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Student government race in full swing

By **Brittany Hardy**
Staff writer

It is that time of year. Time to votes for the candidate you believe will best represent the student body and maintain positive relationships between students, faculty and the community.

One candidate is running for student body president, unopposed: Cleburne junior Jordan Hannah.

Jordan Hannah

Hannah is a Political Science major. He served as a senator in student government during his freshman year. He also worked as class president the last two years.

He said his reason for being involved in Student Government is to serve his classmates by representing their voice to the administration and Student Government.

Hannah said he believes his experience qualifies him to be student body president.

"I feel that I am very qualified because I have served in student government for three years," Hannah said. "I also have become aware of how to best use the resources that student government has to offer."

From his experience, Hannah said he has learned to work with people from very diverse opinions and backgrounds.

In the last two years, while working as class president, Hannah he has worked closely with the student body president.

Hannah said he plans to improve student relationships with the Board of Regents and lay the groundwork for a student representative on the Board of Regents.

"I believe there are a couple of challenges facing the student body. One is the transition period of some key members of Baylor's

administration," Hannah said. "It is necessary to develop great relationships and strong connections with these people in order to serve students' interests."

Hannah described himself as "a honest, hard worker who allows Christian faith and prayer to inspire me. I consider myself a servant-leader who cares about the opinions of others."

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Don't forget to vote

Cast your vote for next year's student government office holders from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at:

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Baylor finishes recycling event

By **Sean Doerre**
Reporter

After every plastic bottle, aluminum can and newspaper hit the bottom of the recycling containers around campus, the numbers had to be crunched and authorized before the 2009 Recyclemania results were released Friday.

Baylor finished with 152,025 total pounds of recyclables, which added up to 9.27 pounds per person. The 152,025 pounds placed Baylor at 92 out of 293 participating schools in the Gorilla Prize contest. In 2008, Baylor placed 65 in the nation with 192,259 pounds, which was an improvement over the 86,860 pounds recycled in 2007. This year's total of 9.27 pounds per person ranked Baylor 171 out of the 293 schools in the Per Capita Classic.

"Our numbers were down a little bit, because last year our first week was 57,000 pounds,"

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Up, up and away!

Baylor campus welcomed an unexpected visitor Monday evening when a hot air balloon landed behind the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Building. The balloon was piloted by Joe Heartsill, of The Texas Racer, who had to make a quick landing due to the fading daylight.

Conference looks at religion, economics correlation

By **Trent Goldston, Hayley Hibbert and Brittany McNamara**
Reporters

The struggling economy has tested the faith of many Americans.

Baylor sponsored a conference Thursday through Saturday inviting Christian economists

and professors from around the world to speak on the topic of faith and economics. The lecture series, called "Three Perspectives on Economics and Faith," celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Association of Christian Economists.

"The topic of faith and economics is highly relevant with the dire condition of our econ-

omy," said John Pisciotta, associate professor of economics. "Faith and morals are highly important as a foundation for our market economy."

An issue thoroughly discussed at the conference was the impact of religion on the economy. Dr. Carol F. Gwin, practitioner faculty of marketing at Pepperdine University, presented a

paper posing the question: Does religiosity make you richer or poorer?

"Most world religions focus on upholding responsibility and acquiring goods in moderation, thus enabling them to succeed economically," Gwin said.

Gwin said an opposing view is that the religious spend substantial amounts of time prac-

ticing their religion, leaving less time for a financially successful career.

Using a belief-based measure, Gwin surveyed over a thousand participants asking them their stance on basic Christian principles, including the existence of God and Satan. The survey

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Perry's comment on secession unpatriotic, unfounded

Chris Matthews summed it up quite nicely: Gov. Rick Perry has been acting "All hat and no head."

Perry created a huge amount of controversy late last week with statements that seem to imply that secession is an option for Texas.

He made the infamous comments last week after an anti-tax rally in Austin, one of the many "tea party" style demonstrations modeled off the Boston Tea Party of 1773, meant to protest excessive government spending.

"Texas is a unique place," Perry said. "When we came into the union in 1845, one of the issues was that we would be able to leave if we decided to do that." To clarify, actually no, that isn't true. We can't just peacefully dissolve our ties to the United States because we were, at one point, a Republic. Nothing in the Texas Constitution states that we reserve the right to secede.

He continued: "My hope is that America and Washington in particular pays attention. We've got a great

union. There's absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, who knows what may come of that."

This "clarification" is not comforting. It sounds quite a bit like a threat, if completely insincere.

Perry went on FOX before the "tea parties" to discuss the events, and said, "We are fed up with the federal government stepping into our business." The "straw that broke Texas' back," he said, was the \$555 million offered to Texas in stimulus money for unemployment insurance that would require expansion of the program, potentially requiring Texas to spend its own money on the programs once the stimulus funds ran out.

The federal government is overstepping its boundaries, he said, and ignoring the Tenth Amendment, which states that powers not granted to the national government nor prohibited to the states are reserved to the states or the people, by attaching strings to the bailout



BY JADE ORTEGO

money. This would require uses of the money that he is ideologically opposed to, and many Texans also have huge problems with this. This is understandable. He can disagree and help demonstrate the views of his constituents.

However. It is indescribably irresponsible to appear to be advocating secession, or even imply that it's an option. This "cowboy politics" is not commendable in any way. It promotes anarchy. He is pandering to the angry and misinformed, likely to respond with a knee-jerk reaction to any action of Democratic administration they already mistrust and suspect is socialist or something otherwise foreign and evil.

In fact, those most likely to

participate in anti-tax demonstrations, hurt worst by the recession, bitter at government waste and irresponsibility, have had their taxes cut by the current administration. Perry is taking advantage of their bias and ignorance – the expanded unemployment insurance that he loathes so much might well benefit those protesters in the current state of the economy, but why should they ever know that?

Also, and quite significantly, there exists a lunatic fringe base in Texas that actively promotes secession, and their beliefs and tactics have been deadly in the past.

In 1997 the Republic of Texas Separatist movement had a week-long standoff with police that left one dead and its leader with a 99-year sentence in prison. Why would Perry ever want to even hint at aligning himself with this movement?

Also, what happened to standing by your country and president, regardless of context, that southern Republicans so fervently demanded of

progressives during the Bush administration? As Gail Collins put it in her Saturday column, "Isn't threatening to dissolve the union over the stimulus package a little less American than failure to wear a flag pin?"

According to Rasmussen Reports, 31 percent of Texans think that Texas has the right to secede and form an independent country. Three-fourths would opt to stay in the United States if it were put to a vote. That 25 percent on the fence about this, some maybe armed (even on college campuses!), really frightens me.

The notion of secession is sure to be given additional legitimacy by the indirect support Texas' most important elected official, giving otherwise reasonable but angry people the thought that this is a real option.

Also, I've noticed that Perry's comments have had a frightening affect on younger and/or ill-informed Texans who don't know where they stand on the political spectrum. They are excited for new conflict and have admiration for their gover-

nor who would have the audacity to make such a bold claim and not apologize for it. They don't understand the context; they just think it's "awesome."

Perry is facing a re-election race against Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, and maybe he thinks this will impress on him a sort of "maverick" image which is so popular with his constituents to contrast with the "insider" he's tried to paint his opponent. His implications are no doubt completely insincere, meant to rally populist support from those that don't understand the connection between patriotism, so essential in this southern state, and wanting to remain a part of the country.

All this rage essentially amounts to nothing: the stimulus money that he wanted to reject will probably be accepted, thanks to the votes of the Senate and the House. Perry is just up to "politics:" politics uniquely Texan in its range and impudence.

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Editorial

Get your paws to the polls: Ballot full of Bears

The campaign signs seen across campus can only mean one thing: it's student government election time once again. Students can vote from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at www.baylor.edu/sg/vote. Each year, the Lariat editorial board talks with each of the candidates for the top three positions in student government: student body president, internal vice president and external vice president.

After hearing their plans and vision for the position they're campaigning for and seeing how their personalities and experience may help them reach their goals, we endorse those who we feel would be best suited for the job. These endorsements are solely the opinions of the majority of the editorial board and should serve only as a guide to understanding the student body's options when choosing leaders for next year.

Student body president

Though Cleburne junior Jordan Hannah is the only candidate running for student body president, we would not endorse him if we didn't feel he was fit for the job. But Hannah is well-suited for the position and will bring enthusiasm and dedication to it.

If elected, Hannah will be the only student body president in the last four years that didn't hold one of the top three positions previous to election, but this isn't going to deter him.

He has great experience in student government after serving as the sophomore and junior class president. He's observed past student body presidents and learned from their actions.

Hannah will come into the position with the willingness to put his personal opinions

aside in favor of representing the desire of the student body. He seems to understand that he will be the voice of the students. When an issue arises, he plans to avoid acting on his own or solely with the advice of cabinet members and instead, collaborate more with the internal and external vice presidents to come to a consensus about which action to take.

As junior class president, he helped head up Bear the Difference, an event to raise awareness about disabilities. This kind of knowledge of different challenges faced by students across the campus will only aid him in representing all students.

We also liked Hannah's desire to steer student government away from politics and bring it back to service.

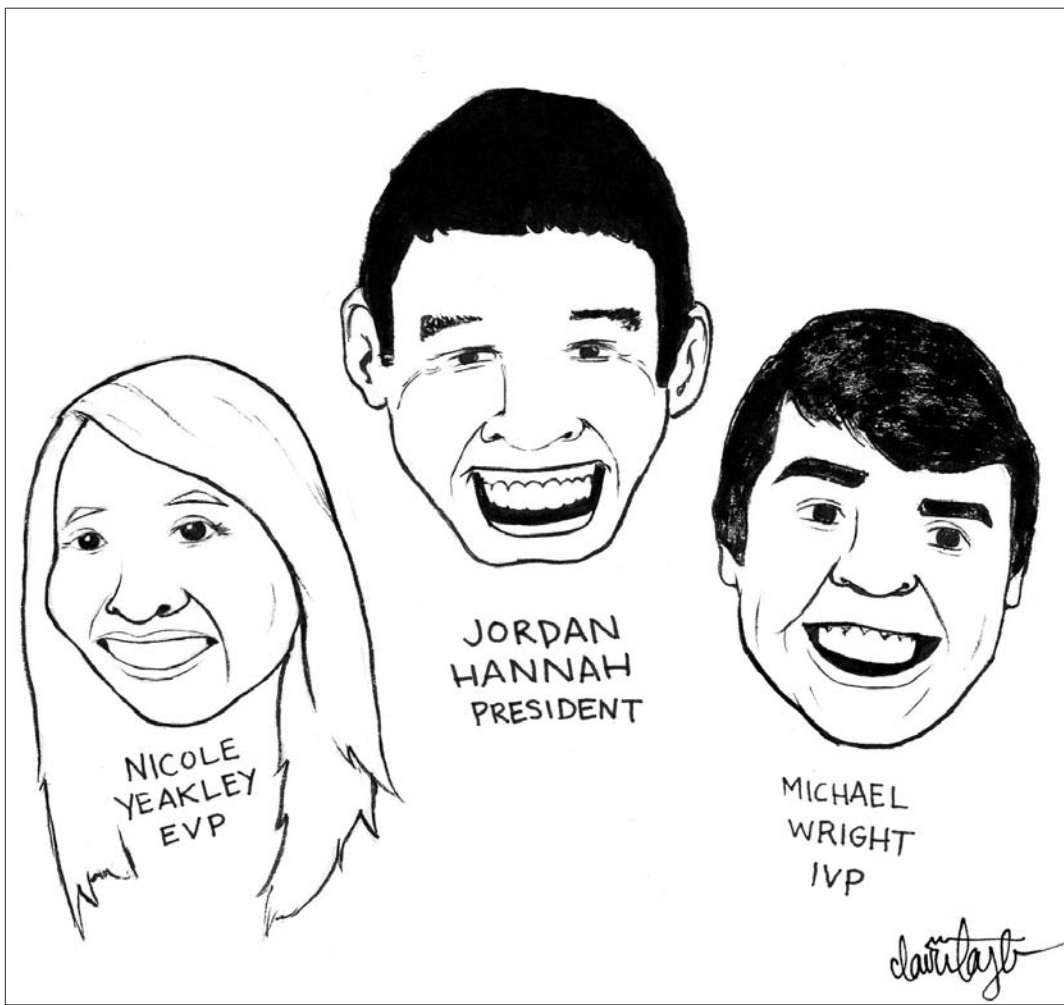
External vice president

Keeping Lindale senior Nicole Yeakley in the position of external vice president will provide stability in a year of many administration changes and allow her to finish what she's started. Yeakley has served in student government for three years and has had much success as external vice president this year.

One of the jobs of the EVP is to build relationships between Baylor and the Waco community. Yeakley has a unique view of the problem of the divide between Baylor and Waco.

She says there is a trust issue between Waco and Baylor, which is only furthered by allowing Wacoans, such as the homeless, onto campus only for certain events. It builds an unwelcoming image for Baylor.

So instead of inviting the Waco community to campus for one-day events, she plans to send more students out into the



community to build relationships. This is the best way to connect Baylor and Waco.

She has also had success getting students involved in city planning. This year, she worked with the mayor to help appoint nine students on nine different city boards.

Another duty of the external vice president is to connect Baylor with the Big 12.

Yeakley's success in organizing Baylor's participation for the first time in the Big 12 on the Hill shows that she can do just that. By taking a group of Baylor students to Capitol Hill to join other Big 12 schools in lobbying for issues that affect college students, she effectively improved relations with these schools.

Yeakley has a mentoring program in the works right now in which students from Waco colleges would receive a scholarship in exchange for mentoring two or three high school students. If elected, she aims to set this plan set in motion.

Internal vice president

The decision for internal

vice president was a tough one. Both candidates bring relevant experience and strong ideas to the table. But ultimately Houston sophomore Michael Wright will command authority and execute the job gracefully.

Wright currently serves as a sophomore senator and chair of the finance and safety committees. His experience on the finance committee has allowed him to fully understand the process for allocating funds from the Student Government Allocation Fund to student organizations, which is a large part of what Student Senate does.

Because he would be overseeing senate meetings, being knowledgeable on this process will be invaluable.

From his experience on this committee, he decided he would like to launch a campaign about exactly how the allocation process works so every organization has all the information they need to make a pitch to Senate for money from the allocation fund.

He would also like to make the allocation fund self-perpetuating in order for it to be more

stable.

Though we chose to endorse Wright because we felt his personality was a better match for the job, Plano junior Jessica Liu also had some great ideas that we really appreciated and would like to see implemented.

Wright's plan to make the Student Government Allocation Fund self-perpetuating involves fundraising from local businesses, which we feel may take some fundraising opportunities away from individual campus organizations.

Liu suggests instead that student government looks to the Baylor family for donations, such as past student government participants and Baylor alumni.

She also wants to establish a financial success center for students that would help them learn to manage money.

Regardless of who you vote for, the most important thing is that you vote. The three candidates elected for these positions will be representing you and your interests for the next school year. Make sure your voice is heard.

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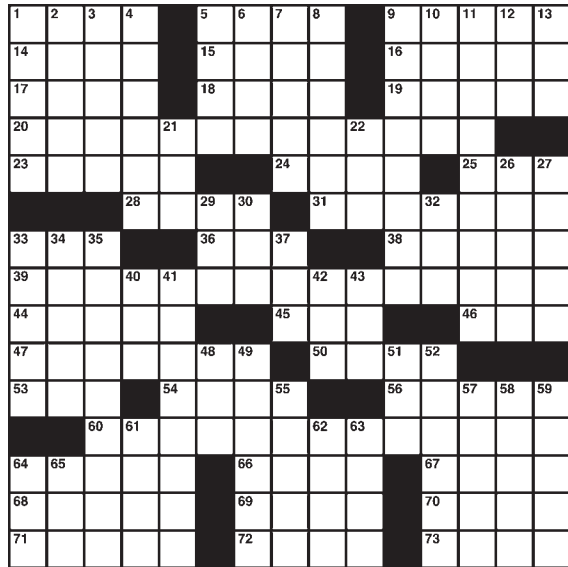
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Passion for art leads to success

By **Brittany McNamara**
Reporter

Andrew Green grew up sharing an interest in academia with his 10 siblings. The Las Vegas junior, however, decided to break the mold and pursue his passion for art. This led to the publication of his wood sculpture "Elegance," in the spring 2009 issue of the Recorder, the national journal of Alpha Chi.

"I was pretty excited when the editor of the magazine e-mailed me," Green said. "Honestly, I was surprised he had heard of my piece."

Green said he received an e-mail from the Recorder at the beginning of this semester, after applying for the Alfred Knoll scholarship through Alpha Chi. Green was awarded the scholarship and learned of his sculpture's upcoming publication.

"Elegance" is a 6-foot-high sculpture made entirely of plywood. Green created it last year in a wood sculpture class and estimated that he spent 45 to 50 hours forming it. He said the inspiration for the piece derived from three books covering the topics of mushrooms, water birds and leaves.

The published sculpture was Green's first attempt at carving and he said he was surprised in its recognition since he has carved many sculptures since "Elegance."

"It's funny because I feel like I've made much better work since then," Green said, "but this is the one everyone keeps talking about."

Robbie Barber, associate professor of art, was Green's professor when he sculpted "Elegance." Barber said Green is an exceptional student who desires to perform above and beyond.

"'Elegance' was well con-

ceived, and beautifully handled by Andrew," Barber said. "What was most impressive was that this was his first attempt at carving, and he chose to make a floor sculpture, which required more energy, time and problem-solving skills in relation to what most students attempt at that level."

Green came to Baylor as an architecture major, but after taking a few sculpting classes he switched to studio art. Although they have their similarities, the two fields differ dimensionally, Green said.

"Working three-dimensionally requires a completely different mind-set," he said. "Your art is viewed in the round, not just hung on the wall, and you have to involve your art with space."

Green said he spends three to four hours a day weekdays in the sculpture room and five to six hours a day on weekends.

"It's not like sitting in the library where all you want to be is home," Green said. "I can work all day Saturday, right through lunch, and find it enjoyable."

Describing his family as more intellectual, not artsy, Green said his family still appreciates his art. Green's father is a banker, and his mother works as a kindergarten aid in an elementary school. Every so often he sends an e-mail to family members, updating them with pictures of new sculptures, he said. Many of his pieces reside in their homes.

"My family doesn't really understand my art, but they like it," Green said. "There's some of it I don't even really understand."

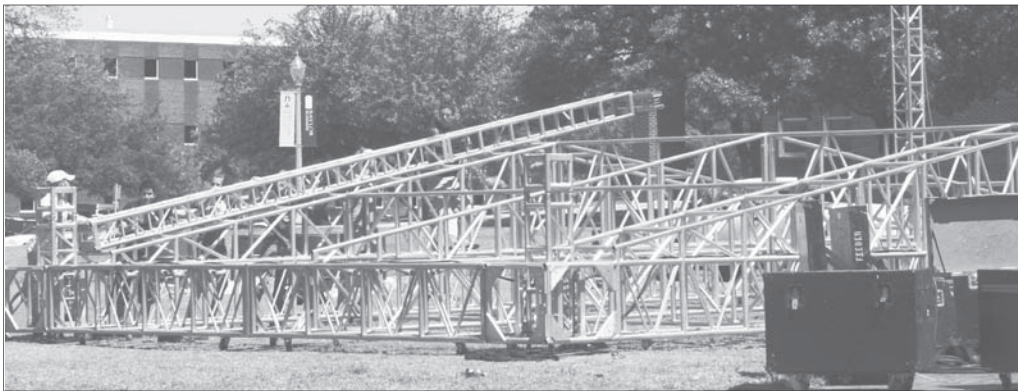
Green is now working on an almost 30-foot earth work in front of the Lewis Art Building. Using grass, dirt and bricks, Green said he hopes to imitate a Native American burial ground.



Courtesy Photo

Las Vegas junior, Andrew Green's plywood sculpture titled "Elegance" has been recognized by the Recorder, the national journal of Alpha Chi. The sculpture is 6-foot-high and an estimated 45 to 50 hours were spent on its formation.

After graduation, Green said he aspires to return to architecture and become a licensed architect. Of course, sculpting won't be left behind. Green said he plans to still sculpt on the weekends for his own enjoyment.



Jacky Reyes/Lariat Staff

Getting ready to rock

Preparations for the Omega Kids fundraiser concert for the orphanage they have started are underway. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday on Fountain Mall and will feature Dr. Dog, Cave Singers, Golden Boots and Griffin Kelp.

Local radio stations persevere

By **Dache Johnson**
Reporter

Budget cuts and funding woes are causing issues for National Public Radio Inc., and its relationship with some of its local member stations. NPR, a news station based in Washington D.C., is listener and grant supported with corporate underwriting, unlike most commercial radio stations. The station charges its member stations association fees and the cost of running their programs.

"We already have to purchase programs from NPR. It would be very difficult for us to have to spend more," said Claire Paul, program director for the Waco NPR station, KWBU-FM, in response to suggestions that member stations fundraise directly for NPR.

"Having to raise additional funding for NPR would hurt. The membership dollars we raise are to pay for programming fees that are based on our listenership and revenue, not even for the equipment we use or other costs," said Brodie Bashaw, station manager at KWBU-FM.

NPR has reduced its \$23 million projected deficit for 2009 to \$8 million through budget cuts and reduced staffing.

"Because of the reduced staffing, (NPR) couldn't produce all the programs on their schedule,

that's why they don't offer some programs like 'Day by Day' anymore," Paul said.

That program and "News and Notes" were cancelled and accounted for a bulk of NPR's layoffs.

NPR is trying to minimize the affects on the station by making sure signature shows with a larger listenership stay on the schedule, Paul said. Shows like "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered" will stay scheduled due to listener support and corporate underwriting.

"I haven't seen any changes in our day to day operations, but I know NPR has been having budget cuts and layoffs in the last two months. One of our shows for the high definition two station was canceled and we had to reorganize our schedule," said Derek Smith, News Director for KWBU-FM.

While the programming changes can be frustrating, the membership stations understand, said Paul. But the economy's impact on the stations haven't fully developed.

"We haven't reached our new fiscal year yet so we haven't seen the results. But as far as how it will affect us in the future, we don't know what kind of position NPR will be in to give us deals if we are struggling. We aren't where we need to be, we're going to end up in the red,"

Brashaw said.

"The cost of our programs are made two years in advance. Hopefully there will be more corporate funding and that will help. That has also been the biggest downfall I'm guessing, the corporate fundraising. Companies like GM aren't underwriting programs anymore because they don't have the money to spend on advertising."

Commercial radio stations seem to be functioning fine comparatively. One local radio station felt the affects of the economy troubles in their advertising, but recovered and has evened out.

"There's always ebb and flow."

We have some companies that are cutting back their advertising and some that are picking up. We did notice a decrease through quarter 1, January, February and March. April has turned around and we are back up. National advertising is up, and local advertising is about flat or even," said Check Redden, director of sales at the 97.5 FM radio station.

NPR stations offer a different kind of radio experience than most commercial stations.

"We have much more in-depth reporting, we can tell all sides, the longer version of the story. We have the time to tell you the full story, more than just a sound bite," Paul said.

BEAR BRIEFS

Baylor's chapter of International Justice Mission will hold an "Invisible Children" Screening from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. today at the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl. Representatives from Invisible Children will be coming to campus to show the documentary.

It's Earth Week: the University Sustainability Committee's goal is to raise awareness about sustainable living both on campus and in the Waco community. It is important as part of the Baylor experience to place a spotlight on environmental/ecological concerns. For more

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Junior western rider Madelyn Moody competes Thursday against the University of Georgia's Nichole Grant. Baylor placed fourth in hunter seat. This year completes the first full cycle of Baylor riders.

Equestrian captures 4th

By Julie Sessions
Reporter

Baylor equestrian took home its highest-ever postseason place this weekend at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, finishing fourth in the hunter seat championship portion of competition at the Heart O' Texas Fair Complex.

Over 15 schools competed in Waco for top honors in both English and western riding, with the Lady Bears entering the competition as the No. 4 and No. 6 seeds in hunter seat and western riding, respectively.

"This is our first year to have seniors and we're a very young team ... but our girls look good out there riding," head coach Ellen White said. "They've been sharp and on their game, and we (went) up against some tough competition."

Competition that included not just Texas rivals Texas A&M University and TCU, but South-eastern Conference schools Auburn University, the University of Georgia, and the University of South Carolina.

"All three SEC schools are big rivals for us and very strong in

this sport," White said. "With us going into this being the only Big 12 school left in the championships competing for English, we wanted to represent not only Baylor well but also the conference."

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Ellen White
head coach

Baylor joined Auburn and Georgia in the No. 1 rankings this year for equestrian, and became the top Big 12 hunter seat team and the only team in the conference to ever be ranked No. 1 in the Women's Intercollegiate Equestrian National Coaches' Poll. The Lady Bears took fourth in the hunter seat championship round after a 6-2 loss to South Carolina, while top-seeded Auburn finished second and Georgia claimed first.

"We've done really well here and have really come through the ranks as a team since we started

out this season," said freshman Kim Woodsum, who is currently a redshirt. "Especially with this being still a new and emerging sport for Baylor, it's been awesome seeing how the team has been able to pull together and get us this far."

Baylor celebrated several individual honors this weekend, with junior Mary Smitson capping a second consecutive tournament win (133-132) in English riding and senior Shelby White earning several equitation points of her own against South Carolina (130-123) on Saturday. Competing in her third year at the varsity national level, junior Allison Orosz celebrated the highest score in horsemanship Friday in western riding.

"Getting the highest score in horsemanship was really exciting for me ... and seeing how far our Western and English riding has come this season has been great," Orosz said. "We have a really cohesive team and I think that's why we've been able to perform so well. Everyone, both freshmen and seniors, gets along and supports each other, and we're excited to see where next year takes us."

Sports briefs

Grant Teaff to receive "Distinguished Texan" award Wednesday

Legendary football coach Grant Teaff will be honored at the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame's first banquet April 22 at the Dallas/Addison Marriott. The hall of fame coach will be presented with the Distinguished Texan Award, which is given for lifetime achievement and contribution to the game.

Teaff served 21 years as head coach at Baylor, leading the team to two Southwest Conference championships and eight bowl games.

Men's basketball sets banquet for May 7

Head coach Scott Drew and company will be honored at the annual men's basketball banquet May 7 to celebrate the team's achievements this season. Drew is scheduled to address the attendees, with postseason awards following the speech.

Tickets are \$30 for one person, \$400 for a regular table, and \$500 for a premium table. Fans may RSVP on Baylor Web site, www.baylorbears.com, or call toll-free at (866) 281-9444.

-compiled by Gordon Voit

Men's tennis grabs 8th title

By Ben Powell
Reporter

The fifth-ranked Bears shut-out No. 24 Oklahoma State University to stay perfect in conference play and claim outright the team's eighth straight Big 12 Conference title Sunday afternoon.

"It's a big deal. We take a lot of pride in the fact that we've won it nine of the last 10 years and eight-in-a-row. That's very special," head coach Matt Knoll said.

Junior Dominik Mueller and freshman Julian Bley clinched the doubles point when, at 4-4 in the set, the pair broke to go up 5-4 and stayed on serve to finish

the match with an ace from Bley.

In singles, Mueller clinched the match and Big 12 title in straight sets against OSU's Aleksey Bessonov.

"Everybody is playing on a pretty high level. I think everyday we come out and practice everybody has fun," Mueller said. "We are one of the hottest teams getting into the NCAA tournament."

With the match decided, all eyes turned to court one to witness a titanic battle between sixth-ranked Lukacs and second-ranked Oleksandr Nedovyesov. Nedovyesov won the first set in a tiebreaker and Lukacs earned an early break in the second to tie the match at one set apiece.

Lukacs was down 7-8 in the tiebreaker with Nedovyesov to serve, but won both the OSU junior's service points to take the lead. On match point, Nedovyesov returned Lukacs' serve deep to complete the shutout.

"I didn't serve great but I was competing really hard and executing really hard on my service games," Lukacs said. At 7-8, "he hit a 70 miles per hour body serve and a 50 mph second serve and I was just going for it and I hit two really good returns on both."

Baylor will next compete this Friday at the Big 12 Championships in Norman, Okla. The Bears will face the winner of the Texas Tech University Oklahoma State match.



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Senior David Galic finishes his serve during a doubles point. The men's tennis team clinched the Big 12 Conference regular season championship with a 7-0 sweep of Oklahoma State University Sunday.

Weekend split puts new importance on UT game

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

The Baylor softball team (33-17, 9-5) will take on the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners (23-23, 14-10) at 5 p.m. today at Gettnerman Stadium.

After Nebraska dealt the Lady Bears a 1-0 loss Sunday, the Lady Bears will look to rebound against the Roadrunners before they take on No. 22 Texas (34-14, 10-4) Wednesday.

"It's an important game is all I know," freshman pitcher Whitney Canion (21-13, 1.49 ERA)

said after Sunday's loss. The loss dropped Baylor into fourth place in the Big 12 as Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas all posted wins.

"We just have to pick up our pace even more and work really hard to try to get into the NCAAs," junior left fielder Tiffany Wesley said. "We're still in the running to be in the top of the Big 12."

Canion, who threw a combined 283 pitches in two games against Nebraska over the weekend, said she hoped to be able to rest her arm during the game with UTSA in preparation for the Longhorns' visit to Gettnerman

Stadium, but indicated that she wasn't sure if she'd throw against the Roadrunners.

"They didn't think I would but I will, depending on how my arm goes," the left-hander from Aledo said. "I'd rather it be rested for Wednesday."

A high endurance level and an ability to bounce back from a start quickly has been one of Canion's strong points in the first season of her Baylor career. Of the 329 innings in which Baylor pitchers have thrown, Canion has pitched 230.2 of them. She has faced 827 batters and held her opponents to a .190 batting

average. She leads the Big 12 in strike outs with 341.

Nebraska's Molly Hill (20-9, 1.26 ERA) is the only pitcher in the Big 12 who has pitched over 100 innings who has a better ERA than Canion. It was Hill who got the win for the Huskers Sunday, but head coach Glenn Moore said Canion still pitched a gem of a game, especially considering that she threw 170 pitches in 10 innings during Saturday's game.

"I thought, coming back from that, she did everything we could ask her to do," he said, adding that it would have been nice for

her to have more run support. "We've got to score her a run and we weren't able to do that."

With four games left against teams in the conference, Canion said she still believes there's a good chance Baylor can finish strong and at the top of the Big 12.

"We've just got to keep winning ball games and show up at the Big 12 tournament," she said. "The Big 12 isn't over yet. A lot of things can happen with other teams and us. We just need to really focus here and play Texas on Wednesday. That's going to be a huge game for us."

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Protestors ‘lie down’ for Columbine

Catherine Tsai
The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Dozens of people participated in a “lie-down” at Colorado’s state Capitol Monday to demand stricter gun control and mark the 10th anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings. Thirteen people representing those killed at Columbine lay like spokes of a wheel at the west steps of the Capitol. They had wrapped blue and white ribbons around their necks, the official colors of the suburban

Denver school. Others kneeled nearby as the names of the 23 injured in the April 20, 1999, attack also were read. Among them was Mallory Sanders, granddaughter of slain teacher Dave Sanders, and Steve Wewer, godfather of slain student Daniel Mauser. Daniel’s father, Tom Mauser, said he realized some might question his appearance at a ceremony with a political, though not partisan, overtone on the solemn occasion. But he said he doesn’t think

the country has done enough to stop gun violence since Columbine. “I would just say, ‘Why wouldn’t we do this today?’” Mauser said. “...We have become desensitized. We shake our heads and say, ‘What a shame,’ but we don’t do very much about it.” Mauser wore the Vans shoes his son was wearing the day he was killed, shoes that were held in evidence until five years ago. Above the rally, the U.S. and Colorado state flags flew

at half-staff at the Capitol, as ordered by Gov. Bill Ritter. A giant blue ribbon memorializing Columbine hung from the outside of the Capitol’s gold dome. Monday’s event was sponsored by Colorado Ceasefire, a gun control group. “I don’t necessarily think we need to get rid of guns entirely,” said Richard Castaldo, who was partially paralyzed at Columbine. But he insisted background checks are needed at gun shows. “We need to know who they are.”

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dent, upon recommendation of the provost, can grant tenure to a faculty member without following the prescribed steps within Baylor’s tenure process. The appointment of tenure, however, must be approved by a majority vote from the tenured faculty in their respective department and approved by that department’s dean. According to a summary of changes to the BUPP 704 policy, the policy and procedure

changes began at the Academic Summit and incorporated a wide spectrum of department chairs, faculty and deans. The new policy was drafted by Office of the Provost June 2008. That draft was then revised by participants of the summit meeting in September 2008. Following the second round of revisions, the document was reviewed by Faculty Senate in October 2008 then reviewed by the Council of Deans. The Office of General Counsel made reviews and revisions

until Interim President Garland approved the changes. “I think it was a necessary process to make these changes in the correct manner,” Bennighof said. “There will always be difference of opinion.” Bennighof’s position within academic affairs and policy placed him in charge of overseeing the alteration process of the policy and procedures. According to the summary of changes, the alterations constituted “substantive changes” and most of the policy’s pas-

sages had been improved for clarity, too. Dr. Georgia Green, associate dean for the school of music and Faculty Senate president, said that faculty voiced opinions in an effective manner. “There were changes that the faculty felt needed to happen,” Green said. “The summit was the starting point for the changes to begin.” The finalized revisions have been updated on the Executive Vice President and Provost’s Web site.

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said Carl Flynn, director of marketing and communications for Information Technology Services and Libraries. “We had stored up. We didn’t do that this year. We stayed fairly consistent and it was just normal recycling. We can take a look at that and say, ‘yes our recycling system is working’.” The Gorilla Prize contest is a measure of the total amount of recyclables the school submits during the 10-week program. The Per Capita Classic is conducted by dividing the total number recycled by the total population of the campus. “Last year, we had a lot of Herculean effort from the physical plant folks and all the fac-

ulty and staff members in the buildings, cleaning out everything they could think of to recycle along with what we collected in our residence halls,” said Pattie Orr, vice president for Information Technology and dean of Libraries. “Even though our numbers aren’t as high as last year, our collections were done as part of our regular institutional process.” The University Sustainability Committee is 15 containers from reaching its goal of every academic and administrative building outfitted with containers, as well as all of the residence halls. “Next, year we will have everything in place,” Orr said. “We will have containers all through athletics, all through the academic buildings, all

through administrative buildings, all through the residence halls and that will really position us to do well.” Last year Baylor completed Recyclemania with 11.47 pounds in the Per Capita Classic, while finishing 114 in 2008 and 137 in 2007 with 6.77 pounds per person. In the Big 12, Baylor finished third out of five competing schools in the Per Capita Classic. The university fell short against Missouri and Colorado, while defeating Kansas State, which had 6.61 pounds per person and Texas A&M, which had 4.55 pounds. “It is really not so much about winning the contest, although we do especially want to beat Texas A&M, which we have done for two years in a

row,” Orr said. “We would love to win, but mostly we want to have recycling be a regular process here at Baylor. It needs to be part of our institutional culture and that is what I think is the big headline for this year.” Flynn said he is pleased with the progress of contest showed but admitted that Baylor has room for improvement. “We have really just completed our second year of implementing it and this is the first run of students that really have seen it full scale,” Flynn said. “That says a lot for the success of what we have deployed. It also shows looking around that we got some work to do. In five years I would love to see these numbers again, I think they are going to be more and more.”

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Three candidates are facing off in the race for external vice president: Amarillo sophomore Emily Saultz, Lindale junior Nicole Yeakley and Seabrook sophomore Michael Horne.

Emily Saultz

Saultz is a Baylor Business Fellows and premed major. She served as class president for two years. Saultz said the success of external vice president primarily depends on the ability to develop relationships with students, faculty, administration, the community, alumni and other universities. “I am relational by nature, so my personality will help me in this position. My ability to communicate effectively with my peers, as well as, with the administration and community leaders will be important,” Saultz said. “The external vice president must be able to represent the opinions and interests of the student body to both the university and community.” If elected, Saultz said she plans to strengthen the relationship between Baylor and the Waco community. “I would like to see even more members of the homeless community at this fall’s Thanksgiving dinner and to open more on-campus events to community members,” Saultz said, “I also want to help Baylor students get involved by raising awareness of volunteer opportunities in Waco ... We attend Baylor, but we live in Waco and share a common responsibility to help find solutions to the problems in our community.”

Nicole Yeakley

Yeakley is a political science and philosophy major. Yeakley served in student government for the past three years; as a freshman senator and vice-chair of Academic Affairs Committee, sophomore senator and vice-chair of Academic Affairs and Committees and creator and chair of Legislative Relations Committee and as current external vice president. “Through my multiple leadership positions in student government, I have not only learned how to navigate through a sometimes very complicated adminis-

trative environment, but I have already built relationships that will help me in the next year,” Yeakley said. If elected, Yeakley plans to decrease the cost of higher education for Baylor students. “I have lobbied the federal government to increase Pell grants and grants for study abroad programs,” Yeakley said, “And I have lobbied the state government to remove the sales tax from college textbooks, which would save students about \$100 a year.” Yeakley said she is “incredibly passionate” about her work. “This job entails more than just improving relationships with Waco. It also requires relationships with other universities and congressional offices. I have a proven track record in all three of these areas,” Yeakley said. “And most importantly I am passionate about all three of these areas.”

Michael Horne

Horne is a pre-business major. He served as a senator in student government for the past two years. He also served as vice-chair and then chair of the Public Relations Committee, an experience he said “sets me apart from my other candidates.” “Being on the public relations committee has prepared me to work with representatives of the Waco community, the Big 12 and private universities,” Horne said. “Also, I have authored several bills for organizations to receive money from the Student Government Allocation Fund for their events.” Horne said, if elected, he plans to increase student involvement in Waco community. “The disconnect between the Baylor and Waco community is one of the biggest concerns facing our student body. By increasing student involvement in the Waco community we can make progress towards both parties interacting as a happy family,” Horne said.

Two candidates are in a tight race for the office of the Internal Vice President: Houston sophomore Michael Wright and Plano junior Jessica Liu.

Michael Wright

Wright is a Business Fellows and economics major. While serving as a senator during the past two years, Wright served

on both the Finance and Safety committees and is currently the chairman for both committees. If elected, Wright said he will make sure Student Senate is focused on serving students in every decision they make. He said he plans on taking this responsibility seriously and will do his best to represent students in a positive and Christian manner. “It is imperative that I continue Student Government’s relationship with Interim President Garland and continue to lobby for a strong student voice amongst the Board of Regents as our university searches for a permanent leader,” Wright said. Wright said he believes he is the candidate best suited to serve as Internal Vice President. “As Baylor undergoes this period of transition, it becomes even more important that the student body is heard with the ‘Wright voice,’” Wright said.

Jessica Liu

Liu is a finance and international business major. She served in a senate seat during her freshman year. She has served as a member of the Operations and Procedures Committee for two years and is the current chair of the committee. “I have learned that the dynamic of each year’s senate is very different. That it is so important for the internal vice president to keep it balanced to best serve the student body,” Liu said. If elected, Liu said she plans to strengthen the relationship between Student Government and the student body by focusing on projects and issues that students face on a daily basis. “Through increasing awareness of diversity on our campus, creating an endowed Student Government Allocation Fund, making sure that academic buildings are accessible for late-night studying and establishing a financial success center, the Baylor experience can be greatly enriched,” Liu said. Liu said she believes student should vote for her because she does not view the position of Internal Vice President “as a ‘job’ that must be fulfilled, but a place where true student service can originate from.” Students can cast their vote 8 a.m. to 5 p.m Wednesday and Thursday, at www.baylor.edu/sg/vote.

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also asked financial questions, asking the subject’s income and amount of charitable donations given. Participants were then separated into three categories: true believers, believers and skeptics. Gwin’s paper concluded that there is a negative correlation between religiosity and wealth. While the true believers had the lowest credit card debt and owned more homes without debt, the skeptics attained the highest net worth and greatest wealth. Todd P. Steen, professor of economics at Hope College, discussed the impact one’s religious upbringing has on their earnings over time. “Religious traditions influence views on gender roles, marriage and childcare, all of which can impact employment choice,” Steen said.

Steen said there is evidence to support that those brought up Roman Catholic will earn higher wages than Protestants at some point during their lives. Unaware of its exact explanation, Steen concluded that a higher likelihood of private schooling did not seem to be a sizable determinant. Faithful economists are those who use their Christian faith to broaden the science of economics. Ed Noell, representing Westmont College, suggested that there are three moral values guiding faithful economists in their work. “We are concerned for the weak and vulnerable, we worry over dangers and we desire that every member of society receives a good education,” Noell said.

Christian economists are most concerned with the latter. “Ensuring all members of society are educated is the best means for addressing poverty and avoiding increasing inequality,” Noell said. Paul McNamara, representative from the University of Illinois, said, when presenting work to peers in the field, faithful economists need to approach the audience with a “citizen of another world” attitude. Being Christians and people of faith,

they are approaching the science of economics with a very different perspective than most of their peers, he said. According to McNamara, faithful economists should know some things are higher than their discipline. The best thing they can do is help their congregations become the vision of God through research, work and teaching. A question presented at the roundtable discussion by Nancy Fox, a Jewish professor at St. Joseph’s University, was whether faith gives the economists a comparative advantage in pursuing their work, and if so, in what way? It was argued that faith creates access to social networks that are incredible, and faithful economists can go great places through their congregations. Of course, economists should use their faith like stewards and not take advantage of the opportunities it presents to them. Another question presented by Noell was whether “swimming in the mainstream,” or doing the work of secular economists, was still Godly? The overwhelming answer was yes, and that doing so represents a model of Christ and rigorous inquiry. What faithful economists need to ask themselves, though, is whether the mainstream has constrained their Christian faith in doing their work and research, according to the discussion. Questions of economic success and faith are on the forefront for graduating seniors like Dallas senior James Vaughn, who face the pressures of succeeding in the job market. “I feel like right now there is definitely more of a temptation to be unethical,” Vaughan said. “People are sacrificing integrity for advancement.” Baylor has gone to great lengths to prepare its students for upcoming moral pressures. “Baylor has taken a heightened approach to focusing on ethics, especially in business, and has given me a better road map to guide my ethical decisions in the future,” said graduate student Ryan Schroeder. “Business has taken a downturn, but Baylor has definitely been on the proactive end.”



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