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More companies plan to hire, not cut

By MEGAN KEYSER
STAFF WRITER

A recent National Association for Business Economics survey indicates positive trends in the economy and the job market, foreshadowing a possible end to the recession in the next few years.

The survey showed that more companies are planning to hire instead of cut jobs. The survey marked the first time this happened since the beginning of the recession in December 2007. A

CNN article also said the survey showed more companies spending than cutting costs — the first time this has happened since October 2008.

“It’s possible that we’re reaching the end,” said Dr. Kent Gilbreath, professor of economics.

However, Dr. Thomas Kelly, professor of economics and director of the Center for Business and Economic Research, said the change will be gradual because the job market has a tendency to respond to these trends last.

“Jobs are one of the last things to improve,” Kelly said. Employer price cuts have been the primary reason for job losses, Kelly said, and people’s trust in the improving the economy may take some time.

“There’s doubt about when consumers will start spending again,” Kelly said.

As the economic recession worsened, employers cut back on employee hours, said associate professor of economics Charles North. Improvements to the job market will be slow

because even as the economy improves, employers may increase hours for their current work force before they add new employees.

Gilbreath said improvements in the economy indicate a more hopeful economic outlook.

“The stock prices are reflecting optimism by investors that the economy will begin to improve,” Gilbreath said. People have wanted to get back in the stock market before investment prices increase.

However, North said that

because the stock market anticipates economic change and the labor market reacts to change, the job market will not see improvement nearly as quickly as other areas of the economy.

Although it is likely to be a while before jobs are quickly and easily found, Kelly said, by this time next year, it should be much easier to get jobs.

However, Gilbreath said students should be prepared to face a difficult job market for up to another two years.

“It’s going to be a slow, diffi-

cult road for students in the next year or two,” Gilbreath said.

The best thing students can do to prepare for the job market is to get as much experience as possible, through jobs and internships, Kelly said.

Gilbreath agreed and said students need to think laterally and increase experience through graduate work and gaining marketable skills.

However, alternatives are

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Survey: LSAT scores outweigh internships, jobs

Kaplan releases data ranking experience below test scores

By ADEOLA ARO
STAFF WRITER

Undergraduates in a law-related internship or job may be gaining valuable legal experience for the profession they hope to one day enter, but a recent survey conducted by Kaplan Test Prep and Admission reveals it may not be enough to get into law school.

After a survey of admissions officers at 152 American Bar Association Law Schools, Kaplan found that more than 60 percent of the officers said applicants with work experiences related to a career in law have little or no advantage over those who do not.

Only 4 percent reported that applicants’ with legal internships had a “great advantage” for admissions.

“What’s clear from the survey is that admissions officers continue to consider an applicants LSAT score to be the most

important admissions factor, followed by undergraduate GPA, the personal statement and the personal experience,” stated Howard Bell, executive director of pre-law for Kaplan Test Prep and Admission, in a press release.

However, Bell said internships can still prove to be advantageous in another way.

“Get the internship that has the most impact to you. The internship can turn into a set of recommendations,” Bell said in an interview with the Lariat. “People thrilled with your work can be used to bolster your application. The internship itself will not get you into law school.”

Dr. Thomas Myers, associate professor and director of civic education and community services, coordinates a local internship program. Myers said internships are primarily helpful to provide students with experience that will help them determine if law school is something they want to consider.

“Many students’ interest in law is based on simplistic mov-

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Professors mesh with new gadgets

Technology is being integrated into various BU classes

By JENNA THOMPSON
REPORTER

The world of Twitter, podcasts, blogs and online role-playing games has now taken a role in the classroom. Professors across campus are integrating new technologies into their teaching to promote a more interactive approach of learning.

Gardner Campbell, director of the Academy for Teaching and Learning, is one of the many faculty members encouraging development in classroom technologies and implementing them in his own classes.

“One of the particular things I do is to help facilitate how to incorporate technologies into their practices,” Campbell said. “The particular work I’m doing with information technology spans from new media to various kinds of online communication.”

One source is a social bookmarking Web site called delicious, where users can tag articles, Web sites, pictures and more on the site and share them with the general public or a targeted audience. Posts are also linked to related “tweets” from users.

Associate professor of Man-

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There’s your sign, Bears

As an unexpected treat to Baylor students, Larry the Cable Guy, known as the voice of Mater in the hit movie “Cars,” made the trip to Floyd Casey Stadium in support of the Cornhuskers. Nevertheless, his support for the students didn’t keep him from interacting with the Baylor Line, an act much welcomed by the students.

A day to fight children’s main killer

World Pneumonia Day seeks to bring about more awareness

By TRENT GOLDSTON
STAFF WRITER

Health organizations around the globe convened Monday in support of the first World Pneumonia Day.

The day is an effort to tackle the world’s leading killer of young children by raising awareness and donations to support the Global Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Pneumonia.

According to the World Pneumonia Day coalition, pneumonia kills more than 2 million children annually, and is as serious of a problem as ever.

“Pneumonia takes the lives of more children under 5 than measles, malaria and AIDS combined,” reported the coalition. “The disease takes the life of one child every 15 seconds and accounts for 20 percent of all deaths of children under 5 worldwide.”

Many global health organizations are arguing that these troubling statistics can be prevented with relatively economi-

cal solutions.

“Nearly half of these deaths could be prevented with existing vaccines, and the vast majority of cases could be treated with inexpensive antibiotics,” stated Dr. Bill Frist, former U.S. Senate majority leader and Save the Children board member, in a press release.

Even though most cases of pneumonia-related death occur in developing countries, it is still a pertinent issue locally, said Kelly Craine, public information officer for the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District.

“There are a lot of differ-

ent types of pneumonia and often it is a secondary condition [meaning that it results from another illness],” Craine said. “It becomes an infection in your lungs and there are many ways to get it. It can turn from something simple, like bronchitis, into something serious very quickly.”

UNICEF and the World Health Organization have teamed and formed GAPP to help governments and organizations worldwide address the pneumonia issue.

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Karzai elected for second term

President Obama tells Afghanistan it is time for ‘new chapter’

By BEN FELLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama greeted Hamid Karzai’s election victory with as much admonishment as praise Monday.

Obama pointedly advised America’s partner in war he must make more serious efforts to end corruption in Afghanistan’s government and prepare his nation to ultimately defend itself.

“I emphasized that this has to be a point in time in which we begin to write a new chapter,” Obama said in describing his phone call to the Afghan president. When Karzai offered back assurances, Obama said he told him that “the proof is not going to be in words. It’s going to be in deeds.”

Obama’s message of stern solidarity came as he considers sending tens of thousands more U.S. troops into the war zone in Karzai’s country.

Karzai won a second term Monday when competitor Abdullah Abdullah pulled out of Saturday’s runoff, suggesting it would be doomed by fraud just as the first voting in August was. The handling of the first election cost Karzai in international credibility.

Yet the White House put its weight behind the legitimacy of the final outcome after helping to broker a runoff that never happened. Obama called the process “messy” but said Karzai won in accordance with Afghan law. The White House repeatedly said Abdullah had pulled out for his own political and personal reasons.

The collapse of the planned run-off increases pressure on the Obama administration to quickly end its lengthy delibera-



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Afghan President Hamid Karzai heads to receive U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, unseen, at the presidential palace Monday in Kabul, Afghanistan.

tions about whether to commit more U.S. forces to a worsening war. Obama may announce his revamped war strategy, including a decision on sending more troops, early next week before a planned overseas trip.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs acknowledged that Karzai’s win by default is a factor in the coming decision about troops but did not say the

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Lariat Letters

Tuition increase, Dr. Ramsower in need of a revision

In response to Friday’s article, “Tuition will rise 6.5 percent in 2010,” I think it is important to highlight a few points from a student’s perspective.

First, it is absurd that we are still following the 2012 financial plan. Many factors have changed since the plan was established; number one, the U.S. economy has taken a major hit in the past year as have the American people, with the unemployment rate hovering around 10 percent.

Second, the chief proponent of 2012, former President Robert Sloan resigned from Baylor four years ago. Let’s move on.

Third, Baylor 2012 has caused nothing but bickering, arguing and a negative national media frenzy in the past year, which brings me to my next point.

Why is Dr. Reagan Ramsower still employed by Baylor? Was he not the man responsible for signing off on a plan to pay incoming freshmen to re-take their SAT scores? That being said, why is he the chief executive deciding the future of Baylor’s finances?

Dr. Ramsower cited salary increases as the primary reason for the tuition hike.

Don’t get me wrong: I am in full support of paying faculty and staff higher wages, but the money to fund these increases should come from budget cuts, not tuition increases.

Off of the top of my head, I can think of several areas these cuts could come from, including: ending the re-planting of Baylor’s flower beds every six weeks, re-routing the water system so we water the grass instead of the sidewalks, and settling for an older vehicle instead of buying a brand new Cadillac to drive prospective students around campus.

Now, if these are endowed gifts to the university can’t somebody call the Joneses and tell them students are being turned away from Baylor because of less-than-acceptable scholarship funds? The rest of the nation has made cuts to stay afloat, and it is time Baylor does too.

In an era when Baylor is trying to attract top-tier high school students, students should be paying less and receiving better scholarships. Current students who demonstrate academic merit as upperclassmen should also be rewarded for their superior grades.

Dr. Reagan Ramsower needs to accept reality; families can’t keep up with the rising tuition increases unless scholarships increase at the same rate as tuition. If Dr. Ramsower is so confident Baylor needs a tuition increase, why doesn’t he disclose Baylor’s financial report to the public (this excludes the public audit)? He isn’t the only one who knows how to read financial statistics.

Finally, Baylor should afford students an opportunity to speak up about these issues before they are decided for us.

Dr. Ramsower needs to step out of his office every once in a while and realize students are here to learn, and emptying our pockets out so you can replant the flowers every six weeks is wrong.

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Administration mishandled retraction of BAA proposal

Editorial

Children do it all the time. They promise presents and favors to peers, only to quickly rescind the offers at the occurrence of bickering and disagreement.

Such childish antics are not simply reserved for youth, as was exhibited by the university’s Oct. 27 letter to Baylor Alumni Association President David Lacy retracting the proposal to merge with the university.

This letter not only brought an end to the stalemate that has ensued since the Sept. 19 announcement of the proposal, but it also served as a testament to the nature of the two parties’ dealings with each other during this time.

While The Lariat does not claim to either support or oppose the withdrawn proposal, we believe the way in which the university repealed the proposal along with the tone of the letter itself lacked the grace expected from the administration of this Christian university.

Though BAA members may not have spoken out in a civil manner, the burden of the proposal rested with the administration, and so did the leadership responsibility.

Signed by Interim President David Garland and board of regents Chairman Dary Stone, the letter cited “opinion editorials from your [BAA] president and executive vice president criticizing our proposal, the University and its governing bodies,” as one reason for the sudden retraction.

The letter, serving as the hypothetical last word in the public bickering, is a bad example to students of how issues of this magnitude should be handled.

While the university called the proposal “a sincere proposal to establish a new, energized,

well funded, and focused alumni relations effort designed to better serve our alumni and the Baylor family,” in its Oct. 27 letter, the sudden retraction did not help accomplish this goal.

Sincerity aside, the proposal was lofty. It proposed upheaval of the historically independent alumni association and the dissolution of editorial rights. Despite the possible benefits, as Americans, we do not take lightly the loss of rights, especially First Amendment rights guaranteed to independent entities.

The university should have given the alumni association more time in the consideration of its proposal. The regents did not give the BAA a specific time frame for a decision, which regent Chairman Dary Stone made explicitly clear in an interview with The Lariat on Sept. 28, in another interview on Oct. 3 and as reported by the Baptist Standard Oct. 28.

Furthermore, a main reason the university cited for its repeal was the BAA’s mention of a five-year plan at its annual meeting Oct. 23. The plan included the goal to “maintain the role and prominence as the independent voice for alumni.” However, the five-year plan was drafted almost a year ago according to Jeff Kilgore, executive vice president for the BAA, and it was merely mentioned as part of the 150-year celebration and annual meeting, he said.

The university also stated in the letter, “... while they [the BAA] were promising a fair hearing, their rhetoric was in opposition of the proposal.”

Despite unfavorable statements opposing the proposal, such is part of dialogue involving a controversial issue that affects entities with different concerns.

Equal expression of opinion was necessary for the Baylor community to weigh both sides.

After all, the proposal was created to affect both the university and the BAA, so equal representation in opinion was necessary for the Baylor community to weigh both sides equally.

With many alumni speaking out against the proposal, the association, as a representative of this constituency, was right in supporting the majority member opinion.

Is opposing rhetoric reason enough for the university to remove the proposal from the table, and when does editorial rhetoric hold the same weight as a formal response concerning a formal proposal?

In the letter, the university contends that the BAA’s failure to publicly discuss the merits of the proposal was another instance that led it to believe that the BAA had “de facto declined” the proposal.

However, we must ask whether any merit was publicly given to the views of alumni who spoke out, or to the effects the proposed merger would have on the BAA, its history and its members.

One thing is certain: the damage is done on both sides and each party should now look to create a peaceful coexistence. We sincerely hope that the university and the BAA will continue to work on their differences and aim to achieve a level of harmony that will best serve the Baylor family.

In many ways, football similar to war

Football is war, except its battle is fought on a different kind of field.

From the kick-off and declaration of war to winning or losing against a rival and the support of a band and color guard, the two share a common game plan: winning.

Field marshals and coaches lead their team. A rigorous tryout and application process is mandatory to make the cut. Scores of rugged men and determined women rush to see if they will be starting in the line of defense.

Soon, specific positions are appointed: generals and quarterbacks call the plays, lieutenants, cadets, running backs and corner backs fall into line. Lower ranks take orders as they are called, but alter their decisions to fire their rifle or throw the ball depending on the excitement or anguish of the moment.

Training begins: Lines of players ram into blocking dummies or weave their feet in and out of tires. Cadets climb over wooden walls, splintering their hands, and scurry through mud obstacles — both are determined to strengthen offense, accuracy and agility.

After months of clear-cut training, focus and dedication, the players, driven by fans, enter their first game, while soldiers driven by patriotism fly over murky water to foreign lands.

Pre-game and pre-war ceremonies and traditions are over. The scrimmage begins: Each field goal and alliance evoke positivity, while turn-

Point of View

BY SARAH RAFIQUE

overs and deaths constitute great loss.

“Did I make the right decision?” says the linebacker whose failed pass resulted in a turnover. “What if I waited just one second?” painfully rushes through the mind of the injured driver whose Humvee strikes a roadside bomb.

After numerous injuries and turnovers, halftime rolls around: It’s a break from combat — time to rethink, regroup and revise the same old tactics. What about attacking from behind? They’ll never see it coming.

Or, if the game goes in your favor, leaders analyze the struggle, highlighting the team’s strong points, but keeping in mind the battle is not yet won.

The coach and commander review old plays and yell new strategies. You catch your breath, the sweat finally cools, but the break is over just as soon as it begun.

Back on the field, warriors of football and

soldiers of war fight to annihilate their challengers.

Two quarters on the turf and two seemingly endless years on foreign soil are nearing the end.

Cheerleaders, or wives and husbands, anxiously await the result of the hard work put forth by all on the team.

A gruesome battle ensues until there are only 10 seconds left on the score board and one enemy left in combat. The end is near, but the outcome is still indefinite. You throw the ball with all of your force. Suddenly the buzzer goes off and you watch the football sail through two neon yellow poles.

You feel the vibration of your final round of bullets, shocked that your finger harshly pulled the trigger at the exact moment needed. Your eyes witness a body falling to the ground, drenched in blood.

The sound of the cheering crowd and bullet reverberate in your ears. The battle is over and you won. A sly grin stretches from ear to ear as you bump chests with your fellow victors. Your eyes shift to the ground, uneasy but triumphant nonetheless.

Football is like war: gruesome and rewarding. But, the loss of a life will never compare to the loss of a game.

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Please Recycle This Issue

Program gives youth creative outlet through music

By MELISSA PERRY
REPORTER

The giant mural on the outside wall of the Mission Waco Youth Building is anything but inconspicuous. However, few people know the full extent of what goes on inside.

Besides housing Mission Waco's after-school program, the building is home to MDub Music, a project designed to give local youth the opportunity to develop their musical talents and create professional studio albums.

For the past two years, eight teenage boys have been meeting on a weekly basis to write lyrics, share beats and learn how to produce tracks.

Under the direction of Youth Director Gabriel Dominguez and with local producers donating their time and talent, the boys have a chance to showcase their abilities that would otherwise go unrecognized.

"We're here to coach them, but it's all them," Dominguez said. "We'll put a lot more pressure on them about the album compared to the mix."

The boys are currently working on a 12-track compilation CD entitled "The Mixed Tape," which

they hope to finish by Christmas.

Dominguez said the CD is only a warm up for a more ambitious project next semester. While "The Mixed Tape" involved purchasing beats and fitting lyrics to them, the next step will be putting together an entire album from scratch.

Besides being an opportunity to produce a CD and showcase talent, the program provides a means of cathartic release for the teens.

"It can let them get out their emotions about stuff they go through in a healthy way," Dominguez said.

After discovering that several of the youth he mentors have a passion and talent for music, Dominguez encouraged them to draw inspiration from their life experiences.

Being able to express their pain and their struggles in a healthy environment, he said, has even led to a decrease in violence and other negative behaviors in their lives.

"All the kids we reach out to have extreme backgrounds: poverty, gang affiliations, selling drugs, robbing people," Dominguez said. "I've seen them do these things less, or not at all because the program has become

a coping skill for them."

For one such 16-year-old, Dennis Henderson, music allows him to share his life story and show people where he has come from to get to where he is now.

"At 10 or 11, I was seeing stuff

music can be a source of hope for others coming from similar backgrounds.

"I'm really going through the stuff I say," Jones said. "Some people are going through the same thing and they want to

"All the kids we reach out to have extreme backgrounds: poverty, gang affiliations, selling drugs, robbing people."

Gabriel Dominguez
Youth Director

you only see in movies; at 13, I was in 21-and-over bars," Henderson said. "With music you can take out your anger on paper, not on other people."

Another member of MDub Music, Darnell Jones, 19, has seen the program's benefits and is grateful that it has shown him he has a purpose for his life.

"It's had a great effect. Now I'm off the street and doing better for myself," Jones said. "Before I was with Mission Waco, I was in and out of jail. Now I have better things to do than sell drugs."

Jones also believes that his

know they're not the only one."

Henderson and Jones agree that having the influence of a mentor like Dominguez is making all the difference in the lives of those at MDub.

"Gabriel is like the 'hood's daddy," Henderson said. "Some kids don't have anyone to talk to. They don't know how they feel, but they can come talk to Gabe."

Jones said Gabe is very influential in the program. "Gabe is a powerful guy, he has powerful words," Jones said. "When it comes down to it, he is really helping me out."



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Youth Director Gabriel Dominguez poses outside of the Mission Waco Youth Building, home to MDub Music.

Sustainability Committee creates list to help faculty, students go green

By CATY HIRST
COPY EDITOR

The Baylor Sustainability Committee is working to get faculty and staff involved in the green movement.

Sustainability Coordinator Smith Getterman has been working with students and faculty to coordinate a list of easy things faculty and staff can do to go green on campus. The "Ten Ways You Can Go Green At Baylor" list will be released later this week and will be found at www.baylor.edu/sustainability.

"The whole idea of it was to get some information to faculty and staff on how they can posi-

tively affect the environment while they are on campus," Getterman said. "Really simple, low impact ways they can make changes and contribute to what we are doing on campus."

The list for faculty and staff consists of 10 simple things they can do to help Baylor in its sustainability efforts to make a difference on campus and it also gives examples of possible environmental ramifications.

The research for the list was primarily done by Minneapolis, Minn., junior Jessica Oen, a student worker for the sustainability committee.

"[It is important for professors to go green] because they are

a huge part of our campus and set an example for our students," Oen said. "As our leaders, they should be doing what they want our students to be doing."

Oen said most people know the general tips for going green, such as riding a bike or walking, but that having specific things professors can tackle will make it easier for them to contribute to the green movement on campus.

Burnet senior Lillyan Baker did design work for the list by putting it into poster format.

"I tried to create a design that would be sophisticated but definitely go with a green theme," Baker said. "I am a big sustainability advocate. I am an avid re-

cycler and a fan of sustainability at Baylor."

Getterman said he originally got the idea to put together a list of ways for faculty and staff to go green after talking to Dr. Jonathan Tran and Dr. Paul Martens, assistant professors in the religion department.

"I hope that [the list] affects the way people behave while they are on campus," Getterman said. "I hope people see the 10 things they can do and see that it is easy to make small changes in their everyday life to positively affect their community."

It is easy for people to use more resources than they need, and a simple list makes it easy

to track what you are doing, Baker said. The list will serve as a reminder to faculty and staff to make easy changes, such as using less paper.

Getterman hopes to have a similar list out for students by the end of the semester to keep students involved in the green movement.

Baker stressed the importance of student involvement in the green movement.

"Other than Baylor faculty, definitely students can participate in sustainability," Baker said. "It is so easy."

Some of the suggestions of the list are:

"Pull the plug on unused elec-

tronics. The U.S. Department of energy states that 75 percent of electricity used to power electronics is consumed when the product is turned off.

"Go paperless whenever possible. Accept e-mailed homework and double-sided printed papers from your students. Every ton of paper (220,000 pages) saves 17 trees.

"Walk around campus. Driving from building to building on campus is not necessary. Who wants to spend that money on gas anyway?"

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BU students work with Waco in revitalization

By BETHANY MOORE
REPORTER

External Vice President Emily Saultz and her cabinet have been working closely with city officials in their master plan for downtown revitalization.

The master plan for Waco is in the planning phase called Imagine Waco, and city officials want students input on what they would like to see in Waco.

Imagine Waco workshops were held last week to give citizens a chance to become a part of Waco's growth.

Saultz explained the events of the workshop she and her cabinet attended.

What is Imagine Waco?

Imagine Waco is a chance for citizens to give their voice as part of the master plan for downtown revitalization by the city of Waco.

What are the workshops of

Imagine Waco?

On Monday and Tuesday night the workshops were a chance for anyone who is interested to come and give their input on the revitalization. It was really fun, because they had this huge map of downtown Waco and all these stickers and you were supposed to stick down where you thought big buildings, residential areas, or little cafés should go. You were able to create what you believe the city could be.

When did the plan begin?

Well my first meeting with them was in September, but they have been working with a consultant for longer than that.

Who all is a part of it?

Anyone can be a part of it, anyone who is interested in Waco's growth, but it is the city council officials and an outside

consultant that is planning it.

How can students get involved?

Through the workshops, but also by communicating to their city leaders whether that would be by going to the city council meetings that are held every other Tuesday or just by writing in to them.

When do they plan to be finished with the downtown revitalization?

This is just the planning stage because this is a longer-term plan of about 40-50 years. It is not just for new businesses but they also want to bring in 25,000 to 50,000 new people into downtown.

How far does the city want to expand downtown?

The borders included the Baylor University campus area,

down University Parks, all the housing down by the PanHellenic building, across I-35, past Waco Drive and including East Waco. One of the main renovations they are interested in is getting some coffee shops and entertainment spots on the river.

Why is the city doing this?

I think that part of being a city leaders is always wanting to improve your city and this is an area where they thought they could further the strides made in the revitalization process.

How does this affect students' lives?

It directly affects our daily lives as citizens of Waco. It could be great for students to have more restaurants, entertainment, art galleries and especially different kinds of living downtown.



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External Vice President Emily Saultz is working with Waco city officials in Imagine Waco, which gives Waco citizens the opportunity to contribute to revitalization plans.

eBay removes selected items posted by anti-abortion activists

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WICHITA, Kan. — Online auction house eBay has removed items that were posted for sale by anti-abortion activists trying to raise money for defense of a man accused of killing a Kansas abortion provider, the company said Monday.

Supporters of Scott Roeder — one in Kansas City, Mo. and the other in Des Moines, Iowa — posted various items late Sunday in separate eBay auctions including an Army of God manual, an underground publication for anti-abortion militants that describes ways to shut down clinics.

After about five hours, eBay removed 10 items, activists said. The final two items were removed by late Monday afternoon.

San Jose, Calif.-based eBay said the anti-abortion memorabilia violated its listing policies.

"Today, eBay removed several listings on our site that violated several of our policies including our offensive materials' policy. This policy prohibits items that

promote or glorify hatred, violence, racial, sexual, or religious intolerance, or promote organizations with such views," eBay said in a statement. The company would not say how many or which items it removed.

Roeder is charged with first-degree murder and aggravated assault in the May 31 shooting of Dr. George Tiller at his Wichita church. Anti-abortion activists are trying to raise money for Roeder, who has been appointed public defenders but was considering hiring private lawyers. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Among the last items removed from eBay was a worn Bible once owned by Shelley Shannon, an Oregon woman who shot and wounded Tiller in 1993 and was later convicted in a series of abortion clinic arsons and bombings.

The other was a signed book of religious teachings written by Ohio anti-abortion activist Michael Bray.

Those two items were posted by Iowa activist Dave Leach who said he escaped the initial purge by eBay because he deliberately

used misspellings and other devices to make the items difficult to find.

"Because of eBay's promise to take it down, all I wanted to accomplish is to make it so it would at least survive long enough for eBay's lawyers to look at my article and hopefully decide I am not their enemy," Leach said Monday.

In the description of the Bible, which had 13 bidders and a high bid of approximately \$60 before it was taken down, Leach wrote that Shannon had given it to him a decade ago when she was transferred from state to federal prison.

"Our goal is an end to violence against abortionists, and against babies, through restoring the Constitutional Right to Trial by Jury, even in abortion prevention cases. Proceeds from this auction will be devoted to that end," the listing said.

Roeder's supporters said they want jurors to hear the so-called necessity defense, which claims the killing was necessary to prevent a greater harm like abortion.

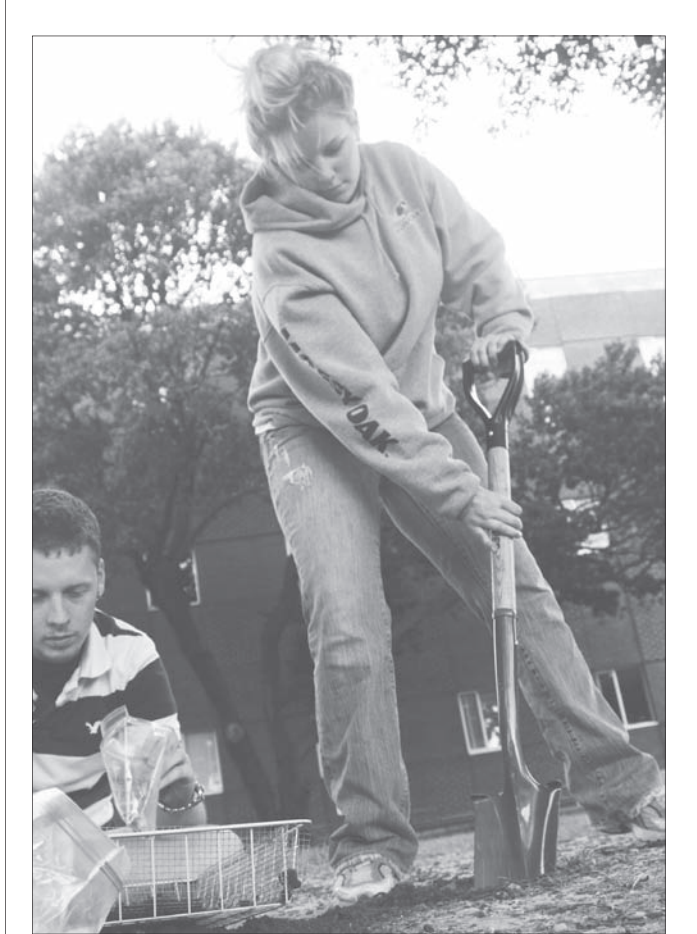
"I am not doing this because

I enjoy the publicity as it has panned out so far," Leach said after his postings were taken down. "I wish I could talk with people. This whole thing is a censorship. The judge censors the defense from the jury and here is eBay censoring our efforts to try to end this censorship."

Kansas City activist Regina Dinwiddie said the 10 items she posted raised several hundred dollars from at least a dozen bidders before eBay removed them. She vowed Roeder's supporters will continue to try to raise funds for his defense.

"I am very disappointed in eBay," Dinwiddie said. "I thought that was the last bastion of free enterprise in America with no political viewpoint, but I see I was mistaken about that."

She said other removed items included three drawings commissioned by Roeder in jail and signed by him, a prison cookbook written by Shannon, several anti-abortion books and bumper stickers, and an oil painting by Clayton Waagner, the man who sent hundred of anthrax scare letters to abortion providers in 2001.



SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Diggin' up bones

Bellville senior Kristopher Beach and West Friendship, Md., senior Amanda Arrington dig a hole for a sub-surface testing assignment in their archeology methods class Monday outside Marrs McLean Science building.

Cambridge professor to speak at Baylor

Acclaimed art historian to lecture on Italian artist, Titian

By CAROLINE SCHOLES
REPORTER

Dr. Paul Joannides, art historian and professor at the University of Cambridge, will speak this evening about "Titian's Transpositions: Drama and Metaphor in Compositional Transfer."

Joannides will be speaking on the 15th and 16th century Italian painter, sculptor, poet and architect, Titian.

The lecture will take place

from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center, and will be held by the Baylor art department.

Heidi Hornik, professor of art history at Baylor, is the professor who first encouraged Joannides to lecture at Baylor.

Hornik has had connections with Joannides in the past.

"I met him in 2004 on a sabbatical in Cambridge. He is a good public speaker and a fantastic art historian," Hornik said.

The prospect of listening to Joannides lecture has excited art professors and students.

"[Baylor] rarely sees this top notch of a scholar come to campus; listening to him speak is invaluable to any major," said Katie Robinson-Edwards, as-

sistant professor of modern and contemporary art.

Other students find the lectures helpful in their education.

"I think the lectures we do are really important because they supplement our education," Arlington senior and art major Brandon Davis said.

Joannides is well researched in Titian and has published many books on the topic. He has taught many courses, including Michelangelo and Titian, at Cambridge since 2004.

Joannides is interested in researching Italian Renaissance sculpture, painting and drawing, French Neoclassical and Romantic art according to The University of Cambridge department of history of art.

"[Joannides] is an expert in

Italian Renaissance, which is one of the most interesting periods in art history. It's an honor to have someone with such an accomplished background speaking at Baylor," Davis said.

"We're very proud to bring an art historian from Cambridge to Baylor," Hornik said.

Joannides has spoken throughout the world to students and artists regarding a wide variety of topics in art.

Baylor is having a breakfast for art historian majors with Joannides as well as a dinner with art faculty on Wednesday.

"It is an important aspect of Joannides seeing and getting to know Baylor. He is very gentle and fun to be around," Hornik said.

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Climate change delegates call on US for robust policy action

By ARTHUR MAX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BARCELONA, Spain — As China's actions to curb gas emissions garnered praise at U.N. climate talks, the United States came under renewed pressure to come up with a plan to cut pollution blamed for hastening global warming.

Delegates at the weeklong talks in Barcelona pressed Monday for Washington to make specific commitments on reducing carbon emissions and contributing to a global climate fund to help poor countries cope with damage caused by climate change.

"We expect the United States to be able to deliver on one of the major challenges of our century," Denmark's Minister for Climate and Energy Connie Hedegaard said. Delegates expressed frustration Monday that, after two years of talks on drafting a new pact, the U.S. has been unable to make firm commitments because it is waiting for Congress to enact legislation.

World nations hope to finalize a new global warming pact in time for it to be adopted at a major U.N. conference next month in Copenhagen. The deal would replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, but require both industrial countries and developing countries to rein in emissions of carbon and other heat-raising greenhouse gases. Kyoto applied only to industrialized nations, and was rejected by the United States.

Hedegaard noted that President Barack Obama, cited for raising hopes of a more peaceful and climate-friendly world, will receive the Nobel Peace Prize in nearby Norway on Dec. 10 — just after the decisive climate conference gets under way.

"It's very hard to imagine how the American president can receive the Nobel Prize ... and at the same time has sent an empty-handed delegation to Copenhagen," said the Danish minister, who will chair the Dec. 7-18 talks in Copenhagen.

U.S. chief delegate Jonathan Pershing said the U.S. intended to be part of a deal but would



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World Wildlife Fund activists perform for a protest Monday during U.N. climate talks in Barcelona, Spain. Barcelona is holding the final round of climate talks before December's UN climate summit in Copenhagen.

ensure that any deal it signed would be accepted by Congress. "We don't want to be outside an agreement," he said.

He said the U.S. would avoid the mistake of 1997 when its delegation signed onto the Kyoto Pro-

TOCOL, but found unanimous opposition in Congress and didn't get submitted for ratification.

In Stockholm, Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt said EU leaders wanted Obama to clarify the U.S. position.

Venture firm sets up \$575 million fund

By CLAIRE MILLER
THE NEW YORK TIMES

SAN FRANCISCO — Even amid the contraction of the venture capital industry, which fertilizes the seeds of new technology startups, some firms are expanding.

On Monday, Greylock Partners, which has backed Facebook and LinkedIn, announced that it had put together a new \$575 million fund, one of the biggest to be created in the last year.

It has also hired a new partner, Reid Hoffman, the founder of LinkedIn and an active investor in early-stage startups.

The venture industry has been pummeled in the last year by dismal conditions that have made it difficult for startups to go public or be acquired by bigger companies.

The list of firms that have managed to raise funds in the last year provides a glimpse of how the venture capital landscape will look once the shakeout ends. In addition to Greylock, the firms include Khosla Ventures, Sequoia Capital and Accel Partners. The endowments, pension funds and foundations that invest in venture funds have been cutting back because of losses in their portfolios and shrinking re-

turns in venture capital.

In the third quarter, only 17 venture firms raised fresh capital, down from 63 in the same period last year and the lowest number since 1994, according to the National Venture Capital Association. "It's clear that Greylock is in the top handful on anyone's list," said Andrew K. Golden, president of the Princeton University Investment Co., which manages the university's endowment and has invested in the new fund.

"As an asset category, venture is not that attractive. But we say investing is like love and tennis — you choose your partner right

and everything else takes care of itself."

Princeton, like most other universities, has cut the amount of money it invests in venture capital, and the undisclosed amount it has committed to Greylock represents almost all of its venture investment for this year, Golden said.

Ten-year returns for venture capital, which reached 36 percent in 2000 at the height of the dot-com bubble, shrank to 14 percent in the period ending June 30, according to Cambridge Associates, though venture capital has still outperformed the public markets.

U.S. & World News Briefs

Healthcare Hospitals

New York

As Congress struggles to rein in health care costs as part of their sweeping reform efforts, a primary target are hospitals in New York City and other urban areas that provide some of the most expensive care in the country.

Pakistan Attacks

Islamabad

Suicide bombers attacked two major Pakistani cities on Monday — one of them the garrison city of Rawalpindi — as the army claimed control of one more Taliban stronghold in the northwestern tribal region of South Waziristan, officials said.

Ford Earnings

Detroit

The Ford Motor Co. on Monday posted a surprise third-quarter profit of \$997 million, and said it had its first profitable quarter in North America in more than four years.

U.S. Afghan policy

Washington

President Barack Obama on Monday admonished President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan to engage "in a much more serious effort to eradicate corruption" as he begins a new term, even as the White House said its review of the military strategy in Afghanistan would not be hastened by the conclusion of the disputed election. Read about this story on page one.

Phillies Take a Win

Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Yankees in game five of the World Series with a 8-6 win in Philadelphia. The Yankees now lead the series three games to two.

Healthcare Reform

Washington

The House moved toward climactic votes on legislation to remake the health care system, the Congressional Budget Office said on Monday that middle-income families may be forced to pay 15 to 18 percent of their incomes on premiums and co-payments under the proposal.

Illinois Abortion

Chicago


Physicians in Illinois this week must begin notifying a parent or guardian when a girl 17 or younger seeks an abortion — a rule abortion opponents long have sought, but which critics say could keep minors from seeking safe procedure.

Hip Ground Zero

New York

The USS New York reached New York City on Monday morning, sweeping under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, pausing at the World Trade Center site and pushing along the Upper West Side before circling around, like a contestant in a beauty pageant, to dock in Midtown Manhattan.

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Mentalist correctly predicts Lariat headlines

By NICK DEAN
NEWS EDITOR

Whether it was by hope, prayer, sleight of hand or miracle is uncertain, but somehow Adams predicted four headlines in Friday's Lariat three days before they were printed.

"I had no idea if they were going to come true. It was just a hope and a prayer," mentalist Blake Adams said of his predictions.

Last Tuesday, Blake Adams wrote his predictions on a piece of paper, had the paper signed by Lariat arts and entertainment editor Ash Anderson and sealed it in another envelope labeled with an bold question mark.

The envelope stayed locked up in The Lariat newsroom until Adams' Friday night show at Common Grounds. This was his second time showcasing his talent as a 'mentalist' at the local coffee shop, Adams said.

"We had a big crowd last time, and an even bigger crowd this time," Adams said. "So I was very happy with [the

"This man is not of this world."

David Dulcie
Glen Rose junior

show]."

Adams went through several routines during his performance, including a trick that consisted of the mental magician guessing, out of four staple guns, which three were empty.

Adams chose each gun and an assistant pressed the gun on the side of his neck and fired. No staple, no problems. Adams went three-for-three, though not without apprehension.

"I was very nervous, because it's a known fact that if you do [mess up] it affects your whole life, so I didn't want to mess up," Adams said.

"In fact, I talked to the guy that creat-

ed that trick [Friday] and the only words he said to me were, 'Good luck, and be very careful.'"

Adams also amazed the crowd with routines in which Adams made it appears as though he could actually read the thoughts of people.

Members of the audience, such as Glen Rose junior David Dulcie, were caught by surprise. Dulcie said he was thinking one thing throughout the show: "This man is not of this world."

Adams ended his routine by revealing his Lariat headline predictions from three days prior.

Anderson, who held the envelope until the very moment of the reveal, opened the envelope to find the headline predictions that Adams had written Tuesday.

The Lariat ran the headline 'Did Blake Adams get this headline right?' in Friday's paper.

Adams' predictions, written on Tuesday, stated that there would be a question as a headline.

Another Lariat headline read, 'Tuition

will rise by 6.5 percent in 2010.'

Adams's guess: 6.5 in 2010.

The mentalist correctly predicted four headlines that ran in Friday's Lariat.

Adams is no novice at predicting newspaper headlines.

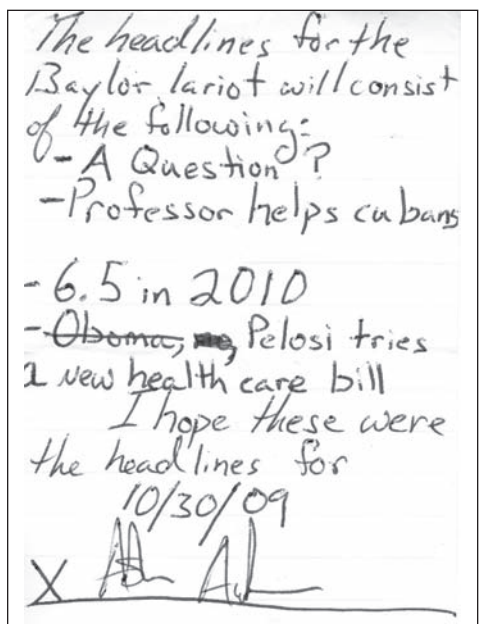
"The first time was a couple of months ago at [the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor]," Adams said. "I predicted [headlines] for The Daily Telegraph. That worked out well."

The Daily Telegraph is the student newspaper at Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Adams' mental games and entertainment awed Oakgrove, Mo., freshman Levi Messer.

"It's ... unexplainable," Messer said. "I don't know how he did it. [Maybe] mirrors all over the place?"

Unfortunately for Messer and the entire Lariat staff, a magician, or in this case, mentalist, will not reveal his secrets.



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This piece of paper, given to The Lariat in a sealed envelope on Oct. 27 contains Adams' correct headline predictions.

"This Is It" positively captures Jackson's spirit

By JESSICA ACKLEN
ASST. CITY EDITOR

Michael Jackson may have passed away more than four months ago on June 25, but he still has the unique and indisputable ability to captivate audiences with his talent through the the documentary "This Is It" released Friday.

MOVIE | REVIEW

The documentary, which follows the progression of the artist and his crew's preparation for a sold-out London tour set to take place from July 2009 to March 2010, provides audiences with a candid look into the world of Jackson and the work that was put into his highly anticipated comeback.

Regardless of viewers' opin-



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"This Is It," the documentary chronicling the preparations for Jackson's comeback tour scheduled to start only a month after his death, premiered Friday in theatres across the nation.

ions on the very private and bizarre life of Jackson, the fact that he was a born-entertainer is without question. Jackson who has been a chart-topper since his childhood, has once again topped

charts with the premiere of "This Is It." The film grossed \$21.3 million in the United States and \$101 million worldwide, according to Moviefone.com, making it what Sony called the "highest grossing

concert film of all time."

"This Is It" was directed by Kenny Ortega, who is famous for his choreography in the 1987 hit "Dirty Dancing" and the recent three "High School Musical" teen mania phenomenons. Ortega acted as the director of the tour that Jackson was constructing and also pieced the documentary together from over 100 hours of film following the "This Is It" concert rehearsals.

While the film displays Jackson anxious to work, he appears surprisingly slim and almost frail. However, he still lights up the stage with his mastery of dance moves and enthusiasm.

While it is apparent that Jackson is unusually skinny and questionably unhealthy, the viewers are not really given many up-close shots that show Jackson's actual appearance. Instead, the focus of the film is not on Jackson's issues, but his spirit

and musical talent.

The movie begins with dancers auditioning for parts as Jackson's back-up dancers. Many are tearful and in awe of the chance they are being given to audition for Jackson's comeback. As dancers audition in front of the producers of the show, it was striking to see so many perform the famous and beloved "Thriller" dance in unison.

The plans for the concert included a mix of genuine musical talent with special effects that emphasize Jackson's desire for cutting-edge originality.

Jackson not only displays his charisma when he begins his rehearsals, he seems almost transformed from the nearly feeble entertainer to a larger-than-life entity from which audiences are unable to take their eyes. Jackson seems to shed years as he prances across stage interacting with the musicians and the dancers alike.

There are moments between Jackson's rehearsal of songs in which his meek and creative personality is displayed. He innocently makes jokes with Ortega and often encourages and thanks his dancers and crew.

The film, rated PG, is completely clean and wholesome. The main theme of the film is more of a tribute to Jackson and his creative nature than a statement about the controversial aspects of Jackson's life.

Overall, regardless of opinions that one may have about Jackson, "This Is It" is a film that displays artistic talent at its best and a man whose greatest desire is to please and entertain his fans. "This is It" is a must-see film, not only because it is a tribute to Jackson's legacy, but also because it is a tribute to American music and pop culture.

Grade: A

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Defections, court fights test Scientology

By ERIC GORSKI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Church of Scientology is going through a difficult season.

Over the course of two days last week, a French court convicted the church of fraud and Oscar-winning filmmaker Paul Haggis' resignation from the church over a litany of concerns was aired publicly.

On one hand, it was just another bad press week for the embattled institution founded in 1953 by the late science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard.

But for former Scientologists and scholars of the movement, the setbacks pose a greater challenge coming on the heels of defections of top-level Scientologists who lifted a veil of secrecy on the organization and alleged a culture of violence and control under Hubbard's successor, David Miscavige.

"With any organization, the loss of a substantial number of your most experienced people and chaos at the upper levels is problematic," said David Bromley, a Virginia Commonwealth University professor who studies new religious movements and has written on Scientology. "There are PR implications, the possibility of legal actions ... That dwarfs the other things."

The church has strenuously denied the allegations against Miscavige, portraying the accusers as lying disgruntled ex-employees.

Church spokesman Tommy Davis said Scientology is flourishing, with more than 8,000 Scientology churches, missions and groups in 160-plus nations. He said assets and property holdings have doubled over the past five years, including a new church in Rome and another opening this weekend in Washington, D.C.

"From our perspective, things are going pretty great," Davis said. "In fact, that's downplaying it. Actually, what's happening with the church right now is

frankly spectacular. To the degree there are these various things happening, it really is a lot of noise."

One major survey of American religion shows Scientology declining in the U.S., however.

The estimated number of Americans who identify as Scientologists rose from 45,000 in 1990 to 55,000 in 2001, then plummeted to 25,000 in 2008, according to the American Religion Identification Survey.

Davis said that while the church avoids membership estimates, it's "absolutely in the millions" globally and growing in the U.S.

Scientology has long been controversial. The Internal Revenue Service granted the church tax exemption in 1993 after a nearly four-decade battle over whether it should be considered a religion.

Critics say Scientology is a business, preying on people by charging exorbitant sums for services.

The church continues to fascinate, fueled by interest in celebrity adherents such as Tom Cruise, John Travolta and Kirstie Alley, as well as beliefs that don't fit into typical American religious boxes.

Hubbard taught that the "thetan," the equivalent of a spirit, can be cleared of negative energy from this and previous lives through a process called auditing. With the aid of auditors, Scientologists seek a state called "Clear" and then advance through various levels of "Operating Thetan."

The allegations of violence were leveled by four former high-ranking Scientology executives who told their stories to the St. Petersburg Times last summer. The executives said they witnessed Miscavige, chairman of the board that oversees the church, hit staff members dozens of times and urged others to do the same.

Davis called the allegations



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Church of Scientology lawyer Patrick Maisonneuve, left, speaks to reporters Oct. 27 at a Paris courthouse after a court returned a verdict of fraud against the group. A Paris court on Tuesday convicted the Church of Scientology's French office of fraud and fined it more than half a million euros.

"absolutely, unquestionably false" and "sickening and outrageous." ABC's "Nightline" aired a report this month covering much of the same ground.

To critics of Scientology and ex-members who have grown increasingly vocal in recent years, it's a breakthrough — critical voices from former members of the inner circle, not the media or outsiders.

"When you have dozens of people speaking out, it's no longer too credible to say they're all malcontents and criminals," said Jeff Hawkins, a former Scientology marketing guru who defected in 2005. "(The church) is either going to reform or collapse, and I think it's going to be the latter because they're incapable of reform or admitting any wrongdoing."

One defector, Marty Rathbun, who served on the church's board and was a top lieutenant

of Miscavige's, said a growing movement of people hold to the tenets of Scientology but reject the institutional church.

"I don't foresee another church," Rathbun said. "That was the first attack on me — that this was a coup, that I'm trying to tap a schism or start another church ... That's not an objective of mine or a positive way to go."

Haggis, the Oscar-winning director of "Crash," was not a high-ranking Scientologist. But his defection is significant, said actor Jason Beghe, who left the church in 2007 and has become a critic.

"He was somebody the Scientology community was proud of, and therefore I'm sure he helped hold some of their base in place," said Beghe, who appeared in the film "G.I. Jane" and TV's "Everwood" and is cast in Haggis' next film, now shooting in Pittsburgh.

"Anybody who is a Scientologist is harboring doubts."

It was Rathbun who obtained a copy of Haggis' critical letter to Davis and posted it on his blog. Haggis complained that Davis didn't do enough to distance Scientology from proponents of California's gay marriage ban. He criticized the church's "smearing" of the high-level defectors.

The filmmaker also wrote about the church's practice of "disconnection," in which members cut off contact with loved ones who leave or advocate against the religion — something Davis said is not mandated.

A day after Haggis' letter went public, a Paris court convicted the Church of Scientology of fraud and fined it more than \$900,000, but stopped short of banning the group's activities in France. The organization's French branch likened it to a modern-day Inquisi-

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Mulkey's squad held to high expectations



FILE PHOTO
Head Coach Kim Mulkey shouts from the sideline at the Lady Bears vs. Iowa State basketball game on January 14, 2009 at the Ferrell Center.

By JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

Head Coach Kim Mulkey spent the last two weeks on the admittedly tough task of training a young team to perform to her expectations. Meanwhile voters have formed their own Lady Bears projections, which foresee the team using 2009-10 for much more than just growth and development. The Associated Press ranked the women seventh in its pre-season poll, the second-highest ranking in Lady Bears history behind a No. 6 ranking entering the 2004-2005 season. In the Big 12 coaches poll, the team stands at No. 1. Though Baylor has produced strong teams in recent seasons, this year's projections are heavily based on expectations of young, inexperienced players.

They share very little experience, Mulkey said, and because of that fact she challenges the talent assessments at this point in the season. "As a coach I think it's very unfair. We haven't earned that yet," Mulkey said. "I think people voted the way they did because of what's on paper." Proven players for Baylor include junior guard Kelli Griffin, the Bears' only returning starter, Morghan Medlock, the team's lone senior, and junior guard Melissa Jones, whose 2008-09 scoring average is the highest among current team members. All four players averaging more than Jones' 8.0 points per game no longer play for the Lady Bears. On paper, statistics and team photos alike, the Lady Bears' standout recruit is clearly the 6-foot-8-inch Brittney Griner, whose height alone allowed her

to dominate the competition at Nimitz (Houston) High School. In addition to numerous state and national accolades, she has garnered dozens of autograph requests from local fans at other Baylor sporting events. The veteran Mulkey, though, has played and coached enough basketball to realize the error in expecting so much of any freshman at the collegiate level. She has worked in the offseason to train Griner in becoming a better player, not necessarily in living up to others' aspirations. "We will protect (Griner) as much as we possibly can," Mulkey said. "She will demand a lot of attention on the defensive end of the floor." Everyone on the team has taken notice of the attention from the media and community. Jones, however, said the Lady Bears have set their own standards re-

gardless of what people outside the team. "Our expectations for this season are definitely really high," Jones said. "We have a lot that we need to prove. We're just really excited about what we have talent wise." After preseason work with the team, Medlock can easily spot what separates the 2008 from the 2009 Lady Bears. "Last year it was a veteran team," Jones said. "We were able to pick up on things quickly and move smoothly and transition throughout the practice, with not as much teaching." Mulkey has no doubt that the young players she recruited will one day reach that polished product capable of conference and national championships. "We're not anywhere close to where we need to be," Mulkey said. It will happen for us, I just don't know when."

Freshman launches a new era

Griner has Lady Bears aiming high for the 2009-2010 season



BRITTNEY GRINER:
Griner enters her freshman season as the No. 1 recruit in the country according to Rivals.com. Footage of her dominating performances have made local and national attention, drawing 4 million YouTube views from a local news segment. Her inside presence brings coaches a new challenge, though Coach Mulkey has remained adamant in keeping the 6-foot-8-inch freshman's expectations in perspective.



MELISSA JONES:
The 5-foot-10-inch guard played a significant role in Baylor's Big 12 championship run, scoring 23 points off the bench throughout the tournament. Her hard-nosed style of play demands respect and allows Jones to lead by example, Mulkey said. Jones also sank 20 of 51 three-point attempts, the highest percentage among last year's squad (minimum 20 attempts). Adding that to an intimidating post presence gives Baylor many scoring options.



KELLI GRIFFIN:
The junior guard from Houston gave the Bears solid numbers as a reserve last year, averaging roughly seven points per game and netting 32 percent of her three-pointers. Her 92 of 116 free throw shooting was third on last season's team and should boost the starting five's percentage as opposed to the 2008-2009 squad, who struggled at times from the charity strip.

By MATT LARSEN
REPORTER

The 7-foot-4-inch wingspan, the quadruple-double against a second-ranked College Park team (36 points, 15 rebounds, 15 blocks, and 10 assists), the National Federation of State High School record 25 blocks in a single game: Take your pick for the most jaw-dropping statistic from Houston freshman basketball player Brittney Griner. Unanimously tabbed the No. 1 recruit in the nation by all recruiting services, the 6-foot-8-inch Griner committed to Baylor as a high school junior and will make her debut today at the Ferrell Center. Griner's out-of-scale statistics were not limited to single game stats, either. She averaged 33 points, 15.5 rebounds and 11.7 blocks as a senior at Nimitz High School. And, oh, by the way, she can dunk. As a senior in high school, Griner dunked 52 times in 32 games and set a single-game record with seven against Aldine High School. So great was her hometown clout that Houston Mayor Bill White declared May 7, 2009, Brittney Griner Day.

"The ability and potential that she has is just incredible."

Melissa Jones
Captain of the women's basketball team

Despite the long list of honors and awards that trail her all the way from Houston to Waco, the freshman manages to keep a down-to-earth nature. "When you have an athlete that has gained so much attention sometimes, as coaches, you don't want to be around them," Head Coach Kim Mulkey said. "[They] think they're prima donnas. Teammates can't stand them, but Brittany Griner is not anything like that. She comes out there and tries to do what you ask her to do. She's not a finished product, but boy when she gets to be a junior and senior it's going to be even more special than it is today." Griner was not available for comment, but team captains junior Melissa Jones and senior Morghan Medlock sounded off on their excitement to see Griner

display her prospective talent since her arrival. "The ability and potential that she has is just incredible," Jones said. "She lacks that experience from the college level so far, but were just excited about what she'll bring to the table." Medlock looks forward to seeing the whole team benefit from Griner's presence down low. "I know she'll draw a lot of attention, which will open up the floor for everybody," she said. Griner is expected to draw attention from more than just the visiting St. Edwards Rams today. Mulkey noted the fact that it is still football season but believes that the heralded recruit will bring more fans to the Ferrell Center than is customary for an exhibition game. "People want to see Griner dunk," she said. According to Mulkey, even the No. 1 recruit in the nation has a learning curve, but for Griner, the learning curve looks to be shorter rather than longer. "Just like any other freshman, a lot of things are foreign to her and I'm sure her head is spinning," she said. "But the thing I enjoy about Brittney Griner is her eye contact. Her mannerisms that [say] 'I want to get better.'"



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Freshman Brittney Griner impresses fellow athletes as she dunks during practice Thursday at the Ferrell Center.

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Bears' defense shows potential in recent loss

By JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

After watching the Bears give up countless opportunities, it was hard for head coach Art Briles not to cringe with frustration in Saturday's 20-10 loss against the University of Nebraska.

Baylor had its chances to notch its first conference victory, but the Bears failed to convert and fell to a disparaging 3-5 overall record (0-4 in Big 12).

However, Briles noted that the opportunities wouldn't have existed if it weren't for his defense's stout second-half play.

The Bears suffocated Nebraska's offense in the second half, not allowing a touchdown in the second half for the first time since Baylor accomplished the feat in 2008 against Northwestern State University.

"I thought there were a couple of things that were pretty inspiring. All of a sudden everything changed in the complexion of the game," Briles said. "It's been a while since we have been able to have fun on the field, and it felt good."

The Bears made a dogmatic statement at the beginning of the third quarter, forcing a three-and-out which led to a 41-yard field goal from Ben Parks. Baylor's aggressive demeanor persisted two series later when

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Jordan Lake
Free safety

junior cornerback Clifton Odom intercepted Nebraska quarterback Cody Green's pass. Odom bolted 45 yards down the field and marched into the end zone unscathed for his first career touchdown.

"I was just in the right place at the right time," Odom said. "It happened so fast. I was definitely thinking of taking it to the house."

Odom's touchdown was the third by a defensive player in 2009, as he joins a club alongside Jason Lamb and Chance Casey.

The Bears' defense surrendered 104 yards of offense in the second half. Free safety Jordan Lake believes the Bears' synergy

on defense helped exude the defense's potential.

"I think we finally started living up to our potential," Lake said. "This is how we should have been playing all year. When we play like this, we are one of the best defenses in the Big 12."

Quarterback Nick Florence and the Baylor offense received a mulligan early in the fourth quarter. Florence fumbled an exchange, and it was recovered by Nebraska's defense.

But on the following play, Antonio Johnson swatted the ball out of Green's hand, and Earl Patin recovered it to give the offense a chance to score.

But the Bears' momentum sputtered when Parks missed a 24-yard field goal with 6:28 left in the game that would have made the game a one-possession contest.

Despite the shanked kick, Baylor still had subsequent chances to send the game into overtime, including a pass that slipped through Jarred Salubi's hand in the end zone that would have brought the Bears within three points of the Huskers.

"We gave ourselves opportunities. We just have to finish it out," Briles said. "We had a good chance (to win) late, but today it didn't happen. We have to make it happen."



SARAH GROMAN | LARIAT STAFF

Doubling-up on defense

No. 21 free safety Jordan Lake and No. 41 line backer Joe Pawelek close in on Nebraska's Anthony Blue during the Bears' 20-10 loss to the Cornhuskers on Saturday.

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Tamer's Twelve: Bears fall behind in Big 12 pack

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

1. Texas:

Colt McCoy didn't have to have a stellar game for the Longhorns to blow out Oklahoma State. The offense was held to a rare 275 total yards, but the defense showed its ability to put points on the board as Curtis Brown and Earl Thomas both had interceptions for touchdowns. Texas will step out of Big 12 play next week as they take on the University of Central Florida.

2. Oklahoma:

Landry Jones proved his ability to be the Sooners' full-time quarterback, as he threw for four touchdowns and 294 yards in a win against Kansas State. Demarco Murray didn't miss a beat, as he scored three touchdowns in his return from nursing an ankle

injury last week. Oklahoma will travel to Lincoln to challenge a Nebraska team fighting for a spot in the Big 12 Championship.

3. Oklahoma State:

The Cowboys' defense was able to slow down Texas, but Zac Robinson and the offense were unable to find a rhythm. Robinson didn't look like the Big 12's top-rated passer, as he went 15-28 with a career-high four interceptions. Next up is an Iowa State team capable of producing an upset.

4. Texas Tech:

With questions still surrounding the quarterback situation, the Red Raiders looked to their running game to carry the offense. Baron Batch ran for 123 yards and four touchdowns as Tech pounded Kansas 42-21. The Red Raiders will take advantage of a week off to get ready for a tough

game at Oklahoma State.

5. Kansas State:

Brandon Banks' fourth quarter 98-yard kick off return put the Wildcats within five points of the Sooners, but the defense couldn't get a stop as it gave up six touchdowns in the game. The Wildcats remain at the top of the Big 12 North and look to take advantage of a struggling Kansas team next week.

6. Nebraska:

After turning the ball over eight times last week, Nebraska turned to freshman quarterback Cody Green to take control of the offense. The Cornhuskers got some help from their special teams as Justin Blatchford returned a blocked punt for a touchdown and Green led the offense to points on his first three scoring drives as Nebraska beat

Baylor 20-10.

7. Texas A&M:

Jerrold Johnson threw for 234 yards and three touchdowns as the Aggies beat Iowa State 35-10. The Aggies defense was able to hold the Big 12's leading rusher, Alexander Robinson, to 76 yards on 20 carries and were able to pick off Jerome Tiller twice. The Aggies will look to keep this success rolling as they take on Colorado next week.

8. Kansas:

Todd Reesing and the Jayhawks offense continued to struggle as they committed three turnovers in their third consecutive conference loss. Kansas had the lead going into the fourth quarter, but the defense was unable to stop the Tech running game and a special teams blunder led to four unanswered touchdowns.

9. Iowa State:

The Cyclones were unable to keep their momentum from last week's upset over Nebraska rolling against Texas A&M. The defense's inability to stop Jerrod Johnson and the Aggies from putting up 501 total yards of offense led to a 35-10 loss. Things won't get any easier as they take on a hungry Oklahoma State team looking for redemption.

10. Missouri:

Missouri's offense produced 400 total yards and Blaine Gabbert found Danario Alexander for two touchdowns, as the Tigers rolled over Colorado 36-17 to get their first conference win of the season. Missouri's defense accumulated eight sacks and forced four turnovers while holding the Buffaloes to only 176 yards of offense.

11. Colorado:

The Buffaloes allowed the Tigers to score 33 points before getting any production from their offense. Colorado gained only 55 total yards in the first half and had minus-14 rushing yards for the entire game. If the Buffaloes are to turn this season around, they must develop a running game and protect the quarterback.

12. Baylor:

Nick Florence and the Bears' offense continued to struggle after failing to find the end zone and turning the ball over three times. Cliff Odom's 45-yard interception return for a touchdown created some momentum for the Bears, but Ben Parks' 24-yard field goal miss killed all hope for a comeback. In order to become bowl eligible, the Bears must find a way to win three of their remaining four games.

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composition in more than one mode,” Alexander said.

Alexander’s students do this by producing audio public service announcements, creating Web sites and keeping a blog. Through these techniques, students are taught how to write in interactive forms. Alexander has also started to use Twitter in conjunction with her classes this semester. “Writing is more than just learning how to write on paper these days,” Alexander said. “I try to teach students it’s all about the appropriate means.”

McCormick said this technological process is not spread evenly throughout the academic world, and many people cite drawbacks to certain methods. For example, new systems require students to adapt to the new organization and learn how to use them effectively, but not all users will have the same Web browser or brand of computer, so technical problems can arise. Networks can go down and systems sometimes fail. “My own feeling is that there are growing pains,” Campbell said. “I feel we learn from failure more so, if not as much, as success.” McCormick’s goal is not to replace the classroom experience with technology, but to supplement it. He wants to increase interactivity through these new technologies.

These new technological tools also encourage students to be more involved in their studies.

“These communication tools have a way of drawing people out and creating a sense of community,” Campbell said. “They tear down the walls of the classroom.”

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ies and TV shows about lawyers and they are not accurate,” Myers said.

The program Myers coordinates gives students the opportunity to get hands-on experience in an actual law firm. Students are placed in either the district attorney’s office or in a defense attorney’s office and study records and talk to clients — all of which Myers said better inform students on their decision to enter the legal profession.

The highly competitive internships are open to students with a strong academic record and interest to enter the legal profession.

“Students also need to take a reduced load so they can put the eight to 10 hours a week in the law office,” Myers said.

While, internships are valuable learning mechanisms, they often are not measurable of a students’ knowledge, said Becky Beth-Chollet, assistant dean of admission for Baylor’s School of Law. “Often times at the undergraduate level, the types of things [students] doing are not things that are really substantial for us to look at,” Beth-Chollett said.

Chollett said that in addition to LSAT scores and GPA, concrete examples such as the personal statement and extracurricular activities help law schools determine that a student with leadership experiences has skills such as drive and determination ingrained in them.

Bell said extracurricular activities could strengthen overall applicants’ application by showing they are “well-rounded” and can contribute to society.

Bell and Chollett both agreed that great emphasis and preparation should be placed on preparing for the LSAT exam.

Chollett encourages students to approach the exam as if they are only going to take it one time, and to take the test with a positive attitude.

“I’ve worked in admissions for the past 28 years, and I have worked with students who totally panicked on the exam,” Chollett said. “They realize they have to take it again and they study more efficiently and increase by 11 to 15 points. Just relax a bit and you will score better.”

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available to students for whom graduate school is not an option.

“If you can’t go to graduate school, don’t be afraid to take any job you can,” Gilbreath said. The income and work experience will provide helpful skills in later job searches. Students can also find work through friends and other contacts rather than sending out resumes and applications when trying to get jobs.

During a recession, blind applications are not an effective way to find jobs, Gilbreath said. Although it is unfortunate, personal connections are the best way to find jobs during difficult economic times.

“Who you know is the best determinant,” Gilbreath said.

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timetable for an announcement has changed.

The administration continues to say it will happen in the “coming weeks.”

In recounting his call to Karzai, Obama spent most of his time saying what he expects from his fellow president: more diligent efforts to end corruption, cooperation in accelerating the training of Afghan security forces, tangible benefits in the lives of the Afghan people.

Those aren’t just Obama’s standards.

He is under pressure to show Congress and the public that the U.S. is dealing with a trustworthy partner, particularly if it is going to send more troops there. Many Americans have grown weary of the war and are questioning its worth.

About 68,000 U.S. troops are

already in Afghanistan, where October was the deadliest month for U.S. forces. Several thousands NATO troops from various countries are also committed to a war that has stretched into its ninth year and is focused on combatting insurgents and dismantling al-Qaida terrorists.

Obama said Karzai needs to “take advantage of the international community’s interest in his country.”

Indeed, the White House made clear that the election gave Karzai legal legitimacy but not necessarily any new boost of credibility.

“Nobody has ever made the accusation that credibility was going to be had simply out of one election,” Gibbs said.

Relieved U.S. officials said the outcome accomplished two main objectives that have been part of

weeks of strategy discussion in Washington: The results yielded finality to a messy process and came only after Karzai acknowledged the illegitimacy of the original balloting.

Knowledge that Karzai would continue at the helm of the Afghan government changed little in the administration’s calculus, at least in terms of pushing for reform and anti-corruption and counter-narcotics efforts, said officials who have been involved in strategy discussions.

The U.S. government feels the outcome gives it continued leverage to push for reform in Karzai’s political house, the officials said.

Karzai has led Afghanistan since U.S. forces invaded to oust the Taliban in 2001.

He won election in 2004, and his latest victory will give him a five-year mandate.

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According to its Web site, “the vision of the GAPP is that every child is protected against pneumonia through a healthy environment.” One goal is to reduce mortality from pneumonia in children younger than 5 of age by 65 percent by 2015.

The organization pushes a three-point strategy to protect, prevent and treat. The plan is estimated to cost \$39 billion for the 2010 to 2015 period.

Craine said the best method of prevention is mostly common sense, but that people must be proactive about their health.

“Simply maintain good health — things like washing your hands and covering your mouth when you cough,” Craine said. “Don’t be afraid to go to a doctor when you get sick.”

Dr. Sharon Stern, medical di-

rector of health services at Baylor said it is important to see a doctor if pneumonia is suspected.

“Pneumonia may be caused by bacteria, viruses or even fungi,” Stern said. “Pneumonia typically causes fever, cough and shortness of breath and it can be diagnosed by listening to a person’s lungs and by getting a chest X-ray. Often the X-ray findings lag behind the clinical findings, which means that the physical exam is very important.”

Stern said that for university students, pneumonia isn’t normally an imminent threat.

“In the Waco area, there are many cases of pneumonia. However, we do not often see it in the Student Health Center,” Stern said. “Most likely that is because we have a healthy young population at Baylor.”

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