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Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life, speaks with members of Soulforce about human sexuality and university policies during Dr Pepper Hour on Tuesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Equality ride makes BU stop

Soulforce members reach out to campus, hold off-campus event

BY LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

Members of the equal rights advocacy group Soulforce visited campus Tuesday in an attempt to promote messages of love and acceptance.

The group has been traveling to colleges around the nation as part of its Equality Ride, with the hopes of changing what it considers to be harmful or restrictive school policies on human sexuality.

Jaxon Lindars, one of the organizers for the ride's stop at Baylor, said the Baylor visit has been good.

"The majority of people that I've talked to have agreed that [Baylor's stance on human sexuality] should be changed to one that's more accepting and kind of agrees with our message," Lindars said.

In an e-mail sent Monday, Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life, informed students that Soulforce would be visiting campus and explained

the university's reasoning for allowing the group on campus.

"We have been in touch with Soulforce and have informed them that while we respect the right of this organization to hold its views, we also ask that they respect our right as a private university not to support events and activities that are inconsistent with our mission," the e-mail stated. "Therefore, we have declined to sponsor Soulforce's dialogue or organized activities. In addition, we have informed them of university policies, which stipulate that visitors to our campus may engage in one-on-one conversations or small group discussions in public areas as long as these interactions are not coercive or disruptive to our community members."

Campus policy also states that visitors are not allowed to distribute written materials, post information or conduct any other forms of solicitation that could be disruptive to students or the campus community.

Jackson said Soulforce has been provided this information both in writing and verbally.

Lindars said that though this e-mail had been sent, many Baylor students he spoke with didn't know Soulforce's pur-



DANIEL CERNERO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Soulforce bus sits at a community gathering Tuesday, at the Bledsoe Miller Recreation Center. The 2010 Equality Ride is a tour of 16 different colleges and universities in the nation to discuss equality.

pose on campus.

"I've had between five and 10, maybe 15 students come up and talk to me, but the majority of students that have walked by have completely ignored the fact that we are here," Lindars said. "Some of them, though the e-mail was sent out [Monday], some of them didn't even know that the e-mail existed. It's been really interesting."

Jackson said that he had received a number of responses to the e-mail.

"On the whole, when I look at the responses I've received, all were very consistent with this notion of greeting our visitors with Christian love," Jackson said. "That would be the thing for me. Almost every interaction I've had over this reinforces this notion of truth and love. Baylor's mission is based on biblical truth and extending love. Even if people disagreed with some of the communication, the re-

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Notable journalist talks on need for global perspective

Lisa Ling tells of her task to find unknown stories of the world

BY LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

In front of a crowd of about 500 members of the Waco community, journalist and American icon Lisa Ling took the stage at McLennan Community College's Monday night lecture to discuss her life and work.

The lecture was part of MCC's Distinguished Lecture Series, where other speakers have included Afghan-American author Tamim Ansary; Nobel prize winner and co-discoverer of DNA, Dr. James Watson; former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich; author of Warren Buffet's biography, Alice Schroeder; and Bill Nye the Science Guy.

The speech, titled "The Importance of a Global Perspective," focused mostly on Ling's experiences, letting them explain the value of telling the untold stories of the international community.

"I want to raise consciousness about issues and stories that don't always make the headlines," Ling explained on her Web site. "I believe that global awareness makes a person smarter and ultimately more human."

Ling started her speech with a thank you to the many people who prayed for the safe return of her younger sister Laura, who was arrested in North Korea in March 2009 for entering the country illegally to film refugees.

Ling said that growing up in Sacramento, Calif., she knew from a young age that she wanted to be on television.

"The television was always



COURTESY PHOTO
Journalist Lisa Ling speaks Monday as a part of McLennan Community College's Distinguished Lecture Series at MCC's campus. Ling spoke on how her global perspective has affected her career.

on," Ling said. "It was my favorite babysitter."

Ling began her television career at age 16, working on "Scratch," a teen show broadcast in middle and high schools

around the nation. Since then, she has worked on Channel One News, The View, the Oprah Winfrey Show and National

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Officials end Sigma Chi's charter after violations

BY LIZ FOREMAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Baylor chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity has been dissolved after facing repeated disciplinary problems in the fall and spring semesters, according to university officials.

Student Activities sent an e-mail Saturday evening to the Baylor Interfraternity Council, presidents of Greek organizations and their advisers, confirming that Sigma Chi is no longer a chartered organization on campus.

"Sigma Chi's dissolution on campus is a direct result of a consistent failure to comply with University and Student Activities policies," the e-mail stated. "We urge you not to view this decision as a strike against Greek Life by University administration but rather a supportive decision to ensure that the Greek community at Baylor is full of growth, positivity, and healthy behaviors."

While this action came two weeks after a student's death following her attendance at an unauthorized Sigma Chi party, Lori Fogelman, director of media communications, said the decision was the result of many issues.

"The group had been sanctioned in the fall for rules infractions," Fogelman said. "That and other issues from the spring

initiated the disciplinary review process. This culminated in action the university has taken and the communication to Greek leadership on campus."

Matt Burchett, director of student activities, echoed Fogelman in saying that one isolated event did not cause the chapter's dissolution.

"I know that we typically address organizations over time," Burchett said. "Rarely is there a single incident that would predicate an organization being removed from campus or having sanctions. Typically it's multiple circumstances over time that lead to dissolution. They didn't meet expectations of the university and its policies over a period of time."

According to a member of the fraternity, members received an e-mail Tuesday from faculty adviser Dr. Jason Macgregor. The e-mail included content from another e-mail sent Thursday by Dr. Liz Palacios, dean for student development, citing specific reasons for the decision. "In reviewing the history of the numerous student policy violations during the past two years," Palacios said in the e-mail to select faculty, "it is apparent that the leadership of the Eta Omega Chapter of Sigma Chi has chosen to disregard charges, sanctions and numerous discussions of corrective

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Anti-smoking bill to be voted on Thursday

Senator prepares separate bill that proposes 11 new smoking areas

BY KATY McDOWALL
REPORTER

The anti-smoking bill that ignited much controversy last week and will be voted on in Student Senate Thursday may not be the end of the line for smoking regulation on campus.

A new bill, which will be considered if the previous anti-smoking bill does not pass Thursday, proposes creating convenient smoking areas that are aesthetically pleasing.

The original bill, authored by Arecibo, Puerto Rico, freshman Rafael Deliz Aguirre, limited smokers to a number of on-campus parking lots.

The new bill, authored by Senator Michael Lyssy, a Falls City sophomore, proposes constructing 11 smoking areas that will include benches, ash trays and covers to protect users from the weather.

Lyssy, who sponsored Deliz Aguirre's original bill, said the Senate will still consider Deliz Aguirre's bill this week, but his bill may be an alternative if Deliz Aguirre's bill does not pass.

Lyssy's bill will not be voted on this week.

"I'm going to stay the spon-

sor of the original bill that I put forth two weeks ago just because I really think Senate needs to hear that bill," Lyssy said.

Lyssy said Deliz Aguirre did a lot of research and more work than most senators do.

"I think he needs to be heard and his efforts need to be recognized," Lyssy said.

Lyssy said there are two ways to fix the smoking problem on campus.

"Either we increase the enforcement away from there [30 feet from doorways] or we create aesthetically pleasing areas," Lyssy said.

Lyssy said his bill is what he considers a better option because it will keep smokers away from doors and sidewalks, appealing nonsmokers and still allowing smokers to smoke.

"That will make [smokers] happy as well as satisfy the law," Lyssy said.

Ordinance No. 2009-651 of the City of Waco makes it illegal to smoke within 20 feet of building entrances, even those in private universities, and Baylor has a policy that bans smoking within 30 feet of entrances on campus, according to the bill.

Deliz Aguirre said Lyssy's bill is more like the one currently in existence.

"The only thing is it's creating spots or places where you can smoke," Deliz Aguirre said.

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U.S.'s future not solely clothed in doom

BY DAVID BROOKS
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According to recent polls, 60 percent of Americans think the country is heading in the wrong direction. The same percentage believe that the U.S. is in long-term decline. The political system is dysfunctional. A fiscal crisis looks unavoidable. There are plenty of reasons to be gloomy.

But if you want to read about them, stop right here. Because the fact is, despite all the problems, America's future is exceedingly bright.

Over the next 40 years, demographers estimate that the U.S. population will surge by an additional 100 million people, to 400 million overall. The population will be enterprising and relatively young. In 2050, only a quarter will be over 60, compared with 31 percent in China and 41 percent in Japan.

In his book "The Next Hundred Million: America in 2050," urban geographer Joel Kotkin sketches out how this growth will change the national landscape.

Extrapolating from current trends, he describes an archipelago of vibrant suburban town centers, villages and urban cores. The initial wave of suburbanization was sprawling and featureless. Tom Wolfe once observed that you only knew you were in a new town when you began to see a new set of 7-Elevens. But humans need meaningful places, so developers have been filling in with neo-downtowns — suburban gathering spots where people can dine, work, go to the movies and enjoy public space.

Over the next 40 years, Kotkin argues, urban downtowns will continue their modest (and perpetually overhyped) revival, but the real action will be out in the compact, self-sufficient suburban villages. Many of these places will be in the Sun Belt — the drive to move there remains strong — but Kotkin also points to surging low-cost hubs on the Plains, like Fargo, Dubuque, Iowa City, Sioux Falls and Boise.

The demographic growth is driven partly by fertility. The American fertility rate is 50 percent higher than Russia, Germany or Japan, and much higher than China. Americans born between 1968 and 1979 are more family-oriented than the boomers before them, and are having larger families.

In addition, the U.S. remains a magnet for immigrants. Global attitudes about immigration are diverging, and the U.S. is among the best at assimilating them (while China is exceptionally poor). As a result, half the world's skilled immigrants come to the U.S. As Kotkin notes, between 1990 and 2005, immigrants started a quarter

of the new venture-backed public companies.

The United States measures at the top or close to the top of nearly every global measure of economic competitiveness. A comprehensive 2008 Rand Corp. study found that the U.S. leads the world in scientific and technological development. The U.S. accounts for a third of the world's research-and-development spending. Partly as a result, the average American worker is nearly 10 times more productive than the average Chinese worker, a gap that will close but not go away in our lifetimes.

This produces a lot of dynamism. As Stephen J. Rose points out in his book "Rebound: Why America Will Emerge Stronger From the Financial Crisis," the number of Americans earning between \$35,000 and \$70,000 declined by 12 percent between 1980 and 2008. But that's largely because the number earning more than \$105,000 increased by 14 percent. Over the past 10 years, 60 percent of American adults made more than \$100,000 in at least one or two of those years, and 40 percent had incomes that high for at least three.

As the world gets richer, demand will rise for the sorts of products Americans are great at providing — emotional experiences. Educated Americans grow up in a culture of moral materialism; they have their sensibilities honed by complicated shows like "The Sopranos," "The Wire" and "Mad Men," and they go on to create companies like Apple, with identities coated in moral and psychological meaning, which affluent consumers crave. As the rising generation leads an economic revival, it will also participate in a communal one. We are living in a global age of social entrepreneurship.

In 1964, there were 15,000 foundations in the U.S. By 2001, there were 61,000. In 2007, total private giving passed \$300 billion. Participation in organizations like City Year, Teach for America, and College Summit surges every year. Suburbanization helps. For every 10 percent reduction in population density, the odds that people will join a local club rise 15 percent. The culture of service is entrenched and widespread.

In sum, the U.S. is on the verge of a demographic, economic and social revival, built on its historic strengths. The U.S. has always been good at disruptive change. It has always excelled at decentralized community-building. It has always had that moral materialism that creates meaning-rich products. Surely a country with this much going for it is not going to wait around passively and let a rotten political culture drag it down.

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THIS TOWN AIN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE TWO OF US.



Senate should pass bill to restrict smoking on campus

Editorial

new resolve to enforce smoking regulations.

The Waco City Council recently amended its policies to say that smoking within 20 feet of any entrance to public-access buildings, including buildings in private universities, constitutes a misdemeanor.

Opponents of the original bill complain of smokers being restricted only to smoking in the parking lots around campus. However, these opponents should be grateful that neither bill aims to ban smoking entirely.

According to a 2008 report released by the American Lung Association, more than 130 American colleges and universities have banned smoking on the entire campus. These bills are generous in providing multiple areas for smokers. The first bill was even amended to include more locations than the original draft. Rather than seeking to eliminate smoking on campus altogether, both bills prove to be a fair middle ground for smokers and nonsmokers.

The passing of either bill is a step in the right direction and will help to develop a more substantial smoking policy. Student Senate and members of the administration should support the passing of one of these bills.

Two bills will come before the Student Senate at this Thursday's meeting that will propose comprehensive smoking restrictions campus-wide. The initial bill, proposed by a freshman not involved in student government, would prohibit smoking on all Baylor grounds with the exception of certain parking lots around campus. The second bill, authored by a junior Senator, proposes constructing 11 smoking areas around campus, which will include ash trays and benches, according to the bill.

Despite these differences, these bills bring a necessary spotlight to a key nationwide health issue. It is crucial to address this battle when it hits close to home, which includes each and every college campus across the country.

Universities have a responsibility to ensure that students have a safe and healthy environment. The danger of secondhand smoke is not a myth — it is a very real and threatening health risk that kills more than 60,000 people annually in just the United States.

This is threat that can be reduced if the right attention is offered. If passed in the Student Senate, the bills will then be sent for approval to the offices of the president, vice president for student life, provost, vice provost for internal

affairs, general counsel, Baylor Police and judicial affairs.

So although the bills will have no immediate authority on their own, they are important steps in the right direction that the administration should take under serious consideration. Passing one of these bills would make our university a healthier place to live and learn.

Smoking on campus isn't a new concern by any means. The Baylor Staff Council passed a resolution in 2007 that recommended more smoking regulations, but they were never implemented.

The administration should take this opportunity to provide a more comprehensive and united policy than is currently in place.

Several students have listed smoking as a concern on the "Share your concerns with student government" Facebook page.

As the representative body of the students, student government should recognize this is a valid concern of the student population, pass one of these resolutions and allow it to continue to the administration for consideration. The bills come on the heels of Waco's

The hidden life gives up on important truths

Point of View

BY SARA TIRRITO



Bird, "When people shine a little light on their monster, we find out how similar most of our monsters are."

Our monsters, our secrets, our hidden truths — they have so much in common with the monsters and secrets and hidden truths of others, but we tend to hesitate to introduce them to one another out of fear or out of habit.

But truth and honesty are innate, and I think that our monsters are always cheering for them. I think as much as we resist, we are always secretly waiting for the day we can open up and let our monsters out, even if only to one other person.

Some of us have to work at express-

ing it, while for some of us it's effortless, but I think we all yearn for what's real, what's true, what's honest.

So if you have the chance to open up, don't take it for granted. Embrace it boldly — share your thoughts and truths and monsters. And then give that same chance to someone else. If you have the ability to open up, recognize and appreciate it. Embrace that ability to be who you are, to be real and help others to be who they are too.

We all need at least one good confidante, and it's O.K. if they have a few monsters too, just as long as they allow us to be true.

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Please Recycle This Issue

Worship songs span across cultures, countries

BY LELA ATWOOD
REPORTER

Songs can be adopted from one culture to another but must be treated with respect, according to Dr. Emily Brink, a senior research fellow at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

In her lecture Tuesday, titled "International Adoption Agents: How Songs Find New Homes," Brink talked about how songs cross cultural lines.

As an example of this phenomenon, Brink talked about the history of the hymn "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past" and how it touches people even to this day.

"We benefit from this song set so well in English that our whole nation was singing it after 9/11, praying 'Oh God our help in ages past our hope for years to come,'" Brink said. "Moses prayed that psalm. He had his own troubles. And others have had troubles over the ages."

Martha Simmons, a Midlothian senior, said the idea of describing a song as "adopted" was a new concept to her.

"We talk about the history of songs, but never about songs being adopted. That was something new to me," she said. "It's really true. Even in countries I have been to on mission trips you see 'Lord I Lift Your Name On High' being sung in their language. They don't sing it as an American song; they sing it with their own worship style."

Brink also talked about hearing "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past" sung in Ghana in 2004 and said the experience greatly moved her.

The service began with a choir procession of all local choirs from Ghanaian congregations. They were led in by dancers, by brass bands and drummers, and then they began 'Oh God our help in Ages Past' sung by thou-

sands," she said. "I was so moved seeing this body of Christ singing this ancient song of Moses, I could barely sing."

According to Brink, Moses wrote this hymn of Psalm 90 in Hebrew before it was translated to Greek, Latin and English.

She said when people sing Psalm 90 today in the United States, they sing it because they have received it by adoption from a huge shroud of witnesses that goes all the way back to Moses.

Jason Terry, a graduate student from Springfield, Mo., said the adoption of western songs to eastern cultures has consequences as well as benefits.

"I am torn between positive and negative feelings," he said. "I think there's good that we have American in the West have the opportunity to take the positives of us to other cultures, but we need to remember that we're not God's gift to everyone else in the

world, and that we have a lot to learn from them."

Brink also talked about songs written in other cultures and then "adopted" by the United States.

These songs included "Abana in Heaven" from Egypt, and "For the Troubles" from Brazil. She encourages Americans, however, to understand the cultures where these songs are from.

"Sometimes we pass these songs off without really honoring the culture from which they've come," Brink said. "Not only with the song itself, but with the way we sing it, the way we understand it, the way we enter into prayer with the people who have given us the song."

Brink organizes global music conferences, and is the co-editor of "The Worship Sourcebook."

This lecture was a part of the Northcutt Lecture series, funded by an endowment to the School of Music.



MATTHEW HELLMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior research fellow Dr. Emily Brink, from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship in Grand Rapids, Mich., gives a lecture as part of the 24th annual Northcutt the lecture was presented by Baylor University's School of Music on Tuesday in the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

Love over distance: Parents living abroad prove frustrating but neat

BY NEELY GUTHRIE
REPORTER

In 2007, Katie Craig was a freshman among the one percent of her class from Tennessee, while 79 percent were Texas residents. When most students jetted home for the weekends, Craig had a 12-hour drive to Nashville and usually flew home instead. But at least that was closer than Zambia.

Craig's parents moved to Zambia in February of her freshman year because her dad got a job with the center for Disease Control doing malaria prevention.

"The only thing that [my family] could do is describe to me on the phone what it was like and send pictures, but I didn't have any idea what it was really like. They were there for three months

before I got to go," Craig said.

She also said it didn't feel very different because she wouldn't have gotten to see her parents more often had they been in Nashville instead of Zambia. But she said she would picture them still in Nashville when she talked to them, even though they weren't.

"At first it was harder to talk as often, but now it's easier to calculate the time difference, and they call from Skype to my cell phone, so it's really easy," she said.

Craig's mother, Marcia Craig, also said via Skype interview that Skype has made things easier.

"It is hard keeping up with day-to-day stuff ... Because we have Skype and Internet access that's really been a luxury for us," Marcia Craig said. "Even five

years ago that wasn't the case. It's hard, too, not being able to see who she's hanging out (with) and where she lives."

"It's almost impossible to get in touch with them, especially with the time zones. It is exactly an 11 hour, 45 minutes difference."

Joben David
Chennai, India junior

Katie finally got to go to Zambia the summer after her freshman year.

"The first thing I noticed were the smells, but I absolutely loved

it, and I felt like I couldn't soak it in fast enough," Katie said. "It was really nice to put pictures with words."

Katie even created her own study abroad program through Baylor last semester so she could stay in Zambia longer and be with her family.

"Fall semester [of my sophomore year] after the summer I spent in Zambia, I wanted to stay longer because I hadn't gotten my fill yet. That's one of the reasons I wanted to study abroad there and see the things [my family] saw on a daily basis," Katie said.

However, after Craig's grandmother, who lives in Virginia, got sick in January, she was able to see her family more.

"My mom flew back and stayed for three weeks," Katie said.

Craig said she took Spanish

all through high school and was really interested in Latin American culture, but once she went to Africa she loved it and wanted to spend as much time there as possible.

Another student in a similar situation is Chennai, India, junior Joben David, who came to Baylor while his parents remained in India.

"It's almost impossible to get in touch with them," David said, "especially with the time zones. It is exactly an 11 hour 45 minute difference."

David said for the first six months while he was in the U.S., his parents would e-mail him and want to talk very often. However, both David and his parents were often busy and didn't have time to talk much.

Sometimes, however, David would have to call his parents in

the middle of the night. Freshman year, David needed to talk to his parents immediately, so he called, which shocked his parents.

"I lost my scholarship on Christmas day because the foundation [that funded the scholarship] went under. I was freaking out because I thought I wasn't going to back Baylor ... and [when I called] they thought I had died or something," David said. "They probably have had reasons to call me, but just keep me out of the loop because it's so hard."

Skype has made life a bit easier and they are able to talk more often, but the time difference still makes it hard, David said.

"It becomes a normal conversation instead of 'I don't know who you are' ... And on Skype my mom can say, 'I've got to go cook dinner, I'll call you later' you know," he said.



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Recent discovery could be key to energy savings

BY SARA TIRTO
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Hans-Peter Roeser hopes to add to the knowledge base with his recent discovery in superconductivity - the absence of resistance to the flow of currents - so that someday a solution might be reached that will allow for more efficient electrical energy transmission that lessens energy losses.

A solution could lead to reduced energy bills and the possibility of new space technologies.

Roeser is the director of the Institute of Space Systems at the University of Stuttgart in Ger-

many.

He gave a lecture, "A New View on Superconductivity and Superfluidity," on Tuesday and will be at Baylor until Friday speaking to groups of students and faculty.

Dr. Truell Hyde, vice provost for research and director of the Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research, said Roeser's discovery shows that a relationship exists between superconductivity and the interlattice spacing, or atom structure of materials.

"He's discovered a new relationship between superconductivity and the absolute interlattice spacing. He's found something new that nobody's ever seen before," Hyde said. "I think it's very exciting and I think it's an interesting series of relationships that if we can figure out how to explain them may lead to breakthroughs in superconductivity physics."

Dr. Greg Benesh, chair and professor of physics, said the correlation points to the possibility that a new theory is needed



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Dr. Hans-Peter Roeser, director of the Institute of Space Systems at the University of Stuttgart, speaks to students and faculty during a reception preceding his speech Tuesday in the Baylor Sciences Building.

in order to understand the relationship better.

"That correlation [suggests] that there is a theory waiting to be developed that might explain

the relationship, that there is some underlying cause for that relationship that we don't understand at this point," Benesh said.

Roeser said many scientists

are currently trying to answer superconductivity questions.

"At least many thousands of labs around the world are looking for a solution," Roeser said. "It is a problem which is known since 100 years and it's a hope that there will be an answer sooner or later."

Dr. Rene Laufer, associate research scientist for CASPER, said Roeser's work could have many applications, especially in space science and energy transfer research.

"Everything that deals with energy transport, heat transfer, can be connected to this," Laufer said. "In a society as today, where we rely very much on a lot of energy, increasing the efficiency of what we're doing - this will change a lot of things, and that's why many researchers work in the field of superconductivity."

Hyde said Roeser's discovery could have a "potentially huge impact if it turns out to be true."

Hyde said the collaboration between Baylor and the University of Stuttgart, which has been ongoing for several years, is im-

portant because it allows Baylor to benefit from the world-class scientists there and to take part in an exchange student program, which contributes to a better education for Baylor students.

"When you go to get your education, you no longer want to get an education that allows you to compete with [Texas colleges]," Hyde said. "You want to get an education that allows you to compete with the world."

Hyde said it is important for students and others at Baylor to be aware of scientists' work worldwide, such as that of Ro-

eser.

It's always important that you not be inside the bubble too much. You want to bring in world-class speakers and faculty," Hyde said. "It's always good to hear what your colleagues are doing on campus. It's good to hear what your colleagues are

doing in the United States and all over the world. We want to expose our students to world-class minds."

"Everything that deals with energy transport, heat transfer, can be connected to this."

Dr. Rene Laufer
Associate research scientist
for CASPER

BearCat gets improvements, now is cell phone-savvy

BY JAMES BLAKE EWING
REPORTER

Finding a book in the Baylor library is becoming more tech savvy with the latest upgrade to BearCat, the library's Internet Catalogue.

Now BearCat can send a text with the title, location and call number of books to a cell phone.

"It's going to do away with the paper and little pencil," Ellen Hampton Filgo, e-learning librarian, said.

When students find a listing for a book they want to pick up in BearCat, they can type their

cell phone number into a box and have the location of the book texted to their phone.

Students must also select a cell phone coverage provider from a dropdown. If their provider is not listed, they should contact Denyse Rodgers, Library Information Systems, at Denyse_Rodgers@baylor.edu.

Another change to the system is that the images accompanying the listings now do a better job at displaying what medium the content is in. For example, eBooks now appear as a book icon with an "e" over it.

"Some of this is just making it

easier for the user to see," Allison Yanos, catalog librarian, said.

Google books has also been added into the system. If a book is available in whole or part at Google books, a button will appear in the item listing. Clicking on it will take one to a digital copy of the book.

BearCat also has the ability for users to make lists now. By checking items in a search, one can add them to a list.

Information that was buried deeper into the system, such as summaries and reviews, was added with the basic listing for an item.

"We're trying to make those things more readily available," Filgo said.

Yanos talked about how the Internet media type used to encompass electronic journals and

streaming music, which are now their own categories.

This still isn't a substitute for database searches like EBSCOhost, as BearCat only lists the publication title, not any specific articles.

All these changes are a result of an upgrade that Innovative Interface Incorporated made to the software of which BearCat is built.

"Basically, we're just able to change the way that it looks," Rodgers said.

Yet many libraries add onto the program and they often share it through Innovative Users

Group, an international librarians organization.

Rodgers attends the annual conference, which starts April 19 in Chicago.

"A lot of the topics are about stuff behind the scenes," Rodgers said.

Its conferences and dialogues with other libraries that have allowed the Baylor library to make upgrades like this.

The integration of Google books came from another library.

"We hope to have something new for the fall, completely different, something we hope students will like," Rodgers said.

Two men escape from South Texas prison, fleeing on foot

BY MICHAEL GRACZYK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Two Mexican nationals, including one convicted of murder, escaped Tuesday from a south Texas prison, apparently by cutting through a perimeter fence.

Jose Bustos-Diaz, 21, and Octavio Ramos Lopez, 27, were missing from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Briscoe Unit, about 75 miles southwest of

San Antonio, agency spokesman Jason Clark said.

Officers realized during a routine inmate count that the two had disappeared. He said the pair had been accounted for earlier Tuesday. They were believed to have fled on foot through a cut fence without being seen by officers stationed in a pair of guard towers or a patrol vehicle that circles the prison, Clark said. Dilley also is about 80 miles northeast of Laredo, which is on the Texas-

Mexico border, and Clark said he thought the two may have headed toward the border.

Authorities said there were no signs of the men by late Tuesday afternoon.

"We're still trying to get information," Clark said. "We have a large contingent of corrections officers and law enforcement in the area searching for these two individuals."

Clark said both inmates worked at a prison factory that

makes furniture for state use and it appeared they left the factory by through an opening that houses an industrial-size fan. The fan vent is about 25 yards from the fence. But it was not immediately clear how the pair managed to cut through the fence; all the factory's tools were accounted for.

Bustos-Diaz was serving 35 years for murder in Harris County. Lopez, who was convicted in Hidalgo County, was serving 20 years for two counts of aggravated

kidnapping and 12 years for possession of cocaine and possession with intent to deliver cocaine.

Bustos-Diaz pleaded guilty in July 2006 to beating, stabbing and cutting the throat of Deborah Kay, who was his boss at a Harris County horse stable where she lived. Court records show that in a statement to detectives, Bustos-Diaz said he became angry when Kay turned down his request for a day off work.

Her body was found Jan. 30, 2005, on a bedroom floor.

Harris County sheriff's investigators said Bustos-Diaz also suffered a hand injury during the attack and his blood was found on about \$600 in cash. The knife used to kill the woman was recovered along with his bloody clothing. The Briscoe Unit, in operation since 1992, is on more than 400 acres in Frio County just west of Dilley and about a quarter-mile west of Interstate 35. It has a capacity of 1,342 inmates.

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Model UN team wins Delegation Award

BY NEELY GUTHRIE
REPORTER

Baylor's Model United Nations team represented the nation of Tajikistan at the National UN Conference and won the NMUN Conference Distinguished Delegation Award based on speaking ability, quality of writing and negotiation skills. The team participated in the National Model UN Conference in New York City from March 28 to April 2.

The NMUN Conference in New York City is one of the largest Model UN competitions in the world, according to the NMUN

Web site, and draws more than 4,000 delegates in order to debate global issues.

The team's head delegate, Flagstaff, Ariz., senior Brooke Worcester, said, "The competition is extremely high and people travel from all over the world to participate."

"There are delegates who prepare months in advance for this conference," Worcester said. "To win the Distinguished Delegation award on such an international stage is a huge honor."

According to Baylor Model United Nation's faculty sponsor, Dr. Amy Edmonds, the organiza-

tion is first and foremost a student organization at Baylor, but students can earn political science credit. If students participate multiple semesters, they can gain credit for taking the class twice.

This was Baylor's fourth spring semester to participate in NMUN, and 12 students traveled to the conference to represent Tajikistan.

All of the countries are assigned at random by NMUN. In the competition, students are divided into various committees to discuss current world issues and simulate proceedings of the actual United Nations.

"Representing a Central Asian country like Tajikistan was extremely interesting because it enabled our team to consider the issues from the viewpoint of a developing nation, while still maintaining strong relationships with powerful countries such as China and the Russian Federation," Worcester said.

Delegates discuss issues from nuclear disarmament to global climate change, in an attempt to represent their country's position accurately and to work with representatives from other nations to reach a consensus.

They then work together to

draft and pass resolutions that attempt to resolve some of the world's most crucial problems.

Delegates spend four days debating their agendas, and the last day of the conference debates are held in the actual United Nations building.

"So much of Model UN is about being able to persuade people one-on-one and in group settings; a delegate must be extremely knowledgeable about their issue and be able to articulate their position clearly," Edmonds said.

Beaumont junior Will Fuller echoed Edmonds' statement

about the need for a delegate to be persuasive.

"So many people were trying to make their individual voices heard and stand out to the judges so it was a real competition to be a unique player regardless of what country you were," Fuller said.

"It doesn't matter what country you are because you only get one vote, so Tajikistan can be as important as the United States in Model UN."

The NMUN team goes on a trip in the fall and the spring, and Dr. Edmonds said they are always looking for new members.

7.7 earthquake strikes off Indonesia's Sumatra island

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A 7.7 earthquake shook Indonesia's northwest island of Sumatra early Wednesday, prompting a brief tsunami warning and sending residents rushing for higher ground. There were no immediate reports of widespread damage.

The earthquake struck at 5:15 a.m. and was centered 125 miles northwest of Sibolga in Sumatra at a depth of 28.6 miles the U.S. Geological Survey said. It had earlier said the quake measured 7.8.

The Indonesia Meteorology and Geophysics Agency and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu issued tsunami

warnings following the quake, but lifted them two hours later.

"So far no damage or casualties have been reported and the situation is under control," Aceh Governor Irwandi Yusuf said.

At least five strong aftershocks measuring up to 5.2 were recorded, the meteorology agency said.

The quake, which struck as people in the region were preparing for morning prayers, caused panic in North Sumatra's capital of Medan and other cities in the region. Electricity was cut in Medan and Banda Aceh, provincial capital of Aceh.

People in several cities along the southeastern coast of Sumatra as well as Sinabang on Simeulue island and Gunung Sitoli on nearby Nias island poured into

the streets and rushed to higher ground after the quake.

"Rumors about a tsunami panicked villagers living near the beach," said Eddy Effendi, a resident in Nias district of North Sumatra province. "They ran away on motorbikes and cars or by climbing the hills. There was panic and chaos everywhere, but I don't see serious damage or injuries in my village."

Residents in Sibolga said the shaking lasted more than a minute and utility poles in the area were knocked down.

A 2004 tsunami triggered by a magnitude-9.2 earthquake in the same region killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries on the Indian Ocean basin.



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Spring Football Fever

Coppell sophomore Matt Kirby tries to get by Southlake sophomore Kevin Cline while playing a friendly game of football Tuesday in the courtyard outside of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

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sponse was very consistent that we need to show love."

As of press time, Jackson had not heard of any problems between Soulforce and the Baylor community.

"What we talked with Soulforce leaders about is what I know I observed taking place," Jackson said. "That is, they were on our campus, and from all indications at this point, they've adhered to our rules as being visitors to our campus. At the time of this article, I have not received any concerns or complaints as to Soulforce being on our campus from our students, faculty or staff."

Lindars worries that there is a disconnect between students and the administration.

"I think that, and I've heard from a couple of people, that the student body is more open-minded than the administration can be or is willing to be," Lindars said. "And so while the administration and the institution hold this policy, it's not representative of the student body. Which I think is interesting as to why they keep it, if the student body's [opinions] aren't represented by the school."

Jackson said that because he wasn't part of these conversations between students and the equality riders, he couldn't speak to this possible disconnect.

Tuesday evening, Soulforce held a community event at the Bledsoe-Miller Pavilion next to the Brazos River as an opportunity for those who support the cause to come and speak, perform or listen.

The first to speak was Tiffany Summerhill, a freshman from Fort Worth.

"I'm openly gay," Summerhill said. "I don't try to hide it, and I dress the way I want to and I am myself. A lot of people don't ask me 'are you gay?' because I would be honest, but most people just assume."

Mostly what happens is people either stare at me or occasionally I get dirty looks from people who are more closed-minded. I've never had anyone come up to me [and] say I'm going to hell or anything like that. I haven't

had that negative. It's just an atmosphere of unwelcomeness."

Summerhill said she wanted to be the face for those who haven't come out yet to the Baylor community. She hopes that people won't fear who they are.

Houston senior Justine Robinson is torn on her thoughts on Soulforce.

"I honestly believe that Soulforce should be allowed to come on campus and talk to students," Robinson said.

"I guess I see where Baylor is coming from. Since Baylor is a private university, they are not considered an extension of the government and are therefore allowed certain liberties in defining university policy and procedures."

Summerhill said she has no expectations for Baylor to change its ways.

"The rules are set the way they are, and what I do could affect me having an education here and being a part of a neuroscience program. [There aren't] many schools that have it," Summerhill said.

"The atmosphere is very heterosexual. It's not really welcome to be anything but that."

Robinson said the history of Baylor makes it understandable that the university would not host Soulforce's activities.

"One thing that defines Baylor is its strong commitment to its Baptist roots and maintaining policies in accordance with Scriptures," Macgregor said. "While I believe it's a good thing Baylor has allowed Soulforce on campus, I also understand that for Baylor to sponsor or host events for Soulforce would in a sense be hypocritical." Summerhill encouraged the Baylor community to accept all people.

"Love is love," Summerhill said. "Why does it matter externally how someone appears to love each other? Everyone deserves a chance to love someone, no matter how they look or feel or act."

Baylor's stance on human sexuality can be found at http://www.baylor.edu/Student_policies/index.php?id=32295.

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measures issued by the Student Organizations Judicial Board."

"By the admission of the leaders, the chapter has not been forthright with the Baylor administration throughout the past two years," Palacios' e-mail stated.

Palacios referred The Lariat's questions to Baylor's Office of Media Communications.

Per university policy, which states that students in unrecognized organizations are prohibited from acting on behalf of the organization, the group is no longer allowed to organize any event or meeting, according to another e-mail sent by Macgregor to fraternity members Saturday. In the Saturday e-mail, Macgregor strongly advised members against planning any social events, as this could result in further disciplinary action.

He also stated in the e-mail to members that the chapter is currently undergoing a seven-day review process by the Sigma Chi international chapter.

According to the Sigma Chi standard operating procedures manual, if the international office receives an accusation involving a local chapter, the associate director of accountability sends a letter to the chapter in question and the chapter must produce a written response to the allegations within seven days of receipt of the letter.

"We're cooperating with Sigma Chi International headquarters," Macgregor said, "and coordinating all efforts at this time."

Michael Dunn, Sigma Chi international fraternity executive director, told The Lariat in an e-mail Tuesday that the international office is working closely with Baylor. Dunn also referred The Lariat to Baylor media communications for further questions. Since the organization is subject to the university's judicial appeals process, Sigma Chi has the option to appeal to the university within the week, Fogleman said.

"The university has taken disciplinary action regarding Sigma Chi, but since the organization has been afforded the opportunity to appeal, the process is ongoing," Fogleman said.

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"That's the difference."

Deliz Aguirre said Lyssy's bill differs from his version.

"[Lyssy's] doesn't have fines or any way to be enforced," Deliz Aguirre said. "It's basically recommending to just do something about [the smoking problem]."

Deliz Aguirre's bill implements fines for violating the smoking regulations.

"It's kind of a surprise as to what will turn out because the majority of senators are non-smokers," Deliz Aguirre said.

Littleton, Colo., senior Ary Wellborn, who started a Facebook group last Monday named Burn the Ban: Opposition to the On-Campus Smoking Ban, said he is more pleased with the new version of the bill.

"I'm really happy that they're trying to reach negotiation in-

LING from pg. 1

Geographic Explorer.

Ling worries about the state of the broadcast news industry today, noting that so much of the industry is focused on ratings for their channels and shows.

"I find that to be incredibly dangerous," Ling said.

Ling explained that many of the news shows on television now often place staunch conservatives and extreme liberals side by side, and expect them to argue back and forth without really dealing with issues.

"It's a sad commentary on our news today," Ling said.

One of the things Ling noted about the stories she covers is that every time she goes into a new story, she goes in with her "American glasses" on.

She has many preconceived ideas about what a story is going to be, though she said the story surprises her and changes her mind about what she thought she knew.

After showing some clips of her more tense moments on National Geographic Explorer, Ling went through many of them, explaining the background of each story. Some of the clips included adoptions of the lost girls of China, time in a maximum-security prison in Sacramento and travel-

stead of what they were before, but I cannot speak for all smokers here, but the resolution seems more fitting," Wellborn said.

Wellborn said a problem is that the bills' authors see smokers as enemies, and not as colleagues or fellow students, but he is satisfied they are working toward something.

"I still doubt that any smokers are going to listen to it and a lot of people are going to ignore it," Wellborn said. "I think we're steadily approaching something that could be worthwhile."

Wellborn said if he could change one part of the new bill, he would have the smoking area near the sciences building constructed behind the building rather than near the parking lot.

"I'd rather reach something about the science building, but it

looks like they've really stepped it up for the Moody Library part," Wellborn said.

Wellborn said if it comes between Deliz Aguirre's bill and Lyssy's bill, he would choose Lyssy's bill.

"If he's [Deliz Aguirre] introducing his bill, if anyone that can oppose it should oppose it," Wellborn said. "That bill was ridiculous. They're treating us like enemies."

Wellborn said no one is going to follow the first bill.

"The new one is still up in the air as to whether they're [smokers] going to follow it, but it's a step in the right direction," Wellborn said. "But between the two evils, definitely the second one."

Student Senate meets Thursday at 5 p.m. in Cashion 403. The meeting is open to the public.

marriages. After her marriage to Paul Song, a man she described as very religious, her opinions changed. One day, he forwarded her an e-mail asking those same questions.

"I certainly did do something about it," Ling quoted the e-mail's narrative of God. "I made you."

Ling believes that now it's part of her job to end these crimes against humanity.

Brent Edwards, director of the global network and special projects at Baylor, asked what students could do in today's world. Ling suggested travel as a means to learn about the world.

"It's amazing what you can learn just through talking to people," Ling replied. Ling explained that often, college students are in school to learn a trade and to get a job, rather than to become more wholly educated. To future journalists, Ling gave this advice; be passionate about telling stories. Ling said that one of the most poignant life rules she has taken away from her experience is that if she treats everyone she meets with respect, they often return the favor. Following the night's speech, Ling received a pair of cowboy boots, a tradition for MCC's distinguished lecturers.

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StompFest participants prepare for Friday

BY RACQUEL JOSEPH
REPORTER

Zeta Phi Beta and Student Activities will host the 10th anniversary edition of StompFest on Friday. Over the last decade, StompFest has expanded into a fierce step competition that fills seats, sponsors charities, and is a Baylor tradition.

StompFest is modeled after a traditional step show, common in the African-American experience. Over a period of about two months, each team will hone its stepping technique, precision, creativity and showmanship as they learn their routines. Teams will be on stage for seven minutes or less and will attempt to demonstrate perfectly timed steps, smooth transitions between formations and a cohesive theme in

an effort to gain the prize.

Each team is competing for a donation to its philanthropy of choice of about \$2000, depending on the proceeds from ticket sales.

The complication lies in the teams themselves. Most of them have never stepped a day in their lives.

To aid them, Zeta Phi Beta scouts out coaches, usually members of the National Panhellenic Council, which includes the nine traditionally African-American Greek letter organizations. Other coaches are often past participants in StompFest or dancers. Coaches are responsible for creating and teaching a successful step routine.

Being a coach is a big task.

Dallas senior Jeremy Taylor is the coach of The Impact Movement, a group promoting an

evangelist movement among African-American college students.

"Responsibility is pretty high. Whatever effort you put in the steps is pretty much the quality of the show," Taylor said. "You have to be at every practice and motivate everyone."

Houston senior Marc Mortel had never stepped before last year's StompFest. This year he is a co-coach of Asian Student Association. For choreography inspiration, he looks to shows he has attended.

"I take concepts I like in step shows and try to incorporate that into the routine. I've tried to be as creative as possible," Mortel said.

Kim Vu, a San Jose, Calif., senior and co-captain of Asian Student Association, knows it takes more than good choreography to

capture an audience.

"Because we're really passionate about stepping and putting on a good show we put in a lot of hours."

They have been putting in nine hours a week starting in early February after a round of tryouts.

However, with Friday fast approaching, many teams have been practicing every day.

For coaches and captains, there have been difficult decisions made about music, costumes, and lighting, whether to conform to the more traditional military style of stepping or incorporate the fluidity and dance styles of hip-hop and African cultures. All of these decisions build a strategy to win.

Pearland senior Meron Tamrat, president of Zeta Phi Beta,

has an idea of what teams will need to bring to the stage.

"It takes a creative show that will get audience's attention and it needs to be technically sound. And a lot of people don't realize that some of the really good shows don't make it because of time issues, so following the rules."

The early days of StompFest were not so complicated. In 2001 it was called the Afro-Olympics and was held in Marrs McLean Gymnasium with three participating teams.

On Friday, 15 teams will be on stage. Zeta Phi Beta teamed up with Student Activities in 2004, which has helped to expand the show further, which can make planning such a large show more complicated.

"It takes a lot of planning and

communication within the organization and with a lot of other parties," Tamrat said.

But the purpose of StompFest has continued: teaching the history of stepping and giving organizations the opportunity to build relations in the Baylor community.

"When I first saw StompFest, it was just amazing. I just felt like I had to be a part of bringing so many people together through the art of stepping," said Jacquel Haywood.

Across the board, participation remains high because of the thrill of competition.

"It's having fun for your philanthropy. Knowing that we're like a family and we're doing what we love and the audience loves it. It's like the best thing," Vu said.

'Clash of the Titans' director defends new remake

BY GEOFF BOUCHER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON—As decisions go, it was the same kind that faced the 1970s souls who had to pick just the right warlock-and-serpent murlur for their customized van. Should the Pegasus be white or black? Maybe glowing red eyes too?

That was one of the choices French filmmaker Louis Leterrier wrestled with last summer on the set of "Clash of the Titans," the Warner Bros. and Legendary Pictures adventure that just pulled in \$105.6 million worldwide in its opening weekend.

On a crisp, blue-sky afternoon in a soundstage outside London, the tall, slender director watched with intense focus as his star, Sam Worthington, bulled his way through the panicked streets of Argos on his way to meet destiny while carrying the head of Medusa in a bloodied sack. It was going to be another marathon day for the director.

"The first time someone said, 'We're doing a 'Clash of the Titans' remake,' I thought it was

crazy, I thought it was an offense to the original," Leterrier said, referring to the 1981 fantasy with Harry Hamlin and Ray Harryhausen's stop-motion monsters. "The idea of someone redoing that movie with horrible CG creatures—I hated the idea. And then I watched the original again, and I said, 'Actually there may be a way to pay homage to the original one and do something new and special.'"

The solid opening for the \$122-million production did not signal a complete victory for Leterrier. The reviews for the film have not been especially kind.

Kenneth Turan, for instance, writing in the Los Angeles Times, said the movie has a "numskull plot" and a cluttered feel because of a late-in-the-game conversion to 3-D.

The original was the first film Leterrier remembers seeing at a theater, and the creature creations of producer and effects pioneer Harryhausen were so distinctive and intriguing that the youngster was dazzled and started on a career path to becoming a second-generation filmmaker (his fa-



Liam Neeson portrays Zeus in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Legendary Pictures' "Clash of the Titans," a remake of the 1981 film.

ther, Francois Leterrier, directed the 1977 erotic film "Goodbye Emmanuelle"). Not everyone, though, holds the now-dated sword-and-sandal film up to such lofty status.

Take Worthington, who shrugged when asked last year on the set whether he felt as if there were any extra pressure in a project that had such a popcorn

heritage. He said fanboy recollections of the film were more emotional than they were accurate.

"It's a movie people remember, sure, but when people say to me, 'I love it, it's my favorite,' I think, 'Did you watch it lately, mate?'"

"Clash" stars Worthington as Perseus, Hamlin's role in the original, who this time around is

lean, mean and out for vengeance as opposed to the earlier pretty-boy plot of earning glory to win the hand of a woman. Leterrier said he chose Worthington because he wanted a scrappy Achilles, not some muscular Adonis.

"I didn't want a big, handsome American who looks like a superhero and who, when you see him at the beginning of the

movie, you know right away he's going to win in the end," he said.

It's a role that adds to the Australian actor's unusual status as a specialist in half-human roles; he was a forlorn cyborg in "Terminator Salvation," a blue alien hybrid in "Avatar" and now the half-human, half-god son of Zeus (Liam Neeson).

Leterrier—who directed "Transporter 2" and "The Incredible Hulk" with Edward Norton—has a view of "Clash" as a trilogy where the story expands out in concentric circles with Perseus at its center. The Titans, the parents of the Greek gods, would see their first action in a movie named after them.

Worthington said he and Leterrier are hopeful.

"Some movies end and you say, 'What's the sequel? We can't do another one because the story is over,'" he said. "But things aren't resolved in ours. There's still the dilemma between father and son and where the relationship of Zeus and Perseus stands. And the humans and their war with the gods and the desire for change and fairness."

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Is 'Star Wars' selling out with new animated sitcom?

BY JESSICA ACKLEN
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

George Lucas, the brains behind the "Star Wars" franchise announced on Monday that characters from the six movies would be featured in a new animated sitcom.

The sitcom, which is currently in production, will be not be directed by Lucas, but by Todd Grimes, the director of "Back at the Barnyard," another animated

movie spinoff.

In addition to Grimes' expertise, Seth Green and Matthew Senreich, the joint creators of the Cartoon Network pop culture parody series "Robot Chicken," will act as creative consultants and the head writer of the "Daily Show" Brendan Hay has signed on to be head writer for the show.

While no premiere date has been set and no network affiliation announced, the news of this

"Star Wars" spinoff is likely to cause skepticism in the hearts of all dedicated "Star Wars" fans.

As a self-proclaimed "Star Wars" addict, I am concerned that this new series may only tarnish all the things we fans love the most about the movies.

When Lucasfilm developed the animated series "Star Wars: Clone Wars," I was pleasantly surprised with the focus on characters other than those central to the two film trilogies. The series

did however stay in line with the time lines set by the original movies, just elaborating on the time span between "Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones" and "Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith."

This new sitcom, however, is likely to be irreverent and varied from the feel of the movies. My question is: Why should Lucasfilm risk ruining some of the most iconic movies of all time?

This new cartoon could potentially change the whole franchise and not for the good. Even Green and Senreich's involvement in the project is cause for concern. "Robot Chicken" has often included skits parodying the "Star Wars" films.

Lucas should just leave the franchise, which according to "Forbes" has grossed around \$17.5 billion since 1977, untouched and true to its original form.

This cartoon shows that Lucasfilm is selling out for profit instead of maintaining the virtues of the films. Nothing is ever as good as the original and it is highly unlikely that this new sitcom will be the exception.

Celebrity husbands' steps to heartbreak

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In medical circles, it is known simply as CHR Syndrome, and it threatens to infect us all.

Well, "infect" is a little strong. Let's just say that it threatens to annoy us all, or at least all of us who follow celebrity gossip in tabloids.

I'm speaking, of course, of Celebrity Husband Rehab Syndrome, the media-borne scourge that has taken the media world by storm.

With celebrity husbands such as Jesse James and Tiger Woods blazing a new path for cheating celebrity husbands, this syndrome will become more and more common in the upcoming weeks.

Here are the warning signs of Celebrity Husband Rehab Syndrome.

Learn them as you would the warning signs of acid reflux or Girl Scout cookie overdose. Yes, it's that serious.

1. A sweet, beautiful actress inexplicably marries a man rumored to be a jerk, and immediately proclaims her inner joy in finding her soulmate.

She says it so many times that we actually start to believe her, even though we know in our hearts that something is terribly wrong with this picture. We can

only hope that her celebrity husband has been changed.

Of course, CHR Syndrome can attack in other ways.

For instance, a sweet, beautiful woman who is not an actress can marry a jerk in golfer's clothes, but for the sake of clarity, let's stick with the sweet, beautiful actress who marries a jerk who is not wearing a Nike hat.

2. Some enterprising tabloids get an inkling of trouble in paradise, and gently inform us with subtle headlines like "SANDRA'S SHAMEFUL SECRET!" or "A HEARTBROKEN SANDRA WANTS OUT!" or "SANDRA HAS ALIEN BABY!"

Most of us have a knee-jerk reaction to such headlines, and we pay no attention to those tabloids, even though they smack us in the face every time we buy groceries at the supermarket or pick up a bag of Cheetos and a giant drink at a convenience store.

3. A few weeks after the tabloids start their ferocious campaign to undermine this perfect celebrity marriage, some of the "respectable" media, including People and Us magazines, finally jump on the bandwagon.

Newspapers will come kicking and screaming along a week later, only after the tabloids have begun to beat the story in to the ground.

4. The sweet, beautiful actress

goes into hiding.

The media loves to say that someone has "gone into hiding," even when it might be that the actor or actress in question might have avoided going shopping on Melrose, or clubbing in Hollywood, for a couple of weeks. But, let's stay focused on CHR Syndrome.

Assuming that the sweet, beautiful actress is married to a jerk, going into hiding is the first concrete evidence that the media might not be lying this time.

5. The jerk admits it, but immediately issues a statement through his wife's publicist that "this is a personal matter, and we hope that the media respects our privacy."

Yeah, right. You might as well throw a bloody carcass into shark-infested waters. It is now a full-fledged media event.

6. A mistress is named.

7. A second mistress is named. Gloria Allred, lawyer to the wannabe stars holds a press conference.

8. Media speculation runs rampant. Prenups are discussed. The titillating possibility of no prenup is discussed. Settlement figures are debated. Late-night TV comics have a field day.

With the sweet, beautiful actress in hiding and the jerk in seclusion, there is nothing to slow down the media frenzy.

Gloria Allred holds another press conference, reacting to speculation of outlandish settlement offers to the first mistress, and nothing for her client.

It's getting vicious. It's worse than dog-eat-dog. It's up-and-coming "singer" vs. up-and-coming "actress."

9. Acknowledging publicly that the media is not going to respect anyone's privacy, the jerk admits that there may have been multiple mistresses.

He confesses that he's been a fool, and that perhaps he coveted one too many nameless blondes. At this point, the final warning sign is inevitable. Wait for it; here it comes ...

10. The jerk announces that he is entering rehab for sexual addiction/drug addiction/alcohol addiction – take your pick.

If he makes the announcement personally, he may cry for the cameras, although it is not mandatory.

However, it is considered tacky for his attorney to cry. There is no crying in celebrity attorney ball.

The jerk thinks this is the end, but the media has just begun. The media hounds will stay doggedly on his scent for as long as the rehabilitation takes, or until the next jerk comes down with Celebrity Husband Rehab Syndrome.

Extremely Chocolate Cake

Ingredients

2 cups white sugar
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup boiling water
3/4 cup butter
1 1/2 cups unsweetened cocoa powder
5 1/3 cups confectioners' sugar
2/3 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour two 9 inch cake pans.

Use the first set of ingredients to make the cake. In a medium bowl, stir together the sugar, flour, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Add the eggs, milk, oil and vanilla, mix for 3 minutes with an electric mixer. Stir in the boiling water by hand. Pour evenly into the two prepared pans.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes in the preheated oven, until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to cool completely.

To make the frosting, use the second set of ingredients. Cream butter until light and fluffy. Stir in the cocoa and confectioners' sugar alternately with the milk and vanilla. Beat to a spreading consistency.

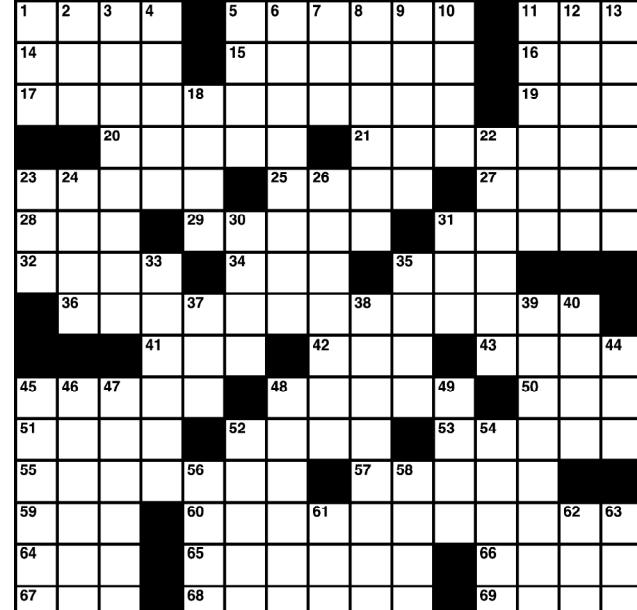
Split the layers of cooled cake horizontally, cover the top of each layer with frosting, then stack them onto a serving plate. Frost the outside of the cake.

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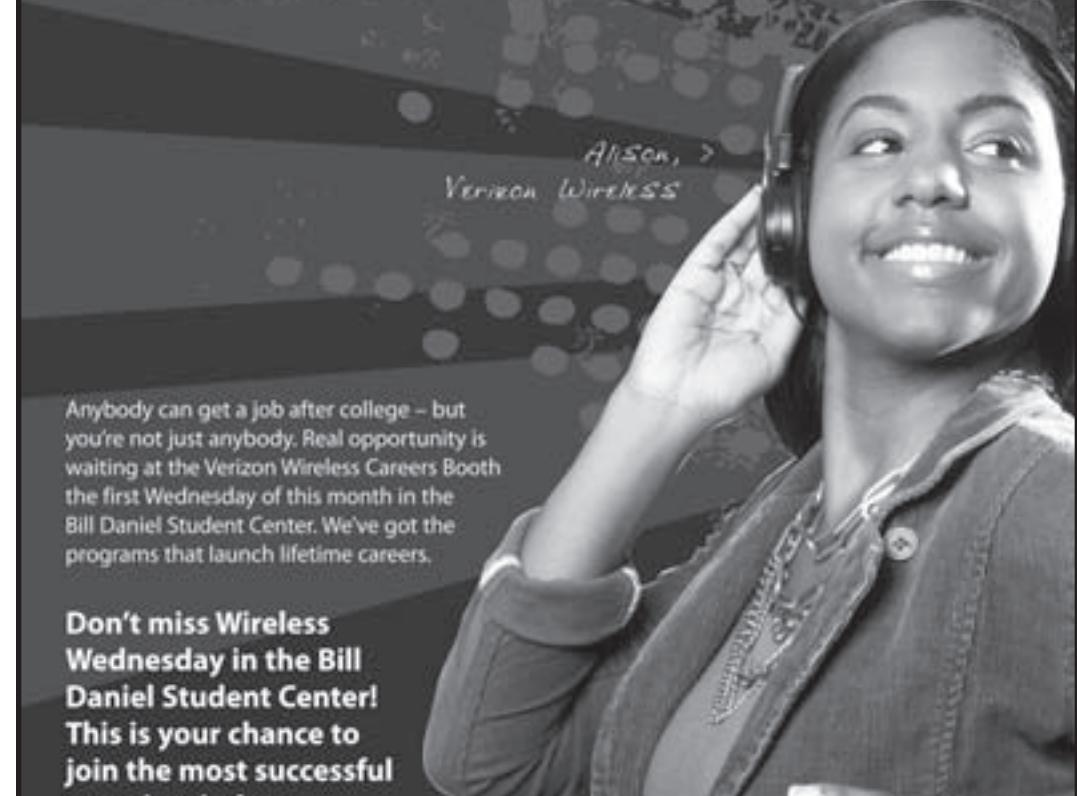
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Baylor women's basketball head coach Kim Mulkey calls out a play to her players on the court as the rest of the team lends their support from the sidelines in the Lady Bears' matchup against the No. 1-seed UConn Huskies Sunday at the Alamodome in San Antonio. This Final Four appearance for the Lady Bears is the second in Mulkey's coaching career at Baylor.



Guard Kimetria Hayden (No. 1) drives past UConn's Caroline Doty in the Lady Bears' matchup against the No. 1-seed Huskies.



Baylor fans show their enthusiastic support of the Lady Bears with a sign Sunday at the Alamodome. Thanks to the location of the game, the Lady Bears were able to have a strong entourage of supporters follow them to San Antonio on Sunday.



No. 55 forward Morgan Medlock celebrates with her teammates after a timeout is called by the eventual national champion UConn Huskies. Medlock, the only senior for the Lady Bears, scored 14 points in her last game and was the Lady Bears' leading scorer against the Huskies.



"I couldn't be more proud of this team."

Morghan Medlock
Senior forward

Left: No. 42 center Britney Griner shoots over UConn's Tina Charles and Maya Moore in the Lady Bears' 70-50 loss to the Huskies Sunday at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Griner put up double figures with 13 points, while also adding six rebounds and five blocked shots. Griner broke the NCAA single-season blocked shots record with 223.

Below: No. 5 guard Melissa Jones prepares to make a hard drive to the basket in the Lady Bears' matchup against the No. 1-seeded Huskies. Jones finished the game with eight points and also contributed five rebounds, four assists and one steal.



Above: The Lady Bears huddle up after a play to strategize a plan during their matchup against the No. 1-seed UConn Huskies at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Right: No. 21 guard Kelli Griffin dribbles up the court in transition while looking for an opportunity to make a play Sunday at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Griffin will be one of three Lady Bears' returning as seniors for the 2010-2011 season.



Sports take: Injuries create opportunities for others to shine

From sophomore quarterback Robert Griffin's torn ACL to junior forward Melissa Jones' stress reaction, Baylor fans have watched two of their leaders fall subject to injuries that have dramatically altered the course of their seasons.

Now that sophomore pitcher Whitney Canion has developed a season-ending stress reaction, Baylor softball stares the issue of mound leadership in the face.

After Griffin's record-breaking freshman season, the sophomore quarterback had thousands of eyes all looking his way to lead the Baylor football program to its first bowl game in 14 years.

Though Jones now plays in the shadow of 6'8" freshman Brittney Griner and may not draw the same number of eyes as Griffin, the junior captain certainly had all her teammate's eyes looking to her both on and off the court.

Thus, the guard, who as a sophomore ranked in the top three on her team in steals, rebounds, 3-pointers made, free-throw percentage and blocks, still carried the same mantle of leadership.

Then we turn to softball where the loss of a star pitcher will arguably be the hardest-felt of the three because of the sheer value any ace brings to a college softball roster and particularly the value this ace brings to Baylor softball.

While both baseball and softball



Matt Larsen
Sports writer

teams may have only one ace apiece, softball coaches tend to only keep three to five pitchers around thanks to the less-taxing seven-inning games and the underarm throwing style.

Meanwhile baseball rosters usually boast 10-plus.

Therefore, not only has Baylor softball lost one of three pitchers, but also it has lost its ace who set Baylor single-season records for innings pitched (291.1), games started (46), complete games (37) and strikeouts (415) as a freshman in 2009.

Poor luck can be blamed and fingers can be pointed, but for Baylor football, women's basketball and most recently softball, the reality of losing the most valuable member of the team eventually sets in.

However, the beauty of sports is that the season does not end at this point, and for all three Baylor squads the injuries came right as they were entering or preparing to enter the conference season.

Thus the setting is ripe for a young protégé to step in and fill the void left by the injured leaders, and in these situations there is always a

silver lining to be found. Though grayshirt freshman Nick Florence waits to reap the full benefits of his time under center against Big 12 defenses, the seeds have certainly been sown.

And for women's basketball, head coach Kim Mulkey has said in numerous press conferences that the fruits of freshmen being forced to step up and lead a team through a Big 12 schedule are already being witnessed in the form of an NCAA Final Four tournament run embellished by the return of Jones.

Softball coach Glenn Moore now watches freshman Courtney Repka take the mound against Big 12 opponents—some of the toughest in all of college softball.

Repka entered this season planning to learn the ropes from Canion, but now she becomes the hinge for a successful softball season.

So far, she has beckoned the call and has guided the No. 24-ranked Lady Bears with a 14-7 record and a 1.93 ERA.

Like the other Baylor coaches, Moore can now attest that no matter the magnitude, injuries are breeding grounds for a wealth of young talent to spring up.

All he has to do is sit back and watch Repka grow.

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Freshman pitcher Courtney Repka (No.1) has filled the void left by record-breaking sophomore Whitney Canion, who was sidelined for the season with a stress reaction in her throwing arm. So far, Repka has alleviated the loss by posting a 14-7 record and a 1.93 ERA.

Baylor baseball bullies Texas State, 12-3

BY MATT LARSEN
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Coming off a 43-hit weekend series against Missouri in which Baylor baseball took two of three, the Bears kept the bats flying against Texas State Tuesday night, notching 14 hits to defeat the Bobcats 12-3.

"Offensively, this group of guys has been really good," head coach Steve Smith said. "Particularly considering how young some of them are. It's not golf. You don't get a handicap just because you're young. You still have to go out and do it, and these guys are doing it."

Texas State struck early, pick-

ing up a run in both the first and second innings.

The Bears answered in the bottom of the third with a couple runs of their own as freshmen Max Muney and Tyler Collins picked up an RBI sac fly and RBI single respectively.

Collins continued his work from the plate in the fifth, as he and junior Jon Ringenburg gave Baylor the lead, 4-2, for the first time with a pair of RBI singles.

"That just fuels the fire," Collins said. "Anytime anyone does something good, it fires us up."

Texas State would bring one more across the plate before the heart of the Bears lineup came alive to bring home four in the

bottom of the sixth, bringing the score to 8-3.

The Bears then added another four in the bottom of the eighth to go ahead 12-3. Freshman Jake Miller's first career home run, a three-run shot, highlighted the inning.

Sophomore right-hander Ross Speed made his first collegiate start against the Bobcats but was relieved by freshman Kolt Browder after one and a third innings.

Browder would improve to 3-1 on the season, giving up just one run in five innings of work before turning the reigns over to junior Craig Fritsch who picked up his second save.

"I was just proud for him," Smith said of Browder's outing. "I think he sent a message. What we talked about before the game was needing somebody to come in and turn off the faucet and shut some things down, and I think he answered the bell."

The redshirt freshman, who tossed his longest outing as a college pitcher, credited his teammates at the plate.

"I came in and felt really good," he said. "It's easy to pitch well when you have a lot of confidence in your batters."

The Bobcats used seven different pitchers but starter junior Brian Borski (1-5) picked up the loss.



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Sophomore Joey Hainsfurther rounds third base to score in Tuesday night's 12-3 victory against Texas State University at Baylor Ballpark. The Dallas native finished 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

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