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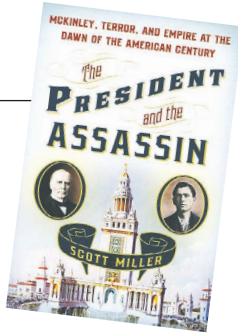


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### Soccer

The Bears treated the crowd at Betty Lou Mays Field last Friday night with a 3-0 win over Sam Houston State to begin the 2011 season. The team returns home to face Cal State Northridge at 7 p.m. this Friday. Check next week's Lariat for a full preview of the season.

### Dodge, duck, dip, dive

Baylor dodgeball registration ends Aug. 23 with games beginning Aug. 25. Teams dressed in costume earn an extra 25 points and must have at least four players to compete.

### Exploring Egypt

The Mayborn Museum exhibit, "Lost Egypt: Ancient Secrets, Modern Science" will be on display until Sept. 5 in the Thomas E. and Emilyne Weed Anding Traveling Exhibit Gallery. The exhibit explores how scientists use technology to study ancient Egypt.

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## There's no place like home

Baylor Chamber representatives lead students in a giant sic 'em on Friday, Aug. 19 at the Ferrell Center. The students listened to speakers including Baylor President Ken Starr, quarterback Robert Griffin III and men's basketball head coach Scott Drew. To further become part of the Baylor family, students also learned to sing the university's fight song, which members of the Baylor band performed.

# TEG lives on; student grants saved

## 23 percent budget cut less than expected

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
STAFF WRITER

After a five-month legislative struggle in Austin in which the Baylor administration was an active lobbying force, steep budgetary cuts to the Tuition Equalization Grant program have hit Baylor graduate students and incoming freshmen the hardest.

According to Lori Fogleman, director of media relations, the cuts resulted roughly in a \$3 million drop in Baylor's share of the TEG, which a July 6 press release stated now totals \$9.6 million. Baylor, which has discretion over the allocation of the remaining funds, has made the decision to continue offering the grant to all returning undergraduate students who meet the program's eligibility requirements, significantly limiting the options of incoming freshmen and leaving graduate students without access to TEG funding at all.

"We believe that it's important

to use the resources available to help those who are already mid-stream, who are already committed, who have already invested a year or two of their lives toward obtaining a Baylor degree," Jackie Diaz, assistant vice president for student financial services, said.

*"It was part of our message to the governor of the state that higher education is empowering and we need to make this available as broadly as we can"*

Ken Starr | President

Because the Texas Legislative Budget Board's original proposal in January called for a 41-percent reduction in grant funding, and other proposals called for axing

the program altogether, President Ken Starr said he is grateful the cuts were only 23 percent.

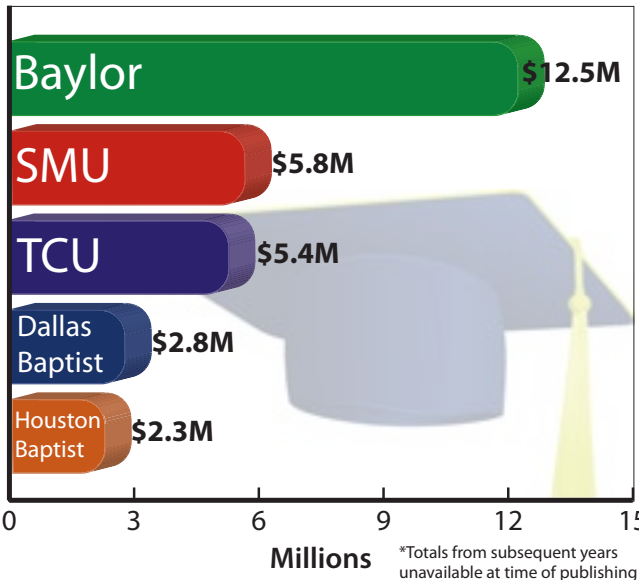
"It was part of our message to the governor of the state that higher education is empowering and we need to make this available as broadly as we can," Starr said. "And regardless of political party and philosophy, legislators for four decades have felt that [the TEG] is an important and wise investment of funds."

Both Starr and Diaz expressed gratitude to the alumni and students who, prompted earlier this year by a Baylor public relations campaign, called their representatives in the legislature and requested the TEG funding levels be preserved.

Starr also praised the Baylor Ambassadors, a student organization that lobbies on behalf of Baylor, and the work of members of the Baylor Board of Regents, particularly that of chair Neal "Buddy" Jones, a prominent professional lobbyist with HillCo

## Getting by with a little help

The shares Baylor and neighboring private schools received from the 2009-10 TEG fund, which totaled \$102,540,750\*



Partners in Austin.

Carey Wallick, a third-year law student from Rowlett who has received TEG grants since his time as a Baylor undergraduate student, recently discovered

he will not be eligible to receive the grant this year. While the cuts have not adversely affected

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# Campus construction continues

## Vision 2012 brings changes to Baylor campus

By DAVID McLAIN  
STAFF WRITER

Returning students may notice a little more Baylor green around campus as they arrive for classes this August, with the final aesthetic touches of Baylor 2012 coming to reality.

The eighth of 12 imperatives implemented by Baylor at the start of 2002 can be seen coming to life as students leave the Bill Daniel Student Center, and the walk toward Moody Library, where a wide green lawn unfolds before eyes that are used to seeing two roads along side the mall that were closed to public access.

The extension of Fountain Mall meets the expressed desires of students for more space to play ultimate Frisbee and lay blankets and hang out, Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president of student life, said.

Although the majority of students will be surprised at seeing the changes to Fountain Mall and other parts of campus, the removal of the interior roads had

been talked about for years, Brian Nicholson, associate vice president for facility planning and Construction, said.

"The roads were getting to the point where they needed to get repairs," Nicholson said.

The loss of these two roads does not remove all vehicle access to Fountain Mall. Baylor has installed a porous paved road, essentially pavement covered in grass, along the Fourth Street side of Marrs McLean Gym. This road allows continued access to the mall for vehicles carrying equipment for activities. The parallel parking alongside Third Street in front of Moody Library has been removed, but a new shuttle route will run there, Nicholson said.

The street and parking lot directly behind Marrs McLean Gym is being removed and replaced with the National Pan-Hellenic Council Garden "which will honor the history and heritage of African-American fraternities and sororities," Baylor's website said.

There will be monuments dedicated to the seven chapters of the Divine Nine, nine international African-American fraternities and sororities, represented at Baylor.

The long established Fort Faculty across Bagby Avenue from the Paul L. Foster Success Center underwent the first phase of removal this summer.

"Three houses on the perimeter and all of the interior houses have been torn down," Nicholson wrote in an email to the Lariat. "The remaining homes will be torn down next summer, in preparation for future developments in this area of campus. This is in accordance with our approved Master Plan for campus expansion."

The SUB has been renovated with two new eating options, along with the repositioning of remaining restaurants. A new Einstein Bros. Bagels store is lo-

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Artist rendering of Baylor's new Jim and Nell Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center. In its June meeting, the Baylor board of regents OK'd the center's construction and also approved the 2012-13 operating budget.

# Tuition, scholarships set to rise in 2012-13

By CHRIS DERRETT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Baylor board of regents has decided how much tuition and scholarships will rise in the next two years.

After last spring's semester, the board finalized the university's 2011-12 and 2012-13 operating budgets, also approving on-campus construction that resulted

from generous donations.

The board settled on 2011-12's budget in its May meeting and the 2012-13 budget during its June meeting.

Tuition for full-time students this year increases from \$13,483 per semester last year to \$14,360, a 6.5 percent hike. Compared to last year, \$22.5 million more will

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# Lariat considers mediocre paper unacceptable

By CHRIS DERRETT  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

So you picked up a copy of the Lariat. The front page had some interesting stories, there's nothing else to do in class and you chose to flip to the opinion section.

Before you turn any further, you should know who's in charge of leading the Lariat this year.

He's the bum who didn't score a



Chris Derrett | Editor in chief

job or internship this summer. He pulled a C-plus in both Christian Scriptures and Heritage and got laughed at by his church's youth pastor as a result. He'll be taking Fitness Theory and Practice, not bowling, racquetball or soccer, because he slept through last spring's 6 a.m. class registration.

His average-looking portrait is just above, he uses self-deprecating humor to escape awkward and/or embarrassing social situations, and I honestly think talking in third person is stupid.

That's enough about me. This is about you.

Yes, you.

You – the reader for whom we write, whether you're a freshman seeing this in print at the SUB or an alumnus thousands of miles away on the Lariat's website.

You – students finding ways to afford a \$28,000-plus education through hard work and sometimes a little help.

You – members of the Baylor family on the giving end of that help in the form of vital donations to scholarship funds.

This is also about us. I don't mean us as in Lariat employees; I mean us, the entire Baylor family – those who report our news and those who consume it. When Baylor says it's financially taking care of students, we want to know how.

If our board of regents makes an important decision, shouldn't we know the reasoning behind it?

When it comes to being informed, you deserve the best. Look at the university, which has spent the last decade working a plan to ensure Baylor is one of the best schools in the country for years to come.

Last year, the Houston Press Club considered the Lariat the best, and as a result, it received the award for the Best College Newspaper in Texas.

That trophy, however, means as much to you as the fourth quarter means to LeBron James.

Our success really depends on two things – whether you pick up the paper once (check) and whether you pick it up again and again and again. And we know our leash is short; you can see right through a poorly written article filled with hot air.

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We'll talk to President Ken Starr. We'll talk to coach Art Briles. The professor you're tuning out right now might be a source if he or she can offer important insight. Sometimes the Texas Legislature proves to be the source we need. We're there.

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# Attendance policies require consensus from both sides

## Editorial

More importantly, there never was a reason to be excited.

Missing an entire quarter of a class semester and still passing is not an accomplishment, nor should it be acceptable.

If more students took their classes more seriously, individual departments and individual professors within those departments might not have to resort to failing people for cutting class.

Baylor has done its best to select motivated, success-driven students for admission, and the cost of such an education, even with Baylor's best financial aid efforts, can prove difficult.

So ideally, hard-working students who want the most out of their education should get their money's worth at this institution of higher learning and have no problem getting to class.

Unfortunately, even documented as early as biblical times, bad things can happen to good people, or in this case, good students. People have surgeries. Loved ones unexpectedly pass away.

But good things can also happen to good students. Three semesters ago hundreds of students made the trip to New Orleans to

watch the men's basketball team compete in the NCAA tournament, and thousands more watched on television.

In all of the aforementioned examples, those students, regardless of their track records in class, weren't in class. Both the painfully tragic and once-in-a-lifetime situations all fall under the category of unexcused absences.

When you toss in the typical stress and illness that college students as a whole inherit on a regular basis, the unexpected, uncontrollable circumstances of life can and will cause absences.

Professors should consider a student's performance and attitude, not just a raw number, in determining whether that student deserves to pass.

This is not an excuse for students to whine about having to go to class. "I'm tired," or "I'm not feeling my best today," should not and probably will not draw sympathy from professors. They also feel tired occasionally and are not always feeling their best.

But the fact still remains that Baylor will no longer require professors to fail students based on missed class.

A level of understanding from students and instructors should be exercised so that when life changes schedules, both parties can feel they've done everything to make a class as productive and useful as possible.

# GOP's Bachmann lacks leadership needed for presidency

By JOSHUA MADDEN  
A&E EDITOR

During the recent Republican presidential debate on Fox News, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty criticized Rep. Michelle Bachmann, saying if she considered her recent actions to be definitive of leadership, she needed to stop trying to lead.

After Bachmann won the Ames Straw Poll, with Pawlenty coming in a distant third to both her and Rep. Ron Paul, who placed a close second, Pawlenty dropped out of the race, and many pundits quickly zeroed in on the fact that his performances in the debates had been relatively lackluster.

Except that they seemed to forget one thing: He was right.

In my opinion, Bachmann's leadership experience is minimal and her accomplishments



Joshua Madden | A&E Editor

are few. To quote a famous film called "Reservoir Dogs," someone should probably ask Bachmann this question: "Are you going to bark all day, little doggy, or are you going to bite?"

Bachmann's record is one of astounding rhetoric – labeled by many as extreme, whether or not that's fair is up to you – and yet her accomplishments simply do not measure up. The experience that Bachmann touted in response to Pawlenty's criticism was her authorship of the Light Bulb Freedom of Choice Act.

Call me crazy, but in a Congress that passed historic legislation on at least a monthly basis and where others, like Rep. Paul Ryan, are proposing budgets that could make a huge difference to our nation – good or bad, I'll let others decide – it just does not seem to me that proposing light bulb choice-related legislation is that big of a deal.

It's certainly not something that should be boasted about on a resume, particularly if the job you're applying for is president of the United States.

And as for other accomplishments, they're pretty much non-existent. Bachmann has not authored major legislation that has actually passed, nor does she have any significant executive experience under her belt. She takes a great deal of hard stances – like voting against the budget compromise and against raising the debt ceiling – but then fails to present alternative plans.

I'm all for taking controversial stances in politics. I think it's something that we do not see enough of right now. But taking controversial stances does not absolve one of the need to provide solutions to problems, particularly in any position of public leadership.

Being a member of Congress makes you a de facto leader in our nation, whether you like it or not. And, unlike Bachmann, others seem to be taking this se-

riously and proposing legislation that matters.

In addition to Ryan mentioned above, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky often takes very controversial stances on budget issues and yet he has actually proposed budgets for the Senate to consider.

These proposals may not have a serious chance of ever becoming law, but unlike most of what Bachmann does, it is more than mere rhetoric. It is also more wide-sweeping than the Light Bulb Freedom of Choice Act in that it would impact things beyond, well, light bulbs.

If Bachmann is proposing serious budgets, she certainly is not advertising them very much. She seems perfectly content to stand back and yell from the mountaintops while others do the labor of actually drafting legislation to solve problems. That's not lead-

ership – in fact, that's not even really being much of a legislator – it's just kind of sad.

Bachmann's lack of executive experience makes the lack of notable legislation all the more serious. It's one thing for a governor to have never written anything important. It's quite another for someone who is only famous as a member of Congress.

So while Pawlenty may have been forced out of the race because of poor performance in early polling, it seems like the loss of Pawlenty is also the loss of the one voice that will actually tell potential Bachmann voters what they need to hear. Rhetoric is one thing, but successful leadership is another.

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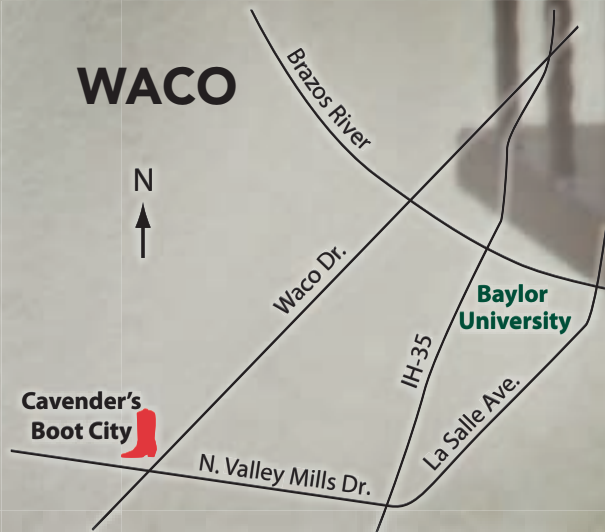
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# BGCT to renegotiate agreement with BU

By SARA TIRRITO  
CITY DESK EDITOR

By the end of October, Baylor and the Baptist General Convention of Texas expect to have a new relationship agreement to replace the 20-year-old one currently in place. The need to renegotiate with Baylor was brought up in February after the university's board of regents decided to alter its bylaws so that non-Baptist Christians could occupy one quarter of its seats.

Houston Baptist University, another Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) partner, made a similar change to its governing board in March, opening it to non-Baptist Christians as well, though that change had previously been voted against by the BGCT.

However, Baylor's move to open its board to non-Baptists

ran directly counter to at least one stipulation in the current agreement between the university and the BGCT, sparking some discontent.

Stipulations in the current agreement relating to the situation at hand include:

- "All members of the Board of Directors shall be Baptists."
- "The BGCT recognizes that Baylor is an independent, non-profit, nonmember corporation...with the full legal right, power and authority to amend or rescind its articles of incorporation or bylaws without approval or consent of the BGCT or any other party."
- "No amendment to this agreement shall be effective unless the amendment is in writing and lawfully executed by both parties."

Some members of the BGCT did take part in discussions with the Baylor Board of Regents about allowing non-Baptists to be elected before the change was ever put in place, Buddy Jones, chair of the board of regents, wrote in an email to the Lariat.

He added that the board has impressed upon the BGCT how important the university's history remains to them.

"We have consistently made it clear to BGCT officials that we continue to hold dear Baylor's Baptist history and heritage and that we look to uphold and honor that proud tradition in the future," Jones wrote. "This includes the creation of new programs, such as the Baptist Studies Center for Research, as well as increasing scholarships awarded to the children of Baptist ministers and missionaries

by more than 300 percent, more than half a million dollars, beginning this fall."

President Ken Starr acknowledged the change in the board's bylaws was part of the reason that the BGCT called for a renegotiation, but said he believes the relationship between the two entities remains very strong.

"There clearly are people within Texas Baptist life who did not want Baylor University to welcome fellow Christians to the board," Starr said. "I've done no polls, I've seen no polls, but what I do know is that there's a great spirit of love and cooperation and mutual affection between Baylor University and the Baptist General Convention of Texas."

Not wanting to talk too specifically while negotiations are still under way, Steve Vernon, associate

executive director and acting executive director of the BGCT, said renegotiations are needed because of the current agreement's age, and also because both institutions have undergone changes.

"Baylor has changed and the Baptist General Convention of Texas has changed, and that's why we felt the need for the renegotiations," Vernon said. "I don't think you can read any more into it than that at this point."

However, the BGCT does want to continue to foster a strong relationship with the university, he said.

"We are much more interested in how we are going to move ahead together than in revisiting the past," Vernon said.

Jones and Starr also believe the future of the relationship agreement has a positive outlook.

"It will all be positive," Starr said. "There will continue, I am confident, to be financial support flowing from the BGCT. We look forward to the BGCT's continuing to elect 25 percent of our board. I don't anticipate any significant structural changes at all."

As one part of the new agreement, the BGCT is looking at "simplifying [the] arrangement" for electing regents to the Baylor board, Starr said.

Vernon said the BGCT is reviewing its guidelines for recommending nominees to all of its partnering institutions.

The BGCT executive board is slated to receive a committee report regarding the new agreement in September. It will then need approval from the BGCT executive board and the Baylor Board of Regents.

## Strategic planning releases input report

By SARA TIRRITO  
CITY DESK EDITOR

Although a draft of the university's new strategic plan will not be available until November, the Baylor family can now see how the Strategic Themes Committee has interpreted their input. The committee's report was made available online Aug. 12, after being received by President Ken Starr and the Executive Council on June 24.

While compiling and organizing the input from hundreds of sources was a challenge, committee chair Dr. Mitchell Neubert said he was glad to have that "problem."

"I was really impressed with the commitment and energy of all the different Baylor family stakeholders, students and faculty and alumni, even just friends of Baylor," Neubert said. "We got a lot of input

and I think it was really helpful input, but it was also really affirming about the people supporting Baylor."

Houston senior Cristina Galvan, a member of the Strategic Themes Committee and 2010-2011 student body external vice president, said she hopes students will read the report and pursue any changes they hope to see.

"There will be another time period for the community to give their feedback," Galvan said, "so I feel it's really important for students to just follow this process along as it will impact their future."

Student body president and Houston senior Zach Rogers said student government will most likely put together a forum for students to voice their opinions.

To view the report, visit [www.baylor.edu/strategicplan](http://www.baylor.edu/strategicplan).

## Summit inspires Waco church leaders

By CAROLINE BREWTON  
COPY EDITOR

Hoping to harness the power of effective Christian leadership, more than 250 local church leaders, Waco residents and Baylor faculty, staff and students attended a live satellite broadcast of the Global Leadership Summit in Waco Hall on Aug. 11.

The summit, which began more than 15 years ago, has expanded to more than 170 locations in the U.S. and Canada. The event was broadcast from the Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Ill.

Katy senior Matt Larsen said he felt very blessed to attend the summit. Larsen said he was motivated by "just seeing the maturity and wisdom that some of the world's best leaders have" and plans to attend the summit again next year "if God provides."

Larsen said the summit inspired him in his journey to lead others. "I feel like it taught me to have a better heart, more atten-

tive ears... to really walk with and listen to what God is telling me to do to help others around Baylor," he said.

Baylor Athletics Chaplain Wes Yeary also attended. Yeary viewed the summit as a time of refreshment and inspiration.

"I feel like the people that were there could light a fire around those they're surrounded with," Yeary said. "It [the summit] can't help but have a positive impact. That'll have a trickle-down effect on those that did not attend."

Yeary encouraged more students to attend, saying "leaders aren't limited by their age. Hopefully we can pull more and more students in." Another summit will be held on an undetermined date in 2012.

Alice Starr, wife of Baylor president Ken Starr, said the message was exactly in line with what her husband is trying to do at Baylor. She also would like to see more people in attendance in coming years.

Guest speakers for the event



Leaders from Waco churches joined locations around the world on Aug. 11 for the Global Leadership Summit, which was broadcast live from each venue. Waco's leaders used Baylor's Pat Neff Hall.

included Michelle Rhee, founder and CEO of StudentsFirst, bestselling author Seth Godin, Bill Hybels, the founder and senior pastor of the Willow Creek Community Church, and others from various disciplines.

Organizers say such a wide

variety of personalities and experiences were included to energize and encourage church leaders to better serve the members of local church communities and provide them with practical skills. Both clergy and lay citizens were encouraged to attend.

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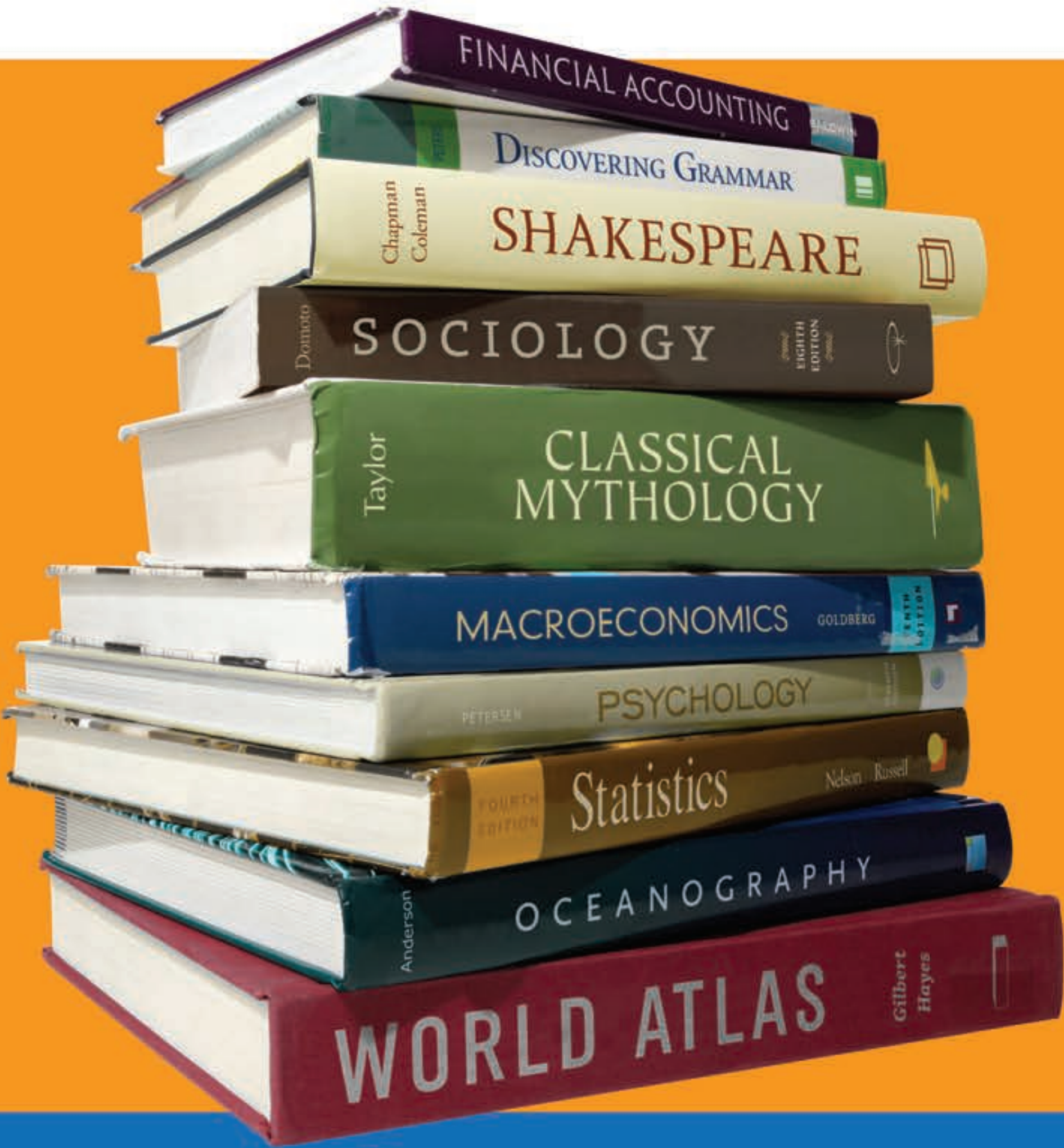
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# Same spaces but more options for parking

By JADE MARDIROSIAN  
STAFF WRITER

For many Baylor students, back to school brings thoughts and fears of another year of overcrowded parking on campus. Parking and Transportation Services is attempting to relieve this congestion by providing students with new parking permit options.

Matt Penney, director of parking and transportation services, said the idea for new parking stickers came from a parking and transportation committee meeting in which student government represented the student body.

“We were trying to ease the congestion on campus by providing alternatives slightly off of campus that would interest people,” Penney said.

This year three types of parking permits are available for students to purchase.

The Student On Campus permit is available for \$245 and provides students with access to 12 surface lots and four parking garages, all located on campus.

The East Campus Garage Permit is available for \$150 and provides students with access to the student parking in the East Campus Garage only, which is located one block east of the Baylor Sciences Building between Second and Third streets.

The Ferrell Center Permit is available for \$95 and provides students with day parking at the Ferrell Center; overnight parking is not allowed.

The Baylor University Shuttle has routes that run by the East Campus Garage and the Ferrell Center on class days from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Penney said the new parking places were made with the idea that they would be supported by the shuttle system.

“Baylor University, unlike a lot of universities, has more student parking spaces than we issue permits,” Penney said. “The challenge is about 2,300 of those are at the Ferrell Center and about 850 of

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Matt Penney | director of Parking and Transportation Services

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Penney said the East Campus Garage is a great option because it is large and the parking permit is about 40 percent less than the regular parking permit.

“That option may not appeal to everybody, but it should appeal to some,” Penney said. “For every person that that appeals to, that means that’s one less car that’s parking on campus and that’s the idea behind discounting it.”

Sugar Land senior Megan Nelson said even with the new parking permit options, Baylor still needs more parking garages.

“I think it is good they are trying to help students, especially since the different options of parking permits have lower costs, but I don’t think it fixes the problem,” she said.

Nelson said she and most of her friends would purchase the Student On Campus permit this school year. She said she often has to leave her house about 20 minutes before class to find a parking spot.

“If I go to school in the evening for a class, it only takes me about five minutes to get from my house to the business school. I live close enough to walk, but it’s not safe.”

Penney said although the campus underwent construction over the summer, very small changes were made to student and faculty parking spaces. He said there are 6,130 student parking spaces on campus, not including the Ferrell Center, and as of last Thursday Baylor had sold just more than 5,000 parking permits for this school year. There is no cap on the number of parking permits Baylor will sell.

be interested in the other permit options available.”

Student parking permits are good for both the fall and spring semesters and are required for students to park on campus, in designated student parking areas, from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Students can park on campus without a parking permit after 5 p.m. in student spaces only.

Students can order parking permits online at [www.baylor.edu/parking](http://www.baylor.edu/parking) and can pick them up on the first floor of Robinson Tower.

## Parking Prices

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Parking and transportation services has introduced two new types of parking permits this year in an effort to alleviate crowded parking. Although these options are cheaper than an all-campus permit, the majority of permits purchased so far have been the full-access permits.

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# The price of all that glitters is going up, up and up

By SARAH DiLORENZO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — For what is normally a sleepy month, there are so many customers at the Gold Standard, a New York company that buys jewelry, it feels like Christmas in August. Uncle Ben’s Pawn Shop in Cleveland has never seen a rush like this.

Welcome to the new American gold rush. The price of gold is on a remarkable run, setting a record seemingly every other day. Stomach-churning volatility in the stock market this month has only made investors covet gold more.

Some want it as a safe investment for turbulent times. What worries some investors is that many others are buying simply be-

cause the price is rising and they want to make money fast.

In October 2007, gold sold for about \$740 an ounce. A little over a year later, it rose above \$1,000 for the first time. This past March, it began rocketing up. On Wednesday, it traded at \$1,795 an ounce, just shy of last week’s record of \$1,801.

Gold hits a sweet spot among the elements: It’s rare, but not too rare. It’s chemically stable; all the gold ever mined is still around. And it can be divided into small amounts without losing its properties.

Ultimately, though, gold is valuable because we all agree it is. It was used around the world as a currency for thousands of years,

and then it gave value to paper currencies for a couple of hundred more.

Now, in a time of turmoil, from the credit downgrade and debate over raising the debt limit in the U.S. to the growing financial crisis in Europe to worries of slow growth across the globe, gold is dazzling investors.

The last time gold prices rose so precipitously was a few years after President Richard Nixon ended a decades-long fixed relationship between the value of the dollar and the value of gold.

In those days, the price of gold was fixed at about \$35 an ounce. And many foreign currencies were pegged to the dollar. Gold gave the dollar its value, and the dollar gave

everything else value.

Then the U.S. began running a trade deficit, and dollars piled up abroad. Central banks could redeem dollars for gold. But it was a poorly kept secret that the U.S. didn’t have enough gold to cash out every dollar in circulation.

To head off a rush, Nixon “closed the gold window,” essentially saying that confidence in the U.S. government, not gold, gives the dollar its value. Gold and the dollar began to rise and fall freely, and gold earned its place as protection against the falling dollar when confidence lags.

This time is different because gold is rallying against all currencies, not just the dollar, says Jim Grant, editor of Grant’s Interest

Rate Observer.

Gold prices will probably keep rising until the U.S. and Europe get their finances in order, he says. He predicts inflation, low for the moment, will soar, further eroding the value of the dollar and leaving only gold as a good investment.

Cetin Ciner, a professor of finance at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, disagrees. He thinks gold is near a peak and people who buy now are blindly chasing the rising price.

“I’m thinking of it as like the dot-com stocks,” Ciner says.

Both Ciner and Grant caution, however, that when it comes to gold prices, no one really knows. That’s because gold doesn’t have intrinsic value. It doesn’t offer an in-

## Baylor student charged in assault

By JADE MARDIROSIAN  
STAFF WRITER

A Baylor student was charged with sexual assault on May 4, stemming from an incident that occurred off-campus in January. A warrant was issued for Robert Cole on May 4, and Cole turned himself into the McLennan County Jail on May 9. Cole was released on \$25,000 bond on May 10. According to the public information release, the victim of the assault was a known acquaintance of Cole, 20. Cole is no longer enrolled at Baylor, according to Lori Fogleman, director of media relations. The incident occurred during a party at a residence located in the 1200 block of Wood Avenue.

According to the affidavit submitted for the arrest warrant, large amounts of alcohol were consumed at the party. The affidavit also stated that the victim became intoxicated and “was stumbling around and was embarrassing herself” when a friend took her into a bedroom so she could lie down. The affidavit further states that the victim “was at the point of passing out” when a man got into bed with her and sexually assaulted her. The affidavit further states that the victim was unaware at the time what had happened, but was told the next day what had been done to her by the man.

According to the Waco District Attorney’s office, the case is still open and pending.

The Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, defines acquaintance or “date” assault as “coercive sexual activities that occur against a person’s will by means of force, violence, duress or fear of bodily injury” and “are imposed upon them by someone they know.”

## Man: ‘No tiny trunks!’

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONG BEACH, N.Y. — A 61-year-old New York man says he lost his job as a lifeguard when he refused to wear skimpy swim trunks for the annual swim test.


Roy Lester tells the New York Daily News he was forced out of the job after 40 years in 2007 when he wanted to take the swim test in biking shorts instead.

He filed a lawsuit against the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in 2009. The lawsuit had been dismissed but was reinstated by an appeals court last week.


Lester is a triathlete but says no one his age should be wearing tiny trunks.

State officials declined to comment.

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President Ken Starr visits students at Brooks during move-in on Wednesday. Starr also helped students move boxes into their new rooms.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Incoming freshman transported their belongings to campus in a variety of vehicles. From pickup trucks to hybrid cars, traffic on campus backed up Thursday morning while students and volunteers unloaded possessions.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

In addition to the numerous student volunteers, faculty and staff took a break from their busy schedules to help direct incoming freshmen and their parents to their dorms. The majority of freshman moved into the dorms Thursday.



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Ruth Collins Hall is home to 592 women every year. When the residence hall was built in 1957, it was the largest building in Waco. Its latest tenants wait in line on move-in day to receive their room keys.



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Community Leader Daley Olsen, a Nashville sophomore, and Colombian senior Maria Aguirre take a break from moving and meeting to chat Thursday in Collins. Aguirre was helping her younger sister move into Collins.



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Students pass a wet sponge over their heads while playing a game on July 20 at the Minglewood Bowl as part of Line Camp.



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Baylor student volunteers wait to get in the door while helping new residents move into Collins on Thursday. The freshman class of 2011 has the highest enrollment on record, with 3,259 students enrolled for the fall. The last enrollment record was in 2005, when 3,158 freshman signed up for fall classes.



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Move-in volunteers welcome new residents at Russell Hall on Thursday.

## Up and Away

For this freshman class, everything is elevated. Test scores are higher, male and out-of-state enrollment is greater and tuition is up by 6.5 percent. With more than 39,000 applicants for around 3,100 slots, these men and women fought hard for their place in the Baylor Line.



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Baylor students welcome and assist incoming freshmen as they arrive at their residence halls Thursday.



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Fredricksburg freshman Zachary Sharpe carries a fridge into Collins on Thursday. Sharpe was one of several freshman men who volunteered their strength to the benefit of the freshman women.



# Journalism and media arts students take Florence

By MOLLY DUNN  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

This summer, 13 students in the journalism and media arts department traveled to Italy to engage in a study abroad program structured differently than most summer programs.

The newly established program, lasting five weeks, allowed students to practice writing and photography skills outside the classroom.

Students chose one writing and one photography class based on their academic needs.

“Baylor in Florence was a wonderful experience,” Houston junior Sanmai Gbandi said. “Although we did have assignments to complete on a daily basis, the emphasis wasn’t placed on perfect Associated Press style or the five W’s; it was more about drawing from the beautiful, historical buildings and streets we were surrounded by.”

The Baylor in Florence study abroad website describes the program as “a holistic teaching approach [that] will blend and synergize the two disciplines just as they are in the professional world.”

Dr. Clark Baker, chair and associate professor of journalism and media arts, taught the photography classes, and Maxey Parrish, senior lecturer in journalism and media arts, taught the writing classes.

Both professors wanted to take the students out of the classroom and teach in the field.

“The field school approach means that you’re spending a lot of time out and about looking at things, learning about things and it’s not just

about a writing assignment that the student will go out and do and bring it back to the professor. It’s kind of a collaboration process,” Parrish said.

Dallas junior Kelsey Polarolo agreed that learning outside the classroom, especially in Italy, enhanced the course experience.

“Regular photography at Baylor is awesome, but taking photography in Florence was a million times better because we were taking pictures of things that other people don’t get to see in their lives,” Polarolo said.

Throughout the summer in Italy, students stayed in apartments in Florence and traveled as a group to Rome, Venice, and various surrounding cities during their free weekends, giving them much exposing them to Italian culture.

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Elizabeth Everett | Senior

Baylor in Florence used Florence University of the Arts’ facilities, including computer labs, classrooms and photo studios, allowing the students to create work for their portfolios.

“There’s just so much in Florence that you can shoot, especially in terms of architecture and, even

more so, the everyday life of Italians,” Parrish said.

Gbandi said having patience was the biggest difference from American culture.

“The culture there is so much different than ours. We’re always going and always moving, but in Italy, they take time to appreciate the important things in life,” she said. “They spend hours at dinner just talking and enjoying each other’s company. We don’t do that so much here. It really made me put things in perspective and ask myself what’s really important.”

Baker and Parrish were able to give their students a new outlook on journalism and photography through lessons outside the classroom.

“We were able to go to places like the metal working factory, the mosaic factory and some of those things that tourists don’t go to, and all that makes for great photography and material for writing,” Parrish said.

Breckenridge senior Elizabeth Everett appreciated the scheduled trips to museums, specialty shops and churches.

“It was a good experience overall not to just learn about the culture but the history and the background of all the places we went,” Everett said.

Each assignment the students had focused on their experiences, travels and encounters throughout their stay in Italy.

“No story about experiencing a place is real, unless you bring a human perspective into it,” Parrish said. “There’s also no better way to do it than with a native who lives there every day.”



COURTESY PHOTO | ELIZABETH EVERETT

Students took photographs of everyday life in Florence, Italy. The historical Ponte Vecchio was a place where many tourists and residents stopped to take photos of the Arno River flowing through the city.

By interacting with the locals to complete assignments, the students said they not only gathered material for their portfolios, but they gained a better understanding and appreciation for the Italian culture.

“I never have been abroad before and I think the best part about it was meeting new people in Italy and Florence,” Breckenridge senior Elizabeth Everett said. “Talking to people made you

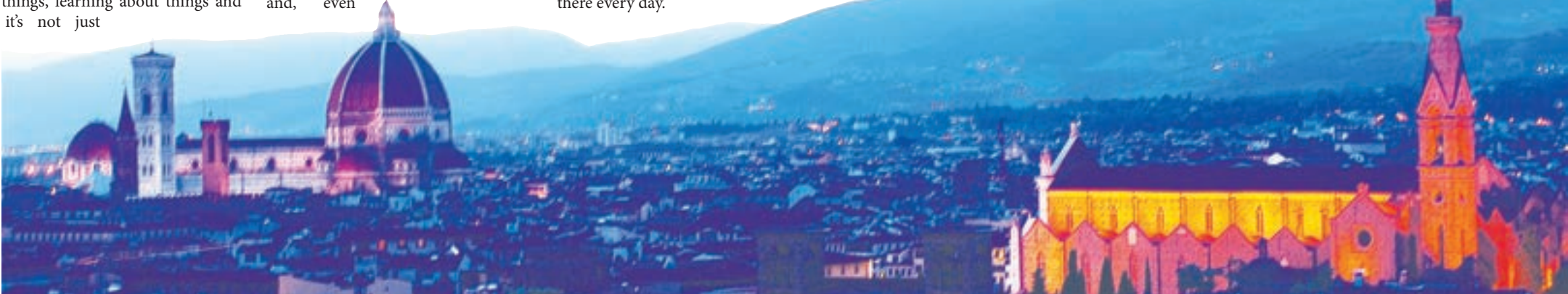
feel like you were a part of the culture.”

Through the interactions with locals and the length of time spent in Florence, each of the 13 students began to refer to themselves as locals instead of tourists.

“You say this is a once in a lifetime experience, and that sounds cliché, but we took it to another level and

that was very exciting,” Parrish said. “I just hope as time goes by, they develop a good sense of appreciation for what they experienced.”

For more information on Baylor in Florence, visit <https://bears-abroad.baylor.edu> and attend the interest meetings to be announced this semester.



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# Ciao from Florence!

Student photographers take to the streets of Italy



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In the epicenter of Florence, students photographed the massive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, also known as the Duomo. Not only is the Duomo an active cathedral, but the ancient exterior provided a popular subject for student photographers.



COURTESY PHOTO | ELIZABETH EVERETT  
Painters lined the streets of Florence, allowing students to photograph a major part of the culture.



COURTESY PHOTO | KELSEY POLAROLO  
On a weekend trip to Venice, students were told to photograph the Venetian environment. Students said while on assignment they discovered that bright colors and rustic buildings dominated the city.

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# Business school receives millions

By Ashley Ohriner  
News Editor

The Hankamer School of Business received \$3 million this June in two donations, further advancing the President's Scholarship Initiative.

A \$2 million anonymous gift and a \$1 million gift given by the estate of the recently deceased Baylor alumna Sadie Jo Black and the testamentary trust of her brother, the late Dial "Dub" Black, will be distributed to business students in scholarships and endowments.

While 90 percent of undergraduates receive financial aid, endowment gifts are essential to Baylor students.

"We are a little over \$32 million in our \$100 million campaign," Baylor president Ken Starr said. "You can have an impact by just contributing to the endowed fund that already exists."

The business school will use the \$2 million to fund the Baylor Entrepreneurship Innovation Challenge, a national business plan writing competition aimed at young, promising entrepreneurs.

The program is not scheduled to begin until next spring. The primary challenge will be increasing awareness among students.

"I hadn't heard of any programs like that in the business school before," Waco sophomore Baylor Business Fellow Brian Pennington said. "If I knew of any good entrepreneur programs I would definitely join."

The undergraduate program, ranked one of the best 25 entrepreneurship programs by Fortune Small Business, can benefit from the business plan competition as similar programs are becoming tools to determine a program's strength and rank.

"It's about creating better educational experiences for students," Dr. Kendall Artz, chair and director of Baylor's entrepreneurship studies program, said. "Without gifts like those, it is much more difficult to do this."

Starr said he recognizes the value in developing the Baylor Entrepreneurship Innovation Challenge.

"The donor's generosity and foresight to endow a business plan competition will ensure that Baylor entrepreneurship maintains prominence among national entrepreneurship programs and empowers students with a competitive advantage in our evolving global society," he said in a June press release.

The funding of programs such as the Baylor Entrepreneurship Innovation Challenge also fosters student exposure to real-world projects.

"The program combines practical experience with learning theory," Artz said. "It also allows mentoring support to the more promising ideas."

The \$2 million gift will also benefit the Baylor Angel Network, a system of investors operating through the Hankamer School of Business, which gives early stage capital to entrepreneurs with developed business plans.

Kevin Castello, executive director of the network, said he believes the gift will foster high-quality business plans submissions, giving Baylor students further opportunity to have their ventures funded.

"Ultimately this will create the opportunity to increase the ability to expand business plan techniques," Castello said. "It is certainly one of the factors involved in ranking scores."

The \$1 million gift has been divided two ways. A portion will be allocated to furthering the Dial "Dub" Black Jr. endowed scholarship fund in business, which provides a full scholarship to one outstanding business senior and additional aid to one junior each year. The remaining portion will help create the Hankamer School of Business senior recognition banquet, an annual event honoring outstanding senior business scholarship recipients.

"It gives me something to work toward," Pennington said. "The gifts help the business students directly. That's what makes Baylor different."



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# Baylor Bear Energy program launched to assist in athletic department fundraising

By Molly Dunn  
Assistant City Editor

Baylor Athletics introduces the Baylor Bear Energy program with Champion Energy Services and Branded Retail Energy in an effort to help fans in Texas deregulated electric zones contribute to athletic program funding.

"This program is going to allow consumers, businesses and the Waco community to have a very reliable source of energy and at the same time support Baylor athletics and the university through this program," Baylor Athletics Director Ian McCaw said in a press conference after the program's June 28 launch.

Baylor Bear Energy will make this contribution in honor of each customer. Elizabeth Chandler, vice president of marketing and communications for Baylor Bear Energy, said the program takes marketing dollars to give back to Baylor Athletics.

"We make a flat dollar contribution for residential customers each month and take 50 percent of our margin from commercial customers to contribute to the university," Chandler said.

Jason Helms, president and CEO for Branded Retail Energy, said in a June press conference that residents, companies and students can sign up for Baylor Bear Energy.

"In this inaugural year, Bay-

lor Bear Energy has committed \$100,000 to the university and its athletic program," Helms said.

"With the support we anticipate from passionate alumni and fans, we are expecting to provide more than half a million dollars to the university over the course of the next few years."

Chandler said that 75 percent of Texans have the ability to choose their electricity providers. Those who choose Baylor Bear Energy may select from several electricity plans using 100 percent renewable energy.

Baylor Bear Energy promises customers that they will not increase rates in order to fulfill their contribution promises to Baylor,

according to the program's website.

Contributions given through the program do not rely on the amount of energy used by each customer. In fact, customers are encouraged to conserve energy.

"We encourage all of our customers to be good stewards of electricity," Chandler said. "Everybody then feels like they are making a contribution."

Doug McNamee, general manager for the Baylor IMG College, which focuses on sports media and marketing, said the program functions more on a per-account basis than a per-energy usage to determine the amount of money contributed to Baylor athletics.

"It's a great partnership with

athletics," McNamee said. "We are fortunate that we have it and that it is off to a great start."

According to Chandler, the support from businesses and residents is about equal and students who pay their rent through Bear Bills will use Baylor Bear Energy as the exclusive energy provider.

Those who use Baylor Bear Energy will also have the opportunity to receive promotional prizes such as tickets to home games, special deals on athletic gear and more.

The program hopes to promote itself through contests and drawings for tickets and other merchandise for those who are not using Baylor Bear Energy as their electricity provider, Chandler said.

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cated in the Den Lounge and, although known for bagels, offers a varied breakfast menu. A Mooyah hamburger restaurant now sits inside the Bear Market Food Court.

These options were chosen partially in response to food preference surveys conducted yearly by ARAMARK, Baylor's food service provider, Jackson said.

Quiznos will move to the space in the lobby formerly occupied by The Daily Grind Coffee Shop, Baylor University's website said. Chick-Fil-A and Ninfà's will move to more spacious areas within the food court.

A Which Wich Superior Sandwiches and Moe's Southwest Grill are two restaurants being placed in the courtyard near the Baylor Sciences Building.

"Anytime we can add more retail options to give more of a choice, I think it makes sense," Nicholson said.



Workers lay grass on Fountain Mall during renovations this summer, part of the 2012 vision.



Workers in Fountain Mall continue renovations over the summer to remove the road and add sidewalks and walkways.



Rubble occupied Fountain Mall during campus renovations this summer, previously an uneven, closed road.



New grass placed in Fountain mall during construction to encourage pedestrian traffic.

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go toward scholarships, graduate assistantships and scholarships for graduate and professional students.

In 2012-13, a full-time Baylor semester will cost \$15,293, or 6.5 percent more than 2011-12.

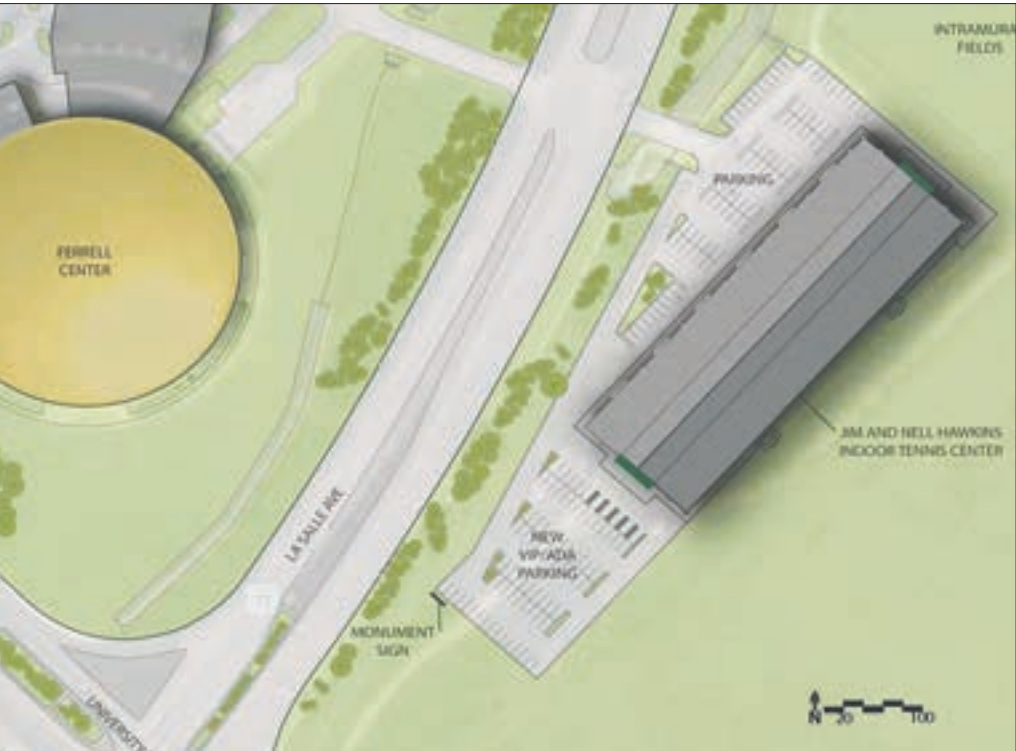
Baylor will offset that increase, however, with \$165 million in total scholarships. The amount represents a \$15.9 million, or 10.6 percent, increase from this year.

For the current year, the budget as a whole sees a \$25.3 million boost to \$403.3 million, a jump that former board chair Dary Stone attributed mostly to President Ken Starr's fundraising efforts.

"Judge Starr's done a good job raising money, and it's enabled us to give a healthy amount of scholarship," Stone said. "The school's on great financial footing, and Judge Starr's a very popular leader and fundraiser."

Baylor media communications also reported that budget increases will allow Baylor 19 new full-time faculty positions, 43 replacement faculty positions and 31 new staff positions. New hirings, Stone said, will help the university achieve its Baylor 2012 imperatives.

"We've got good, competitive raises for our faculty, and it's good to attract new, great faculty," Stone said. "We're taking care of that which we have and adding to it."



Artist rendering showing location of the Jim and Nell Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center on LaSalle Avenue.

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his ability to finish his degree at Baylor Law School, Wallick said he had to adjust for the loss in grant funding by going further into debt.

"It will add up," Wallick said, "but as long as I get employed, the impact of this one loss shouldn't kill me or anything. It's just going to be more money in loans, more interest on loans, more total indebtedness."

Wallick said he would have preferred the university proportionally reduce the amount of TEG funding for which each individual student is eligible, rather than basing the decision on any particular group. This way, he

Beyond the budget, the board approved the Robbins Institute for Health Policy and Leadership, which will provide additional avenues for business students wanting to develop policy on health care.

Despite its name, the Robbins Institute is not a physical addition to the business school but refers to new programs available

*"We are very grateful to Nell and Jim Hawkins for their generous gift that made this facility possible,"*

Ian McCaw | Athletic Director

to students.

The Robbins Institute establishes a health care track in Baylor's executive MBA program and will eventually establish a certificate program offering short courses for professionals already in health care professions.

Baylor School of Business Dean Terry Maness hopes the institute will attract more students wanting to explore health care policy at Baylor. Previously they could only pursue a concentration in health care administration through the MBA program.

"What the Robbins Institute

does is give a name to a program and shows people we really have an institute now," Maness said. "This will give us an umbrella to bring research together. Not only that, but it provides a platform of more to do."

Maness said he was grateful to the institute's main donors, Baylor graduates Bill and Mary Jo Robbins, who backed the program because of the importance of health care policy.

Academics isn't the only department expanding for the Baylor family's sake. A new tennis facility also received the thumbs up from the board in June and should have ground broken by this fall.

Named the Jim and Nell Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center for the Hawkins' donation toward the project, the facility will stand across from the Ferrell Center on LaSalle Avenue.

"We are very grateful to Nell and Jim Hawkins for their generous gift that made this facility possible," Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw said.

The facility will allow Baylor tennis to host NCAA championship events.

No NCAA teams on campus have been as dominant in the Big 12 as tennis. The men's team has won 10 of the last 11 regular season Big 12 championships, most recently last spring. The women claimed a regular season conference title last season to make it six straight.

He highlighted the importance of the President's Scholarship Initiative, which he announced had raised \$32 million on the path to its \$100 million goal, in providing for students who now find themselves without grant funding they had previously relied upon.

"At this stage we're not asking for sacrificial giving," Starr said. "We're asking for generous giving, as generous as people can be. And that's the way that we have been moving forward on making up for the shortfall created by a huge loss in the TEG."

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The various academic units - such as the College of Arts and Sciences - are now responsible for setting their own attendance requirements, while Baylor continues to allow professors to set more stringent rules than those of their respective units.

The decision was made by the university executive vice president and provost Dr. Elizabeth Davis, in consultation with the Council of Deans and the Faculty Senate.

"Based on the conversations among the faculty and the deans," Davis said, "we concluded that the academic units are really in the best position to say what the most appropriate attendance policy is for their units. For example, an engineering course is very different from a music course and the attendance requirements for those two types of courses are likely to be very different."

But increasing academic flexibility was not the only reason the administration felt pressed to change policy. Chris Holmes, assistant general counsel for Baylor, emphasized the influence of new "program integrity rules" estab-

lished by the U.S. Department of Education that require universities with their own attendance policies to ensure professors are fully compliant.

Baylor has rarely, if ever, checked up on faculty to make sure they are complying with the attendance policy, Davis said, and the inconvenience and cost associated with this form of investigation is part of what drove Baylor to accept the decentralized approach.

Most of the academic units opted in favor of retaining the 75 percent requirement, according to various sources within these units, meaning most students will see no institutional changes in the number of classes they have to attend. These units include the College of Arts and Sciences, the Hankamer School of Business, the School of Education, the School of Music, the Honors College, the Graduate School, and the George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

One exception to this approach was adopted by the School of Social Work, which will allow its professors wide discretion to

set their own attendance policy. Dr. Rob Rogers, associate dean of graduate studies, said enforcing an attendance requirement involves "too much paperwork" and is "not a good use of time." He emphasized the importance of allowing attendance policy to reflect a multiplicity of teaching philosophies.

"We felt it best to let the professors make their own decisions as long as the policy is reasonable," Rogers said.

But Rogers also said professors "can't say it doesn't matter if you don't come to class," and outlined a process by which the associate deans in the School of Social Work review each professor's syllabus and make adjustments, if necessary.

Sources from Baylor Law School and the Louise Herrington School of Nursing did not return calls requesting access to their attendance policies, and the School of Engineering and Computer Science had not established a formal policy as of Thursday.

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