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Meth fire kills

accidental by officials

BU welcomes international spouses

By Meghan Hendrickson REPORTER

When a man from another country comes to study at Baylor, he does not always come alone. Sometimes he brings his wife and children with him to live in Waco as a family.

During the fall semester, the Center for International Education partnered with the formation department of Baylor Spiritual Life to create a community group for the wives and children of international students at Baylor.

The International Spouses Group meets on a weekly basis and includes women and children from countries such as Indonesia, Japan, Taiwan and India.

Bethany Parrott, Spiritual Life ministry associate for international student engagement, facilitates the group and said she hopes it will continue growing.

Parrott, who is also a graduate student at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, said the group's mission is to provide community

for the families of international students and give them a sense of belonging.

"A lot of times, they don't have transportation, or their visas don't allow them to work so they're really lonely," Parrott said.

Melanie Smith, the center's international student relations coordinator, originally came up with the idea for the group.

Smith said she lived in St. Andrews, Scotland, in the early 1990s and led a similar group at the University of St. Andrews every Tuesday for a year. She said there were more than 32 women from 17 countries who participated in the group.

"We met, had tea and visited as their children played," Smith said. "The beauty of this was that many were from countries that were currently at war and had religious and political differences. But that never interfered with the friendships that were made during that year."

Parrott said she has enjoyed the formation of friendships in

the group, as well as the freedom to discuss each other's faith.

"We all come from different faith backgrounds," she said. "It's been really neat to be able to come and discuss that with one another with respect and not necessarily have expectations. We're just talking about who God is, and learning about that and each other in

Parrott said she hopes her actions and words reflect Christ.

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Hang 10

Rosenburg graduate student Mark Speckien grinds along a bench on Wednesday near the Baylor Bookstore

Students help Head Start with funding

By Molly Dunn Contributor

Baylor students' efforts have helped raise close to \$7,000 for one Fredericksburg educational program enduring budget cuts -Stonewall Head Start.

Head Start is a national preschool program that accepts children from ages 3-5 from families who are below a certain income

Stonewall Head Start encompasses the facility in Stonewall and also the Fredericksburg facil-

Floyds Knobs, Ind., senior Trevor Allison made a documentary video and worked on a public service announcement to promote awareness for the chapter in

Allison said the Head Start program not only benefits the children enrolled in the school, but their families as well.

Head Start makes sure the children receive adequate education while also ensuring each family has good living conditions.

"Sometimes the Head Start program is such a high quality compared to other preschools that people will actually pay for their kid to go to Head Start," Al-

"Head Start provides education ...They have case workers who go check out the families;

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Floyds Knobs, Ind., senior Trevor Allison interviewed members of Head Start to create a documentary to promote awareness for the program in hopes of gaining support and funding.

Middle East women to lead in Bush program

By Jame Stengle ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS - A yearlong fellowship program that aims to help women in the Middle East hone their leadership skills and build a network of support has been launched by former President George W. Bush's policy insti-

"Really, the goal is to empower women to transform their countries," said Charity Wallace, director of the women's initiative at the George W. Bush Institute.

The inaugural group comes from Egypt, which Wallace said was a natural place to start because of the changes the country has been undergoing following last year's uprising, which ousted President Hosni Mubarak.

"With the significant transition and change that's happening in Egypt, we know that we need to have strong women in the conversation now," said Wallace, who added that they plan to host at least one fellowship program a year with a focus on countries affected by the Arab Spring.

They plan future fellowship programs the signature of the women's initiative — with women from Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Former first lady Laura Bush, who chairs the women's initiative, said that the idea for the fellowship grew out of former President Bush's belief that women will lead the

"The whole goal of it is that they will all be equipped to be leaders," Laura Bush said, noting many of the women already are.

"Democracy is not easy to build and we were slow ourselves," she said. Bush also added that in the U.S., slavery was once allowed, women didn't always have the right to vote and that it took the civil rights movement to combat racial discrimination.

On Thursday, Laura Bush will give a keynote address before a town hall discussion with women from the program to mark International Women's Day.

The 14 Egyptian women participating in the program come from a variety of backgrounds — business, politics, health, media, law and education — and include both Muslims and Christians.

The program began last month in Dallas, where activities included leadership seminars at Southern Methodist University. They also traveled to New York City, Washington, D.C., and Silicon Valley before separating to spend

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Students raise the stakes

Expert calls attention to increase in addictive gambling

> By Trevor Allison REPORTER

Gambling addiction in college students is on the rise because of modern technology and government involvement, according to gambling experts from Stop Predatory Gambling and Purdue University.

One effort to raise awareness of the problem is National Problem Gambling Awareness Week, taking place through Saturday, which is a joint effort by the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Association of Problem Gambling Service Ad-

But universities should also take steps to address the issue, Les Bernal, executive director for Stop Predatory Gambling, said.

Stop Predatory Gambling is a non profit that fights to end government involvement in casino and lottery gambling.

"There is an incredible lack of public education," Bernal said.

He said colleges need to take that role and inform students more effectively.

Dr. Bill Hanson, assistant professor of counseling at Purdue University, researched the gambling activities of college students and said many participate.

"The vast majority of college students gamble," Hanson said. "Currently in the U.S., roughly 1.5 to 2.4 million college students have a problem."

Collegegambling.org, a website published by the National Center for Responsible Gaming, states 75 percent of college students have gambled in the last year, and 18 percent gamble weekly or more frequently.

Bernal said college students are susceptible to gambling problems because of the ease of online gambling and the thrill of having a credit card.

He gave the cautionary tale of Greg Hogan, a former Lehigh University student who became addicted to online gambling. Hogan, who was president of his class, began gambling online after learning that some of his friends made money doing the same.

He eventually borrowed thousands of dollars from friends to fund his habit.

Hogan then robbed a bank on impulse to pay them back, which resulted in him going to prison.

"Two out of three gambling addicts have to resort to crime [to pay gambling debts]," Bernal said.

He said studies have shown the high a gambler receives from

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Athlete took powerful step by joining hunger strike

It's one thing to have a strong opinion on a certain issue. It's another to sacrifice something to further that cause.

University of Virginia football player Joseph Williams participated in an eightday hunger strike organized by a campaign called "Living Wage at UVA." The campaign seeks to improve the wages of service employees at the university in order to meet the cost of living in the Charlottesville, Va., area, which Williams said is 10 percent higher than the national

"It would be great to see more athletes and public figures use their fame to benefit campaigns like 'Living Wage."

Williams is among 15-20 students who either participated or are still participating in the hunger strike, but he is being highlighted because he is a member of the Virginia football team.

Williams' involvement in the strike brought publicity to the cause and may play a role in a final decision from the Kudos to Williams for that. He has

taken his role as a player and used it to benefit those less fortunate. ESPN, the Chicago Sun-Times and multiple other news outlets picked up the story. While these stories focus on Williams' backstory — he was raised by

a single mother with three siblings — the

exposure has still brought attention to

his cause. There is a perception that athletes can jump on the bandwagon of an issue without really being involved or knowing what they are talking about. There is nothing necessarily wrong with that, as the exposure can still help further the cause. Williams, however, is not among this stereotype. In his appearance on ESPN's Outside the Lines, he answered every question with relevant facts and statistics (including the aforementioned percentage), and talked about how he lived in a homeless shelter though he and two of his siblings still managed to go to college.

According to the ESPN article on Williams, he estimates his family moved 30 times when he was young. He also remembers what it is like to go without meals, electricity or water.

It would be great to see more athletes and public figures use their fame to benefit campaigns like "Living Wage." This is not to say athletes do not do this; after all, Baylor's most famous athlete, Robert Griffin III, volunteered with Special Olympics while he was in school. Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow invited kids from the Make-A-Wish Foundation and their families to meet with him before and after games. Hopefully more athletes take time to

get involved in social justice issues. And Williams is highly involved in an issue that spans beyond Virginia. In

2008, the Baylor Board of Regents voted to raise the minimum wage for permanent service workers from \$5.85 to \$7. Baylor Students for Social Justice was

actively involved and started a petition

Is there anything more Christ-like than sacrificing something to help those less fortunate? Baylor handled the issue well four years ago, and now hopefully Williams' effort will lead to Virginia doing the same thing.



Limbaugh's comments reflect problem with today's conservatism

If you think Rush Limbaugh is fatally wounded, think again. By way of explanation, let me tell you how a certain subset of my readers will react to this column.

Experience dictates that once I've taken my last swipe at their dear leader, Limbaugh's followers will, well ... rush to fire off angry emails in his defense.

They will do this though there is no defense for what he did on his program Feb. 29 — calling Georgetown University law student Sandra Fluke a "prostitute" and a "slut" after she testified in support of requiring health insurers to pay for women's contraception. His followers will declare, through some arcane "logic" peculiar to true believers, that "Rush" — it's always "Rush," as if they and the multimillionaire talk-show host were in the same



bowling league - didn't say what I thought he said, or didn't mean what I thought he meant.

Point being, he reportedly reaches 15 million people a week who worship him robotically and sycophantically. So it is a fact of life that the advertisers he's lost as a result of his diarrheic mouth - at least 10 at last count — will soon return, or be replaced.

Which is not to say Limbaugh was not stung by the defections. To the contrary, after several days of doubling down on his coarseness — at one point suggesting women whose contraception is paid for by insurance post sex videos online - he abruptly reversed himself as the advertiser revolt grew.

"I sincerely apologize to Ms. Fluke for the insulting word choice," he said in a statement.

The timing suggests he was sincere only in his concern for lost revenue. Two days later, Limbaugh elaborated on the air, saying that in fighting those dreaded liberals, "I became like them against my own instincts, against my own knowledge, against everything I know to be right and wrong, I descended to their level when I used those two words to describe Sandra Fluke."

So even when it's his fault, it's not his fault. The liberals made him do it. But repugnant as he is, last week's attack says less about Limbaugh than about the social and political atmosphere he has come to symbolize.

"Severely conservative," said Mitt Romney some weeks ago in self-description. He'd been driven to Freudian candor by the need to "out-conservative" his opponents and thus, spoke more truly than he perhaps intended.

So "severe" are conservatives now that Ronald Reagan would not know them. Nor, given that he raised taxes and was not above compromising with opponents, would they know him. That's because what now passes for con-

servatism is less an ideology than an excuse for ideological rigidity, extreme language, shameless (indeed, proud) ignorance and situational ethics wherein the only thing that matters is victory and any tactic — fear, misogyny, bigotry, lies — is acceptable so long as it advances that goal.

Spare me the false moral equivalence of noting that liberals are sometimes guilty of the same crimes. Duh. Of course they are. But the frequency and intensity on the left do not begin to compare with that of the right.

Think the late Andrew Breitbart sliming Shirley Sherrod. Think James O'Keefe dressing like Superfly in his campaign of video mendacity. Think Fox "News" lying abed with birthers. Think Sarah Palin reading off her palm. Think Herman Cain trying to answer a question on foreign policy. Think Rick Perry trying to remember the third agency. And think a presidential primary that's raised such a stench many party elders are holding their noses.

The GOP has been so overrun by extremists that "moderate" is now an epithet and the moderate Republican Olympia Snowe just ran for the door. Sacking Rush Limbaugh would not fix that. The problem is not a conservative talk show host, but conservatism itself as presently construed. It has become a landfill. Limbaugh is just a seagull circling the top.

Leonard Pitts Jr., winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, is a columnist for the Miami

Lariat Letters: Lenient immigration laws liable to violently backfire

In 1986, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act, which was supposed to provide a one-time amnesty (and legal U.S. citizenship) to over 3 million illegal immigrants. It was taken to be a largely humanitarian gesture.

The passage of this controversial bill was conditioned on the promise that our elected officials would get serious about border security and immigration enforcement.

The fact that illegal immigra-

tion remains a rampant problem today indicates that promise never materialized.

Today, Baylor's Student Senate is being asked to consider voting for a bill which would ask Congress to once again grant amnesty to potentially hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants now living in the United

The bill asks that we set aside the concerns of voting Americans about the seriousness of our willingness to enforce our own nation's laws.

Don't get me wrong; my father immigrated to the United States, legally, in the late 1970s. I descend from a family living in Tobolobampo, Sinaloa. Sinaloa is home to what U.S. law enforcenment considers to be the largest and most violent drug cartel in America.

I have direct experience with cousins, grandparents, uncles, and aunts, each of which live in fear of their safety and their lives. I understand their struggles at a personal level.

How did it get this way? Unfortunately, elected officials lost the moral and political will to enforce existing laws.

Turning a blind eye to drug smuggling and human trafficking gave way to other illegal activity. Soon, much of Mexico's local governments were able to be bought or threatened. Compliance first came due to promises of political capital. Now, compliance comes under the threat of death and mutilation.

Here in the United States, Americans face a similar temptation today.

During a tough election cycle, Democrats, who largely favor amnesty, see much promise in winning voters through any means possible.

We are arguably the most prosperous, most successful nation in the world. But it is only this way, in part, because we are a nation of laws. Regardless of tonight's vote, my hope is that clearer minds will understand

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of editorial board

the long-term consequences of our choices.

Even when driven by compassion, they can often lead to ever more brutal systems of corruption and exploitation.

— Daniel Cervera Wichita Falls senior Young Conservatives of Texas Chairman

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This photo, taken Monday, shows a room at Park Haven Nursing Home in Ashtabula, Ohio.. A Sunday night fire caused by a meth lab in the room killed one person and injured six others.

Nursing home meth lab fire results in accidental death

By Kantele Franko ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio - A medical examiner said Wednesday a man killed by a methamphetamine lab fire at an Ohio nursing home suffered an accidental death. He who was burned on more than 90 percent of his body.

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's office said it could not release further details about Shaun Warrens, 31, of Ashtabula. Warrens was hospitalized after the fire Sunday in a resident's room at the Park Haven facility in Ashtabula, east of Cleveland, and he died Monday. Police have said he wasn't a resident or employee at the facil-

Four more people were hospitalized after the fire, and two others were treated at the scene. Their conditions were not available Wednesday.

Police said they expected charges against two men who were burned. Police Chief Robert Stell told the Star Beacon of Ashtabula that investigators believe two visitors and one Park Haven resident knew about the meth lab.

An initial investigation indicated that the blaze broke out in a room where someone — possibly a visitor — apparently had brought in what was needed to make meth, rather than a room used as a makeshift lab, according to the Ohio Department of Health.

Methamphetamine is a highly addictive stimulant. Mobile meth labs, also called one-pot or shakeand-bake labs, usually consist of a 2-liter bottle and the drug's ingredients, said Bob Frey, the department's chief of health assessment.

Shaking the mixture agitates the chemicals and produces the heat needed to cook the drug. But it can also cause a violent reaction that could melt or rupture the container. The explosion or fire usually is confined to the person making the drug and the surrounding area, Frey said.

The fire damaged one room and part of a second-floor hallway at the nursing home, which has 31 rooms, according to auditor's re-

More than 30 residents remained at the facility and six residents were relocated, but it wasn't clear why, Department of Health spokeswoman Tessie Pollock said.

She noted that a contractor had been called to the site because of concerns over air quality after the

At the time of the fire, emergency personnel evacuated the home and residents were permitted to temporarily return to certain areas of the home once the fire was extinguished, Pollock said. She said the health department is working to determine if the home is safe to inhabit over the long term.

A number of factors are considered when making decisions on whether to move residents, Pollock said, including any behavioral health concerns.

"I think it takes special care that if they are going to be transferred they have continuity of care because patient safety and health are a top priority," she said.

Park Haven was cited last year for inadequate care and more than a dozen other violations, state re-

Alleged violations found in a December survey included inadequate care, failure to investigate how a resident was injured and improperly responding to residents' complaints about missing property. The facility's plan of correction said it would go over proper care policies and reporting procedures with staff and would replace residents' missing items.

A review of the home in June resulted in citations for violations that alleged Park Haven failed to provide proper care for a resident in pain from a fractured leg and another whose vital signs changed critically.

A federal rating system gives the nursing home one star out of five - the lowest possible on health inspections and quality measures. Inspectors noted 11 fire safety violations in 2010 and 2011, including a finding that the building did not have a written emergency evacuation plan.

The facility and an official from the company that owns it did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment Wednesday

An attorney previously said Park Haven would have no com-

Associated Press writers Kevin Begos in Pittsburgh and JoAnne Viviano in Columbus contributed to

Victim risked it all for murder suspect

By Roxana Hegeman ASSOCIATED PRESS

WICHITA, Kan. daughter of a Kansas commune leader charged in the 2003 death of a group member says her father could not have hurt the woman, even for money, because she had done so much for him and become "a part of him."

Windy Aleman told The Associated Press in an exclusive phone interview from Beesville, Texas, that Daniel U. Perez had fled sentencing on a criminal case in Texas several years earlier with the help of Patricia Hughes, the woman he's now accused of killing. Aleman said Hughes gave her fugitive father a place to stay and money so he could eat.

"He would never have made it without her — ever. She was the one who took care of him. She risked everything for him," said Aleman, who didn't know her father had been charged with murder in Hughes' death until recently when an AP reporter sent Aleman's mother a letter requesting an inter-

Police had believed the 26-yearold Hughes drowned while trying to rescue her 2-year-old daughter from a swimming pool at the Valley Center compound where the commune once lived. Now, prosecutors must show a judge they have enough evidence to prove her June 2003 death was premeditated murder perpetrated by the leader of a group that lived off millions of dollars in life insurance payouts from its dead members.

Police initially thought Hughes was killed after hitting her head when she went into the pool. She left a \$1.2 million life insurance

A preliminary hearing is tentatively set for Thursday for the 52-year-old Perez, who for years was known only by the false identity of Lou Castro. Law enforcement officials have refused to say what evidence led them to charge him with premeditated murder, and the hearing is expected to offer a glimpse into the state's case.

Perez also is charged with multiple counts of lying on life insurance applications, rape, sodomy, criminal threat and making false statements on auto credit applications. His attorney did not return numerous phone messages left by

Perez's daughter, Aleman, choked back tears at times when talking about her father, whom she had not heard from in recent years. She recalled the day in 1997 when her father was due in a Texas courtroom for sentencing on child sex charges. He instead came to her high school and took her out of class. She said Hughes was with

"He told me he couldn't go to the sentencing because he knew they were going to lock him up," said Aleman, who's now 31. "He was scared. He was telling me bye."

She said Hughes helped Perez flee. "If they had known she was hiding him, I mean, she would have been in just as much trouble."

During the years Perez was on the lam, Aleman said Hughes even helped bring the U.S.-born Perez back into the country when he allowed himself to be voluntarily deported to Mexico rather than give authorities his true identity.

Since her death, Hughes' parents in court documents have alleged that Perez's group is linked to multiple deaths. Authorities reviewed all those deaths but only filed charges in Hughes' because it's the only one in their jurisdiction, said Sedgwick County sheriff's Capt. Greg Pollock. He said authorities in those other locations have been notified and their own county investigation is closed.

Investigators untangled a web of false identities, lies and money that stretched through Texas, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas and Tennessee:

— On Sept. 19, 2001, a plane crash near Norris, S.D., killed group member Mona Griffith, her 12-year-old daughter and her boyfriend. The National Transportation Safety Board found no anomalies with the airplane that would explain the crash and concluded the pilot likely encountered instrument flight conditions and lost control. Griffith left a \$700,000 life insurance policy naming Hughes as beneficiary.

- On March 2, 2006, nearly three years after Hughes' death, her husband Brian Hughes was crushed to death when a jack failed while he was reportedly working on a car while visiting family in Rapid City, S.D. He had two life insurance policies totaling \$1 million that named a group member as beneficiary. His will left nothing to his and Patricia's young daughter, but designated a second group member as her guardian.

- On Sept. 22, 2008, Hutson is killed in a collision with a dump truck near Augusta, Kan.

In Kansas, the commune and its fugitive leader lived a lavish lifestyle in which members pooled their money, an attorney for Patricia Hughes' parents and a former neighbor to the group said.

Paula Alef, the ex-neighbor who befriended group members, called Perez "the dominating character of everyone out there."

"Everyone had to kind of do whatever he said — other than Patricia," Alef said. "She would be the only one who would stand her ground."

"He was very charming and he would take care of them - buy them cars, help in the financial ways and make them feel good, safe or whatever," she said. "Everyone liked him. How could you not? Very giving, huge heart. You just wouldn't know the dark side ever

Publications rack up accolades

By Trevor Allison

REPORTER

Baylor student publications have been honored with 42 national awards in the last year.

The group, which includes the Lariat newspaper, Focus magazine and Round Up yearbook, also won 96 other awards for the 2010-2011 school year, for a total of 134.

The awards were won by Baylor students competing against their peers at other universities. The Lariat won 94 awards, while Round Up and Focus received 36 and 7, respectively.

The Lariat was named the best collegiate newspaper in Texas by the Houston Press Club and received the Gold Medalist Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, an affiliate of the Columbia University Journalism School. Round Up was named Yearbook of the Year by Taylor Publishing Company, a nationwide publisher of yearbooks.

These awards are part of a five year trend, Paul Carr, director of Bavlor Student Publications, said. In 2006, Student Publications won 38 awards total, none of them national, he said.

"The recent awards are a testament to the stellar work our students are doing," Carr said. "This speaks to the caliber of education our Baylor journalism students are getting."

John Barry, vice president for marketing and communications at Baylor, has watched the Lariat change through the years and said he is not surprised the paper is winning awards.

"It's well-deserved recognition for something that is very difficult to do with everything else going on," Barry said, referencing

students' busy schedules. He said that students producing what is essentially a daily paper and doing it well is exceptional.

Barry said he attributed the awards to several factors, including student writers who are talented, creative and driven, and the relationship between journalism students and professors.

But a strong connection between students and faculty has not always existed, said Dr. Doug Ferdon, professor of American Journalism History and Journalism Law and Ethics.

Ferdon served as the chair of the department of journalism and media arts from 1995-2005, and as the adviser to the Lariat in 1982. Until 2009, the journalism department did not run the Lariat, but he said the paper had begun to win a few third-place and honorable mention awards.

Ferdon said important changes were made to improve the staff at the Lariat in 2001.

'We began giving tuition breaks to Lariat editors, and that's been the biggest difference," Fer-

He said before the scholarships, many students worked at local restaurants or at other jobs instead of at the Lariat because they couldn't make enough money at the paper.

Barry, who has worked at Baylor for six years, said he has worked in higher education for more than 30 years and has closely observed the student newspapers at various colleges over that time.

Barry said there has been an increase in the quality of the Lariat in recent years.

"In recent years, the Lariat has made a decision to choose quality and accuracy over speed and sensationalism," Barry said. "The Lariat would rather be best than be first and that is reflected in the stories, in the depth and care of reporting."

These qualities are often missing from coverage by the modern media, Barry said, because many media outlets choose to be first to publish a story rather than to be accurate.

Ferdon said hiring younger faculty who better know modern technology has helped the Lariat as well.

"The Lariat has really picked up with design," he said, noting that the electronic design and photography in the paper have improved greatly over the past few years.

Focus magazine has also made improvements and become more professional with every edition, Julie Freeman, assistant media adviser for Baylor Student Publications, said.

She said the popularity of the magazine has grown as its scope has increased.

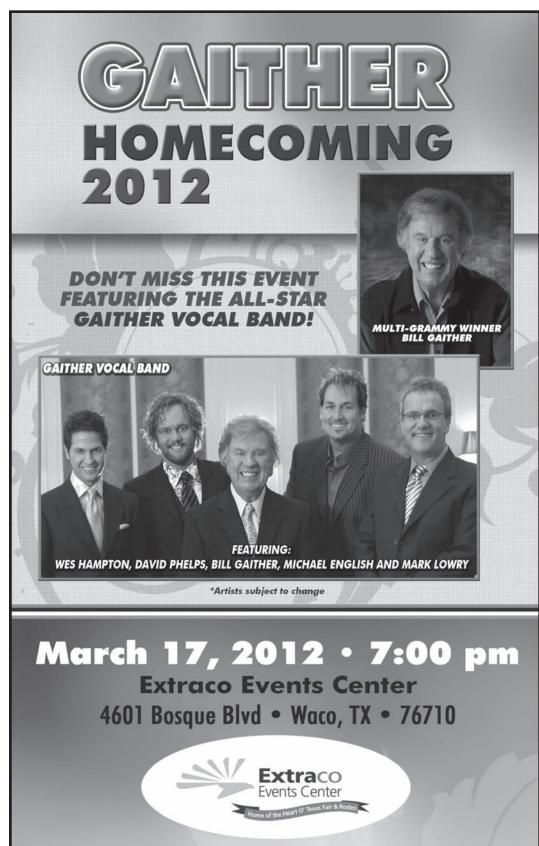
"It covers real in-depth topics of interest to the community atlarge, and not just Baylor campus," Freeman said.

The emphasis on the community is what sets Focus apart from other Baylor publications, she said. Freeman is also associated with

Round Up. She said the two most recent editions of Round Up included an "added bonus" for the first time digital media in the form of a DVD

with slideshows and videos. Barry also gave credit to student publications' leadership for the awards.

"[An important factor is] the leadership of Paul Carr, who cares deeply about the education our students receive, as well as the quality of the publication," Barry



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The organization Invisible Children has started a movement using a film about Joseph Kony, a war criminal who has been indicted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity. The organization, which encourages humanitarian action in Uganda, has said it wants to make Kony more infamous for his crimes.

Opinion: Kony 2012 film is start, but not the end

By Joshua Madden A&E EDITOR

Anyone with a Facebook account spent much of last evening watching their Facebook news feed blowup with reposts of the "Kony 2012" film made by Invisible Chil-

The film seeks to raise awareness of the events in Uganda to eventually bring Joseph Kony, the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, to justice for his crimes against humanity.

The Lord's Resistance Army (known more commonly as the LRA) is a resistance group that arose of out of the civil conflict in Uganda. The LRA has been designated as a terrorist group by the United States federal government, in large part due to their role in the ongoing genocide in the region. The group is estimated to still have

about 2,000 members - many of them children forced into roles as soldiers — although this is a remarkable decrease from the numbers that the group once had.

It's not necessarily a bad goal to have, although it does make me nervous that the means to that goal are so unclear. Are we supposed to encourage an increase of the American military presence in the region? Are we supposed to begin working in the surrounding area where Kony and the LRA are often based out of?

These are questions that go relatively unanswered by the "Kony 2012" film.

I think that my friends on Facebook who are reposting the "Kony 2012" are well-intentioned, but they need understand that most of them are doing this somewhat blindly. International affairs particularly when you get military

force of any size involved — are complicated. It is not something that can be contained in a 29-min-

In fairness to the Invisible Children movement and the makers of the film, I don't think that was their intention. "Konv 2012" was not meant to be the end-all, be-all source for Ugandan policies, but I wish they would have made that

Why couldn't the video recommend books to read, classes to take or people to talk to? I'm not talking about people to lobby — the video does plenty of that - I'm talking about finding people to discuss the issues with.

An informed populace is a stronger populace. Before you lobby for a policy because of a film you've seen, you might want to look at what you're actually lobby-

Disney World game races into greatness

Editor's Note: This is an article in our ongoing "Great Video Game" series in which readers and staffers alike are asked to submit a few hundred words about a video game that they consider to be great. With this week's main entry celebrating "NAS-CAR Thunder 2003," online reader Daniel Pope wanted to ensure that another racing game made our list as well: "Walt Disney World Quest: Magical Racing Tour."

> BY DANIEL POPE Contributor

Sometimes a video game is more than just a video game. "Tetris" opened the public's eyes to the dangerous yet rewarding task of bricklaying. "Star Fox 64" showed people that frogs make absolutely useless fighter pilots. "E.T. the Extra Terrestrial" proved that even a reviled, unwanted game can find a nice home in a New Mexico landfill. Then there's "Walt Disney World Quest: Magical Racing Tour." It's pretty fun as well.

"Walt Disney World Quest: Magical Racing Tour" (or "WDWQ: MRT," as it's known to fans) is a kart racer with a twist: most racing video games don't take place inside Walt Disney World, but this one does. You know what that means? That means you can finally go down Splash Mountain without waiting in a long line or getting your fanny pack all wet.

All the best Disney World rides are faithfully recreated here: from Big Thunder Mountain to Pirates of the Caribbean. There's even a level based off of the Eddie Murphy film "The Haunted Mansion."

(Editor's Note: Just for clarification, this is a joke based on the fact that Eddie Murphy's film is based off of the ride at Disney World, not the other way around. With a 13 percent approval rating on Rotten To-

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matoes, I don't think the film "The Haunted Mansion" inspired much of anything.)

Mickey Mouse, Goofy, Donald Duck — these characters all have one thing in common: they're nowhere to be found in this game. Instead, players are introduced to new personalities like Amanda Sparkle and Bruno Brissle. These characters never really took off in the way I'd hoped they would.

A Google image search of "Bruno Brissle" mostly returns pictures of pop star Bruno Mars. I thought that maybe if I typed in "Bruno Mars" I might be rewarded with photos of Bruno Brissle, but alas, just more Bruno Mars. Pardon my French, but the complete media blackout of this loveable character is absolute hogwash.

"Magical Racing Tour" has certainly seen its share of detractors over the years. The storyline is admittedly weak. After accidentally destroying the fireworks machine, Chip and Dale (of the "Rescue Rangers") must find all of the pieces scattered throughout the park in order to correct their blunder. It is never really clarified why Chip and Dale can't just set off their aerial pyrotechnics manually, but I assume it has something to do with Florida's strict policy regarding the usage of fireworks by anthropomorphic creatures.

I remember lots of people complained that the game shared very little in common with the "Twisted Metal" series. While technically basis of this grievance.

true, I never really understood the Sure, "Walt Disney World Quest: Magical Racing Tour" never set the world on fire. Maybe its title was too long. Maybe the lack of fa-

mous characters turned people off.

Maybe the plot was too outlandish. Or maybe, just maybe, it was simply too ahead of its time.

Does reading this article make you think of a video game that you consider great? Please send us an email at lariat@baylor.edu with a suggestion for a "Great Video Game." Please include a few hundred words on why you consider your game to be great and you just might find your opinion here.

"Walt Disney **World Quest: Magical Racing** Tour" Trivia:

"Walt Disney World Quest: Magical Racing Tour" was developed by Crystal Dynamics and then published by Edios Interactive, the publishers best known for developing the following franchises: "Tomb Raider," "Hitman," "Commandos," "Deus Ex," "Legacy of Kain," "Thief," "TimeSplitters" and "Fear Effect," all of which are generally more violent than "Walt Disney World Quest: Magical Racing Tour."

As alluded to in the submission from Daniel Pope, the game included primarily new characters — the only three characters in the game who had appeared in other media before the release of the game were Chip, Dale and Jiminy Cricket, who was featured in the Disney film "Pinocchio."

McClatchy-Tribune

Morrison, Llosa, Sallis to release new literary works in the spring

By Carolyn Kellogg McClatchy Newspapers

It may be impossible for an author to achieve more acclaim than Toni Morrison, now 81, who won the Nobel Prize in literature in 1993. Her work is "characterized by visionary force and poetic import," the Nobel Committee wrote, and we'll get more of it May 8, when her 10th novel is published. "Home" is the story of an angry African-American veteran of the Korean War who returns unhappily to the Georgia community where he was raised.

She's not the only Nobel Prize winner returning to shelves. "The Dream of the Celt," the first novel by Mario Vargas Llosa since his 2010 Nobel win, arrives in June. It tells the story of Irish nationalist Roger Casement, a human rights campaigner executed in 1916.

One literary adaptation hits film screens this month when the adaptation of Suzanne Collins' bestselling young adult novel "The

Hunger Games" arrives. For the next, best entry into the crowded future-dystopia teen novel genre, look for "Starters" by Lissa Price

Coming-of-age stories have often provided fertile literary ground; Lauren Groff mines the topic this month in "Arcadia." It's rural New York in the 1970s, and young Bit is a son growing up in an idealistic, imperfect commune. It shares a literary lightness with "The Beginner's Goodbye," the latest novel from bestselling author Anne Tyler, in which a longtime spouse's death is not the end you'd expect. Tyler's book arrives April 3, the same day as Joseph Wambaugh's "Harbor Nocturne," a mystery that stars a seedy corner of San Pedro with appearances by the author's "Hollywood Station" crew.

It's also the release date for "Driven" by James Sallis, a sequel to "Drive," which was given the feature film treatment starring Ryan Gosling last year.

Hari Kunzru's incisive intellect

is at play in "Gods Without Men," a novel that arrives Tuesday about a boy missing in the Southern California desert and his parents' search for him, which is also about chaos and trickery and belief.

Novelist Jonathan Franzen ("Freedom") takes a turn toward nonfiction with a collection of essays, "Farther Away," out April 24; regular readers of the New Yorker will find some of them familiar.

Not to be missed is the latest from biographer Robert Caro, who has a National Book Award and two Pulitzer Prizes on his shelf. This spring sees the publication of the fourth volume of his monumental biography of Lyndon B. Johnson. Coming May 8, "The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson" encompasses Johnson's battle with John F. Kennedy for the 1960 Democratic nomination, his tenure as vice president, and his ascension to the presidency after JFK's assassination. If Johnson's story stopped here, it would have a happy ending.

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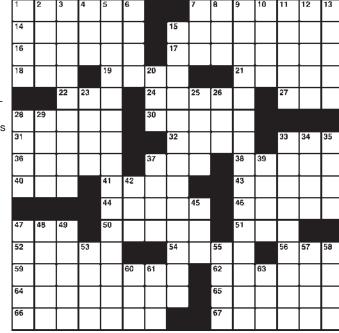
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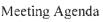
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9:45am Next Steps

- Present new graphs, data, hypotheses

- Evaluate overall milestones and general

- Clarify outstanding issues or questions - Agree on goals for next week

10:00am Conclude Meeting

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- Feedback and discussion

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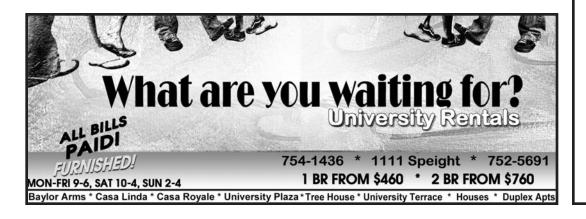
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BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP



Bears seek to bounce back

By GREG DEVRIES SPORTS WRITER

Baylor men's basketball will begin the Big 12 tournament against the Kansas State Wildcats at 11:30 a.m. today at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo. This will be the third meeting of the season between these two teams. The Bears split the series with the Wildcats in the regular season 1-1.

"We've had two great games, two game-ending situations with both teams. It seems like every time we play K-State it's a hardfought game that goes down to the wire," head coach Scott Drew said. "I think it's a great game for ESPN and I think the fans that are there at 11:30 will enjoy it."

The Wildcats may be the lower-seeded team, but they have proven their abilities. Kansas State swept Missouri, beat Baylor once and beat talented teams in their non-conference schedule.

"We both play eight, nine guys. Ten guys. They're physical. We've been one of the best rebounding teams. They're the best rebounding team," Drew said.

The first game of the series came on Jan. 10 in Manhattan, Kan. Baylor shot nearly 54 percent from the field in a 75-73 victory. Senior Quincy Acy, sophomore Perry Jones III and sophomore Brady Heslip all finished in double figures. Junior Pierre Jackson finished with a double-double off the bench. Baylor won the turnover battle and outrebounded the

The second game was on Feb. 18 at the Ferrell Center. Kansas State won 57-56 by virtue of their



No. 30 Quincy Miller tries to avoid Kansas State players while attempting a basket on Feb. 18 at the Ferrell Center. Baylor lost to Kansas 57-56.

defense. The Wildcats recorded 10 steals, seven blocks and held the Bears to less than 39 percent shooting.

Wildcat junior Rodney Mc-Gruder has played well all season, but some of his best games have come against Baylor. McGruder is shooting 64 percent from the floor, 55 percent from the 3-point arc and is perfect from the freethrow line against the Bears.

In the two games, he has recorded 45 points.

"I think it all starts with Rodney McGruder for them because he is an all-league performer and somebody that has consistently, night-in and night-out, been able to score and give them big games on the offensive end," Drew said. "He does a great job on the glass. He is one of the best rebounders, if not the best rebounding guard in the conference."

One aspect of Kansas State's

game that causes problems for opponents is their physical play.

"They just pride themselves on being tough," Acy said. "We have to match their intensity."

With the Big 12 tournament in Kansas City, Mo., Kansas State will likely have a strong home court advantage. The Sprint Center is only two hours from Kansas State's

"They always have great fan support, even the last time we went up there. We know what we're going to be facing," Acy said.

If the Bears and the Kansas Jayhawks both win one game, Baylor will have to deal with Kansas' fans. Their campus is only 45 minutes from the arena.

During the Big 12 and NCAA Tournaments, Baylor will be wearing new adizero uniforms by Adidas. The uniforms will debut against Kansas State and run through the rest of the postseason.

No. 1 seed Lady Bears look to set new record

SPORTS WRITER

The No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears could be the first team ever to win 40 games in a single season.

Chasing perfection, however, is a goal that did not make Baylor's bucket list this season.

Goal No. 1: Win the Big 12 regular season championship. Check.

"It's hard to go through the kind of schedule we went through and maintain your focus, maintain the excitement for the game, take everyone's best shot, and still win a basketball game," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "That's pretty uncommon. We're pretty appreciative of it. It's on the backburner now."

Goal No. 2: Win the Big 12 tournament. Three victories stand between the Lady Bears and yet another goal accomplished.

"Look at the conference regular season champs in the big conferences," Mulkey said. "The three that have been played thus far have not been the same teams that won the tournament. Which one means more? I think the regular means more because you did it over a consistent period of time, yet the NCAA gives the conference tournament champion an automatic bid and I don't think that's

Already, Baylor has faced each conference opponent twice.

"It would be a lot of fun if we could win it again," junior Destiny Williams said. "They know what to expect from us, and we know what to expect from them so it will be a hard-fought game."

With a first-round bye, the Lady Bears will begin play in the tournament quarterfinals at 1:30 p.m. on Today at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.

Baylor will face the winner of No. 8 seed Texas vs. No. 9 seed Texas Tech contest,



No. 42 center Brittney Griner shoots from behind the rim against Iowa State Saturday in the Ferrell Center. The Lady Bears defeated the Cyclones 77-53.

played Wednesday.

Baylor has blown Texas out both times this season: 77-59 on the road and 80-59 at home. Tech, however, seems to bring its best game to the court when it comes face-to-face with the Lady Bears, losing by as few as eight.

"It's just going to come down to who executes their offense and plays defense," junior Brittney Griner said.

Should the Lady Bears win, the semifinal round will bring either No. 4 seed Iowa State or No. 5 seed Kansas State.

Last weekend's Iowa State game was tied at the half before the Lady Bears quickened the tempo with a full-court press and then won. Against Kansas State this season, Baylor has not kept the contest close at all.

The the Big 12 Championship tournament finals will be at 11 a.m. Friday. "We're going to win," Mulkey

said. "We want to add three more to our record. We're going up there to win another trophy, play hard and hopefully win nine games. We're ready to go."

Michigan State defeats Bears in baseball

By Tyler Alley SPORTS EDITOR

Baylor baseball fell to Michigan State 4-0 Wednesday at Baylor Ballpark.

Baylor (9-6) had only five hits on the night and could not get any runners across home plate.

Spartan pitcher David Garner was the winning pitcher of the game, with sophomore left-handed pitcher Kuntz getting tagged with the loss.

Freshman right-handed pitcher Austin Stone started the game for the Bears but only lasted 1.2 innings. After giving up two walks and hitting a batter, Stone was replaced by Kuntz. Kuntz would strike out the next batter to end the inning and get out of the bases

loaded jam.

Michigan State first cracked the scoreboard in the top of the third inning when Spartan third baseman Torsten Boss bunted toward third base and advanced to second on a throwing error. Second baseman Ryan Jones hit a double to right field in the next at bat, scor-

ing Boss. Freshman outfielder/lefthanded pitcher Michael Howard relieved Kuntz in the sixth inning. Howard allowed back-to-back one-out singles and walked the

next batter to load the bases. Boss came through for the Spartans again, scoring a runner with a fielder's choice and moving the runners to third and second

Junior right-handed pitcher

with two outs. He allowed a single to Spartan right-fielder Jimmy Pickens, scoring the second run of the inning and making the score

> In the bottom of the sixth, the Bears had a chance to put runs on the board. Junior first baseman Max Muncy had a lead-off single. Two batter later, junior centerfielder Logan Vick singled to right field, advancing Muncy to second and bringing up Howard with two men on. Howard hit the ball up the middle, but a diving stop led to a double play, ending the Bears' chance to score.

Freshman right-handed pitcher Ryan Smith pitched the seventh and eighth inning. Spartan centerfielder Anthony Cheky reached on

Kolt Browder came on in relief a fielder's choice before stealing second. Left-fielder Jordan Keur singled to right, bringing in Cheky for the Spartans' final run of the

Control was a problem for the Baylor pitching staff, as it allowed 10 walks to Michigan State with six strikeouts. The Spartans, on the other hand, allowed five walks to nine strikeouts.

Michigan State only had two more hits than the Bears - eight to six — but the 10 walks helped the team score its four runs.

Baylor stranded 10 men on base, but the Spartans actually stranded more with 16.

Junior third baseman Cal Towey had the best game offensively for the Bears with two hits. Vick drew two walks along with his one hit.



No. 18 Cal Towey makes it to third base during a game with Michigan State on Wednesday at the Baylor Ballpark.

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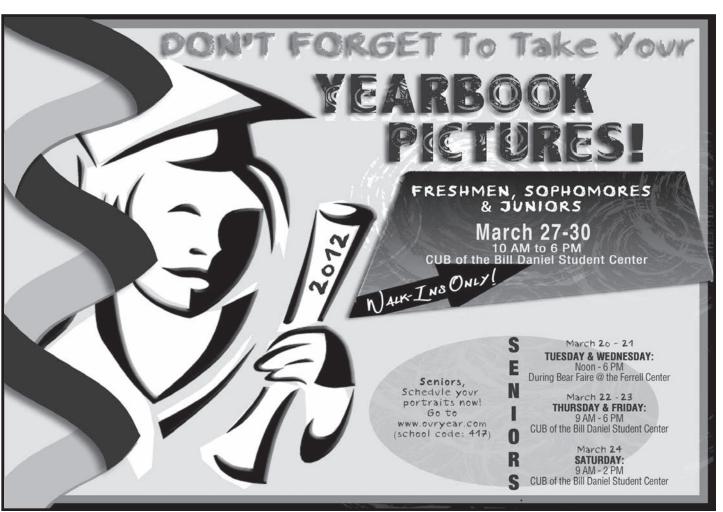
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She said it is beautiful to "watch the boundaries of cultures be broken down" as the women, including Parrott, discover their deep similarities.

"Sometimes we get caught up in our own country and our own way of doing things and forget there's different ways to look at the world, and culture, and even how we view God," Parrott said. "Even though we're from all over, we're all similar too"

Samridhi Arora moved to Waco from New Delhi, India, seven months ago with her 3-yearold daughter, Shriya, her 1-yearold son, Rohan, and her husband, Sanjeev, who is studying to receive a master's degree in computer sci-

Samridhi said "one fine day" she received an invitation in the mail to join the International Spouses Group and was thrilled to find that "someone somewhere cares" about her.

"I wanted to have friends be-

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time in cities across the U.S. with their respective mentors.

The women will now return to Egypt, where training sessions will continue for the rest of the year.

Heba Wahsh, a dentist who is currently working on a master's degree in public health, said she hopes to create an organization to help children in Egypt increase their health awareness and improve their leadership skills.

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gambling is a drug-like high, similar to that of a cocaine user.

A gambling addiction can become especially dangerous, Bernal said. "Gambling addiction has the highest rate of attempted suicide of any addiction," Bernal said.

According to the National Gambling Impact Study Report, which was commissioned by an act of Congress, one in five pathological gamblers commits suicide — a number higher than for any other addictive disorder. If someone is struggling with gambling, Bernal said, he or she should talk to

cause I was feeling lonely in a new country," Samridhi said.

Samridhi said she wanted to know what there was to do in Waco and at Baylor since her husband remains busy most of the time.

In addition to providing friendship and community for families of international students, Parrott said the group also provides practical assistance for living in a new country, such as recommendations for doctors and places to take children to play.

Samridhi said she has made true friends in the group and she looks forward to meeting each week.

"This is a very new experience to meet people from all over the world, because this is the first time that I am visiting a new country," Samridhi said. "It's amazing to know about each other's culture and traditions. We can share our feelings and much more."

The most important lesson Samridhi said she has learned is

the same realization Smith and Parrott said they have discovered.

"I have learned many things, and most important of it is: no matter how different and diversified we are from each other in culture, we are still the same from within," Samridhi said.

Samridhi said Parrott has been "an excellent host and a very, very good friend," and she wants to thank Baylor for acknowledging and caring for the families of international students.

"When I came here I didn't like the city much," Samridhi said. "But now after meeting and knowing people and above all, having friends. I love Waco."

Parrott said anyone who is interested in becoming a part of the International Spouses Group, "whether American or international," can email her at Bethany_Parrott@baylor.edu for more information.

She has high hopes for her country's future following the revolution, saying that while the situation there is challenging, there is also a great potential for change.

"I think (the status of women) is improving and it will improve a lot. Especially after the revolution, everybody, men and women, we got the chance to believe that change will happen," she said.

"We need more equality. And

someone right away, whether it is a

friend or family member. He said it

is important to remember he or she

is not alone. Collegegambling.org

offers information on connecting

counseling and behavior therapy

that help the addict think about

Bernal said universities need to

do a better job of informing their

students about the dangers of gam-

Hanson said some of the most

gambling in a different way.

Treatment is offered through

While treatment is available,

with gambling treatment centers.

I think women are ready to fight for this equality," Wahsh said. She hopes to see more women in politics and a shift in a mentality that women don't deserve to be equal.

The Bush institute is part of the George W. Bush President Center that is currently under construction on the SMU campus. The center is set to be completed early next year and will include the presidential library and museum.

popular forms of gambling for college students include lottery tickets, casinos and office pools for events like March Madness.

Some state lotteries direct their marketing at younger people who have not learned how to manage their money, Bernal said. The legalization of casino gambling in Texas has been up for approval by the Texas Legislature for the last three years, Bernal said. He said it has been defeated each time, but has come back because of large monetary support from companies that operate casinos.



David Li | Lariat Photographer

Alcohol awareness on campus

Signs are posted near the McLane Student Life Center on Wednesday to remind students passing by of the potential dangers of alcohol.

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they provide dental care, health care and sometimes food for families."

To create the documentary, Allison also worked with two professors in the journalism department: Curtis Callaway and Carol Perry.

Perry said Allison decided to work on this project because he has a passion for helping others and wants to use his talents in such a manner.

"We decided, we are journalism-PR, what can we do to help these people make this financial match with the government so that these kids can be served?" Perry said. "So Trevor, typical of Trevor, wants to make a difference — that's who Trevor Allison is ...he wants to do something that helps other people"

Allison took on the task of cre-

ating a promotional video to help the organization, whose government funding has been cut by 25 percent.

"He went away and gave up his weekend," Perry said. "It's hard work; it's a long day and a lot of pressure to get it just right. He edited the whole thing and that's really where a lot of the work is and he really made it look fabulous."

Carolyn Stewart, co-chairman of the "Empty Bowl" project, a fundraiser in Fredericksburg to raise money for Head Start, acknowledged Allison's passion for this video and organization.

The Empty Bowl project was hosted by The Friends of Head Start on March 2.

"We've enjoyed working with Trevor so much," Stewart said. "He had fresh eyes with everything he saw. He was in awe of the whole process."

The fundraiser's goal was to raise \$10,000 for Stonewall Head Start.

With the help of Allison's promotional video and the students' other promotional efforts, the fundraiser brought in about \$6,800 Friday night, and more money has continued to come in, Stewart said.

The promotional materials were sent to media contacts in Austin, Fredericksburg, San Antonio and Pflugerville, and Perry said people have taken notice.

"The PSA is already running and I understand that people in the Hill Country are really good at trying to help," Perry said. "They really all get in the boat and row together. It's amazing to see that."











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