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Letters still relevant in technology age

BY KELSEY MOHR

There are never enough hours in the day. In between classes, homework, a job, organizations and friends, who has enough time to sit down and write a letter? A few people in our lives, I think. It is important to take the time to write to those people that you love the quick-fix as much as the next person and is an inexpensive way to do something unexpected for someone else. It may seem inconvenient, but is well-timed and include a personal touch. Thank you notes should be specific, sincere and articulate. Poets and writers really have time to sit down and write a love letter is a word that is thrown around as much as the word "love."清澈的

A letter can brighten someone’s day as much as a text can make that person feel important. There are never enough hours in the day, even without hours set aside to write letters. So roll your eyes and tell me I’m right, because letters are still relevant to our society.

As the 2009 president of the Baylor Alumni Association, I have had the opportunity to respond to a letter to the editor by Baylor student, Jessica Acklen.

In the Sept. 29 edition of the Baylor Lariat regarding the proposal that Baylor’s regents and interim administration made to the BAA on Sept. 19.

In that letter, Ms. Acklen asked the BAA and Baylor to respond to two questions: “Would the Baylor Alumnae give the Baylor and the BAA each an opportunity to publish a story worthy of the attention of the alumni even though this story might cast the university in a negative light?” and “Is this the time to publish articles that only three home games left on the schedule, having a solid crowd roaring on a crucial third-down play; celebrating a long touchdown, is essential to amplifying the team’s efforts. With only three home games left on the schedule, make Baylor football a priority on your Saturday — not a social option.

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Bears Down makes its return

A Student Foundation member bears a suit on Monday, at the registration for Bears Down, a bicycle race which began in the '70s but hasn’t been held since 2002. The race is being brought back to mark the organization’s 40th anniversary.

"Cyber Security involves so much more than just keeping your computer safe," Beth Walker said. "It’s also about protecting yourself and your personal information."

Walker believes that it’s important to educate everyone about how to protect their online safety.

"Taking care of your online identity is just as important as taking care of your physical identity," she said. "It’s important to be aware of the risks and to take measures to prevent identity theft."

Some practical tips would be to:

- Keep your passwords strong and unique. Don’t reuse the same password for multiple accounts.
- Be cautious of phishing emails or calls. If you receive a request for personal information, verify the source first.
- Regularly check your credit reports. If you find any unauthorized activity, report it immediately.

Additionally, using a password manager can help you keep track of your passwords and ensure they are strong and unique. It’s important to be vigilant and take steps to protect your online identity.

You can play a role in promoting cybersecurity by sharing these tips with your friends and family. Together, we can make the internet a safer place for everyone.
New Road

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in the McLane Student Life Center and also spends time with the students from the Baylor Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center. He has also joined students on trips to Enchanted Rock and the Great Canyon.

“I’ve kept in touch with a ple-
ciple of kids from the images,” Smith said. “It was a great time.”

San Antonio senior Jordan Amor said Smith appreciates people. The first time he spent there.

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Garland freshman Nick Florence (No. 11) secures the ball as he scrambles against Kent State University.

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ACL draws in 137 bands

By ASH ANDERSON
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Once a year, more than 100 bands gather in Austin for a three-day festival known only as Austin City Limits. The eclectic mix of genres, artists and cultures act as an oasis for weary journeymen that have traveled from all over the country for this annual extravaganza.

Sitting under the appreciated shade of the media tent, Jonathan Tyler and the Northern Lights welcomed the opportunity to talk, simply because they enjoy talking to people that are interested in their music.

Hailing from Dallas, the band found its roots by creating a blues and rock cocktail — a flavor that's only gotten sweeter as the band has found its own niche in a world filled with struggling musicians.

When Tyler and Kansas, the band's lead guitarist, discovered bassist Nick Vox and drummer Jordan Cain, the added talent only fueled the band's desire to reach out to the world with their distinct and brilliant sound. Tyler produced the first album himself, and later the band was able to win others over by avoiding anything cookie-cutter in terms of lyrics or rhythm.

Having recently signed with Atlantic Records, Jonathan Tyler and the Northern Lights have put in countless hours making sure that their trademark edge is as sharp as it can possibly be.

"We've been able to spend a lot more time making music," Tyler said. "We have no choice. It's very professional. Making music isn't easy. "

Making music isn't easy, but the hours don't make it any easier. "We spent 17 days in the studio, about nine or 10 hours a day," Vox said.

As a testament to their success, Tyler and the band recently snatched up three awards at the Dallas Music Awards in August: Best Group, Best Male Vocalist and Best Blues Act.

But Tyler doesn't let any of their status go to his head. "Awards mean nothing to me," he said. "It's like one person trying to compare two paintings. One person can't say that, 'This painting is better than that painting' or, 'That painting is better than this painting' because someone else could come along and say something entirely different.

"Cats have even gone as far as comparing them to icons such as Jimi Hendrix, Lenny Kravitz and Stevie Ray Vaughn — just positions that Tyler isn't so sure about. "It's nice that people compare us to them," Tyler said, "but that's treading on classic territory."

The band recently came to Baylor to play for Kappa Alpha Theta's "Theta Rocks the Casa" event. Kansas said the band was pleased with the reaction from those that attended the event. "The women of Kappa Alpha Theta were very receptive, very energetic. They knew the words to our songs."

For Jonathan Tyler and the Northern Lights, having people know the words to their songs is something that they should get used to.

Jonathan Tyler and the Northern Lights entertain fans with tunes