sheets pulled up as if he had been sleeping.

Jennifer Hudson sat in a fourth row bench well within view of jurors for much of the day Tuesday.

Another officer testified about the frantic search for Hudson’s nephew, Julian King, who was found in an SUV three days later.

Prosecutors also played a surveillance video showing Balfour getting out of a car at a gas station near the Hudson house on Chicago’s South Side before the killings.

Prosecutors are trying to show he was in the area at the time — something Balfour has denied.

As the video played on a courtroom screen, Hudson rested her head on her knees for several minutes.

Prosecutors created a buzz Monday by calling the Oscar winner and “American Idol” finalist as their first witness, but on Tuesday they began getting down to the nitty-gritty of their case.

With no surviving witnesses to the murders, prosecutors must offer overwhelming circumstantial evidence that Balfour committed the grisly crime on Oct. 24, 2008.

One challenge will be tying Balfour to the alleged murder weapon,

a silver and black .45-calibre handgun.

Prosecutors claim Balfour targeted the family in a horrific act of vindictiveness against his ex-wife.

They believe he became enraged by balloons he saw at the home that he thought were from her new boyfriend.

Defense attorneys have said the killing could be connected to alleged drug dealing by Hudson’s brother.

Prosecutors contend Balfour went inside the three-story house around 9 a.m. and shot Hudson’s mother and brother.

Investigators allege he then drove off in Jason Hudson’s sport utility vehicle with 7-year-old Julian inside, and later shot the boy in the head as he lay behind a front seat.

Jennifer Hudson took the witness stand for about 30 minutes Monday in sometimes tearful, gut-wrenching testimony.

Hudson, who was in Florida at the time of the shootings, spoke of her family and her reaction to her sister, Julia Hudson, telling her in 2006 that she was marrying Balfour.

“None of us wanted her to marry him,” the 30-year-old said, her voice cracking as she struggled to hold back tears.

Later, Julia Hudson described how Balfour repeatedly threatened her and her family after she rejected his pleas in May 2008.

If convicted of at least two of the murder counts, Balfour would face a mandatory life sentence.

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# Quincy Miller declares for NBA Draft

By GREG DeVRIES  
SPORTS WRITER

Freshman forward Quincy Miller has decided to enter the NBA Draft and forgo his final three years of eligibility. Miller originally decided to stay but announced Tuesday that he has changed his mind.

"In the days following his initial announcement to return to Baylor for his sophomore season," head coach Scott Drew said, "we were able to gather more information and Quincy was able to reflect on his decision with his family."

Miller will join teammate sophomore forward Perry Jones III in entering the NBA Draft. Jones III declared for the draft on April 9.

Miller is the first one-and-done player in program history.

"After receiving the full support of the coaching staff, Quincy thought it was in his and his family's best interest to declare for the 2012 NBA Draft," Drew said. "Baylor Nation thanks Quincy for providing us with an outstanding season to remember and we will miss his outgoing personality."

With senior forward Quincy Acy graduating, only two starters from last year remain on the roster: junior point guard Pierre Jackson and sophomore Brady Heslip.

Baylor's strong recruiting class should ease the pain of losing Miller. The Bears have three recruits on the ESPN 100 list of top high school players: Grace Preparatory Academy center Isaiah Austin, Riverside Academy power forward Ricardo Gathers and Westbury Christian High School point guard L.J. Rose



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No. 30 freshman forward Quincy Miller dribbles past Oklahoma State defenders on Jan. 14 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears beat the Cowboys 106-65.

have all signed.

Fort Worth Christian High School center Chad Rykhoek has also signed to play for the Bears.

Miller's decision has cast light on the NCAA's controversial decision to invoke its own deadline to declare for the NBA Draft. Miller decided on this day, April 10, to return to school. The NBA's deadline, which carries much more weight, is April 29.

Miller is projected to be a first round pick in the NBA Draft. He averaged 10.6 points and 4.9 rebounds in 24 minutes per game for the Bears.

# Baseball's winning streak ends at 24 in San Antonio

By GREG DeVRIES  
SPORTS WRITER

The streak comes to an end for the No. 3 Baylor baseball team at the hands of the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners 4-1.

This is the first loss for the Bears since March 13 to the University of Texas at Arlington. The Bears will play UTA again at 6:35 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark.

Baylor's troubles with UTSA started early. The Roadrunners scored three runs in the first inning on two hits. Two walks and some timely stolen bases put their runners in position to do damage.

The Bears had early opportunities to cut into the lead. In the first two innings, Baylor led off with hits and had runners in scoring position but could not capitalize on their opportunities.

In the top of the fourth inning, junior center fielder Logan Vick drew a six-pitch walk with one out. He stole second and advanced to third on a throwing error. Junior third baseman Cal Towey doubled to left center to drive Vick home and cut the lead to 3-1.

The Roadrunners added another run in the bottom of the sixth inning. A double down the left field line scored the UTSA runner

from first base, and extended Baylor's deficit to 4-1.

With the game on the line in the top of the ninth inning, Vick started the inning with a leadoff single. The Bears weren't able to bring him around to score, however, and the game ended.

Both the Bears and the Roadrunners recorded eight hits in the game.

Baylor normally draws a lot of walks. The team is currently ranked No. 13 in the nation in bases on balls, but the only walk drawn in this game was Vick's in the top of the fourth. Baylor also struck out 10 times in the game.

# Softball run-ruled by Texas A&M

By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER

Not long after the third pitch of the game left junior pitcher Courtney Repka's hand, it was sent over the right field wall as No. 25 Baylor softball fell Tuesday in College Station to the No. 19 Aggies 10-2.

That first inning bomb was one of four for Texas A&M on an 11-hit evening.

Baylor's two runs also came from a home run.

With two outs in the bottom of the second, A&M scored two more runs off a double to right field to make the score 3-0.

Sophomore pitcher Liz Paul took the circle for Baylor with two outs in the bottom of the third and forced a ground out to end the inning.

Baylor's first hit of the game came in the top of the fourth when sophomore first baseman Holly Holl ripped a two-out double to left field.

The Lady Bears finally got on the board in the top of the fifth off a long ball to left field by sophomore catcher Clare Hosack, making the score 5-2. Repka came back into the game to relieve Paul in the circle in the bottom of the sixth inning, walking the first batter at the plate before giving up yet another two-run shot to right center to enforce the eight-run run rule.

Baylor's next plays Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Friday in Stillwater, Okla.

# Women shine as BU track earns 10 wins at only home meet of season

By SAVANNAH PULLIN  
REPORTER

The women led the day for Baylor track and field, bringing home eight of the 10 wins for the Bears at the Michael Johnson Dr Pepper Classic on Saturday in Waco.

"We had a really solid performance," head coach Todd Harbour said. "Nobody did anything crazy; it was just good across the board."

The Baylor women's distance

crew took advantage of their lone home meet of the year by claiming victories in three events. In addition, the women's team claimed a victory in the 100 hurdles with sophomore Tiffani McReynolds, along with four field events and the 4x100-meter relay.

The men added two victories throughout the day with their dominant 4x100-meter relay team and a strong performance by senior Kyle Cash in the high jump.

In her career first 3,000-meter steeplechase, freshman Rachel

Johnson started off strong with an early lead.

"I was a little nervous just because I'd never done it before," Johnson said. "But Coach Harbour has a lot of confidence in me, so that made me feel a lot better."

Johnson finished the race with a time of 10:56.10, grabbing the victory with more than 20 seconds to spare.

Freshman Erin Hegarty and junior Cate Westenhover brought home the other two distance wins for the women — Hegarty in the

5,000-meter and Westenhover in the 1,500-meter run.

"(Johnson) did a really good job and Cate (Westenhover) looked really good in the 1,500, and Erin ran a really solid 5K and won pretty easily, so they all did a really nice job," Harbour said.

Sophomore Erin Atkinson threw for a new school record in the first event of the day with a hammer throw of 202-10, winning the event by 26 feet. She now ranks No. 11 in the NCAA and No. 2 in the Big 12, only three weeks before

the Big 12 Championships.

Junior Skylar White claimed two wins on Saturday for the second week in a row with a discus toss of 177-0 and a shot put throw of 55-3.

"Erin (Atkinson)'s hammer throw was really nice after being hurt and not throwing for two weeks, and Skylar (White) had her typical day," Harbour said.

Lastly, senior Jessica Ubanyionwu found victory in the triple jump for the second week in a row with a distance of 40-11.50.

"It's nice to have a balanced track team," Harbour said about the success the field performers have enjoyed.

Cash took the lone field victory on the men's side Saturday after clearing a season-best high jump of 6-8.75.

Baylor's next meet will begin Thursday as they travel to Des Moines, Iowa, to participate in the Drake Relays.

This will be the team's final meet before the conference championships.

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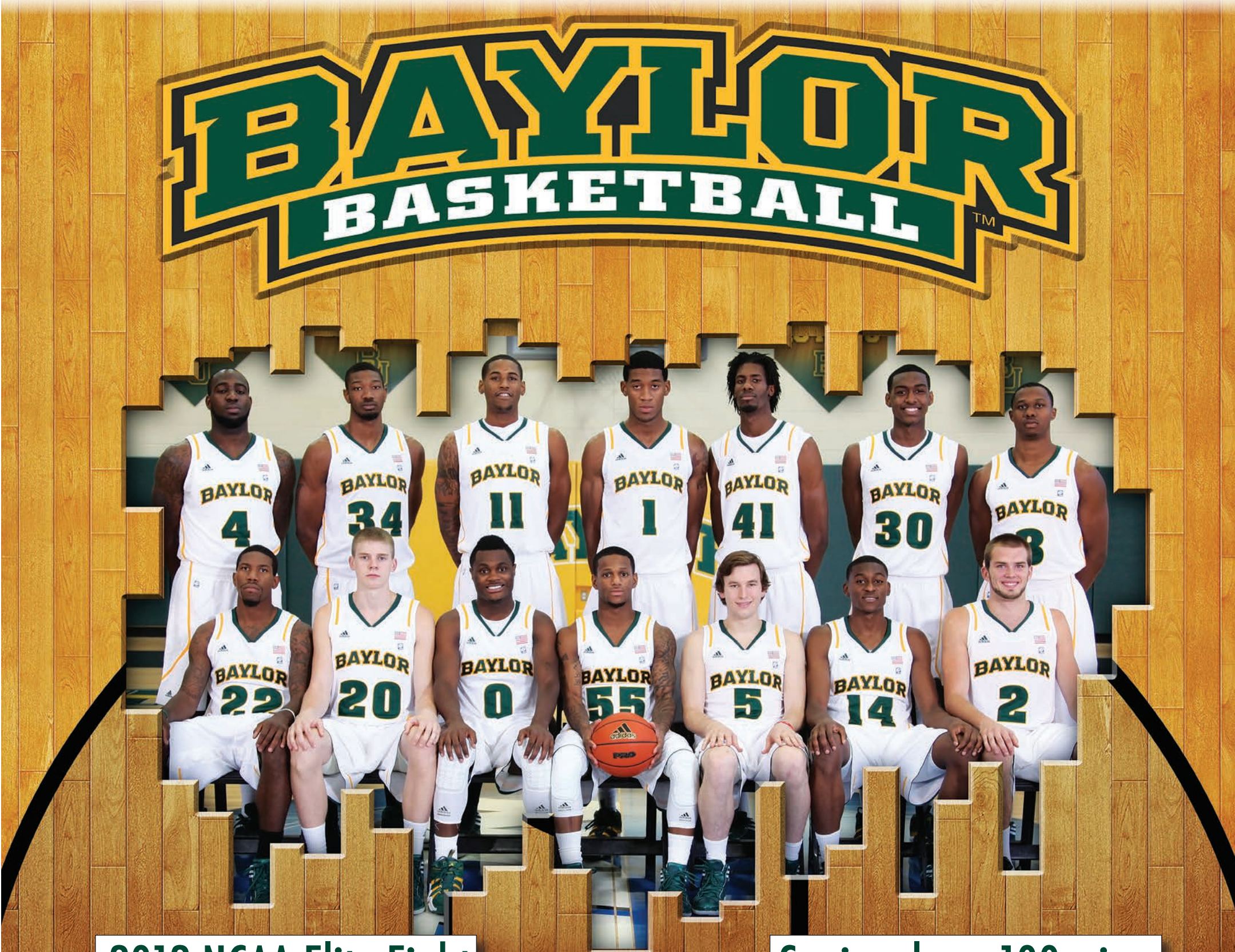
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