

Play postponed due to accident

Play set to open sometime after Spring Break

Laramy Thomas
Staff Writer

An accident on stage has temporarily postponed the upcoming play "Wait Until Dark." At the last dress rehearsal before opening night, leading

lady Cassie Bennett fell and broke her right arm.

"We worked so hard and I was really looking forward to it," Bennett said, "but this just gives us more time to get it better."

Cast and crew say the play will be rescheduled for a date after Spring Break.

All tickets purchased for this weekend's performance will be honored when the play is

rescheduled.

The play follows the fight for life by a young blind woman living in New York.

Playing a blind woman held its own challenge. "It's a lot more difficult than people imagine. It's not just closing your eyes, it's hard to try not to focus on things," Bennett said.

"It was a real challenge and I loved it," she said smiling.

The play is directed

by Kathy Barber, with set design and lights by Michael Atkins, theatre instructor. The play will be held in the Van Cliburn Auditorium. Dates and times are to be announced.

Tickets will cost \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and \$4 for students with a KC ID card. Children under 12 are advised not to attend.

There is no

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\$3.5 million in refund checks to be distributed

Pickup to begin Monday in the Business Office

Nastashia Stokes
Staff Writer

Refund checks will be distributed beginning Monday, Feb. 23, from the Business Office in the Devall Student Center and KC-Longview office during regular business hours.

Twenty five hundred checks totaling more than \$3.5 million are expected to be distributed, according to Cassie Pryor, supervisor of student accounting.

These checks include Pell Grants, loans, scholarships and refunds for dropped classes.

"Lines are expected to be long," Pryor said.

Students who prefer their check mailed should contact the Business

Office before March 13 to verify their address. Checks not picked up by March 13 will be mailed to the address on file.

A KC ID or a driver's license is required to pick up checks. Students cannot pick up someone else's check.

Students who want to pick up their check at KC-Longview must sign a list available at the main office of the Longview campus by Friday, Feb. 20.

Office hours for the Business Office at KC are 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday.

Office hours for KC-Longview are 7:45 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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KC STUDENT FULFILLS DREAM, CONQUERS MARATHON

BORN TO RUN



Kim Lloyd/THE FLARE

William Garnett II displays a medal of completion after competing in the Austin Marathon last Sunday.

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Co-executive Editor

While most KC students were fast asleep last Sunday morning, William Charles Garnett II slipped into the cool, pre-dawn air at 5 a.m.

Two hours later Garnett was gliding along the 26.2-mile route through the Texas capital with more than 4,000 other athletes in the 18th running of the Austin Marathon.

"I felt really proud," said Garnett, Kempner sophomore. "After I crossed the finish line and they called my name, it was really exciting."

Garnett received a finisher's shirt and medal, both recognizing his completion of the competition.

Including half-marathon participants, the 2009 Austin Marathon hosted more than 1,400 runners, which is an event record.

Garnett, 23, said the race was very well-organized. "The environment in Austin was great," Garnett said. "The people (event organizers) were really nice and they cheered us on, too."

One of the highlights for Garnett was having a flag flown in his honor over the Capitol for the day of the race, Feb. 15.

Garnett's state representative from District 54, Jimmie Don Aycock, arranged for the flag to be flown after Garnett's parents purchased it.

"We thought it would be a good way to honor him and let him know how proud of him we are," said William's mother, Betty.

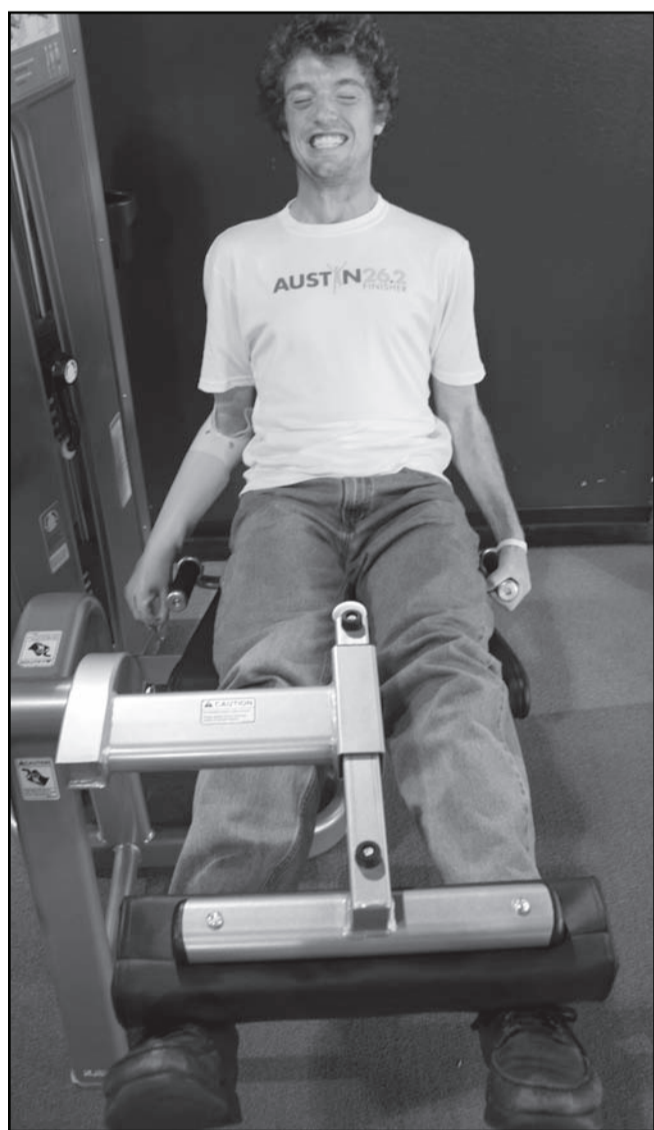
Garnett's marathon weekend started Friday with registration and festivities at Austin's Palmer Events Center. There Garnett met Bart Yasso of Runner's World Magazine and author of the book "My Life On The Run."

Participants assembled again on Saturday for a banquet at the Hyatt Regency, where Yasso was the keynote speaker.

Sunday morning the starting gun sounded at 7 a.m. to begin the race.

"I had a lot of butterflies in my stomach before the

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Gina Wesley/THE FLARE

Garnett works out in the Parks Fitness Center.

Spring graduation application deadline set for March 1

Jasmine Brazile
Staff Writer

March 1 is the deadline to apply for May graduation. Students may apply if completing graduation requirements this semester or in Summer I.

May graduations are scheduled 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, May 8, in Dodson Auditorium.

All students are required

to apply for graduation even if not participating in the graduation ceremonies.

To apply for graduation, students must go to "Campus Connect" through www.kilgore.edu and access the graduation application under the student information tab.

As of Feb. 18, more than 300 students had applied

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Special to THE FLARE

Brian Hopkins and Nastashia Stokes were named KC's 2009 Most Representative students. Faculty and staff voted for the students who most exemplified loyalty and excitement for KC.

Most representative students announced

Christian Keitt
Assistant Editor

Brian Hopkins and Nastashia Stokes have been named KC's 2009 Most Representative students.

Voting was conducted earlier this month by the faculty and staff, recognizing the students who most exemplify loyalty and excitement for KC.

Stokes, a communications major

from Arlington, is possibly the most involved student at KC. She serves as a mentor for Ranger Ambassadors, president of Student Government Association, participates in TRIO and Campus Crusade for Christ and is a reporter for The Flare.

"Sometimes, being involved in so many activities can get a little overwhelming, but in

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Shakespeare Festival to showcase familiar plays

'Romeo and Juliet' among productions

Bridget Ortigo
Staff Writer

The 2009 Texas Shakespeare Festival will run from July 2 to Aug. 2 and will include many familiar plays in its lineup. The Festival will have three returning directors and one newcomer.

Kevin Otos, theatre professor from Elon University in North Carolina, will return for his third season and

will direct "Romeo and Juliet."

Seth Panitch, theatre instructor at the University of Alabama, will be the fresh face to the Festival and will be directing Moliere's "Tartuffe." Panitch is also the choreographer for the fight scenes in "Romeo and Juliet."

Tom Whitaker, drama instructor at the

University of California in Santa Barbara, will be returning for his 13th season and will direct "Love's Labour's Lost." The play will be set in the 1950s and include music from the '30s, '40s and '50s.

Stephen Terrell is a 15-year veteran of the Festival and will direct the musical, "She Loves Me." Terrell is the lead of the physical theatre program at Emerson College in

Boston. He is a Longview native and former KC student. He is also one of the founding members of the Festival and will serve as choreographer this season. The play is from a 1938 Hungarian play and inspiration behind the 1940 Jimmy Stewart movie, "Shop Around The Corner" and most recently the blockbuster movie "You've Got Mail" with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

There will be children's play in this year's lineup but the play and director are undetermined.

Raymond Caldwell, artistic director of TSF, said this year's Festival budget was trimmed by several thousand dollars and therefore the shows will be smaller and require fewer

actors. Auditions for the Festival have been

going on since before Christmas.

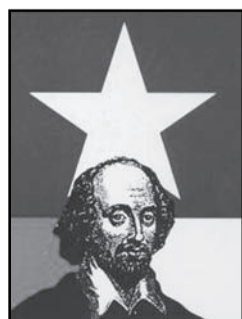
Auditions were held in Newark, Del., Houston, Austin, Nacogdoches, Memphis, Tenn., and a local audition in Kilgore.

The last auditions take place today in Dallas at Southern Methodist University.

No auditions were held in New York this year, which attributes to the smaller company of actors.

For more information, visit TexasShakespeare.com.

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TEXAS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
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| KC Calendar
Feb. 20 - Feb. 27

Friday, Feb. 20

• **Operation Go Green Meeting** 1:30 p.m. in DSC Devall Room

Saturday, Feb. 21

• **Lady Rangers vs. Tyler Junior College** 2 p.m. Masters Gym

• **Rangers vs. Tyler Junior College** 4 p.m. Masters Gym

• **Ag Club barbecue and auction** at Expo Center in Henderson. Barbecue begins at 4:30 p.m., auction begins at 6 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 23

• **KC Foundation meeting** 9:30 a.m. - noon Devall Student Center Conference Room

Tuesday, Feb. 24

• **Lady Rangers vs. Lon Morris College** 2 p.m. in Jacksonville

• **Rangers vs. Lon Morris College** 4 p.m. in Jacksonville

Wednesday, Feb. 25

• **UT Tyler recruiter** 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. DSC Ballroom

• **Dallas Baptist University recruiter** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. DSC Ballroom

• **Lady Rangers vs. Trinity Valley Community College** 5:30 p.m. in Athens

• **Rangers vs. Trinity Valley Community College** 7:30 p.m. in Athens

• **Health Occupations Career Fair** 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. DSC Ballroom

Thursday, Feb. 26

• **UT Tyler recruiter** 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. DSC

• **Rangers vs. Bossier Parish** 7 p.m. in Bossier City

• **Lady Rangers vs. Blinn** 5:30 p.m. in Masters Gym

• **Black History program** 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Dodson Auditorium

Friday, Feb. 27

• **Safety & Health Expo** 7:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. DSC Ballroom

• **UT Tyler recruiter** 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. DSC

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FACE IN THE CROWD

RISA VEJO



Heidi Lybarger/THE FLARE

Hometown: Okinawa, Japan • **Classification:** Freshman
Major: Child Development

Favorite television show... "Lil Bill"

Favorite Web site... YouTube

Three things I would take to a deserted island... Rice, watch and water

If I had 24 hours to live I would... Spend it with my family and tell them how much I love them

If I could change one thing about myself... To make my pinkie longer

My advice to everyone is... Never give up until you succeed

In 10 years I will be... A nurse for a pre-school

If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to... Japan and see my grandma and my students

If you could have a super power, it would be... To make people have beautiful minds

A defining moment that changed my life... When I met my sweet students in Japan

PTK welcomes 82 new members



Patrick Brown/THE FLARE

Christian Keitt
Assistant Editor

Phi Theta Kappa held its induction ceremony Tuesday in the Devall Student Center Ballroom.

The following students are new members of the honors organization:

Diana Anderson
Kaitlin Andrews
Ashley Austin
Shawna Bailey
Amanda Barton
Sarah Bedunah
Kimberly Beebe

Debra Bridges
Jamie Brown
Shelby Browne
Cody Bryant
Tonya Butler
Callie Callarman
Donna Cash
Rusty Chapman
Laura Christian
Jennifer Clarke
Diana Clay
Ruth Coffey
Mary Colling
Jasmine Cooks
Keesha Cross
Michael Crowell
Claire Cumbie
Alden Curnutt
Sarah Davis

Kelsey Dean
Dianna Fisher
Michael Florczykowski
Michael Frazier
Erynn Frenchak
Mary Frey
Edwin Galvan
Megan Goins
Ryan Griffin
Leigh Grimes
Bocis Guezo Mevo
Jeannie Harrison
Yun Nam Ho
Loren Holley
Marissa Huskey
JiYoon Jung
Brandon Kegarise
Da Hae Kim
Chun Su Kim

Amanda Koepke
Joanna Kyle
Jackson Lane
Roshunda Lewis
David Lowrey
Madison Mack
Robert Martin
Michelle Mayo
Rachel Miller
Deidra Monson
Elizabeth Najera
Nicholas Nesloney
Elsa Nino
Annie Pack
Ashley Pirtle
Susan Poehler
Miles Ramage
Lakshman Raut
Tristan Robinson
Bethany Rudd
Laurence Sabeta
Vicki Sanders
Robert Shook II
Jennifer Simms
Cindy Spicer
Tabitha Stone
Jeanna Sutton
Patricia Tatum
Stacy Valdes
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Patrick Brown/THE FLARE

PTK president Adam Switzer addresses the crowd at the induction Tuesday night.

Music department to bring Boamah's work to life

Ashley Austin
Staff Writer

KC's Music Department will present a composition recital featuring the works of Dr. Ernest Boamah 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in Van Cliburn Auditorium. Originally from Ghana, West Africa, Boamah is a KC composition instructor and director of music and arts at First United Methodist Church in Henderson. He studied piano performance at Royal Schools of Music in London, England, before earning his Master's in Ethnomusicology and Composition at

Wesleyan University in Connecticut. Boamah then earned his Doctorate of Musical Arts in music education with a minor in piano performance from Hartt School of Music, also in Connecticut.

KC Music Department students will perform several of Boamah's compositions throughout the recital. These works combine a fusion of African and European elements. With a structure defined by Boamah as "Western," African elements can be seen through the use of percussive techniques on melodic instruments.

One work, titled *Sonata for Forty Fingers* features four pianists on four pianos performing the first movement of a four-movement western sonata.

"You will hear rhythmic vivacity and kaleidoscopic shading which, I think, speaks to many different tongues embracing Western traditions and elements influenced by African sources," Boamah said.

During the concert, a string quartet will present the world premier of Boamah's *KwahuScapes*.

"Here I use these compositional techniques

to create a scenic view, which is a ride to my hometown in the eastern region of Ghana," Boamah said.

The KC Chorale will sing the first four movements of *The Creation*. The seven-movement piece was chosen and performed by 15 combined choirs in Connecticut in 1999 as part of a Black History Month celebration.

"The text of this work is from my dialect and taken from the Bible. It is about the first seven days that God created the heavens and Earth," Boamah said.

Boamah himself will perform several piano

pieces. He will play *Sisibom Tabonobam*, or *Fisherman Song*, in which he incorporates the use of a popular folk tune by a Ghana fisherman.

"The melodic, harmonic, and percussive qualities of the piano make it the perfect vehicle for expression of intercultural music," Boamah said.

"I would like those who attend this recital to hear my inspiration across culture through creating unity in my music from diversity," Boamah said.

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Marcus Franklin/THE FLARE

Raquel Wilson, coordinator of residential life, hosts a game of black history-themed Jeopardy Wednesday. The college will also present a black history program Feb. 26.

KC to host black history program

Adrianna Nash
Staff Writer

KC will host a black history program 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in Dodson Auditorium.

Several local high schools and colleges have been invited to come and participate in the event.

The program will feature acts such as monologues, bands, singers and poets.

"If my plans go the way I want, there will be a variety of acts throughout the program," said Raquel Wilson, coordinator of residential life.

The event will pay tribute to African Americans who

have contributed to our nation's history. Admission is free.

If a group, organization or an individual would like to participate, contact Wilson at 903-988-7577 or e-mail her at rwilson@kilgore.edu

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Wesley to observe Ash Wednesday

Tiffany Moore
Staff Writer

The Wesley Foundation is participating in Ash Wednesday services Feb. 25 at the Pirtle United Methodist Church.

At 6 p.m. a free covered dish dinner will be

served, and at 6:45 p.m. the movie "Jesus Christ Superstar" will be shown. A discussion of the film will follow.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and abstinence for some practicing members of

the Christian faith. Lent ends Easter weekend.

Pirtle UMC is located just south of Kilgore. For driving directions or more information, contact the Wesley Foundation at 903-984-6922.

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Student-led worship service offered every Friday at noon

Jacob Minze
Staff Write

Every Friday at noon students gather for Real Talk in the TV Room in the Devall Student Center.

Real Talk is a Christian youth ministry founded in 2007 by John Eisenring, youth minister of New Covenant Church in Longview.

The organization was later given to the current sophomores leaders Curtis Foy of Kilgore, along with Donte McCaendon of Kilgore, Sarah Young of

Longview, Sarah Pirtle of Longview, Josh Porter of Longview and Kevin Lucas of Longview.

The services consist of songs of praise and worship played with a simple sound system, two amplifiers, a microphone, an acoustic guitar and the voices of the students, directly followed by a discussion of the Bible.

"I've been seeing for so long that church has just been a cultural thing, not heart felt," Foy said. "We teach a relationship with God."

The congregation is small, but growing.

Real Talk started with about 12 students two years ago, but now has about 30 students regularly attending.

"I see a lot of hurt in the students," said Allendale Crenshaw of Kilgore. "They've heard the truth before, but they just write it off. We want the students to see the love of God. We're real people with real issues, and that's Real Talk."

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'Best of Best' concert slated noon Monday

Ashley Austin
Staff Writer

The KC Music Department will present the Friends of Music Best of the Best Concert noon Monday, Feb. 23, at First Presbyterian Church in Kilgore.

This free concert showcases the work of several student musicians, voted on by the music department faculty each spring.

Nancy Keen, Kilgore sophomore, and Luis Perez Villanueva, Kilgore sophomore, will give vocal performances.

Joanna Barroughs, Henderson sophomore, and Michael Williams, Marshall sophomore, will give piano performances. Eric Arroyo, Longview sophomore, will give a trumpet performance.

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Aggieland Saturday set this weekend

Hannah Bryce
Staff Writer

Aggieland Saturday will welcome prospect Aggie students from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, in College Station.

The event is a self-guided tour designed for interested students to explore the opportunities that Texas A&M University has to offer and includes campus tours, an Aggie baseball game, visit to the Fight Simulator Lab and information on admissions, financial aid and academic majors.

For more information, call 979-458-0427 or e-mail admissions@tamu.edu or get directions at www.tamu.edu/aggiesaturday.

Registration is recommended but not required.

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Faculty selects 31 as 'Most Outstanding'



Departments named the following students "Most Outstanding" in their field of study. Each one is a sophomore who has contributed to the department or program through involvement and academic achievements.

Seated:

Bethany Rudd – Agriculture
Staci Horton – Licensed Vocational Nursing
Katelin Hearn – Chemistry
Carla Morris – Radiologic Science
Cruz Aracely Orta Torrez – Geography
Diana Clay – Legal Assisting

Standing:

James Buckley – Industrial Maintenance Technology
James Rogers – Engineering
Jimmie Barnard – Diesel Technology
Benjamin Easley – Criminal Justice
Kristin DeGrasse-Carmical – Surgical Technology



Seated:

Daren Epperson – Business Administration
Connie Bobnock – Accounting
Rebecca Slaback – General Business
Brittany Wellman – Management

Standing:

Randall Lee Gentry – Occupational Safety and Health
Scott Turner – Physical Therapist Assistant
Taylor Cammack – Journalism
J. Matthew Price – Physics
Bocis S.A.D. Guezo Mevo – Mathematics



Seated:

Raymond Hyatt – Drafting
Jill Stewart – History
Rusty Ayrton Chapman – Photography
Jenna McCracken – Child Development/Early Childhood

Standing:

Jacob Eberhart – Government
Vicki Magana – Spanish
Kim BeeBe – Computer Science

Not Pictured:

Caitlin Limp – Advertising Graphic Design
Diana Johnson – Nursing
Nancy Manning – Office Professional
David Thacker – Emergency Medical Technology

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the end I enjoy all the people I come across and giving back to KC and the community," Stokes said.

After graduating in May, she plans on working as a broadcast news intern and wants to attend the University of North Texas in the fall.

"I chose UNT because of the distance from Arlington, where I live," she said. "I've also heard they have a good broadcast journalism program."

Stokes said several instructors have influenced her during her time at KC.

"Mrs. (Betty) Craddock, my journalism teacher, is always there to give me the extra push I need," Stokes said. "Also, before I changed my major to mass communication, my major was early childhood education. Mrs. (Virginia) Booker and Mrs. (Lara) Pauley were always there for me when I needed help with school or work."

Hopkins, a nursing major from Hallsville, formerly worked as a full-time children's pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church in Longview.

He said he was surprised upon learning of the honor.

"I thought it was a joke at first, but I'm really excited."

The award was a twist of fate for a man who almost did not come to KC.

"My wife, Brooke, and I thought we weren't going to be able to have kids, so we thought it would be a great time for us to go back to school," Hopkins said.

As fate would have it, two days after he registered for classes, the Hopkins found out they were expecting. Five days after he began nursing school, their daughter Briley was born.

Hopkins said he always knew he wanted to venture into the medical field, so he found a way to combine his passions for ministry

and medicine.

"When I was younger, I wanted to do medical missions," he said. "Also, a lot of people have influenced me to work on the local church staff. So here I am, 15 years later, doing medical missions."

Hopkins said that during his time at KC, Lu Linkinhoker, instructor for associate nursing degree, influenced him the most.

"Her teaching style is very hands-on. She taught me how to do things right," Hopkins said.

After graduating in May, Hopkins plans on starting his career as a nurse practitioner at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler while finishing his education.

"I want to attend UT-Tyler because their nursing school specializes in working with children and families," he said.

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Ag barbecue Feb. 21

Hannah Bryce
Staff Writer

KC Ag Club's annual barbecue and auction is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Expo Center in Henderson. The barbecue will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the auction will start at 6 p.m.

This will be the first time the club's auction will be held in Henderson.

The members of the Ag Club are still looking for items to be donated for the silent and spoken auctions.

"The public is welcome and wanted to help make this major fundraising activity a success for the KC Ag Club," Rudd said.

Tickets are \$6. For more information, contact Bob Young, ag instructor and club sponsor, at (903) 834-6255 or ryoung@kilgore.edu.

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for May graduation, according to Staci Martin, registrar and director of admissions.

"No applications will be accepted after the deadline," Martin said.

If graduation requirements are not completed by Summer I, students can

apply to graduate in the Aug. 6 ceremony.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 903-983-8606.

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WOMEN PLAYOFF BOUND

LADY RANGERS VS. TJC LADY APACHES - 2 P.M. SATURDAY - MASTERS GYM

Ryan Griffin
Sports Editor

Head Coach Roy Thomas and the Lady Rangers look to sweep the season series with the Lady Apaches of Tyler Junior College 2 p.m. Saturday in Masters Gym. The game is the first of a double-header.

Thomas picked up his first win over his former team last time the two schools met with an 81-61 win on Jan. 7 in Tyler.

The Lady Rangers (17-6 overall, 9-5 in conference) have won four consecutive games, including three straight on the road.

KC clinched a spot in the Region XIV conference tournament to be held at UT Tyler with a 12-point victory over Lon Morris.

Feb. 18: KC 74, Blinn 55

Danyell Oliver and Denetra Kellum combined for 40 points as the Lady Rangers cruised by Blinn, 74-55, with a strong second half on Wednesday in Masters Gym.

KC outscored Blinn 43-29 in the second half, leading by as many as 21 points on two

different occasions.

Oliver led the Lady Rangers with 24 points overall, while Kellum chipped in 16 points.

Oliver and Kellum scored 12 and eight points, respectively, in both halves.

Blinn kept things close in the first half. A Jaleesa Thomas three-pointer gave the team its first lead, 18-17, with just less than six minutes remaining.

The Lady Rangers responded, however, with an 8-0 run to regain the lead for good.

Back-to-back fast-break buckets from Oliver ignited the run, with the second one resulting in a six-point possession.

Oliver scored the second layup off of a pass from Kellum and was fouled intentionally, leading to two free throws and, additionally, possession of the ball.

Oliver knocked down both free throws, and Raven Jenkins capped off the scoring spree with an easy bucket inside the lane.

With 16 seconds to go in the half, Kellum picked up a steal and found Jamie Whitfield down court for a layup to give KC a 31-26 advantage at halftime.

Feb. 14: KC 69, Lon Morris 57

Denetra Kellum scored 11 second-half points to lead the Lady Rangers to a 69-57 victory over Lon Morris last Saturday in Jacksonville.

The win clinched a berth in the Region XIV Conference Tournament at UT Tyler, scheduled for March 6-9.

After the game was tied 30-30 at halftime, Lon Morris scored the first six points of the second half to earn the team's largest advantage of the game.

The Lady Rangers stuck with the Lady Bearcats, however, and used a 15-2 run late in the half to clinch the victory.

Kellum scored 17 points overall, and Elise Kea chipped in 13 points, with nine of those in the second half. Janae Hendreson and Danyell Oliver each reached double-figures with 10 points.

Ashley Ferrell recorded a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The Lady Rangers swept the season series with the Lady Bearcats, winning a 69-66 overtime thriller in January in Masters Gym.

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Justin Rhodes/THE FLARE

Denetra Kellum shoots a jumper in the Lady Rangers' 74-55 conference win over Blinn College on Wednesday in Masters Gymnasium.

MEN ONE WIN SHY OF POSTSEASON BERTH

RANGERS VS. TJC APACHES - 4 P.M. SATURDAY - MASTERS GYM

Ryan Griffin
Sports Editor

KC has lost three straight games, including a heartbreaking comeback attempt Wednesday, but only one game remains between the Rangers and a berth

in the Region XIV Conference Tournament.

Fighting to stay alive for a postseason berth, KC hosts arch rival Tyler Junior College 4 p.m. Saturday in the final game of a double-header in Masters Gym.

TJC narrowly defeated first-

place Navarro Wednesday, 73-71, to force a tie for first place in the North Zone of Region XIV.

KC lost a 10-point road contest to the Apaches in the first week of January.

The Rangers' last earned a postseason bid in the 2005-06 season, advancing to the second-round of the tournament.

Feb. 14: Lon Morris 75, KC 61

Lon Morris improved its first-place record to 21-5 overall, and 12-3 in conference, with an easy Valentine's Day victory.

The Rangers fell behind early in the first half, eventually trailing at the break, 35-26.

A 7-0 run midway through the second half enabled KC to climb back and tie the game, 47-47, with 11:30 remaining.

The Rangers stuck close with the conference-leading Bearcats, down 58-57 with less than seven minutes to go. However, Lon Morris engineered a 9-0 run from there, and KC could not recover.

KC's Chris Johnson scored 16 points, and La'Marshall Corbett added 15 points, with 11 of those coming in the second half. Troy Cage chipped in 11 points.

Feb. 18: BPCC 66, KC 63

With a chance to send the game to overtime, a desperation shot fell short for KC, and the Rangers lost a 66-63 contest to Bossier Parish Community College Wednesday in Bossier City, La.

La'Marshall Corbett missed a potential game-tying three-pointer at the buzzer for KC, which drops to 5-11 in league play and 10-17 overall.

The Rangers fought back from a 20-point second-half deficit to pull within three points with 4.8 seconds to go in regulation.

BPCC missed two free throws to give the Rangers a shot at tying the game.

After being down 48-28 in the second half, KC rattled off a 23-3 run. Sonny Solomon grabbed an offensive rebound and put back an easy attempt with 4:52



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First-year head coach Brian Hoberecht communicates from the Ranger sideline. Hoberecht is looking to lead the team to the postseason for the first time since the 2005-06 season.



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Troy Cage, Baton Rouge, La., sophomore, puts up a shot in the Rangers' 74-66 loss to the Navarro College Runnin' Bulldogs on Feb. 11.

remaining to pull the Rangers within three points, 54-51.

BPCC scored six straight points, however, to strengthen the team's lead that proved too much for KC to overcome.

Corbett scored a game-high 19 points. KC's Dwayne Soders added 14 points, with 12 points coming in the second half.

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The Rangers traveled across the state line for the first time to face the recent Region XIV addition.

KC is three games ahead of BPCC (12-14 overall, 2-14 in conference), which sits in last place in the North Zone.

2009 HOOPS SCHEDULES

LADY RANGERS

2/7 @ Panola	W 65-61
2/14 @ Lon Morris	W 69-57
2/18 vs. Blinn	W 74-55
2/21 vs. Tyler	2 p.m.
2/25 @ TVCC	5:30 p.m.
2/28 vs. Paris	2 p.m.
3/3 @ Jacksonville	5 p.m.

RANGERS

2/7 @ Panola	W 62-50
2/11 vs. Navarro	L 74-66
2/14 @ Lon Morris	L 75-61
2/18 @ Bossier Parish	L 66-63
2/21 vs. Tyler	4 p.m.
2/25 @ TVCC	7:30 p.m.
2/28 vs. Paris	4 p.m.

CTVT 2009 Spring Broadcast Schedule

2 / 21	Lady Rangers vs. TYLER @ 1:50 p.m.
2 / 21	Rangers vs. TYLER @ 3:50 p.m.
2 / 28	Lady Rangers vs. PARIS @ 1:50 p.m.
2 / 28	Rangers vs. PARIS @ 3:50 p.m.

AREA YOUTH TEAMS GET IN FREE TO BASKETBALL GAMES FEB. 28

From Staff Reports

Kilgore College is hosting a "Youth Basketball Day" Feb. 28 in Masters Gymnasium in Kilgore.

All area youth basketball players who wear their uniform to the games on this day will get in free of charge.

"We are looking to make a good connection with the community, and are excited

to welcome all young players to come watch the Rangers in action," said head coach Brian Hoberecht.

Both men's and women's teams will face Paris Junior College Feb. 28. The ladies tip off at 2 p.m., followed by the men at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Chris Craddock, sports information coordinator, at (903) 983-8181.



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Kilgore firefighters respond to a report of a strange smell in the Woodfin Center Tuesday.

Faulty belt causes evacuation

J.C. Derrick
Co-executive Editor

Emergency responders were called to KC twice this week due to fire scares at the Liberal Arts Building and the Woodfin Center.

According to Chief Bill Lewis, the KC Police Department received a call at approximately 3:25 p.m. reporting a possible fire at the LA Building.

"It was a slipping belt that caused the smoke," Lewis said. "There was no fire."

Within minutes the Kilgore Fire Department was on the scene, bringing in large fans to help clear out the smoke.

Lewis, who said the belt was running an air conditioner, estimated about 40 students and faculty were evacuated.

"We were heavily involved in work and we smelled a very strange smell," said Carol Pope, Upward Bound counselor. "We walked into the hall and saw smoke coming from the boiler room entrance, so we called

Chief Lewis."

Pope and Karen Miller, Upward Bound administrative assistant, both aided in the evacuation of the building. Students and faculty were sent home, but the building was back on its normal schedule Tuesday.

Firefighters were back at KC Tuesday when a strange smell appeared in the Woodfin Center. The building was cleared, but numerous safety checks turned up nothing.

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Safety and Health Expo set for Feb. 27

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The annual Safety and Health Expo is on tap 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

The event will be hosted by KC's Occupational Safety and Health department and will be held in the Devall Student Center.

Stephen Boyd from Dallas, OSHA area director, will be a speaker for the event, joined by Steven Carden, Brian Ruthven and J.R. Smith.

Vendor tables cost \$300

and are tax deductible.

"All proceeds from vendor tables and donations will benefit the KC student chapter in our goal of spreading the importance of safety throughout East Texas," said Kamal Muhammad, ASSE president.

Registration for the event is recommended and admission is free. Those who register early will be served a free breakfast from 7:30 to 8 a.m.

For more information about the event or to reserve a vendor table, contact Muhammad

at 903-917-3185.

Schedule of Events:
7:30 - 8 a.m.:

Registration, breakfast
8 - 9 a.m.: "Workplace Violence" by Brian Ruthven

9 - 10 a.m.: "OSHCN Update" by Steven Carden

10 - 10:30 a.m.: Break/
Vendor table visitation

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.:

"Operation Lifesaver" by J.R. Smith

11:30 - Noon: Break/
Vendor table visitation

Noon - 1 p.m.: "OSHA Update" by Stephen Boyd

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KC Ambassadors to volunteer at Boys & Girls Club

Group to host talent show, Mardi Gras theme party

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The KC Ambassadors will be volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club in Kilgore Thursday, Feb. 26.

The group will be giving a talent show for the children and hosting a Mardi Gras theme party.

"The Ambassadors did this event last year and it was a big success," said Deirdre Mullins, Ambassador adviser.

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150 students from six TRIO programs coming together for TRIO Day Feb. 21

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TRIO Day is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 21, at Wiley College in Marshall. Approximately 150 students from six TRIO programs in East Texas will come together for a leadership forum, talent show and an art competition.

KC will attend the event along with Tyler Junior College, Wiley College and the Texas Association of Developing Colleges.

Senator John Cornyn and Congressman Louie Gohmert will be in attendance to speak on leadership skills and decision-making.

"The purpose of TRIO Day is to inform local communities of services available to

first-generation college students and low-income students," said Bindy Tice, KC TRIO director. "The support services may include financial aid, counseling, tutoring, campus visits to four-year colleges, scholarship money and more."

TRIO day started in 2007 when KC hosted the event.

Courtney Parker, Hallsville sophomore, who attended last year's TRIO day said, "My favorite part of last year's TRIO day was the art exhibit because it showed just how diverse these TRIO students are. I'm looking forward to seeing this year's display of art."

A signup sheet for all TRIO participants is in the TRIO office located in the Student Support Building.

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Tri-C members to attend retreat in Oklahoma

Tiffany Moore
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Twelve students from the Tri-C are attending a retreat this weekend at the University Campus Center at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

More than 250 students from states in the southwestern part of the U.S. including Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas are participating. Students will also have the ability to room with OSU students in their dorms and other student housing on campus.

"Thirst No More" is the retreat theme centering around the life of the prophet Jeremiah. The retreat will have special interest classes, time for praise and worship, speakers and various group activities, according to Britt Davis, Tri-C director. There will also be leisure time for students during the retreat.

"In the past we have taken quite a few students who have enjoyed the snow and the ice," Davis said. "They enjoyed sliding down hills on plastic bags on some very slippery ice that had accumulated around the campus center."

The Campus Encounter Weekend Retreat will begin Friday evening and end Sunday afternoon with a combined worship service.

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Garnett, page 1

gun went off," Garnett said. "I had to learn how to control my nervousness."

Garnett said the marathon route was

interesting, taking runners around a lake, on a nature trail and through business districts. He said organizers had various musical entertainers at every mile marker, playing songs ranging from "Sweet Home Alabama" to "Jesus Will Be With You" and "You Gotta Keep On Running."

Garnett said he felt good mentally and physically until approaching what is called "the wall" for first-time marathon runners at mile 20.

"The new runners all go through it," Garnett said.

His most difficult mile was No. 24 on Congress Street, which took participants up a hill and in front of the Capitol.

"When I saw my flag flying beautifully at the Capitol, I was encouraged and sped up," he said.

For the final mile, runners were greeted

with Bruce Springsteen's "Born To Run."

Despite the degree of difficulty, Garnett said he plans to enter more marathons in the future, including the San Antonio and Houston marathons.

"I'm going to keep running marathons till I draw my last breath," Garnett said. "I love the wind in my face, the crowds cheering you on and just being outdoors."

With the fulfillment of his dream, Garnett encouraged others to pursue their own.

"My best advice is to find something you love and stick with it to the end," he said. "Don't give up and keep believing in yourself and your dreams will come true."

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inappropriate language, however, there is some violence. "There is no explicit gore," Barber said. "It's mainly good old-fashioned suspense."

Tickets may be purchased at the box office starting an hour before opening or may be called in and reserved by contacting Kathy Barber at 903-983-8126 or by e-mail at kbarber@kilgore.edu.

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Leading lady Cassie

Bennett acts out a scene in the upcoming "Wait Until Dark." The play was postponed after she fell and broke her arm during a dress rehearsal.



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Our View

Questioning Evolution

Last month the Texas Education Board approved science standards for the next decade which no longer teach weaknesses in Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

In an apparent move of indecision, the Board simultaneously approved an amendment calling for students to discuss the "sufficiency or insufficiency" of Darwin's theory.

According to the Dallas Morning News, Kathy Miller, president of the Texas Freedom Network, said the inclusion of anything critical of evolution "could provide a small foothold for teaching creationist ideas and dumbing down biology instruction in Texas."

In our estimation, Miller has it backward. It is precisely when we don't ask questions that biology, and science as a whole, begins to be dumbed down.

If Darwin had never fought conventional wisdom, we would not even have the theory of evolution. We would also think the Earth is flat and the center of the universe.

The Board's decisions, which come up for a final vote next month, have been met with a flurry of discussion from both supporters at detractors. At the heart of the debate is whether or not weaknesses actually exist in Darwin's theory.

Let's back up. By definition, doesn't the word "theory" indicate that a particular segment of information is less than proven fact? We may still be college students, but an open, honest discussion about what we know and what we don't know certainly looks like a good idea to us.

It seems public opinion is on our side. Last week, on Darwin's 200th birthday, findings of a new Gallup survey were released which stated that just 39 percent of Americans say they "believe in the theory of evolution."

This is nothing new. In 2005 a Pew Research Center Poll found that 64 percent of Americans support teaching creationism alongside evolution in the classroom. A similar poll in 2006 produced results that only 26 percent of Americans say life evolved solely through processes such as natural selection.

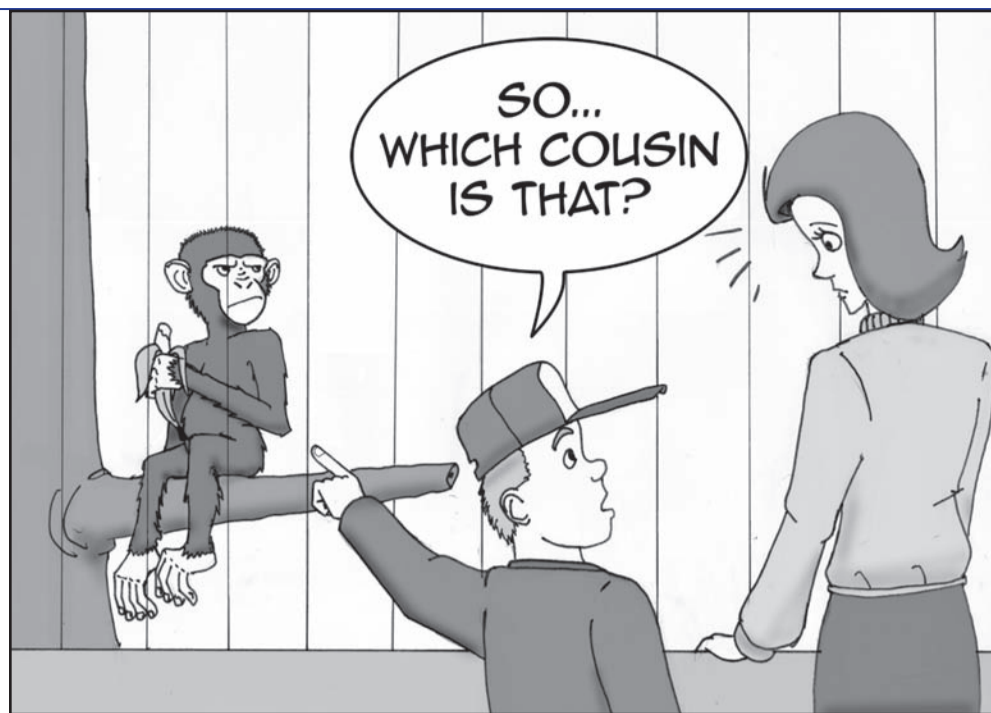
Just to be clear, we are not proposing that creationism be taught in Texas schools. We are, however, suggesting that an open forum for debate and research should be made clearly available for all students.

Proponents of evolution have attempted, with some degree of success, to make this debate about religion vs. science. But religion and science are not always diametrically opposed.

The reality is that this debate is about good science vs. bad science. Are we going to listen to only one viewpoint with no room for debate on something still acknowledged as a theory? This is paramount to teaching conservative or liberal ideology while ignoring the other as a valid viewpoint.

When new discoveries are made, we should welcome them as a step forward for mankind - regardless of where those findings lead us.

Censoring who has a voice in science is, to put it bluntly, a bad idea. The day we stop asking questions is the day we stop moving forward.



Clint Fultner / THE FLARE

Evolution

'Theory' a bag of wind

The paper you're currently holding and reading wasn't made by an intelligent being. It wasn't created, planned, designed or crafted by an artist.

Random particles existed somewhere, then a big explosion of some other unknown particles occurred and they all got together somehow to form paper. Ink sprang up from the paper particles, then the ink gravitated to certain spots on the paper.

The ink and paper continued to evolve until the 16th edition of The Flare was formed!

Yeah, I'm just yankin' your chain. Want to know some other people who are in the chain yankin' business? Evolutionists. These guys are the Ashton Kutchers of practical jokes.

You probably will better recognize them by their alias names, Darwinists. I still don't get how they can discuss topics like macro-evolution and the big-bang theory with a straight face.

In my biology class last semester, the instructor announced one day that the following class period would start our study of evolution. You could almost hear the eye lashes flutter from all the eyes rolling as a class-wide groan ripped through the room. My instructor said, "Oh stop it! You all might actually learn something."

Wait. Is this the same Darwinism that's been shoved down our throats since middle school? The same explanation for the origin of life that doesn't even provide an origin to begin with? We might actually learn something? Why? Have the numerous transitional fossils been discovered that must exist to prove Darwin's theory of evolution? Has the second law of thermodynamics that states everything in the universe disintegrates instead of builds

up been proven wrong and thrown out of science?

No? So this is the same old Darwinian concept of natural selection that Darwin's follower Adolf Hitler was so fond of?

Sorry, students didn't buy this idea in fifth grade and we aren't buying it today in college. When are we going to be able to look at alternative view points? What happened to academic freedom?

Oh, Toto, we must not be in America anymore! We have followed the yellow brick road of evolution for years and discovered the old man behind the curtain playing the great Oz.

Evolutionists are still trying to pretend we haven't found them out. Just like the great Oz in the movie, they're yanking the curtain back in front of their faces and yelling into the microphone, "Evolution is still the origin of species!"

Darwin's loyal ally Adolf Hitler once said, "The bigger the lie, the more people will believe in it."

Wow. I can't believe I'm about to say. Hitler was right.

OK, so the powers that be in the science field don't want us even to consider concepts like intelligent design or creationism. I guess they're afraid of allowing any scrutiny on their precious theory of evolution. Totally understandable. If evolution were my leg to stand on, I'd keep everyone as far away as possible too.



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College at 42

Never too old for homework

An estimated 1,000 students will receive their degrees from KC on May 8, and I will be one of them. After three years at KC, I will graduate at the age of 42.

When I enrolled in 2006, my two kids' initial reaction was shock. I was a single mom; this change in my schedule meant they had to live with their dad while I went to school and work, only seeing me on the weekends. My 15-year-old son seemed fine, but was obviously not thrilled. My 11-year-old daughter, however, was a different story. After the first few weekends spent watching me study, she was thoroughly disgusted with college.

I explained the reasons for my decision: I wanted to set an example, to show them that if I could do it they could. I also wanted to provide a better life for them. But I still felt very guilty for giving up my family time.

Things have changed since then. Now, my kids are my biggest fans. To them I'm a living example of one of those Jeff Foxworthy redneck jokes about graduating the same time as your mom. They make jokes about grounding me for not having my homework done; they compete with me on my grades; they critique every project I work on. I think that the biggest reason for the change is that they have seen, over the last three years, the look on my face when I talk about school. They have realized something that I hadn't even known about myself: that I truly love learning. And they love seeing me so excited.

Another great outcome of my decision is the about-face in my son's attitude toward college. In the beginning, he despised the thought of attending college and wanted nothing to do with it. Now 18, he will be

graduating in June from Gilmer High School. Through some divine miracle, he has decided to enroll at KC this fall. He wants to major in computer networking, and can't wait.

My daughter, though still only 14, has said she is also thinking about which college she will attend. Thank you, Jesus!

When I think of our situation, I'm reminded of my grandmother. She never graduated from high school, and I never knew until I was older how much that fact bothered her. But finally, in her 70s, she decided to work toward getting her GED. At the age of 72 she walked across the stage to accept her high school diploma (she wanted to do more than just walk to the mailbox). No one was prouder on that day than her five sons, who stood in the audience and videotaped her commencement.

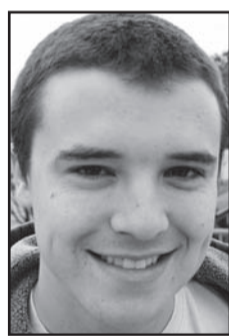
I think that going back to school after a couple decades off is the toughest, but most rewarding thing a person can do, and I respect anyone who has made that decision. It's hard at times but the sacrifices are worth it. My grandmother explained it this way: remember that feeling you got when your parents told you they were proud of you? Now imagine how you'll feel when you hear it from your kids.



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Your View

Q. Should educators be allowed to look critically at the theory of evolution in the classroom?



Harrison Hartt

Tatum sophomore

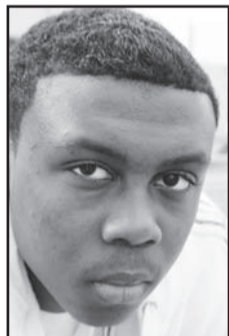
"Yes. I believe from a scientific standpoint it should be explained, but so should creativity."



Michelle King

Gladewater sophomore

"Yes. It's just a theory. It doesn't mean they have to believe it. (Students) should be introduced to different things."



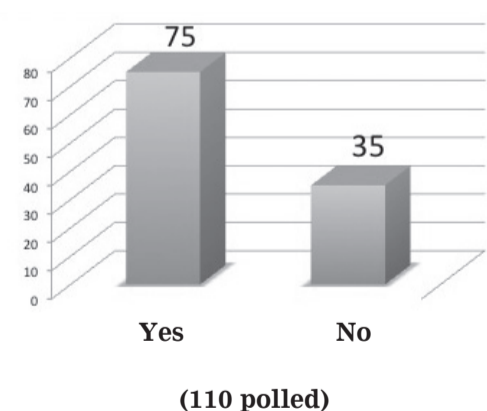
Kevin Lucas

Longview freshman

"No. Because there are so many different religions and beliefs, it causes more drama than learning."

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By The Numbers



Answers to note...

"Yes. A theory is something that, by nature, must be debated if it will ever become fact. No theory is infallible or bereft of doubt."

"No. Why should we have to learn about something we don't believe in when we can't even learn about what we do believe in?"

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BENJAMIN BUTTON

Benjamin Button is a man who possesses the unusual stigma of aging backwards. At birth, his body bears the marks of old age, but he grows progressively younger as the plot unfolds.

FROST/NIXON

A dramatic retelling of the post-Watergate television interviews between British talk-show host David Frost and former president Richard Nixon.

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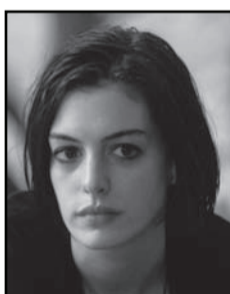
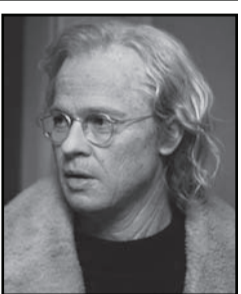
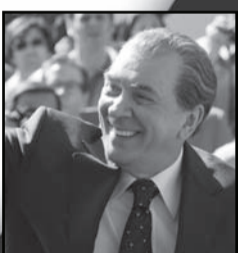
The story of California's first openly gay elected official, Harvey Milk, a San Francisco supervisor who was assassinated along with Mayor George Moscone by San Francisco Supervisor Dan White.

The Reader

Set in post-WWII Germany, a law student observing the Nazi war crime trials is reconciled with a courtroom defendant, a woman with whom he had a passionate and secret affair eight years earlier.

slumdog millionaire

A Mumbai teen who grew up in the slums, becomes a contestant on the Indian version of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" He is arrested under suspicion of cheating, and while being interrogated, events from his life history are shown which explain why he knows the answers.

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ACTORS

- Who was the youngest Oscar winner?
- How many actors are currently tied for the most "Best Actor" Oscars?
- Who is the actor/actress with the most Oscar nominations?

MOVIES

- What three movies are tied for winning the most Oscars?
- What two film trilogies have garnered "Best Picture" nominations for each installment?
- What two films have earned a record 14 nominations?

ANSWERS

- Shirley Temple (age 5)
- Seven, Spencer Tracy, Gary Cooper, Marlon Brando, Jack Nicholson, Fredric March, Dustin Hoffman and Tom Hanks
- Meryl Streep with 13 nominations
- Lord of the Rings: Return of the King, Titanic, Ben-Hur
- Lord of the Rings, The Godfather
- All About Eve and Titanic, both with 14

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