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The Baylor College Republicans will host a welcome back social for new and prospective members and old members at 5 p.m. today in the SUB game room

Music in the air

Dr. Joseph Hopkins, dean of the Samford School of Performing Arts, and Dr. Michael Patilla, assistant professor of music at Mississippi State University, will perform a free concert at 5 p.m. today at Roxy Grove Hall



A great white egret snatches a fish at the John Bunker Sands Wetlands south of Dallas.

COURTESY OF CURTIS W. CALLAWAY

Departments' collaboration merges journalism, science

By CARMEN GALVAN
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty from various Baylor science programs and the journalism and media arts department are collaborating to reach out to Waco and its surrounding areas through research and education.

Earlier this year, Curtis Callaway, full-time lecturer of journalism and media arts, Bruce Byars, director of Baylor's Center for Applied Geographic and Spatial Research, and other faculty members in the sciences began discussing the possibility of building a partnership between the two areas of study in order to better communicate scientific research and findings to the community.

"I did a lot of marine science work and underwater photography and film, and through that I saw the need for science and journalism," Callaway said.



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The journalism and media arts department will document research of the John Bunker Sands Wetlands with photos, videos and news releases.

"The science department, they are very technical people, and they are working on their projects, their research, and they are focused on collecting data and making things happen. Part of what they have to do is education outreach, and it's usually an

afterthought."

Callaway said education outreach is important to communicate significant scientific findings to the community, but it is difficult to translate technical data into easily understandable science.

"The problem with that is the public looks at it and either it's way over their head and they're not going to read it, or if it's a visual data they're not going to understand how to read that data," Callaway said. "So scientists need someone who can interpret for them. And that's where we come in. The journalism and media arts department is perfect for that. We can do photography; we can do video; we can do writing; we can do graphic design. That's everything they need in one location."

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Board to vote on 'anti-Christian' books

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The State Board of Education plans to vote next week on a resolution calling on textbook publishers to limit what they print about Islam in world history books.

The resolution cites world history books no longer used in Texas schools that it says devoted more lines of text to Islamic beliefs and practices than Christian beliefs and practices.

"Diverse reviewers have repeatedly documented gross pro-Islamic, anti-Christian distortions in social studies texts," reads a preliminary draft of the resolution, which would not be binding on future boards that will choose the state's next generation of social studies texts.

The measure was first suggested to the board this summer by Odessa businessman Randy Rives, who lost his Republican primary bid for a seat on the panel earlier this year. Members of a social conservative bloc of the board then asked chairwoman Gail Lowe to put the resolution on next week's agenda.

Board member Pat Hardy, R-

Fort Worth, suggested the issue may be moot because none of the books cited by Rives still are being used in Texas, having been replaced in 2003, and said Rives "might want to go back and get newer copies of the books."

Don McLeroy, who is serving the final months of his term after also losing in the GOP primary, said he believes even current textbooks still reflect an anti-Christian bias.

"The biggest problem I saw was their overreach not to be 'ethnocentric,'" McLeroy said of an Advanced Placement world his-

tory book approved in 2003 and still in use. "It's a very, very, very, very biased book. Christianity didn't even make it in the table of contents."

McLeroy is one of the most outspoken of a group of board members who have pushed several conservative requirements for social study textbooks used in Texas, including that teachers cover the Judeo-Christian influences of the nation's Founding Fathers.

Kathy Miller, spokeswoman

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Air Force ROTC cadets garner field training awards

By NYDIA PEREZ
REPORTER

Baylor Air Force ROTC cadets spent several weeks this summer at an intense field training that earned them several awards.

Each year about 2,000 Air Force ROTC cadets are chosen nationally to be part of a rigorous field training that takes place at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., from June 5 to July 3. This year 21 Baylor ROTC cadets went to field training.

"Field training is the 26 days of the most fun you'll never want to have again," said Capt. Dennis A. Zoltak, an assistant professor of aerospace studies at Baylor.

Four Baylor ROTC cadets brought home awards. San An-

tonio junior Mandy King earned

a Top Gun award and Distinguished Graduate award, Friendswood junior Shane Lockridge earned a Distinguished Graduate award, Zeeland, Mich., junior Jessica Young earned a Distinguished Graduate award and Helotes junior Joshua Rangel earned a Superior Performer award.

The Top Gun award is given to the top cadet for each flight. There were 16 total flights in King's encampment. A Distinguished Graduate award is given to the top 10 percent of a flight and a Super Performer award is given to the top 20 percent of the flight.

Baylor's ROTC has consistently performed well in Mont-

gomery.

"The cadets compete favorably; their performance was not surprising," Lt. Col. Lester S. Ogawa, an aerospace studies professor, said.

The cadets spent the weeks of field training doing challenging physical training, building their leadership skills and learning to work as a team.

"We woke up at 4 a.m. for physical training and group leadership," King said.

"The heat was very taxing to train in at times. We were issued Camelbacks that carried 100 ounces of water. Each cadet would drink anywhere from three to five Camelbacks during the day while

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COURTESY PHOTO

San Antonio junior Mandy King does a 'Sic' em' from the cockpit of a T-38 at Randolph Air Force Base. King earned a Top Gun award and Distinguished Graduate award at field training this summer.

Has America still not learned tolerance?

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought I was living in America in 2010. If this is true, I cannot help but wonder why religious groups are still facing various levels of persecution in our blessed country?



Jade Mardirosian | Staff writer

It seems in this new millennium, we, as citizens of the world, have still not learned that respect and tolerance can go a long way.

Religion is a sensitive subject. The ideals and beliefs that we hold closest in our hearts are not meant for others to judge or desecrate.

However, oftentimes people fall subject to horrendous slurs and acts that directly violate their basic rights as humans. Everyone is entitled to respect and tolerance of their beliefs and views, and more importantly, everyone should act to supply those to others.

Religious groups, and even people of different sects in the same religion, often disagree. These conflicts do not need to lead to hatred, violence or insults, because all religions have faced persecution at one time or another.

My ancestors are Armenian. My last name, Mardirosian, is literally translated as son of a martyr. And martyrs are exactly what my ancestors became during World War I when Ottoman Turkey exploited religious and economic tensions within the Armenian population living in the empire and exterminated more than 1 million Armenians.

This act is widely acknowledged as the first modern genocide. I cannot even begin to imagine the horrors my ancestors

experienced because of their religious beliefs. My great grandmother watched as her brother was murdered while on a death march through the desert.

As the first state to formally adopt Christianity, in 301 A.D., Armenians have been proud followers of Christ ever since.

Knowing and learning of the terrible fate my relatives faced because of their devotion to their religion helps me to be more tolerant of others and sympathetic to those who, in some way or another, face struggles of acceptance and understanding.

I cannot understand why — in our country — people are still having to defend themselves against discrimination based on their religious affiliations.

With many recent events, including the heated debate over the planned community center in downtown Manhattan and the church in Florida that threatened to (but did not) burn Qurans on the ninth anniversary of Sept. 11, it is no wonder many are exclaiming a heightened sense of intolerance toward American Muslims.

As Americans, we should be leading by example. Religious tolerance should start in the very country it was founded on, among other exceptional ideals, principles of religious freedoms.

Learning to accept those whose ideals differ from our own will only lead to a better understanding of humankind and the many ways in which we are different, yet similar. We all hurt; we all laugh; we all cry, we all praise, albeit in various ways. As a country, our differences should no longer work to tear us apart. Instead, the various ways in which we differ should act as the glue in keeping America the wonderful melting pot of cultures and beliefs it is known to be.

So agree to disagree — or better still — look to your own religion for encouragements on how to treat others.

For myself, I always try to remember Mark 12:31, "The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

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Accessible student-athletes foster communal spirit, pride

For the past two weekends, Baylor football players have stepped off the bus at Floyd Casey Stadium and seen something they have not enjoyed in recent seasons: people, in throngs, cheering them on before the game.

Players and coaches have taken notice by commenting on the support several times before and after the games; fans have responded with their continued presence.

Because of its initiative to keep fans involved in the athletics programs, Baylor should be applauded for its efforts thus far.

Even before the football season began the team reached out to its supporters.

Players from all positions took part in Meet the Bears, strolling through the Allison Indoor Facility and chatting with whomever wanted to speak.

Prior to the Bears facing Sam Houston State and Buffalo, tailgaters gave the warmest reception that players and coaches have seen since coach Art Briles took the reins in 2008.

"It fires everyone up; it means a lot to us. The last two years, we'd come out [to Floyd Casey Stadium] and there would be a couple

of people tailgating," receiver Kendall Wright said Monday.

He continued, saying he had never seen so many people before a home game.

"Just seeing all those people shows that we have a lot of people with us and not against us anymore. It feels great," he said.

Tailgating already brings people together; those with an interest in football can unite as a community that rallies around the team.

It is only fitting that the actual team partakes in the activities as well and takes that momentum into the game. Baylor football players appear weekly in the Bill Daniel Student Center, where players answer football-related questions as part of the hour dubbed "Chalk Talk."

Although Briles and players familiar to nearly everyone on campus, such as quarterback Robert Griffin or running back Jay Finley, were not at last week's Chalk Talk, the event still served Baylor's purpose.

It introduces students to student-athletes they can watch and recognize on game day. Similarly to Baylor's Big 12 football media day representatives (linebacker Antonio Johnson,

defensive tackle Phil Taylor and offensive tackle Danny Watkins), players at Chalk Talk improve the football program's visibility by putting more players in the public eye.

And after football performs each week at home and abroad, many players turn around and fill the seats.

Griffin, joined by teammates, has shown his bear claw on the video board during volleyball games.

Baylor athletics has represented itself with athletes from other sports as well.

With some players going as far as to paint themselves and join student cheering sections for games, the athletics program keeps itself involved side-by-side with students and fans.

Most importantly, the events that Baylor athletics has created and will create as the seasons progress build community.

Without community, our athletes are playing for no one. They would be just as close to the national audience as they are to the people in their own backyard.

Baylor athletics will not let that happen, and each effort to reach out to fans is a step in the right direction.

Handle with care: 'Radical' label not always negative

Every word has baggage, a connotation that is always along for the ride.

Even the word baggage has baggage, because nobody likes baggage.

Yet a word we have unjustly heaped with weighty connotations is the word 'radical.'

Children are subconsciously taught that radicals should have no place in an American society. A lesson echoed by their parents who are busy finding ways to not be labeled a radical.

As the media erupted with news of the formerly planned but eventually canceled "International Burn a Koran Day," Americans have been given one more hefty parcel to drop around the neck of the term we love to hate.

It's an easy thing to do. Some might even find it comfortable as we dismiss these actions because we can safely group them in a number of other acts that we would never dream of doing because they are 'radical.'



Matt Larsen | Sports writer

Yet with every nonchalant dismissal of this radical act or that extremist's actions, we simultaneously dig a grave for a word that at countless times throughout the world's history has inspired mankind to actions outside ourselves.

Certainly words with plenty of negative connotation exist for inconsiderate and irreverent acts like burning the holy book of another religion.

other religion.

But unless we as people (Americans, Christians, Muslims, take your pick) can choose to stare straight back into the eyes of the term 'radical' and realize its true face actually seems kind of inviting, we will cease to see the potential for radical change in a world we truthfully want changed radically.

It goes beyond a modest shift in vocabulary. We can start tossing the word 'radical' around however much we want but still never see a change in the character of a country, or first and foremost a change in the character of the individuals that make it up.

People must overcome the fear of being labeled a radical in order to eventually be labeled innovative or revolutionary, two terms most people would welcome to their epitaphs.

In order to overcome the fear, people must encounter the word in its purest form. We must recall that radicals brought an end

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to slavery and a cure for polio; radicals discovered the world was round and that the universe did not revolve around it.

For Christians, a certain radical by way of His lifestyle and death even inspired a movement of people to give their lives in

service to the one who gave them life eternal.

We as living, breathing human beings want the children in a Kenyan village to grow up with clean water; we want the teenage girl in Southeast Asia to live without fear of being forced into prostitution; we want a cure for cancer to be discovered.

Essentially, we want justice to be executed, albeit in a variety of fashions.

Terry Jones, pastor of the Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Fla., said that a large goal of their planned burning was to show that a part of Islam is "very radical."

It's not even that Jones calling Islamic terrorist acts radical or in turn Americans calling Jones radical is the problem.

The problem is that we have allowed so much negative connotation to color how we think of radical people that we are scared to usher in radical ideas that might in fact solve problems hu-

manity has heretofore been unable to conquer.

We distance ourselves from the idea of something unknown when the thought of being radical in the purest sense ignites a small fire in our souls.

We as Christians, as Americans, as people cannot afford to have those with radical ideas silenced in society for fear of being called radical.

Radicals with selfless dreams that go beyond their own comfort and satisfaction can run the world if their dreams are not squashed by a society's fear of a word.

Radicals can see a country's thirsty children drink clean water and a continent's young women freed from sex slavery if we only let those born to be radical be just that.

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SLC offers students local outdoor activities

Rock climbing, kayaking, biking, back country cooking among options offered

By KEVIN TAMER
REPORTER



COURTESY PHOTO

A group of students takes advantage of a backpacking opportunity offered by the Student Life Center through the Outdoor Adventure Program. The program offers many chances for students to get off campus and enjoy the challenges of nature.

It is nearly impossible to walk into the McLane Student Life Center and overlook the 52-foot, free-standing structure dedicated to rock-climbing.

What may be less known to students, however, is that The Rock is just one of many recreation opportunities available through the Baylor Outdoor Adventure programs.

For more than 10 years, the Baylor Outdoor Adventure Program has offered a variety of events, trips and clinics to Baylor students.

The programs are designed to provide participants, both those who have outdoor experience and those who don't, safe and meaningful opportunities that will add to their college experience.

The events offered through the program range from rock climbing and kayaking to clinics on bike maintenance and back country gourmet cooking.

Outdoor Adventure program director Cody Schrank said the opportunities presented through the programs are unlike anything else offered at Baylor.

"Students learn things about

themselves in different ways," Schrank said. "The thing that makes it adventure is the unknown and uncertainty. So if you go bouldering, kayaking or mountain biking, you are not sure what that day will look like, and that is exciting. It is the experiential part of learning that you don't get from a book,

you can only read for so long until you have to do it yourself."

On Saturday, the Outdoor Adventure Program took students on a bouldering day trip to Tonkawa Falls in Crawford.

Bouldering is a type of climbing in which large pads are used instead of ropes as safety precau-

tion. The event cost \$15 and the trip was open to climbers of all skill levels.

Cincinnati master's candidate Dan Jepson was glad he was able to participate in the trip.

"I got to see a different side of climbing at this location," Jepson said. "Students got to see adven-

ture can happen around Baylor and very cool things can happen in close proximity to Baylor. Even though it was hot and muggy, everyone had a good time. They bonded together and they had a great experience."

Another experience offered by the Outdoor Adventure Program

is the Baylor Challenge Course. The course is about two miles from the Baylor campus at the Eastland Lakes Complex. The Challenge course consists of different activities, including group challenges and events at low and high elements in order to build teamwork and camaraderie.

Organizations can sign up for either half-day (four hours) or full-day (eight hours) challenge course sessions as well as leadership training on-site.

Rates vary depending on the agreement contract and the number of participants.

While the challenges are both mental and physical, they are designed so the average person can participate.

Amy Violette Bulter works on staff at the challenge course and said she is constantly seeing lives change because of the impact of the program.

"I have found working with challenge course throughout the years that the connections participants find with each other and with God are unlike anything else we do," Bulter said.

The Outdoor Adventure Program's next trip will be an introduction to whitewater kayaking this Saturday in San Marcos.

While the signup date has passed, students can begin registering for the backpacking trip at Dinosaur Valley Park on Sept. 24-25.

Students can register by visiting the SLC front desk.

Pre-admission program offers perks

By MEGHAN HENDRICKSON
STAFF WRITER

Right now high school seniors across the nation are putting together their transcripts, SAT scores, resumes and letters of recommendation to accompany the ApplyTexas application. Some students will discover their class rank is not high enough to get into their dream school, or others may realize the towering tuition rate of higher education is too great to afford. Either way, some graduates are faced with a decision to go to a local junior college, or settle for a school that was not their first choice.

Collin College recognizes this predicament and has come up with a third option for high school graduates. This option is a pre-admission program in which Baylor also participates.

Collin College has pre-admission partnerships with 10 colleges

and universities in the North Texas region, near the school's Dallas location. The participants include Baylor, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, Southern Methodist University and the University of North Texas.

In 2007, former Baylor President John Lilley signed a formal agreement with Collin College President Cary Israel to create the Baylor Bound Transfer Program.

"This program was formed primarily so students can complete a degree in the minimal time possible and make a connection with the schools they plan to transfer to before they leave the community for college," said Dr. Brenda Kihl, vice president of academic and institutional effectiveness at Collin College.

As soon as a Collin College student submits a one-page application for the Baylor Bound program, he or she is able to access numerous benefits that Baylor

provides.

According to the agreement, Baylor Bound students are given access to Baylor advisers, online degree requirement guides, special mailings, on-campus events and the Baylor Library System. Once students complete the amount of coursework necessary to transfer to Baylor, they have the opportunity to register early for the summer and/or fall semesters.

In addition to the benefit of maintaining a focused and timely degree plan, there are also financial incentives that come with participation in the pre-admission program. According to the respective school websites, current tuition and fees for one semester at Baylor is \$15,829, while tuition and fees at Collin College for 12 hours for a student who does not reside in Collin County is \$734.

In a survey of a Christian Scriptures class at Baylor, 41 percent of students said they would have

participated in the Baylor Bound Transfer Program if they had been offered the opportunity upon high school graduation.

"Another benefit of the pre-admission program is the fact that despite participants' high school academic history, as a transfer student they don't have to meet freshman admissions requirements, such as class rank and SAT scores," Kihl said.

Typical transfer students face a common issue of credits either not transferring, or transferring but not contributing to their major.

"The more people we can make aware of [Baylor Bound] the better, because we are able to give [Collin College] students information about whatever major they are interested in at Baylor and we can suggest courses for them to take for their major. The earlier the contact, the better the transition," Lisa Barrientos, a Baylor transfer counselor, said.

Urban Missions targets community

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

Students are working hard to bridge the gap between Baylor and the Waco community through the Urban Missions program, which utilizes the interests and strengths of students to positively affect Waco residents.

The goal of Urban Missions is similar to that of other projects through Spiritual Life at Baylor, but, students don't have to travel halfway around the world to see the effect they are having on those being ministered.

"Urban Missions is basically just about being a servant of Christ in your local environment. It's about serving God through serving others," said Seattle senior Alyssa DeMoss, student leader for the Ashton Oaks Kids Club. Students travel every Wednesday to Ashton Oaks apartment complex to play, have snacks and engage in Bible study with the children who reside there.

By building ties between Baylor and the community and ministering to the children she visits every week, DeMoss has found her own faith changed.

"When we talk to the kids about Bible study, it really helps us to grow in our faith. It's had a really big effect on me and my Christianity as well," DeMoss said.

There are 10 Urban Missions teams this school year, including the Hillcrest Hospital Ministry in which students visit, encourage and pray with patients facing illnesses or surgeries. El Paso senior



DANIEL CERNERO | PHOTO EDITOR

Pittsburgh freshman Ashton Grieger and Bedford freshman Lexi Holt play with kids in the Waco community during Kids' Club Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Ashton Oaks apartment complex. Ashton Oaks Kids' Club is a program put on by Baylor Spiritual Life's Urban Missions and Mission Waco.

Karen Caylor co-leads this ministry and enjoys being able to pray with the patients who are struggling with hard times. "It's really neat to be able to go to God with them about what they're going through and remind them about the God that cares for them," Caylor said.

Both Baylor students and Wacoans are greatly affected by the programs. Baylor students cite a change in them that's even greater than the change they feel is reflected on the people to whom they minister.

Little Rock, Ark. junior Eliza Young is the leader of Robinson Gardens Kids Club, and said she is abundantly blessed by the children.

"I feel like I have learned and

been blessed so much more than I ever gave and taught the kids. They taught me how resilient and full of life they are even though their circumstances are very grim and pretty shocking," Young said.

Memories students have from their experiences with Urban Missions are long-lasting and special, the volunteers say. DeMoss cited this past Christmas and Urban Missions' work with the Angel Tree program, which provides presents for children at the complex, as especially extraordinary.

"It was really cool to be able to see the fruits of what we teach and be able to tell them the true meaning of Christmas during that same time. It was really encouraging and definitely the best part of my

Christmas last year," DeMoss said. Skills learned from ministering in the community are also important in students' future development and careers.

Carole Meriwether, ministry associate for Urban Missions, said learning to interact with others while growing spiritually is a great combination.

"Anything that helps to engage the community helps those students to also grow spiritually and it is also a great way to grow in life skills. Working with kids or interacting with people at the hospital is a difficult thing to do; learning those skills helps students to build life skills and often times it is things they will be needing in the future," said Meriwether.

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After Midnight to rock out at Common Grounds

By CHRIS DAY
REPORTER

After Midnight, a band composed of four Baylor faculty and staff members, will play at Common Grounds tonight. This will be the first time the band has performed at the venue.

Eleven years ago, Robert Darden, associate professor of journalism and media arts, and Dr. Barry Hankins, professor of history and church-state studies and director of graduate studies, met each other through Seventh and James Baptist Church. Eventually, each discovered that the other had grown up playing in bands, with Darden being a drummer and Hankins being a guitarist and vocalist.

The pair agreed to put a rock song together for a talent show at the church and agreed to perform together again.

The two were friends with Steve Gardner, professor of economics and director of the McBride Center for International Business, who had also played in bands before.

"Bob introduced me to Steve Gardner, but I had no idea he played keyboard. As it turned out he plays amazingly well," Hankins said.

Darden was also complimentary of both Gardner's and Hankins' ability as musicians.

"Both Steve and Barry have amazing ears. They're the types that can just listen to something and play almost exactly as it sounds," Darden said. "Not many people know this, but Steve used to jam with Stevie Ray Vaughan."

Gardner was invited by Vaughan to tour with his band on a supporting slot for Jimi Hendrix, but Gardner, being a college student at the time, opted for an education instead.

After a few rehearsals, the trio invited academic consultant Lance Grigsby to play bass.

"Lance is an amazing musician," Darden said. "He's a multi-instrumentalist."

Grigsby's list of instruments includes the banjo and bagpipes.

"I play all sorts of instruments. I grew up playing guitar, but I figured, 'Bass? Well it can't be that different,'" Grigsby said.

The band members have varied tastes in music, but they all agree on soul, rhythm and blues and Texas shuffle (think Stevie Ray Vaughan).

"I always say that people listen for the rest of their life what they grew up listening to. For me, that was Steely Dan — you know that jazz-influenced rock and roll — Chicago, Allman Brothers and Eric Clapton," Hankins said. "The older crowd at the shows and wedding receptions we play grew up listen-

ing to that stuff and the younger crowd had that stuff played by their parents in the house growing up."

As far as original material, the band has discussed it, but it has never performed any.

"We've talked about it. We all write a little bit in our spare time, but we're a cover band. We play what people want to hear," Darden said.

The band eventually settled on the name After Midnight, taken from an Eric Clapton song, because the Waco Tribune-Herald used to list bands alphabetically and the band's name would always be at the top of the list, but the band has another humorous story they like to tell when people ask.

"The joke is that we're all so old that we want to be awake long enough to play until after midnight," Hankins said.

Mainstays on the After Midnight set list are Van Morrison, Eric Clapton, Creedence Clearwater Revival, John Fogerty and the Allman Brothers Band.

"One Way Out' by the Allman Brothers is probably my favorite song to play," Hankins said.

The show will be at 8 p.m. today at Common Grounds and will feature songs by Coldplay, Amos Lee, Van Morrison and Tim McGraw just to name a few.

Tickets will cost \$5 and can be purchased at the door.



After Midnight is made up of (from left) Dr. Barry Hankins, professor of history and church-state studies and director of graduate studies; Robert Darden, associate professor of journalism and media arts; Steve Gardner, professor of economics and director of the McBride Center for International Business and Lance Grigsby, academic consultant for the Baylor electronic libraries.



COURTESY PHOTO

Brandon Flowers, a former member of The Killers, has released his new solo album. The album, titled Flamingo, hit U.S. retailers on Tuesday.

Flowers debuts solo album

By LAHMEIK STACEY
CONTRIBUTOR

American rock band The Killers, has seen great mainstream success since its debut in 2004. After releasing three studio albums with the band, however, lead vocalist Brandon Flowers prepares to embark on his own musical journey — his proclamation of such — releasing his solo album, "Flamingo."

Released to the U.S. market on Sept. 14, "Flamingo" has a varied sound, ranging from slow ballads to upbeat pop songs; a sound that is quite distinct from the indie-rock direction prominently found throughout The Killers' discography.

Unlike his previous work with The Killers, Brandon Flowers seems to reveal his true musical preferences and even a window into his personal life with "Flamingo." The songs, which flow harmoniously one after the other, all seem to exude honesty; the album, as a whole, seems to serve as Flowers' confessional, with Las Vegas and casino culture as the driving theme.

"Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas," which serves as the album's opening song, takes a unique approach at describing the city. When Flowers sings "Welcome to

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Fabulous Las Vegas/Give us your dreamers, your heartaches and your sins.../Didn't nobody tell you the house will always win?," he mocks the idea that Las Vegas is the place to go for a quick-fix in life and the people who firmly believe in that idea.

Another memorable song on the album, "Jilted Lovers and Broken Hearts," opens with an almost hypnotic melody and is about exactly what the title suggests. Using a number of clever metaphors appropriately based on dice-rolling and playing cards, Flowers reveals his emotional side with this song and invites the listener to share with him in the pain of heartbreak.

"Crossfire," which currently serves as the first single off of "Flamingo," is a nod to some of The Killers' previous work together as

a band, with guitar lines and heavy percussion present throughout. From the mellow atmosphere of the first verse, the song crescendos into the chorus — "And we're caught up in the crossfire of Heaven and Hell/ And we're searching for shelter/Lay your body down..." — and demonstrates how Flowers' work with The Killers still has a place in his solo music.

All artists who try to release a solo album after serving as part of a band or music group always face the risk of failure. Flowers, however, has proven with "Flamingo" that he is willing to take that risk, without fear. For fans of The Killers, this 10-track album (14 are on the Deluxe Edition) offers a hint of what they are used to while providing a completely different sound for those searching for something new. Take your chances with "Lady Luck" and buy the album; you will not regret it.

For more information about Flamingo and Flowers, visit www.brandonflowersmusic.com.

Grade: A

'Halo: Reach' for Microsoft's Xbox extends Halo-mania

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Halo by the numbers

If you love action video games with sci-fi themes, "Halo: Reach" may be the highlight of 2010.

It may also be a highlight for Microsoft, which is counting on huge sales of the flagship game for its Xbox 360 console.

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The launch of "Reach" at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday marked the start of an ultracompetitive holiday season with a series of blockbusters coming to Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo's Wii.

"Reach" sets a high bar. It's a thrilling and occasionally breathtaking update of the flagship game for Microsoft's Xbox console, with new characters, guns, vehicles and tools to build and share custom games online.

The game is also bittersweet for fans of the hit series that Bellevue-based developer Bungie first released in 2001.

It's a lovingly crafted prequel that clears up any lingering confusion about the "Halo" story and the franchise's artistic and technical ambitions before Bungie moves on to other projects.

Bungie stuffed "Reach" with new features and details. The landscape and design are brighter and crisper than previous versions, — memorable scenes include earthward views from a launching rocket, and twilight views across miles of open country — but the story is progressively darker, reflecting the grimness of today's wars.

Critics for the most part are raving about "Reach," which is the fourth and last full-blown version of the game.

>> \$2 BILLION: What the "Halo" franchise has generated in sales since 2001.

>> 34 MILLION: "Halo" games sold prior to "Halo: Reach."

>> 200: Employees at "Halo" creator Bungie in Bellevue.

>> 93 OUT OF 100: Average reviewer rating of "Reach," compiled by Metacritic.com.

>> 25: Countries where "Halo: Reach" is launching.

>> 2.7 MILLION: Number of players who participated in a May test of the game.

>> \$59.99: Cost of the basic "Halo: Reach" game.

>> \$149.99: A "Legendary edition" that comes with a model, books and a key to unlock a flaming helmet for your avatar.

>> 3.3 BILLION: Hours people have spent playing "Halo" online, up to "Reach."

>> 20,008,939: "Halo 3" players

>> 1.9 MILLION: "Reach" copies pre-ordered in the U.S., according to VGChartz.

>> THREE: Years it took to make "Reach."

>> ONE: Opportunities to fire enormous space cannon.

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Soccer's defense key to successful season

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

Talent, conditioning and chemistry all have contributed to Baylor soccer shutting out all six opponents it has hosted at Betty Lou Mays field.

Yet head coach Marci Jobson can trace back to a certain x-factor that exists among her players, one that she and her team believe has played the biggest role in establishing a successful defensive line.

"We need to have heart," senior defender Lucy Quintana said. "The best [way] to do that is through defense."

It should come as little or no surprise to Jobson that in her third year as head coach, her team's defense sits at No. 2 in the Big 12 for goals against, allowing just three. More notably, all three of those goals came in a single game on the road against No. 25 Arizona State.

This also earns Baylor a spot at No. 2 in the conference in shutouts (six of a possible seven games) with Texas Tech edging them out by one game.

Jobson, a former defensive center midfielder for the U.S. National Team, brought the physical mindset to the team two years ago that has now become the heart and soul of the Baylor squad.

"I heard [women's soccer coach] Randy Waldrum once say with Notre Dame, 'You play good defense first, and you're in any game,'" Jobson said.

"You could be brilliantly attacking, but if you can't defend, you may lose six to three."

With a wealth of talent at the defender position, Jobson found players receptive to the idea of building a program from a defensive foundation on up.

"I always believe that defense is the

first thing," Quintana said. "If you can hold off a team, you won't lose a game. Marci's main thing about heart, I think that's rooted in defense. That is one of the biggest things we take pride in, not only as defenders, but throughout the field."

Junior defender and midfielder Britany Hunemuller buys into her coaches' philosophy as well, feeling it fits perfectly with the approach she as a player brings to the game.

"She has valued defense; she has valued work ethic," Hunemuller said. "That's the type of player I am, so I fit in great with her mindset."

"They always say that defense wins games and offense is more for show," she added with a grin.

The junior defender has a unique role for the Bears defense, as she switches positions to cover the opposing team's most dangerous midfielder.

But the success of Baylor's defense so far this season can be credited to more than just the veterans. Jobson singled out one freshman's improvement thanks to a semi-secret practice tactic Jobson has utilized to build increased competition level in practice.

For a number of practices, the Bears have scrimmaged against a men's group of former high school soccer players, some of whom play for the men's club team.

With increased physicality and quickness, her players, especially the newest ones, can adapt more quickly to playing at the college level.

"It's matured some of our players like Georgia Mullins because she is playing against that kind of competition everyday. And she gets into a game, and it's not a big deal," Jobson said.



DANIEL CERNERO | PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor No. 20 freshman defender Vic Hoffman battles Houston Baptist No. 9 forward Brandi Hart. Hoffman is part of a defense that has held six of seven opponents scoreless.

The freshmen would not develop as quickly without the direction and guidance of the leaders in the back as well, one of whom actually leads from the goal-keeper position.

"Your goalie has to be able to talk, Jobson said. "That's where Courtney [Seelhorst] has really improved. She has

become more of a general back there."

She is pleased that the leadership comes in many forms and fashions, and not from any one person either.

"I don't think we have one kid that I would say, hey that kid is our leader. Everyone is leading by how they are performing," Jobson said.

Women's golf takes fifth place at Colorado tourney

By TYLER ALLEY
REPORTER

Baylor women's golf opened its season on a high note Monday and Tuesday in its first tournament of the year, the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic in Fort Collins, Colo. The Bears finished fifth with a combined score of 10-over-par 874, behind fellow Big 12 school Colorado, then California, Oregon and tournament winner Louisville.

"It really came down to a couple of shots here and a couple of shots there," head coach Sylvia Ferdon said Tuesday in a press release. "I'm happy with the outcome; I cannot be disappointed after we beat a top-25 program like New Mexico and a Big 12 rival like Texas Tech."

Baylor also had two players finish in the top 15. Effingham, Ill., junior Jaelyn Jansen and Springdale, Ark., junior Chelsey Cothran tied for fifth and 13th, respectively, and each shot career lows for 54 holes.

Jansen, who participated in the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship last summer, finished with a 3-under-par 213, including a first round 3-under-par 69, the second lowest 18-hole round of her career. Her scores earned her the second top-five finish of her career. Cothran's score of 1-over-par 217, including a career-low ty-



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Junior Jaelyn Jansen prepares for a putt at the Baylor Spring Invitational last spring at Twin Rivers Golf Course. Jansen won the individual title with a 4-over-par 220.

ing 2-under-par 70 in her first round, got her the seventh top-15 finish of her career.

"I was pleased to see Jaelyn and Chelsey form a 1-2 punch for us," Ferdon said. "I'm proud to see them play that well and throw up their best 54-hole scores."

The highlight of the tournament for Baylor was the first 18 holes on Monday.

The Lady Bears were in the lead by six strokes with a 6-under-par 282. Wind came through in the second round, creating problems for all players and dropping Baylor to fourth at a 5-over-par 581 after 36 holes, six strokes behind the leader.

"Our second round was a little more difficult because we faced windier con-

ditions," Ferdon said. "We didn't handle some holes very well, but overall I was pleased with our first 36 holes."

San Antonio senior Jordan Rhodes also shot a career-low 18-hole score with her first round 2-under-par 70, finishing at even-par 144 Monday and tied for 13th with Cothran. Her final score was 10-over-par 226, placing her tied for 43rd. Ferdon was proud to see Rhodes perform so well after only competing in one tournament her junior year.

"Jordan played exceptionally well [Monday]," Ferdon said. "She had good ball flight and ball control all day long. She tripped up on a water hole, carding an eight, but still managed to turn in one of the top scores in the second round."

Two more Baylor seniors rounded out the team's scorecard. Norway senior Lene Hafsten-Morch shot an 8-over-par 224 and tied for 34th. Purcell, Okla. senior Morgan Chambers shot a 19-over-par 235 and tied for 72nd.

The individual winner at Ptarmigan was Idaho's Kayla Mortellaro, finishing at 9-under-par 207.

Baylor women's next tournament is the Johnie Imes Invitational held Oct. 4-5 in Columbia, Mo. The tournament is women's golf's second of four scheduled tournaments this semester.

Opinion: Cowboys' Sunday night fumble caused by 'brain lock,' reason behind loss

By RANDY GALLOWAY
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

LANDOVER, Md. — Take the last individual plays of each half here Sunday night.

One was a gift touchdown for the Redskins as the clock ran out for intermission.

The other was a possible game-winning touchdown that wasn't for the Dallas Cowboys as the clock ran out in the fourth quarter.

And that just about sums up as disastrous a season opener as the Cowboys have experienced in a while.

But in digging through the left-over trash of the Washington Redskins' finally surviving it 13-7, one moment stands above — or below — all other acts of incompetence.

Move over, Barry Switzer. If 'Load Left' from 1995 was the dumbest offensive play-calling decision in Cowboys history, then at the very least, Jason Garrett now shares the low moment for all-time brain lock.

If stupidity was a football felony, Garrett would be doing life without parole as early as this morning.

One other thing. Also finger Tony Romo as a willing participant in this crime against common sense.

In an embarrassing offensive disaster, which resulted in a head-shaking, head-rattling loss, the Cowboys opened a new season with a free fall from any possible

speculation about far-away post-season prominence.

But at the very end, on the final-play, game-winning touchdown pass from Romo that wasn't, we know what backup right tackle Alex Barron did.

He used his arm to lasso the neck of a rushing defender. The flag fell.

It was the right call. It nullified Romo's dramatic throw to Roy Williams in the corner of the end zone, crushing a brief celebration on the Cowboys' sideline.

But go back a half. Go back to the end of the first half. What the heck could Garrett, the offensive coordinator, have been thinking? This made no sense.

Down 3-0, and struggling with missed opportunities, the Cowboys needed a quick rebooting session at intermission. With 4 seconds left on the clock, the ball was at the Dallas 36.

Take a snap and then take a knee.

Instead, Romo took a shotgun snap, looked downfield, scrambled right, and instead of tossing the ball out of bounds, halfway flipped it sideward to running back Tashard Choice, who was in the short right flat.

Choice was well covered. But when he was tackled, he also fumbled. The loose ball was picked up by DeAngelo Hall, and he skated into the end zone untouched.

Hello, 10-0 deficit, and also a sudden case of Cowboy shell shock.

Why did Garrett call that play, or any play there? Why didn't Romo simply terminate the call once he saw no one open downfield? Wow.

But the deep bruise, of course, goes on Garrett most of all.

The Cowboys' defense allowed two Redskins' field goals over four quarters.

The Cowboy's offense scored one touchdown over four quarters. David Buehler, the new kicker, caused panic to surface immediately when he promptly missed a 34-yard field goal on the first attempt of his new career.

On that particular possession, the Cowboys had a first down at the Washington 12, where Garrett called a strange Marion Barber halfback pass. It was incomplete, and actually a good decision by Barber to throw away the pass.

But momentum seemed to change on the possession with that play. On a third-and-4 from the 6, Dez Bryant drew an offensive pass interference, and the drive eventually came down to the Buehler miss.

No touchdown, or no points, period, in prime red-zone territory. Shades of last season.

Overall, the Cowboys repeatedly killed possessions with penalties, but plenty of credit goes to the

Redskins' defense. In three games since last season, the Cowboys have scored three touchdowns on this D.

Finally, with one last chance, Romo drove it in the final 90 seconds, still having to overcome bad

flags. When it finally came down to one, last chance from the Washington 13, Romo scrambled well, and Williams went uncovered.

Yet another flag, unfortunately, wiped out the game-winner.

But that's what happens when

a talent-limited backup like Barron is in the starting lineup due to injury.

Even so, the game was still decided on one stupid play call.

And Jason Garrett, that one is on you.



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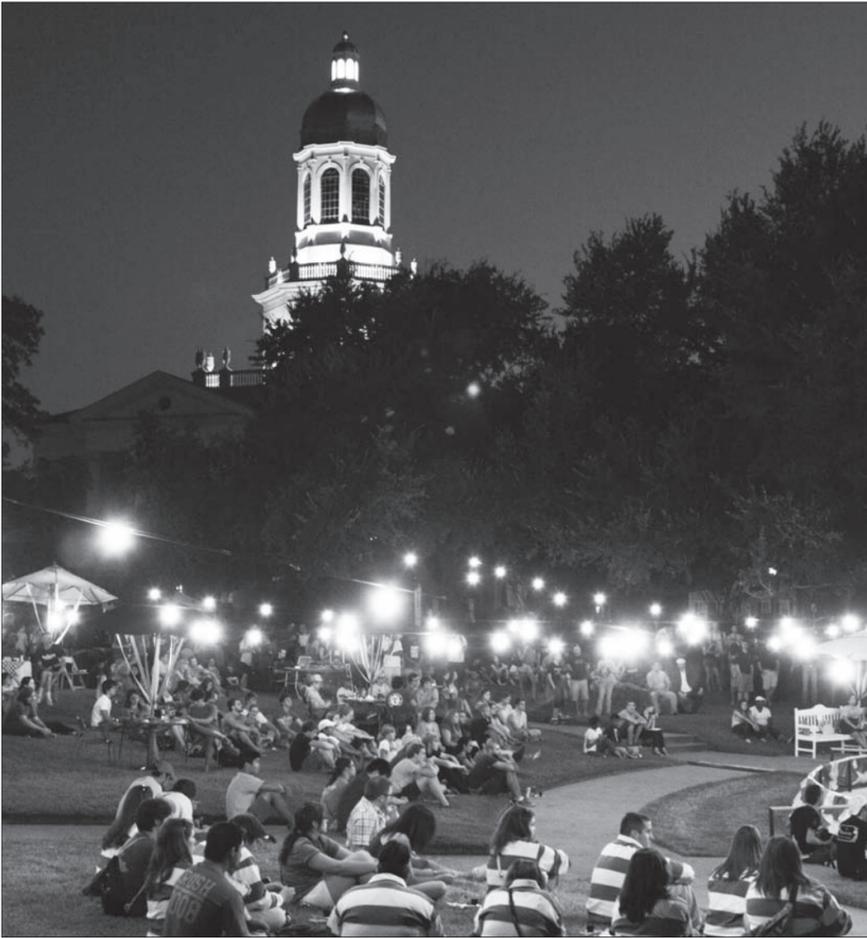




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Students listen to speakers during the Student Dinner with the President Wednesday at the Union Bowl.

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students in conversations about the strategic plan for the university that will be developed within the next year.

Starr also invited students to attend his inauguration, which will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Ferrell Center.

"If you can come, I hope that you will come," Starr said. "Come

as you are. There is no dress code. All are invited to the inauguration."

Among other gifts, student government presented Starr with a piece of the original Waco Hall stage. Waco Hall was given to Baylor by the city of Waco in 1928.

Student Body President and Houston senior Michael Wright

presented the gift to Starr.

"This piece of Waco Hall, as Samuel Palmer Brooks would have agreed, is a physical representation of those who have come before us," Wright said.

"So, Mr. President, to you we hand the torch. Welcome to Baylor."

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at Maxwell and Camp Shelby."

At Camp Shelby, King's Delta team flew in C-130s and learned what the Expeditionary Air Force is doing in current operations. King explained that a C-130 is an Air Force cargo aircraft used to transport people and equipment.

"The time at Camp Shelby, Mississippi served as a mock deployment to see how we would handle unusual conditions as leaders and followers," King said.

The team returned to Maxwell Air Force Base after a four-day base exercise where the cadets ran the camp.

They went on a "Warrior Run" to receive the coveted "Prop and Wings" award, which signified their entrance as upperclassmen

in the ROTC program. Warrior Runs are formation runs in which the cadets or troops run in-step for three to five miles at a time. "Jodies" are sung on these runs to provide motivation and keep the cadets in step with one another, King said.

King said her favorite part of the training included testing her leadership abilities under austere conditions and growing as a team.

"It's amazing how fast you bond with people under challenging conditions," King said. "They become almost like your family during the training and I still keep in touch with the cadets I met over the summer program."

Field training usually takes place between sophomore and ju-

nior year. Houston sophomore Leo Mireles said he is looking forward to next summer's field training. Mireles said that a lot of work and time is spent preparing and anticipating the rigorous and painful month.

"Spots are not guaranteed," Mireles said, adding that the competition is friendly.

The new sophomore class will begin its official field training preparation this spring.

King said the cadets have already shown tremendous potential.

"I am proud of the work they have done so far and look forward to a few more distinguished graduates returning home next summer," King said.

Blown-out Gulf well to be sealed by Sunday

By HARRY R. WEBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KENNER, La. — The U.S. government's point man on the Gulf of Mexico oil spill said Wednesday that BP's blown-out well is expected to be permanently sealed and declared dead by Sunday, nearly five months after a rig explosion set off the disaster.

National Incident Commander Thad Allen told reporters gathered at a seafood distributor in Kenner, La., that a relief well is expected to intersect with the blown out well within 24 hours. He said mud and cement will then be pumped in, which is expected to seal the blown-out well within four days.

"We are within a 96-hour window of killing the well," Allen said.

The April 20 explosion killed 11 workers and led to 206 million gallons of oil spewing from the under-sea well.

Appearing with Allen, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief Jane Lubchenco said

monitoring continues of oil that remains in the Gulf. Lubchenco stood by earlier government estimates that 50 percent of the oil that spilled is gone from the water system.

Scientists said earlier this week that they had found thick patches of oil coating the sea floor, raising questions about government conclusions that much of the oil from the spill was gone. Testing is underway this week for chemical fingerprints that would conclusively link that oil to the BP spill.

Still, Allen and Lubchenco sought to reassure hesitant diners from outside the region that Gulf seafood is safe to eat during their appearance outside the Louisiana Fish House. Allen noted that he has eaten Gulf seafood every day for the last several days.

"In short, folks want to know if it is safe to eat, swim and fish, and that is the kind of information we are committed to identifying answers to those questions," Lubchenco said.

Gulf shrimpers are currently only producing 20 percent of their

normal production for this time of year — because demand is down sharply and because supply is not where it should be in part due to the fact that some shrimpers are wary of taking on the expense of fishing if they can't sell their catch, according to Ewell Smith, executive director of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board.

Allen also said he plans to step down as incident commander on Oct. 1 — the same day BP PLC installs American Bob Dudley as its new chief executive to replace Tony Hayward. Allen will be replaced by Coast Guard Rear Adm. Paul Zukunft. The move is not a surprise. Allen had said previously that he would transition out of his current rule by late September or early October.

Allen said in an interview after the news conference that the timing of the transition is not connected to BP's leadership change.

"I worked well with Tony Hayward and I work well with Bob Dudley," Allen said. "I like to think I work well with anybody."

Three Dallas police officers charged in suspect beating

By JEFF CARLTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS (AP) — Three Dallas police officers, including one who was fired, will face criminal charges for their alleged roles in the beating of a suspect, which was caught on video by dashboard cameras, the police chief said Wednesday.

Andrew Collins, 28, suffered bruising and blood clots earlier this month after being struck by officers, who hit him about seven times with their fists and batons. The alleged beating lasted about 14 seconds following a chase.

The video, which the department distributed to reporters, shows one of the officers moving the dashboard camera so that it does not film the incident.

"This won't be tolerated," police

Chief David Brown said. "This is not indicative of the Dallas Police Department. No one incident defines our character."

Of the 22 officers who responded to the scene, one was black, Brown said. At least two were Hispanic, and the rest were white. Brown said there is no indication that race was a factor and no racial slurs were heard on the radio transmissions or recordings.

Officers Kevin Randolph and Paul Bauer will face misdemeanor charges of assault and official oppression, Brown said. The two men, along with Officer Henry Duettsch, also each face a felony charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Randolph, who was still on probation after being hired in March 2009, was fired Wednesday, Brown

said. The other two officers face internal affairs investigations.

Three other officers were assigned to desk duty and also face internal investigations, Brown said.

The FBI has started a civil rights investigation, Brown said. The chief also said he planned to meet with several community groups later Wednesday.

J.J. Koch, Randolph's attorney, said his client was fired because he had not completed his probationary period.

Randolph is "considered an at-will employee and they don't have the appeals rights that other officers have," Koch said. "Right now, it's simply a matter of waiting for the criminal process and waiting for the completion of the investigation and we'll address issues as they come up."

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arts department recently completed one of its first joint projects with the Baylor Wastewater Research Program, headed by Dr. Joe Yelderman, professor of geology. The program works with a wastewater plant located in Whitney, a city north of Waco, in order to research new methods of treating wastewater.

Students and faculty, including Yelderman, developed and presented an educational lecture at the plant about the wastewater treatment process to a class of eighth grade students on a field trip from a Whitney ISD school. Callaway and a few of his photography and film students also attended the field trip to document the lecture for the future use of the Baylor Wastewater Research Program.

"It benefits our department because it provides material for Web pages in our departments or photographs for research publications that we may need at a higher quality than we may produce them," Yelderman said.

"Also it exposes us to a little more of what we're doing. As you see the product, you have a better idea of what you're actually doing, and in applied research they [the journalism and media arts department] help us learn how to explain what we're doing in science to the general public."

The departments are involved in other research projects as well, such as the construction of the

John Bunker Sands Wetlands south of Dallas. Baylor faculty and students have been granted full access to a new education facility located at the center, which will be used to research the wetlands for the purposes of science. The journalism and media arts department will document the research and the wetlands center itself with photos, videos and news releases.

The second project is at the Lake Waco Wetlands, and while the departments recently focused on the wetlands' controlled burn, a full-scale research project along with media coverage will soon be developed both for the use of the center as well as the university.

Both departments are looking forward to the future development of their partnership.

"It's the perfect fit because now our students have real-world experience," Callaway said.

Becky Petter, a Waco senior, received the opportunity to work with the biology department as a project in her public relations agency course. Her project included interviewing scientists and program coordinators for the Lake Waco Wetlands project. Petter said she was thrilled to take part.

"I thought it was great," Petter said. "It is a great opportunity for collaboration with the journalism department and a department that is on a total different spectrum from what we do. It is a really good experience for us to have."

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