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Student health care headache

Baylor graduate students work to relieve policy migraines

By Shannon Daily
Reporter

While United States health care and health insurance battle problem after problem, Baylor student health insurance faces a conundrum of its own. Students don't understand health insurance. "Most students don't know a great deal about insurance because that's normally an area that their parents have taken care of," Rosemary Townsend, director of business affairs and administration, said. "So it's a learning process for most students. (Students have) never before this time been a consumer of an insurance product." A group of graduate students, all having encountered different problems with their student health insurance coverage, have begun a dialogue with Townsend and other student health insurance representatives in an attempt to clear up areas of confusion. "We've (been) cutting through the myths and realities of (health insurance)," Beavers said. Although they've only had one meeting so far, Beaver said it served as an educational session. Townsend said the health center wants to help students get the most from their insurance. "To me, it's a part of education that the health center can provide," Townsend said. "We want (students) to be well-informed, savvy consumers." It's important to have a full understanding of what you're dealing with, Beavers said. While some of the students within the dialogue are paying for their insurance on their own for the first time, Beavers was more concerned with the nature of health insurance.

He received coverage from an employer and coverage offered at the University of North Carolina before he came to Baylor. "I sort of thought all health insurance was the same, and it's not," Beavers said. During the first meeting with the graduate students, Townsend proposed a kind of "Insurance 101 seminar." "Any students would be welcome," Townsend said, "but it would be especially important to students who had chosen to purchase the university plan." The graduate students also discussed ways to make health insurance at Baylor more affordable and beneficial for students, North Carolina graduate student Daniel Beavers said. Townsend said an increase in the insurance pool would help to lower the cost for all students. "The greater the number of people covered, the less the risk is," Townsend said. "The probability of all of them getting sick decreases with the number of people covered." The greater the size of the pool also helps to decrease a policy's premium. "Your premium each year is based on two things - what's the size of the pool, how many people are in this covered bunch, and how many claims have been made against this plan this year," Townsend said. The Baylor Health Center has recently launched a student health advisory committee. Linda Bostwick, nurse practitioner at the Health Center, is helping to start the group. Bostwick said the committee is only in its preliminary stages. "We're trying to figure out what role this group will play, but basically (the group is) a conduit of information from the students to the Health Center," she said. According to Bostwick, there

are about seven students on the committee so far. Baylor is in its second of three years with its chosen provider, Academic HealthPlans. According to Townsend, the insurance provider selection process involved a committee composed of students, faculty and staff that collaborated with the university purchasing department to compare proposals. The committee chose a plan with the low cost and a greater number of benefits, Townsend said. "It's trying to find that balance between how much of what we want we can afford to buy." In February and March of 2005, the Texas Department of Insurance surveyed students on nine college campuses in Texas, including

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Grand Prairie freshman Robyn Fuller and Weatherford freshman Tacey Stogsdille work on their biology lab worksheets Tuesday at the Baylor Sciences Building.

Technology gap closing, study says

Baylor professors say foreign advancement not a concern for U.S.

By Bryant Clark
Reporter

The United States has long been atop the world when it comes to science and technology, but lately concern has been developing that the U.S. is losing its competitive advantage. Globalization, the rise of science centers in developing countries, such as China, India and South Korea, the increasing number of foreign-born Ph.D. students in the United States and claims of a shortage of science and technology workers in the United States all drive these competitive concerns. In light of this apprehension, the Office of the Under Secretary of

Defense for Personnel and Readiness asked the RAND Corporation to hold a meeting to discuss data presented by experts from academic circles, government and the private sector. The meeting was held on Nov. 8, 2006. Last Friday the RAND Corporation finished their assessment and released the report to the public. Dr. Mike Thompson, an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, said he thinks the reason so many international students want to come and study in the United States is because of its exceptional educational system. "You want to study at the best programs to be the best," Thompson said. "Our national structure is set up to take advantage of intellectual property. In other words, people can profit off their ideas, and that gives us an edge." According to the study, if the

United States was to lose their edge in science and technology, the national economy, security and standard of living could all take a dive. In an e-mail sent to *The Lariat*, Dr. Joe McKinney, professor of international economics, said, "the fact that we have the leading research universities in the world, in combination with great venture capital markets and a good business climate, should give us the edge for quite a while." Concerning why other nations are making such strides, "Some countries have been very poor for awhile. And it's just been in recent years that they have developed an economy of quality," McKinney said. "As they do that, they're going to move up the technological ladder." Dr. Stephen Gardner, professor of economics and the director of the McBride Center for International Business, believes we need to con-

tinue to encourage young people to develop technical science and engineering skills. "We need to grow more of our own talent," Gardner said. "The downside of retracting a lot of talent from other countries is that you're promoting brain drain from developing countries— countries that need to have their own young, talented people serving their societies." Still, Gardner thinks the U.S. is ahead of the game. "In terms of overall research funding, publications, Nobel Prize winners, by almost any measure, the United States currently has a wide lead over any other countries," he said. In addition to the research conducted, a future report will draw on these papers and other research with the intent of creating an overview and presenting further discussion of the findings and policy implications.

African culture week focuses on the positive

By Tessa Shockey
Reporter

The African Student Association is holding a culture week from Oct. 15 to Oct. 20 to celebrate African heritage. "We're trying to educate the Baylor community and the Waco community about Africa and the diversity that is represented by ASA," Lagos, Nigeria, senior Isioma Coker said. Isioma is the social chair for the association and is responsible for planning the week's events, which incorporate the theme of A.F.R.I.C.A., Africans Free and Rich In Culture and Arts. Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa

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Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Baylor's offense struggled with fundamentals during the Colorado game Oct. 6. The team can't repeat in Kansas if it looks to bring home a win Saturday.

Bears look to eliminate major fundamental errors

By Brian Bateman
Sports editor

With a 3-3 record on the year, Baylor's bowl hopes hinge on three more victories. And with four ranked teams still waiting on the Bears' schedule, including Saturday's opponent the University of Kansas, this weekend is as good a time as any for Baylor's next win. Baylor will play their second 11:30 a.m. start in two weeks when the Bears visit undefeated, No. 20 Kansas at Memorial stadium in Lawrence, Kansas. Following Saturday's 43-23 loss to Colorado, the Bears expect to fix their fundamental mistakes. "Something we are trying to overcome right now is beating ourselves; we are

not playing very smart," head coach Guy Morriss said. Missed tackles, turnovers and penalties all spelled disaster for the Bears since Big 12 play began, but the team expects the second half efficiency to appear in Kansas. But it will have to work against the conference's best defense. Led by junior cornerback and Texas-native Aqib Talib, the defense has allowed just 161.2 passing yards per game, and Talib already has three interceptions. Add to that the conference's best pass defensive efficiency and a linebacker Joe Mortensen's 2.1 tackles for loss average, and the Bears have one tough opponent on Saturday.

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Lawsuit against God just shows our own problems

A couple weeks ago, Nebraska State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha sued God to show how frivolous some lawsuits are, thereby engaging in the practice of doing something really stupid to show everyone just how stupid it really is. ("Honestly, officer, I was just demonstrating to Suzy here what a bad idea all of this can be...")

According to the Associated Press and not *The Onion*, Chambers was "seeking a permanent injunction against the Almighty for making terroristic threats, inspiring fear and causing 'widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants.'" Considering how many

people God allegedly harmed, maybe all of humanity should bring a class-action suit against him.

We could hire Gloria Allred, claim divine discrimination and personal injury, settle out of court for untold fortunes.

Or God could play hard to get, and then we could subpoena him.

He could answer every question with, "I do not recall," and when confronted with the irreconcilability of this testimony with omniscience, tell us our finite human understanding is obviously the real problem.

But as it happened in the Nebraska case, two people responded with briefs on God's behalf. One was anonymous,

point of view

BY GRACE MAALOUF



but one was from Corpus Christi attorney Eric Perkins, a Christian who said the court in question has no jurisdiction in such matters and that God "contends that any harm or injury suffered is a direct and proximate result of mankind ignoring obvious warnings."

Um, thanks for ruining the fun. I want to see God in court. (Relax, ACLU members everywhere whose hearts just

skipped a beat. I don't mean it like that.)

I'm sure the mainstream media also would be disappointed to see this resolved so soon. I know it's awhile before sweeps week, but think of the great ratings a trial like that would get.

Phil Spector, Michael Jackson, O.J. Simpson — they would have nothing on God. God would hire Johnnie Cochran back from the dead (don't limit God, OK?), and once cleared of charges, he would hit the talk-show circuit.

God would outwit Keith Olbermann, leave Larry King speechless and probably be the first person in the history of CNN to get a word in edgewise

on the Nancy Grace show. (He knows all your secrets, Nancy. Let him talk.)

Bill O'Reilly would have to be nice to God. Christiane Amanpour would ask about provisions for orphaned children in heaven. Pat Robertson and *The 700 Club* would request a detailed list of qualifications needed for making it into heaven. And Stephen Colbert would fall and break his wrist all over again.

God would probably score an amazing book deal out of the whole thing (*If I Did It, You'd Be the Last Planet I'd Tell*), and then he'd get selected for Oprah's book club and make her cry.

News tickers would stop parading monumental breakthroughs in Britney Spears' men-

tal health and Mariah Carey's weight loss and focus instead on theodicy.

Okay, maybe not. Actually, maybe none of this would happen. And Sen. Chambers wasn't trying to make all of this happen — his lawsuit was just a gimmick meant to draw attention to our sue-happy legal culture.

But our responses (ignorance, sarcasm, a quick rush to apologetics) might help draw attention to our own problems.

Suing God or seeing him in court isn't about to help us understand him. But our reactions to the idea might help us understand ourselves.

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Editorial

New hate crimes law will finally include all

Hate has plagued our society for centuries and has been the source of pain and suffering for many individuals.

A hate crime is an act of violence, intolerance or bigotry intended to hurt or intimidate someone because of his or her real or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation or disability.

Though this is a commonly accepted definition of what constitutes a hate crime, it was not until recently that all of the motives listed were included in the law's definition of a hate crime.

The original hate crime law, passed by Congress in 1968, permitted the federal prosecution of a hate crime only if the crime was motivated by "bias based on race, color, religion or national origin."

This law excluded crimes motivated by sexual orientation, gender and disability, which have become increasingly prominent issues.

However, in recent years, as the number of crimes based on these motivations grew, the voices calling for justice and equality under the law also grew.

In 2005, more than 7,100 single-bias incidents of hate crimes were reported. Of those, more than 1,200 were based on sexual orientation or disability.

In response to this, legislation was introduced in 2005 to include gender, sexual orientation and disability.

The legislation finally passed the Senate last week to include these as motivations and set penalties for hate crimes.

Passage of this legislation is welcome, but long overdue.

Previous laws contained loopholes that sometimes made the prosecution of hate crimes a difficult endeavor.

The passage of the new law is cer-

tainly a positive thing, but its belated arrival does not go unnoticed. The fact that these groups were not covered under previous laws is a sad reality.

Individuals who are the prime targets of hate crimes — no matter their gender, sexual preference or disability — are first and foremost citizens.

The citizens of this country should be able to feel secure and protected by the law, no matter what makes them different from others around them.

Though many in our country may not agree with alternative lifestyles, it does not mean the law should neglect people purely on this basis just as it shouldn't on the basis of gender, disability or any of the other groups already protected under the law.

We applaud the Senate's recognition and inclusion of these groups into hate crime laws.

To those who do not agree with such decisions, it is worth pointing out that the Senate is not condoning or advocating any particular lifestyle, but rather condemning harmful action against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation, gender or disability.

Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., said, "Hate crimes are a form of domestic terrorism." This is true in a sense, because whenever a hate crime is committed, it does much more than harm an individual. Because the crime is directed at a person because of their race, gender or sexual orientation, the crime itself can terrorize entire groups of people.

As a country that believes in the rule of law, we have to work to deter that as much as possible.

We should feel proud to live in a country where everyone can have a chance to live free and without fear, enjoying equal protection under our laws.



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Clarification

Wednesday's article "Faculty Senate enacts university code of ethics" incorrectly stated that the drafting committee for the code of ethics was a Faculty Senate committee. It was actually organized by the Office of General Counsel.

The article also incorrectly stated that Baylor Law School professors are automatically promoted to full professor when they receive tenure. It is actually a separate process.

As graduation looms, students must overcome real-world gloom

As my final days of college are fast approaching, I can't wait to be done studying and get out of the college bubble.

I'll finally be entering the real world.

Then I'll have time to relax and not worry about busy work or school assignments slowing me down.

That is, if I make it to graduation in three months.

How do professors expect us to get resumes out and interview for jobs while taking a full course load?

Some people have it nice and easy their last semester. Not me. After changing my major at least six times, my last semester is full of courses in my major plus an

elective just to give me enough hours to get out of here.

I have enough hours to go around for an undergrad and a half, but a little rule about upper-level hours negated 15 hours or so of classes that no longer count.

Couldn't those count as one upper-level class to save me some time and sanity while deciding on life after college?

I think about being stress-free after college. In reality, that may not be the case. First of all, I have no idea what I want to do.

However, I've been told you'll learn all you need to know at your job.

I guess college is just another life experience to prove you can

point of view

BY KATHERINE FARLOW



go the distance.

Well, I'm almost there. Stepping into the real world, I'm going to have to wake up at a decent hour, as my mom always tells me, and look presentable.

No more staying up until the wee hours of the morning, because I will have to get up and be presentable in the professional world.

That means putting more

time into getting dressed.

No more rolling out of bed and throwing on the nearest T-shirt.

I can't just sleep in and skip an hour or so when I feel like it. And no more midday naps either.

But the good thing is I'll have no more homework and no more studying for tests.

I won't get to arrange my own schedule for the day; it's going to be done for me: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an hour break for lunch.

Maybe living in the real world isn't going to be as easy as I thought it would be.

It sounds more like work.

I thought I lived cheap in college, eating at Taco Bell or

having cheese and crackers for lunch.

But after a discussion in one of my classes about the cost of living for recent college graduates with entry-level jobs, I may have to stick solely to the value menu at Taco Bell.

I've been in school for 18 years. How am I supposed to react to being almost done?

It's all I know how to do.

And what's with working our way up all through life in school just to be spit back out at the bottom again? I'm going to be a college graduate — I don't want an entry-level job.

There is another option, however — returning to your parents' home — the dreaded outcome for

many recent graduates.

You know you won't have the same freedom you've loved so dearly while in college.

Sure, your parents love you and want you to come home — for visits, that is — but not for a permanent residence.

They're done. They've supported you and paid for school, and the least we could do is not move back home.

So what do I do?

I never thought I'd want to stay in school, but now grad school isn't looking like such a bad option.

That is, as long as my parents keep supporting me.

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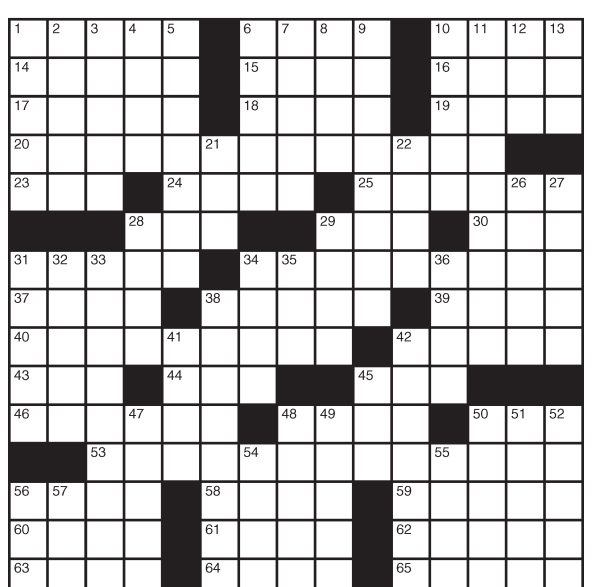
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MEDIUM #7
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THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 22 Buss
- 26 Tapestry in "Hamlet"
- 27 Authority
- 28 Plaintiff
- 29 AD word
- 31 Iraqi port
- 32 Earth tone
- 33 Wedding attendant
- 34 Fewer
- 35 Stable staple
- 36 Like a drumhead
- 38 Leonardo of "Total Eclipse"
- 41 Kind of list
- 42 Plays the wrong card
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- 49 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
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- 51 All over
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- 55 Protuberance
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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA
10/11/07

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POLICE BLOTTER

Burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the Eighth Street Parking Facility between 10 p.m. Sept. 29 and 6:41 p.m. Monday.

A narcotics arrest for possession of marijuana occurred at 4:18 p.m. Oct. 4 in the 1700 block of South Seventh Street as the result of a traffic stop.

Seven offenses of minors consuming alcohol occurred at 1:54 a.m. Friday at 1410 James St.

A narcotics arrest for possession of marijuana occurred at 12:05 a.m. Sunday at Fourth Street. and Dutton Avenue.

Burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the Eighth Street parking garage Fourth level sometime between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. Monday.

A criminal mischief offense of more than \$500 and under \$1,500 occurred at parking lot 50 located south of Russell Gym sometime Tuesday.

Burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the Stone Townhouse Apartments at 62 Cottonwood sometime between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Oct. 4.

Information compiled from the Baylor Police Department crime log.

AIDS walk to raise awareness

By Amanda Allen Reporter

Student Global AIDS Campaign will hold its fourth annual AIDS walk at 9 a.m. Oct. 20 in Fountain Mall.

Students can register in the Student Activities office or in the Medical Humanities office in the D108 Baylor Sciences Building. Registration is \$15 for students who register by the end of today and \$20 thereafter. Group registration is \$12.

Participants will meet in Fountain Mall and can walk or run around the Bear Trail. Along the 2.25-mile stretch will be statistics on AIDS, like how it's actually contracted and a few myths about AIDS said Carly Klassen, AIDS Walk chairwoman.

Student Global AIDS Campaign will not profit financially from the walk. Money raised will benefit those suffering from AIDS on a local, national and international level.

McCARES is one organization that will benefit from the walk. Located in Waco, it helps

those in the community with AIDS. Paul Holt, treasurer for McCARES, will be speaking before the walk.

Another organization, AIDS Service, is a shelter in Dallas that runs completely on private donations for families suffering from HIV or AIDS. By moving into the shelter, all the families' rent and housing expenses are taken care of, allowing them to spend money on medication.

"We go there once a month as an organization to volunteer," said Fredericksburg senior Alan Kramer, who serves as vice president of the Global AIDS Campaign.

"We throw parties for them, so this month we'll throw a Halloween party," Kramer said.

The international organization that will benefit is World Vision Child Crisis Partners, which allows students - or in this case an organization - to sponsor a child through monthly payments.

"We're actually carrying it through from last year," said Urban senior Carmen Jimenez, Student Global AIDS Campaign president. "Our organi-

zation picked up a child and for \$34 a month we provide him with food, clothing, education throughout the year," she said.

The group also sponsors World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, but the activities of that day are still in the planning stage.

"We try to do something big on campus to increase aware-

ness on that day. Some upper-classmen may remember the orange HIV shirts we sold," Kramer said.

Most participants in the walk are part of other groups such as BU MEDS, which had 150 members last year. Kramer mentioned some sororities are entering groups of 20 or 30. "Every bit counts, though," he said.

The first year there were

around 50 participants, and last year there were more than 300. The organization hopes participation continues to grow.

When the walk was started four years ago, it was put on with Baylor Students for Social Justice, but Global AIDS Campaign ended up taking over.

"I feel like most students know there's a problem in Africa but don't really connect it to a local or national problem, and they also tend to distance themselves from the disease and the environment, so the AIDS walk is a good way for them to be exposed to the issue," Jimenez said. "It's also a way to give them an opportunity to help out locally," she said. Everyone who participates will receive a red AIDS Walk T-shirt, as well as Starbucks coffee and Shipley's doughnuts.

"Most students know there's a problem in Africa but don't really connect it to a local or national problem."

Carmen Jimenez
Student Global AIDS
Campaign president

BEAR BRIEFS

Alcohol Awareness Education Week is from Oct. 15 to 21. Register for the e-CHUG Cheeseburger Challenge Oct. 16 to 8, by contacting Katie_Treadwell@baylor.edu.

Baylor Rising Artists Network CD Auditions for the compilation CD are Oct. 16 to 18. Sign up at the Campus Programs Center at the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The Ethical Leadership Case Competition will be Oct. 24 to Nov. 7. Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to form teams and sign up by Oct. 16. For information contact Mitch_Neubert@baylor.edu.

The Family Abuse Center is seeking sponsors for the Adopt-A-Family program. Contact Jennifer at 772-8999.

To submit a bear brief, e-mail Lariat@baylor.edu.

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Blue October's newest CD a bit stale, repetitive

By Hana Manal Contributor

For avid Blue October fans, the newly released album, *Foiled for the Last Time*, may seem a redundant disappointment.

Although the songs incorporate the customary edgy rhythms and emotionally charged lyrics of Blue October, the majority of the songs are repeats from its 2006 album, *Foiled*.

ALBUMREVIEW

Of the 13 songs already included on the original *Foiled* CD, *Foiled for the Last Time* features only three extra tracks, two being remixes of "X Amount of Words" and the final, "Calling You," a song originally on the *History for Sale* album.

Foiled for the Last Time, a two-disc compilation, incorporates live versions of the majority of the first disc songs.

However, two of the songs, "Angel" and "For My Mother," appear as live versions here but not on the original disc.

Blue October sets the mood of the live CD with an instrumental introduction, "For My Mother."

As if to disguise the more famous songs, "Into the Ocean," "X Amount of Words" and "Hate Me" are placed at the end of the CD.

The other song not included on the first disc is "Angel," which starts off with strong lyrics before the uncharacteristically heavy

On Tour: Blue October featuring Yellowcard, Shiny Toy Guns and Lovedrug

Nov. 2—Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie.
Nov. 3—Verizon Wireless Theatre in Houston.
Nov. 4—KXXM Mixfest at Sunset Station in San Antonio.

instruments accompany lead singer Justin Furstenfeld about 15 seconds into the song.

The track incorporates passionate lyrics through the use of questions at the beginning of each verse. It asks, "How do you tell an angel that you don't believe in God?"

"Angel" uses difficult concepts to further explore the implications of the human identity.

Unfortunately, two of the most acclaimed Blue October songs, "Congratulations" and "Calling You," are not included on the live disc.

"Calling You" is a favorite of classic Blue October aficionados and has made a well-deserved comeback on the *Foiled for the Last Time* album.

While the majority of the newer Blue October songs discuss depression, hatred and unhealthy dependence, "Calling You" expresses a softer side with lyrics like, "It's so hard sometimes, then I fell in love with you."

Aside from the unexpected visit by "Calling You," the only real treats of *Foiled for the Last Time* are the two remixes of "X Amount



Courtesy photo

Blue October's newest album, *Foiled for the Last Time*, was released on Sept. 25.

of Words."

The Paul Oakenfold remix has the complicated rhythms and breaks commonly associated with Oakenfold.

The second version, by Carmen Rizzo, infuses a club sound with the slight techno beat of the original song.

A much harder and constant beat is heard in the background of Rizzo's "X Amount of Words."

Foiled for the Last Time is merely a collection of the newer Blue October songs, only recommended for a person who doesn't already own the staple Blue October songs.

The live versions of the songs are quite annoying, because the lyrics are lost with the screaming of the crowd.

The only feasible reason to buy the CD is for the two "X Amount of Words" remixes.

But it probably makes more sense to purchase the two remixes online as opposed to spending \$15 for songs already enjoyed from previous Blue October albums.

Grade: B+

Cross country looks to recover from Notre Dame

By Selena Mejia Reporter

The top seven female cross-country runners will head to Terre Haute, Ind., Saturday for Pre-Nationals. Baylor will be one of 34 teams to compete in the meet.

The Pre-National meet is a 6K race that, if executed well, will help Baylor secure a spot at the regional meet.

The result of the Pre-Nationals determines who will be invited to nationals.

Baylor faces a tough region this year, but after finishing eighth at the Notre Dame Invitational, the Lady Bears head

to Pre-Nationals with a plan to bounce back.

"We've got to make sure and take care of business and do it this week," coach Todd Harbour said.

The team's focus heading into the meet is not the competition, but rather performing the way it knows how.

Baylor was ranked earlier in the season but because of its performance at the Notre Dame Invitational, the team lost its ranking.

"Execution is the focus going into this meet. We know we're good, we know we can run with the best, we just got to run our race," Harbour said.

This week of practice in preparation for this meet hasn't been very different from before.

"The only thing we've done is trying to get our legs back under them," Harbour said.

Having won two races already this year, Houston junior Nicole Jones is aware of the competition she faces, but it's not her primary focus.

"We want to run within ourselves but at the same time be smart and be aware of who our competition is," Jones said.

Brigham Young University, ranked 15, has been a concern for the cross-country team in previous years, but this year it was able to beat BYU at its own

field.

Heading to Indiana State for the fifth time, Little Rock senior Lauren Hagans said she believes she has an advantage over the competition.

"I'm a lot stronger this year and a lot faster, plus mentally I'm there," Hagans said.

The meet is the first 6K of the season for the team and it's goal is to get the team ranked again in the region.

"I'd like to go out and say that I gave it my all. I want to do good for the team," Hagans said.

The remaining 10 cross-country runners will be competing in the Chili Pepper invitational Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark.

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Gunman injures 5 at Cleveland school before killing self

By Joe Milicia
Associated Press Writer

CLEVELAND — A 14-year-old suspended student, dressed in black, opened fire in his downtown high school Wednesday, wounding four people as terrified schoolmates hid in closets and bathrooms and huddled under laboratory desks. He then killed himself.

A fellow student at SuccessTech Academy alternative school said Asa H. Coon, who was suspended for fighting two days earlier, had made threats in front of students and teachers last week.

"He's crazy. He threatened to blow up our school. He threatened to stab everybody," Doneisha LeVert said. "We didn't think nothing of it."

Coon was armed with two .38 caliber revolvers, and police found a duffel bag stocked with ammunition and three knives in

a bathroom, officials said. Parents were angry that firearms got into a school equipped with metal detectors that students said were intermittently used.

Officials said two teachers and two students were shot, and that a 14-year-old girl fell and hurt her knee while running out of the school.

Witnesses said the shooter moved through the converted five-story downtown office building, working his way up through the first two floors of administrative offices to the third floor of classrooms. Officials said he was wearing a black Marilyn Manson concert shirt, black jeans and black-painted finger nails.

The first person shot, student Michael Peek, had punched Coon in the face right before the shootings began, said student Rasheem Smith, 15.

Coon "came out of the bathroom and bumped Mike and he (Mike) punched him in his



People embrace outside the SuccessTech Academy, Wednesday in Cleveland. A gunman opened fire Wednesday at the alternative school.

face. Mike started walking. He shot Mike in the side," Peek, 14, didn't know Coon had a gun, Smith said.

Antonio Deberry, 17, said he

and his classmates hid under laboratory tables and watched the shooter move down the hallway. "I saw him walking past. He didn't see us, we saw him." The

shooter swore and shot several times, Deberry said. LeVert said she hid in a closet with two other students after she heard a "Code Blue" alert over the loudspeaker. She said she heard about 10 shots.

Darnell Rodgers, 18, was walking up to another floor when the stairway suddenly became flooded with students.

"It took me a couple of minutes to realize that I was actually shot, when I felt my arm burning in the area, that's when I realized that I had got shot," Rodgers said.

"They were screaming, and they were saying, 'Oh my God, oh my God.' I knew something was wrong, but thought that it was probably just a fight, so I just kept going," Rodgers said.

Rodgers was released from a hospital after treatment for a graze wound to his right elbow.

Coon had been suspended since Monday for fighting near the school that day, said

Charles Blackwell, president of SuccessTech's student-parent organization. He did not know how Coon got into the building Wednesday. Blackwell said that there was a security guard on the first floor, but that the position of another guard on the third floor had been eliminated.

Student Frances Henderson, 14, said she often got into arguments with Coon, who once told her, "I got something for you all." He was a "gothic" who usually wore a trench coat, black boots and a dog collar, she said.

Students stood outside the building, many in tears, hugging one another and on cell phones. Others shouted at reporters with TV cameras to leave them alone. Family members also stood outside, waiting for their children to be released.

The shooting occurred across the street from the FBI office in downtown Cleveland, and students were being sent to the FBI site.

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Baylor, in regards to their insurance providers. Of the 550 students surveyed, 32 percent were still under their parents' coverage, 14 percent received school-sponsored coverage and 27 percent were uninsured.

According to the survey, 20.8 percent of Baylor students are uninsured. Of those uninsured, 71 percent said they were unable to afford the coverage.

Insurance coordinator Betty Fornelius said the eligibility requirement for student insurance coverage is six credit hours enrolled and class retention for the first thirty days of the semester. There are federal laws regarding pre-existing

conditions that would prevent students from receiving coverage under certain conditions, but coverage may be gained once the student has been clear of that condition for one calendar year, Fornelius said.

Baylor's student insurance is voluntary for all students excluding international students, Townsend said, but even international students may choose to provide their own coverage.

The insurance will initially be charged to their account, but if they are able to prove that they are insured, the charge will be removed from their account, Jackie Diaz, assistant vice president for student financial services, said.

Both international and domestic students are able to

pay for their insurance through grant or merit scholarship money if they choose to place their insurance on their student account with the Cashier's Office, Pam Crow, associate director of cashier services, said.

Students can also keep the costs of their medical expenses down by choosing doctors within their insurance provider's network, Townsend said. Once their deductible is met and full benefits kick in, students with the Academic Health Plans coverage will have 90 percent of their expenses covered while receiving care at the student health center. 80 percent of expenses will be covered for other in-network providers, and 60 percent will be covered for out-of-network providers.

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"We need to come out and be sound and eliminate the drops and penalties," offensive coordinator Lee Hays said. "Their strength is their offense, and I think we need to step up as an offense and try to help out our defense this week."

That offense features both a strong running and passing game. The balanced offense produced more passing yards per game than Baylor's pass-happy spread, and 215.4 yards on the ground. Quarterback Todd Reesing of Austin passes well and is as agile as any the Bears will meet this year.

All the while, head coach Mark Mangino likes to insert last year's starting quarterback, Kerry Meier, into the offense for both his athleticism and trick plays.

One question the Bears will have to answer is who will watch for Meier's entry.

"Well our whole defense, we are going to be aware of when jersey No. 3 or jersey No. 10 is in," defensive coordinator Larry Hoefler said.

But the Bears can't put all their attention on those two men; Mangino's running game

features personnel similar to Texas A&M University's squad. Losing Jon Cornish, who rolled over Baylor last year with 196 yards rushing, the Jayhawk faithful weren't expecting much in the running game this year. But Jake Sharp—a strong, fast back, and Brandon McAnderson—a bruising, inside hammer, might remind those listening to the game of the Aggies' Michael Goodson and Javorskje Lane.

Hoefler expects Sharp to try and get outside on the perimeter to pick up big gains, he said. But Baylor can't concentrate on him, because McAnderson will make the front six work hard all day.

Baylor has struggled against both the run and the pass in the past two games, so it will be exponentially difficult for the defense.

"They are fourth in the nation scoring with about 49 points a game and fifth in total offense. They're very balanced about half is running and half is passing. Those type teams are more difficult to defend because they can do both," Hoefler said.

If Baylor can handle all four players on offense, cornerback Talib's inclusion in the slot and as a wide out might cause even more confusion. Talib has seven receptions for 174 yards and four touchdowns on offense

compared to three picks and one interception on defense.

When Baylor has the ball...

Advantage: Baylor. The Bears' youth and mistakes has cost them the chance to be competitive in their three losses this year, and kept them competitive in two games that should have been over by halftime. The Jayhawks play man coverage more often than not; the one thing Szymanski can play against. When Kansas has the ball...

Advantage: Kansas. By a lot. Baylor couldn't stop A&M, and was burned by Cody Hawkins Saturday. Special Teams: Advantage: Kansas. By a hair. Gettis showed some promise as a kick returner, but poor punting and short kick-offs give Kansas' Herford, who already averages 28 yards per return, an invitation for a party of six in the end zone. Caleb Allen is now kicking field goals and extra points, but that doesn't flip the advantage.

Intangibles: Advantage: Kansas. It's at their stadium, their offense is predictably good, and Baylor still hasn't worked out all the kinks from training camp.

Prediction: Kansas 34, Baylor 24. Kansas jumps out early, but Baylor is able to score the final touchdown against second and third string defenders.

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Ghana and Angola are just some of the countries the association represents. Isioma said there are students who went on the Baylor in Kenya trip that are also involved in the association.

Isioma said she hopes students from all ethnicities and backgrounds will participate.

"So many people get the bad picture of Africa with AIDS and poverty," Coker said. "Our job is focusing on the good that exists in Africa."

The week will kick off at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in Barfield Drawing Room with "A Taste of Africa." Association members are going to African food stores in Houston and Dallas over the weekend to buy the ingredients for African food.

Food is one way to learn about African culture, but the association will also have exhibits to educate students on African history from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Bill Daniel Student Union Building.

The association will host a colloquium 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 18 in Miller Chapel to discuss differences and similarities between African Americans and Africans. ASA is partnering with the Association of Black Students and the NCAAP to put on the event titled, "Colloquium: Tensions between Africans and African-Americans."

ASA's big event is the "Cultural Extravaganza," held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 19 in Miller Chapel. Ten schools, including the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Houston, University of North Texas and schools from

Oklahoma will participate and compete in a dance competition and fashion show. The fashion show represents the evolution of African fashion and will be divided into three stages. In each stage, association members will dress in clothes from that time period, ranging from jungle wear, native wraps and high-end fashion attire.

Members contributed from their own closets to outfit the models. Lagos, Nigeria, senior Bisade Karunwi said traditionally, men and women would sew outfits from the same fabric. Now, Karunwi said, people mix and match or pair traditional clothes with blue jeans.

The association will host the ninth annual jazz banquet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Waco Convention Center and will feature a live jazz band and a slideshow about Africa.

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