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# Obama ends Iraq combat effort



President Barack Obama greets members of the military and their families Tuesday on the tarmac at Biggs Army Airfield of Fort Bliss in

By Ben Feller ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Claiming no victory, President Barack Obama formally ended the U.S. combat role in Iraq after seven long years of bloodshed, declaring firmly Tuesday night: "It's time to turn the page." Now, he said, the nation's most urgent priority is fixing its own sickly economy.

From the Oval Office, where George W. Bush first announced the invasion that would come to define his presidency, Obama addressed millions who were divided over the war in his country and around the world. Fiercely opposed to the war from the start,

he said the United States "has paid a huge price" to give Iraqis the chance to shape their future — a cost that now includes more than 4,400 troops dead, tens of thousands more wounded and hundreds of billions of dollars spent.

In a telling sign of the domestic troubles weighing on the United States and his own presidency, Obama turned much of the emphasis in a major war address to the dire state of U.S. joblessness. He said the Iraq war had stripped America of money needed for its own prosperity, and he called for an economic commitment at home to rival the grit and purpose of a military campaign.

In his remarks of slightly less

than 20 minutes, only his second address from the Oval Office, Obama looked directly into the TV camera, hands clasped in front of him on his desk, family photos and the U.S. and presidential flags behind him. His tone was somber.

Even as he turns control of the war over to the Iraqis — and tries to cap one of the most divisive chapters in recent American history — Obama is escalating the conflict in Afghanistan. He said that winding down Iraq would allow the United States "to apply the resources necessary to go on offense" in Afghanistan, now the

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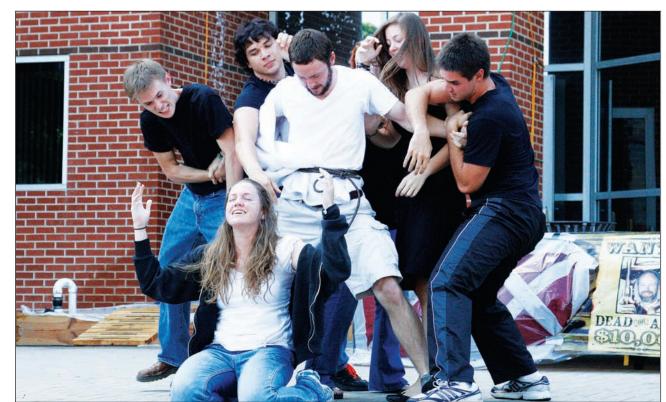
# Plant improves water quality

By Carmen Galvan STAFF WRITER

Waco citizens and Baylor students can look forward to bettertasting and better-smelling water. As part of the Waco Water Quality and Quantity Project, the city began operation of a new water treatment plant to improve the water quality in Waco and its surrounding areas.

The Dissolved Air Flotation plant began operation in mid-August and serves as a pre-treatment water plant for Waco and parts of McLennan County. The plant's primary purpose is to remove algae that has caused foul-tasting and smelly water in Waco for de-

"The issue with algae, when it comes to the face of the matter, is



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### He is risen!

Students re-enact a skit to Lifehouse's song "Everything" that shows the power of Jesus at the Engineering and Computer Science Backto-School Beach Bash on Tuesday. They also performed the skit this summer while on a mission trip in El Progreso, Honduras.

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# Study finds increase in university administrators

By Sara Tirrito STAFF WRITER

A study exploring whether increased numbers of administrators are behind the tuition increases in recent years has sparked debate in the academic community, and Baylor is no exception.

The national study by the Goldwater Institute, published Aug. 17, says Baylor ranked 10th out of 196 universities in percentage increase of administrators per 100 students between 1993 and 2007.

According to the study, the number of administrators at Baylor increased from 2.3 per 100 students in 1993 to 5.7 per 100 students in 2007, an increase of 147.8 percent.

However, there has been disagreement over whether Baylor's No. 10 ranking is a good

One of the study's authors, Brian Kisida, a research associate in the department of education reform at the University of Arkansas, said neither the 1993 nor the 2007 ratio of administrators per 100 students seemed too bloated.

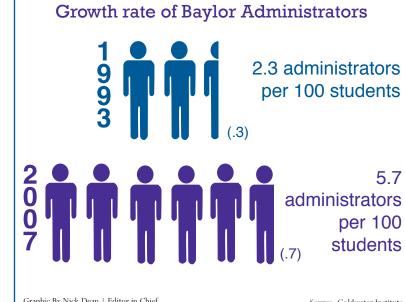
"Neither of those numbers is particularly bad," Kisida said. "There's two things going on here. There's growth and then there's growth from what level to what level. Relative to what

else we've seen, that's not particularly bad." For example, Wake Forest University had the highest percentage increase at 369.7 percent. Other schools in the top 10 included Stanford University and Johns Hopkins University. Baylor was the highest-ranked Texas university in this category of the study. Nine other Texas universities were ranked in the study, including Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Austin.

However, Dr. Matthew Ladner, vice president for research at the Goldwater Institute, who commissioned the study, said Baylor's ranking at No. 10 is probably a bad thing.

"The best people to ask about that are people who are paying the tuition bills," Ladner said. "It's probably not good. The key point is

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Graphic By Nick Dean | Editor in Chief

Source: Goldwater Institut

# OMG! Texting continues to distract student drivers

By Samreen Hooda-Phones REPORTER

Should Baylor police start handing out citations every time they see a driver on a cell phone while on campus?

"I wouldn't want them to, but it's probably a good idea," Plano senior Chanel Sampson said. "When you're driving and texting you're not fully paying attention and there's so much going on, especially on campus."

At any college campus, the streets are full of distractions. Pe-

destrians cross the street as they hurry to class, bikers dodge traffic and drivers text or talk on their cell phones as they drive to class under the pressure of exams and the stress of multi-tasking.

Though the law in Texas banning complete use of cell phones is limited to school zones, Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said he wishes it weren't so.

"I'm hoping the [Texas] Legislature will ban cell phone use completely," Doak said.

"It hasn't been a huge issue on campus, but a number of students have called me to talk about drivers not paying attention. We are vehemently opposed to people texting while driving. It's a suicide wish." With so many bikers and pe-

destrians on campus, the burden is on the drivers, but Hannah Mason, a first-year graduate student and former Baylor undergraduate finds cell phones to be more of a problem among pedestrians.

"Pedestrians have the right of way, but it doesn't help when they're not aware at all," Mason

"I see pedestrians who are texting and almost cause accidents because they are not paying at-

Many states, such as Alaska and California, have already enforced a no cell phone policy while driving.

"I'm from California and you are not allowed to use a cell phone at all unless it's hands-free," said Temecula, Calif., junior Elizabeth Weinrich.

Whether Baylor should adopt a hands-free cell phone driving policy is disputable, but Doak

says unless the Texas Legislature becomes involved, such a policy would be nearly impossible to enforce on campus.

"Nothing could really be done until the state Legislature took action," Doak said, "because you can't segregate a Baylor private street from the city of Waco streets. It really wouldn't be practical unless it was citywide, at least, or statewide."

Yet some believe that passing a cell-phone restriction law while

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# Hoosier grows accustomed to **Lone Star State**

cided to take my talents to Central Texas, I had no idea what I was getting into. I'm a Hoosier. I've lived in the same house on the west side of Indianapolis my whole life.

I visited Baylor for one whole day during the spring break of my senior year in high school. It was one stop on a weeklong, crosscountry trip of college visits.



I was intrigued by, among other things, the independence that came with living 1,000 miles from my parents and the prospect of year-round warm weather. So I made a fairly spontaneous decision and chose Baylor.

Looking back, it wasn't the best thought-out plan, but I can safely say that my time in Waco has taught me a lot of things about myself and even more about Texas. Not that living here has always been easy. Whenever people back home hear I live in Waco, they ask about one thing, and it's not Baylor: Everyone wants to talk about David Koresh and the Branch Da-

"Yes," I say, "That happened in Waco; and no, I haven't been to the compound."

Seventeen years later, that tragedy is unfortunately still how Waco is known nationally. I have never said "y'all" and I never will. You guys can't make me. I went from a state that inspired the movie "Hoosiers" to the state that birthed "Friday Night Lights." Heck, my high school didn't even have a football team.

Speaking of football, one hing has always bothered me: "America's Team." I realize I'm ruffling some feathers, but calling the Cowboys "America's Team' never made sense to me. First of all, I can't think of anyone more American than Peyton Manning.

Three years ago, when I de- He's represented every major corporation in the country. But I'm not arrogant enough to think that my or any other football team represents America. Look, the Cowboys don't have 27 championship titles like the Yankees. Until last season, they hadn't even won a playoff game in 13 years. I don't care how much money Jerry Jones spends. If the Cowboys are America's team, then they're making America look more like France.

> And the whole title of "America's Team" seems to indicate that there's international interest in American football, when in reality every other country in the world couldn't care less about the sport, so there's no need to designate a team to represent the country. And even if there was an "American" football team, it would make more sense to choose the team with the most titles (Steelers) or perhaps the team that's actually owned by citizens (Packers). But, squabbles with the Cowboys aside, after three years I think I'm starting to get Texas. I'm beginning to grasp why someone would tattoo an outline of Texas onto their body (thank you, Penland

> Before I came to Texas, I had no idea what a kolache was. Now I'm making weekly pilgrimages to the Little Czech Bakery to satisfy my hunger. Texas is big. After driving to El Paso, I think I'm beginning to appreciate how beautiful a vast expanse of nothingness can be. Texas has three cities (Houston, San Antonio and Dallas) that are larger than Indianapolis, and another (Austin) that's infinitely cooler. I love how all the Baylor students from those different cities have playful, all in good fun rivalries. (Is it just me, or does everyone not from Houston hate Houston?)

> Saying you're from Texas means something. How many states can claim it was once a republic? If I'm being honest I have to admit that being from Texas means more than being from Indiana, New Hampshire or Ohio. It just does. Texas has a distinct culture from the rest of the country, and Texans should be proud

We don't have to agree on grammar, politics or sports teams. I'll always be a Hoosier, but for now I'm proud to live among Texans.

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# Legislation would give necessary muscle to FDA

Last week, more than 500 million eggs were recalled from Iowa because of a severe scare that the eggs may have carried salmonella. As a result, an outbreak of more than 1,500 cases of salmonella poisoning has been

This outbreak may have been prevented if the Senate had passed a food safety bill passed by the House in July 2009.

A Senate bipartisan group released a compromise amendment to the bill on Aug. 12 — the day before Wright County Egg, one of the two egg farms involve in the recent salmonella scare, announced its first recall.

The bill would impose stricter rules on inspections, increase the frequency of inspections and grant the Food and Drug Administration the power to authorize recalls and allow access to company records.

What regulators need are "more tools, and probably better tools, to prevent these events from happening," said Craig Hedburg, a professor at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, who thinks the legislation would provide just that, Fortune Magazine reports.

The current law, which has been in force for more than 70 years, does not allow the FDA to authorize recalls.

This means that the FDA can only ask those responsible to remove the products, but the responsible party does not have to

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obey the request.

Thus, the recall does not always come in a timely manner because the company is afraid of losing profits as a result of the re-

That delay results in more people being affected by the problem associated with the

If the proposed legislation passes, the FDA would be able to quickly issue a recall, forcing the responsible party to withdraw the product without first worrying about how the recall would affect the company.

This ability to enforce a recall should not be taken lightly and requirements of the FDA to prove the need for a recall prior to enforcing one should be an expectation of Congress.

An FDA report initiated after the contamination found that Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms were filthy and had poor sanitation in the areas where the hens

The report even detailed instances of rodents, wild birds and hens escaping from their cages, which could have contributed to the salmonella.

At Hillandale Farms, laboratory tests

confirmed there was salmonella in water used to wash eggs before they were pack-A report on Wright County Egg de-

scribed pits that had chicken manure piled

According to The Washington Post, the FDA had never previously inspected the two

If an agency, like the FDA, had conducted a thorough inspection of the farms before the salmonella outbreak, inspectors could have seen the potential problems at the farms and might have been able to avoid the situation.

One of the more obvious solutions to this problem is to enhance and increase the oversight powers of the FDA.

If the proposed legislation passes, the FDA would impose stricter rules on inspections so that problems could be caught well before more than 1,500 people in the coun-

Furthermore, if a problem were discovered, the FDA would be able to access company records and issue a quick recall, if nec-

The proposed legislation should be passed when the Senate returns this month. With the new legislation, the FDA would have more power to avoid another salmonella poisoning episode.

# Rallying cry: All should fight for detained hikers in Iran

Recreational hiking has some inherent dangers. But for Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattal, a sprained ankle on the trail is furthest from their worries. Iranian forces arrested the three University of California at Berkeley graduates on July 31, 2009, for supposedly crossing the border while hiking in the mountains of Iraqi Kurdistan. They are currently being held in Evin Prison in Tehran. No charge has been brought against them in an actual court of law, though officials in Iran are accusing the three of being spies.

They have been denied access to a lawyer and their mothers have seen them once.

Iran is not playing by the rules not shocking. After more than a year the three Americans are still being detained; they are still sitting in jail cells and los-



ing hope every day in a country tangled in a web of sticky international relations.

Many suspect the three hikers are being used as political chess pieces — an action that should

The value of a human's life not just an American's life — is one that deserves fair treatment and due process. All of which has been denied for Sarah, Shane and

According to Iran's intelligence minister, the country's investigation is "close to being completed and when completed the results will be announced."

It's hard to trust the country that has wrongfully detained them for more than a year.

America has called for their release. President Barack Obama said the three friends are "simply open-minded and adventurous young people who represent the best of America, and of the human spirit." Obama called for the release of the three hikers on July 31, 2010, and said the three were in "unjust detention."

Former South African Arch-

bishop Desmond Tutu echoed Obama's sentiments.

"They are suffering from desperation and hopelessness and have considered the extreme step of a hunger strike," Tutu told the Associated Press.

"A nation of Iran's stature should not act in a cruel and inhumane manner, or punish innocent individuals for the disagreements that exist with the United States," he said.

Now it is time for the entire global community, including Baylor Nation, to join together and demand the three be re-

I can't tell you what makes me mad about this particular situation more than any other, except that the more and more I ponder 394 days of confinement in a cell for hiking near a border I can nearly feel my blood boil.

The three have done nothing

As a volatile nation, Iran is not the easiest to work with, but at some point actions must be taken in favor of the innocent; in favor of those that may be wrongfully detained in the future.

To me, America is the land of the free not only because we operate under laws that, when implemented fairly, foster equality. America is a leader of liberty because we stake claims and fight for liberty on a global scale; we believe in an ever-increasing amount of freedom in this world.

The three hikers' lives can't be labeled with a price. We should do whatever it takes.

They are three detained children; three friends and three hu-

Fighting for global justice means fighting for every person.

The lives of these three hikers are important. America's leaders have said so—now its your turn.

To support Sarah, Shane and Josh's cause follow @freethehikers on Twitter and Facebook. Updates are also given on freethehikers.org.

Iran is far away but support travels. The three families need your prayers; they need your sup-

As a constituency of Americans we have the power to boost issues onto a national stage. To me, there is no more deserving cause than the release of these three-not only for their freedom but for a promising symbol of an ever-improving world, too.

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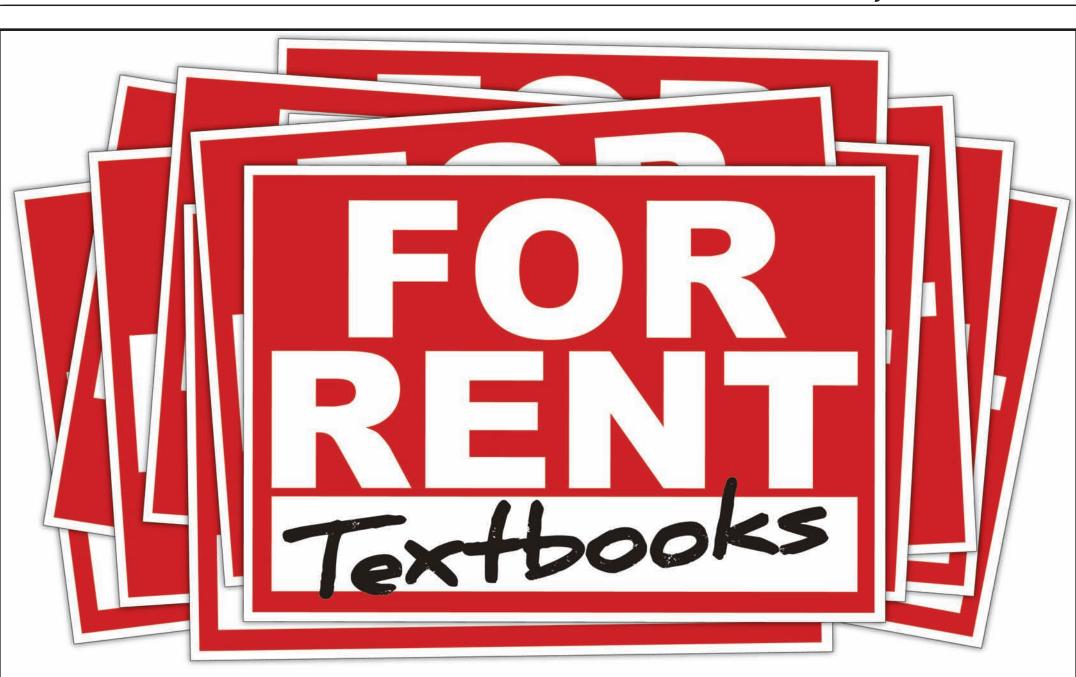
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# Students install water system in Rwanda

By Jade Mardirosian STAFE WRITER

For the second consecutive year, Dr. Bill Jordan, professor and chair of the mechanical engineering department, led a mission trip to Musanze, Rwanda.

The mission included seven engineering student volunteers who worked to build a water purification system for the high school section of Sonrise School. The Christian K-12 school, populated with a majority of students who are genocide or AIDS orphans, was founded in 2001 by Bishop John Rucyahana, the Anglican Bishop of Shirya, Rwanda, and the nonprofit group Bridge2Rwanda that he cofounded.

The water purification system was designed last spring in the engineering senior design class. As part of the project, the group also installed a solar panel system used to power the water purifier. Before, Sonrise School had to boil all water before it could be used. The system was installed for use in the cafeteria for cooking, as well as for drinking. The system that was installed works by shining ultraviolet light through the water in order to kill bacteria.

Working with Bridge2Rwanda meant this trip was about more than just engineering. The mission of Bridge2Rwanda, as stated on its website, is "to build a bridge

from our world to Rwanda and transform lives at both ends." This was ultimately the same goal Jordan had for his students.

The students, handpicked by Jordan, were chosen because they are committed to using their skills to help others and were interested in helping Christians who had a poorer quality of life.

"We want to make a positive difference in the lives of the people of Rwanda, but I want my students to be different as well," Jordan said. "I think our students were profoundly affected by this trip, in terms of seeing how they can use their skills to help people."

The team worked closely with the faculty of Sonrise School to ensure the completed project was important to the students of the school. This allowed for a lot of informal interaction between Baylor and Sonrise School students. Many times students of Sonrise School gathered to watch and ask questions about what was being done and how the system worked.

This summer, Sealy MBA student David Fait was selected as team leader for the mission because of his experience working at Sonrise School with Jordan in 2009. He was also the project manager for the senior design project that created the purification sys-

Fait appreciated his time in Rwanda more this time, due in

Garland sophomore Jonathan Berry explains how the water purification system works to a group of high school students at Sonrise School in Musanze, Rwanda.

part to his previous knowledge of the country and school, and also to the increased amount of time he was able to spend with the stu-

The team was also able to spend time playing soccer, volleyball and

waiting for parts for the system to be delivered. This interaction was where the mission aspect of the trip came into play.

basketball with the students while

"Interacting with the students and hearing their dreams and aspirations is really what gives you hope for the nation," Fait said.

The people of Rwanda are still recovering from the genocide of

The team was able to visit the Genocide Memorial in Kigali on

their first full day in the country.

"This was a very hard time for our students, but it helped them to understand the need for the Christian development that is occurring at the Sonrise School," Jordan said in a report sent to donors and supporters of the trip.

"The people there are incredible; the turnaround from what happened in 1994 to now is just incredible," Fait said. He described his trips to Rwanda as life-changing and said he could definitely see himself working for a nonprofit that does engineering mission work abroad after graduation.

Baylor Missions sent 12 teams to eight locations this past summer and will potentially have 20 teams in 12 locations next summer.

Trips are led by Baylor faculty and staff and applications are open to all Baylor students with a desire to serve others.

"The impact is made on the students who are transformed by these experiences," Rebecca Kennedy, associate chaplain and director for Missions, said. "They go and see the hope and possibilities and are changed because of it."

Applications for students to participate in mission trips are available on the Baylor Spiritual Life website and informational meetings will take place throughout the semester.

# Lab brings current technology to math department

By Meghan Hendrickson STAFF WRITER

Baylor recently opened a new math classroom equipped with 30 personal student computers and desks, a high-tech teacher's station, a projector and a plethora of gadgets.

"With this new classroom I can be exposed to the way that theoretical concepts are applied to solve real-life problems in the classroom," Kingwood senior Myles Baker said.

The mathematics department's new technology classroom is located in 203 Sid Richardson.

According to Dr. Lance Littlejohn, the math department used to have a lab when math and statistics were together in one department.

"Before I came to Baylor in January of 2007, statistics and math split. The agreement was that statistics would take the computer lab with them. But math needs a lab as well. We're technology-based; we teach numerical analysis, calculus and math education classes," said Littlejohn, professor and department chair of mathematics.

By building the new mathematics technology classroom, Baylor students are now being given the chance to take courses that have never been offered before.

"As an applied mathematics major, I want to use computational tools if I decide to go into an industry field," Baker said. "Now I have the opportunity to be taught courses that use this technology, such as my Matrix Theory and Advanced Linear Algebra class with Dr. Ronald Morgan this fall, which has previously been a completely theoretical class. Now, with the addition of the classroom, Dr. Morgan will be able to show us, using MAT lab, these things in a real-life

MAT lab is just one of the mathematical programs already

installed in each computer in the classroom.

Many people played a part in the idea and development of this new classroom.

"I appreciate the help that the development office has given me," Littlejohn said. "They've been instrumental in doing this. I also appreciate Eric Abercrombie [director of development, College of Arts and Sciences], he is the one who really put it together. The dean of College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Lee Nordt, had a lot to do with this too."

All of this was possible thanks to a donation from Baylor alumni, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Meyerhoff.

Both Jim and his wife, Lisa, received a Bachelor of Science from Baylor in 1978. Now Jim is a partner and exploration manager of Krescent Energy in Houston, and Lisa is a partner at Baker & McKenzie law firm.

"I mean, here's a guy who spends 80 hours a week working hard at Krescent Energy, along with his wife who also works 80 hours a week at the law firm," Littlejohn said. "They don't have children, but instead of spending their money on something for themselves, they're using their resources to improve the educational

experience of Baylor students."

Meyerhoff said he felt the Lord's calling to do something about the fact that the math department didn't have a computer lab.

"The Lord blessed [my wife and me] with more resources than we ever thought possible," Meyerhoff said. "I came to Baylor as a non-Christian and became a Christian because of going to Baylor - it changed my life and my attitude about everything. So I wanted to donate to Baylor to help make a difference in young people's lives

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# Local church helps furnish grad students' homes

By Jade Mardirosian STAFF WRITER

First Baptist Church of Waco is ministering to the graduate student community at Baylor through its furniture and home furnishings donation program. For the second year, furnishings@first is helping graduate students make a smooth transition and create a new home in Waco.

The warehouse where donations are stored will be open on Saturday Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as various other Saturday mornings throughout the semester and is located at 400 South

Each graduate student is welcome to choose one large item, such as a sofa or bed, or two smaller items such as a lamp or decorative item, along with all the dishes and cookware needed.

Students only need to provide a valid student ID in order to participate.

The idea for furnishings@first came as a result of First Baptist's desire to reach beyond blessing their immediate neighborhood and work to bless the Baylor community and its students as well.

With guidance from the graduate school at Baylor, First Baptist realized there was a need to help graduate students settle into their new environment of Waco. "Our church had a lot of people

downsizing and who had extra furniture, so we decided what if we collect some of this furniture that is still in good condition, and we lend it out to grad students," Curt Kruschwitz, college minister at First Baptist, said.

Kruschwitz believes the furnishings@first ministry has really become a Baylor partnership, since many Baylor faculty members also donated items this year.

Furniture and other items donated are gently used. These items include such items as tables, chairs, sofas, linens, rugs and mirrors.

Wichita Falls computer science graduate student Kevin Rooney, who was at the event picking out furniture with his roommate, realizes the impact First Baptist is making on his peers. "This is a good ministry; I real-

ize everything here is donated, so if we don't need our furniture later we can donate it back for other students to use," Rooney said. The program has become a type

of co-op and is starting to feed itself, with graduate students often donating back furniture they received from First Baptist, as well as other items they purchased on their own but no longer need. First Baptist Waco also offers graduate student ministry and Sunday school.

Blakely Winslow, a student at Truett Seminary and an active member at First Baptist, became involved with furnishings@first after conquering his own struggles of adapting to life as a graduate student in a new city. Winslow believes the program offers a lot to his peers.

"It's a great way to know that someone in the community cares about them," Winslow said. "There are a lot of programs directed at undergraduate students and sometimes grad students can get left out

The well- received program provides furniture to students on a first-come, first-serve basis and

"The kids are really receptive," said Madge Beazley, member of the College Committee at First Baptist.



Houstonian Randy James, Houston graduate student Steven Darst and Granado graduate student Trevor Stephen load a truck during furnishings@first on Aug. 21 at First Baptist Church of Waco.

# Starr attends international students' welcome dinner

By Meghan Hendrickson STAFF WRITER

With 202 people in attendance, the Center for International Education hosted the largest international orientation Baylor has ever had - and it was the first time any president of the university attend-

"Welcoming Our World," President Starr's International Student Dinner and Mandatory Orientation, was held at the Bobo Spiritual Life Center on Aug. 24.

Students were welcomed by President Ken Starr and his wife, Alice, donning their cowboy hats and bandanas at the country western-themed orientation dinner.

With tex-mex catered by George's and door prizes funded by the Center for International Education, Baylor students from more than 70 countries across the globe were welcomed Texas-style.

"My favorite part of the evening was looking out and seeing a sea of faces from so many parts of the planet - the more countries, the better."

Alexine Burke |International student adviser

"Our main goal was to get the immigration regulations out to students so that they could have the information they need to stay in status," said Alexia English, Center for International Education administrative associate. "That was the overarching goal; I think by and large we met it."

The international student orientation and welcome dinner took on a whole new appearance this

"We really thought out of the box with this one. We've always done them before classes start and it's been an all day event," said Alexine Burke, international student adviser.

"This was the most amazing orientation," English said. "Me personally, I like Bobo because it's relaxed. These students are going to be at Bobo a lot because they're always offering things for international students. I think this was a great way to introduce them."

In his speech, Starr pointed out that although international students have plenty to learn while they study in Waco, he looks forward to what they will teach the Baylor community during their

"I have a lot of hard work to do," Beijing sophomore Gavin Yang said. "I must try my best and observe every rule in Baylor University."

The night was not just an evening full of endless immigration regulations, though; international students were taught about opportunities that exist at Baylor and what it means to be a Baylor Bear.

Kuming, China, junior Ellen Guo said she cared most about the free tutoring services that Baylor offers, as they were not available to her when she studied at Hong Kong Baptist University.

Guo was asked by Dallas junior Rachel Hardgrave to say a prayer for all who attended the dinner. Baylor Chaplain Dr. Burt Burleson said a prayer in English that was followed by the same prayer by a student from Nigeria in his native tongue and Guo in Chinese: God of bread, life, and each other, thank you so much for giving us every day we have right now.

Africa and Asia were not the only continents represented at the dinner.

"My favorite part of the evening was looking out and seeing a sea of faces from so many parts of the planet - the more countries, the better," Burke said.

unforeseen rains blew through Waco, but that didn't keep the women of the Center for International Education from braving the thunderstorm to set up for a western-themed night of fun.

The dinner was held the night

"Even with the storms, electrical outage and the water boil, God still worked everything out," said Melanie Smith, international student relations coordinator.

"I loved seeing the smiles of the international students as they felt Baylor hospitality from our students and from President Starr. And I especially appreciated President Starr's personal efforts to meet each and every international student," Smith said. "There was a look on their face that said 'We are so glad we're here at Baylor."

The night seemed to be a successful welcoming dinner and orientation in the eyes of students and

"I thought the sic 'em bear thing

was really neat," Guo said. "I love it. I was at freshman orientation and everyone was doing it and wow - it was awesome." The coordinators at the Center

for International Education were pleased to know that international students enjoyed the evening as

"Of all the things we could be doing working here at Baylor, we're lucky to work here with international students," Burke said. "We really, really enjoy them. To know that someone can come from such a different culture and life, and they come over here and are able to adjust and integrate - it's a challenge, especially if English isn't their first language."





The future location of the new George's Restaurant & Catering will be in the WestRock Centre on Hewitt Drive. Owner Sammy Citrano hopes to open the restaurant in October.

# George's Restaurant to open new location

At George's Restaurant & Catering these days, it's all about the "Big O" — October, that is.

In October, George's, a favorite hangout of both students and Wacoans, will open a second location in the WestRock Centre on Hewitt

"This particular location captures a different market," said Scott Connell, senior vice president of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce. "It's a more suburban market in a very high-traffic area."

George's owner Sammy Citrano, who has lived in nearby Woodway for 24 years, said he's excited about opening a George's Restaurant in the area.

"We think it's a beautiful shopping center," Citrano said. "There's a lot of fast food, but not really a good sit-down place to eat and drink with a very diverse menu like we have at George's."

In June, Citrano signed a fiveyear lease on the location, which was previously occupied by Hondo's Sports Bar & Grill.

Patrons who enjoy the atmosphere of the original George's on Speight Avenue should expect much of the same from the new location. The new George's will have an identical menu, a 1,230-squarefoot Big O Deck to accommodate smokers, a non-smoking bar area and an outdoor dining area.

Citrano said he's been considering adding a new location for several years. His plans were almost derailed in June when the Big 12 Conference nearly imploded.

"If Baylor would have been out of the Big 12, we definitely wouldn't have added the restaurant," Citrano said. "Because George's is the place everyone checks out when they come to town." One challenge the new location

may face is attracting Baylor students, such as Friendswood senior Rachel Rucker, who estimates that she and her friends visit George's about once a week. "I'll probably go to the new

George's a few times," she said. "But I think most of the Baylor crowd will stick to [the original]."

Citrano said he doesn't expect

the new location to serve as many students. However, he does expect the restaurant to attract plenty of customers from the surrounding community and businesses who may not have driven to South Waco on a weekday.

Citrano also said he thinks the new location is more conducive to a breakfast menu, which will be added one or two months after the grand opening.

Citrano's son, Kyle Citrano, and nephew, Kevin Chirafis, will oversee operations at the new lo-

They've been in the busi-

ness all their lives," said Citrano. "They're good food people, good service people, and this is their opportunity." Citrano said he would consider

opening a George's outside of the Waco area, such as in Fort Worth or College Station, but for now he's concentrating on getting the new George's ready for October.

"We need to get this one up, work it for about three years, see how it feels, and go from there," he

# August sees longer, more forgettable album releases

Katy Perry's "California Gurls" off

whenever it comes on the car ra-

dio. At first I agreed -and I loved

Perry's previous "One of the Boys"

but I've slowly given up resis-

tance to the song of the summer.

And I expect "Teenage Dream" and

"Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)" (first

song to co-opt the phrase epic fail?)

to follow suit. I've been absorbing

them for only a week, and already

their choruses sound as if they plan to stick around until 2011. But ex-

cept for "The One That Got Away,"

which she calls Radiohead make-

out music, Perry's gotten a lot more

forgettable since her less danceable

debut, which was wittier and, sorry,

!!! "Strange Weather, Isn't It?"

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!!! — generally pronounced

"chk chk chk" \_ has been closely

associated with the rise of indie

dance music since their nine-

minute single "Me and Giuliani

Down by the School Yard" became

an underground hit in 2003. Since

then, they've created music that has

an undeniably alluring quality -

funky, danceable, sensual, smooth,

yet also invigorating and alarming.

But with the release of "Strange

Weather, Isn't It?," the band has

fallen short of the expectations it

set for itself with its arresting 2004

debut, "Louden Up Now." Where

"Louden" was charged, angry,

pulsating and arresting, Strange

Weather is a typical collection of

dance tunes with good beats and

slick production. It's fun and en-

JENNY AND JOHNNY "I'm

Johnathan Rice has worked with

Having Fun Now" (Warner

Brothers, 3 stars)

his girlfriend, Jenny Lewis, on her

solo albums, but in Jenny and John-

ny he gets equal billing, and right-

fully so. Lewis will overshadow just

gaging, but not earthshaking.

Katherine Silkaitis

"California," catchier.

Dan Weiss

(Warp, 3 stars)

McClatchy-Tribune News SERVICE

August has witnessed a month of unmemorable album releases and these five albums continued on the same path.

SUFJAN STEVENS "All Delighted People" EP (Asthmatic Kitty, 3 stars)

Sufjan Stevens took the Internet by surprise this August when, on the same day, he both announced and put on sale (for \$5) this eightcut, hour-long EP. The multitalented Brooklyn songwriter and conceptualist thereby left no time for his fans to wonder whether this release is the full-fledged follow-up to 2005's "Illinois," the second chapter in his acclaimed "50 States" series. It isn't. It is, however, highly am-

bitious in its own not-so-focused way. The title song, which is included in both an 11-minute "original" and an eight-minute "classic rock" version, employs many trademark Stevens elements — chorales, shifting time signatures — while pushing his folk-baroque style in more experimental, prog-rock directions and quoting Simon and Garfunkel's "Sounds of Silence" at several junc-

When Stevens sings, "I know I'm still afraid of letting go of choices that I made," he may or may not be expressing ambivalence about ever saying he was going to make albums about all 50 states. But he makes clear here that he has plenty of non-geographical ideas. The most colossal cut is "Djohariah," a 17-minute, truly epic guitar jam full of gnarly improvisational excursions to make Neil Young envious. If that sounds too hard to swallow, "All Delighted People" also includes compact gems such as "Enchanting Ghost" and "Heirloom" that hark back to his earlier work.

— Dan DeLuca

KATY PERRY "Teenage Dream" (Capitol, 2 stars) I have a friend who switches

ley's last album), but Rice holds his own on this set of jangly roots rock. The two split the lead vocals and, as the title declares, revel in seemingly lighthearted songs. But these songs have barbs, and

about any partner with her aching

vocals and her star power (which

went into diva mode for Rilo Ki-

they're full of knives and snakes. "Just Like Zeus," "My Pet Snakes," and "Switchblade" take jabs at soured friendships and/or celebrity hypocrisies, and "Big Wave" and "Animal" are bitter political ditties. The bright West Coast countryrock underpinnings disguise the jaded sentiments, but the meanspiritedness sometimes undermines the fun.

—Steve Klinge

### Country/roots: MARTY STUART "Ghost Train: The Studio B Sessions" (Sugar Hill, 3 stars)

In the liner notes to "Ghost Train: The Studio B Sessions," Marty Stuart concludes by writing, "It was time to write some songs and it was long past time to play some hard-hitting country music." Well, Stuart and his band, the Fabulous Superlatives, along with guests such as steel-guitar great Ralph Mooney, deliver in spades.

Stuart is an unabashed lover of the music's history in its various forms, and you can hear that throughout "Ghost Train." It opens with a couple of Bakersfield-style electric guitar workouts, "Branded" and Don Reno's "Country Boy Rock and Roll," the latter a duet, and a six-string duel, with the Superlatives' Kenny Vaughan (more of that approach turns up later).

Stuart also nods to his former father-in-law and boss, Johnny Cash, with their cowritten "Hangman," a sepulchral ballad.

"Ghost Train" offers further proof that the 51-year-old Stuart, who got his start at 13 with bluegrass legend Lester Flatt, is really just now in his prime.

—Nick Cristiano

# Something Corporate brings back memories for fans

## \_ONCERT \_OLUMN



Bv Makenzie Mason STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After nearly five years on hiatus, California rock band Something Corporate returned to the concert scene with its long-awaited Reunion Tour. During the hiatus, lead singer

Andrew McMahon formed another band, Jack's Mannequin. Many Something Corporate fans followed Jack's Mannequin because of their loyalty to McMahon. I met several people last year at a Jack's Mannequin concert that really only went so they could see him perform.

This past February, the Reunion Tour was announced, prompting venues to completely sell out. Having been a fan of Something Corporate for many years, I thought I would never be able to see the band live. I had accepted that fact, but when I learned about the Reunion Tour, I immediately bought a ticket and there might have been an excited shriek involved. There was no way I was going to miss seeing my absolute favorite band perform.

Something Corporate has been around since 1998 and has had time to accumulate many fans. While at the House of Blues in Dalthe stage and left the crowd yelling for an encore. The band played its more famous songs such as "Punk Rock Princess" and "Hurricane," but also played some of their more personal songs such as "Walking By" and "Forget December."

las, Something Corporate rocked

There were fans of all ages, including a 12-year-old holding a sign that said he had listened to the band all his life. Some had been fans since the beginning; others had discovered them after the band went on hiatus. People drove for hours just to see the show. While Something Corporate was playing, elation was reflected on the audience members' faces. There were even some tears.

It's impossible to watch Something Corporate perform and not feel the passion that the band members have for music. Andrew McMahon wears his heart on his sleeve as he performs and both the pain and the joy in his music are tactile. He also has the natural ability to make the audience feel as if he is talking to each individual person. McMahon explained the meanings behind songs and even talked about his personal life. While playing, he would occasionally jump on his piano and stomp on the keys, which caused the au-

As the set ended, the audience was chanting "Konstantine" over and over. The band came back on stage for an encore and played "Konstantine," which is just under 10 minutes long, and a couple other fan favorites. I felt that the encore was the best part of the show. At the end of the night, the audience was buzzing with discussion about the show and how some wanted it to continue. I would have stood there all night listening to the band play. While it was somewhat sad when the concert was over, it was definitely a night

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# Baylor athletes serve community with Big 12 project

By Matt Larsen SPORTS WRITER

Though soccer players usually make every effort to avoid using their hands, the 2010 Bears found a way to put their hands to work this past summer without warranting a whistle or a card.

With one of their last free Saturdays of the summer, Baylor soccer players departed at 6:30 a.m. July 31, driving to Dallas to hammer, saw and sweat under the sun in the Big 12 Habitat for Humanity Project.

"That day half our team was up on the roof putting everything down," senior midfielder Lindsey Johnson said. "I don't know that the house even had a roof when we started. So, literally seeing that we were helping put a roof over this lady's head [and] knowing that she was going to have a safe place to live and a good shelter for her family was really humbling."

Habitat for Humanity has built more than 350,000 houses over the world. As it states on its website, "Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor (sweat equity) into building their Habitat house and the houses of

Johnson and teammates jumped in on the final day of the Big 12's three-day project, joining athletic staff members and players from Baylor and the University of

With the highest turnout among all participating Big 12 teams, Baylor soccer took the opportunity to make an impact in the life of a family, and more specifically, a mother named Keesha.

Though the joy-filled mother never mentioned how many children she had, Johnson knows that Keesha would not have chosen Habitat's largest floor plan if Keesha didn't think her family would truly appreci-

"They have a lot smaller house [than their new Habitat house]," Johnson said. "She was really blessed that she got to move From seniors down to freshmen, the

Bears enjoyed the chance to see the thankfulness in the face of the person they were

"She was walking around the whole time, talking to everybody, giving everybody hugs and just expressing just how appreciative she was that we were all there," freshman forward Selby Polley said. "That was pretty cool getting to see who you were



Baylor soccer team members gather together during a Big 12 Habitat for Humanity project on July 31 in Dallas. Construction sites can transform from a concrete slab at the beginning of a day to a framed and insulated structure by the day's end

helped her mom at the nonprofit organiza-

Polley, a Wichita, Kan., native, has chose to see this outreach as more than just another service project. She knows there is tion the Ronald McDonald House, but she something special about serving as a body of like-minded people and knows she has stepped into a group of athletes with more on its mind than just championships.

"It was just really cool that the team got together and did that," Polley said. "It was more hands-on, and we got to meet the family and see what we were doing. It was

just cool to be a part of a team helping out." College sports teams doing more than just kicking, throwing, running and shooting stands at the heart of Baylor's athletic mission. The mission states Baylor athletics "attracts, nurtures, and graduates studentathletes" while the student-athletes represent Baylor "with character and integrity."

Though head coach Marci Jobson couldn't participate due to recruiting commitments, she could not be happier that her squad exemplified that mission.

"I'm just really proud of the type of people they are," Jobson said. "They give back in so many ways, whether it's Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity [or] Play for Hope, [and] some of the girls have volunteered at the prisons. They have read to kids at schools. Whenever there is something and there is a need, they're just a bunch of kids that jump up and volunteer to do it. If that's what we're about here at Baylor, these girls represent that perfectly."

# Campbell leads volleyball's offensive charge with skill, attitude

By Rachel Roach SPORTS WRITER

Fortunately for Baylor volleyball's opponents, they know what they will get with sophomore middle-blocker Torri Campbell. Unfortunately, it is still difficult to stop.

After being awarded Big 12 All-Freshman Team and fall Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll last year, Campbell remains grateful for the accolades.

"To be considered anything in the Big 12 is a huge accomplishment," Campbell said. "My team definitely helped me, because without them I wouldn't have my

A team player and advocate, Campbell has big plans for the Bears this season.

"We've been ranked sixth out of the Big 12 and I expect us to be higher than that when we finish overall," Campbell said in reference to the preseason coaches' poll.

After her 26-kill display in the Holiday Inn and Suites Baylor Classic, Campbell has continued to live up to her expectations for an impressive season.

Starting all three games during the tournament, Campbell hit .391 in the team's victory over Stephen F. Austin.

As a young team member, Campbell has produced a significant amount for the Bears. In 2009, she was ranked first among Big 12 freshmen and second at Baylor in blocks with .98 per set.

Campbell is a consistent, quality competitor. Since her days at Amarillo High School, playing for coach Jan Barker, Campbell excelled by winning awards in 2008 like National ESPN RISE Athlete of the Week on Nov. 27, 2008, Texas Gatorade Player of the Year, PrepVolleyball.com All-American and Volleyball Magazine's High School All-America first team.

Not only has Campbell spent her time

in college fine-tuning her volleyball skills, but she has also become an actively involved Baylor Bear. A volleyball player, Greek-affiliate and student, Campbell has become a master at managing her time.

"When we go on trips, the bus and the airplane are a good time to get all your stuff done," Campbell said. "I mean, you just have to be well rounded."

However, Campbell doesn't see all of her activities as a burden. She reflects on her experience at Baylor as a memorable one, and is appreciative for her "amazing friends" and student life.

Head coach Jim Barnes commented on Campbell as "a great person on and off the court" and attributes much of her success to her outstanding work ethic.

Campbell's personality also brings something unique to the team. Barnes hopes Campbell's attitude positively affects

"She's naturally a calm player; she doesn't get too high or too low. What we want her to do is help affect the players around her that way," Barnes said. "She's learning to do that more and more."

Campbell's aspirations are supported by other teammates, including senior middle Elizabeth Graham.

"We've been practicing probably three weeks now, and we're really excited to see somebody on the other side of the net," Graham

The past excitement of the 2009 season is the reason for the anticipated encore in 2010. There are plenty of expectations for coaches and players to deliver, and Campbell has no intention of disappointing.



No. 7 middle blocker Torri Campbell tries a tip return against SMU Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, at the Ferrell Center. Despite a 2-1 match advantage, the Lady Bears fell to the Mustangs in five sets.

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it's not just that Baylor University is employing more people today than 20 years ago, it's they're employing more people today per student than 20 years ago. We know it's more expensive today. It may or may not be 'better,' but there's no proof that it's better."

Lori Fogleman, director of media relations for Baylor, said the number of administrators at the university has grown for various reasons. These reasons included Baylor's aspiration to become a Carnegie classified research university, which requires building labs and hiring research faculty, increasing student support services as the number of undergraduates living on campus has increased, opening and staffing the Paul L. Foster Success Center and hiring more personnel to assist coaches as the women's athletic programs were built up as part of the university's Title IX commitment, Fogle-

"What the study does not take into account is how understaffed Baylor has been historically, and we have taken corrective measures to improve that," Fogleman said. "I look back to our faculty and others [who] have asked us to provide them with the support that they needed, and frankly that they deserved, and we have responded by adding that support."

Although tuition costs have increased, the quality of an education at Baylor is evidenced by the number of students who desire to attend the university, Fogleman said. "A Baylor education means

something to our students, and it means something to our graduates forever," Fogleman said.

Dr. Raymond Cannon, chair of Faculty Senate at Baylor, said the increase in administrators is a positive change because Baylor did not have enough staff in the early '90s.

"In 1993, Baylor was understaffed in my opinion," Cannon said. "I would guess that a lot of what happened with the appointment of administrators happened [in the] late '90s, and I think it's a good thing."

Growth in student services has also led to the addition of more employees at Baylor, Cannon said. "Students, I think, are expecting View the study's top 10 at www.baylorlariat.com

more attention from the university rather than just the educational part," Cannon said. "So I think maybe that's one area where Baylor really has increased the number of people. If you want to recruit an intelligent, large, diversified freshman class, you need staff. And when you think about what the university is doing in all its tasks, I'm not upset with the number of administrators at Baylor."

There has also been disagreement and debate over various parts of the study. For instance, the scope of employees the study calls administrators has been disputed.

Data for the study was gathered from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), and the study combines two IPEDS categories, "Administrative/Executive" and "Other Professionals" into a group called "Administration." The "Other Professionals" category includes academic support, student service and institutional support employees.

Although the study states, "Under any reasonable definition, these employees ["Other Professionals"] are engaged in administrative functions, but clearly they are not directly engaged in teaching, research or service," some dis-

Cannon said there are workers he would consider educators that the study might consider admin-

"I would call the people in the [Paul L. Foster Success Center] educators," Cannon said. "I would call people interested in working for the retention of students and [people who teach] study skill courses educators, and I'm not sure this report does."

Fogleman said the work of those put into the "Other Professionals" category supports teaching and research.

"You're putting in there those other professionals that provide all kinds of services," Fogleman said. "They support teaching and research and when you're managing a university today, it's like managing a small city. We exist for teaching, we exist for research...but we

have other functions as well that support the whole institution."

The study's conclusion states that if the research team's hypotheses are right, "...the primary solution to administrative bloat and generally rising costs is to reduce the rate of government subsidies."

Ladner said that if government subsidies were reduced and students began paying more of their tuition, that would bring about a process in which students would discern what they were willing to pay for and therefore costs would "We don't think that if this were

all being paid for voluntarily that things would be nearly as expensive as they are now," Ladner said. 'There ought to be a sorting out of what people want for the university education."

Cannon said he doesn't see any evidencethe situation would play out that way.

"Look at the universities that are charging people a lot of money," Cannon said. "Do they have a lack of people applying to them? The students have already made the demands for 'the comforts of home' and I just don't think they're going to say 'well let's go back to no services at college.' I just can't imagine that happening."

The study was not peer reviewed, which Cannon also said is a problem.

"It was published by a think tank whose purpose is to reduce the size of federal government. I think they had a conclusion they wanted to get to and they got there," Cannon said. "It would have been a lot better to me if they had submitted it to some education

However, Kisida said because of its nature, the study did not need to be submitted for peer review.

"It's not the type of study that would be peer reviewed," Kisida said. "This is simply a report of descriptive information collected by the federal government."

The study was titled "Administrative Bloat at American Universities: The Real Reason for High Costs in Higher Education" and can be found at www.goldwaterinstitute.org/article/4941.

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driving is inefficient. Almost exactly a year after the current law banning cell phones in school zones came into effect, many sim-

"My guess would be even way less than the number of people who wear seatbelts, which itself is below 40 percent, actually follow the law," Sgt. Jerry Wilson of the

Waco Police Department said. Most people still use their phones as they drive through school zones, Wilson said, "and half of them are teachers that are going into school."

One of the reasons the law is so ineffective, Wilson said, is because it is hard to enforce.

"It's one of those things that's just hard to see. Even if someone gets caught it's usually a \$50 ticket," Wilson said.

"Its not even considered a moving violation, so it doesn't even go against the driving record."

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not the algae itself, it's when the algae dies," Jonathan Echols, public relations coordinator for Waco Water Utility Services, said.

"Their cells rupture and they release a chemical called geosmin. That geosmin is predominately what gives such a taste in the water. It's an earthy taste, like when you dig in the dirt right after it rains."

Although geosmin is harmless, Waco Water Utility Services wanted to produce better water for its citizens. The \$45 million dollar DAF plant removes the algae, before it releases the chemical, by injecting air bubbles into the water. The bubbles, so small they give the water a milky appearance, attach themselves to particles in the water and rise to the surface. The particles and live algae are then skimmed off and disposed in the city sewer.

Waco Water Utility Services plans to add a second step to the treatment process in October. After it is skimmed, the water will be treated with ozone for additional disinfection and to remove any remainders of taste or odor.

The DAF plant not only provides better-quality water, but also benefits the community by increasing the water capacity of the city.

"The capacity will enable the city to grow; it will enable us to produce more water to more people and allow more businesses to come and grow the city further," Echols said. Some of the excess algae growth

is due to the dairy farms north of Waco. Nutrients from the cattle manure enter the watershed, which is land the water flows over before entering Lake Waco, and the algae feed off the nutrients, increasing "The dairy industry really started increasing herds in the '80s, and

in the '90s we began having our worst episodes with water," Larry Groth, city manager for the city of Waco, said. "We have been working with the state and working with the

dairy industry to change the rules

and regulations up in the watershed

to get them to better dispose of the

waste. So we've had some changes in the law that have helped, but in the meantime we just felt we had to do something locally to get started on this treatment process."

The city has been working on

the treatment solution for approximately five years, Groth said. The DAF plant feeds water to Riverside Treatment Center and Mount Carmel Water Treatment

Plant to complete the treatment process, and together the plants serve Baylor University, downtown Waco, southern Waco and parts of McLennan County. Waco Mayor Jim Bush is looking forward to the improved water

"This facility is going to totally change the face of the water supply

coming out of Waco, no question about it," Bush said. "We're really excited about it.

Waco has always had a rap about smelly water and that it doesn't taste very good, but it will not be a problem now, we know it is going

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nation's longest war since Viet-

As for Iraq, for all the finality of Obama's remarks, the war is not over. More Americans are likely to die. The country is plagued by violence and political instability, and Iraqis struggle with constant shortages of electricity and water.

Obama is keeping up to 50,000 troops in Iraq for support and last forces are not due to leave until the end of 2011 at the latest.

As the commander in chief over a war he opposed, Obama took pains to thank troops for their sacrifice but made clear he saw the day as more the marking of a mistake ended than a mission accomplished.

He spoke of strained relations with allies, anger at home and the heaviest of wartime tolls.

"We have met our responsibility," Obama said. "Now it is time to turn the page."

To underscore his point, Obama said he had telephoned called Bush, whom he had taunted so often in the 2008 campaign, and praised the former Republican president in the heart of his

"It's well known that he and I disagreed about the war from its outset," Obama said. "Yet no one could doubt President Bush's support for our troops, or his love of country and commitment to our

In a post-Sept. 11, 2001, world, the Iraq war began with bipartisan congressional backing — based on what turned out to be flawed intelligence — over what Bush called a "grave danger" to the world posed by Saddam Hussein. Hussein is gone and Iraqis live in greater

Yet Iraq's leaders are unable to form a new government long after March elections that left no clear winner. The uncertainty has left an opening for insurgents to pound Iraqi security forces, hardly the conditions the U.S. envisioned when Obama set the Aug. 31 transition deadline last year.

Obama pressed Iraq's leaders, saying it was time to show urgency and be accountable.

He also sought both to assure his own nation that the war was finally winding down and yet also promise Iraq and those watching across the Middle East that the U.S. was not simply walking away.

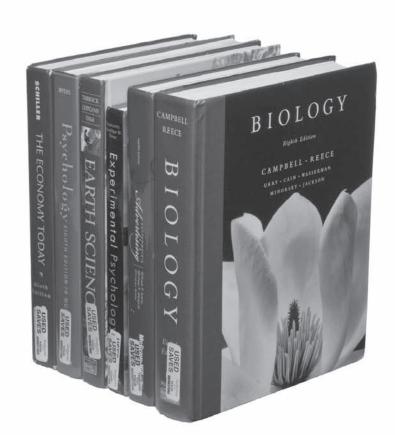
"Our combat mission is ending," he said, "but our commitment to Iraq's future is not."

The American public has largely moved on from the Iraq war. Almost forgotten is the intensity that defined the debate for much of the decade and drove people into streets in protest.

Yet what grew out of the war was something broader, Bush's doctrine of pre-emptive force against perceived threats. Running for office, Obama said the war inflamed anti-American sentiments and undermined U.S. standing in the world in addition to stealing a

focus from Afghanistan. He made mention of it again on Tuesday: "Indeed, one of the lessons of our effort in Iraq is that American influence around the world is not a function of military force alone."

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