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Application flood spurs wait list

By **SARA TIRRITO**
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor admissions department has established a wait list for the applicants in the 2010 freshman class who applied after Feb. 1. As of Tuesday, a record number of 33,776 applications had been submitted.

Jennifer Carron, assistant vice president of admission services, said the main reason the wait list was needed was because of the large number of students who have already confirmed

that they will attend Baylor by paying their deposits.

“It has more to do with the students who’ve raised their hand and said they want to attend Baylor than the number of applications,” Carron said.

Melissa Taylor, assistant director of admissions services, said the wait list would help in managing the size of the freshman class.

“At this point we look at our deposits and determine from there, based upon what we have currently, do we have room for

more?” Taylor said. “So right now May 1 is the national college decision day so students have until May 1 (who have been accepted) to deposit. So at this point we feel as if we have to let these students know that applied after Feb. 1: We need to put you on hold until we find out a little more.”

Carron said the admissions department will monitor the wait list and will contact students as spaces open up.

“If we see significant changes along the way before May 1,

then we would notify students,” Carron said. “It’s likely that we will actually not notify students until after May 1. They will certainly hear from us by the end of May, but if their space does become available, we want to let students know as soon as possible.”

However, Taylor said transfer applicants do not have to be wait-listed.

“Now our transfers — we’re taking applications all the time,” Taylor said. “That application is open and up and running, and

we welcome applications to keep coming.”

Taylor said universities nationwide have been receiving greater numbers of applications because students have the ability to apply online.

“We’ve generally seen the trend in university admissions that students are applying to more schools than they used to, so that causes application numbers to rise and we can’t always trust that 33,000 of these applicants [are serious applicants],” Taylor said. “And that’s a na-

tional trend.”

Taylor said she believes the growing population of applicants is more of a natural increase than a result of changes in recruiting strategies.

“We obviously do change things around to meet the market of the teenagers these days, [using] different avenues than we have in the past,” Taylor said, “but those are intended not to increase numbers but to give

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Early Egg Hunting

Waco graduate student John Sommers plays with Hailey Shaw, daughter of Honors College program coordinator Anna Shaw, Tuesday during Kappa Kappa Gamma’s annual Easter Egg Hunt in Founders Mall.

Freshman ignites anti-smoking bill

By **KATY McDOWALL**
REPORTER

A group of students is opposing an anti-smoking bill which proposes restricting areas on campus where students are permitted to smoke.

The bill, SR 57-19, proposes prohibiting smoking on Baylor grounds, including outdoor areas (Fountain Mall, walkways, sports courts and stadiums), except for certain parking lots around campus.

The bill will be voted on by Student Senate on April 8.

Arecibo, Puerto Rico, freshman Rafael Deliz-Aguirre wrote the bill and brought it to Senate, according to Internal Vice President Michael Wright. Del-

iz-Aguirre is not a member of Student Senate.

“My dad is a pulmonologist; I’ve seen how patients get sick and how secondhand smoke really affects people,” Deliz-Aguirre said.

Deliz-Aguirre said the bill has to protect the rights of students who like to smoke and one way to do that is by allowing them to smoke in certain places.

“When I write this kind of stuff, I usually try to explore the other point of view,” Deliz-Aguirre said. “I’m not trying to implement a smoking ban but to make sure people don’t get secondhand smoke.”

If the bill passes in Student Senate, it will be sent to the offices of the president, provost,

vice president for student life, vice provost for internal affairs, general counsel, Baylor Police and judicial affairs, according to the bill.

“Because this is a senatorial support resolution, it will have no immediate authority but will merely serve as a statement on behalf of Student Senate that we believe this policy should be implemented,” said Daniel Houston, sophomore senator and chair of the senate’s community affairs committee. “The administration will have the final say over whether to implement this policy, a similar one or none at all.”

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Improving relations

US, Russia agree on arms treaty, look toward new future

By **JOHN D. ELIZONDO**
REPORTER

President Obama has successfully completed negotiations for a new arms treaty with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, one week after his health care bill passed.

According to The Associated Press, the new U.S.-Russian arms treaty, named the “New START,” is being considered Obama’s biggest foreign policy accomplishment of his term.

Baylor professor of Russian, Dr. Adrienne Harris, spent the summer of 2009 in Russia and said there was optimism among the Russian people that Obama would restore relations with Russia.



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President Barack Obama discusses the START treaty during a phone call Friday with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev in the Oval Office.

“It was relatively positive at the time and they were excited that we had a new president, but they were wondering what would happen in the future,” Harris said.

The excitement for Obama could have stemmed from the final years of the Bush administration, which had damaged relations with Russia because of

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Lariat named best in Texas

Three student publications garner numerous accolades

By **TORI LIGGETT**
REPORTER

While the Bears made a name for themselves this weekend in Baylor sports, three student-run organizations on campus also had success. The Baylor Lariat, Round Up yearbook and Focus magazine all received awards for their hard work.

This past weekend The Associated Press Managing Edi-

tors of Texas named the Lariat the Collegiate Newspaper of the Year at a convention held in College Station.

Three of the Lariat’s best newspapers from 2009 were judged by professionals in the field.

“This is recognition by external professionals that Baylor University has an outstanding journalism department, and that our students can compete with anyone,” Paul Carr, director of student publications, said.

The Lariat, Round Up yearbook and Focus magazine also received 52 awards in total from the Texas Intercollegiate Press

Association annual convention, held in Kerrville.

The Round Up yearbook took home the sweepstakes award, which is best described as the best all-around collegiate yearbook in Texas.

The Round Up can add this sweepstakes award to their recent recognition as one of eight 2009 Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker finalists. According to Taylor Publishing, this is the first time Round Up has been named a Pacemaker finalist.

“All the accolades, being a finalist for Pacemaker and winning sweepstakes for TIPA, is a

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What is friendly competition?

Students, professors go head to head in second annual Junior Jeopardy

By **HOGAN ALLCORN**
REPORTER

Honors College juniors and professors battled head to head in the second annual Junior Jeopardy competition on Tuesday.

Baylor’s Honors Student Advisory Council, an organization designed to assist the Honors Program in facilitating social events, sponsored the event at the Alexander Reading Room in Alexander Hall. The Baylor Interdisciplinary Core also helped sponsor the event this year.

“It’s just a fun way for students and professors to get together and have fun,” Sarah Marcum, faculty adviser, said.



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El Paso senior Karen Caylor; Ames, Iowa, junior Evan Bassler; Dr. W. Gardner Campbell director of the Academy of Teaching & Learning; and Honors College Program Coordinator Anna Shaw, compete Tuesday for first place in Junior Jeopardy in Alexander Reading Room.

“Honors College freshmen and sophomores have so many activities to take part in while living in Alexander Hall and the

seniors also have events like a senior banquet. We created Junior Jeopardy to give the juniors

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Happiness: based on personal or professional gain?

By DAVID BROOKS
NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST

Two things happened to Sandra Bullock this month. First, she won an Academy Award for best actress. Then came the news reports claiming that her husband is an adulterous jerk. So the philosophic question of the day is: Would you take that as a deal? Would you exchange a tremendous professional triumph for a severe personal blow?

On the one hand, an Academy Award is nothing to sneeze at. Bullock has earned the admiration of her peers in a way very few experience. She'll make more money for years to come. She may even live longer. Research by Donald Redelmeier and Sheldon Singh has found that, on average, Oscar winners live nearly four years longer than nominees who don't win.

Nonetheless, if you had to take more than three seconds to think

ence growth. Does wealth inflame unrealistic expectations? Does it destabilize settled relationships? Or does it flow from a virtuous cycle in which an interesting job produces hard work that in turn leads to more interesting opportunities?

If the relationship between money and well-being is complicated, the correspondence between personal relationships and happiness is not.

The daily activities most associated with happiness are sex, socializing after work and having dinner with others. The daily activity most injurious to happiness is commuting. According to one study, joining a group that meets even just once a month produces the same happiness gain as doubling your income. According to another, being married produces a psychic gain equivalent to more than \$100,000 a year.

If you want to find a good place

“If the relationship between money and well-being is complicated, the correspondence between personal relationships and happiness is not. ”

about this question, you are absolutely crazy. Marital happiness is far more important than anything else in determining personal well-being.

If you have a successful marriage, it doesn't matter how many professional setbacks you endure, you will be reasonably happy. If you have an unsuccessful marriage, it doesn't matter how many career triumphs you record, you will remain significantly unfulfilled.

This isn't just sermonizing. This is the age of research, so there's data to back this up.

Over the past few decades, teams of researchers have been studying happiness. Their work, which seemed flimsy at first, has developed an impressive rigor, and one of the key findings is that, just as the old sages predicted, worldly success has shallow roots while interpersonal bonds permeate through and through.

For example, the relationship between happiness and income is complicated, and after a point, tenuous. It is true that poor nations become happier as they become middle-class nations.

But once the basic necessities have been achieved, future income is lightly connected to well-being. Growing countries are slightly less happy than countries with slower growth rates, according to Carol Graham of the Brookings Institution and Eduardo Lora.

The United States is much richer than it was 50 years ago, but this has produced no measurable increase in overall happiness. On the other hand, it has become a much more unequal country, but this inequality doesn't seem to have reduced national happiness.

On a personal scale, winning the lottery doesn't seem to produce lasting gains in well-being. People aren't happiest during the years when they are winning the most promotions. Instead, people are happy in their 20s, dip in middle age and then, on average, hit peak happiness just after retirement at age 65.

People get slightly happier as they climb the income scale, but this depends on how they experi-

to live, just ask people if they trust their neighbors. Levels of social trust vary enormously, but countries with high social trust have happier people, better health, more efficient government, more economic growth and less fear of crime (regardless of whether actual crime rates are increasing or decreasing).

The overall impression from this research is that economic and professional success exists on the surface of life, and that they emerge out of interpersonal relationships, which are much deeper and more important.

The second impression is that most of us pay attention to the wrong things. Most people vastly overestimate the extent to which more money would improve our lives.

Most schools and colleges spend too much time preparing students for careers and not enough preparing them to make social decisions. Most governments release a ton of data on economic trends but not enough on trust and other social conditions.

In short, modern societies have developed vast institutions oriented around the things that are easy to count, not around the things that matter most. They have an affinity for material concerns and a primordial fear of moral and social ones.

This may be changing. There is a rash of compelling books – including “The Hidden Wealth of Nations” by David Halpern and “The Politics of Happiness” by Derek Bok – that argue that public institutions should pay attention to well-being and not just material growth narrowly conceived.

Governments keep initiating policies they think will produce prosperity, only to get sacked, time and again, from their spiritual blind side.

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Standardized testing: nearly ineffective method for measuring aptitude

Editorial

In America, we don't pick presidents based on their SAT scores. If we did, our 42nd and 43rd presidents may have never seen the Oval Office.

Bill Clinton, with a very modest 1032 SAT score, not only graduated Georgetown University as Phi Beta Kappa, but also won a prestigious Rhodes scholarship to study at Oxford. George W. Bush graduated Yale after scoring a rather average 1206 on his SAT.

That's right. Two of our most recent presidents defied the dogma of most colleges and universities — that SAT scores are an accurate measure of success.

Shocking? Not really.

The conversation about the value of SAT scores has been around for decades, but it seems that only recently have test-optional admissions policies begun to multiply in the U.S.

According to Fairtest.org, the National Center for Fair and Open Testing's Web site, more than 800 institutions have gone test optional — one-third of the 2,500 four-year accredited U.S. institutions.

While the list is composed mostly of technical colleges, nearly three dozen are liberal arts schools. In fact, highly selective Wake Forest University in North Carolina and George Mason University in Virginia have enacted such innovative policies.

This is good news. It's a win for those traditionally underrepresented by standardized tests.

Test-optional policies range widely in their criteria, but a simple example is that of George Mason, which allows high school seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and a rank in the top 20 percent of their class to omit ACT and SAT scores from their application packets. Other policies may be more complex and allow students to submit pieces of outstanding academic

education will likely have a positive effect on test scores in the future, something should be done now to ensure the current factors do not play negatively into the acceptance of minorities in to colleges.

The growing list of schools that provide alternative options to standardized testing is proof that higher academia has realized the problems of hinging admission on test scores and has taken the risky leap of looking beyond them for application purposes.

The transition to going test optional is not an easy one. Although it is glamorized and touted as the solution, it is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor for most institutions. It presents the hang-up of deciding on merit-based awards, the issue of hiring additional staff to pore over unique applications and inconsistencies with national score reporting.

However, despite these challenges of implementation, test-optional policies open doors for the future of college education in America.

Underrepresented minorities and those with disabilities that hinder testing aptitude benefit greatly in the ability to exhibit academic talent in other ways.

It should be a primary goal of the nation's colleges and universities to evaluate student data to determine how heavily SAT and ACT scores actually factor in to student success at their individual schools. If the findings mirror that of schools like Ursinus College, which decided to go test optional after finding that while their students' high school GPA played a large part, test scores added little to the predictive equation — then the school should consider altering its policy.

Moreover, it is pivotal to this movement that top-tier universities not simply jump on board, but also take the lead in instituting new approaches to admission that more holistically consider applicants' potential.

or creative work in lieu of scores.

Baylor was brought into this conversation nearly two years ago when it was brought to light that the university rewarded 151 incoming freshman for retaking the SAT and boosting their score. The story made waves nationally and led advocate organizations to use this as an example in questioning the national use of standardized test scores for college admissions.

This was a singular case, but it showed how the use of testing for admissions has become such a hot button in the realm of higher education. The conversation was important in sparking universities to consider fairer admission practices.

The National Association for College Admission Counseling testing commission urged colleges in a 2008 report to not rely on test scores to predict success of first-year performance based on their inability to do so.

Poor predication of success is only one issue.

The SAT and ACT may be discriminatory as well. According to an Aug. 8, 2009, article in The Wall Street Journal, the gap between the SAT performance of whites and Asians and that of Hispanics, American Indians and blacks is only growing. Thus, these minority groups have a significantly lesser chance of acceptance at institutions that still rely heavily on test scores for admission.

With Obama's push to increase minority higher education, it seems more important than ever to consider the ramifications and possible discrimination that accompanies such a reliance on test scores.

The possibility that poor education and economic suppression factors heavily into minorities' test scores proves even more reason to move away from the outdated system. While bolstering

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Please Recycle This Issue

BU receives license for entrepreneurial curriculum

By SARA TIRRITO
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Baylor recently received an exclusive license to sell Enable Ventures Inc.'s Supercoach Entrepreneurial Training curriculum in the Central Texas region. The curriculum is designed to help its users teach inventors and innovators the entrepreneurial skills they need to successfully market their products.

Dr. Greg Leman, clinical professor and director for the University Entrepreneurial Initiative at Baylor, was also announced as a certified Supercoach instructor, meaning that he can teach workshops at Baylor, as well as other institutions.

Sharon Ballard, president and CEO of EVI, developed the curriculum.

"This curriculum was developed originally to efficiently and effectively help scientists and engineers to research, communicate and execute their business story around their invention," Ballard said. "It's very technology based; it's very practical. It also employs a coaching methodology — we don't give the answers; we ask them lots of questions. It's called

experiential learning — they learn by doing."

Ballard said the curriculum is meant to help the inventors create a business story that will give them the ability to procure the resources they need to have their product marketed.

"That's what we do with this curriculum that has been so difficult to find otherwise — we basically have them create a viable business story based on their innovation or invention that will then enable them to attract the time, talent and treasure they need to make the story true," Ballard said. "We give them all of the ways of thinking about their business based on their invention so that they can get the resources they need to make it real."

Ballard said Baylor's exclusive license is one of about half a dozen in the U.S. and is beneficial to Baylor because it allows the university to sell the curriculum to other colleges and universities.

"Baylor has an exclusive license to Central Texas, so the only store in Central Texas that anybody can get this curriculum is through Baylor, so [Baylor has] a chance to grow their own offer-

ings exclusively," Ballard said. "I know that there are other educational institutions in the exclusive Baylor territory that have expressed interest in this curriculum, so they must come through Baylor to buy it, so that gives Baylor something more to sell."

Ballard said it is rare for business schools to understand entrepreneurship in the way that Baylor does.

"As a mature adult, entrepreneurship to most business schools is much like piercings and tattoos are to my generation — we know it's not going away, but it's not necessarily respected. So as a subject called entrepreneurship, academically it's not as respected, it's a new art and science, so we don't have a lot to draw on for the scientists and engineers," Ballard said. "On the one hand we don't have this large background of academic research on the subject of entrepreneurship, so what we draw on is the been there, done that executive — Baylor understands that you need both."

Leman said Baylor's licensure has helped the university to begin discussions with UT-Austin for a joint proposal to business

incubators in Chile, and that the curriculum will be useful in business incubation with the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative.

"The BRIC is like the hardware; this training is like the software," Leman said. "If you build a great place for companies to come but you don't have the know-how to teach them how to succeed once they get here, it's not nearly as good as if coming here opens them up to a whole new package of know-how."

Leman said joining the network also enabled him to use the curriculum in his classes, where he gets student groups involved in directly helping inventors come up with business plans to sell their products, and that his certification allows him to teach it anywhere worldwide.

"I can teach it here in Waco or any other place that a network needs a workshop leader," Leman said. "What's significant about that for Baylor is we've now joined a growing network of collaborators using the Supercoach Entrepreneurial Training as their primary curriculum for teaching technology entrepreneurship, including U.C. San Diego, Arizona

State, the University of Glasgow in Scotland, the University of Finland, and my work in China."

Leman said his student groups have already begun working with three Baylor professors and inventors in Waxahachie and Houston who wanted assistance in creating business plans to market their products. He said he hopes that the Waco community will realize that the curriculum can be beneficial to them as well.

"One thing its important to me that people in the community understand is this is not only good for Baylor students, but can help economic growth in the community by helping technology-based companies who need assistance taking their ideas to market," Leman said. "I really would like to increase awareness here in Waco so when people have ideas and don't have time to focus on them as much as they need, they can turn to us and we can assist them by bringing a world-class process and strong student assistance to help them."

Dr. Brian Garner, associate professor of mechanical engineering, who has been working with Leman and his student groups to create a business plan

for marketing his product, said Leman's work is important to help inventors' products fulfill their purposes.

"Particularly, as an engineer, we like to create and develop things that are useful and would be beneficial for people to use, and unless they get out into the market, it's not going to achieve the purpose for which it was created," Garner said. "So Dr. Leman's work is helping those of us who are creators to actually bring our creations into use and practice through the market. Someone like Greg really helps us be able to learn and execute the steps necessary to make that happen."

Leman said students who want to get involved can sign up for his courses. Leman teaches ENT 4330, which is corporate entrepreneurship, and ENT 4340/5341, which is technology entrepreneurship. Those interested in becoming part of a student team that works with a company and receiving the Supercoach Entrepreneurship Training should register for 4340/5341, or consider becoming part of Baylor in Shanghai if they are interested in doing the training in China.

Counseling Center offers Mindfulness, Meditation workshops

By STEPHANIE LEE
REPORTER

Baylor students are trying something new — relaxation.

The Counseling Center is launching a new program that includes Mindfulness and Meditation workshops. They will be held at 2 p.m. today and at 3:30 Thursday in the Baylor Counseling Center. Dr. Roderick Hetzel, a staff psychologist in the Counseling Center, said the program serves many purposes for students.

"The purpose of M&M Hours is to equip students with knowledge and skills in various relaxation, meditation and mindfulness practices. Each session will focus on a different practice to

help students feel less stressed, more relaxed and more empowered to reach their goals," Hetzel said.

Hetzel also believes that the definitions of meditation and mindfulness are complex. However, he believes that it is essential for students to know what these terms mean before beginning the program.

"Meditation is simply the practice of paying attention. It involves intentional attention to a particular object, such as a short reading passage, or a particular activity, such as the sensation of breathing or moving the body for a particular purpose. People from many faith traditions, including Christianity, have practiced meditation for thousands of years,"

Hetzel said.

"The aim of meditation is to awaken us to our lives. Mindfulness is the practice of paying to the present moment.

"Mindfulness practices help us to develop and nourish our awareness of the present moment and to make decisions in our life about based on what is happening to us in the present moment, rather than what has happened to us in the past or what we are afraid may happen in the future."

He said that a wide range of meditation, mindfulness and relaxation techniques will be presented.

"We can have 20 to 30 students in each group," Hetzel said. "We want to give students an oppor-

tunity to learn what works best for them in feeling more relaxed and less stressed. The practices of meditation, relaxation and mindfulness that students will be introduced to are included, but not limited to: body awareness exercises, progressive relaxation and different practices of visualization, meditation and mindfulness."

Lake Jackson freshman Amy Freeman feels strongly about meditation practices.

"Meditation helps me delve into thought and the mysteries of Christ," Freeman said. "One of my favorite ways of meditating is through the rosary. It opens my heart and mind to understand the mysteries better. This mystery also brings to mind the Incarna-

tion and how God so loves so much that he became man, even a tiny embryo."

Freeman also uses another technique for meditation.

"Another great way to meditate is with Scripture. I pick out a passage and read it slowly several times, with time in between. Sometimes, I try to imagine the story and place myself in it," Freeman said.

Suwanee, Ga., junior Rachel Moye has a different method for relaxation.


"I am currently taking the yoga class offered at Baylor. This is my first semester doing yoga. I love yoga," Moye said, "It helps me focus on things, such as breathing, relaxing and stretching. It's like a full -body workout without

even realizing it because it is so relaxing. It helps you get a break in the day, focus on yourself and nothing else around you."

Hetzel has high hopes and goals for the future.

"This week, we are offering a self-compassion and acceptance meditation to help students cope with difficult emotions. In the future, we plan to offer a mindfulness eating meditation that will help students become more aware of how they eat, understand the connection between and emotions and be more intentional about their well-being," Hetzel said.

To schedule an appointment for a session, students are encouraged to contact the Counseling Center at 254-710-2467.



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Los Angeles, stars, studios: all in a spring break

By JAMES BYERS
REPORTER

For two Baylor film and digital media majors, spring break was more than a chance to relax on a beach.

Austin junior Anthony Jacobs and Katy junior Kent Cook spent their breaks in Los Angeles acquiring valuable career experiences. And they both met some celebrities along the way.

Film and digital media faculty members Brian Elliott, Dr. Corey Carbonara and Dr. Michael Korpi helped Jacobs and Cook connect with Baylor alumni in Los Angeles.

“When our students get a chance to either shadow or work as interns, it’s a marvelous opportunity for them to put into action the very things that they’re learning in the classroom,” said Carbonara, professor of film and digital media, a division of the communication studies department.

Cook shadowed Baylor alumnus B.K. Garceau at Big Picture Entertainment and Jacobs spent time at multiple television networks and movie studios.

On Cook’s flight to Burbank, Calif., he met someone whose



COURTESY: KENT COOK

Kent Cook, a Katy junior, was one of two film and digital media majors to travel to Los Angeles over spring break. Cook worked at Big Picture Entertainment, a company that compiles and edits movie trailers.

name likely causes the hearts of many female students to flutter: actor Channing Tatum.

The two chatted for several minutes about the merits of starring in an action film versus a romance film.

“He was really chill. He

seemed normal,” Cook said.

But the encounter with Tatum was only a brief prelude to a full week of work at Big Picture Entertainment, a company that edits and compiles movie trailers.

The company turned out to be a perfect fit for Cook, who calls

editing his passion.

“Basically, whatever I can get my hands on to edit, I do,” he said. “The more experience you have, the better.”

Cook was encouraged to find that the company uses the editing software Final Cut Pro, the same

software he uses in his production classes at Baylor.

“I felt like I had an upper edge because I know Final Cut Pro pretty extensively, so watching the editors use Final Cut Pro, it just made sense,” he said.

Cook spent most of his time observing the editing process and running errands, although he’s not allowed to say which films the company was creating trailers for.

While he aspires to edit feature films someday, Cook said editing trailers is a good place to start.

“I love the concept of having two and a half minutes to really hook somebody,” he said. “Trailer editing is not just putting clips together. You have to be visually creative and have an artistic touch.”

Unlike Cook, Jacobs didn’t spend his break with one company. He visited Paramount, CBS, NBC and ABC, where he primarily observed the promotional side of the business.

For example, at CBS he shadowed an employee who was creating promotional spots for “Survivor” and “The Amazing Race.” He was also allowed to observe several creative meetings.

Jacobs said he didn’t feel out of place in the professional environment.

“I honestly didn’t feel very overwhelmed,” he said. “I wasn’t as polished yet as these people, obviously, but it’s something I could see myself doing in the future.”

Like Cook, Jacobs had a celebrity sighting.

While at CBS, he ran into actors Chris O’Donnell and LL Cool J, the stars of “NCIS: Los Angeles.”

But his favorite encounter, he said, was meeting the dog that stars in the Travelers Insurance commercials.

“That was probably the coolest one of all,” he said.

Both Cook and Jacobs see their brief time in Los Angeles as a stepping stone to a future career in the film and television industries.

“Hopefully some of the connections that I’ve made will translate to a possible internship or job opportunity later,” Jacobs said.

For Cook, such an opportunity has already come up. He accepted an invitation to return to Big Picture Entertainment in May for a summer internship.

‘Hot Tub Time Machine’ proves to be as sloppy as its name

By JAMES BLAKE EWING
REPORTER

There’s a hot tub that can travel through time. This idea alone sets up what should be a film so ridiculous and unrestrained that it can’t help but be funny.

MOVIE | REVIEW

“Hot Tub Time Machine” is certainly ridiculous and unrestrained. However, it fails to be funny.

Four friends, Adam (John Cusack), Nick (Craig Robinson), Lou (Rob Corddry) and Jacob (Clark Duke), return to the sight of one of the most insane party places of the 80’s.

However, a lot has changed since 1986 and the resort is all but run down. But with a bit of alcohol, male bonding and a hot tub that can travel through time, the gang ends up back in 1986.

Trying to question the logic of

this film seems foolish. The entire film is built on the premise that there exists a hot tub that can travel through time.

But if one was to question the logic, one would find that the entire conceit of time travel is simply a means for sloppy writing.

On the one hand, the film wants to presuppose that the time travelers must relive their pasts exactly or pay the consequences, creating a basic conflict.

Yet much like the characters, when the going gets tough the writers bend the rules of time every which way to set up a situation. In the case of the characters, it is a better future and in the case of the writers, it is a joke.

The jokes are all the film has to sustain itself and they fail miserably. A little advice to all aspiring comedic screenwriters: projectile vomiting is not funny no matter how many times you put it in your film.

Most of the jokes revolve around the crass body humor that a 13-year-old would snicker

at or over-the-top situations that fail to nail good comedic timing.

When it is not failing through crude humor, the film tries to get a laugh by doing something offensive or mean spirited and hope audiences laugh at it just from how deeply and utterly wrong it is.

Shock value will get some laughs, but it’s always the kind of “this is so disturbing I shouldn’t be laughing at it but don’t know what else to do” laugh.

The film does have just one gag that runs the entire film. It proves amusing. It’s based in the kind of darkly morbid and gleefully disturbing humor that made Alfred Hitchcock such an agreeable personality.

Too bad the rest of the film is so disagreeable that outside that one gag, this film critic can count the number of times he laughed on one hand.

Beyond the attempt at comedy, the film has little to offer. Character development is nonexistent. The plot takes a nose-dive



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Clark Duke, Craig Robinson, John Cusack and Rob Corddry are shown in a scene from “Hot Tub Time Machine.”

after the entire hot tub incident.

Any kind of interesting thematic conflict between ideas of free will and predestination that usually perpetuate time traveling movies are quickly reduced

to sappy sentimentality and simplistic screenwriting.

The idea that such nonsense is committed to the pages of a script, let alone made into a movie, is depressing.

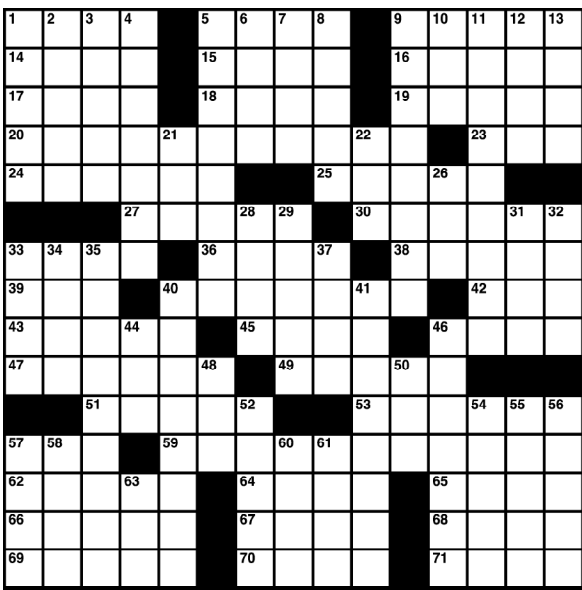
Plus, the fact that the nonsense isn’t funny is likely to make one lose faith in humankind, or at least in Hollywood.

Grade: F

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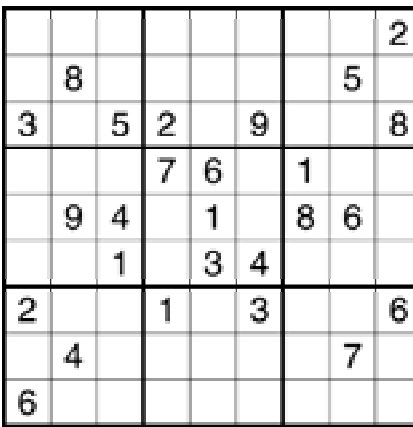
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Brittney Griner (No. 42) raises her hand for a sic 'em after Monday night's 51-48 victory against Duke University. Griner and the Lady Bears advanced to the Final Four for the second time in school history.

Griner's maturation instrumental in Baylor's Final Four appearance

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

Heading into her freshman campaign, Brittney Griner said she never saw herself claiming the Most Valuable Player honor of an entire NCAA tournament region.

Now with four wins and 35 blocks in March Madness, Griner has cemented her role as a dominant figure in women's basketball for years to come.

"I think it would be kind of funny to be 6-8 and not have any blocks at all. You just see the shot and try to throw it out-of-bounds," Griner said after Monday's win over the No. 2 seeded Duke Blue Devils.

Fighting around heavy contact, the Houston native now ranks third in the Big 12 with 18.6 points per game through 36 contests. Her inside presence has helped Baylor hold opponents to 56 points per game, good for second in the league.

With the success, though, came unpredictable struggles at times. Even aside from the

inconsistencies that coach Kim Mulkey expected from her first-year players, Griner's punch in a road matchup against Texas Tech threatened to alter the second team All-American's aggressive mindset on the court.

In Griner's first game back, a Big 12 quarterfinal game against Oklahoma, she received some boos and appeared to begin the game timidly. Griner managed four field goal attempts in the first half as part of her 13-point performance in Baylor's 59-54 loss.

"I thought she wasn't probably as much of a presence in the paint as she had been. I thought she was tentative," Mulkey said.

Griner entered the tournament determined to be the inside force that demanded attention from teams earlier in the year. But against Fresno State, first-tournament jitters kept Griner from finding an early groove as she struggled to 2 of 8 from the field in the first half and 2 of 6 from the charity stripe.

"It's my first NCAA tournament game so I was a little nervous, but I got going after knock-

ing down some shots and looked to my confidence to keep me going," Griner said.

Then Griner exploded for 14 blocks in the Lady Bears' 49-33 win over Georgetown and another 10 rejections to send Baylor past Tennessee and into the Elite Eight.

"Brittney's been getting back in her rhythm that she used to be in. When it came down to it, in a big game against Tennessee, she's going to come out and play to the best of her ability, and that's what she did tonight," junior guard Melissa Jones said.

With a chance to cut down the net for the first time in her life, the freshman center finished one block shy of a triple-double to help Baylor beat Duke, 51-48.

Regardless of her Final Four performance against UConn's 6-foot-4, first-team All American Tina Charles, Griner is here to be coached, improve and help elevate her team to elite status.

"It was so appropriate that she made a hard, strong move, layup over the front of the rim to take the lead," Mulkey said after beating the Blue Devils.

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something that's really fun and unique to them." Marcum explained how some categories favor students and others favor the professors.

"In some categories like a technology or pop culture category, the juniors have the advantage while in categories that pertain more to academics, the professors have the advantage," Marcum said.

Category titles included "R.I.P. Celebrities," "Mama Media," "Latin, It's Greek To Me" and "Lions, Tigers and Scandals, Oh My!"

The competition saw four Baylor Honors College juniors face four of their favorite professors, including Honors Program Director Dr. Andrew Wisely and Dr. Sarah-Jane Murray of the Honors Residential College.

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real shot in the arm for our book. It solidifies what we have been working on for the last four years to make a book that is both approachable and understandable for the students here, but that also maintains the integrity of the quality of publication that is upheld through the rest of the state and the nation," said Ryan Brinson, editor-in-chief of Round Up. "It affirms why we spend so much time working on print while the rest of the world is going digital. We are winning awards for what we are doing on paper."

Some students have also been recognized individually for their work during 2009.

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United States missile defenses located near Russia, expansion of NATO and the invasion of Georgia in August of 2008.

St. Louis junior Kyle Van Hecke is an international business in Russia major and has followed the developments very closely.

"There has been a threat of a nuclear war," Van Hecke said. "That is sort of a flexing of muscles between the United States and Russia, because Russia wants to be more respected by the United States and they haven't gotten it."

Van Hecke also said Russia felt betrayed by the United States during August 2008 when American news outlets portrayed Russia in a bad light because of the attacks against Georgia. Van

"If anyone gives me a list of all of the right answers I'll give them an 'A' in my class," Murray said jokingly as the game started.

Houston senior and HSAC president Jessica Foster helped coordinate the event.

"Honors College students are really hard to entertain," Foster said. "They are such dedicated students who are always in the library doing homework and studying for tests. In order for them to come to a social event like this you have to throw academics at them. This is why Junior Jeopardy is perfect for these guys. Even if they end up coming and talking about their classes, at least they are out of their dorm room and the library for a little while." Foster also said that it is important for upperclassmen to not lose their connection with

fellow Honor College students or their professors. The first two rounds of the game eliminated two professors and two students. Then, Double Jeopardy allowed the students and professors challenge each other directly.

Dr. Gardner Campbell, professor of literature and media claimed the title of overall champion and El Paso's Karen Caylor was the top student contestant.

All participants received gift certificates to various Waco restaurants including El Chico, On the Border, Don Carlos and Cold Stone Creamery. Kansas City, Mo., freshman Andrew Hansen, dressed in a suit and tie, played the role of Alex Trebek for the evening. "When the gap lessens between student and professors, a better learning environment is created," Hansen said.

The late Jordan Wilson was recognized for his photography skills by the Society of Professional Journalists.

Wilson, a Round Up photographer and Lariat correspondent for Barack Obama's presidential inauguration, won first place in the feature photograph category in region 8, a region that covers all of Texas and Oklahoma. His photograph will now compete in the national competition. Wilson's photo was also awarded third in the nation from the Associated Collegiate Press.

The Lariat's online coverage of the tragedy at Fort Hood was also awarded first place by the Society of Professional Journalists

Hecke said the events leading to the attack did not get the attention they deserved.

"Georgia had invaded South Ossetia and while in South Ossetia there was a small group of Russian troops that were also stationed there and there were Georgian troops killed them," Van Hecke said.

In hindsight it was proven that Russia was not as responsible for the war between the two countries as some believed, but the United States then decided to intervene and aid Georgia, which then made the Russians angry.

According to The Associated Press, the new treaty is set to be signed in Prague, Czech Republic, on April 8 and will replace the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, also known as START, that

expired last December. The New START will take effect if the U.S. Senate and Russian Duma ratify it. History professor Dr. Julie deGraffenried thinks the reduction of arms and the commonalities between the two countries are crucial for a future strong relationship with Russia.

"It is important that United States negotiated with Russia with the intention of equal status," deGraffenried said. "It is unpredictable what our relationship will be like in the future."

According to The Associated Press, Obama hopes this new treaty will help decrease the number of nuclear weapons between the two countries and thinks that the United States and Russia relationship will better the world.

Sports Briefs

Equestrian team claims first Big 12 championship

The seventh-ranked Baylor equestrian team defeated third-ranked Texas A&M 9-6 on Saturday afternoon to win its first Big 12 championship.

Three Lady Bears earned MVP honors. Lisa Goldman earned MVP honors with a score of 170 in Equitation over Fences. Mary Smitson received her honors after scoring a 166 in Equitation on the Flat and Amber Mooney earned her MVP honors after her 147-144.5 victory in the reining competition.

The Lady Bears will be back in action April 15 when they compete in the National Championships in the Heart of Texas Coliseum in Waco.

Udoh named honorable mention AP All-America

Junior forward Ekpe Udoh was named honorable mention AP All-America on Tuesday afternoon. Udoh, who set the Big 12 record with 133 blocked shots this season. Udoh was the first Baylor player in the Big 12 era to be named newcomer of the year and played a pivotal role in helping the Bears reach the Elite Eight for the first time since 1950.

Tennis topples Stanford

The eighth-ranked Baylor tennis team will travel to Palo Alto, Calif., to take on the No. 15 Stanford Cardinals on Tuesday.

This will be the eighth meeting in the past seven years for the two teams.

The two teams face off for the HP Cup once a year.

The Bears enter the match on a two-match win streak after shutting out both Abilene Christian and St. Edward's on Saturday.

The Bears hope to extend their undefeated streak against Stanford. The Bears are 9-0 against the Cardinal in a series that dates back to 1999.

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Wellborn started a Facebook group Monday named, Burn the Ban: Oppositon to the On-Campus Smoking Ban, which opposes the bill and now has more than 60 members.

Wellborn said while he understands the safety and health concerns, the bill is not conducive to people who smoke because it limits them to so few locations, none of which are near the library or the science building, where most of his classes are.

“On a stressful day I’d like to go to a closer location,” Wellborn said.

Wellborn said if the bill passes in Student Senate and through administrators, it would be a violation of rights.

In addition to restricting locations for smokers, the bill recommends the implementation of the court fines for the City of Waco provision that requires a \$180 fine for smoking within 20 feet of any entrance to public-accessed buildings and/or enforcement of smoking regulations to smokers with a minimum of 25 percent of the maximum fine.

The maximum fine would be \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense, but the bill recommends that Student Court will have the power to lower fines.

“It’s ridiculous to think anyone is going to follow this in the first place,” Wellborn said. “I, personally, am probably not going to follow it.”

Kilgore senior Preston Miller, an officer in the Facebook group, said he feels something should be done about litter and fire safety, but this bill is not particularly the best way to go about things, especially because it limits smoking areas to parking lots, some that are mostly faculty lots.

“The parking lot that they’re talking about is mostly faculty parking,” Miller said. “If I was a teacher I wouldn’t want a bunch of kids hanging around my car smoking.”

Miller said he is not a smoker, but he has a lot of friends, as well as professors, who smoke and will be affected without their consent.

“It’s taking away from our rights to smoke where we want,” said Rockwell senior Josh Luxton, an officer in the Facebook group. “I feel like we’re being violated.”

Deliz Aguirre said the current version of the bill includes more smoking areas than previous drafts.

The previous version of the bill only included the Law School Parking Lot, Martin Residential Hall Southwest Parking Lot, Penland Residential Hall Northeast Parking Lot and Sid Richardson-Morrison Hall-Hankamer School of Business Northeast Parking Lot.

Houston said he is not sure whether the bill will pass next week in Senate.

“I do know that debate is likely to be quite contentious regardless of the outcome, based on my discussions with some of the other senators,” Houston said.

Angela Gray, sophomore senator and chair of senate’s public relations committee, said that students opposing the bill is a wonderful thing.

“This is exactly what I love to see, as a senator,” Gray said. “This way, I can better voice the opinions of my constituents, rather than my personal opinion, by knowing exactly what students desire.”

Student Senate will vote on the bill at their weekly meeting 5 p.m. April 8 in Cashion 403. The meeting is open to the public.

According to the proposed bill, smoking would be allowed in the following places once enacted:

- Barbecue area southeast of Russell Hall
- Baylor Science Building South Parking Lot
- Castellaw Northeast Parking Lot
- Dawson-Allen Residential Hall Southwest Parking Lot
- Law School Southwest Parking Lot
- Martin Residential Hall Southwest Parking Lot
- Penland Residential Hall Northeast Parking Lot
- Sid Richardson-Morrison Hall-Hankamer School of Business Northeast Parking Lot.

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students opportunities to interact with somebody from the university on a more personal basis.”

Carron said getting the university’s name out with the help of the marketing and communications department has also helped increase application numbers.

“Us being strategic in getting our name out to all of the different avenues that students are searching for universities such as online search programs, online college fairs, as well as being strategic in the way that we travel as well as market the university holistically, has contributed to the rise in applications,” Carron said.

Taylor said because of the increase in applications, the acceptance rate will be lower this year.

She said about 48 percent of the applicants have been accepted so far, and that she doesn’t expect the final acceptance rate to be much higher.

Carron said the number of freshmen accepted would be similar to past years.

She said only up to 3,100 new freshmen can be enrolled because of limitations such as housing.

Lori Fogleman, director of media relations, said she sees the need for a wait list as a good thing.

“I think we’re 9 percent ahead of where we were last year,” Fogleman said, “and having that many applicants and that many students interested in Baylor and having to do the responsible

thing and start a wait list-- that’s a good problem to have.”

“The number of applicants we have seen in the past few years mirrors the number of freshmen applicants that UT and A&M have seen.”

Jennifer Carron
Assistant Vice President of Admission Services

Carron said the number of applications Baylor has received

is comparable to the number received by the University of Texas and Texas A&M University.

“I think it’s exciting for the university,” Carron said. “The number of applicants we have seen in the past few years mirrors the number of freshman applicants that UT and A&M have seen.

I think it’s an outstanding statement that we have the same number of applicants as those public flagship universities.”

Fogleman said the large number of applicants indicates that more people are noticing Baylor and like what the university offers.

“I think a lot of prospective students and their parents are

choosing Baylor because it’s a great university,” Fogleman said.

“We’ve got a vibrant campus community, world-class faculty to provide personal attention to our students, and all of that is against the backdrop of a Christian environment and that appeals to a lot of students and families.”

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