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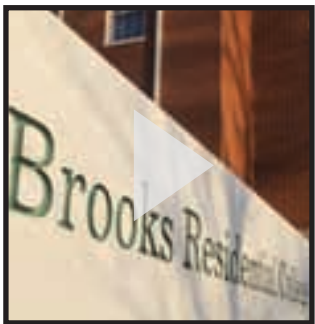
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Walk-on dreams

Think you can play college football? Prove it! The Baylor football team is hosting walk-on tryouts this week. Those interested can attend an information session from 2 to 4 p.m. today in the team meeting room of the Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athletics Complex to fill out paperwork and meet with a trainer. Tryouts will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday at the practice fields of the athletic complex. Candidates will participate in the 5-10-5, L-drills and run a 40-yard dash.

Campus manhunt ends in arrest

By NICK DEAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

One of two suspects in robberies of two local cash lending stores was arrested on Baylor campus at 3:43 a.m. Tuesday, hours after an on-campus manhunt.

According to the Bellmead Police Department, a Cash Store located at 1517 N. Interstate 35 Access Road in Bellmead was robbed at gunpoint Monday morning by two men of slim builds. One of the men asked for all the money in the store while the other waited by the door. The two robbers were seen leaving the store in a silver Ford Taurus with chrome rims.



Jackson

Later in the morning, the Cash Store located at 1333 N. Valley Mills Lane in Beverly Hills was robbed by two men fitting the same descriptions.

Police were notified that a car matching the silver Ford reported in Monday morning's incidents was at the Casa Royale apartment complex located in the 1100 block of Speight Avenue.

"Waco Police and Beverly Hills Police converged [at Casa

Royale] and talked to the owner of the vehicle," said Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak. During the conversation with the vehicle's owner, two armed men jumped out of an apartment window and ran west down Speight Avenue toward Eighth Street and, subsequently, Baylor's campus.

Doak said the suspects entered campus between 10:45 and 10:55 p.m. At the intersection of Eighth and Speight, one of the suspects turned left and ran toward I-35 while the other ran toward La Salle Avenue, Doak said.

Waco Police officers notified Baylor Police that the suspects were headed toward campus.

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Nearly 4,800 don't receive emergency notifications

By NICK DEAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

An incomplete file uploaded to the university's alert system failed to notify nearly 4,800 students during Tuesday's on-campus manhunt that resulted in the arrest of one of two suspects in two local robberies.

Baylor's alert system was

initiated at 11:15 p.m. Monday, telling all recipients to remain indoors until further notice because two armed men were on campus.

"We activated it pretty quick after we realized what was happening and we had the big picture," Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said in an interview with the Baylor Lariat.

"I am aware that there are

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Crisis visits see sharp increase

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Health Services Counseling Center saw a 64 percent increase in crisis appointments for fall 2010 compared with fall 2009.

Crisis appointments serve students who are experiencing emotional and/or psychological distress or who have recently experienced trauma. This increase comes after a more than a 100 percent increase in crisis appointments between the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years.



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Dr. James Marsh, director of counseling services, said the numbers of crisis appointments have been increasing across the nation. Marsh said Baylor's increase probably stems from several causes, including successful outreach programming by the university, an increase in the total number of students on campus, changing demographics of the student population and a more

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Day of remembrance

Students gather in Speight Plaza Monday for a candlelight march to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

March unites community, honors King

By SALLY ANN MOYER
REPORTER

Baylor's Nu Iota chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and Nu Zeta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. hosted their 18th annual MLK Peace March Monday morning across the Waco Suspension Bridge to Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

Veronica McClain, president of the local Zeta Phi Beta alumnae chapter, gave a welcoming speech once the crowd arrived in the park.

"Usually when we come over the bridge, we're singing 'We Shall Overcome,'" she said, "but I think it being 2011, we have overcome." Participants in the march in-

cluded members and family members of National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations, members and family members of Zeta Auxiliary Youth, students from Live Oak Classical School and other community members.

This was Live Oak's fifth year participating in the march.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., one of the participating organizations. King's legacy of encouraging unity drew Alpha Phi Alpha and Longview junior Dexter Dafney to join in the march for the first time this year.

"All of the years after he died, people can still wake up early in the morning and march," Dafney said. "People can still come to-

gether; his dream is still alive."

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. traditionally recognized as Alpha Phi Alpha's sister sorority, also joined in the march. Alpha Kappa Alpha senior Gabrielle Whitmore from Aurora, Colo., has marched the past two years because of King's cultural importance and status as a role model.

"He's an important part of our culture and heritage, and MLK was an Alpha," she said, "and he's someone we do look up to."

Houston sophomore Le'Paul Jack, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, marched for the first time this year to "show unity and honor Dr. King," he said.

McClain credits the march with encouraging community in-

volvement and community consciousness.

"I think the march has helped to start the communication process, really getting to know the differences between people, how you look at things," McClain said.

She also applauds the growth of the crowd each year, not just in numbers, but in diversity.

"I've seen it grow, like in numbers, but what I like is the impact, the concern," McClain said. "We're finding that more nationalities, all walks of life, are starting to be interested ... and the interest groups are a lot younger now."

Following the ceremony in the park, the group marched onto

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Lariat's website gets digital face-lift, improves usability

By STEPHEN STROBBE
REPORTER

Continuing its evolution alongside the rest of the news industry, the Baylor Lariat has found a new place to call home online. Officially launching with this issue, visitors to the Lariat's website will notice the new interface coupled with a media-rich design that has been in the works since August.

The Lariat began its online presence in 1995 with a website designed primarily as a place to post stories originally written for

the print publication. As the news world has gone through significant changes, the Lariat kept up by maintaining its website to include timely stories of interest to Baylor students, teachers and alumni. In recent years, the Lariat has actively updated a blog and joined popular social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook in an effort to stay connected with the readership and offer a way for them to interact in a more personal way with the paper.

When Paul Carr took over as Director of Student Publications last January and Austin junior

Nick Dean began as editor in chief for the Lariat in August, they made it a primary focus to completely revamp the website.

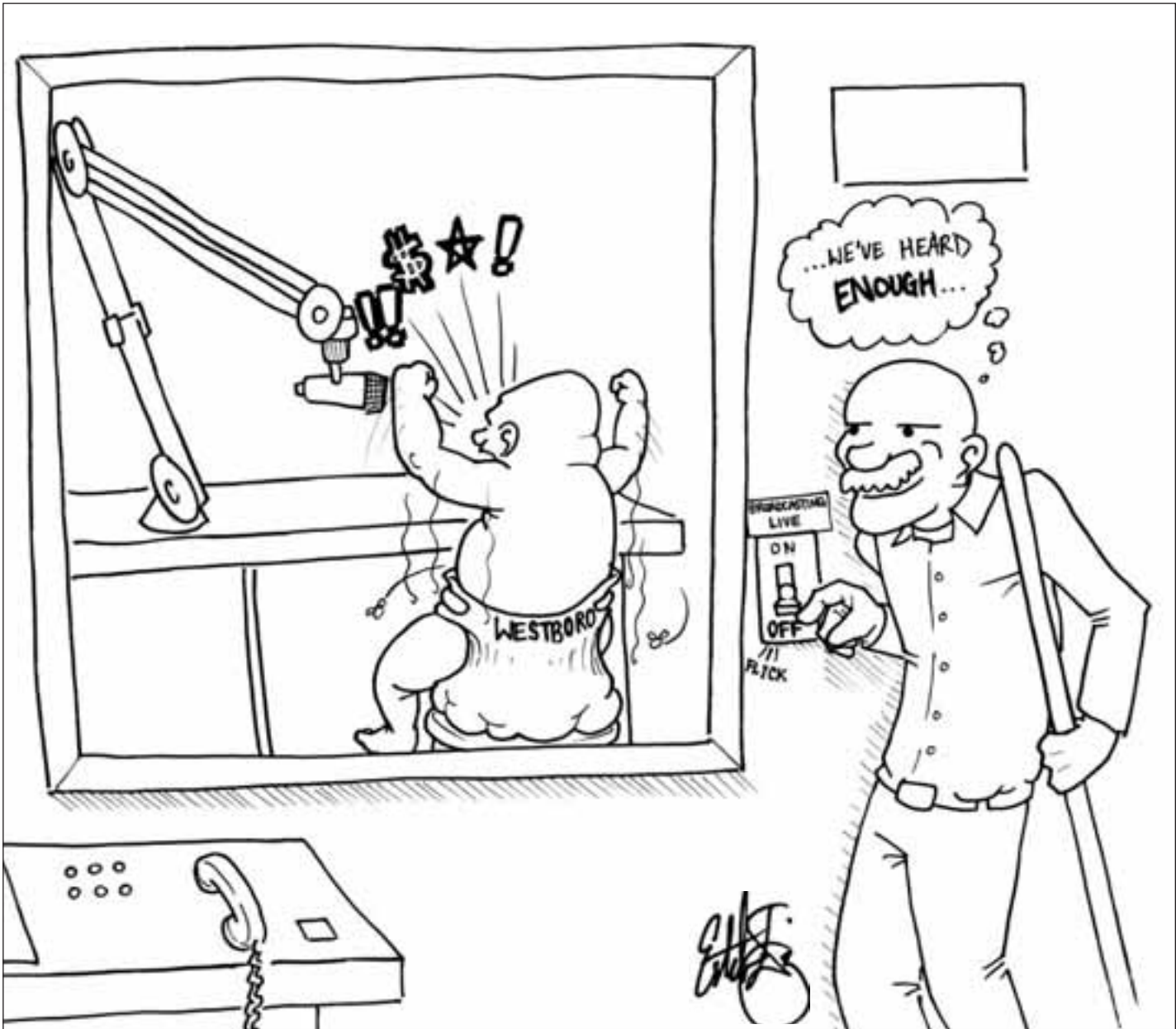
"We're going into new media; that's where it's going. And so this website kind of is the capstone to all of it," Dean said.

The new site, which can be found at <http://www.baylorlariat.com> and is still housed on Baylor servers despite the change in domain name, was built entirely on WordPress with a custom theme.

Carr explained the Lariat's

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Media should ignore church’s cries for attention

Editorial

Little can be said to ease the pain resulting from the horrible tragedy of the Tucson, Ariz., shootings on Jan. 8 in which six people died and 14 more were wounded. However, much can be said to bring more pain to the people of the community, especially from the thoughtless actions of media-hungry protesters.

United in grief, the community of Tucson has successfully protected their grieving members by keeping the protesters of Westboro Baptist Church out of their city.

Many may remember the controversial “church” from there deplorable protests at multiple soldiers’ funerals, the funerals of many homosexuals and even at the memorial in the wake of the Fort Hood shooting in November 2009. Bearing signs that read “God Hates Fags,” “Thank God for Dead Soldiers,” “Thank God for IEDs” and “1,2,3,4, God Hates the Marine Corps,” Westboro Baptist Church has made quite the name for itself in the media and it’s certainly not a good one.

This group, which takes advantage of tragedy to relay its message of hate, planned to protest at the funeral of the shooting victims, 9-year-old Christina Green and U.S. District Judge John Roll.

In a valiant effort, many members of the Tucson community made plans to deter the church, including wearing oversized angel wings to block the protesters from the view of those attending the funeral. None of this was necessary because two radio personalities bargained with those from Westboro to ensure they would not attend either funeral.

Steve Sanchez gave Shirley Phelps-Roper, the spokeswoman for Westboro and daughter of the church founder and pastor John Phelps, 30 minutes of air-time Saturday on a Phoenix-based talk show he hosts. In addition to this 30-minute time slot, Phelps-Roper was also given an hour on a nationally syndicated radio show hosted by Mike Gallagher.

To many, it may seem absolutely ridiculous that the “church” was given this time, and in actuality, we think it is absurd. It is a shame that this group was able to put the people of Arizona in that position. The goal of keeping the

protesters away from the funerals was reached and for that, we are thankful. These two radio personalities did express their disgust at the Westboro’s efforts, but Steve Sanchez said the decision was not a difficult one.

“I believe it’s a small price to pay for me to not give this hate group [in my opinion] the opportunity to be disruptive,” Sanchez said in a statement on his website.

Moreover, Sanchez did bring up an important benefit to giving the “church” a platform to appear on his radio show.

“The great thing about America, is we have First Amendment rights no matter how outrageous one’s views may be. When something offends us, we can turn the channel. This would have not been the case if they showed up to that funeral, which in fact, they would have,” Sanchez said.

There are few words for how horribly manipulating the people from Westboro are. They utilize the media for their own disturbing gain, for this is the primary medium for spreading their ignorant, and highly unbiblical, message.

It is a shame for this group to even be associated with the Baptist denomination or even Christianity at all. They do have a right to protest, but it seems it would be far more beneficial for the media to prevent all opportunities for the “church” to continually spread its lies. It is better that the protest did not occur, but it is absurd that the only way to stop these people is to bend to their thirst for attention. How is it that a group of fewer than 100 people, most of whom are members of the Phelps family, are still receiving these massive amounts of attention?

The most beneficial way to diminish the prominence that these people have in times of tragedy in America is to stop giving them the attention they crave. This is a call to stop the unnecessary coverage that is given to Westboro Baptist Church.

In the same way that one might ignore a child who is throwing a fit for unwarranted attention, if the media strives to simply ignore the actions and threats of this group, there will be little that they can do to further their protests.

Perhaps the members of this church should open their Bibles to Leviticus 19:18: “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”

Study abroad helps students cultivate independence

After 26 hours of travel, a canceled flight, one train, three planes, a taxi and pickup truck, I finally arrived back in Texas at 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 22. I felt almost as if I had been on a continual journey for four months, while I studied abroad.



Jessica Acklen | A & E Editor

went to the “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1” premiere.

As the weeks progressed, not only did my bond with the city become stronger, my bonds with my roommates strengthened as well. It isn’t difficult to get to know people when you live in such close quarters. I lived in a room with three other girls in an apartment with five additional people. It’s safe to say that it was the most crowded place I’ve ever lived.

I feel blessed to say that I came home with friendships so unique that they will assuredly be lasting ones. There really are few people who can understand the way my life changed over those four months like those who experienced the changes with me.

I remember when I first got to London, I was so worried about the tube system.

I knew that I would end up completely lost and have no idea where I was or how to get home. Then, by the end of the trip, I practically had the tube map memorized. I knew what lines to take to always get home.

I came to depend on myself. Living in Waco is a great way to cultivate independence, but I am little more than 70 miles from home. I can call my parents anytime and they provide a solution to any problem.

Being 4,000 miles away and six hours ahead often hindered my communication with those I left at home. So I solved problems on my own. I made decisions by myself.

I learned to be independent over those four months. It was something I was lucky to learn.

I learned so much about myself while I studied abroad and it truly was the experience of a lifetime. It is an experience that cannot be replicated. It is absolutely something that I would recommend to every Baylor student. The world outside of Waco is so much bigger.

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FDA oversteps bounds when distributing lethal injection drugs from U.K.

Our Food and Drug Administration has crossed the line, and entered territory where the organization itself has said it doesn’t belong — executions.

A public records request filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, a liberal legislative lobbying nonprofit, produced e-mail correspondence between Arizona officials and the FDA discussing the shortage of sodium thiopental — the drug used to put inmates into a sleep prior to execution. The messages prove the FDA was actively engaged in the execution process for the state of Arizona. One e-mail states that an FDA official wanted a shipment of the drug to “be processed expeditiously to [them] as it was for the



Nick Dean | Editor in chief

purpose of executions and not for use by the general public.” The kicker: the drugs were going to be coming from Britain. (Frankly, I was also shocked an FDA official thought his bureaucracy-filled administration could do anything

“expeditiously.” Lest we forget the expedient and error-prone egg farm inspections of August 2010.)

According to the Associated Press, a federal lawsuit in Arizona “challenges the use of overseas drugs, saying they may be substandard and could lead to botched executions if they do not put an inmate to sleep properly.”

The FDA official’s recommendation is degrading, improper and simply unjust. A drug “not meant for the general public” is the exact drug that should not be given special, “expedient” treatment especially if it is being shipped from overseas.

The ACLU is accusing the FDA of saying one thing and doing another and there is definitely

proof. FDA spokesman Christopher Kelly told the Associated Press, “Reviewing substances imported or used for the purpose of state-authorized lethal injection clearly falls outside of FDA’s explicit public health role.” Thanks to the power of the public records request, we now know that is exactly what the FDA has been dealing in — the use of overseas drugs for state-authorized suicide.

Regardless of the belittling, narrow-mindedness of some, inmates deserve to be treated humanely. Recently, the Supreme Court extended a reprieve to a former Army recruiter six hours before his execution was scheduled. The Supreme Court is re-

viewing his appeal in which he maintains his innocence surrounding the rape and murder of a Fort Worth in 2002.

The high court properly extended the man his constitutional right to a fair trial. I think the same should be done to those that are being executed. The Constitution does not allow for cruel and unusual punishment. The use of overseas drugs that were not intended for the general public and were only “expeditiously” reviewed by a public health organization not meant to handle these drugs constitutes such unusual — and potentially cruel — punishment.

This is not to start a debate on the propriety of capital punishment; that is a state decision. The FDA’s involvement with the state of Arizona perfectly illustrates that the federal government is getting involved. The rights of states are clear as is the purpose and role of the FDA. The FDA has no right to negotiate transactions of these drugs and should have never offered the “help” in these e-mails. Concerns of public health are the FDA’s job, and its recent history of major risk lead me to believe we shouldn’t put any more on the agency’s plate.

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Community garden to foster relationships

Project aims to bring together Baylor, Waco

By STORI LONG
REPORTER

Despite adverse weather conditions and sudden venue changes, the Baylor population and the Waco community came to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the dedication ceremony of the Baylor Community Garden.

The garden represents a collaborative effort between Baylor students and the Waco community, including such groups as Campus Kitchen, Urban Garden Coalition, Waco Arts Initiative, the Office of Sustainability, the environmental studies department and the family and consumer science department.

"I feel like this is one of the more progressive moves toward community engagement because we pulled in such a broad array of partners," said Amanda Allen, project manager of Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative. "I'm really excited that we have art majors, nutrition majors, environmental majors ... all serving the community together."

The purpose of the garden is to improve nutritional outcomes for youth, enhance classroom experiences for Baylor students, serve as a demonstration and learning site for schools, encourage healthy lifestyles and strengthen ties to the community, according to a university press release.

The garden will provide an outdoor classroom for Baylor students while producing food to be given back to the community.

The produce will be used by Campus Kitchen Project, which delivers rescued food and home-made meals to Salvation Army and the Family Abuse and Crisis Center in Waco.

Although the garden is located at Ninth Street and Bagby Avenue, the dedication ceremony was moved to the SUB Den on the first floor of the Bill Daniel Student

Center due to muddy conditions.

The ceremony opened with a welcome by Rosemary Townsend, the director of Community Partnership and Business Affairs, and a prayer from Kelly Baker BA '06, MSW '08, a Hunger Alleviation Volunteer in Service to America.

President Ken Starr began the dedication by appealing to the legacy and memory of King. The president made reference to the commemorative worship service held in Miller Chapel on Sunday.

The Rev. Jimmy Hunter, pastor of Toliver Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, led the service which was sponsored by the School of Social Work, George W. Truett Theological Seminary and the religion department. Hunter exhorted those at the service to not only share King's dream, but to keep that dream alive and to be stewards of that dream by continuing in King's legacy of service.

Starr dedicated the garden to the mission of furthering the values of service, education, sustainability and to setting the example of "society at its best, when university and community come together."

The garden was envisioned as the center of community by those involved with its creation.

"Because all of these people are at the table, it's an awesome image of the beloved community," Allen said. "The university should not be separate from the community, it should be serving the community and engaging the community in what they are studying."

As the garden has progressed from idea to reality, this hope of engaging Baylor students with the community has become a reality.

"None of this would have been possible without the Baylor students," Townsend said. "They had the passion and the energy, they made it happen."

Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream of a united community dedicated to serving one another, an idea that will hopefully be promoted by the creation of this garden.

"What's so cool is that [King] was all about service," Baker said. "And that's the whole purpose of the garden."



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Baylor and Waco officials gather Monday in the Bill Daniels Student Center to dedicate the newly created community garden. Attendants included President Ken Starr, center, and Waco Mayor Jim Bush, immediately to the left of President Starr. Following the ceremony, Starr told The Baylor Lariat that the garden "is the closest connection between the Waco community and Baylor, and the most efficient way to educate children on sustainability."



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER



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President Ken Starr participates in a sic 'em with children involved in the Waco Arts Initiative at the dedication ceremony of Baylor's Community Garden Monday in the SUB Den of the Bill Daniel Student Center Monday.

College Station junior Andrew Peirce carries lunches for volunteers.

Code revamp

Senate addresses ambiguity in electoral code rewrite

By WILL DEWITT
REPORTER

The Operations and Procedures Committee of Student Senate, which is responsible for reviewing bills involving internal issues and official documents, has continued the process of revising the Electoral Code this semester.

"There has been a disconnect between the candidates who are running for office, the individuals on the electoral commission and the student court who are enforcing provisions," said Fort Worth junior senator Daniel Houston, the primary bill sponsor.

The revisions are intended to remove ambiguous language, but the original proposed revision was too unwieldy to get through Student Senate last semester.

"I think we were too quick in bringing it to senate," Sugar Land sophomore Senator Cody Orr said. "We needed to have other people listen to the bill and think about it, deliberate about it, before we brought it to full senate."

The committee has revised the bill for clarity.

"We just want to make sure everything runs as efficiently as possible," Houston junior Greg Ortiz, the electoral commissioner, said.

The revisions themselves cover coalition campaigning, campaign workers and disqualification criteria, as well as several other issues.

To alleviate concerns over secrecy, the committee has invited everyone to voice their opinion on the proposed changes to the code.

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With greater attention being paid to recycling across campus, recycling receptacles placed in areas of easy access have contributed to an increase in total recycled material.

Recycling effort picks up steam on campus

By LEIGH ANN HENRY
REPORTER

Baylor exceeded their recycling goal by almost 20 tons, recycling 417.37 tons of material according to the 2010 annual recycling report.

Smith Getterman, sustainability coordinator at Baylor, is responsible for publishing the initial report. Included in the report was the 2009 total, which was 369.4 tons. This year's total represents a 12.98 percent increase in recycling totals for efforts across campus.

The 2010 recycling results were based on the combined work of Baylor students, faculty, visitors, organizations and various departments.

Awareness has been raised through several different initiatives. During move-in, teams of students are responsible not only for getting new residents settled into their rooms, but also for helping to educate them on opportunities for recycling. The move-in teams generated 6.87 tons of re-

cycled material.

Vicki Pierce, assistant director of housekeeping, attributes the increased success to the arrival of the sustainability committee and Pattie Orr, vice president for information technology and dean of libraries.

"It's been one of the proudest years for recycling at Baylor with sustainability, grounds and everyone else's involvement as well," Pierce said. "Without everyone it just wouldn't be possible."

Baylor has been recycling for many years — what is new is the scope of the efforts.

John Rose works with Waco Grounds, the company in charge of keeping the athletic fields maintained. Rose has been with the group for 13 years and says the company's efforts in recycling have escalated dramatically

"The problem we face is getting people knowledgeable in what to do and what not to do," Rose said. "At games, people may throw away a half empty bottle of water, but with water still in the bottle it contaminates other items, making

some things unable to be recycled. Certain portions of things cannot even be recycled because they are contaminated."

Waco Grounds has made strides in helping to get recycling numbers up. In 2010, the recycling at football games resulted in 6.5 tons of recycled material.

The teams responsible for the demolition of Ivy Square were also involved in the recycling effort. The material resulted in 93 tons of recycled iron and almost 1 ton of aluminum and copper.

The large increase has come not just from large projects but from students who take the time to put their old newspapers in the recycling bin instead of the trash.

Baylor provides recycling receptacles around campus, giving students a daily opportunity to contribute. White bins are also placed in each of the residence halls with a list of recyclable materials printed on them.

For more information on Baylor recycling efforts, visit www.baylor.edu/sustainability.

Weather impacts health

By MOLLY DUNN
REPORTER

It's that time of year again. Temperatures change drastically, students are back in classes for the spring semester and just about everyone is coughing, sneezing or feeling ill.

Whether it is sitting in a classroom with coughing students, touching the door handle after someone who is sick or simply walking around campus in the cold weather, students are more prone to get sick during the winter than most other people.

"As the weather gets cold, it takes moisture out of the air and germs float more freely into the air," Katherine Weaver, Providence Medical Center's infection control nurse said.

This is why more people get sick or ill during the wintertime, especially college students.

Dr. Sharon W. Stern, Baylor's medical director, also helped explain the increased illnesses in an e-mail to the Baylor Lariat.

"The fact that our students return after Christmas break from all corners of the globe, some of them bringing viruses with them, it is no surprise that there are many ill people during these months," Stern said.

Stern and Weaver are encouraging students to take extra precautions during this time of the year due to the higher probability of catching a virus.

"Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands because that is how germs get transmitted into the body," Weaver said.

"There are more problems with asthma when the weather gets cold and dry," Stern said. "In addition, we here in Waco have mountain cedar pollen, which affects people with allergies. Mountain cedar pollen tends to peak from December to February."

Stern also mentioned that there have not been any sudden illness outbreaks on campus yet, but Baylor Health Services is monitoring the activity of viruses on campus to keep students and faculty healthy.

"Students are at an increased



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As cold air depletes moisture in the air, germs are more able to spread from person to person. Students are especially prone to sickness and should take extra precautions during the winter months.

risk because they may not eat healthy or get enough sleep and also are in closer contact with people," Stern said.

Due to these circumstances, students are asked to follow the advice of Deloris Shaw, Infection Control Director for Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center. "If you are sick, be kind to other people and stay home," Shaw said.

Shaw also explained the simple action of taking a step back when talking or standing next to another person could diminish the chance of spreading germs, since germs

cannot be transmitted farther than 3 feet.

Shaw said other cold and germ preventions include a well-balanced diet as the immune system needs to be strengthened through multivitamins and various antibodies.

"The best way to avoid getting sick is to take care of yourself, eat right, get plenty of rest and wash your hands before eating or touching your face," Stern said. "Fresh fruits and vegetables are helpful in keeping your immune system functioning well."



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Space invaders

Roommates make it a point to get along

By KELLY GALVIN
REPORTER

The college experience would not be what it is today if it were not for those infamous roommate stories: the roommates that stay up all hours of the night, or the ones that have a boyfriend or girlfriend who seem to have moved in.

San Antonio junior Jessie Bookbinder holds a long list of arguments and compromises that she has had with past and present roommates, but says if she let every little fault of a roommate get to her, she would go crazy.

“For me it is all about picking and choosing your battles,” Bookbinder said.

Bookbinder referred to difficulties with her freshman roommate while explaining that their schedules were on opposite clocks.

“As I started to study around 9 p.m., she would be getting ready for bed,” Bookbinder said.

Bookbinder said she got through the year because she had grandparents who lived in town, and she would escape to their house when she needed space.

“They were my outlet, where I went to take a breath,” Bookbinder said.

But roommate situations don’t always have to be unfortunate. Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., junior Rachel Buehler met her best friend from going “pot luck” where roommates are chosen randomly to live together, her freshman year. “We were both from California and just kind of clicked,” Buehler said.

Buehler admits there were times she and her roommate needed space and time to themselves, but to this day they are best friends.

“We still do everything together, and it seems like we have known each other all our lives,” Buehler said.

Bookbinder and Buehler are currently roommates and openly say there are times when they have both been annoyed with each other, but say they feel they can talk to each other and resolve their issues.

“Our reoccurring problem is the dishes,” Bookbinder said. “They seem to pile up, and no one takes responsibility for them.”

They both acknowledge that this is a problem, but always seem to get through it.

“We have figured out each other’s faults and now try to make a conscience effort to fix them,” Buehler said. “It’s all about give and take.”

Oklahoma City, Okla., junior Regan Nicewander, Buehler and Bookbinder’s third roommate, agreed with Buehler and recognized their issues, but said it wasn’t anything to break up their friendship.



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San Antonio junior Jessie Bookbinder, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., junior Regan Nicewander, and Oklahoma City, Okla., junior Rachel Buehler are friends as well as roommates.

“We all have our separate

“It has never gotten to the argument stage where we are yelling and fighting. We understand each other and know how to handle problems according to the person.”

Jessy Bookbinder | San Antonio junior

rooms, which helps when you need time to yourself, but we all seem to

get along,” Nicewander said.

Bookbinder and Buehler both have boyfriends, which also seems to be a non-issue.

“They aren’t overwhelming,” Nicewander said. “They come and go, and don’t really make problems. They actually take out the trash and help around the house. It’s nice.”

Nicewander felt if she did have a problem with the boys, especially if they were starting to move in, she could talk to her roommates and resolve it fairly easily.

These women agreed that it’s all about respect and knowing when you’re wrong.

It’s easy enough to clean up your mess or buy more milk for the week, but it’s harder to mend a broken friendship.

“It has never gotten to the argument stage where we are yelling and fighting,” Bookbinder said. “We understand each other and know how to handle problems according to the person.”

Being friends and roommates can have its benefits and appears to work for this set of girls. They work with each other and respect each other’s space and belongings.

“It’s about approaching the problem with a solution,” Nicewander said. “That way everyone knows what to expect.”

Whether a roommate becomes a lifelong friend or just someone to help make rent, communication is the key to healthy relationships and problem resolution.



MAKENZIE MASON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

The Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum is undergoing renovations after 20 years of service to the Waco community.

Rangers Museum renovated

By ARIADNE ABERIN
STAFF WRITER

Twenty years after being built, the John Knox Memorial Center at The Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum is being renovated and given a more updated look, including a new banquet hall.

The Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum was founded in 1968 and had been in operation for about 20 years when the banquet hall was added.

One of the reasons the hall was added was because the museum itself was active in many organizations and groups. The banquet center hosts a plethora of events, including weddings, local high school proms, business affairs and Baylor events.

Because the John Knox Memorial Center served as a venue for so many events, making the space more aesthetically pleasing and functional was a top priority for the city.

According to the Waco Chamber of Commerce, in 2007 Waco citizens approved a \$63 million bond that helped fund the renovation of various facilities, including the downtown convention center and the John Knox Memorial Center.

Byron Johnson, the museum’s executive director, was also very active in obtaining funds for the new banquet hall.

A committee put together a list of improvements for the facility. The committee members - including caterers, people who rented the hall and museum staff - worked with architects to make as many improvements as possible while staying within budget.

The budget for the museum renovation was \$2 million, according to the 2007 annual report from the City of Waco. The full cost of the renovations reached just over \$1 million.

Christine Walker, representative for marketing, promotions, and development at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, said the catering kitchen was one of the major changes made to the facility since it was dark and dated.

Walker pointed out that a restaurant grade dishwasher was installed, and the size of the kitchen was increased, providing more space for food preparation.

“Now we have a large, double-sided refrigerator more suited to catering jobs for 200 plus guests,” Walker said.

Additional changes include the flooring, which was previously a Spanish tile floor.

“It had its charm, and it flowed with the museum. But as a dance floor, it wasn’t very practical,” Walker said.

The flooring was stripped

down and replaced with new laminate flooring, which resembles hardwood, but requires less maintenance and is more stain-, scratch- and impact-resistant than standard hardwood.

Updated technology was also included in the renovations. The committee had a nook created for the bar, and the electric wiring was reworked so that it now lights up and serves as a centerpiece for the space.

The most apparent change made to the Knox banquet center was the addition of the large windows overlooking the Brazos River and displaying a view of Cameron Park.

“Before, the facility was simply a wood paneling with no windows, but now it’s light and airy and modern,” Walker said.

Walker said that on average, the Knox facility hosts about 160 events per year, but with the renovation, she hopes that that number will double.

The grand opening of the newly renovated John Knox Memorial Center will take place from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 27.

The facility is behind the Texas Ranger Museum at I-35 exit 335B. The Knox Center will also host Lone Ranger Fan Day on Jan. 29, which will include live radio shows and a re-enactment of “The Lone Ranger.”

Obama orders review of regulations

By TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, in another move to smooth frayed ties with corporate America, ordered a far-reaching review of federal regulations Tuesday with the goal of weeding out rules that hurt job growth and creation.

Business groups have bitterly complained that new regulations carrying out health care and financial overhaul, among others, are holding back hiring and economic growth.

Despite Obama’s directive, there was no indication that the White House will pull back from

the biggest regulatory fights ahead: the Environmental Protection Agency’s plans to regulate greenhouse gases and rules carrying out Obama’s health care overhaul.

Obama said his executive order would “strike the right balance” between economic growth and regulations protecting the environment and public health and safety. Agencies have 120 days to submit a plan for how they intend to review existing regulations.

The move was the latest outreach by the president to repair relations with the business community following last November’s midterm congressional elections, in which Republicans gained control of the House and increased

their numbers in the Senate. Some of Obama’s critics have accused him of overstepping his federal power via rules and regulations and of being anti-business.

The president announced the regulatory review in an opinion piece in The Wall Street Journal. Sometimes regulations “have gotten out of balance, placing unreasonable burdens on business, burdens that have stifled innovation and have had a chilling effect on growth and jobs,” Obama wrote.

“Regulations do have costs; often as a country, we have to make tough decisions about whether those costs are necessary. But what is clear is that we can strike the right balance.”



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Students get social in downtown Waco

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

Baylor's School of Social Work has a new home in downtown Waco.

The school, which has a staff of 35 and about 260 students, outgrew its old location in the Speight Plaza Parking Garage and is now moved into the former Wells Fargo building at 811 Washington Ave.

Dr. Diana Garland, dean of the School of Social Work, said the school is better located downtown.

"We had been in this wonderful space, but it had become totally inadequate for our needs," Garland said. "The move to downtown was actually thought of first by the wonderful folks in design and construction at Baylor. We thought this was a natural fit for the School of Social Work to be in downtown Waco so we jumped at the opportunity."

Dr. Gaynor Yancey, associate dean for baccalaureate studies and professor of social work, is excited for the opportunities the new location will bring to the school's students.

"We believed that by being located downtown we would be

in the midst of where we have so much of our work," Yancey said. "There are many agencies there where our students intern, and we believed we needed to be in the midst of the needs and resources that help our students learn the practical things."

Chris McGowan, director of urban development for Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, said the school's move will have a positive effect on downtown Waco in many ways.

"Baylor's expanding the scope of the university into downtown is good for the future of downtown and also further cements the relationship Baylor and the community have," McGowan said. "Also, having 300 people downtown every day is great for the businesses down here, and having students off campus and in downtown on a daily basis is a great way to expose the student body to what the community has to offer."

Garland and her colleagues are looking forward to being together in one space for the first time.

"We see ourselves as a community of people who care about one another, and being able to be together is really important to us," Garland said. "For students to have

classes in the same building where their faculty have offices is a really wonderful opportunity for us."

The school completed the move downtown at the end of last December, and students began attending classes at the new location at the beginning of this semester.

Students are also looking forward to the opportunities the school's new location brings, but there are still things to work out.

Lubbock junior Bailey Bartholomew said the school will mean good things for downtown Waco, but not without affecting how its students will travel between the downtown location and Baylor's main campus.

"[Teachers] haven't figured out the scheduling of it yet, so it's kind of hard to get from on campus down here," Bartholomew said. "But we really like our new location. It's a lot nicer than the parking garage."

Bartholomew said she either takes the DASH bus between Baylor's main campus and the school of social work, or she drives her own car. "Either way, you're cutting it close for making it on time to class, but teachers are going to be really flexible this semester until they get everything figured out."



NICK BERRYMAN| LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

This semester students attend class in the new downtown building for Baylor's School of Social Work.

The future of the school and its effect on downtown Waco is still uncertain.

"I hope we've brought a lot more diversity to the community

in terms of age. We will have lots of students in downtown Waco during the day," Garland said. "We can walk to local eating establishments for lunch, so I hope we will

be spending money and supporting businesses downtown. Beyond that I think it remains to be seen, and we are not presuming we know what our role is going to be here."

Back to School: Students transfer to community college

By SOBIA SIDDIQUI
REPORTER

Though it is a fairly new phenomenon, there is a growing number of reverse transfer students throughout different universities.

The term "reverse transfer" refers to students who started their education at a four-year university then transferred to a community college.

Yet after attaining the degree or credits desired from the community college, these students transfer back to a four-year institution to complete their education.

Lisa Wilhelmi, the director of community relations at McLennan Commu-

nity College, said there are a number of reasons for students to transfer back and forth between four-year universities and two-year institutions.

"I believe it's because they maybe didn't make good grades at a four-year institution and needed to come back home," Wilhelmi said. "It could also be that the four-year college was too big, so they came back home."

According to the Baylor's Institutional Research and Testing's website, the majority of entering freshmen return to Baylor for a second year, but some students may transfer out because of feelings of unease about being in a different environment or feelings of stress due to

financial difficulties.

Students who do not return may have chosen the same path as other reverse transfer students, which is to take the option of fulfilling as many of their requirements as possible before returning to a four-year college to lessen the financial burden.

"Part of the problem is, once students begin at Baylor they're limited to taking no more than 15 hours away from Baylor," Linda Johnson, associate director of academic advisement for Baylor, said.

Wilhelmi said McLennan Community College offers academically challenging courses which Baylor accepts for credit.

"Our credits transfer fairly easily from

MCC to Baylor," Wilhelmi said. "We offer freshman and sophomore classes just like a four-year, and we have quality education."

Students may also decide to go back to community college after they have graduated with a bachelor's degree from a four-year university.

"We've had some folks that came back after their bachelor's because of the recession, and they're looking for a career where jobs are available," Wilhelmi said.

These students take the option of either enrolling in a particular class to gain a skill or knowledge in a specific field or join a program that will end with a two-year degree and a job opportunity.

"Terminal degrees are two-year degrees that you get and start working right after you get them," Wilhelmi said. "Allied help fields include nursing, radiology and respiratory care. In health care, there are a lot of jobs open like that."

More students are deciding to take the option of attending a community college after having experienced some time at a four-year university and then returning to complete their bachelor's degree.

"I think it's beneficial. Everyone deserves an education. If the four-year is not what they need to be, then going to a community college is a good option, and they can continue their education there," Wilhelmi said.



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Rice professor to speak on medical ethics

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

The Presidential Symposium Series will continue this semester with Dr. Baruch A. Brody speaking on “Ethics in the Twenty-first Century” at 3 p.m. today in Kayser Auditorium in the Hankamer School of Business.

Brody is the Leon Jaworski Professor of Biomedical Ethics and director of the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy at Baylor College of Medicine. At Rice University, Brody serves as the Andrew

Mellon Professor of Humanities.

Dr. James Marcum, associate professor of philosophy, said Brody has an impressive amount of experience in the fields of modern medical ethics and bioethics.

“I think he was there pretty much with the origin of modern medical ethics and bioethics,” Marcum said. “He’s just a very prominent figure within the field itself, so I think we’re very fortunate to have someone that’s been responsible for and has seen the growth of medical ethics and bioethics over the past three or four decades.”

With new drugs and medical technologies that have been and are being produced to help prolong patients’ lives, Marcum said medical ethics has become an important topic that most people will have to deal with at some point.

“I don’t think there’s one of us that these issues will not have an impact upon our life,” Marcum said.

Dr. Kay Toombs, a former student of Brody’s and associate professor emeritus of philosophy at Baylor, said Brody’s research, writing and knowledge have made him

a leader in the field of biomedical ethics.

“He is internationally recognized as one of the primary leaders in the field of biomedical ethics, and at this particular time, there are so many issues that are very important in medical ethics that it’s very fortunate for us to have someone of his caliber who can discuss those kinds of issues with us,” Toombs said.

“He does incredible research, and he has written many books about bioethics. He’s very knowledgeable about the field. He’s just

one of the absolute top people in the field.”

Dr. James Bennighof, professor of music theory and vice provost for academic affairs, said the topic of medical ethics is important for the Baylor family to hear about because of the university’s interest in ethics and its tradition of training students in pre-med programs.

“I think one of the things Baylor has always been interested in is putting pre-professional training--such as for medical professions--in the context of liberal learning and humanities and not just talking

about the technological or scientific side of medicine, but also taking a philosophical and humanities kind of approach,” Bennighof said.

“Baylor has a long tradition of doing pre-medical training, and we have also, because of our Christian mission, a great interest in ethics, so that’s a natural marriage for us as well.”

The next speaker in the Presidential Symposium Series, Lee S. Shulman, is slated to lecture on the future of higher education on March 31.

Program unites professors with data for models

By MOLLY PACKER
REPORTER

The Hankamer School of Business is launching the Innovative Business Accelerator, a collaborative research effort between industries and Baylor professors that will bring together researchers and data in an innovative way.

The Innovative Business Accelerator will allow companies to exchange financial support for three years of a Baylor professor’s research. The research that Baylor professors do will help companies revise business habits and become

more effective in their services.

“[The Innovative Business Accelerator] links business researchers with the company and they coordinate that effort,” said Dr. Morris George, assistant professor of marketing and one of the developers of the Innovative Business Accelerator. “Companies get research and better practices. We, in turn, get real-life data.”

Dr. Jeff Tanner, Baylor marketing professor and associate dean of faculty development and research, calls the Innovative Business Accelerator an opportunity for professors to own commercialized

intellectual property.

One of the first companies to participate in the Innovative Business Accelerator, Viverae assists businesses in improving the health of their employees in order to lower health care providing costs.

George is helping to develop a business model that will reduce client costs.

Viverae searched for medical experts to make its health care services more effective, but soon discovered they did not need medical experts.

“[Companies] thought they needed medical researchers. They

needed business models,” Tanner said. “What [Viverae] is trying to do is find actions that will have the biggest impact and model that big impact on people’s lives.”

It is the researchers’ job to develop business models that will help companies work more efficiently.

Baylor professors will develop those models in exchange for business data.

Viverae is not the only company looking to participate in the Innovative Business Accelerator. ESET, an Internet security company has also shown interest.

Real-life data is especially hard to acquire in the realm of Internet security because there are many laws protecting such information from scams.

The Innovative Business Accelerator’s research with ESET will give Baylor professors a chance to work with data that otherwise would be hard to obtain.

Dr. Randy Vaughn, professor of Information Systems, specializes in counter electronic crime.

“[The Innovative Business Accelerator will connect] industry and university together where they can develop a more scientific ap-

proach to targeting crime,” Vaughn said. “We get fresh data. The anti-virus [companies] have huge databases and huge visibility into e-crime.”

The Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative will house Innovative Business Accelerator projects. The building is scheduled to be completed in March 2012.

“The goal is that 20 to 30 companies would invest into the Innovative Business Accelerator and want the faculty researching,” Tanner said. “We want to be able to cherry pick the best projects for the best faculty.”

Dictator’s return gives government chance at overdue justice

By JONATHAN KATZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A judge will decide whether former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier will be tried on charges that include corruption and embezzlement for allegedly pilfering the treasury before his 1986 ouster, a lawyer for Duvalier said Tuesday.

The decision to move toward a trial makes clear that whatever Duvalier’s reasons were for return-

ing to Haiti on Sunday, the government is poised to seek justice for his 15-year regime, widely regarded as brutal and corrupt.

Defense attorney Gervais Charles said the case is now in the hands of a judge who will decide whether there is enough evidence to go to trial, a process that can take up to three months.

There are no signs of widespread support for Duvalier. Demonstrations on his behalf have been relatively small by Haiti standards.

More than half the nation’s people are too young to have lived through his government.

Duvalier’s arrival Sunday was a surprise for a long-impooverished country, and comes as Haiti struggles to work through a dire political crisis following the problematic first-round presidential election, as well as a cholera epidemic and a troubled recovery from the devastating earthquake of a year ago.

Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and others have

urged the Haitian government to arrest Duvalier for widespread abuses. Amnesty International issued a statement praising what it called “the arrest” of Duvalier but said it was just a start.

Fenel Alexi, a 31-year-old mechanic, watched the scene and denounced both Duvalier and Preval, a former anti-Duvalier activist.

“The citizens of this country have endured so much crime,” Alexi said. “We haven’t had a president who hasn’t committed

crimes.”

Duvalier assumed power in 1971 at age 19 following the death of his father, Francois “Papa Doc” Duvalier. The father and son presided over one of the most brutal chapters in Haitian history, a period when a secret police force known as the Tonton Macoute tortured and killed opponents. The private militia of sunglasses-wearing thugs enforced the Duvalier dynasty’s absolute power and lived off extortion.

For most of his exile, the ex-despot was quiet. But in September 2007, Duvalier took to Haitian radio from abroad to apologize for “wrongs” committed under his rule and urged supporters to rally around his fringe political party.

A handful of loyalists campaigned to bring Duvalier home from exile, launching a foundation to improve the dictatorship’s image and reviving his political party in the hope that he could one day return to power democratically.



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