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Brown scores GOP victory

Democrats lose Kennedy's seat in nail-biter

By LIZ SIDOTI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — In an epic upset in liberal Massachusetts, Republican Scott Brown rode a wave of voter anger to win the U.S. Senate seat held by the late Edward M. Kennedy for nearly half a century, leaving President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in doubt and marring the end of his first year in office.

Addressing an exuberant victory celebration Tuesday night, Brown declared he was "ready to go to Washington without delay" as the crowd chanted, "Seat him now." Democrats indicated they would, deflating a budding controversy over whether they would try to block Brown long enough to complete congressional passage of the health care plan he has promised to oppose.

"The people of Massachusetts have spoken. We welcome Scott Brown to the Senate and will move to seat him as soon as the proper paperwork has been received," said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin said he would notify the Senate on Wednesday that Brown had been elected.

The loss by the once-favored Democrat Martha Coakley in the Democratic stronghold was a stunning embarrassment for the White House after Obama rushed to Boston on Sunday to try to save the foundering candidate. Her defeat on Tuesday signaled big political problems for the president's party this fall when House, Senate and gubernatorial candidates are on the ballot nationwide.

Brown's victory was the third major loss for Democrats in statewide elections since Obama became president. Republicans won governors' seats in Virginia and New Jersey in November.

"I have no interest in sugarcoating what happened in Massachusetts," said Sen. Robert Menendez, the head of the Senate Democrats' campaign committee. "There is a lot of anxiety in the country right now. Americans are understandably impatient."

Brown will become the 41st Republican in the 100-member Senate, which could allow the GOP to block the president's health care legislation. Democrats needed Coakley to win for a 60th vote to thwart Republican filibusters. The trouble may go deeper: Democratic lawmakers could read the results as a vote against Obama's broader agenda, weakening their support for the president. And the results could scare some Democrats from seeking office this fall.

The Republican will finish Kennedy's unexpired term, facing re-election in 2012.

Brown led by 52 per cent to 47 percent with all but 3 percent of precincts counted. Turnout was exceptional for a special election in January, with light snow reported in parts of the state. More voters showed up at the polls Tuesday than in any non-presidential general election in

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An injured youth is attended by medics, Tuesday, in a field hospital at the Jordanian battalion's base in Port-au-Prince. The U.N. Security Council approved extra troops and police officers to beef up security in Haiti and ensure that desperately needed aid gets to victims.

Elusive aid for all in Haiti

By JONATHAN M. KATZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The world still can't get enough food and water to the hungry and thirsty one week after an earthquake shattered Haiti's capital. The airport remains a bottleneck, the port is a shambles. The Haitian government is invisible, nobody has taken firm charge, and the police have largely given up.

Even as U.S. troops landed in Seahawk helicopters Tuesday on the manicured lawn of the National Palace, the colossal efforts to help Haiti are proving inadequate because of the scale of the disaster and the limitations of the world's governments. Expectations exceeded what money, will and military might have been able to achieve so far in the face of unimaginable calamity.

"God has abandoned us! The foreigners have abandoned us!" yelled Micheline Ursulin, tearing at her hair as she rushed past a large pile of decaying bodies.

Three of her children died in the quake and her surviving daughter is in the hospital with broken limbs and a serious infection.

Rescue groups continue to work, even though time is running out for those buried by the quake. A Mexican team created

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Alumna lends helping hand

By BETHANY MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Although the 7.0 magnitude earthquake and its aftershocks have finished, those left in the wake of chaos and rising death counts in Haiti are only beginning to comprehend the effects.

"I feel like I am crazy. I thought the floor was shaking and had a little panic attack. I'm OK now, but I keep shaking because I think the ground is," said alumna Megan Rapp in an e-mail to the Lariat.

Rapp is a current Columbia

University graduate student and was in Port-au-Prince working with her university's research team when the earthquake struck.

"At first we didn't realize what had just happened," Rapp said. "We then got up and raced down to the street to see if we could help. There were people running, children screaming, walls had fallen over, power lines were down and the sky was gray with dust."

Despite having no prior medical knowledge, Rapp said she and her team worked the

next few days in the United Nations infirmary, "simply trying to help in anyway possible."

"The little girl I was with was so scared, yet so sweet," Rapp she wrote. "I was just trying to make her laugh and smile. I told her that she was a princess and that princesses can do anything they want. This made her laugh, and she asked me if she could live in a palace. I said that was definitely possible! All princesses get to live in palaces."

With such serious medical injuries and few doctors, Rapp

said some of the children she helped died overnight, but she hopes more relief aid can get them the attention they need before it's too late.

After a couple of days in the infirmary, Rapp said the team emerged to find a more disturbing site since immediately after the earthquake.

"They said the ride was incredible," Rapp said. "Dead bodies in the street, fights and violence beginning, looting of stores, chaos and tension brewing. My professor said

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Exploring BU's religious diversity

A look at the pros and cons of a diverse faculty

By CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

If given the opportunity, Baylor would not hire Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft. Baylor would not hire James Watson, a co-discoverer of DNA, or Stephen Hawking, a leading physicist in quantum cosmology. Why? Because these great men are not Christians or Jews.

Some members of the Baylor community believe the lack of religious diversity in the faculty could detract from students' learning experiences. In contrast, others feel the faculty's unity on religion represents Baylor's mission as a Baptist university.

Dr. Chris Van Gorder, assistant professor of world religions and Islamic studies, believes students should have the opportunity to learn from professors of other faith traditions.

"It is problematic because students miss valuable opportunities to learn directly from people of other faith traditions," Van Gorder said. "And as Christians we have nothing to fear when it comes to seeking the truth."

San Diego sophomore Suzanne Nelson came to Baylor to join the equestrian team and regrets that Baylor offers so few opportunities to expand her global mindset.

"At the end of the day, I came to college to get a well-rounded education and by having an all Judeo-Christian faculty, I feel that I am missing out on other global perspectives that would be helpful to a well rounded liberal education," Nelson said.

However, Dr. James Bennighof, vice provost for academic affairs and policy, said Baylor desires to hire people from

Valuables stolen during finals

By BETHANY MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Five laptops and other items totaling approximately \$5,500 were stolen from five students on Saturday, Dec. 13 in Alexander Hall.

The items were stolen from various study rooms on the second and fourth floors and the basement, where students had left them for a brief time while studying for finals.

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said the police department is still searching for the culprit but

currently has no leads about the identity of the thief.

Palm Harbor, Fl. sophomore Nathaniel Dolan, had more than \$1,950 worth of possessions stolen from him, when he left his back pack with a TI calculator, Macbook laptop, biology and calculus book in a study room.

"I was gone only 15 or 20 minutes and came back to find my backpack was missing," Dolan said. "I asked the guys around me if they had seen it, thinking it was a prank, and no one had seen it. I was getting nervous at this point so I con-

tacted my CL, and we called and reported it stolen. That's when I realized I wasn't the only one stolen from."

The other students stolen from were Jonesh Patel, who had \$800 worth stolen, Robert Harris, who had \$750 worth stolen, Azaan Ramani, who had \$700 worth stolen, and Justin Daugherty, who had his laptop stolen from him.

Dolan said he is amazed that something like this could happen, especially in the dorms, given their security measures.

"That's my home," Dolan

said. "I spent eight months out of the year there, and now I just don't feel safe in my own home."

Tim Powers, associate director for Campus Living and Learning, explained that many of these thefts are due to students who allow strangers to "tailgate," or follow them into the dorm without swiping an ID.

"Baylor students are kind, polite and care, but in this instance students need to be aware," he

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Religious Affiliations at Baylor		
	Faculty	Students
Assembly of God	4	145
Baptist	393	5,411
Catholic	99	2,014
Church of Christ	26	271
Disciples of Christ	11	109
Episcopalian	60	274
Lutheran	55	403
Methodist	79	1,189
Nondenominational	21	2,111
Presbyterian	60	588
Other/Unspecified	95	624

Source: The Office of Institutional Research Testing, Baylor
www.baylor.edu/irt
Not a comprehensive list of student affiliation.

Judeo-Christian backgrounds to help to provide a Christian perspective on a wide variety of topics.

"I think that we view Baylor as a community, much of which is based on our faith identity," Bennighof said. "And for professors to have the ability to be in conversation with one another and with students about faith related issues is very important to us."

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Med school future unclear

Baylor College of Medicine, Baylor in talks

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Though discussions are in progress between Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor and its long-ago partner, the Baylor College of Medicine, details have not yet been made public on any possible negotiations.

"Baylor College of Medicine, Baylor University and Texas Children's Hospital are currently engaged in discussions concerning the Baylor College of Medicine and its future as a strong institution providing world-class patient care, research and medical education," Interim Provost Dr. Elizabeth Davis said Thursday at a faculty meeting. "Until the terms of any potential solution are known, we are not at liberty to make any further public comment."

In a letter to Baylor College of Medicine Tuesday morning, the college's Interim President William Butler acknowledged the discussions, stating that the college "will remain a separate, non-sectarian corporation governed by an independent Board of Trustees."

Butler added that while new affiliations are being considered, a merger is not.

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Congratulations Baylor Official Ring Recipients!

The Official Baylor University Ring exclusively offered through the Baylor Alumni Association is a visible symbol of a graduate's affiliation with other members of the Baylor family and demonstrates, wherever it is worn, a lifelong link with the University. The students below have earned the privilege to wear this ring through hard work and perseverance. Dr. Garland presented this latest group of students with their ring during the fall ring ceremony in December. Congratulations!

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| Aksit, Grant | Campbell, Travis | Garcia, Oscar | Kim, Jung | Morton, Phillip | Rodriguez, Gladys | Trice, Caitlyn |
| Aguilar, Joseph | Carlisle, Brynn | Garrett, Chelsea | King, Lindsey | Mosharaf, Vanessa | Rogers, Steven | Tucker, Travis |
| Akweh, Nadia | Carr, Brittney | Garrison, Anna | Klein, Hauser | Mosley, Sarah | Roland, Christopher | Udell, Eric |
| Albin, Courtney | Cavezza, Paul | Garza, Benjamin | Klot, Karu | Navidad, Ross | Romader, Stephen | Ulcak, Lauren |
| Alejandro, Sherry | Chin, Rachana | Garza, Deanna | Kratemann, Justin | Neal, Jonathan | Rose, Kristen | Valdez, Marisol |
| Allison, Ryan | Choi, Jenny | Garzone, Allison | Laudicho, Richard | Nervis, Michael | Roskopf, Julia | Vanderlip Jr, Richard |
| Allison, Matthew | Clary, Logan | Gatti-Brent | Lara, Maria | Nguyen, Diane | Rush, Lindsey | Vandor, Marie |
| Amesl, Cameron | Cline, Dan | Gelvetia, Samantha | Lataquin, Jennifer | Nguyen, Nguyen | Saks, Gabrianna | Vednor, Peter |
| Antle, Robert | Clopton, Bryan | Goines, Tiffany | Leitch, R Cameron | Nichols, Theodore | Sanchez, Lilia | Wadleigh, Leslie |
| Apffel, Ross | Cloud, Tyler | Goffis, Eithymia | Lemke, Laura | Nixon, Jennifer | Sandoval, Krystal | Walden, Amanda |
| Apigo, Dominique | Clovet, Jonathan | Gonzales, Deanna | Lenhardt, Jaime | Nobles, Kelly | Scheruch, Brett | Waller, Clint |
| Archer, Sarah | Cohn, Michael | Gonzalez, Daniel | Leviens-Elliott, Julianne | Northedge, Carlise | Scherzer, Heather | Walter, Lowell |
| Ash, Morgan | Collins, David | Goodlett, Jessica | Lewis, Andrea | Nyberg, Todd | Schulze, Camille | Wang, Lucia |
| Ashby, Brittany | Cookshank, Elizabeth | Graham, Ashley | Ludwig, Lauren | Oberg, Courtney | Schweiss, Laura | Ward, Erin |
| Atwood, Jennifer | Crosson, Melanie | Giffin, Cene | Loop, Kelsey | Orjiako, Simona | Sellers, Bethany | Ward, Rebekah |
| Autrey, Alicia | Cullins, Scott | Grigaby, Cameron | Lopez, Alessandra | Ortiz, Brian | Semell, Chelsea | Washington, Winitzer |
| Bainum, Hannah | Crisch, Chris | Grootemaat, Danielle | Luc, Kaitlin | Osburn, Cory | Shah, Sheeram | Watson, Katie |
| Baker, Brandon | Daley, Lerrisha | Gutierrez, Yezmin | Lykes, Erica | Pacheco, Daniel | Shanks, Heather | Watson, Stephanie |
| Baker, Myles | Dao, Hallem | Hagler, Sarah | Lyons, Nathan | Page, Kelsey | Shethan, Grant | Watters, Emily |
| Barnes, Jennifer | Davis, Brandon | Haley, Morgan | Magre, Michael | Parker, Jennifer | Shelton, Sarah | Webb, Courtney |
| Barnett, Kayla | DeLeon, Ruben | Hanson, Clay | Majumdar, Jessica | Parkman, Ross | Shimada, Sho | Webb, Lauren |
| Barto, Shannon | Delvaile, Adrian | Hankins, Evan | Marin, Guillermo | Patel, Bindia | Shipper, Steven | Wentworth, Milam |
| Battley, Justin | Dewitt, Jenna | Hays, Nathan | Marr, Lauren | Payne, Ryan | Shoemaker, Kelly | West, Bekah |
| Bautista, Lorraine | Diaz, Michelle | Herzog, Heidi | Martinez, Megan | Pearson, Edward | Simmons, Martha | Whitley, Kari |
| Beas, Mallory | Diaz, Tribby | Herzog, Shelly | Martinez, Patricia | Peccanelli, Megan | Sims, Kelli | Whitmore, Austin |
| Beard, Alicia | Dixit, Blake | Hibbs, Rachael | Mathack, Amy | Peckacek, Robert | Slack, Alyson | Wiley, Carter |
| Benachamp, Jack | Dowd, Lacie | Hixson, Justin | Matthews, Larina | Pena, Andrea | Slacum, Camilla | Wiley, Lisa |
| Becker, Chad | Dreman, Brittany | Horse, Meghan | McClintic, John | Pennyacker, Candice | Slater, Chris | Wilkins, Lucas |
| Beckel, Melanne | Duarte, Lisette | Horton, Krystina | McConnell, Monica | Phillips, Karmeyn | Smiley, Jennifer | Williams, Jordan |
| Benditz, Preston | Dunham, Hanna | Howard, Travis | McCree, Caitlin | Phillips, Kara | Smith, Cody | Williams, Kathryn |
| Benson, Todd | Dunker, William | Howdeshell, Susan | Megersee-Humer | Pina, Maria | Smith, Kelsey | Williams, Kortney |
| Bery, Brynn | Dyson, Peter | Hsu, Matthew | Mckernan, Michael | Pye, Denton | Stauffer, Patrick | Williams, Kyle |
| Bhai, Christopher | Eddy, Rachael | Hula, Eric | McKinley, Michael | Penley, Kellian | Stephens, Nick | Williams, Steven |
| Bishop, Victoria | Edgerton, Elizabeth | Huber, Jonathan | McMillan, Michael | Price, Benjamin | Stewart, Jared | Willis, Janet |
| Bliss, Amanda | Eichblatt, Shannon | Hudson, Amelia | Meditz, Adriel | Price, Caitlin | Stewart, Justin | Wilson, Jacob |
| Bockhorn, Nicholas | Elliott, Amanda | Ihm, Janelle | Meek, Sarah | Prince, Reid | Stockton, James | Wilson, Melanie |
| Bockman, Michelle | Elmer, Kevin | Jain, Garrett | Memoie, Maja | Ramirez, Lymel | Suene, Bryce | Wiltse, Jerma |
| Borner, Cymphoni | Estada, Eric | James, Timothy | Mendoza, Andy | Ramirez-Vera, Marlene | Sublett, Lance | Wiregar, Logan |
| Bouchard, Colby | Fankhauser, David | Jaff, Ben | Mizler, Kimberly | Ray, Ariel | Sullivan, Kaitlin | Witt, Brittany |
| Bovio, Rebecca | Feldman, Crystal | Jirvis, Elizabeth | Millard, Lindsey | Reed, Doug | Swall, John | Win, Tiffany |
| Brachstreet, Tyler | Ferrer, Rochelle | Jones, Michael | Miller, Melanie | Reese, Jordan | Swatzenstruber, Meghan | Woolley, Heather |
| Britton, Rachel | Fernis, Lucas | Johns, Eric | Miller, Preston | Rice, Amber | Swyers, Kendra | Wright, Colby |
| Broschus, Rebecca | Fish, Erin | Johns, Stephen | Miller, Sarah | Richards, Sam | Tans, Cassandra | Wright, Michael |
| Brooks, Alyssa | Fisher, Harrison | Johnson, Benjamin | Mohr, Kelsey | Rickard, Erika | Tennell, Keely | Yerkie, Thomas |
| Brooks, Jonathan | Fitzpatrick, Jeanie | Johnson, Katherine | Morano, Sergio | Ricks, Matt | Thomas, Ashley | Yoo, Grace |
| Brown, Gary | Flippin, Austin | Johnson, Laura | Mooney, Madelyn | Riley, Samuel | Thompson, Cametta | Young, Justin |
| Brynn, Candyn | Floyd, Scott | Joseph, Jeremy | Mokre, Bethany | Riney, Amber | Thompson, Kevin | |
| Buono, Matthew | Fong, Emily | Joyce, Elizabeth | Moore, Ross | Rivens, Daniel | Thompson, Sara | |
| Burgess, Zachary | Fowler, Duain | Kaiser, Trevis | Morgan, Alexandra | Rivens, Ernesto | Ticzon, Eunice | |
| Bushnell, Jason | Franklin, James | Keller, Alexander | Morgan, William | Rivens, Melissa | Tippett, George | |
| Butler, Erin | Fricke, Justin | Kelly, James | Morrison, Andrew | Rivens II, Luis | Tomlinson, Matthew | |

“God Bless Baylor and all who wear her ring.”

SPRING ORDER TAKING

Any student with 75+ semester hours is eligible to take part in the Baylor University Official Ring tradition.

Mon. – Thur., February 22 – 25, 2010
from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the
Bill Daniel Student Center

SPRING CEREMONY

Tuesday, May 4, 2010
5:30 p.m. in
Waco Hall

Ring Saving Plan Participants:

Students with 75 hours may apply ring funds toward their ring order to become a part of the growing Baylor Ring Tradition!



Improvements, expansion possible for I-35

By CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

Interstate 35 in Waco could see some changes that would affect local businesses and travelers on the interstate.

Though plans are not yet approved or funded, the Texas Department of Transportation has drawn up plans to improve I-35 from South Loop 340 to North Loop 340.

Proposed improvements include making the frontage roads continuous across the Brazos River, improving and rebuilding ramps and bridges, and widening the shoulders and sidewalks along the frontage roads, according to Kirk Krause, the assistant area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation's

Waco office.

The project could also include adding crosswalks under the interstate at Fourth, Fifth and 12th Streets.

Alisa Polanski, I-35 project engineer, said these changes could affect access to businesses and homes.

"We have a preliminary schematic. It shows some of the potential impacts to property owners," Polanski said. "There are some that would be affected. Some would probably be relocated. There are some that might be affected by access, driveways, things like that."

Tracy Maughan, co-owner of Buzzard Billy's, said he is excited about the possible improvement to the interstate but nervous as to how it will affect his business.

Current schematics show access to Buzzard Billy's will be cut off by the construction.

"Since they are going to extend the frontage road over the river, the on-ramp to the bridge will cover up the entrance into the restaurant," Maughan said. "Since there is only one entrance into the property, it will be blocking that off and basically close our business."

Maughan said the Texas Department of Transportation is planning to work with him to find ways around hurting his business.

Lori Fogleman, director of media relations for Baylor, said the possible construction is good for the community.

"It is one of the busiest interstates in Texas, and the expansion

will provide much improved and safer transportation through our area," Fogleman said. "The expansion will better link Baylor with downtown Waco through Fourth and Fifth Streets. It will provide easier, safer, more accessible travel for cars, bicyclists and pedestrians."

For Baylor, the construction could lead to minor access changes to the Robinson Tower parking garage and loss in green space, but no buildings should be compromised.

"All entities are working together to make sure that everyone's needs are met," Fogleman said.

Maughan said the construction could help his business by making travel safer through Waco and making it convenient to get

to his business, as long as the access problem can be solved.

"Making the roadway safer is what their intentions are, which is a good thing," Maughan said. "It will be good to have that road there, but there will have to be some changes made to make it work for Buzzard Billy's."

"As a businessman, I am very leery about what they are going to do to help us get our access to our business," Maughan said. "On the other hand, they are willing talk about it to keep the access to Buzzard Billy's open."

Fogleman said Baylor is especially excited because the construction could connect Baylor to downtown, which would promote Baylor's 2012 Vision.

"I think with the planning that is under way right now, [the

construction] should complement what we are doing, as well as downtown Waco," Fogleman said. "It will provide a better front door to Baylor."

Although some disruptions would be inevitable due to construction, Fogleman said Baylor is optimistic about the possible changes.

Krause said three other projects on I-35 in McLennan County have been approved and are funded.

These projects will not affect local business owners and will not be taking place in Waco.

Some of these improvements include widening I-35 to six lanes in select places and changing frontage roads to a one-way traffic configuration.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT STAFF

Kicking off a new semester

Denton freshman Daniel Such maneuvers around Houston freshman Keith Boney for a scoring goal during a soccer game with fellow Penland residents Tuesday afternoon in Bear Park.

The lightness in my dark: OALA supports, inspires

By STEPHANIE LEE
REPORTER

The cool, crisp chill of the air was present as I walked across the Baylor campus with my mom beside me one fall day in 2007.

I was struggling with an important decision that could potentially change my life, but I finally felt a sense of peace as I walked.

My decision was difficult. Should I continue to be unhappy? If I transfer, will I let my family down? How will this affect me?

I have been blind since birth, and it has been challenging. During the course of my life, I have overcome many unforgettable obstacles.

Many of these were and continue to be difficult.

For example, I constantly have to depend on people to take me to various places.

I wish I had a car at my disposal, because right now, I feel trapped anytime I wish to go anywhere on my own.

In October of 2007, I attended Texas A&M University, and I can honestly say that I experienced one of the lowest points in my life.

However, I also learned so much from this experience. A person should never make a hasty decision, no matter what anyone may say. My decision to attend this university was a quick one because I was not sure where I wanted to further my education. My sister graduated from A&M so I knew about the traditions and also knew the academic programs were nationally recognized.

Little did I know, the decision was too wrong, too quick.

As a blind student, there are many things to consider when picking the right university. How large is the campus? How long is the walk from building to building? Is there anything that could hinder me from being independent?

While attending A&M, I was literally in the dark and alone. My classes were large, consisting of 100 or more students. The professors did not take the time to get to know me on a personal level. After midterm grades were released, I had an F in one course. I am an A/B student, so failing is not consistent with my behavior. I spoke with this professor, and he told me that since I was failing his course, I didn't deserve to be at A&M.

When I would get lost walking to class, the students did not help me and were very rude. They would simply walk by as if I was not there.

While I was there, I also got stopped by a police officer for jaywalking.

My A&M journey ended in November of that year when I was admitted into Baylor. My hometown of West is just 20 miles north of Waco, so I was familiar with the university.

I attended many summer music camps there while in high school and liked the campus atmosphere.

My mom always told me to apply, but I was ready to spread my wings a little. Little did I know, I would end up back home.

A&M did not have a journalism department, and Baylor did. I love to write, and at Baylor I could express this love in the journalism program. Maxey Parish, senior lecturer of journalism, had a strong influence when I decided to attend. He encouraged me and told me that my Baylor experience would be rewarding.

When I visited the campus, I made an appointment with the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation, also known as OALA, and I finally realized that I was in a place where I would be welcomed and known by my name (not just an identification number).

At OALA, I was welcomed with open arms.

That particular day, they pro-

vided the light that lifted my darkness. I was amazed.

In the fall of 2008, my Baylor journey began.

My professors also welcomed me despite my blindness. I was treated as a sighted student, and that is exactly what I wanted.

My two years at Baylor have been nothing short of phenomenal. I regret that I was unable to attend this great university during my entire college career.

"I was treated as a sighted student, and that is exactly what I wanted."

Stephanie Lee
Reporter

During these two years, OALA has gone above and beyond its job description.

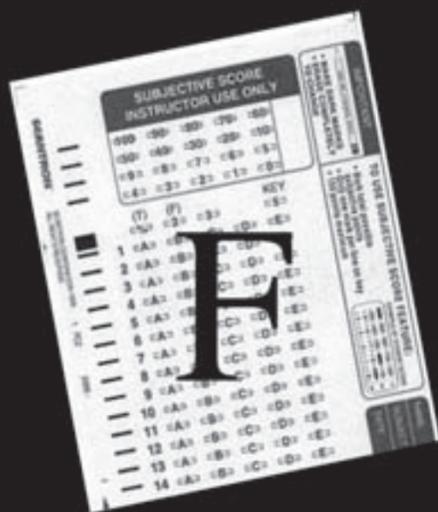
When I have needed anyone on staff, they've been there to lend a helping hand.

Whether I needed help with an assignment, someone to transcribe or read exams, take me to and from class, or just to be there for me when I have a rough day, OALA does nothing short of helping me to its fullest potential.

My two years as an OALA student have made me shine because of the support the staff has provided, and I can honestly say that OALA taught me that being at a four-year institution should not be so overwhelming, and the student is a top priority.

I truly believe that OALA made my darkness bright, and because of that, I will do my best to shine now and in the future.

The Lariat Blog: baylorlariat.wordpress.com



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Explain that one to mom and dad!

Academic Integrity Matters

This message provided by the Office of Academic Integrity

BAA honors missionary doctor

BY LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

The once-a-year black tie reception and banquet honoring Baylor's Distinguished Alumni was held Friday and paid tribute to four new recipients. Among these honorees is Rebekah Naylor, M.D.

"This recognition is the highest honor that can be awarded to an alumnus or alumna of the university," Emily Tinsley said, president of the Baylor Alumni Association. "It cannot be bought, it's not for sale. It must be earned through a meaningful lifetime. Those who are honored tonight are indeed the beacons of what Baylor continues to mean to our students, to the state, to our nation and to the world."

This year's winners are Bob R. Simpson ('70), chair and co-founder of XTO Energy Inc.; Robert C. Zamora ('65), a Baylor basketball player and retired superintendent of South San Antonio ISD; and Dr. James Kroll ('69), director of the Columbia Regional Geospatial Service Center and the Henry M. Rockwell professor of forestry at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Dr. Rebekah Naylor, was chosen for her work as a medical

missionary in Bangalore, India.

Winners of this award are considered to be a cut above the rest, said communications coordinator for the Baylor Alumni Association Julie Copenhaver.

"We have humanitarian and religious awards, but these people have gone above and beyond," Copenhaver said.

In years past, there have been many notable winners, some of which have Baylor's buildings named after them, including Earl C. Hankamer (1965), W.R. Poage (1967) and Drayton McLane, Jr. (1991).

More recent winners include university presidents, mayors, businessmen and women, athletes and Hal C. Wingo, who in 1995, was the international editor and assistant managing editor of People Magazine.

Naylor chose to attend Baylor because it was close to her home in Fort Worth and because of its Baptist affiliation. After graduating in 1964, Naylor went to Vanderbilt Medical School and then on to a surgery residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas.

Unlike the other graduates at the time, Naylor was a woman. Although she was the first female graduate from the surgical

program, Naylor said she didn't concern herself with it.

"I didn't really give [it] that much thought," Naylor said. "I worked very hard and did just what my peers were doing, so the gender issue wasn't really important to me."

After the program, Naylor knew what her first job would be.

"God had called me to be a medical missionary when I was thirteen years old," Naylor said. "So when I applied to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for appointments, the place they needed a surgeon was in India, in a new hospital, and I agreed to go."

As a medical missionary, Naylor not only performed surgeries at the hospital in Bangalore, but also provided spiritual guidance for those she helped.

"My purpose in being there was to tell people about Jesus Christ," Naylor said. "I had many opportunities to do that; with my patients, people in the hospital as well as through churches."

Naylor said that during her time in India, she saw thousands of people come to Christ and the start of hundreds of churches.

While there were many stories that have stayed with her, Naylor

said that it's how her work multiplied out from the hospital that means a lot. As people she has worked with went home, they told their family and friends, spreading the word.

"Any person that you see come to know Jesus - it's a thrilling and exciting thing," Naylor said. "People who come to the hospital, maybe I operated on them. They were made well physically, and then to see them made whole spiritually at the same time. And to go back home and share their new faith with their families and neighbors is just very exciting."

Twenty-eight years after beginning her work in India, Naylor returned to her home in Fort Worth to be a faculty member at UT Southwestern Medical School and to direct student education in the department of surgery.

Naylor said that she misses the warm, friendly, hospitable people of India and still has the opportunity to visit once or twice a year.

Next month, Naylor intends to continue her life mission as a health care consultant with Baptist Global Response, where she will be telling her story of medical missions and recruiting volunteers for overseas medical work.



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Rebekah Naylor, M.D. and Interim President Dr. David Garland attend the Distinguished Alumni Awards on Friday at the Cashion Academic Center. Naylor received recognition for spending 28 years in Bangalore, India, as a medical missionary.

S.T.E.P.S. program helps students, encourages success

BY NEELY GUTHRIE
REPORTER

Renee John was on entirely new ground when she stepped onto Baylor's campus as a junior transfer student. She came from New York City and didn't know a soul. But, when John heard about S.T.E.P.S., or Students Together Encouraging Peer Success program, everything changed.

S.T.E.P.S. is a multicultural program created for the purpose of fostering mentoring relationships between students of color. These relationships help freshmen and transfer students make a smooth transition to and flourish at Baylor.

"I didn't know anyone, so it was an entirely new environment

and I didn't know how to plug into Baylor," John said. "It was cool to talk to my mentor, and just get advice about where to get my hair done or where to eat."

The program, in its third year, comprises 12 upperclassmen mentors and 12 mentees and is designed to last for two semesters.

An upperclassman pairs with a freshman or transfer student to provide a helpful relationship and ultimately assists in finding a way for the mentee to get involved in campus life.

Houston senior Jason Bushnell heard about the program from a Campus Living and Learning e-mail and decided to apply to be a mentor.

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"It's reawakened me to the various difficulties of a first year college student."

Jason Bushnell
S.T.E.P.S. Mentor

tion with my mentee throughout the semester has been academic, meeting several times a week to go over school work or papers," Bushnell said.

Bushnell plans to go to graduate school for student affairs and

said his involvement in this program has solidified his decision.

"It's reawakened me to the various difficulties of a first year college student and reminded me why I'm going into the field I'm going into," Bushnell said.

Each mentor and mentee pair is encouraged to contact one another at least once a week, although it is not mandatory.

"Mentors and mentees are matched based on similarities, such as field of interest and personality. Two quiet people may get along better than people who can't relate as well," Ida Jamshidi, a coordinator for S.T.E.P.S.

and a graduate apprentice in the department of multicultural affairs, said.

Jamshidi also said that mentors undergo training before mentoring and that they are equipped with contact information for the Health Center, Tutoring Center, Career Services and Career Counseling so they can refer their mentees to more specified instruction in areas they may need it.

Mentors also have continued training throughout the semester to prepare them for any matter that may arise with their mentee, Jamshidi said.

Throughout each semester, there are a few organized events

for mentors and mentees to attend together. The S.T.E.P.S. information packet includes that mentors will receive complimentary tickets to selected events and banquets throughout the year to attend with their mentees.

There is also an event during the spring semester honoring all of the mentees and mentors in the program.

The program is not very large or well-known, Jamshidi said.

"A lot of people don't know about the program because it is relatively new," Jamshidi said. "In the future we hope to have small events in conjunction with Baylor events."

Perry criticizes Obama grant plan

BY PAUL J. WEBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Gov. Rick Perry lashed out Tuesday at a plan by President Barack Obama that would effectively let local Texas school districts circumvent the state's decision to not compete for millions in education reform dollars.

Obama singled out Texas on Tuesday while outlining a proposed \$1.35 billion expansion of the "Race to the Top" education grant program, which Perry has denounced as a federal takeover of public schools. The program is currently only available to states, but Obama's proposal would let local school districts compete directly for funding down the road.

"Innovative districts like the one in Texas whose reform efforts are being stymied by state decision-makers will soon have the

chance to earn funding to help them pursue those reforms," said Obama, speaking at a Virginia elementary school.

Perry pounced on that comment later in San Antonio.

"If you need any evidence that the federal government is bound and determined to intrude even farther into state affairs, look no farther than today's news," he said.

Perry went on to call the proposal "further interfering in state and local affairs" and said it shows the Obama administration's "clear disdain for our rights."

Texas has been among the most visible opponents of "Race to the Top" since Perry made his decision last week to not compete for up to \$700 million in grants. Texas Democrats have criticized the move, and some school districts have expressed regret over Perry passing up the money.

The deadline to apply for the program was Tuesday.

Officials expect more than 30 states to apply, and the Education Department is expected to announce its first of two rounds of grants in April. The \$4.3 billion in competitive grants is part of the economic stimulus plan.

State Education Commissioner Robert Scott joined Perry in San Antonio, where they unveiled a proposal that would make it easier for high school dropouts to take classes online and obtain their diplomas.

Scott said there are no barriers that would prohibit Texas school districts from directly competing for or taking federal money. But he cautioned against school districts going that route.

For one thing, Scott said, schools would have to create curriculums that met both state and federal standards.

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Baylor girls represent at Miss Texas Pageant

BY ERIN NIPPER
REPORTER

Most people can't explain what butt glue is.

"I had never heard of it before I went to Miss Texas," Coppell senior DaNae Couch. "You put it on your swimsuit during lifestyle and fitness competition so that it doesn't ride up while you are walking across the stage."

Couch was first-runner-up for the title of Miss Texas last year and said did not know what she was expecting when she entered the pageant world.

"I didn't realize how much work it is," Couch said. "I watch the girls on Miss America on TV and assume they've been practicing their talent for years, and modeling for years. I think that so many people watch pageants and think that it's just modeling on stage, but it's so much more than that."

Coppell sophomore Kathryn Dunn agrees that pageants have little to do with physical beauty.

"When you win Miss Texas you have so many opportunities to meet and influence people. Anyone can better themselves," Dunn said. Bettering oneself is exactly what the Miss America Organization is about.

"The girls earn scholarship money for school, experience personal growth, enhance their communication skills and get the opportunity to network and be involved in their communities,"

said Duc Nguyen, Executive Director of the Miss Southeast Texas pageant, a preliminary to Miss Texas.

"I ended up getting \$8,000 towards my Baylor tuition," said Dunn, who placed in the top five at the pageant last summer. Couch said she earned \$7,800 for school, and while potential scholarship money is one reason girls choose to participate in the pageant, the Miss America and Miss Texas Organizations build up more than financial security for college; they build character.

"I've learned how to be a leader and a servant-leader," Couch said.

Couch and Dunn are not the only two girls from Baylor to participate in the Miss Texas pageant, and they are not the only two who have made an impressive showing.

"My last two titleholders have been from Baylor," Nguyen said. "Most of the girls from Baylor have done well at the Miss Texas pageant."

But why have they done well? Is it something in the Waco water?

"I think one of the great things that I've learned here at Baylor is how to be a leader," Couch said.

"I am involved in a lot of organizations on campus, most of which deal with helping others. Anyone who wants to be Miss Texas or Miss America should know how to do those things. Miss America enriches lives. I think if I

would've gone to another school I wouldn't fully understand what that means."

Women who participate in the pageant compete in four phases of competition: private interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, talent and presence and poise in an evening gown.

It is not uncommon for those who are unfamiliar with pageants to have a misconception of the girls who choose to participate in them.

"For some reason this society doesn't want to see beautiful women succeed in life," Dunn said. "Of course if they are competing in a pageant, where it seems like they are being judged on their physical beauty, they will do whatever they can to tear that apart."

Couch sympathized with Dunn.

"Most people think that tongue-in-cheek it is called a scholarship organization," Couch said. "It's not about complimenting your physical beauty, it literally is a scholarship organization."

At the Miss Texas Winter Meeting held on Saturday, the reigning Miss Texas, Kristin Blair, spoke to title holders who will be competing for the Miss Texas title this June in Arlington.

"It is a privilege for you to be here ... You are a part of something great," Blair said.

Blair will leave Thursday for Las Vegas, where she will com-



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Dunn and Couch congratulate each other on their new titles: Miss Plano and Miss Frisco.

pete for the Miss America crown on January 30.

She previewed her Miss America competition wardrobe to guests at a dinner on Saturday night following the meeting.

"Kristen is such a wonderful role model for all of us," Couch said. "She's a wonderfully articulate, fit, talented young woman

that I expect to do great things at Miss America. We are lucky to have her as our representative."

Dunn believes that being a role model starts long before the Miss Texas crown is placed on a girl's head.

"It starts the minute you walk onstage at a local [pageant]. You have to be Miss Texas all the

time," Dunn said.

Although Dunn has a goal to be Miss Texas, she said she still down to Earth.

"I am not your typical pageant girl," Dunn said. "During the week, I'm Baylor Kathryn. On the weekends, I'm pageant Kathryn."

Military sends more troops in aid effort

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — American military officials are pressing ahead with a new infusion of troops in a bid to break a logjam blocking critical supplies from reaching desperate Haitian earthquake refugees.

Some 800 Marines moved ashore Tuesday in Haiti, ferrying supplies on helicopters and Humvees as the U.S. military force there swelled to as many as 11,000.

The influx of troops comes as the military struggles to distribute aid throughout the country without setting off street riots. Defense officials last week ruled out air drops directly into unsecured populated areas because of the fear of street rioting.

But in some cases, large swarms of people have kept helicopters from landing, and troops were forced to drop water bottles into the populated areas instead of distributing them on the ground.

Capt. John Kirby, a spokesman for the military mission in Haiti, said the plan remains to put troops in charge of handing out supplies once they land instead of dropping them by air into city centers.

On Monday, troops secured a field stretching 1,800 yards long so that a C-17 could drop 15,000 liters of water and 14,500 meals. The troops have distributed those rations to the population, officials said.

"We're confident that the capabilities that are needed by the government of Haiti will be provided and can be provided and sustained for as long as it's needed," said Army Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, the deputy commander for military operations in Haiti.

The military effort joins a massive search-and-rescue campaign led by civilian teams from around the world. Officials said late Tuesday that 90 people have been rescued.

The number might not sound

likes a lot, but for those people, "it's definitely a huge success," said Joe Knerr, team leader for the Fairfax County, Va. Urban Search and Rescue.

The 2nd Marine Expeditionary Unit that arrived from Camp Lejeune, N.C., includes some 2,200 Marines, with 800 of them moving ashore Tuesday into the Leogane area, which is west of Port-au-Prince.

The Marine unit joins the 2nd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., which began arriving last week along with several Navy ships and five U.S. Coast Guard cutters.

The Navy hospital ship, the USNS Comfort, was scheduled to arrive offshore in Haiti tomorrow.

Military officials said troops and supplies were arriving as fast as possible despite daunting logistical hurdles. Allyn said the military has delivered more than 400,000 bottles of water and

300,000 food rations in the past six days.

The chaotic airport was taken over by U.S. officials on Friday and is now accommodating some 120 flights a day. Allyn said a runway in the town of Jacmel will open for C-130 flights in 24 hours.

Another field in the neighboring country of the Dominican Republic will also be used, though the timing remains uncertain.

The State Department on Tuesday raised the U.S. death toll in Haiti to 28. Department spokesman P.J.

Crowley said the government has confirmed the deaths of one U.S. government official and 27 private American citizens.

And he said an unspecified additional number are presumed — but not confirmed — to have died.

On Monday, the confirmed U.S. death toll stood at 24.

Crowley said there were roughly 45,000 Americans in



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A woman breaks through a line of US soldiers to reach disaster relief supplies in Port-au-Prince, Tuesday.

Haiti when the quake struck last Tuesday. He said that about half of those have dual American-Haitian citizenship.

The department also said it has opened case files on about

9,000 Americans, based on inquiries into their welfare since the quake.

It said it has positively accounted for about 3,500 of the 9,000.

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Freak California storm kills one woman

RAQUEL MARIA DILLON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The second in a series of powerful storms wreaked havoc Tuesday on Southern California, crushing a woman to death with a fallen tree, smashing windows and flooding coastal neighborhoods.

San Diego Sheriff's Lt. Mike Munsey said the woman was killed when a eucalyptus tree with a 10-foot diameter trunk crushed her trailer and a neighbor's in a mobile home park near El Cajon.

Emergency crews needed a crane to move the tree and extricate her body from the wreckage of her home.

Los Angeles County fire officials said they would issue mandatory evacuation orders for about 587 homes in flood-prone foothill areas beginning early Wednesday in anticipation of the next storm.

Forecasters said thunderstorms and what looked like tornados surged ashore with fierce winds in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles County beach towns and areas of Orange and San Diego

counties.

In San Pedro, a working class neighborhood near the Port of Los Angeles, several blocks were flooded with about six feet of water when storm drains clogged with debris.

Jerry Bazan spent the afternoon sweeping several inches of water out of his living room, where toys, sodden clothing and furniture were strewn about and a thick layer of mud coated the floor.

Bazan said the water rose to about two feet in his apartment within a matter of minutes and some of it was contaminated with sewage. Outside, the water lifted a Dodge Ram truck and carried it down the street, he said.

"It was a heavy downpour, and the drainage system was clogged," he said. "There was nowhere for the water to go, and it just rose up."

Police said 16 people were displaced from flooded homes in the San Pedro area.

Kimbara Acosta, 51, a saleswoman at Castle Tile in Costa Mesa, was sitting at her desk when she saw palm trees outside blowing horizontally.

"The wind kind of whipped through the parking lot, and the window blew in," she said, still breathless a half-hour later. "It was like an explosion. My mind said 'earthquake!' and I ducked under the desk."

The wind threw shards of glass across the room, but tile displays and the desk protected Acosta.

No one was hurt.

High winds flipped a parked SUV onto its side and blew out windows in Seal Beach, but forecasters need to examine the damage and interview witnesses before they can confirm that a tornado swept through.

Santa Barbara fire officials said what looked like a small tornado cut a path of damage across a residential neighborhood of Goleta, uprooting trees, tearing shingles off a roof and breaking a hole in a fence.

Unlike twisters in the Midwest that can run for miles on the ground, Southern California tornadoes tend to start as waterspouts and dissipate quickly when they come ashore, said Philip Gonsalves, a National Weather Service meteorologist in

San Diego.

The fast-moving band of thunderstorms moved on in minutes, leaving spotty sunshine as it headed into Riverside and San Bernardino counties. It left some streets underwater in low-lying beach communities and turned other roadways into muddy swamps. Televised reports showed parked cars with water up to the hoods and kayakers paddling through the streets of Long Beach.

Southbound Interstate 710 flooded south of Interstate 405, trapping about a dozen vehicles in water and closing the freeway for hours, Long Beach fire spokesman Joshua Johnson said.

In inland San Bernardino County, two boys, ages 10 and 12, were rescued from the racing waters in a swollen flood-control channel in Montclair.

Firefighters used a ladder to help them up, said Inspector Steve Zermeno of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

"The water's moving pretty fast," he said. "They're lucky someone spotted them when they did."

Flash flood watches remained

for areas of Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties where wildfires in 2008 and last year stripped hillsides down to bare, black earth.

The chance of mudslides and flooding — a worry after every rainstorm — intensified after a downpour Monday dumped 2 to 5 inches of rain in the mountains and left catch basins choked with debris.

In the foothills of La Canada Flintridge, just north of Los Angeles, residents looked on warily as County Public Works crews used bulldozers and shovels to move mud out of cul-de-sacs. Fist-sized rocks were strewn across a winding, canyon road where water rushed through gutters.

One homeowner, Gary Stibel, had lined his backyard with sandbags a couple of feet high and had covered part of the hillside behind his home with plastic tarp place to divert the floodwater.

So far, it was keeping out rocks and debris, but Stibel, whose home was threatened by one of last year's wildfires, said he knew he wasn't out of the woods.

"The ground is really saturated right now from the two storms

we had come through yesterday and today, so I'm really concerned," he said as he surveyed his work. As he spoke, it started to rain again.

"Shoot! The fog is coming in too," he said, gazing off toward the downtown Los Angeles skyline.

A strong jet stream was sending the line of storms ashore from the Pacific Ocean, with the wet weather expected to continue through Thursday.

In San Jose, three people rescued a man from a burning car when it spun out on a rain-soaked road and hit a crosswalk sign.

The rescuers used a knife to cut the man loose from his seat belt, then pulled him to safety just seconds before the car burst into flames, authorities said.

The man's condition was not immediately known.

Interstate 5, a main state highway, was closed in Redding due to a downed line. Highway 70 near the border of Butte and Plumas counties remained closed after a rock slid onto the roadway Monday.

The rock must be blasted apart to clear the roadway.

Russian church literature, photos move to Baylor

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

After losing funding, the Keston Institute at Oxford University transferred its collection of Russian resources to Baylor, with the help of Dr. Chris Marsh, Marsh, the Director of the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies and Director of the Keston Center, has since utilized these resources for his upcoming book, a portion of which is being paralleled in a documentary by 12 Point Productions.

Under the working title, "The Suppression, Survival, and Revival of Religion in Russia and China," Marsh's book focuses on the perseverance of faith despite persecution and communism in the two countries.

"I've written on who were the Orthodox, and what's the revival of the Pentecostal church like, and what are the relations like between the Orthodox church and the Russian government today, and I was going to write a book about that and I wanted to give a little bit of history," Marsh said. "I just came downstairs [to the Keston Center] and started accessing some of this material."

Marsh's motivation for the book, which he began writing in 2005, came from the realization that many people are unaware of the details of Russia's history of religious persecution.

"Nobody really knows about this stuff and people are forgetting, and today in Russia they're just kind of pretending like it didn't happen," Marsh said. "It's

really motivated me to write this sort of study I'm writing."

Part of the book is also being used for a documentary, "Faith Defending," which will center around religious persecution solely in Russia.

The documentary is being put together by 12 Point Productions.

"We're using Keston and Chris Marsh for the factual side and then we're telling the story through the testimony of the survivors," Producer Kevin Gonzalez said. "Chris's info is absolutely crucial and necessary. If I didn't have it, I probably wouldn't have a documentary."

Marsh said about four graduate students have also been helping to gather the necessary materials for the documentary.

"We have a real large photo collection of churches that were destroyed, religious prisoners, baptisms...a lot with KGB authorities, some of the camps, some of the homes that were invaded."

Lauren Tapley
Doctoral Candidate

Doctoral candidate Lauren Tapley originally became involved with research at the Keston Center because of her thesis, which Marsh draws upon in his book, and is now also helping to find photos for the documentary.

"We have a real large photo collection of churches that were destroyed, religious prisoners, baptisms, a lot with KGB and

authorities, some of the camps, some of homes that were invaded," Tapley said. "They gave me just kind of a list they wanted. I think it's great that they asked Baylor to do it and that they're using Keston because the collection is originally from Oxford; it gives us the chance to use it and opportunities that we wouldn't have otherwise had."

The production company is currently working on the pitch and plans to present it to Discovery Channel in the near future.

"We're going to put the pitch online as well," Gonzalez said. "We'd like to be done toward the end of the month."

Marsh hopes the documentary will also help spark interest in his book.

"The story that's being told in the documentary parallels chapters two, three and four in my book," Marsh said.

"The book will be out this summer, so it'll be out long before the documentary is. This way if people watch the documentary and they're like 'I want to read about this, I want to know all the figures,' they'll have the book to do it."

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Community Coffee House aims to spark dialogue

By KATY McDOWALL
REPORTER

Student Government is holding a Community Coffee House at 7 p.m. on Jan. 28 in Barfield Drawing Room.

At the event, students can enjoy free Common Grounds coffee and cookies while engaging in conversation about education in East Waco.

"This is a unique and exciting opportunity for students to join in the community-wide efforts to positively impact education in Waco and to really make a difference," External Vice President Emily Saultz said.

Students will meet and dis-

cuss specific issues regarding education in small groups with Baylor and Waco officials.

"Students will be able to go more in-depth with an issue they are interested in," Saultz said.

Students can discuss reading programs and other initiatives already being carried out within the community and how they can get involved, Saultz said.

"We're hoping Community Coffee House is a way for students to sit down and talk openly and candidly with administrators and local government officials about where students can fill the needs for volunteering in the city of Waco," Kate Williams, student government communications di-

rector, said.

The event will begin with a speech from Archie Hatton, principal of JH Hines Elementary School, discussing the education-related needs of the East Waco community.

"He's going talk about how Baylor students are already meeting those needs and the existing ways for the student body to get involved," Saultz said.

Student Government already partners with JH Hines through a reading program for students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Following Hatton's introduction, Greenville senior Greg Bond will share his experience of the

reading program at Doris Miller Elementary School last semester.

Dr. Joel Scott, with the Baylor Leadership Program, will talk about the importance of developing sustainable relationships with the community.

Then, the EVP Office will unveil their long-term vision for Baylor student involvement in education within the Waco community.

"We want it to be a shared vision for the student body," Saultz said.

The EVP's Office wants students to give feedback and help move the vision forward. Students will have opportunity to give feedback during the event.

After the introductory presentations, tables will be set up in Barfield where students can divide into smaller groups to discuss issues with representatives from Mission Waco, the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations.

As well as discussing existing education initiatives, students will be able to discuss which needs are not yet being met within the community.

"We're building the bridge between Baylor and Waco," Williams said.

The idea for the event came from the External Vice President Cabinet: Cypress sophomore Zach Rogers, ; West des

Moines, Iowa sophomore Kelly Rapp; Fort Worth junior Destiny Henderson, and Amarillo junior Kelsey Jones.

"Our focus is reaching out to include the Waco community with Baylor and we decided a good way to do that is through the means of education and enhancing the educational experience for people, especially in the elementary schools in East Waco," Rogers said.

The event promotes the EVP office's platform, "It takes a village."

"The village is not only Baylor but Baylor with the Waco community, all of us as one," Rapp said.

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"Although we are still in discussion on the specifics of this relationship, it is important to understand that this is not a merger, as had been envisioned with Rice University but rather a strengthening of our longstanding affiliation with Baylor University," Butler wrote. "Any new affiliation agreement between Baylor College of Medicine and Baylor University will assure that BCM maintains its independence and importantly, its scientific and academic freedom. Our board is firmly committed to remaining a non-sectarian institution and continuing with our current non-discrimination policy."

Local economist Ray Perryman said that if an affiliation between the university and Baylor College of Medicine was put into place, it could "help raise Baylor's overall research profile." He said an affiliation could provide lots of joint interaction.

"It would open up research opportunities for Baylor faculty to work with the people from the med school," Perryman said. "There's a lot of potential synergy."

Discussions of a potential merger between Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University ended last week, according to a joint statement from Butler and President David Leebron of the two respective institutions.

"Since we signed a memorandum of understanding in March of 2009, we have been in extensive discussions in an attempt to meet several conditions that both institutions considered to be essential for a successful merger," the joint statement said.

"With the MOU due to expire this month, the leadership of both institutions decided it is in the best interests of both BCM and Rice University to strengthen the existing relationship without a formal merger."

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said. "[They] will have to ask them to wait to enter."

Doak also said that the only way to safeguard from theft is to be careful where you place any of your belongings. You wouldn't leave your wallet lying around so why would you leave a laptop?"

Along with making students more aware, Dolan said he also hopes these incidents will cause the university to install more ID scanners inside the dorms to keep thieves from getting into the rooms if they tailgate.

"I am at fault for trusting that my stuff would be safe in the study rooms," Dolan said. "But I just really wish security in the dorms was more strict."



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From left: Dallas senior Kelsey Howen and Waco sophomore Laura Karban spend time with a child they mentor through the Kings Club program which reaches out to inner-city children through volunteer activities.

Kings Club branches out, impacting children's lives

By BRITNEY HERMAN
REPORTER

Baylor students reach out to the Waco community every Wednesday through Kings Club, a community-wide outreach program with the mission of creating a safe and rewarding environment.

Mission Waco has developed this club in effort to give kids between the ages of six and 13 a "structured atmosphere, outside of any mischief they might get into," said McKenzie Miller, Children's Director for Mission Waco. "I love that volunteers are able to go out and build relationships with kids."

Miller has been in charge of Kings Club for three years now, and since then 10 sites have been added for volunteers.

"It has pretty much filled every major housing part and major apartment complex in Waco," Miller said. "We have had two to three youth groups adopt the sites, but most of them have been Baylor Greek organizations or leadership groups."

This past semester, Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Tau Omega paired up to take on a new site at 15th Street and Sanger Avenue. Service chairs, Katie Griffin and Joey Morisette made this community-wide effort a weekly philanthropy for both of their organizations.

"We started out going door to door ... then, by the end you could tell by their faces, they looked forward to it, I would say it really impacted the kids," said Griffin, a junior from Austin.

Coloring books, finger paints and sports games were the main activities these children would

look forward to each Wednesday.

Although these activities were enjoyable for the kids, "building relationships with the kids and their parents is the most important part," said Morisette, a sophomore from Kingwood. "It's nice to give these kids someone to form bonds with."

Alpha Tau Omega had previously been at another location in years past, but recently changed its site.

"We actually had to go out and tell people about this in the community since the site was new," Morisette said. "It was much more rewarding and you could tell the kids were happy to see us."

Both Griffin and Morisette plan to continue building strong relationships with these kids and becoming a consistent role model in their lives.

The volunteers focused on bonds with the kids last semester, but this semester their goal is to bring in Bible study, and incorporate a spiritual message that the kids can take home to their parents in hopes of influencing them.

Kings Club has been a positive influence in many peoples lives, especially kids who attended this backyard Bible study and now work at Mission Waco.

Shay Harris attended Mission Waco as a young child, but now works in the children's program.

"Shay has been volunteering for 10 years, but how she found out about Mission Waco was 20 years ago when she went to a Kings Club, and due to the great care and influence she experienced there, Shay now works directly with the program," Miller said.

Miller said Kings Club is so much more than a place for Greek organizations to volunteer, it's a place for anyone who has a heart to work with children and make a difference in their lives, just like Shay.

"I love that volunteers are able to go out and build relationships with kids."

McKenzie Miller
Mission Waco Children's Director

Baylor became involved with Kings Club by asking to help and since then, it has been a part of this program through many different service organizations, and single volunteers who offer their time to those who need it.

Mission Waco began 20 years ago in the backyard of founders Jimmy and Janet Dorrell.

"They started Kings Club for the neighborhood kids to come," Miller said. "It's grown over the years, and has become part of our children's program. It's one of the main aspects that we have."

Building strong relationships and giving the kids a solid role model is the most important part of this program.

After three years at Mission Waco, Miller said her favorite part "is to see the relationships that the kids build with the volunteers and those children that become attached to them ... With each group we see it turn into something bigger than Kings Club."

Cutting-edge laboratory promises atomic research

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Zhenrong Zhang, a new assistant professor of physics from China, has begun work this semester to start a Scanning Tunneling Microscopy lab in the Baylor Sciences Building.

The lab will be equipped to obtain atomic resolution such that actual atoms and molecules can be seen on surfaces. Zhang also hopes to set up a program that will delve into environment and energy-related research.

"We had an opening in the department last year that we advertised for," said Dr. Greg Benesh, chairman of the physics department.

"We were looking for the best candidate, but we didn't specify a particular area and Dr. Zhang's name came to the fore, and this expertise in scanning tunneling microscopy really complements some of the existing strength in the department."

Plans for the STM lab have since been set into motion. The design is complete and is now out for bids to determine the cost. The lab will contain an Ultra High Vacuum Chamber, various surface science analysis tools and a Metal-Organic Oxide Chemical Vapor Deposition (MOCVD) system.

The MOCVD system was obtained by Zhang as a donation to Baylor.

"This piece of equipment [the MOCVD], gives us extended ability to synthesize thin film," Zhang said. "We are hoping that this could bring more research programs in the department and we hope other people could come and use this equipment to synthesize thin film."

Benesh said there are plans for the lab to be set up as a multi-user facility, and that hopefully it will gain funding from agencies like the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, the Robert A. Welch Foundation and others. At the earliest, the lab will open in July.

"Because of the accuracy of this technique with the STM, there are other interesting problems that people from neighboring universities or industry might have and they would love to see exactly what the reaction is that's taking place on the surface, or what the structure is, and so they can bring those samples in here. We can take a look and image them properly, so they'll be able to recognize what's happening," Benesh said. "And then with the MOCVD system we can deposit the layers that are required for other studies that people are interested in. We're hoping that her lab will be successful so she can track outside funding."

Along with the lab, Zhang hopes to set up a research program focused on environment and energy-related research that will provide opportunities for students and allow for collaboration with other faculty members. "From the student point of view, it will provide the students the opportunity to do what we call the cutting-edge research," Zhang said.

"We really want to attract more funding, external funding, and to really strengthen the research program in the department."

Zhang believes both the STM lab and the research program will mesh with other research already being done in the department.

"I think it's kind of a match between the research program that I proposed and with the existing program in the department," she said. "Dr. Ken Park already has a surface science program going on, and with what I proposed, the program, if I joined the team it could make this program stronger."

"Dr. [Greg] Benesh, he does some theoretical calculation about the surface physics, so his research and my research and Dr. [Ken] Park's research could all merge together, have a stronger program, which would be good for both the department and the university."

university."

Park, who has a surface science lab, helped Zhang design the STM lab and also believes that it will strengthen his work in the department.

"I basically assisted her designing her lab based on the design of my lab here, because we have very similar common interests," Park said.

"Her STM lab will really complement my activities here."

Zhang aims for her research to be "closely related to the everyday life."

"When I do this type of research," Zhang said, "and when I look at everyday problems, energy, the environment-- people talk about [that] all the time so I feel like all this research really can be useful."

Zhang comes to Baylor with an extensive background in science. After obtaining her PhD from the Chinese Academy of Science, Zhang left China to participate in postdoctoral research at the University of Innsbruck in Austria, and later came to the U.S. as a joint post-doc between the University of Texas at Austin and Pacific Northwest National Laboratories (PNNL) in Richland, Washington.

When Zhang began looking for a job, she was offered a promising position at a university in China, but Baylor's Christian affiliation swayed her decision.

"Baylor is a Christian university-- that makes a big, big difference. I was baptized three years ago, and while I was looking for a job I actually got a job offer back in China...But one main struggle I have, is it is not a belief-free country," Zhang said.

"So that's actually one of the main, main reasons once I got this offer I said 'oh I have to come to here.' And of course here the department did really all they can do to support me and to get the start-up that I need to set up this lab, so I really, really appreciate both the department and the university for the support."

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Kitchen Aid: Students pack boxed lunches

By TORI LIGGETT
REPORTER

Individual students and student organizations helped Campus Kitchen by packing boxed lunches this past weekend and delivering them to nine different locations in Waco.

Baylor's Campus Kitchen partnered with Community Health Corps, an AmeriCorps health program, to make lunches to feed volunteers.

Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition sponsored a day for the Waco community to gather and work in local gardens. The event provided a time and place where volunteers could come and get their hands dirty.

The objective was to give these gardens beauty, even in the winter, and give the community an active part in coloring their world. The Waco Arts Initiative provided opportunities for participants to create a 3 feet by 8 feet mural at each site to be set in each garden. The murals were paintings about Martin Luther King Jr. Day and reflected upon the day's activities.

"The MLK Day of Service (Monday) went very smoothly. We had an excess of volunteers, which both helped things move quickly and efficiently but was also very encouraging to us as an organization," Crandall junior Drew Stevens said. "This encouragement was very important to us as we are continuing to try to grow Campus Kitchens to help serve more people the food that they need. The serving of the box lunches in conjunction with MLK Day was a great way to do that and to kick off another great year of Campus Kitchens as well."

Campus Kitchen was excited to see the volunteers' eager participation and the good reaction the students received from the community.

"We had great feedback from all site managers in regards to

the volunteers. All activities were very time efficient. I was very excited because many of the volunteers showed interest in volunteering for Campus Kitchen in the future," Amanda Allen, the Learning Service Liaison, said.

The box lunches were prepared on Saturday and Sunday in the Family and Consumer Science kitchen. They were delivered Monday morning to different sites throughout Waco.

Students not only got to serve the community but also become more involved in a growing service on campus.

"I think one of the hallmarks of the Baylor experience is the opportunity to learn and serve," Rosemary Townsend, director of business affairs and community partnerships, said "Campus Kitchen is a wonderful service learning project. It provides a solution to help feed those in need in a positive proactive manner."

Last year alone, Campus Kitchen rescued 3,030 pounds of food, supplied 4,000 meals and provided 2,382 hours of volunteer service.

Campus Kitchen is excited that this year, not only are they going to be continuing to deliver food to the Salvation Army Monday through Friday but will also be broadening their service by taking food to the Family Abuse Center on Thursdays starting this week.

"What's different about Campus Kitchens is that it's a tangible solution. If we have enough food in Waco to feed everyone, people shouldn't go to bed hungry. End of story," Allen said. "The McLennan County Hunger Coalition is essentially doing the same thing with restaurants in the area. They just need bodies to help pick up and deliver the food so if we push awareness for what we're trying to do, I really think we could change the face of hunger in Waco and other cities trying to do this all over Texas."



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U.S. aid arrives in Haiti

Haitians peer through the fence as U.S. armed forces land on the lawn of the Haitian National Palace Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010.

Chipotle helps Salvation Army by partnering to feed homeless

By CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

Chipotle in Waco is offering new services to the community by donating unused food to the Salvation Army. The food is donated Sunday through Thursday and consists of cooked rice, beans and meats.

Julian Alejos, the general manager of Chipotle in Waco, located at 1115 North Valley Mills Dr., said he is excited about this opportunity to help the community.

"It is pretty simple, we are able to do something special for the community and it is not costing us," Alejos said. "It is just the right thing to do I think; being responsible, not wasting and helping those in need."

After the employees bag up and weigh the extra food, members of the Salvation Army pick up the food the next morning.

"We don't shoot for (a) number, it is just whatever we have

leftover to give, we give," Alejos said about the amount of food donated.

Vicki Richardson, office manager of the Salvation Army in Waco said the food is taken to their feeding center where they feed the homeless. The feeding center sees 50-60 people a day for lunch and about 100 people for dinner.

"It is working out very well," Richardson said, concerning the partnership with Chipotle.

Stanley Good, the lodge manager for the Salvation Army in Waco, said volunteers are welcome to come any day to help set up and serve food.

Dallas junior Brittany Stephenson believes serving the community is necessary and helpful to the community.

"I volunteer three times a week because it is important as homework and it is just as important as a real job," Stephenson said.

Many of the volunteers are Baylor students. "I want to let the students know we appreciated what they do," Good said. "We know they don't have to help, but they do."

Frisco junior Rusty Dryer is a crewmember at Chipotle and is happy to see the food going to good use.

"I have worked there about a year and a half and I have been trying to find a way to donate food, along with other employees," Dryer said.

The program, though not a local one, is a Texas project and was started by Douglas Johnson, the operations director for Chipotle in Texas. It currently operates in Central Texas, Dallas and Austin.

Dryer said Chipotle's involvement in the community demonstrates that the little man is not alone in the fight against poverty.

"I think it shows that not only local people are helping, but

there are corporations across the United States willing to help," Dryer said.

He believes this will increase the involvement of the community and greatly help those in need.

Though the program has been in Texas for about a year, Chipotle in Waco started donating their food to the community in late November and are still new to the experience.

Alejos said Chipotle will continue to donate the food as long as there is a need.

"We plan on doing this indefinitely," Alejos said. "I don't see this stopping."

Chipotle is also involved in other philanthropies.

"All year long people come in with fundraisers and we donate," Alejos said. "We donate door prizes, dinners for poor people, raffles and stuff like that for people that need to raise money for someone that is ill or suffering."

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Students awarded chance to study abroad

By NEELY GUTHRIE
REPORTER

Two Baylor students have been awarded a scholarship to study abroad for a year in a country of their choice.

Graduate student Wayne Joseph and recent Baylor graduate Robert Kent were notified in December that they had been awarded the \$25,000 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to help cover tuition, travel costs and accommodations.

"It's pretty extraordinary for two students from the Waco Rotary Club to have won at the district level," Elizabeth Vardaman,

associate dean of special academic projects, said.

The scholarship selection process begins with the local Rotary club and is narrowed during four subsequent rounds.

According to its Web site, the scholarship was founded in 1947 and is the Rotary Foundation's best-known program, providing students the opportunity to learn about the culture of the host country.

Upon returning to the states, students give presentations to their local Rotary Club to further increase international understanding of the host country.

Kent, a University Scholar

from Dallas, will be traveling to Glasgow, Scotland, next fall to study economic development.

"I'm excited to dig into the local culture and have the opportunity to spend a whole year in the country," Kent said.

He is also looking forward to exploring the similarities and differences between American life and Scottish life.

Kent has participated in multiple Baylor study abroad programs, including Baylor in Maastrecht and Baylor in Oxford.

He hopes to apply his studies and experiences from the year abroad to a future career of possibly working in low-income

countries concerning renewable energy sources.

"Maybe one day, about 15 years down the road, I'll set up my own non-profit organization to better people's lives," he said.

Joseph, a graduate student from Trinidad, will be studying for his second Master's Degree in Global Health, International Health, or Pan-American Health Policy at the Australian National University in Canberra beginning in February 2011.

"To me it [the scholarship] means going there to say that my culture, as diverse as that may be...needs to be presented to them and they need to know that

we do care as different nations," he said.

Gigi Bryant, chair of the 2009 ambassadorial committee, encourages more students to apply for the scholarship, and feels many do not apply because they simply haven't heard of it.

"Most who apply are very community-oriented and very passionate about public service," she said.

For the 2011-2012 award year, local Rotary Club deadlines can vary from March 2010 until August 2010. For students interested in applying, there will be an informal workshop on Jan. 28 in Burleson 110.

Vardaman said she would be available to speak with students who are interested in knowing more about rotary. Students are not required to go through any campus representatives, and can apply through the local Waco club or the club in their hometown.

"Even if students are not ultimately selected, it's a wonderful opportunity to meet leaders in the community and practice skills of speaking and interviewing," Vardaman said.

Lone shooter kills 8 in central Virginia slaying

By LARRY O'DELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

APPOMATTOX, Va. — Police with dogs and heat-sensing equipment hunted for a man they say shot eight people to death Tuesday and then nearly took down a police helicopter that was trying to flush him out of the woods near this central Virginia town.

State police said officers had the suspect, Christopher Speight, 39, of Appomattox, circled in the woods late Tuesday near the home where seven of the bodies were found and they believed he was still alive.

An eighth victim was found barely alive on the side of the road — which led to police being called — and died on the way to the hospital.

All the victims were adults and both men and women were killed, state police Sgt. Thomas Molnar said. Three of the bodies were found inside the home, and four just outside it, Molnar said.

Police refused to speculate on a motive and would not say what type of weapon was used. Molnar also gave no background on the suspect.

Speight's last listed address was along the block where the shootings occurred, but Molnar did not know if the suspect was still living there. He would not say if all the victims were shot at the home where most of the bodies were found. He also would not say whether the shootings happened at Speight's address or another house.

The drama paralyzed the rural area as police swarmed forests trying to catch the suspect who fired at a state police helicopter, forcing it to land with a ruptured fuel tank, police said. No police were injured after one or more rounds struck the helicopter.

A National Guard helicopter with thermal imaging equipment was being used to search the woods.

"They are searching the area and will continue until the suspect is apprehended," Molnar said.

The violence began shortly after noon when the injured man was found on a rural stretch of road. A deputy who went to investigate fled after he heard gunshots, police spokeswoman Corrine Geller said.

"When the deputy arrived on the scene, that's when he heard



Speight

several shots," Molnar said.

Police did not release the victims' names or the suspect's possible relationship to them.

A Google map search shows the area of the shootings was thick with trees, sometimes giving way to large clearings. Buildings were spread out.

Molnar said police believe Speight was still within the perimeter they had set up to surround him, but would not say how large an area they were searching.

Police said they are also looking for a car and a pickup truck that belong to Speight.

Speight's home was included in online real estate listings posted last year. They say the wooden

home has three bedrooms and three bathrooms and sits on 34 acres.

One online listing said homes in the area sell for about \$189,000.

Authorities told nearby residents to stay inside and a small Christian school was locked down until state police could escort about 60 children from the building.

Resident Bethel Hawkins said police warned families to lock their doors in an area with many senior citizens.

"We're just being cautious, keeping our doors locked, not going outside," said Hawkins, who lives about 2 miles up the road from where the shootings occurred.

"Our church service is supposed to be tonight, but we talked with our pastor and told him we're not coming out. We're not going out in the dark not knowing what's out there. But we trust in the Lord to take care of us."

Appomattox is in a county of about 15,000 approximately 100 miles southwest of Richmond.

It is best known as the place where Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant to end the Civil War.



Local resident Brian Abbitt ties his shoe at a police roadblock near the scene of a multiple shooting in Appomattox, Va., Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010. Police say a lone gunman was hiding in the woods near the scene of the shootings.

Google delays Chinese launch of phone

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BEIJING (AP) — Google says it has postponed the launch of its mobile phone in China amid a dispute with the government over Internet censorship.

A Google spokeswoman in Beijing, Marsha Wang, says the formal launch of the phone scheduled for Wednesday was postponed.

The announcement came as the Chinese government said Google must obey the country's laws and traditions. It was the government's first direct response to Google's threat to pull out of the country over censorship and e-mail hacking.

The Google spokeswoman, Wang, declined Tuesday to give a reason for the postponement of the phone launch or to say when it might take place.

The comments from Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu were the first from Beijing that referred directly to Google Inc. since it threatened to shut down its China-based site over censorship and alleged e-mail hacking. "Foreign enterprises in China need to adhere to China's laws

and regulations, respect the interests of the general public and cultural traditions and shoulder corresponding responsibilities. Google is no exception," Ma said.

Google's announcement Jan. 12 that it might quit the huge Chinese market shocked the international business community and cheered many free-speech advocates.

Google said last week it is hoping it can persuade the Chinese government to agree to changes that would enable Google.cn to show uncensored search results. If a compromise isn't worked out within the next few weeks, the company intends to shut down its search engine and pull out.

Google has said it would hold talks with the government over the issue. Ma told a regular news conference he did not know if any talks had been held.

A pullout would be awkward for China. Chinese and foreign businesses rely on Google's e-mail, maps and other services based abroad, which could lead to disruptions if authorities try to retaliate for a Google withdrawal by blocking access to its U.S. site.

Google said last week that a sophisticated attack in December from China targeted the Mountain View, California-based company's infrastructure and at least 20 other major companies from the Internet, financial services, technology, media and chemical industries.

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China sent an e-mail Monday to its members warning that reporters in at least two news bureaus in Beijing said their Gmail accounts were broken into, with their mail forwarded to unfamiliar accounts.

Ma said China strictly prohibits computer hacking in any form.

The head of China's e-commerce giant Alibaba — in which Google rival Yahoo Inc. has a significant stake — said Tuesday that foreign companies such as Google should not pull out of the Chinese market.

"It is easy to give up, but one must hang on," said Jack Ma, chief executive of the Alibaba Group, commenting on the challenges in China.

"China will set the rule of game in the 21st century, and businesses must not go to the mainland for the profit motives only but rather to take part in setting the rules," Ma told a business conference in Taipei, Taiwan.

Yahoo closed its offices in China several years ago when it sold much of its business to Alibaba Group. Yahoo retains a 39 percent stake in Alibaba, which represents one of Yahoo's most valuable assets.

China's online population has soared in recent years to 384 million people, bigger than the entire population of the United States. Google.cn, set up in 2005, trails local rival Baidu Inc., with a 35 percent market share to Baidu's 60 percent.

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Massachusetts since 1990. One day shy of the first anniversary of Obama's swearing-in, the election played out amid a backdrop of animosity and resentment from voters over persistently high unemployment, Wall Street bailouts, exploding federal budget deficits and partisan wrangling over health care. "I voted for Obama because I wanted change. ... I thought he'd bring it to us, but I just don't like the direction that he's heading," said John Triolo, 38, a registered independent who voted in Fitchburg. He said his frustrations, including what he considered the too-quick pace of health care legislation, led him to vote for Brown.

For weeks considered a long shot, Brown seized on voter discontent to overtake Coakley in the campaign's final stretch. His candidacy energized Republicans, including backers of the "tea party" protest movement, while attracting disappointed Democrats and independents uneasy with where they felt the nation was heading.

A cornerstone of Brown's campaign was his promise to vote against the health care plan.

Even before Brown won, the grass-roots network fueled by anti-establishment frustrations, sought credit for the victory, much like the liberal MoveOn.org did in the 2006 midterm elections when Democrats rose to power.

GOP chairman Michael Steele said Brown's "message of lower taxes, smaller government and fiscal responsibility clearly resonated with independent-minded voters in Massachusetts who were looking for a solution to decades of failed Democrat leadership."

Wall Street watched the election closely. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 116 points, and analysts attributed the increase to hopes the election would make it harder for Obama to make his changes to health care. That eased investor concerns that profits at companies such as insurers and drug makers would suffer.

Across Massachusetts, voters who had been bombarded with phone calls and dizzied with nonstop campaign commercials

for Coakley and Brown gave a fitting turnout despite intermittent snow and rain statewide.

Galvin, who discounted sporadic reports of voter irregularities throughout the day, predicted turnout ranging from 1.6 million to 2.2 million, 40 percent to 55 percent of registered voters. The Dec. 8 primary had a scant turnout of about 20 percent.

Voters considered national issues including health care and the federal budget deficits.

Fears about spending drove Karla Bunch, 49, to vote for Brown. "It's time for the country, for the taxpayers, to take back their money," she said. And Elizabeth Reddin, 65, voted for Brown because she said she was turned off by the Democrat's negative advertisements, saying: "The Coakley stuff was disgusting."

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the streets remind her of Baghdad. Wow."

Rapp and her research team are now back in the U.S. after they were able to ride in a helicopter with the U.N. and said that she is just now starting to process all that has happened.

"The ice is slowly starting to melt as I let myself think about what just happened the past few days," Rapp said. "I've put up so many protective barriers and had to remain so calm and solid that I'm not quite sure yet how to process everything."

Beside the destruction of the earthquake, Haiti was already the most impoverished nation in the western hemisphere, according to the Economic and Social Council of the U.N.

Professor of Latin American studies Phillip Johnson said that this is a nation which lives on the edge of crisis at all times.

"This is a country with almost no resources," Johnson said. "Not many years ago it was struggling so much they had to eat dirt to stay alive."

Jimmy Dorrell, executive director of Mission Waco has been taking students, doctors, teachers and others on mission trips to Haiti for 20 years, working to ensure clean water, a school and other needs in the village of Fer-

rier.

Dorrell said the whole country was in a difficult state far before the earthquake. However, the attention it's receiving could finally cause others to realize the immense problems this country is living with.

"The worst disease is apathy," Dorrell said. "What needs to happen is for Haiti to become globalized enough where people use them for labor for businesses because there is none. This isn't a short-term fix and there have been so many failed projects started there over the years. Hopefully this will give Haiti the focus and attention it needs."

Dorrell said that Ferrier did not directly feel the impact of the earthquake, however, it has experienced major flooding as an after effect of the earthquake.

Students have many opportunities to help out Haiti, which include the Mission Waco mission trips to Haiti in the spring. Students can also donate to different Baylor departments that are fundraising and the group Rapp is working with, Partners in Health, at www.pih.org.

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after that nation's 1985 earthquake rescued Ena Zizi, 69. She had survived a week buried in the ruins of the residence of Haiti's Roman Catholic archbishop, who died. Other teams pulled two women from a collapsed university building.

But most efforts are focused on getting aid to survivors.

"We need so much. Food, clothes, we need everything. I don't know whose responsibility it is, but they need to give us something soon," said Sophia Eltime, a 29-year-old mother of two who has been living under a bedsheet with seven members of her extended family. She said she had not eaten since Jan. 12.

Officials in France and Brazil have complained of bottlenecks, skewed priorities and a crippling lack of leadership and coordination where the U.S. military has come under criticism for poorly prioritizing flights, although the U.S. Air Force said Tuesday it had raised the facility's daily capacity from 30 flights before the quake to 180 on Tuesday.

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Bellinger said the role of the university is not limited to ensuring students have a well-rounded education, but also in making sure they find their own identity. He believes Baylor does both.

"At the end of the day, education is about transforming persons and it seems to me that the university has made this a priority," Bellinger said.

Since Baylor offers a Christian perspective to American academia, and since Baylor's student body is primarily Christian, Dr. Chris Marsh, director of the Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, feels it is necessary for Baylor to have a predominantly Christian faculty.

"Baylor professors are given the responsibility of broadening the intellectual horizons of a student body that is predominantly Christian," Marsh said. "To do that, I think it is imperative that the professors and the students see eye to eye and the professors have trod the same path the students are now trodding."

In addition, some faculty members believe Baylor offers an uncommon form of diversity.

"I think we are religiously diverse," Marsh said. "There are two ways we are religiously diverse. One is who we are. Christian is a blanket term. For example, I am the first non-Baptist director of this institute. We also have on our faculty [at the Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies], a Catholic, a Lutheran and an Eastern Orthodox. We have great diversity in the Christian religion."

However, Dr. Marc Ellis, director for the Center for Jewish Studies, believes Baylor does not offer enough religious diversity, including diversity in Christian theology.

"We severely lack diversity in Christian voices," Ellis said. "We need to offer that diversity so that our Christian students can explore the many ways of being Christian in our globalized world."

Ellis said Baylor has few professors from a liberation theology background and women profes-

sors who profess to be feminists. "Diversity is not just about Jews, Muslims and Hindus, but also the kinds of Christianity represented in the life of the university," Ellis stressed.

Even though Baylor only hires professors from Judeo-Christian faiths, Marsh believes Baylor can offer religious diversity because it has many experts on different religions.

"We ourselves may come from a strongly Christian and strongly Protestant background in our faculty, but we bring knowledge and respect to all other religious traditions to our students," Marsh said. "What better way for our students to be introduced to and shown respect for different—even exotic—religious traditions than by someone who shares similar religious beliefs with them?"

Honolulu graduate student Jon Mizuta is doing his work in church-state studies and has studied Islam, Buddhism and Shinto at Baylor. Mizuta believes it is helpful for Baylor students to learn about different faiths from Christian experts on the faith, because they had the same questions about it many students may have.

"I think it has its benefits when you learn it from Christian professors because they have wrestled with these issues as well and still come out with their faith," Mizuta said.

However, Mizuta does acknowledge there are downfalls to only having professors from a Judeo-Christian background.

"You learn the religion second hand," Mizuta said. "There is just something unique about learning a religion from someone who firmly believes it."

In addition, Bellinger believes Baylor offers a special area of diversity to the college spectrum across America. It is easy, Bellinger said, to find liberal arts colleges that value a religiously diverse faculty over a unified religious mission. In contrast, it is hard to find universities that offer a Christian education like Baylor.

Another con to limiting the religions Baylor can hire is that it

restricts the applicant pool.

Bellinger said the religion department has its own problems, as it only hires Baptists.

"The truth of the matter, that does lead us to struggle sometimes in some areas in the terms of attracting a large pool of qualified applicants," Bellinger said. "But in my view, it is worth struggling with that to find just the right people who can contribute to the mission of the university."

In addition, many professors and students are drawn to Baylor because of its Christian mission.

One of the primary reasons Bellinger made Baylor his home was its Christian mission and Marsh believes the majority of faculty at Baylor chose it for the same reason.

Ellis said he was also attracted to Baylor's religious mission, but believes there should be changes.

"I think Baylor should have an expansive Christian mission," Ellis said. "It should be more inclusive of diverse Christian communities and perspectives. Baylor should represent a Christianity that embraces the people and religions of the world."

Bellinger said Baylor is upfront about its Christian mission, and faculty and students are aware of this mission before they decide to join the Baylor community.

"I see that the university has been very straightforward and announced its commitments," Bellinger said. "It says very clearly the Judeo-Christian religion is central to that."

Van Gorder feels there is a solution to the lack of diversity at Baylor while still upholding its Christian mission.

"I believe we should maintain a strong majority of scholars from a Christian perspective," Van Gorder said.

"However, there are certainly classes where someone from another faith tradition would not negatively affect the learning experience of the student and there are probably some academic contexts where students would benefit from adherence to other faiths."

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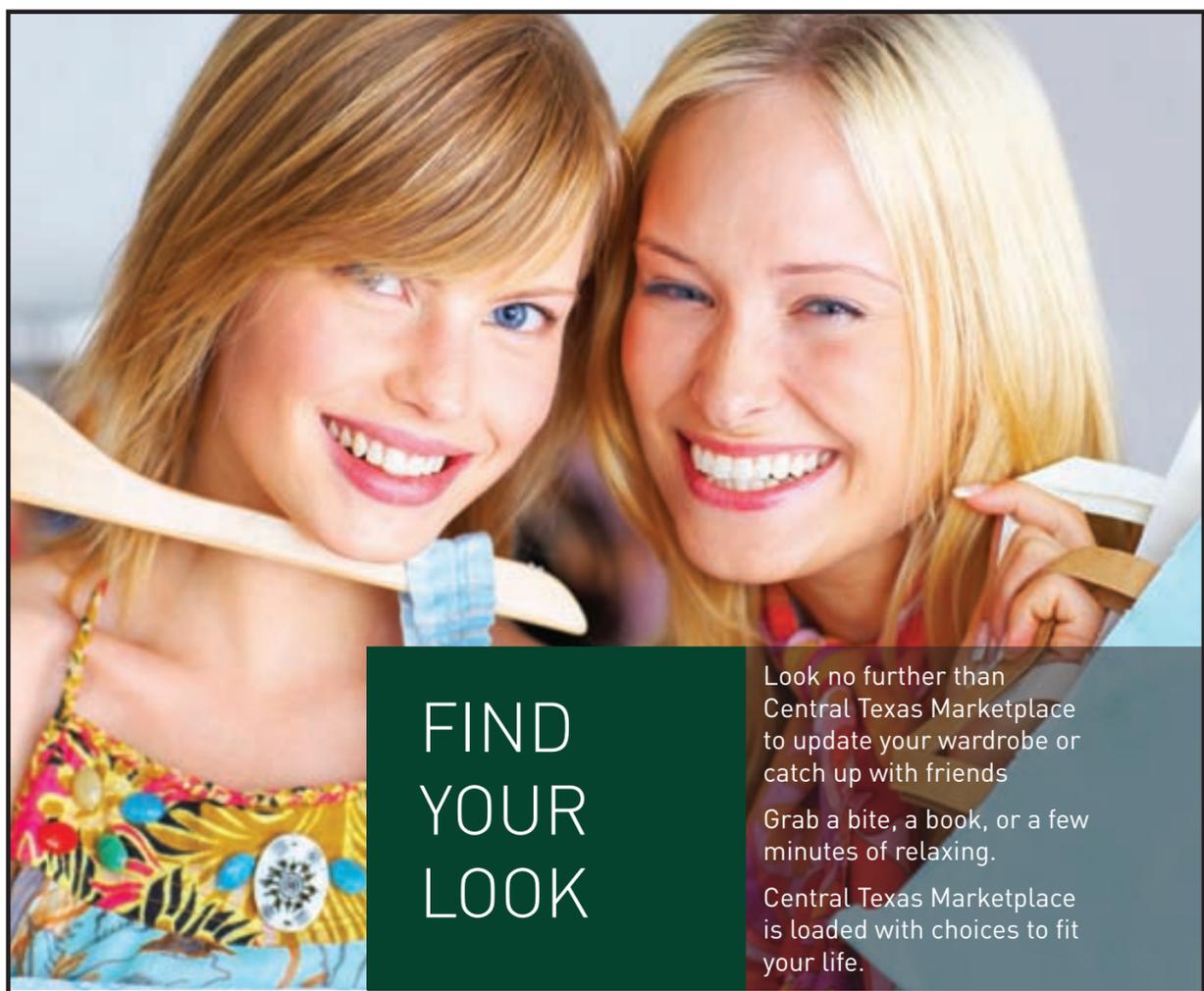
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