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# Institute funds cancer research

## \$200,000 grant awarded for various projects

By SARA TIRRITO  
STAFF WRITER

Baylor has been awarded a \$200,000 grant was by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, Wednesday. It will be put toward cancer research and prevention efforts by the university.

Baylor’s grant came in the first wave of awards from the institute.

Texas voters approved an amendment to the Texas Constitution, creating the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas in 2007.

Over the next 10 years, the institute will be distributing \$3 billion worth of grants to private companies and academic institutions because of the 2007 vote.

“The voters of Texas voted to spend the money on cancer research and prevention and CPRIT is making that happen,” Ellen Read, an information specialist at the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute said. “It’s an awesome cause.”

Dr. Kevin Pinney, the principal investigator for the grant application, and Dr. Mary Lynn Trawick, co-PI, will use the grant to help further their research on new cancer treatment agents. Pinney is a professor of Chemistry and Trawick an associate professor of Biochemistry at Baylor.

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Former Baptist minister Matt Baker, right, leaves the 19th District Court during a break in his murder trial, Friday, in Waco. Baker, 38, was sentenced to 65 years in prison for murdering his wife and trying to cover it up as suicide.

# Ex-pastor gets 65 years

## Matt Baker convicted of wife’s murder

By ANGELA BROWN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WACO — Jurors on Thursday sentenced a former Texas minister to 65 years in prison for murdering his wife and trying to cover it up as a suicide.

Jurors deliberated for about two hours before agreeing on the sentence for 38-year-old Matt Baker. He had faced from probation to life in prison for slipping his wife sleeping pills and suffocating her in 2006.

The case almost never went to trial. Her death was deemed a suicide after a note and sleeping pills were found by the bed, and

Baker said she was depressed over their 16-month-old daughter’s cancer death in 1999. But authorities reopened the case several months later after her parents shared evidence obtained for their wrongful death lawsuit against Baker.

When the judge asked if there was any legal reason why he should not be sentenced, Baker said: “I truly believe in my innocence. I believe the jury made a mistake in this.”

During closing arguments, prosecutor Crawford Long — who previously called Baker a “murdering minister” — said he killed his wife in “cold-blooded cruelty” and seemed to take pleasure in getting away with it.

“Folks, I can look every one of you in the eye and say Matt

Baker deserves the maximum sentence, and Matt Baker, I can look you in the eye and say because of your heartless, soulless conduct, you do deserve a maximum sentence,” Long said, glaring and pointing at Baker.

Defense attorney Harold Danford said Baker “did some things he’s not proud of” but reminded jurors that Baker was eligible for probation because he had not previously been convicted of a felony. He urged jurors to consider Baker’s entire life and activities such as youth mission trips and his work as a Baptist pastor.

Prosecutor Susan Shafer said Baker was dangerous because he still could fool people into believing he was a good person. She said the “best of Matt” was his two daughters, who were

asleep in the house when he killed his wife.

“He thought no more of them than to murder their mother and then erase her legacy with them by convincing them that she didn’t love them enough to stay and raise them, that she committed suicide,” Shafer told jurors.

Baker, who did not testify during the trial, was convicted late Wednesday.

Kari’s mother Linda Dulin told Baker that the family had decided to forgive him for the sake of the daughters.

“You took her from us Matt, you discarded her like she was yesterday’s trash ... and you left so many other victims,” Dulin said in her victim impact statement at sentencing.

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# BU in talks to build strength

## Stronger affiliation main point of Baylor, med school discussions

By SARA TIRRITO  
STAFF WRITER

In an e-mail to the university Thursday, Interim President David Garland announced publicly for the first time that Baylor is in discussions with Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital regarding a strengthened affiliation, but not a merger.

“We believe that such a strengthened affiliation could be helpful to the University’s continued growth and advancement,” Garland stated in the e-mail. “Talk of a strengthened affiliation has encouraged us to think broadly about some exciting new opportunities for the faculty and students of Baylor University.”

However, Garland said there have been misstatements and misperceptions about the university since word of the discussions got out.

“As word of our conversations with BCM and TCH has spread, a variety of the misperceptions about Baylor University have been reported in the news media,” he said. “There also have been misstatements about our history and current relationship with the Baylor College of Medicine. We are working with colleagues at BCM and TCH to ensure that accurate informa-

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# Local efforts: Antioch church sends team to Haiti

By CATY HIRST  
STAFF WRITER

From individuals putting their lives on hold to organizations rallying relief, the Waco community has banded together to ensure Haiti receives help from Central Texas.

Antioch Church in Waco sent a team of 15 to Haiti on Monday. Heather Bonney, the regional manager of Africa and East Asia and the disaster relief coordinator for Antioch, said the team consists of one orthopedic surgeon, four family practice doc-

tors, two nurses, one physician assistant, one certified nurse assistant, a translator, three wilderness survival specialists and three relief coordinators.

Dr. Brian Byrd from Fort Worth is on the team and is updating his blog with news from the team’s service.

“Finishing up a day of seeing Haitians previously unseen. Awful injuries. Terrible wounds. We’re making a huge difference,” Byrd said on his blog.

Thursday, the team worked in an orphanage, where many of the children had yet to receive

medical attention.

“Just left the orphanage where 30 of the 75 kids had died,” Byrd wrote. “I saw the rubble heaps where some remained. Awful smells. A few of the kids were in awful shape.”

Bonney said the team will return to the United States early next week and Antioch will continue to send teams to Haiti. The teams are also self-sufficient. They carry in their own food, water and medical supplies. All of the supplies are either donated or bought with donations.

“We will have another team

on the ground there to continue their work,” Bonney said. “We overlap the teams so the work continues uninterrupted.”

Although they do not know yet how long they will stay, Bonney said Antioch is assessing the possibility of sending long-term teams to serve in Haiti.

“We love Jesus and we try to emulate him and we see from the Bible he always went to help the people that were hurting, to love them and serve them and give them hope,” Bonney said.

Neil Niller, executive director of World Hunger Farm in

Waco, said World Hunger Farm is focusing their help on transporting supplies from the Dominican Republic to the areas in Haiti that were most devastated by the earthquake.

“We have been working in Haiti for about 30 years and we have a Haiti counterpart organization, World Hunger Relief Haiti, and we are mostly trying to help them respond to the crisis in the capital city,” Niller said, “Our Haitian counterparts who are there have vehicles, but what they need is money for fuel and money to buy the supplies

that will be transported.”

World Hunger Farm is collecting donations to wire down to their organization in Haiti, to offset the skyrocketing prices of supplies and gasoline.

“We are encouraging people, if they feel compelled to provide some sort of financial help, to remember the long-term needs, such as clean water supply and economic development,” Niller said. “Ultimately those are the needs people are going to need help with in the long term.”

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# Moot court members nab national ranking

By KATY McDOWALL  
REPORTER

One of the Baylor Undergraduate Moot Court teams placed second in the national tournament of the American Collegiate Moot Court Association last weekend at Florida International University in Miami.

Fort Hood senior Ray Panneton and Houston senior Erik Baumann entered the tournament as the southwest regional champions, competing among the nation’s top 64 teams, and made it to the final round.

“For Erik and Ray to have advanced to the final round really put Baylor on the map,” Matt Brogdon, the team’s faculty advisor, said.

Panneton and Baumann defeated three other regional champions, including the tour-

nament’s top seed, on their way to the final round.

“It’s really going to bring recognition to Baylor that hasn’t been seen before at the undergraduate level,” Panneton said.

Panneton and Baumann established Undergraduate Moot Court at Baylor in April 2008, but they did not start competing until November 2008.

They started the organization because they wanted to gain experience for law school that they did not think they would receive from other activities like debate and mock trial.

“Moot court trains you to think and act like an attorney as opposed to a debater,” Panneton said.

The competition requires students to give appellate arguments on constitutional issues before a panel of judges, simulating an oral argument before

the Supreme Court.

“They’re learning a skill they take directly to law school,” Brogdon said.

In their junior year, the pair went to the first national qualifier but lost in the preliminaries, Baumann said.

“This year we put our minds to it, and we won the regional,” Baumann said.

Brogdon said students must be familiar with more than 20 cases and must be articulate and respond to questions on the spot without the use of notes.

“Moot court is the type of competition where I don’t draft arguments for them to memorize because it’s a fluid exchange between the judge and the attorney, the competitor,” Brogdon, a lecturer in political science, said.

Panneton and Baumann won the southwest regional tourna-



From left to right, Houston senior Erik Baumann, sponsor Matt Brogdon, and Fort Hood senior Ray Panneton pose for a photo after the moot court team placed second in a national tournament last weekend at Florida International University in Miami.

ment hosted by Texas Tech in October, in front of a panel of judges that included former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

The pair, along with another Baylor team, Keller sophomore Meaghan Nowell and Comfort

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# Baylor family suffers from lack of search information

The lines of communication between the Presidential Search Committee and the Baylor community have been characterized during the past year only by vague updates and promises of progress.

After the firing of then-president John Lilley in the summer of 2008, the university began the complex task of finding a new president, pledging all the while to be as inclusive of university constituencies and as transparent about the process as possible. We were asked to have patience in this process — an understandably lengthy and intricate one. This is a request that the Baylor family could happily comply with, given the unfortunate results of hasty decision-making in the past.

The university created a presidential search page on the Baylor Web site, which features sporadic updates, but since the beginning of this academic year, the only update the Baylor community has been given is that interviews are under way. Administrators told the Lariat then that neither the names nor the number of interviewees would be released.

While we understand the often-sensitive nature of the interviewing process, those with such a vested interest in the university and its mission desire a level of transparency that we have yet to see.

Various constituencies, including the student government, made an admirable effort last year to have an active voice in the search process, specifically with voting privileges.

## Editorial

While they regrettably were not afforded these privileges (voting seats on the committee were reserved for 14 regents), the university gave students and faculty a chance to voice their opinions during the student, faculty / staff and alumni listening sessions in April and May of last year — a rare opportunity.

The ideas and opinions expressed in these sessions do appear to have been considered in the creation of the presidential search prospectus, released by the university in July. This prospectus not only outlined the attributes that our next president should possess, but also gave the Baylor community a solid idea for whom and what the search committee is searching.

While the sessions were a commendable step, dialogue has since become linear, with the university giving only occasional vague updates. While the search committee is not expected to come out with weekly updates, it is reasonable to expect more information than we have been given.

This quest started off strong more than a year and a half ago, and we cannot afford to lose steam now. This is a process that takes the efforts and input of every member of the Baylor family.

The board of regents, Presidential Search

Committee and Presidential Advisory Committee are undoubtedly still working hard to find the best fit for Baylor’s next president, but this is merely an assumption since the Baylor community has not been kept abreast during the process this academic year as promised.

“We have made it clear from the outset that we want this search to benefit from the collective wisdom of Baylor’s many constituencies,” Joe Armes, chair of Baylor’s Presidential Search Committee, stated in an April 2009 press release. “Before we can make any decisions, we need to hear from faculty, staff and administrators, students, alumni and community leaders who can help define the character and qualities of the person we seek.”

These words rang clear at the time, but since then, have felt more like a public relations promise on the part of the university. We implore the regents to take all the time they need to do a thorough job of finding a president who can fit the needs of our university. But we also ask that they honor their word by keeping us involved as they pledged to do.

For the faculty, students and board, the main goal is to unite the Baylor family. The way to accomplish this is to involve the entire Baylor community, as was done at the beginning of this process. We want to welcome our next president with a cohesive front, and that can’t happen when the majority of the community is kept out of the loop.

## Lariat Letters

### Poor employment prospects for 2010

Ten percent. The nation’s unemployment rate remained at 10 percent in December. Total employment shrank by 85,000. The unemployment rate would have increased were it not for the fact that 600,000 simply quit searching for jobs.

The employment outlook for 2010 and beyond is not encouraging. The repercussions for young Americans, including those now in college, are immense.

Yes, continued implementation of the Stimulus Act will create or save some jobs. On balance, however, Democratic policies are depressing for private-sector job creators. For the geese that will hopefully lay the golden job eggs, 2010 will bring higher taxes, more regulation, greater uncertainty, a shaky dollar, and continued public ridicule from left-leaning politicians.

Dr. John Pisciotta  
Associate professor of Economics

### Palin’s celeb status: not a problem

I am writing in response to “What you may have missed while away” (Jan. 20), in particular the section titled: “Palin joins Fox News team.”

The question: “Has Palin’s celebrity overtaken her credibility as a politician?” is posed three-fourths of the way through the article. The author asserts that it has indeed. The question, however, is a false choice.

Perhaps in 2000 it was a negative to be a celebrity going into a presidential election, but Barack Obama’s election last year proved the opposite.

Before Election Day 2008, Obama had written and marketed two major books, appeared on the cover of Time no less than seven times as well as appearing on the covers of GQ, Vanity Fair, Men’s Vogue and Rolling Stone.

Time is certainly not as celebrity-oriented as inTouch. GQ, Vanity Fair and the like, however, definitely lean toward celebrities.

As August dawned, Republicans and Democrats alike were worried about the mass amount of Obama coverage and the odd mixture of politician, speaker and celebrity that was the nature of his public persona.

The Republicans (rightfully so) saw Obama vastly overshadowing McCain. While the Democrats (less rightfully) feared that Obama would become over-exposed by all the publicity.

When the votes came in one fact among many was clear — that celebrity and politician are a deadly mixture, at least when it comes to campaigning. Palin’s celebrity status should not discount her as a conservative politician or a possible 2012 presidential candidate.

Rather, it should bolster her chances.

Jeffrey Vitarius  
Economics, 2011

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# Similan Islands: beautiful, but not what they used to be

This Christmas, I had the privilege of visiting my family in Singapore, where they have lived for the past few months. During that time, we also went to Phuket, Thailand, for a little bit of R & R and one night on a live-a-board SCUBA boat.

The area we visited is called Khao Lak and five years ago, it was devastated by the tsunami that destroyed much of it and surrounding countries.

There is one photo that pops up on the Internet that shows a comparison of the coastline before and after, and the difference is astounding. The area, once tropical jungle green, is now brown. River inlets that were pencil thin had been widened dramatically. When we asked around, a local restaurant employee explained that much of the town, its restaurants, shops and bars, had been wiped out.

I had been to the Similan Islands before, to scuba dive during my sophomore year of high school. That trip was phenomenal. We saw sharks and rays and an incredible array of fish and plant life. More importantly, this trip was about what we didn’t see. There were only a few boats scattered across the nine-island chain. The area was one of those “undiscovered” sites that people had heard of but were not visiting just yet.

These islands are known for manta rays

## Point of View



BY LAURA REMSON

and whale sharks. They are painted on the sides of dive shops and dive boats.

People trade stories of this dive or that dive. With this knowledge and high hopes, my family headed out for six dives in two days.

Each dive, I constantly shifted my view from the corals and fish beneath me to the empty blue space just over my shoulder and out to sea. I was told to keep a wary eye on deeper waters because that’s where the big stuff was.

The first few dives I saw morals, turtles and lots of great stuff, but I was disappointed without the big guys. I kept imagining the wings of the manta ray, materializing before my eyes. The majestic animals look like they are flying through the water.

By the last dive, I had to admit defeat. This

just wasn’t the trip and, I supposed, it wasn’t meant to be. I couldn’t help wondering, was this my fault? Was this the fault of all tourists?

The Similans have changed since I was last there. There were two or three dive boats at each of the sites and in turn we saw other divers on each dive. The number of boats is also having an impact on the corals. They weren’t bright and colorful as you would expect and many of them were broken into pieces. Frankly, it looked dead.

There were bottles, cups and plates on the bottom. My personal favorite though, was the pair-of-shorts-floating-around-in-the-bottom-of-the-ocean fish. Really, a stunning, but rarely seen fish.

Tourism rebuilt the town, bringing in people, jobs and revenue. Unfortunately, there’s no control over how many people are coming in. I think the solution is to place limits on the number of people visiting the park.

Another solution would be to place stricter controls on the boats entering this area, by maintaining environmental standards.

I sincerely hope this area will be around 10 or 15 years from now. I believe that by implementing these possible solutions my hope can be a reality.

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# Minister stresses importance of Baptist future

BY LELA ATWOOD  
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As Baptists celebrate 400 years of existence, Martin Marty, University of Chicago Divinity School professor emeritus and ordained Lutheran minister, said Sunday. Young Christians are no longer tied to a denomination in their faith at his lecture on Sunday.

Marty's lecture, "The future of a denomination: Baptists in the next 400 years," was the culmination of Baylor's year-long celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Baptist tradition.

People under the age of 30 are influenced by their friends more than their families, Marty said.

Unlike previous generations, they do not grow up learning Bible stories in public schools.

New Orleans alumnus Ross Purdy was raised Baptist but once seriously considered switching to

the Episcopal church.

Purdy said that it is good for students to know their denomination and its beliefs and to examine other denominations.

"If there's another [Christian] faith that strikes a chord with you, look into it," Purdy said. "It is good to question anything that makes your point stronger."

Marty also attributed the decline in denominational adherence to Sunday school programs that do not teach young people the fundamentals of their denomination and the foundational beliefs of these denominations.

Therefore, Marty said, the denominational association meetings and debates are not relevant to their lives.

Denominational apathy is not the only issue happening within the church's youth.

Marty said the youth do not

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Sam Pomeroy  
Seattle sophomore

often understand the importance of the controversies in the church and how they impact the church and the Christian faith as a whole.

These include what stance the church should take on issues such

as gay marriage and stem cell research.

"Most young people wonder why the adults fight over gay marriage, and it is important to make clear the gravity of these matters," Marty said.

Seattle sophomore Sam Pomeroy spoke out against apathy among the general college student population.

"If we are to be stewards, we need to learn how to obey the commands of the church and learn how the church body is evolving," Pomeroy said.

Marty said the Baptist stance on technologies such as stem cell research, IVF and abortion will continue to generate much discussion.

The issues debated will be different due to technological advances and cultural changes.

It usually takes the church 200

years to settle something.

It is important to "keep the discussion going," Marty said. This discussion is essential as a denominational group of believers seeks to follow the Bible and make wise ethical choices.

"It's like a family reunion. It starts happy and you gather, go to the Baptist church sing, do a long Baptist prayer, and everyone loves everybody," Marty said.

"Then one hour later during the picnic, one kid cracks another kid in the shin with the baseball bat. Some more argue about grandma's amethyst, but you know that they'll be back next year."

Marty also warned that the danger of treating religion as a marketing venture will continue to be an issue.

He cited the mega-church trend of "prepackaging scripture"

for large quantities of people as a topic of concern.

"Going verse by verse and making it work is missing in mega-churches," Marty said.

"I'm friends with some guys in Aspen who meet and cook pancakes, take a chapter of the Bible and you hear the most wild hermeneutics as they go verse by verse and make it work."

Marty has written more than 500 articles and published more than 50 books.

Though he enjoyed the lecture, Pomeroy said Marty did not adequately cover certain issues.

"He didn't address family, which is our greatest mission field," Pomeroy said. "If change is going to happen, it has to start with [college students] the next generation of families."

# Active Minds hopes to gain charter

BY BETHANY MOORE  
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Suicide is the third-leading cause of death among 18 to 24-year-olds and the second-leading cause of death for college students alone, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

Baylor counseling services is attempting to bring awareness to this issue by taking part in an organization sweeping across college campuses called Active Minds.

Active Minds is a nonprofit, student-run organization that aims to raise awareness and remove the stigma associated with mental illnesses.

Austin graduate student Kerrie Bond is in the process of chartering an Active Minds chapter on Baylor's campus to, as she explained, help people realize the issue.

"Mental illness is important on any college campus," Bond said. "So it is important for us to get the word out that having issues and going through hard things is normal. We want to help Baylor students who are going through these issues by highlighting the resources we have on campus."

Bond, who is studying higher education student administration, said Active Minds is a way for students to be reached before they do something dangerous to themselves or others on campus.

"Nationwide, mental illnesses are a huge issue," Bond said, "Take Virginia Tech [student shootings] for example. We certainly wouldn't want anything like that to happen to Baylor."

Active Minds helps spread awareness by holding various events dealing with issues prevalent to college students, such as sexual assaults, depression, stress, alcohol, eating disorders and sleep deprivation.

Bond said even if people don't feel like they have extreme forms of these disorders, through Baylor's resources they can get rid of the stigma associated with counseling.

"When I was an undergrad, I was depressed when my parents got divorced," Bond said. "I sought counseling and it was great to be able to talk to someone. I wasn't the only person depressed, stress-eating or upset on campus. So I think it is important to get the word out there that you are not the only one who feels that way."

Dr. Jim Marsh, director for counseling services and the adviser for Active Minds, said that six years ago the counseling center decided to begin outreach programs for students to raise awareness for the issues facing college students today and for the services that are available to them.

"We really need to not just be in an office building but also be about the business of going out to students who may not normally seek us," Marsh said.

Fort Worth junior Rachel Chasse is one of the students interested in Active Minds and said that these programs would help students who didn't know they had an issue, get the help they need.

"People a lot of times at Baylor, suffer silently with depression or bipolar disease, because they don't know they have it," Chasse said, "Hopefully through this program they can find commonality and realizes their problems are nothing to be ashamed of."

Marsh also explained that one of the characteristics of the program that make it successful are the students encouraging students.

"Peers listen to one another,"

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"My group and Mary Lynn's group have collaborated for quite a while. We're focusing on the discovery and development of new cancer treatment agents that have enhanced selectivity for the tumor microenvironment," Pinney said.

"It's a good collaboration because we have aspects of synthetic chemistry, biochemistry, and cell biology."

Trawick said the CPRIT grant was a good match for the research project because the project will take research in a new direction.

"This particular grant is really for innovative research, that nevertheless is high-risk in terms of going in a new direction," Trawick said.

"This funding opportunity was particularly well-suited for our research."

Part of the grant will also be used for collaboration with University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

"The other thing that's especially nice about this is a small portion of the grant involves a collaboration with a group at

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas," Pinney said. "That's specifically for a part of the project involving tumor imaging. A good portion of the grant is being done here at Baylor."

Pinney said the grant coincides with Baylor's mission in terms of both students and society.

"[The grant] really helps us to have the necessary resources to move the project forward more quickly," Pinney said. "Because we're dealing with new potential anti-cancer agents, it has the opportunity to have a wide impact."

"It fits well with Baylor's mission not only in terms of education for students, but in trying to come up with things that are helpful for society."

The grant also comes with a cash-match requirement of 50 percent.

Jan Nimmo, assistant vice provost for research, said outside funding agencies have already awarded Baylor the \$100,000 required.

## STATEMENT ON HAZING Spring 2010

Section 51.936 (c) of the Texas Education Code requires Baylor University to publish and distribute during the first three weeks of each semester a summary of the Texas Hazing Law, subchapter F, Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code, and a list of organizations that have been disciplined for hazing or convicted of hazing on or off the campus of the institution during the preceding three years. In compliance with this law, Baylor provides the following information:

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§ 37.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter: (1) "Educational institution" includes a public or private high school. (2) "Pledge" means any person who has been accepted by, is considering an offer of membership from, or is in the process of qualifying for membership in an organization. (3) "Pledging" means any action or activity related to becoming a member of an organization. (4) "Student" means any person who: (A) is registered in or in attendance at an educational institution; (B) has been accepted for admission at the educational institution where the hazing incident occurs; or (C) intends to attend an educational institution during any of its regular sessions after a period of scheduled vacation. (5) "Organization" means a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, club, or service, social, or similar group, whose members are primarily students. (6) "Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization. The term includes: (A) any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity; (B) any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (C) any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (D) any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining

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§ 37.152. PERSONAL HAZING OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person: (1) engages in hazing; (2) solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing; (3) recklessly permits hazing to occur; or (4) has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution, or has firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report that knowledge in writing to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution. (b) The offense of failing to report is a Class B misdemeanor. (c) Any other offense under this section that does not cause serious bodily injury to another is a Class B misdemeanor. (d) Any other offense under this section that causes serious bodily injury to another is a Class A misdemeanor. (e) Any other offense under this section that causes the death of another is a state jail felony. (f) Except if an offense causes the death of a student, in sentencing a person convicted of an offense under this section, the court may require the person to perform community service, subject to the same conditions imposed on a person placed on community supervision under Section 11, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, for an appropriate period of time in lieu of confinement in county jail or in lieu of a part of the time the person is sentenced to confinement in county jail.

§ 37.153. ORGANIZATION HAZING OFFENSE. (a) An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing. (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor

punishable by: (1) a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000; or (2) if the court finds that the offense caused personal injury, property damage, or other loss, a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than double the amount lost or expenses incurred because of the injury, damage, or loss.

§ 37.154. CONSENT NOT A DEFENSE. It is not a defense to prosecution of an offense under this subchapter that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

§ 37.155. IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION AVAILABLE. In the prosecution of an offense under this subchapter, the court may grant immunity from prosecution for the offense to each person who is subpoenaed to testify for the prosecution and who does testify for the prosecution. Any person reporting a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Immunity extends to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report. A person reporting in bad faith or with malice is not protected by this section.

§ 37.156. OFFENSES IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENAL PROVISIONS. This subchapter does not affect or repeal any penal law of this state. This subchapter does not limit or affect the right of an educational institution to enforce its own penalties against hazing.

§ 37.157. REPORTING BY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES. A doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing activities: (1) may report the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials; and (2) is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report, unless the report is made in bad faith or with malice.

The following student organizations have been disciplined for hazing or convicted for hazing during the previous three years:

Sigma Chi	Spring 2008	Alpha Tau Omega	Spring 2008
Phi Gamma Delta	Spring 2008	Phi Delta Theta	Spring 2008

Baylor's [Statement on Hazing](http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/hazing) can be reviewed online at: [http://www.baylor.edu/student\\_policies/hazing](http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/hazing).

## HONOR CODE REPORT Spring 2010

The Baylor University Honor Council is charged with the responsibility of reporting each semester to the campus community violations of the Honor Code.

During the Fall 2009 semester, there were 60 reported violations of the Honor Code. Eight of these cases proceeded to Honor Council hearings. The other 52 cases were handled by faculty. Some cases are still pending.

The types of violations and sanctions for each may be reviewed on the Academic Integrity Web site under the [Honor Council Report](http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/honorcode) at: [http://www.baylor.edu/student\\_policies/honorcode](http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/honorcode).



# NBC gives Conan the boot; Leno returns to late night

By MEG JAMES AND JOE FLINT  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES - Ending his brief reign as host of one of television's longest-running shows, Conan O'Brien on Thursday finalized a rich severance deal with NBC that releases the comedian from "The Tonight Show" and frees him to join another network in time for the new fall season, an NBC spokeswoman confirmed.

The settlement, hammered out over the last week, brings to an abrupt end O'Brien's nearly 20-year career with NBC, where he began as a staff writer for "Saturday Night Live" in the late 1980s. His separation from NBC includes a payout that will go down as one of the most eye-popping in the annals of Hollywood: O'Brien, who has 2 years remaining on his contract, will walk away with about \$32 million, according to people close to the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Overall, NBC will have to shell out \$40 million to \$50 million to close the book on its late-night drama.

NBC agreed to compensate the show's staff members, including executive producer Jeff Ross. About 190 people worked on the show, including nearly 70 people who relocated to Los Angeles from New York early last year to work with O'Brien at the pro-

gram's newly built studios on the Universal lot. NBC and O'Brien's team spent the last few days ironing out severance packages for all the show's workers.

O'Brien's manager, Gavin Polone, said the talk show host would kick in some of his own money for his staff as well.

O'Brien's final "Tonight Show" appearance will be Friday. But he may not be off the air for long. The comedian will be allowed to work on a competing network by September. Jay Leno will be back in his old time slot even sooner. Leno, who surrendered "The Tonight Show" to O'Brien last spring and then was handed his own prime-time show on the network at 9 p.m., will return to late night after NBC's Olympic coverage concludes at the end of February.

The costly resolution ends two weeks of high drama that damaged the images and reputations not only of NBC executives, but also of Leno, who was painted as the villain by many in the media, including CBS' David Letterman, who took numerous jabs at Leno over the last week. He was also the target of a grass-roots Internet campaign to demonstrate support for the embattled O'Brien. Earlier this week, Leno provided his side of the story on his program, saying he told NBC executives that he was skeptical that a prime-time show would work.

It was an undignified end to O'Brien's long career at NBC. He

spent 16 years as host of "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" and his short tenure at "The Tonight Show." Certainly this was not how NBC anticipated O'Brien's run with "The Tonight Show" playing out when it declared him the "king of late night" in June after he made his debut as host.

Ironically, NBC looked to avoid this exact scenario when it decided in 2004 to make O'Brien host of "The Tonight Show" in 2009. That move, engineered by the company's chief executive, Jeff Zucker, was done to keep O'Brien from jumping to Fox. NBC also was betting that by 2009 Leno would be ready to exit the stage and that O'Brien, who appealed to younger viewers, would be ready to take over. But as his retirement loomed, Leno became increasingly unhappy at the prospect of stepping aside while still No. 1 in the ratings.

Zucker crafted a quick fix: give Leno a 9 p.m. show, which would keep both comedians in the NBC fold. O'Brien went along with Zucker's "Leno in prime-time" plan when it was announced in 2008. He moved his family to Los Angeles to prepare to inherit the late-night institution previously hosted by Johnny Carson and, before him, Jack Paar. But Leno's show at 9 p.m., which launched in September, drew weak ratings and critiques by TV critics that Leno seemed off his game.

The low viewership level hurt NBC's affiliates, who count on a



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Conan O'Brien makes his debut on NBC's "The Tonight Show" in June 2009.

large audience at 10 p.m. to boost their late local news programs, a big revenue generator. Many local stations experienced ratings declines of more than 20 percent, and NBC was facing a mutiny as many affiliates threatened to push Leno to 10 p.m. and run their local news at 9 p.m. NBC executives decided they needed to make a switch and told O'Brien they were pushing the start time of his show half an hour later, to 11:05 a.m., to make room for Leno at 10:35 p.m.

NBC expected that O'Brien would go along. But he refused,

triggering a firestorm of controversy and rich material for other comedians.

Now O'Brien is free to decide his future. Most industry observers are betting that Fox, which has struggled in the past to get into the late-night game, is his next stop. Indeed, O'Brien has a history with Fox, where he spent two years as a writer on "The Simpsons" in the early 1990s. Just last week, Fox Entertainment President Kevin Reilly expressed enthusiasm for O'Brien, but the network may face a hard sell with its affiliates, some of whom

are locked into contracts to run syndicated sitcom reruns in the 10 p.m. time period.

Meanwhile, Leno, whose prime-time show ends Feb. 11, will face the challenge of improving on O'Brien's ratings. NBC has been trailing CBS' David Letterman and is tied with him in the coveted demographic of adults ages 18 to 49. During the last week, O'Brien's ratings have nearly doubled. Whether the backlash against Leno, fair or not, will hurt him when he returns to his old 10:35 p.m. time slot remains a question mark.

# Baylor students sound off on Domino's new taste change

By RACQUEL JOSEPH  
REPORTER

By now, almost everyone can smell what Domino's Pizza is cooking, and it is supposed to be delicious. Sometimes known for lack-luster pizza, the past failings of Domino's have now been immortalized in a new advertising campaign.

The new campaign features top management's reactions to comments and video clips of the American public accusing their kitchens of producing ketchup-tasting sauce and cardboard crust.

The ad then becomes sunny

with upbeat music and high-fiving employees celebrating a freshly baked, "inspired, new" pizza pie. As it turns out, many Baylor students disapproved of Domino's just as much as the rest of America.

"You would pick up the hard crust and the cheese would just run. I stopped eating Domino's years ago," Houston freshman Jasmine Jones said.

Jones is exactly the consumer that Domino's is trying to reach. Jennifer Floyd, Domino's marketing leader for Central and South Texas, describes the campaign as "a risk [Domino's] needed to take."

Floyd describes the campaign as "a little bit different" from the typical "new and improved" slogans that most consumers are familiar with because "[the pizza] is our core product."

By tampering with their bread and butter, the company is hoping customers will taste the difference.

"The problem is, now every time people taste [Domino's] pizza, they'll be more critical," Dallas senior Jeremy Taylor said.

On Wednesday afternoon, standing around three of Domino's large cheese pizzas, students gathered at the Bill Daniel Student Center for a not-so-scientific

survey of campus reaction to the campaign.

Twenty-four students were asked to rate the three main components of pizza (cheese, sauce, and crust) on a scale of 1 to 10 and comment freely. The most popular of the components, with an average of 8 out of 10, was the crust. Nashville, Tenn., sophomore Jake Peterson was particularly impressed.

"I could eat this crust all day," Peterson said.

Other students who had managed to escape the campaign were surprised.

"The new pizza shocked me; this crust is good," Flower Mound

freshman Caleb Dameron said of his first bite.

After some hesitant licks at the sauce, the advertised hint of spice and reduced amount of sauce seemed to be a hit all around.

The consensus was mostly, but not entirely positive and many students agreed that Domino's would now be a consideration when choosing to order pizza.

It seems that, among Baylor students, Domino's has leveled the playing field, bumping themselves from last-resort cheap slice to a taste preference. Which is exactly what they were aiming for according to Dr. Andrea Dixon, executive director of the Keller

Center for Research and the Center for Professional Selling and associate professor of marketing.

"[Domino's Pizza] has made a dramatic strategy change by moving from a focus on price and convenience to competing based on quality and enjoyment of the product," Dixon said.

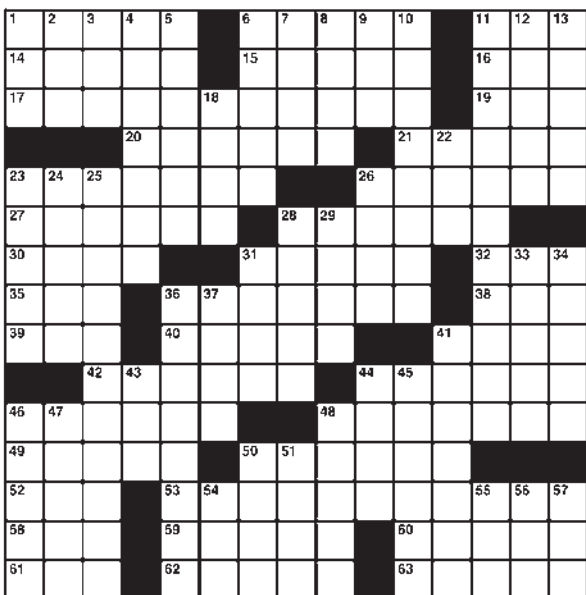
No matter what they thought of the pizza's taste, students are talking about the campaign.

"It's a good idea," Edgard, La., freshman Terrance Nathan said, pointing at his friend's disappearing slice of Domino's pizza. "Improvement is always good and they're talking about improvement."

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By Fred Jackson III

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### Across

- Golf relative?
- Camp sight
- A favorite is a good one
- Liquid fat
- "The Audacity of Hope" author
- Language of Southeast Asia
- Scrabble cheat?
- Cause of star wars?
- Isn't on the level
- Put one's cards on the table
- Doctor's order
- Babbles
- White Rabbit's cry
- "Like, wow!"
- Antiquated alpine apparatus
- Curl beneficiary, informally
- Solution for a bad hair day
- Rooster's mate

- Moisturizer target
- Printemps follower
- Traffic reg.
- Miss Muffet, before the spider showed up
- E-mail heading word
- Stay a while
- Viselike device
- Future doctor's project
- Caribbean music genre
- Singer who loves flashy jewelry?
- Bartender's concern
- Leave alone
- Piercing look
- "\_\_\_ Rosenkavalier": Strauss opera
- "The Federalist" component
- Ninnies

### Down

- Position
- Wright wing, maybe
- Break fluid?
- Old West badge
- Low sock
- Take for one's own use
- French friar
- Catches
- East Ender's flat
- Pendant pair
- Perform a sheepish hip-hop number?
- Boston College athlete
- Whistle sounds
- American Beauty, e.g.
- Agua, across the Pyrenees
- Collectible print, briefly
- Fossilized resin
- Boring boss?

- Wash. title
- More delicate
- Andy Roddick, at times
- Data measure
- Tiny quantities
- A conductor might pick it up
- Subject to contradiction
- Tattered duds
- Achieve a piloting milestone
- Suffix with Mao
- Math class, briefly
- Service providers?
- Its gradual loss leads to baldness
- Depend (on)
- Shrewd
- Convenes
- Org. with the Chicago Sky and Seattle Storm
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# Baseball squad departs for Cuban humanitarian trip



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Shawn Tolleson (above) and the Baylor baseball team will travel to Havana for a six-day humanitarian trip. The Bears then turn around two days after their return and begin workouts for the 2010 season.

By MATT LARSEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Two baseball-rich cultures will meet Friday when the Baylor baseball team arrives in Havana to interact with and serve Cuban players and youth.

"We have done a number of good things in the past, and you can do those things right here in town," head coach Steve Smith said. "So I would not in the outset have looked at this as an opportunity to go do a mission project in Cuba, but that is what it has evolved into. Regardless of where our players are in the spiritual spectrum in their lives, they will come back at a different place."

Smith says he first came across the idea of taking the team to Cuba after reading during the summer of 2008 about other schools planning international tours in which they would play friendly games against the Cuban teams.

"We will have opportunities to interact with players," Smith said. "[But] this is not an international tour of sorts. We can't play games right now. NCAA rules prohibit you from taking an international tour and playing games in the 30-day window prior to your practice starting."

Though the trip does not fall dur-

ing a time in which they can play an organized game, players still voiced their excitement for the chance to experience baseball in a different setting.

"A common interest that we will share with the guys we interact with down there is our love and our passion for the game of baseball," senior pitcher Willie Kempf said. "So to be able to go down there and to give a little bit of our time and our talents and our treasure to help them out will be a neat experience."

Senior infielder Raynor Campbell shares Kempf's desire to connect with Cuban baseball players. After hearing Smith talk of his recent trip to witness Cuban baseball firsthand, Campbell also looks forward to watching the differences in techniques between Cuban and American ball.

"It is just a different style," he said. "[Coach Smith] said that no infielder ever broke down on a groundball. It was all run-through plays, throwing off of one foot - it is just a different style that is going to be fun to watch."

In addition to spending time with some of Cuba's finest athletes and youth, the Baylor team will also help renovate a large sports complex built in Havana by the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

"Since they left, it has just basically

gone downhill," Smith said. "It's in a neighborhood, so we're talking about going into a neighborhood that could have a very playable surface."

After the squad completes its work, the neighborhood could have many playable surfaces as the team plans to do work on the basketball and volleyball courts as well as the baseball stadium.

Senior catcher Gregg Glime looks forward to providing the people of Havana with a refurbished athletic facility.

"When we walk into this ballpark every day, we are blessed to play in one of the best places in the United States," he said. "I don't take for granted playing here everyday, and I'm sure after coming back from there I'll know why I don't take it for granted playing here."

Coach Smith noted his blessings by thanking those who supported the trip, namely interim president David Garland, and pointing out the overall value of a trip that bridges cultures.

"Dr. Garland has blessed this from day one," Smith said, "and in the context of the mission of Baylor University, I don't know that we could do anything more appropriate and more in line with what that mission statement is."

## Mulkey, Lady Bears focused on fixing problems before thinking about Mizzou

By CHRIS DERRETT  
SPORTS WRITER

On Wednesday, head coach Kim Mulkey was asked at the Lady Bears' weekly press conference if she could talk about the team's next opponent, Missouri. The answer was no.

"I'm not going out today to talk about Missouri with this bunch. We've got to go and continue to do some things that we've got to do better," Mulkey said.

Baylor spent due time on focusing on the Tigers (11-7 overall, 0-4 Big 12) in the latter half of the week, but in the days following a 65-56 loss to Nebraska all the attention went to areas of needed improvement.

With a combination of youthful inexperience, an injury to junior guard Melissa Jones and upperclassmen Kelli Griffin and Morghan Medlock struggling, Mulkey said the result has been confusion and uncertainty on the court. Freshman Shanay Washington explained some of Baylor's complexities.

"During the (Nebraska) game I can remember times where Brittney was open, but the shot was open," Washington said. "I thought, 'I don't know; I'll just wait to pass it to Brittney.'"

Executing drills and set plays with ball movement is where they begin. Right now, in Mulkey's words, the team

simply makes one or two passes before tossing the ball in to Brittney Griner and expecting a basket.

"Well, it doesn't work like that against the good teams when the game's tied at 48 with seven minutes to go in the game," Mulkey said in reference to the Nebraska game.

With teams double- and triple-teaming Griner, the Lady Bears have struggled to respond. Medlock was a combined 2-15 from the field in the team's first three conference games, while Griffin went 10-26 in those decisions.

In place of injuries and slumping upperclassmen, Mulkey has rotated younger guards, sophomore Terran Condrey and freshmen Kimetria Hayden and Jordan Madden, into the game in search of more quality minutes.

While Mulkey says the effort has been outstanding, building a good team requires cohesion among teammates that can only be acquired with more time and practice.

"(Being a good team) is when you can call a timeout and say, 'Go run this play,' and all five of them know where to go."

Defense is still a work in progress as well. Too often the Lady Bears allow dribble penetration, Mulkey said, which she believes resulted in the combined 71 3-point attempts taken by the Okla-

homa State and Nebraska squads that beat Baylor.

Tomorrow the Lady Bears have a chance to respond to a tough loss as they travel to Columbia, Mo., for an afternoon matchup against the Tigers. In their last game the Tigers nearly dropped No. 13 Oklahoma at Mizzou Arena, falling 62-61 on an Amanda Thompson jumper with nine seconds remaining.

Mulkey acknowledged the importance in rebounding from a home loss but also said she cannot predict the outcome of upcoming games with her team's inconsistency.

"We are very talented, but we're just not on the same page. We're wild out there right now. Effort (from the players) is outstanding. But it's not going to win many ball games against good teams," she said.

### Lady Bears gain transfer

The Lady Bears will welcome Destiny Williams to their roster beginning in the fall of 2010. Williams, a 6-foot forward, transferred from the University of Illinois and is currently enrolled at Baylor.

Ranked the No. 8 senior by ESPN HoopGurlz out of high school, she also averaged 4.5 points for the U.S. U19 National Team at the 2009 U19 World Championships.



SARAH GROMAN | LARIAT STAFF

Women's basketball head coach Kim Mulkey displays her frustrations with a call during Sunday afternoon's 65-56 loss against the University of Nebraska. Mulkey and the No. 10-ranked Lady Bears travel to Columbia, Mo., Saturday afternoon to take on the Tigers.

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tion is conveyed within their respective communities.”

Still, no details on the strengthened affiliations have been made public.

“As you can well imagine, the issues associated with a strengthened affiliation between three very mature organizations are complex and so we are not at liberty presently to say anything specific about our conversations,” Garland said. “I can tell you, however, that we are not interested in any arrangement that would put our campus at undue risk. We are carefully examining the issues related to a strengthened affiliation agreement and will not make any decision until we have completed our due diligence.”

Lori Fogleman, director of media relations, said Garland’s letter was the only statement the university would make at present.

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Jimmy Dorrell, executive director of Mission Waco and the pastor of Church Under the Bridge, said Mission Waco sent \$31,000 to Haiti.

The money was raised from a Christian foundation, local donors and Mission Waco’s project funds.

Along with Niller, Mission Waco is interested in the long-term development of Haiti.

“We have been over there for 20 years, and when the crisis goes away we are going to be there,” Dorrell said.

“And hopefully people will realize it is the development that will be needed down the road.”

Mission Waco is sending a team to Haiti in about six weeks to drill clean-water wells, repair broken and contaminated wells, build up their medical clinic and build a vocational school.

All of these organizations are in need of help from the Waco community and Baylor students.

“Number one is pray, we just believe in prayer and really believe it is making a difference,” Bonney said.

“Our team has seen so much favor with the locals there and other organizations, so we want to keep praying. Number two, if they want to give that’s great. Their donations will be used with integrity and will go far to help.”

Niller also said giving is an important way for people to help and says fundraising ideas are always welcome.

“If other people have ideas for fundraisers and would like to partner with us on that, we would be open to that,” Niller said.

However, Niller stressed that people with specialized skills, such as doctors or engineers, should be the only relief staff in Haiti until the initial chaos is over.

“It is not advisable to go if you don’t have those skills,” Niller said. “You will be consuming resources other people need to survive.”

Dorrell said one of the biggest ways people can help is by genuinely caring.

“The word compassion means to suffer with. It is not just about texting the ten dollars and being done,” Dorrell said.

“We forget it. We don’t care. We are apathetic.”

Dorrell said that to try and walk in the pain of those in need will transform the way people look at life, and help them learn and grow in unbelievable ways.

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senior David Matthew, advanced to nationals.

“I think it’s amazing that we’ve come so far in such a short period of time when we’re going up against established teams with extensive training,” Nowell said.

Nowell and Matthew finished in the top four at the southwest regional, making Baylor one of only a handful of schools to have multiple teams at nationals.

“I thought it was overwhelming and exciting at the same time because I didn’t expect to make it this far,” Nowell said.

Baumann attributed the success to Brogdon’s hard work.

“He has worked hard to get us established in the political science department here at Baylor,” Baumann said.

This is the first year moot court is being offered as a course, for which Brogdon developed the syllabus.

“It’s one of the things you just

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“What you did was horrific ... and I believe you are capable of much more evil.”

As deputies led him from the courtroom, Baker turned to his mother.

“Love you Mom,” he said. “Take care of Kensi and Grace.”

Jurors declined to comment after the trial.

Baker’s attorney Guy James Gray had told jurors that Baker was on trial only because he lied about having an affair.

The state’s key witness was his ex-mistress Vanessa Bulls, who told jurors that Baker slipped his wife the prescription sleep aid Ambien, handcuffed her to the bed under the guise of spicing up their marriage, and smothered her with a pillow after she fell asleep.

Baker told Bulls he typed a suicide note and rubbed Kari’s lifeless hand over it in case it was tested for fingerprints, she testified.

Then he called 911 and said he moved her to the floor, dressed her nude body and began doing CPR, but witnesses testified that was impossible in the few minutes before police arrived.

Baker told a police officer that Kari was fine before he left the house 45 minutes earlier to run errands, but in different media interviews said she was asleep or awake.

He told the officer that the door from the garage to the house was locked and told others that the bedroom door was locked, witnesses testified.

fall into,” Brogdon said, “I didn’t even know what moot court was when I helped them out last year.”

The course prepares students to participate in moot court competitions but does not require them to do so. The class also familiarizes students with hypothetical appellate cases and allows them to develop the capacity for oral argument and analytical legal thinking.

“Even for students who aren’t going to law school, I think this is an invaluable experience,” Brogdon said.

Brogdon said many competitions require students to learn a subject, but moot court is uncharacteristically realistic in that students are doing exactly what attorneys are doing.

“It was a lot of fun and I would highly recommend it to anyone in undergrad to prepare you for law school,” Baumann said.

Baker also searched numerous pharmaceutical Web sites and almost bought Ambien online, according to other testimony.

Ambien was one of three drugs found in Kari Baker’s body, according to the autopsy results.

Shortly after her death, he removed Kari’s pictures and clothes and replaced them with photos of Bulls with his daughters, according to testimony.

He also looked at engagement rings with Bulls.

During sentencing Thursday, four women testified that Baker had made unwanted sexual advances toward them, including one who complained to police of an attempted sexual assault.

Baker also used his church-issued laptop and a computer at a youth center to look at pornographic Web sites and those for married adults who want to have affairs, Noel Kersh, a computer forensics examiner, testified Thursday.

Several people who knew Baker as a child or teen called him a “good guy,” and Sharon Rollins who grew up with him described him as charming and flirtatious, but that she “never took it as an advance.”

Jeanne Lehrmann, a member of a Baptist church in Riesel where Baker was pastor several years ago, testified that he was a fine pastor.

“I truly felt that he is a man of God,” Lehrmann said, adding that she still felt that way and did not believe much of the trial evidence.

Senior earns service award

By TORI LIGGETT  
REPORTER

Alumna Amanda Beattie received the Scholar of Promise Award for 2009 for her service in the community.

Beattie is one of 29 students chosen from universities across the United States, and the only Baylor student to be awarded in 2009.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars awards outstanding individuals for their dedication in improving the lives of children. To receive such an award the individual has to complete 50 hours of youth-oriented community service in a 12-month period, according to the NSCS Web site.

Recognized students are acknowledged on the NSCS Web site and receive a certificate and letter.

“Service has always been an important part of my life,” Beattie said. “During high school I spent time volunteering at church, leadership programs, local soup kitchens and other community programs. It seemed only natural to continue this in college.”

Beattie has been involved in service ever since she was in



Beattie

high school and was invited to join NSCS her freshman year at Baylor.

“My life has been greatly impacted by service. I have many friends and memories that I will always cherish,” Beattie said. “For me, service is much more than just helping out. It is showing others God’s love and compassion.”

She was not only an outstanding student but contributed to service on and off campus. While at Baylor, Beattie participated in the Baylor LEAF program, which allowed her to help children from Spanish-speaking families with their English.

She also volunteered at Meals on Wheels. By applying what she learned in her nutrition science classes, Beattie helped by packaging meals and delivering them.

“Amanda is an extremely hard worker, but at the same time she is very compassionate and considerate of others,” alumnus Bryan Fonville, who worked with Beattie, said.

“I was always amazed at how she was able to balance class work and service in the community. I am not surprised that she has been honored with the Scholar of Promise Award. She was never the type of person to take the recognition, but I know that she will be humbled by the honor.”

Beattie is now living in Houston, working as a dietetic intern at Michael E DeBakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center and con-

tinuing her education by taking classes at Texas Woman’s University-Houston Medical Center.

Moving to a new city has not kept Beattie from continuing to serve. She is currently volunteering at Hugh O’Brien youth leadership, which is dedicated to developing a community of youth and volunteers who take an active part in service.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is an honor society of outstanding freshmen and sophomores who have a 3.4 GPA and rank in the top 20 percent of their class.

NSCS provides students with encouragement and tools to participate in their community and in taking an active part on their campus, according to NSCS Web site.

“Service is an especially important part of our organization,” Steve Loflin, executive director and founder of NSCS, said.

“We are very proud to recognize members who make an effort above and beyond to help to provide children the building blocks they need for a good education.”

NSCS is partners with Americas Promise, an organization for youth growth. Americas Promise Alliance makes children a priority by working on an ongoing drop-out prevention initiative.

They strive to equip kids with the tools to finish school and prepare them for college, according to the America’s Promise Web site.



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Professor Maxey Parrish lectures his public relations class about interviewing Thursday on the steps outside of Moody Memorial Library.

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