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Facebook feature causes dispute

‘News Feed’ allows
students easier access
to evolving profiles

By Brad Briggs
Reporter

Facebook.com users logged on to find some surprising changes Tuesday.

The new home page has a feature called News Feed, which allows users to view the updated activity of their friends.

After logging in, users are directed to the new homepage for their profile where they can see new photos, wall messages, status updates and groups joined. The feed is constantly updated and “highlights relevant information about people and activities they have been involved in and items of interest to a user,” according to Facebook Feed’s Frequently Asked Questions.

Another new feature is called Mini-Feed, which updates the user on all of the recent activities of an individual user.

Facebook.com users are not warming up to the change.

“It’s becoming too stalker-ish,” Mesquite junior Ashley Bristow said. “It makes me

uncomfortable to see all of this information about my friends and to know that they can see all of the same stuff about me.”

Many other Facebook users agree. As of Tuesday, hundreds of groups have been formed protesting the new format. One group formed by a Baylor user, “I Hate the New Facebook (Stalker) Layout” already has more than 3,300 members as of 10 p.m. Tuesday.

“We listened to the requests of our users,” Facebook.com FAQ stated as the reason why Web site decided on the change. “In addition, we expect News Feed and Mini Feed to be hugely popular with Facebook users,” it states.

Dr. Michael Korpi, Professor of communication studies, thinks that it is “pretty cool.” “In general I think they’re on to something,” he said.

Korpi said he thinks it will help users connect with one another more easily by tailoring the site’s content to students’ preferences.

“It might make people more careful about what groups they join or messages they send, but Facebook seems to be pretty responsive to user input,” Korpi



Photo illustration by Henry Chan

said.

While the initial negative reactions of some people may just be due to change, others - including Sachse senior Zach Nader- have gone so far as to send e-mails to Facebook voic-

ing their anger or even asking to be removed from the service.

“I would like to know if I can opt out of the amazingly creepy service that updates everyone on every single posting and movement I make,” Nader wrote. “I

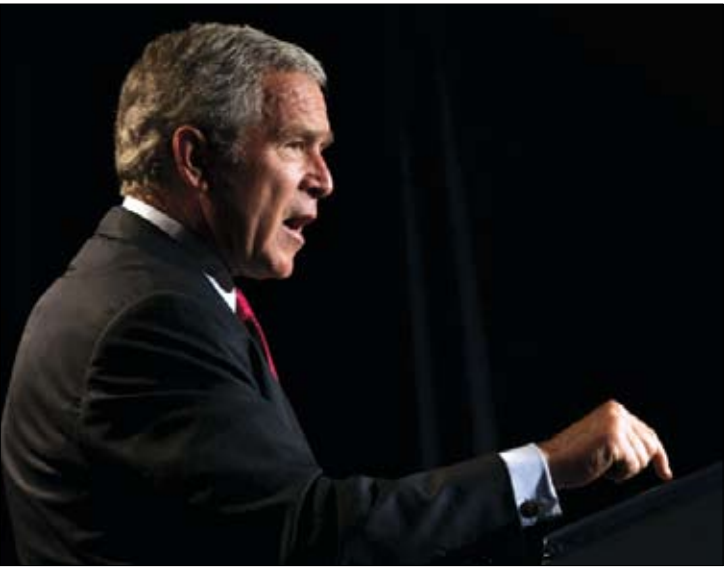
enjoy Facebook, but don’t want people being updated with this information and really don’t want to see others.”

A reply from the Web site states, “We think that once you become familiar with the new

layout and features, you will find these changes just as useful as past improvements such as Photos, Groups and the Wall.”

The e-mail also mentions that

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The Associated Press

President Bush compares Osama bin Laden’s stature with Adolf Hitler’s to the Military Officers Association of America on Tuesday in Washington.

Bush defends war strategy

By Nedra Pickler
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON-Quoting repeatedly from Osama bin Laden, President Bush said Tuesday that pulling U.S. troops out of Iraq would fulfill the terrorist leader’s wishes and propel him into a more powerful global threat in the mold of Adolf Hitler.

With two months until an Election Day that hinges largely on national security, Bush laid out bin Laden’s vision in detail, including new revelations from previously unreported documents. Voters were never more

united behind the president than in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, and his speech was designed to convince Americans that the threat has not faded five years later.

Democrats have been increasing their criticism of the president’s policies in Iraq as the congressional elections approach, with the latest salvo coming in a letter Monday that suggested he fire Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

The White House rejected the idea, both in a written response from chief of staff Joshua Bolten and in a lengthy verbal rebuttal from spokesman Tony Snow.

“It’s not going to happen,” Snow said. “Creating Don Rumsfeld as a bogeyman may make for good politics but would make for very lousy strategy at this time.”

To make the administration’s strategy more clear, the White House on Tuesday published a 23-page booklet called “National Strategy for Combating Terrorism,” which Bush described as an unclassified version of the strategy he’s been pursuing since Sept. 11, 2001. The booklet’s conclusion: “Since the Sept. 11 attacks, America is safer, but we are not yet safe.”

Democrats dismissed Bush’s

actions as a public relations strategy that avoided real solutions.

“A new glossy strategy paper doesn’t take the place of real change that will make our country safer,” said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis.

“If President Bush had unleashed the American military to do the job at Tora Bora four years ago and killed Osama bin Laden, he wouldn’t have to quote this barbarian’s words today,” said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. “Because President Bush lost focus on the killers who

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Costs of living drain accounts

By Kris Firth
Reporter

Tuition. Books. Food. Everything costs money. And Bearbucks don’t grow on trees.

“Welcome to the real world,” Jessica Sanderson, a Waco junior, said. “My parents make me pay for everything.”

To prepare for living expenses and school costs, Sanderson got a job at LL Sams Historic Lofts, located off LaSalle Avenue before college started.

Her expenses include groceries, rent, utilities and other fees. As a member of Pi Beta Phi, Sanderson must pay dues and extra sorority costs on her own budget.

“I knew it was going to be expensive but I wanted to do it,” Sanderson said. “So I planned ahead, got a job and budgeted.”

Sanderson’s story isn’t rare. According to the Baylor Web site, 75 percent of students receive some sort of financial aid.

Outside scholarships and loans also assist in paying for the growing tuition costs.

Stafford loans also help cover tuition costs.

Clark Johnson, a Houston senior, not only has Stafford loans, but he also makes money by working at the Baylor Language Acquisition Lab.

“It costs me \$30 in gas just to get home,” Johnson said. “I had to get a job.”

Unlike Sanderson, who said he doesn’t have a credit card for fear of debt, Johnson uses an American Express credit card.

He said he uses it to build up a good credit report. As a finance major, Johnson realizes the value of building credit now.

Some professors at the Hankamer School of Business encourage all students to take a class on personal finance despite their major.

“Everyone needs to know how to manage money if they plan on making any,” Dr. Daniel Rajaratnam, associate professor of marketing, said.

Baylor recognizes the financial problems students face and offers many different options to help, Pam Owens, a

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The Associated Press

Three companies, including Devon Oil Company, discovered the oil reserve.

Nation’s largest reserve located in Gulf waters

By Brad Foss
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A trio of oil companies led by Chevron Corp. have tapped a petroleum pool deep beneath the Gulf of Mexico could boost the nation’s reserves by more than 50 percent.

A test well indicates it could be the biggest new domestic oil discovery since Alaska’s Prudhoe Bay a generation ago. But the vast oil deposit roughly

four miles beneath the ocean floor won’t significantly reduce the country’s dependence on foreign oil and it won’t help lower prices at the pump anytime soon, analysts said.

“It’s a nice positive, but the U.S. still has a big difference between its consumption and indigenous production,” said Art Smith, chief executive of energy consultant John S. Herold. “We’ll still be importing more than 50 percent of our oil needs.”

Chevron on Tuesday estimated the 300-square-mile region where its test well sits could hold between 3 billion and 15 billion barrels of oil and natural gas liquids. The U.S. consumes roughly 5.7 billion barrels of crude oil in a year.

It will take many years and tens of billions of dollars to bring the newly tapped oil to market, but the discovery carries particular importance for

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Skunk smell clears out child care center

By Christine M. Tamer
Staff Writer

Parents and children pinched their noses to avoid of the stench of skunk as they exited the Piper Child Development Center on Tuesday afternoon.

Baylor University Risk Management department evacuated the center and parents were told to pick up their children as soon as possible.

The center closed because of

the skunk’s odor, Warren Ricks, director of risk management, said.

“There was no risk per se,” Rickssaid. “The reason we closed it down today was because of the obnoxious odor.”

Two skunks were captured Tuesday night, Dr. Jess Kelly, Manager of the Environmental Health and Safety Services, said in a posting on the Risk Management Web site.

The center will be checked in

the morning to see if the smell has “diminished enough” and if more skunks remain.

Many children of Baylor’s faculty and staff attend the center which is based on Baylor’s mission and provides model programs, teaching and leadership for children ages 2 months to 5 years.

“They (the center) do a wonderful job so we all understand,” Jeff Kilgore, executive vice president of the Baylor Alumni Asso-

ciation said. Kilgore picked up his son, Patrick, at the center.

“They called and said, ‘We have a skunk in the house,’ and I said, ‘You got a whole building full of them,’” Kilgore said.

Piper Assistant Director, Tiffany Smart, said the center’s director and staff had no comment.

Meghan Becker, Kokernot Residence Hall director, was

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Don't overstep boundaries: Jesus is not your homeboy

Driving onto campus early last week, I was struck by the recruitment poster for Student Foundation calling for new applicants with the succinct slogan "Bear the Stripes."

Catchy? Yes. To the point? Yes. Borderline sacrilegious? Check.

Whether or not Student Foundation meant to paraphrase a famous Messianic reference (1 Pet. 2:24) in its effort to recruit, the slogan is but one example of a wider problem that comes with something being too familiar.

Did Stufu mean to play off

this verse? I'll give it the benefit of the doubt, but the very existence of the slogan begs this warning: Expressions of Christian faith are in no short supply on campus, making it both familiar and, at the same time, easily taken for granted and abused.

When widely spread, beliefs move quickly from being something sacred to being cultural currency, appropriated for purposes that often belittle their original meaning.

One need look no further than the rhetoric of foreign policy to understand that the lan-

point of view

BY MYLES WERTTZ



guage of "righteousness" used in debates of war have little to nothing to do with the Scriptural visions of such things.

Whether in something as minor as a recruiting slogan or as cosmic as war campaigns, the lesson is the same: In an atmosphere of familiarity with faith, meanings become lost.

In situations where Christianity becomes the cultural norm, the cross ceases to be the symbol of a new world breaking into the old and becomes one more cultural emblem to be co-opted for other ends.

Crusaders bore crosses before them as they pillaged the Middle East; Madonna affixes herself to the cross on stage, casting herself as a pop martyr.

While these examples are a far cry from a recruiting slogan, we must see that the co-opting of religious faith for other ends does no favors to anyone involved.

Having so fully believed that Jesus became one of us, we then forget that God also is not one of us.

That God is not part of a system, not the top floor of the universe, not some thing to be co-opted for any use.

Familiarity, be it with a friend or the God of the universe, leads either to great awe and respect for that which is not oneself, or to total flippancy.

Intimacy either leads to love for the mystery or to completely taking it for granted.

My fear is that Dogma is right: The next Jesus is Buddy

Christ, a completely innocuous dashboard figure.

There's a fine line between familiarity and disrespect, which a lot of contemporary Christianity treads closely to: We have become so familiar with God that we have become confused and are unable to remember which story is which, unable to tell whether we are formed by the Gospel story, or immunized against it by our familiarity with it.

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Editorial

Reports not way to keep CLs accountable

Every year freshmen are required to live in dorms across campus. Residential halls are staffed with community leaders whose jobs include fostering friendships and helping students plug into Baylor life.

Along with these tasks, they also are required to write down conversations they have with students on their halls. While there are good intentions behind this requirement, it has surpassed its bounds for several reasons.

First, the foundation of any conversation is trust and knowing its contents will remain in confidence. In the past, students have spoken with their CLs without any knowledge their conversation would later be typed up and submitted to a hall director.

In theory, this is a good way to keep CLs accountable for their responsibilities. However, this is an invasion of privacy, and students should be told openly that what they say is in no way guaranteed to be kept confidential.

While students are negatively affected by this, CLs also deal with an extra burden on as well. As if being a student wasn't enough, CLs constantly handle roommate conflicts and personal crises and enforce hall rules. There are more productive ways for CLs to spend their time than keeping up with each week's conversations.

Now that students are becoming aware that their conversations don't remain private, it's time for a change in Campus Living and Learning's approach to keeping CLs accountable. Rather than requiring them to report conversations they have with students, reports should only be filed when a student is endangering himself or herself. This would give CLs more time to take care of important tasks instead of writing down the mundane or very private issues of their fellow students.



Pluto demotion affects more than outdated textbooks

I know it's been about three weeks, but in case you haven't heard yet, a bunch of guys in the Czech Republic killed Pluto. The International Astronomical Union decided to strip Pluto of its official status as a "planet," thus rendering a good portion of your fifth-grade science knowledge obsolete.

This is mostly due to the recent discovery of a big rock in space called "2003 UB313," which is scientist speak for "we lack creativity." You see, ol' 2003 UB is just about as big as Pluto is. This got a few guys in the science community excited because it's not every day that you figure out you have a potential 10th planet hanging around.

So they called a meeting. Some guys put forth this proposal to redefine the term "planet" so 2003 UB could join the party. But apparently, there was another faction of scientists who never liked that Pluto was a planet in the

point of view

BY BEN HUMENIUK



first place. Picture it like two rival geek gangs facing off, outcasts from mainstream society, with pocket protectors and calculus books at their disposal.

When the dust settled, the anti-planeteers had won. Now your ninth-favorite celestial body is in limbo between being lumped into the insecurity-inducing category of "dwarf planet," or the completely obscure nomenclature of "Trans-Neptunian Object."

I foresee several drawbacks to this decision:

This will cause problems for the space aliens. We sent the Voyager and

Pioneer probes into space with this nice little map of the solar system tacked to the side, and it clearly shows nine planets orbiting the sun. If space aliens get the probe, they won't be looking to come visit a place with eight planets. But this may work to our advantage if the space aliens turn out to be mean.

If you get married and have a kid someday, it will inevitably have to go to school. And if they go to school, they'll have to do the science fair. And if they do the science fair, that realistically means that you'll end up doing the project yourself, and all you have time for is a mobile of spray-painted balls that resembles the solar system.

And you'll put nine planets in the solar system, and your kid will fail school and live in your basement watching Spike TV and mooching for the rest of his life.

We have likely caused irreparable

emotional damage to Pluto. Compare it to the awkward kid who doesn't quite fit in with your clique, but you let him hang around anyway because the hot girls will pity him.

Then one day, some similarly awkward kid shows up around town (we're talking 2003 UB here), leading you to remember how strange your pal is, and you ostracize him out of insecurity. And then he goes and mopes and listens to emo music. We have ostracized Pluto. I imagine it might be crying comets right now.

The bad news is, there's nothing we can do about it. We can hate the scientists, or we can just forget about it and not worry.

The Pluto decision may definitely be world-changing. But it's hardly earth-shattering.

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Letters to the editor

Conversation reports aid CLs

The *Baylor Lariat* article "CLs report conversations to directors" should have focused more on the reasons why community leaders document their relationships with residents, as opposed to making it seem as if Campus Living and Learning attempts to spy on its residents. These reports only serve to help the learning community

run smoother and to help CLs identify and rectify problems and issues in the best manner possible.

CL&L has rules and guidelines for confidentiality that all CLs adhere to, and the article implies that the relationship reports that CLs write become fodder for conversation outside of the residence hall director's office. In order for CLs to correctly and promptly deal with

the many problems they encounter daily, they must enlist the assistance of their residence hall directors, and in addition to helping to ensure that issues are handled in the correct manner, this also keeps CLs accountable for getting to know their residents. In the future, perhaps the *Lariat* could choose to also highlight some of the things that CLs do to make the residence hall experience go as smoothly

as possible.

DeAndre' Upshaw
Journalism 2009

Opponents deserve respect

Our family returned to Waco to watch our beloved Bears take on TCU Sunday afternoon, and I was pleased to see the advances the football team has made. Although I was sad to see the final outcome of the game, there is something that

caused me much greater grief. When the TCU team entered the field for the pre-game warm-up, there was a deafening "BOO" coming from the Baylor student section of the stadium. TCU has been a longtime friend of Baylor, and to treat them in this manner is absolutely unnecessary and classless; certainly not the Baylor respect that was shown during my tenure at the university. Very soon, BU will host Army

for a football game. When you attend that event, be sure to watch the Cadets as they stand at attention when "That Good 'Ole Baylor Line" is played. We want others to respect our university and student body, but booing a team/school for no apparent reason is no way to endear ourselves to anyone or any entity.

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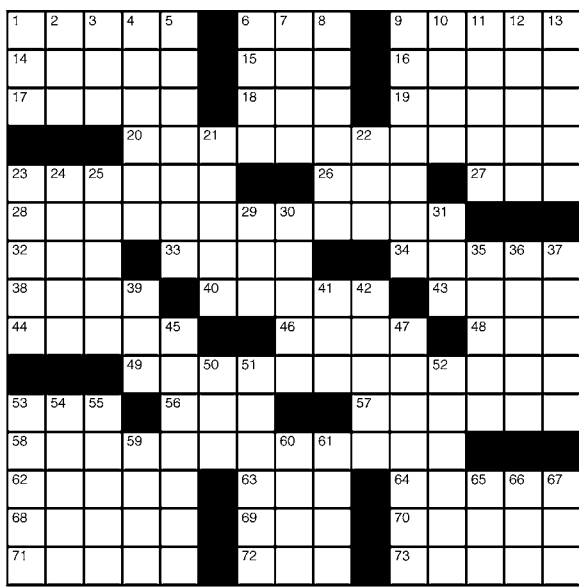
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Professors take aim at cheaters

By Joshua Benton
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

It's the sort of case you might expect Encyclopedia Brown to tackle.

Two kids seem to have cheated on Professor Harpp's final exam. Can he prove the culprits did it before it's too late? When McGill University professor David Harpp suspected some of his students were up to no good, he didn't hire a boy detective. He did the job himself.

He devised a statistical method to determine whether two students were copying test answers from each other. He found that, on a 98-question multiple-choice test, the pair of students had 97 answers exactly the same — including 23 wrong answers. Confronted with the evidence, the students confessed. Academics have come up with dozens of methods to prevent cheating, dating back nearly a century. They differ in details, but nearly all are founded on one key principle: It's rare for a pair of students to make exactly the same mistakes on a multiple-choice test.

Harpp is a chemistry professor at McGill, one of the most prestigious universities in Canada. He and a colleague, Jim Hogan, wrote a computer program that, for every possible pair of students, compared the number of identical wrong answers with the number of questions the pair answered differently. Sure enough, the results for the two students stood out. But the number of cheaters showing up in Harpp's statistical samples has plummeted over the past decade. First, student seating is assigned randomly on exam day, so students can't pick their neighbors.

Second, professors prepare different, scrambled versions of their exams. The questions are identical, but they appear in a different order. That makes a glance at another student's answer sheet useless to an aspiring cheater, because his neighbor's Question 6 may be his Question 39.

Since those reforms were put into place, answer copying has nearly disappeared from his statistical samples, he said.



Henry Chan/Lariat staff

Josh Nolan, a sophomore from Euless, punches the sandbag furiously Tuesday at Ironhorse Gym. He said he's enjoyed boxing since he was a little child, but only recently started formal training at the gym. He spends at least three hours, five days a week training.

Baylor boxers find niche in ring

By Lizza Lopez
Reporter

Endless hours of training and sweating lead up to this —there's nothing like a fighter's first boxing match.

Josh Nolan, a Euless sophomore, knows exactly how that feels. He's already had two matches and one win.

He said he initially felt butterflies in his stomach, but "as soon as the bell rang the butterflies went away."

Although he lost his first match by decision, Nolan went on to win his second fight.

"I wanted to win," Nolan said. "I knew I could do it. I felt more prepared this time, and I had my trainer there."

Nolan and two other Baylor students practice boxing at the Ironhorse Gym, but Nolan is the only trained

Baylor fighter at the gym to participate in recent matches.

Austin junior Susan Westmoreland and Floydada senior Jenna Payne have been training at the gym for two weeks.

"Right now we are working on conditioning," Payne said. "We do abs and push-ups for about 15 to 20 minutes. Then we practice our jab by punching on bags."

The training can help teach self-defense as well, Westmoreland said.

Surprisingly, they are not the only women who are enduring boxing training. Payne said more than half of the boxing classes at Ironhorse Gym consist of women.

"Most guys just want to get in the ring and fight," Westmoreland said. "Girls have more endurance."

Westmoreland and Payne both said

they aren't currently fighting. Instead, they're working on their endurance before stepping into the ring.

"It's kind of scary to get in the ring with people that have been doing this for 18 years," Payne said.

Nolan said he began pursuing boxing after he was held back from his military dreams of becoming a Navy Seal because of colorblindness.

"My dream fight would be a pay-per-view fight in Puerto Rico," he said.

Nolan doesn't fear anything when he enters the ring.

"If you go in there with fear, you're going to get beat," Nolan said.

"When I get in there, I think I'm in better shape than my opponent. Injury isn't a factor."

Nolan said he tried to start a boxing club last year, with no success.

BEAR BRIEFS

Magellan meeting

The Magellan Society will have an interest meeting 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cowden Room at the Bill Daniel Student Center. Come to learn about the international service organization and experience cuisine from around the world.

After Dark auditions

After Dark Auditions will be held from 5 to 11:45 p.m. today in Waco Hall.

CHI rush orientation

CHI'S Service Sorority will hold an orientation rush at 6:30 p.m. Monday and 8 p.m. Tuesday in the North Village Residential Community Center.

DPS bike registration

The Baylor University Police Department is offering bike registration at the following times:

- ◆ 9 to 11:30 a.m. today on the first floor of the Speight Plaza Parking Garage
- ◆ 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the North Village Community Center
- ◆ 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the lobby of South Russell Residence Hall
- ◆ 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in Memorial Dining Hall (Seventh Street entrance)
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Students pinpoint jobs with major

Trend shows many students opting for occupational studies

By Patrice M. Jones
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — Alex Zatvornitsky has spent hours upon hours researching Loyola University Chicago, the school where he started classes as a freshman last month.

He also has worked out how he will pay for his education and pondered what career he might pursue after he graduates.

But his college major? He is in no real hurry to figure that out, and in fact, feels it doesn't matter that much.

"I don't have a major, and I don't mind being undecided," Zatvornitsky said recently.

"I know I am not going to major in science," he added, "maybe anthropology, history. ... What I do know is that I want to take a broad scope of things."

Zatvornitsky's decision to make college a time of academic discovery and exploration is becoming less common as more students focus on college majors with a laser-like precision, hoping to make themselves more competitive in the job market.

That pressure to compete has meant majors such as business, technical or so-called occupational-related majors — specialized fields that are aligned directly with hot sectors of the job market — are gaining ground as the most popular majors on many university campuses.

Among college students at four-year institutions, the top five majors by enrollment are

business, education, health sciences, computer/information sciences and visual/performing arts, according to the U.S. Department of Education's most recent data.

With the exception of biology, economics and psychology, traditional liberal arts and sciences majors have declined both in the number and the percentage of the total degrees conferred during the last 30 years, according to Steven Brint, a professor of sociology at the University of California at Riverside, who studies higher education trends.

"Occupational fields have accounted for approximately 60 percent of bachelor's degrees in recent years, up from 45 percent in the 1960s, and hundreds of institutions now award 80 percent or more of their degrees in these fields," Brint wrote in a recent study.

The trend toward choosing occupational majors, such as business or nursing, instead of a broader arts and sciences major, such as linguistics or English, is not surprising, says Carol Christen, co-author of What Color Is Your Parachute? For Teens, a newly published career guide.

Economic changes — from an increasingly competitive, globalized labor market to the rising burden of student debt — mean young people can't afford to wait until well into college to make tough choices like choosing a major, she says, and the job market should play a role in those choices.

"Nobody buys an \$80,000 piece of equipment and then says, 'Gee, I don't know how I am going to use this.' But it



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While most students zero in on occupational majors, Alex Zatvornitsky said he doesn't mind being undecided for the first part of his college career. He researched Loyola University Chicago, but he's not looking for a career just yet. He started classes as a freshman earlier this week.

happens with a college degree all the time. This is a consumer issue," Christen says.

Moreover, as Brint noted, getting a college degree is not the exclusive credential it was a few decades ago.

"There is not that feeling that a degree creates a sense of security," he said. "In the 1960s, it seemed that it didn't matter what you studied, there would be jobs out there. But many students don't feel that way now."

To stand out among the growing number of graduates, students may feel they need to hold not just any degree but the correct one, the one that will pay off with an attractive job offer in a specific field.

"We know that over the last several decades, fewer students are majoring in the general area of humanities and more and

more are focusing on business and pre-professional courses," said Caryn McTighe Musil, vice president of the Washington-based Association of American Colleges and Universities.

"Some humanities fields — like classics and philosophy — have shrunk in size at many universities, but it is interesting to note that with everyone rushing into business fields, there also can be a glut of such grads — such as in the 1990s when everyone was majoring in computer science and the dot-com world fell apart," Musil said.

Many college officials argue that the reasons students attend college — both to learn important skills and in general, to become better educated human beings — should not be mutually exclusive.

They point to several arts and

sciences majors that provide a broad foundation for many occupational fields — such as communication, psychology, biology and economics — which still draw large numbers of students.

They also say students who have a strictly occupational focus for their college major may be short-changing themselves.

They will likely be training only for their first job out of college — and maybe not even that, because many people never work in the field associated with their major and others end up in graduate school.

"Experimenting broadly is the right thing to do," said W. Norton Grubb, a professor and higher education expert at the University of California at Berkeley.

"The problem with a view of

education in narrow economic or instrumental terms is that students tend to focus on what is required to pass a course, get grades and get a credential rather than what they are learning to do," he said.

Experts also say skills are more important than a specific major.

Courses that focus on improving written and oral communication skills, quantitative skills, as well as ethics and social responsibility for being well-rounded human being, are all important.

"High school is the best time to explore," said Carol Christen, a career strategist provides fee-based career planning for teens.

"That way, someone can trace out what they want to do and avoid making mistakes that cost them money."

Truett assistant dean awarded position as Hinson Endowed Chair of Christian Scriptures

By Claire St. Amant
Reporter

"I don't know why you are interviewing me," said Dr. David E. Garland, assistant dean of George W. Truett Theological Seminary. "Really, I'm not that interesting."

His credentials and co-workers beg to differ.

Garland was recently named the William M. Hinson Endowed Chair of Christian Scriptures.

"When we were looking for an outstanding scholar to recognize, we realized that we didn't have to go any further than our own campus," Truett dean, Dr. Paul Powell, said.

After teaching for 21 years at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and holding the Ernest and Mildred Hogan Chair of New Testament, Garland said he never expected to be awarded another chair position while at Baylor.

"It's an honor, it truly is," Garland said. "One that I didn't see coming, but I will gladly accept."

Garland was officially installed as the William M. Hinson Endowed Chair of Christian Scriptures Tuesday morning at

the Fall Convocation.

The event is hosted annually at Truett and is the official beginning to the academic year, said Nancy Floyd, assistant to the dean of Truett.

The convocation address, "What is Life's Most Elusive Word?" was given by the Chair's namesake, Dr. William M. Hinson, a 1953 Baylor graduate.

The Paul and Jane Meyer Family Foundation set up the endowment "in honor of their friend Bill," Powell said.

The endowment ensures that a course will always be taught on Christian Scriptures and allows more faculty members to be hired, Garland said.

Garland came to Baylor in 1997 from a distinguished background.

He earned his bachelor's from Oklahoma Baptist University and his master's and doctoral degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Garland has also done post-graduate

study at universities in Australia and Germany and is the author of more than 17 books.

In his own words, Garland said he was "nobody special."

A new book, co-authored with his wife, Diana Garland, dean of the school of social work, is due out in November.

The book, "Flawed Families of the Bible: How God's Grace Works Through Imperfect Relationships," will be the third text Garland has written with his wife.

Garland also is a well-known commentator on numerous books in the New Testament.

"Dr. Garland is one of the most recognized New Testament scholars in America today," Powell said.

Since 1977, Garland said he has preached and led Bible studies in hundreds of churches and associations.

His experiences, which reflect every facet of Christian leadership, and his extensive biblical research made him a clear choice for the chair of Christian Scriptures, Powell said.

"Dr. Garland is an impressive scholar and we are excited to be able to honor him in this way," Floyd said.



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State to fund Trinity clean-up

By Anabelle Garay
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Gov. Rick Perry pledged more than \$500,000 in state money Tuesday to help clean up the Trinity River, which provides water to 40 percent of the state's population but has a long history of water-quality problems.

The Trinity River Basin Environmental Restoration project will try to improve the water quality in the river and its tributaries through storm water control, irrigation and education.

"If Texans all along the Trinity River band together to fully protect its water quality and restore the river to its more pristine past, it will have a dramatic impact on birds and wildlife, ecotourism," Perry said.

Perry, a Republican seeking re-election against four opponents, has been criticized for his environmental record.

Opponents and critics say he's allowed for the fast-tracking of new coal plants proposed in Texas, failed to enact stronger clean air laws and hasn't set higher goals for use of renewable energy.

The Trinity River's basin stretches from Dallas-Fort Worth to Houston.

But it's been plagued by water quality problems for decades, including wastewater spills, power interruptions that have diminished drinking water, decreased levels in its lakes from the ongoing drought and low flowing water that's brought in contamination.

The Trinity Basin Conservation Foundation also will help with the project and private landowners can participate voluntarily, Perry said.



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United States Solicitor General Paul D. Clement speaks to Baylor law students Tuesday at the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center. Clement's visit opened the law school's annual Public Leadership Series.

Solicitor general shares experience with students

By Tommy Stone
Reporter

United States Solicitor General Paul D. Clement paid a visit Tuesday to the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center. Clement spoke to law students and faculty about his experience with both the Department of Justice and the Supreme Court.

The solicitor general's visit kicked off the law school's fifth annual Public Leadership Series.

Law students are offered a chance to take part in the Public Leadership Series, which is "designed to encourage government service," Baylor President John Lilley said.

Clement is a perfect speaker to start the year off for law students and professors alike, said Dr. Brad Toben, dean of the law school.

President Bush appointed Clement to his post in 2005, and since then he has tried 30 cases

before the Supreme Court. He is arguably the 10th member of the Supreme Court, Lilley said.

The Supreme Court receives more than 7,000 petitions but accepts only around 70 cases each year, Clement said. The office of the solicitor general is responsible for supervising and conducting government litigation in the Supreme Court, and Clement said his main duties include evaluating petitions to go before the Supreme Court. The criterion Clement uses is: "What is the federal interest in this case?"

The solicitor general position is the main face "involved in the representation of the United States before the Supreme Court," Clement said.

Although Clement said only 1 percent of cases go before the Supreme Court, there are a significantly higher number of government cases reviewed by the nine justices: 65 percent.

Clement said his goal is to

represent the federal government's policies accurately in regards to what President Bush's cabinet represents.

Clement also spoke of the past session of the Supreme Court, mainly in regard to the departure of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Clement emphasized the change in outcomes after the departure of O'Connor, declaring a shift in unanimous case outcomes.

He said the Supreme Court is in a new period with the additions of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito.

Following the lecture, Clement answered questions from students and professors. The topic on most attendees' minds was the current war, but Clement declined to comment, saying his expertise lies in the Justice Department.

Law Professor Brian Serr said the speech was "very interesting and provided helpful insights for the prospective law students."

FDA approves sale of implantable artificial hearts

By Andrew Bridges
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Massachusetts company received federal approval Tuesday to sell the world's first fully implantable artificial heart.

The 2-pound mechanical hearts would be used only in patients who are close to death and have no other treatment options.

The Food and Drug Administration granted Abiomed Inc. a humanitarian exemption allowing it to sell the AbioCor artificial hearts, agency spokeswoman Susan Bro said. Surgeons likely will implant between 25 and 50 of the devices a year, though the company has approval to sell up to 4,000 annually, Bro said.

"We're talking about a small



The Food and Drug Administration granted Abiomed Inc., a humanitarian exemption allowing it to sell AbioCor Implantable Replacement Hearts, shown here in a photo provided by the company.

Associated Press

group of end-stage patients, whose choice is between immediate death or new, innovative technology," said Dr. Daniel Schultz, director of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radio-

logical Health.

So far, the artificial heart has been tested in only 14 men. Two died from the operation, and another never regained consciousness. The rest survived

only an average of five months, though notably one patient lived 10 months following surgery, and another 17 months.

The company said earlier that it would begin implanting the artificial hearts at five hospitals around the country once doctor training is complete. Unlike other permanent artificial hearts, including the Jarvik-7 implanted in Barney Clark in 1982, the AbioCor is fully contained within the chest, with no outside wires.

"I think as the technology improves, it's going to be a good option for people," said Dr. Laman Gray, a University of Louisville surgeon who was part of a team that implanted the first AbioCor. That surgery was done at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, which is expected to be among

the five hospitals offering the mechanical hearts to patients.

Abiomed is targeting men — but not precluding women — with heart failure who are too sick for a heart transplant, have exhausted other options and are likely to die within a month. The current device is too large for about 90 percent of U.S. women and many men. The company is developing a smaller and longer-lasting version.

The mechanical pump is expected to cost about \$250,000. It is unclear whether insurance would cover it.

Abiomed eventually hopes 10 medical centers would be equipped to implant the hearts. On Tuesday, Minogue said the first surgeries to implant the artificial hearts would take place in six to eight months.

Flags at half-staff for former Texas first lady

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry ordered Tuesday that flags fly at half-staff at all state sites in honor of former Texas first lady Nellie Connally, who died over

the weekend.

Flags are to be flown at half-staff until sunset today, the day of Connally's funeral.

She was the wife of the late Texas Gov. John B. Connally and was the last surviving pas-

senger from President John F. Kennedy's limousine the day he was assassinated in Dallas in 1963.

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Students get taste of Texas at Bobo

International students get adjusted to Texas courtesy of BSM

By Grace Maalouf Reporter

Everything – even the snack food – is bigger in Texas.

Donnae Shone wasn't taken aback by the hamburgers, hot dogs, or watermelon. They're all similar to what she eats in her native South Africa. What she noticed most of all was the chips.

"The bags are a lot larger than the ones we have at home," Shone said.

Shone, a sophomore, is an exchange student who's never been to Texas. Tuesday night at Texas Night, hosted at the Bobo Baptist Student Center, she and more than 50 other international students received an introduction to the state they now call home. The international ministry of Baylor Student Ministries organized the event, the first of their bi-monthly Culture Nights.

Students sat on the floor in groups, eating traditional Texan food as country music played over the speakers. Red, white and blue streamers hung from the walls.

Meggaen Neely, a Lake Jackson freshman, welcomed the group with a "Howdy, y'all!" She then went on to explain the Texan lingo used in her greeting, as well as Texan rodeos and Texan pride.

Neely said she wanted to get involved in the BSM's international ministry when she heard about it.

"I really love cultures and I always have," Neely said. She said she wanted to meet people from different countries and make new friends.

Many of the international students at the ministry have been in Texas for under a month. Becky Robertson, the international ministry coordinator for Baylor Student Ministries, said she understands the culture shock they feel. She grew up in the African Ivory Coast as the daughter of missionaries and moved to the United States to attend Baylor.

"International students are all kind of in the same boat. They're here, outside of everything that they know," Robertson said. "Culture Nights are part of the larger picture of really going out of our way to make them feel welcome."

Megan McNerny, a Dayton, Ohio sophomore, taught the students how to line dance. She began with a simple grapevine step before teaching the group the electric slide. Some students were initially reluctant to dance, but by the end of the lesson most had joined in.

"I was impressed. Everyone just picked it up so easily," McNerny said.

Qiu Yue, a graduate student from China, said she had seen line dancing before, but never actually tried it.

"My hometown doesn't have this type of dancing," Yue said.

Ariel Alexander, a Córdoba, Argentina, sophomore, is in charge of the Culture Nights for the BSM this year, and she said she thinks the dancing helped loosen the students up.

"Usually when people come here they're separated into groups already, but when everyone is learning something new, they have that shared vulnerability," Alexander said.

She said it's important for Baylor students to get the word out about the ministry to international students they know.

"They can meet new people, eat new foods. It's just a good place to broaden your mind," Alexander said.

She said she was pleased with the turnout for Texas Night, but she would like to see even more diversity in the future.

The next Culture Night, Indian Sub-continent Night, will be Sept. 19. Alexander said it will feature a curry dish and possibly live entertainment. It will be followed by a Bollywood movie showing.

"It'll definitely be bigger," Alexander said.

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attacked us and instead launched a disastrous war in Iraq, today Osama bin Laden and his henchmen still find sanctuary in the no man's land between Afghanistan and Pakistan, where they still plot attacks against America."

Bush's speech was the second in a series linked to next week's anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

It was delivered to the Military Officers Association of America in a hotel ballroom filled with U.S. troops, including several injured in the war, and with diplomatic representatives of foreign countries that have suffered terrorist attacks.

Later, the White House said Bush was extending for one-year the national emergency

he declared following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks because the "terrorist threat continues" and measures adopted to deal with that emergency must remain in effect.

Bush planned a third speech Wednesday from the White House, laying out his plan to change the law so that detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, can be tried for crimes before military commissions.

The administration also was expected to brief lawmakers Wednesday on a new Army field manual that would set guidelines for the treatment of military detainees.

Congress passed legislation late last year requiring military interrogators to follow the manual, which abided by Geneva Convention standards.

Bush argued Tuesday that

history will look favorably on his currently unpopular war strategy.

"History teaches that underestimating the words of evil and ambitious men is a terrible mistake," the president said. "Bin Laden and his terrorist allies have made their intentions as clear as Lenin and Hitler before them. The question is: Will we listen? Will we pay attention to what these evil men say?"

To make his case, the White House cited previously unreleased documents including a copy of the al-Qaida charter found by coalition forces in Afghanistan that says hostilities will continue until everyone believes in Allah.

One document Bush cited was what he called "a grisly al-Qaida manual" found in 2000 by British police during an anti-terrorist raid in London, which included a chapter called "Guidelines for Beating and Killing Hostages." He also cited what he said was a captured al-Qaida document found during a recent raid in Iraq.

He said it described plans to take over Iraq's western Anbar province and set up a governing structure including an education department, a social services department, a justice department and an execution unit.

The White House also unveiled a letter from bin Laden to Taliban leader Mullah Omar in which he wrote about plans for a "media campaign to create a wedge between the American people and their government" so the people will pressure leaders to retreat in the fight.

Bush also quoted bin Laden saying:

"Death is better than living on this Earth with the unbelievers among us."

Al-Qaida can cause the U.S. economy to collapse by implementing a "bleed-until-bankruptcy plan."

The defeat of American forces in Beirut in 1983 is proof America does not have the stomach to stay in a fight. "In Somalia, the United States pulled out, trailing disappointment, defeat and failure behind it," Bush said bin Laden wrote.

"The most serious issue today for the whole world is this third world war that is raging in Iraq. ... The whole world is watching this war and that it will end in victory and glory or misery and humiliation."

Bush said a democratic Iraq is a threat to bin Laden's aspirations.



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Early lead not enough to overcome 17 straight points

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

In football, as in life, it's not how you start but how you finish.

The Baylor football team learned this Sunday, when they gave up 17 unanswered points in the second half to fall 17-7 to the No. 23 TCU Horned Frogs.

The Bears outplayed TCU for much of the game, but their offense's inability to finish drives and the defense's inability to hold off the Frogs late in the game led to Baylor's first loss of the 2006 season.

"I thought the whole ball club the second half played not to lose (the game) rather than to win," fourth-year head Coach Guy Morriss said.

The team's lack of point production was not for a lack of chances. Despite racking up 333 yards of total offense, including 286 yards passing, the Bears scored just once in four chances from inside TCU's 25-yard line.

"We had a lot of opportunities, we just didn't take advantage of them," Morriss said. "Bottom line is we didn't make enough plays to get this done."



Henry Chan/Lariat staff

Baylor's 17-7 second-half stomping at the hands of the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs came as a wake-up call for the Bears' new spread offense. Although the Bears racked up more than 300 yards offensively, they only were able to score 7 points.

The game started well for the Bears. The defense shut out TCU in the first half, while the offense moved the ball well. Baylor took the first lead of the game when senior quarterback Shawn Bell

connected with sophomore receiver Mikhail Baker for a 21-yard touchdown strike.

But from the start of the second half on, TCU stole the momentum. Eventually they

stole the win.

"We had been talking all week about how TCU is a momentum team," Bell said. "In the first half, they didn't have that momentum, and you could tell we were

beating them pretty solid.

"But once they got that momentum, they continued to roll and it was hard to move the ball on them and hard to stop them."

The Horned Frogs took the opening kickoff of the second

on the back end, and I take that firmly on myself because we should have gotten that thing situated."

The Horned Frogs added another touchdown with 9 and a half minutes in the fourth to secure the victory.

"We know that one loss can't end the season."

Shawn Bell
Baylor quarterback

Morriss, who has had several close losses since taking the job as Baylor's head coach, said that there was nothing to be taken

from another close call.

"I'm tired of games like this," he said. "It's time that we find a way to win games like this."

Bell said the loss was disappointing but that the team isn't giving up on its goal of making a bowl game.

"It's definitely a letdown, but at the same time, this team's been through too much," Bell said. "We got too many seniors who have been through the ups and downs of the program, and we're veterans now."

"We know that one loss can't end the season."

Spread offense nets 7 points in losing effort

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

Before the season started, the conundrum on offense was obvious. The system was new, the players were green and the coaches were still getting used to it themselves.

But when the obvious manifested itself into just 7 points in a crucial season opener, a 17-7 loss to the TCU Horned Frogs on Sunday night, the questions become more pointed and direct.

Offensive Coordinator Lee Hays was the first to bear the brunt of the criticism after the loss.

"We probably got too conservative," Hays said following the game. "I'd give myself an F. I've got to do a better job of getting them in position to be successful."

Hays also said to expect the offense to stretch the field more and as the coaches and players find their comfort zone, the big plays and touchdowns should begin to fall in place.

"When we first talked about bringing this system in here,

everybody thought everything was going to be fine because of the system," Morris said on Sunday night following the loss. "It's not the system; it's the kids in the system. We still have to go out and execute."

The Baylor offense showed promising vital signs as starting quarterback Shawn Bell threw 47 times for 286 yards, but the offense's inability to follow up on long drives with scores ultimately sealed their fate.

"We executed pretty well, but that didn't get the job done," Bell said. "You've got to have those big plays, you've got to have scoring drives and you've got to be able to take it down the field and get points on the board. We didn't do that."

One of the perceived strengths of the spread is that it takes the pressure off the running backs and creates more open spaces to run through. But the Baylor running game never got going with only 47 net yards rushing between all Baylor players.

And to compound matters, starting running back Paul Mosley coughed up his first fumble in two years on the TCU 16 yard

line during the Bears' first drive of the second half.

Mosley's fumble, along with a Shawn Bell interception, were both somewhat expected growing pains for a brand new offense with some of the wrapping paper still coming off, but it doesn't make the mistakes any easier to swallow.

"We pretty much blew our foot off," Morriss said. "We couldn't find our rhythm and we couldn't get anyone to step up and make a big play for us."

Another piece of the spread that requires ample adjustment is the conditioning. Of the receiving corps, wide receivers Dominique Ziegler; Trent Shelton; Mikail Baker; who caught the Bears' lone touchdown; and Carl Sims all missed several plays due to cramps.

"We were in good shape," said Shelton, who caught five passes for 61 yards Sunday. "A lot of times, because it's the first game of the season, a lot of us just cramp up because of the excitement in the air. A lot of nerves are flowing and you really tighten up."

Morriss wasn't so sure.

"I was concerned about our cramping," Morriss said. "That's something we'll have to look into."

Despite the loss, the Bears offense can take some positives away from Sunday's defeat, and a big one came in a 6-foot-4, 266-pound package.

Terrance Parks, a converted tight end and two-game starter at quarterback for the Bears last season, led all receivers with seven catches for 65 yards, and his combination of size and strength appears to be an added bonus for an adjusting offense.

"We had some first game jitters, but we felt pretty good," Parks said. "We worked so hard for this game, it just didn't come out like we planned it."

Bell agreed that Parks has become a crucial cog in the Bears' growing offense.

"Terrance is a big target," Bell said. "If he's open, you're going to see him. He had a great ball game."

Baylor's 333 total offensive yards is a solid start, and coaches and players have stressed that improvement should be evident as each game passes.



Henry Chan/Lariat staff

Baylor rushed 47 yards and passed 286 yards in the season opener, losing to TCU 17-7. Offensive Coordinator Lee Hays remained optimistic, saying as the players become more comfortable with the new spread offense, Baylor will start scoring more points.

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Agassi loses to former BU standout

By Allie Cook
Reporter

With one final swing of his racquet, Baylor alumnus Benjamin Becker went from being a first-time player in the U.S. Open to the last person to play — and beat — tennis legend Andre Agassi.

By winning this match, Becker earned a name for himself that will not quickly be forgotten.

Stunned silence and then a four-minute ovation in tribute to Agassi followed Becker's unlikely victory. Becker joined in the applause for a life-long idol he said he never dreamed of actually playing, much less beating.

Agassi said before the beginning of this year's U.S. Open that this would be his final professional tournament before officially retiring.

"Everyone wanted to play him one more time," Becker said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

The former Baylor player ended Agassi's career with a final score of 7-5, 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-5 in a third-round match at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y.

"It was an emotional day for Benni as well," said Matt Knoll, director of men's tennis. "It showed a lot of character and class that he was able to step aside and let Andre have the attention he deserved."

Becker helped the Baylor men's tennis team win the NCAA National Championship in 2004 and won the NCAA Singles Championship in the same year.

The 25-year-old German entered the professional tennis ranks in July 2005. A little over a year later, he's ranked 112th in the world.

Knoll said what Becker has accomplished is "basically



Associated Press

Benjamin Becker and Andre Agassi congratulate each other after their match — Becker for a match well played, Agassi for a legacy well earned. Agassi lost his final career match against the Baylor graduate 7-5, 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-5.

unprecedented" so early in a player's career.

Becker's run at the tournament ended yesterday when he played ninth-seeded Andy Roddick, an American tennis superstar. Roddick won the fourth-round match in straight sets: 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Though his original goal was simply to qualify for this year's U.S. Open, Becker made it a bit deeper. Knoll expressed great pride in Becker's success.

"We thought he would certainly do well as a pro. He has done well quicker than we expected," Knoll said.

Becker played his first qualifying match against Italian Fabio Fognini on Aug. 23. Becker won in straight sets: 6-1, 6-4.

The next day Becker played Radim Zitco of the Czech Republic. Becker won 6-2, 6-3 and advanced to face Amer Delic for his third qualifying match.

Becker's win over Delic, with a score of 6-3, 6-4, proved doubly significant, pulling him into the top 100 players in the world and also marking his 100th professional win.

With the victory, Becker entered the main draw of the tournament.

In Round 1, Becker defeated Italian Filippo Volandri Aug. 28 in an intense four-set match. The final score was 4-6, 7-6(3), 6-4, 7-6(3). Next, Becker played

30th-seeded Sebastien Grosjean of France on Thursday in Round 2 and won 7-6(3), 6-1, 6-2.

Meanwhile, Agassi's 2nd round matchup was against Marcos Baghdatis of Cypress, seeded No. 8 in the world.

"I was nervous during (Agassi's) match. I was hoping he would win so I could play him," Becker said.

That dream came true. Agassi beat Baghdatis 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 5-7, 7-5.

Becker's said his perspective going into the match was that, win or lose, he would gain from the overall experience of playing Agassi.

"Obviously you think about and joke about playing him with your friends, but you never really think it will happen," Becker said. "It's amazing that I (got) the chance. Becker used his powerful serve Sunday to register 27 aces against Agassi, who suffered from intense back pain during the match.

Becker's win wasn't popular with the crowd. Boos met many of Becker's winning points, a response he wasn't used to.

Regardless, the match didn't just put Becker in the spotlight, Knoll said.

"The university got the kind of exposure that money can't buy," Knoll said. "I think it's just another thing that shows what a great place Baylor is."

Lady Bears win every match, set at tournament

By Brittany McGuire
Sports writer

The Baylor Lady Bears' volleyball team sent the competition packing for home with a 4-0 sweep at the Clarion Invitational tournament last weekend at the Ferrell Special Events Center.

Just winning each match wasn't enough for the team. The Lady Bears swept each of the three game sets in every match, convincingly defeating the universities of Louisiana-Monroe, New Mexico, Houston and Arkansas-Little Rock.

"I can't ever remember that happening," said Head Coach Jim Barnes, who was all smiles after the tournament.

He said it was his team's most solid performance of the season.

"It was good for our team to show some consistency," Barnes said. "We had good depth and focus even when I was bringing players in and out of the game."

All-Big 12 seniors Desiree Guilliard-Young and Nicole LeBlanc started every match to lead Baylor to the tournament sweep. LeBlanc, who leads the Big 12 with 4.90 kills per game, started her 100th straight career match

at the Cal Molten Classic at the beginning of the season.

LeBlanc said she just lets instinct take over while playing.

"We work hard in practice every day so that when you get in a game, you trust yourself and know what you're going to do," the Tampa, Fla., outside hitter said.

Middle blocker Guilliard-Young said the team's defense was consistently strong. The Lady Bears averaged 46 kills and 52 digs per match, out-hitting the competition in both.

"Our defense is our backbone right now. If you don't have a good defensive team, then you're essentially not a solid team," Guilliard-Young said.

In addition to the seniors' experience and leadership, freshmen Anna Breyfogle and Taylor Barnes have already made their mark on the team with strong performances of their own.

Breyfogle ranks third in the conference with 1.70 kills per game, and Barnes was named Clarion Invitational tournament MVP. Barnes averaged approximately 27 set assists per match and scored two service aces for every match.

Their individual efforts are great, but Coach Barnes said

their chemistry together is far more noticeable.

He said the two are great leaders for his nationally-ranked freshmen class.

Barnes said the competition, especially in the Big 12, will only get tougher as the season progresses.

"It's going to be a dogfight," he said.

The Lady Bears will travel to Nacogdoches this weekend for another round-robin tournament hosted by Stephen F. Austin State University. The team's first taste of conference action will be Sept. 13, when they face No. 25 Kansas State University in Waco.

Taylor Barnes said the team is looking forward to starting conference play. Baylor was ranked ninth in the Big 12 Preseason Coaches Poll, and finished last season with the same ranking. National runner-up University of Nebraska was picked to repeat as conference champions.

"Every day in practice we're working harder and harder. We're ready to take it to the next level," the Arlington setter said. "I think we're going to do great things in the conference. There's going to be a new Baylor team out there."

No. 1 Ohio State to face No. 2 Texas

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP Sports Writer

As if Ohio State at Texas wasn't already a big enough game, now it's No. 1 vs. No. 2.

The Longhorns moved up one spot to No. 2 in The Associated Press Top 25 on Tuesday, right behind the top-ranked Buckeyes.

The two powerhouses will

square off in Austin, Texas, on Saturday, a much-anticipated rematch of last year's 25-22 victory by Texas in Columbus, Ohio.

It'll be the first time since 1996 that the top two teams in the AP poll will meet in a regular-season game.

Last year's meeting between Texas and Ohio State was the first between the two storied programs. The Longhorns'

comeback victory, led by Vince Young, allowed them to clear a major hurdle on the way to their first outright national title since 1969, also the year Texas was last involved in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 regular-season matchup. Texas beat Arkansas in 1969.

The Longhorns are 4-0 in No. 1 against No. 2 games. Ohio State is 2-0 in 1-2 games. After Saturday, neither will be undefeated.

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‘Crocodile Hunter’ death mourned around world

By Dennis Passa
The Associated Press

BEERWAH, Australia — Steve Irwin pulled a poisonous stingray barb from his chest in his dying moments, his longtime manager said Tuesday after watching videotape of the attack that killed the popular “Crocodile Hunter.”

Irwin’s body was returned home to Beerwah, a hamlet in southeastern Queensland on the fringe of the Outback where he lived with his wife and two young children. Irwin turned a modest reptile park opened by his parents into Australia Zoo, a wildlife reserve that has become an international tourist attraction.

Hundreds placed bouquets and handwritten notes at an ad hoc shrine to the popular 44-year-old naturalist outside the park, and other tributes flowed in from Canberra to Hollywood.

The dramatic details of Irwin’s death Monday as he was shooting a program on the Great Barrier Reef were disclosed by John Stainton, his manager and close friend. He said he had viewed the videotape showing the TV star pulling the poisonous stingray barb from his chest.

“It shows that Steve came over the top of the ray and the tail came up, and spiked him here (in the chest), and he pulled it out, and the next minute he’s gone,” Stainton told reporters in Cairns, the nearest city to

tiny Batt Reef off Australia’s far northeast coast where the accident happened.

Stainton said the video was “shocking.”

“It’s a very hard thing to watch, because you are actually witnessing somebody die, and it’s terrible,” he said.

The tape was not released to the public. Queensland state police took possession of a copy for a coroner’s investigation.

State police Superintendent Michael Keating said Irwin was “interacting” with the stingray when it flicked its tail and speared his chest with the bone-hard serrated spine it bore, the normally placid animal’s main defense mechanism.

“There is no evidence Mr. Irwin was threatening or intimidating the stingray,” Keating said, addressing speculation that a man who became famous by leaping on crocodiles and snatching up snakes must have been too close for the animal’s comfort.

Irwin’s boundless energy and daredevil antics around deadly beasts made him a household name as the Discovery Channel’s “The Crocodile Hunter,” with a reported audience of more than 200 million.

“He was a genuine, one-off, remarkable Australian individual and I am distressed at his death,” Australian Prime Minister John Howard said, interrupting a session of parliament Tuesday.

His opposition counterpart, Kim Beazley, said: “He was not

only a great Aussie bloke, he was determined to instill his passion for the environment and its inhabitants in everybody he met.”

Hundreds of people journeyed Tuesday to Australia Zoo to remember Irwin.

Tia Koivisto drove her daughter Ella, 3, for more than an hour from the Queensland capital of Brisbane to lay a floral tribute.

“I was quite moved by what happened. I felt I had to come up and pay my respects,” Koivisto said.

People thronged around the entrance of the park, near a billboard featuring Irwin holding a crocodile in his arms and his catch phrase, “Crikey!”

It reopened the day after Irwin’s death following a staff meeting to discuss its future.

“We’re all devastated,” said Gail Gipp, the park’s hospital wildlife manager. “It is very surreal at the moment. We’re determined to carry on what he would have wanted.”

There was no condolence book, but mourners lined up to sign messages onto khaki work shirts, another Irwin trademark, that were draped outside the gate. Someone placed flowers in the mouth of a wooden crocodile nearby.

“Mate, you made the world a better place,” read one poster left at the gate. “Steve, our hero, our legend, our wildlife warrior,” read another.

“I thought you were immortal. How I wish that was true,” said a third.

cial,” Owens said.

Owens hopes to set an example for her four children. Despite the high costs of Baylor, earning her undergraduate degree was top priority.

“Baylor made that happen,” Owens said. “They helped a lot, but I couldn’t be here without a little sacrifice.”

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was “glad” she was called to pick up her daughter.

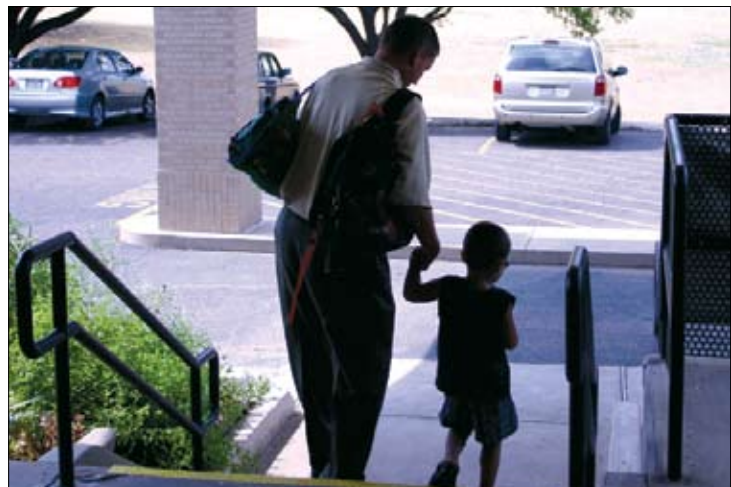
As they exited the center, Becker and her daughter looked at a cage as it was being brought into the building by Baylor Facility Services.

The cage was large enough to hold a skunk and was baited with a chicken leg.

The maintenance staff would not comment on the cages.

Kilgore said he was thankful the center puts kids’ health “first and foremost.”

“As a parent when you get a call like this, you want it to be about a skunk,” Kilgore said.



Tommy Stone/Lariat staff

Parents of daycare students had to pick their children up early when a strong skunk odor shut down operations at in the Piper Child Development Center.

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the industry at a time when Western oil and gas companies are finding fewer opportunities in politically unstable parts of the world, including the Middle East, Africa and Russia.

The proximity of the Gulf of Mexico to the world’s largest oil consuming nation makes it especially attractive. And it could bring pressure on Florida and other states to relax limits they have placed on drilling in their offshore waters for environmental and tourism reasons.

The country’s reserves currently are more than 29 billion barrels of oil equivalent, according to the U.S. Energy Department.

But the U.S. imports most of its oil from abroad and its overall supply is tiny when compared with, say, Saudi Arabia, whose reserves exceed 250 billion barrels.

Chevron’s well, called “Jack 2,” was drilled about 5.3 miles below sea level. Chevron has a 50 percent stake in the field, while partners Statoil ASA of Norway and Devon Energy

Corp. of Oklahoma City own 25 percent each.

During the test, the Jack 2 well sustained a flow rate of more than 6,000 barrels of oil per day, but analysts and executives believe the payoff could be much larger than that.

The financial implications of the prospect are most significant for independent oil and gas producer Devon, which is the smallest of the three partners. Devon’s shares soared about 12 percent on the New York Stock Exchange.

“This could not have happened in a better place,” Devon CEO Larry Nichols said in a conference call with analysts.

The successful test well does not mean a huge supply of cheap oil will hit the market anytime soon.

Oppenheimer & Co. analyst Fadel Gheit estimated that the first production for the Chevron-led partnership might not come on line until after 2010, depending on how many more test wells the companies drill.

That said, many companies, including BP PLC, Exxon Mobil Corp. and Anadarko Petroleum

Corp., stand to benefit from their own projects in the so-called lower tertiary, a rock formation that is 24 million to 65 million years old.

“They may be the first ones to hit the jackpot, but if the current thinking is correct, this is only a beginning,” Gheit said.

The well was drilled in the Walker Ridge area of the Gulf, about 270 miles southwest of New Orleans and 175 miles off the coast. It followed up a discovery made by Chevron in 2004.

San Ramon, Calif.-based Chevron said the well set a variety of records, including the deepest well successfully tested in the Gulf of Mexico.

Chevron said the well was drilled more than 20,000 feet under the sea floor below 7,000 feet of water for a total depth of 28,175 feet.

Shares of Devon rose \$7.73, or 12.1 percent, to \$71.88 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange, above the top end of the stock’s 52-week range of \$48.94 to \$70.35. Shares of Chevron rose \$1.76, or 2.7 percent, to \$66.59.

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37-year-old sophomore, said.

After attending various community colleges, Owens focused on Baylor to complete her undergraduate degree in forensic science.

“It’s expensive, but everything is here,” Owens said.

“There’s the beautiful campus, health services, counseling programs and great professors.”

To afford books and gas, Owens had to take an extra job at a grocery store in her hometown.

It takes more than an hour each day to travel to and from Baylor so “affording gas was cru-

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it is not possible to turn off the Mini Feed feature, but users can hide individual stories that appear on the feed about them.

“Facebook prides itself in giving users complete control over

the information that they share with others,” the representative said in the e-mail.

Brian Veloso, a Web designer from Banning, Calif., created the new version and is also a Facebook user.

He was employed by Face-

book until May before he moved on to other work.

Tuesday, an online petition was created to encourage the owners of Facebook to either drop the News Feed and Mini Feed features, or to remove themselves from other’s feeds.

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