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Frat seeks redemption

Sig Eps want back on campus after hazing incidents

By Laura Klingsporn
Reporter

Sigma Phi Epsilon is petitioning Baylor and the fraternity's national organization to return to campus a year earlier than expected.

When Sigma Phi Epsilon National pulled the charter last year, the chapter was told their return to campus wouldn't be considered until spring 2008.

Sigma Phi Epsilon was removed from campus by their national organization in the spring of 2005 after multiple hazing incidents were reported. As it does with all student organizations, Baylor reported the incidents to the national organization. Sigma Phi Epsilon National decided the Baylor chapter was not upholding the values the fraternity was founded on, Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president of student life, said.

"We weren't doing anything anyone else wasn't doing," Chase Steffens, a Sugarland senior and former Sigma Phi Epsilon member, said. "It is naïve to think that no one is hazing around campus. It doesn't hurt anyone."

Steffens said he blames part of Sig Eps removal on the fact that the organization wasn't as active in campus activities as other fraternities. Steffens said he believes student groups that are more active in campus life receive lesser punishments.

Oliver said if the petition to return to campus is approved, Sigma Phi Epsilon would begin

recruitment in spring 2007. The fraternity would receive startup counseling from Student Activities in addition to the counseling provided by the national organization. The new fraternity would not be treated any differently than other new student organizations, Oliver said.

Student Activities is hoping to make a final decision regarding Sigma Phi Epsilon's petition within this month to allow the fraternity enough time to get organized for recruitment.

"I am not concerned with them coming back on campus," Oliver said. "If we (Student Activities) were that concerned, we wouldn't allow them to come back."

Student Activities and the Interfraternity Council (IFC) are two major players in the decision to allow Sigma Phi Epsilon back on campus.

"The general consensus among the fraternity presidents and myself was that it would be a good thing," Brady Phillips, IFC president said. "It would be a good thing for the greek system. Sigma Phi Epsilon National is a really strong organization. They are really in line with Baylor's values."

A former member is also in favor of the group returning.

"I think it was a great organization and I hope it comes back," Steffens said. "I want someone to come back to. I want someone to play alumni golf with and tailgate with."

Other former members of Sigma Phi Epsilon declined to comment for this story. Representatives from the national charter were unavailable by press time.

Strengthening Faith

161-year icon stays current with students

By Stephanie Thompson
and Analiz González
Reporter/Staff writer

In the 1930s, Baylor President Pat Neff used to preach at chapel services, often warning students of the evils of smoking and publicly expelling anyone he caught lighting up before the service.

"If (Neff) found a student smoking, he would wait until the entire university was assembled for Chapel and then, from the platform, call the student by name," said Todd Lake, university chaplain from 1999 to 2004. "They were told to leave chapel immediately and get their belongings and leave campus by sunset, a very Texas touch."

Chapel might not be as strict as it was when it started more than 150 years ago, but students are still required to complete two semesters of it to graduate.

Ryan Richardson, coordinator for chapel worship and media, said one of Chapel's biggest strengths is that it "has the flexibility to bring people from all different religions and backgrounds. This is crucial because we want students to be interested

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Chapel changes aimed at attracting interest

By Analiz González
and Stephanie Thompson
Staff writer/Reporter

If this is your second semester at Chapel, you may have noticed a change.

This year, speakers who discuss certain issues will be grouped together by themes to form a type of series. The three

themes being presented this year will be local missions, cultural awareness and a "micro-macro view" of missions locally and abroad, said Ryan Richardson, coordinator for worship and media at Chapel.

"We are now trying to stick within certain themes while real-

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Baylor students listen intently to a musical performance during Chapel. Chapel has been an institution at Baylor for more than 150 years.

Baylor Photography

Sixteen freshmen take new posts

By Van Darden
Staff Writer

Noah G. Hutchison II stepped forward into the light with a smile on his face.

The Lindale freshman shook Student Body President Mark Laymon's hand and accepted his nomination for freshman class president.

Hutchison thanked the small crowd gathered in front of Judge Baylor's bronze statue.

"I look forward to helping further integrate Baylor's freshman class with the administration and board of regents," Hutchison said, reiterating his platform.

Hutchison is joined by Freshman Vice President Yong-Yong Huang, a Shanghai, China, native, and Cleburne freshman

Holly Maddox, freshman class secretary/treasurer, as leaders of the freshman executive branch.

"We had a lot of interest and positive support from this year's freshman class," said Houston senior Kevin Nguyen, student government's electoral commissioner.

Thirteen freshmen, Allison Bailiff, Skyler Herring, Natalie Baker, Tim Tye, Jessica "J. Flow" Liu, Chris Paxton, Tyler Goodwin, Chelle Nipper, Becca Scott, Jordan Hannah, Vincent R. Harris, Rachel Kirkpatrick and Nicole Yeakley won bids for student senator seats.

The 16 freshmen will get their first taste of student government at tomorrow night's weekly meeting.

"They'll meet with Mark Laymon and [Internal Vice Presi-

dent] Travis Plummer and learn their responsibilities for this year's term," Nguyen said. "President Lilley will address them as well, laying out his expectations of them."

Another freshman class president hopeful, Bullard native Scott "Crazy Legs" Cook, said he ran because he felt he could help the freshman class successfully get several fundraising ideas off the ground.

Another, Plano freshman Zheryk Badugu, said he ran for freshman class president said he wanted to serve because he believes in "going with the flow and listening to the people."

Nguyen said he was impressed with how smoothly this year's election went.

"We've had some controversy in recent years around coalition

campaigning," Nguyen said. "But we really feel like this year went off without a hitch."

Nguyen said coalition campaigning occurs when one or more candidates campaign together.

This year's freshman class president said he's excited about serving his class.

"I've had an active part in student government and leadership organizations for a while now," Hutchison said. "The Lord's blessed me by being a people person and student government has put me in a place where I can mix politics and social functions."

Nguyen commented on this year's freshman class, saying how he was both impressed

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Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Student Body President Mark Laymon announces Cleburne freshman Holly Maddox as the new secretary/treasurer of the class of 2010.

BU Health Center networks with insurance companies

By Greer Kinsey
Reporter

If you've experienced a long wait at the McLane Student Life Center this semester, you're not alone. The long lines are due to a change in the student health insurance policy that began in August.

If a student is covered by a plan other than the university sponsored plan, the Baylor Health Center will now bill that person's health insurance company for services received. The insurance claim will automati-

cally go from the health center to your insurance company, said Rosemary Townsend, director of business affairs and administration.

When visiting the health center for the first time this year, students should plan on coming 10-15 minutes early and have their insurance cards ready so the health center can get all of the student's information for the new program, Townsend said.

She also said the health center pulled 2,000 students' health charts in May to find which insurance companies are most

used at Baylor.

The top 10 were chosen and the health center is now in the process of getting in network with the companies.

When in network with the university, the insurance company will pay more on a claim, which benefits the student more than if it is out of network.

Three of the 10 companies are currently in network: Cigna, Aetna and United Health. All 10 companies have been approved, which means they do accept student health insurance but are not yet in network. Townsend said

the health center expects every company to be in network by the end of the semester, which is "way ahead of schedule."

Dr. Martha Lou Scott, assistant vice-president of Student Life, helped develop and implement the new plan. Scott said students have more services and pay less for them.

"It's rather complicated to get something like this up and running," Townsend said. "It will take us a while to get in network with all of the providers we're seeking, but it's going remarkably well."

The plan is four months ahead of schedule, and the fact that all 10 companies have approved is "really good," Townsend said.

The only payments required by students are services not covered by their insurance plan, or a co-payment that is charged to the student account by students' insurance company.

However, the health center will still help students without health insurance. Based on Medicare rates, Townsend said a nurse visit costs \$10, a 15-minute physician visit costs \$15, and an extended physician visit

costs \$20.

"This is actually very cost effective," Townsend said. "We wanted to do whatever we could to help students in that position."

Townsend said the new health insurance plan has received a positive response across campus.

When the plan was explained at freshmen orientation, there was an "overwhelmingly positive" response.

There haven't been any nega-

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It's easy to lose your appetite over health code scores

I love to eat, and I love to eat out. But what I don't love to do is think about where my food might have been.

As I flipped channels, some inner force made me stop on the Waco channel. Food inspection scores of local restaurants were scrolling across the screen. I managed to begin watching just as they were announcing temporary closures.

When a restaurant is temporarily closed, the channel lists specific reasons for the closing. For one Waco restaurant, the list

was so long I thought it would never end.

How would you feel if you ordered a cheeseburger that had been dropped on the floor, put back together and innocently served on a dirty plate? Well believe it or not, this particular restaurant did just that.

Would it surprise you to know that several of the most frequented restaurants in Waco are under siege by the city's health department due to health code violations? It surprised me.

Health code inspection is a

point of view

BY ANNA WOODCOCK



regularly required procedure that every food establishment must undergo. The purpose of the inspection is to prevent food-borne illnesses.

A 27-item list scrutinizes everything from employee

hygiene to food temperature. Three to five demerits are assigned to each violation and affect the overall score, which ranges from zero to 100. At 30 demerits, expect your restaurant to be temporarily closed until you clean up your act.

It seems simple: Clean daily; don't reuse food or dirty dishes; wash your hands; perform routine pest extermination; take out the trash. What's so hard about that? Didn't we all learn the clean-up song in kindergarten? Apparently not.

And don't assume this applies only to fast food restaurants or hole-in-the-wall joints. National chains and upscale restaurants are dirty culprits, too.

You might be paying \$50 for that steak, but you may have unknowingly checked your right to quality and hygiene at the door.

So how can you be so sure that you're getting food that's truly clean? Well, you can't. But you can be aware of restaurants that have had repeat problems and are currently being inspect-

ed by checking the actual scores on the city of Waco's Web site at www.waco-texas.com.

Now this doesn't mean restaurants run deceitful establishments and purposely try to poison their customers. It just means certain individuals are careless and lazy in their operations. But it just goes to show — one bad apple really can spoil the whole bunch.

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Editorial

No Child Left Behind analysis denies facts

Practice makes perfect. Perfection is difficult to attain in any nationwide campaign, especially education.

But the Bush administration says it is close to it with the No Child Left Behind Act, which was signed into law on Jan. 8, 2002.

On Aug. 30, The Associated Press reported that Education Secretary Margaret Spellings said, "I talk about No Child Left Behind like Ivory soap: It's 99.9 percent pure or something. There's not much needed in the way of a change."

Apparently we have solved our nation's education problems. But that's not the case when you take a closer look at McLennan County.

An article about No Child Left Behind published in 2004 in the magazine *National Review* "since 1965, the United States has nearly tripled the amount spent on every public school student in the nation, even adjusted for inflation.

Yet over the same period of time test scores nationwide have stubbornly remained flat."

A clear example of this can be found within the Waco Independent School District. In 2005, the Waco ISD reported the cumulative pass rate for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test was 81 percent. The state average is 90 percent.

Taking a closer look at third- to



eighth-grade math skills also shows a declining trend. Eighth graders' performance dropped 9.2 percent from 2003 to 2005 and third graders' fell 11.6 percent in the same period.

The pass rate for the TAKS test was 91 percent in 2005. If nine percent of students in Texas are failing standardized tests, is the system really that perfect?

WISD hasn't caught up with the Spellings' "perfect" label, but that

doesn't mean it isn't going to happen.

Government programs like No Child Left Behind are promoting a quality public school education, and we should strive to achieve that goal. However, ignoring the problem and claiming the program is perfect is a vain attempt to pull wool over the nation's eyes.

The No Child Left Behind Act has only existed for five years. Perhaps it's a bit too early to call it a victory.

Reg Weaver, president of the National Education Association, said in the Associated Press story, "The reality is that poll after poll speaks to the concerns people have. They are not arguing with the goals. They are not arguing with accountability. But they say something needs to be done to fix this law."

If practice makes perfect, our public education system has more practice to do.

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Letters to the editor

Deactivate Facebook account if unsatisfied

If you Facebook.com users are so against the new features, why not just deactivate your accounts? Just go to "My Account" on the left-hand side. I deactivated my account on Tuesday.

Aaron Bae
Journalism/history 2008

Crocodile Hunter cartoon makes light of death

When I heard that a group of Baylor students were glad that Steve Irwin passed away because they felt his animal antics were annoying, I was appalled. But when I saw a comic depicting Steve Irwin pointing to an archangel in the Sept. 6 issue of the *Lariat*, I was completely saddened.

Irwin is a man who cared deeply for animals, and his life mission was to bring animal conservation to the forefront of American and Australian culture.

But besides his work to preserve endangered animals and their habitats, he was a man who left behind two children and a wife.

I can only imagine how they would feel if they saw this comic. They are in a period of mourning and for the *Lariat* to make light of a man's death is truly sad.

Keisha Ray
Philosophy 2007

Prepackaged PowerPoint don't benefit us

point of view

BY AARON TURNEY



Unison, an over-the-counter sleep aid, warns users not to "drive, use machinery or do anything that needs mental alertness until you know how it will affect you." The same warning label should accompany every copy of PowerPoint.

Be it science, religion, business or English class, most of us have been subjected to an all-too-familiar PowerPoint slideshow right after eating a large lunch. Maybe it's the Thanksgiving meal syndrome that triggers a need for a nap, but I experience it regardless of whether I've eaten when the slides show up.

My particular irritation is the presentation prepared by the textbook publisher, which gives the teacher license to read bold words from the screen in a mere regurgitation of the textbook, a task that I am more than capable of doing. When all the material that will be presented is written on the slides, and no additional material — be

it a story, real life application or a reading — will be discussed in class, any motivation I had to go to class, other than the university attendance policy, is eradicated. My motivation is further reduced if the slideshow is posted on Blackboard. I'd be more than happy to fire up my laptop at 8 a.m., sit in my bathrobe and run through a slideshow, or better yet, do it in the afternoon after a good night's sleep.

When a laser pointer is used as a glorified Mickey Mouse silhouette as it bounces over each word on the screen, it's hard to justify why a course is so expensive. PowerPoint should not be used as a crutch to buoy bad teaching.

I am not saying that the majority of teachers who employ PowerPoint in their classrooms use it in this way. There are many who supplement the material with their own slides, anecdotes and readings and use PowerPoint as it was designed: as a prompt, not a script.

This warning goes for students as well. Many class project slide-shows are simply boring and do not point out any new information. And sometimes they only confuse, even in the professional world.

In volume one of NASA's Report of Columbia Accident, the Investigation Board reported, "The Board views the endemic use of PowerPoint briefing slides instead of technical papers as an illustration of the problematic methods of technical communication at NASA." It also states, "When engineering analyses and risk assess-

ments are condensed to fit on a standard form or overhead slide, information is inevitably lost."

The investigation points out that units of measurement were written inconsistently and the word "significant" and "significantly" appear five times on one slide "with de facto meanings ranging from 'detectable in largely irrelevant calibration case study' to 'an amount of damage so that everyone dies.'"

Did bad communication on a PowerPoint slide single-handedly cause Columbia to disintegrate 40 miles above Hemphill? It is impossible to suggest such a thing given that NASA's report is 248 pages long. But it may have played a part.

Teaching effectively and accurately may not be life or death in the English classroom, but how about in medical school?

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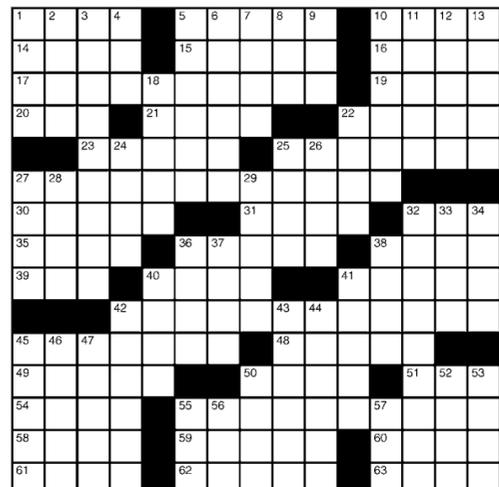
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA 9/7/06

For today's crossword and sudoku answers, visit www.baylor.edu/Lariat

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Associated Press

A warm welcome home

Army Capt. Charles Rozek greets his wife Amber Rozek and children Mark Rozek, 4, left, and Malena Rozek, 3, Monday at Fort Hood upon his return from a year-long tour of duty in Iraq. About 150 soldiers from the Army's 4th Infantry Division returned.

Fake IDs purchased on Web

By Christine Tamer
Staff Writer

If you search for the word "fake ID" on Google.com, the search will yield several links to Web sites of companies specializing in novelty IDs.

One example, TheIDShop.com, produces false driver's licenses for 18 different states.

Identification cards from ID Shop.com range in price from \$100 to \$130, depending whether a hologram is requested.

Ordering a fake ID online can be done in a few steps. Customers must agree to terms stating the ID is not an official government document. The customer must then fill out the ID information and submit a photo and signature.

Treffs Grill sees about two to three attempted fake-ID users a night, General Manager Cory Wauson said.

"Most students are using real Texas IDs, but it's not actually them," Wauson said. "Students are using older friends' and brothers' and sisters' IDs."

When differentiating a real ID from a fake ID, Wauson said Treffs looks closely at the expiration date and pic-

ture resemblance.

Crickets Grill has about five cases of fake-ID use a week, General Manager Harold Manning said.

"A fake ID is a fake ID," Manning said. "We view it as someone attempting to violate the TABC (Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission) law."

Crickets cards guests at the front door, he said, and if staff members find a fake ID, they turn away the person trying to use it.

Manning said Crickets cannot actually take someone's driver's license, but the restaurant does contact the TABC.

Brian Bond, a TABC agent at the Waco district office, said he does not see many cases involving fake IDs.

"Most of the bars don't contact us," Bond said. "We don't see that many, to be honest."

Fake IDs are "easy to get these days," he said. "Most people are getting better quality ones on the Internet."

Bond said selling and buying novelty IDs on the Internet is not illegal because the IDs indicate that it's not a government document. However, he said, fake ID's are only legal if kept in their novelty form. If a person removes

the novelty disclaimer and attempts to use the ID, then it is illegal, Bond said.

Wauson said he has encountered a couple of "funny" fake ID situations.

He said he once had a woman come in to Treffs attempting to use one of his ex-girlfriend's IDs. Another time Wauson said a guy photocopied an older person's driver's license and scotch taped it to his high school ID.

To get around scams such as these, Treffs simply asks people to take their IDs out of their wallets, Wauson said.

Fines for fake IDs generally are in conjunction with other alcohol offenses, said Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak. In the past, he said, students have not been charged just for possessing a fake ID.

Baylor police officers are extensively trained in how to spot fake ID's and have learned much through experience, Doak said.

Misrepresentation of age by a minor can result in 180 days in jail and fine of \$250 to \$2,000, according to the TABC code. The code also states that manufacturers of fake IDs face a felony offense that would lead to 10 years in jail and fines, if convicted.

Skunk stench clouds Piper again

By Laura Frase
Staff Writer

The skunks strike again.

The Piper Child Development Center was scheduled to reopen Wednesday after closing Tuesday due to skunk odors, but after another round of spraying from skunks, the center was forced to close its doors again.

With the "nuisance odor" seeping into carpet and nostrils alike, the university worked overtime to neutralize the smell, said Dr. Jess Kelly, manager of Environmental Health and Safety Services.

"We've used non-toxic, non-allergenic deodorizer for two days," Kelly said. "We have the facility opened up, blower fans, and we're obviously trying to remove all the skunks."

There also are plans to change some of the intake to the air conditioning system to avoid picking up skunk odors, Warren Ricks, Risk Management director, said.

The team removed four skunks from the area but believe there could be one more on the loose, Kelly said.

He said the skunks never made it into the building, but crawled beneath the structure in an abandoned pipe.

"For some reason, time has allowed the top (of the pipe) to collapse in," Kelly said, allowing skunks to breach the foundation.

Kelly said she isn't surprised that skunks were found beneath the center because skunks are spotted every year in the area.

Anybody living in the city limits is bound to see some type of wild animal, he said.

To prevent any future incidents from happening, the collapsed pipe will be filled once it's certain no skunks remain inside, he said.

Kelly said he also plans to implement proactive trapping in the future.

To ensure the skunks had vacated the pipe, a camera was sent into the

pipe to survey the area, Ricks said.

Kelly stressed that the captured skunks are safe and alive, and the traps are "very humane."

The Piper center will remain closed today, but will reopen its doors Friday at normal hours.

In the meantime, Kelly said the center will continue to treat the air in the daycare facility and building to neutralize the skunk smell.

The center will also continue setting traps to capture any additional animals.

"It's always an inconvenience for parents when they are counting on you to take care of their children, but as far as the Piper Center goes ... our first and foremost concern is the safety of the children and staff," said Barbara Crosby, Piper Center director.

"We're doing everything we can to open back up as soon as possible," she said. "Even though, it's inconvenient for the parents, it's the right thing to do. Everybody has been supportive."

BEAR BRIEFS

Lariat positions available

The Baylor Lariat has openings for copy editor, assistant city editor and staff writer for the fall semester. Scholarships are available with some positions. Applications are available online at www.baylor.edu/lariat.

After Dark auditions

After Dark auditions will be held from 5 to 11:45 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Magellan Society meeting

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

First Gamma Beta Phi meeting

Gamma Beta Phi is holding its first meeting of the semester at 6:30 p.m. today in Draper

Academic Building 116.

Turtle exhibit at Mayborn

Turtles Past and Present, an in-depth look into the lives of turtles, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Mayborn Museum Complex.

OALA 'First Thursdays'

The Office of Access and Learning Accommodation is hosting First Thursdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. today at the OALA offices in the Speight Plaza Parking Garage.

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Brooks Hall residents bond over memories

By Sarah Viesca
Reporter

Built in 1921, Brooks Residence Hall created a community for thousands of Baylor men. The five-story building named in honor of Baylor's seventh President, Samuel Palmer Brooks, housed 230 residents at a time, primarily freshmen.

With the leveling of the dorm and current construction under way for Brooks Village, former residents were forced to transition into new living environments.

William Yuengel, a Chaparral, N.M., junior, said he would still be living in Brooks because "the community made it special."

Yuengel lived in Brooks for two years but is now living at the Williamsburg Apartments on Fifth Street. He said living off campus took some getting used to.

"The overall community is gone and you become isolated in your room," he said.

Although living off campus might have its benefits, Yuengel said many responsibilities come with it, such as paying bills and making repairs.

"You feel more like a kid living in Brooks because you could do what you want and in the apartment you feel more adult because you're responsible for your actions," Yuengel said.

Even though Yuengel misses the special aspects of Brooks, he said he doesn't miss having to share a bathroom with an entire hall.

He said he also enjoys forming new bonds with his roommates, while still being able to keep old friendships.

"Now that Brooks is torn down, we're all gradually finding each other and keeping in touch," Yuengel said.

James Nortey, an El Paso junior and former Brooks community leader, agreed that the Brooks community was special because "it didn't matter



File photo

In a photo taken during the fall of 2005, Brooks Residence Hall stands tall amid plans of demolition and construction of a new facility. Past residents who would have chosen to remain at the dorm this year have relocated to many off-campus locations.

that it was the oldest dorm. All that mattered was that we were friends."

Nortey said that it was sometimes difficult to do things inside the dorm due to the lack of cable and Internet connections, but the dorm's unity made up for it.

"We didn't have the best of everything, but the big-screen TV in the lobby forced everyone to talk to one another," Nortey said.

Now a CL at Martin Residence Hall, Nortey said that it has been easier to get to know the people living around him because residents can see the entire hall.

In Brooks, residents could only see the rooms next door or across the hall.

"The people inside make the building. It's not the walls, but the community inside the walls," he said.

Former Hall Director Larry Hughes oversees a spectrum of Baylor students living at Arbors,

Baylor Plaza and Speight-Jenkins Apartments.

"I have three separate apartment communities; one with freshmen men and women, one with upperclassmen and one with graduate students," Hughes said.

Regardless of the larger community, Hughes said he's still excited and wants to make sure that the freshmen residents have an amazing experience.

"With freshmen living in an apartment community, I wanted to make sure they had a great Baylor experience and didn't feel like they were cheated out of their Baylor experience," he said.

While Brooks will always be a special place, Hughes understands that the building needed updating. He also attributed the hall's success to the its residents and staff over the years.

"When you have a phenomenal staff that cares, you're going to have a great community," Hughes said.

Assistant professor receives NEH fellowship to write book

By Lauren Hightower
Reporter

Dr. Thomas Kidd's office is filled with books. Some time next year another book will join his collection: one of his own writing.

This year Kidd, assistant professor of history, has been awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) after competing with professors and scholars across the nation.

If an applicant receives a fellowship, their research will be funded for a full year.

Kidd was selected for this year's fellowship, which will pay for a full year away from teaching to research and write his proposed book, *Awakenings: The First Generation of American Evangelical Christianity*. The book will focus on the first

Great Awakening.

"We tend to see evangelical history in terms of named revivals," Kidd said. "It's misleading, in a way, because it implies that nothing is happening in between."

Kidd said his book will show the development of the evangelical movement from the 1780s to the American Revolution. He said he's interested in this period because it's the first generation of evangelical Christianity in America.

"Because evangelicals have such a focus on presenting the message of Christ, they have been very comfortable with using the techniques of the world," Kidd said.

One of the things Kidd said fascinates him the most is the diversity of the people who are known as evangelicals. They ranged from advocates of free-

dom of religion to people who believed the American Revolution was an ungodly war. Included among their ranks were missionaries among the Native Americans, which Kidd said was seen as a "badge of honor."

Kidd's achievement has been met with encouragement and enthusiasm in the history department, department chairman Jeffrey Hamilton said.

"Part of (Baylor) 2012 is developing a world-class faculty," Hamilton said. "Dr. Kidd's achievement is an indication that this is occurring."

Kidd has already published several works on religious issues. "His work is already nationally acclaimed, and he is also a great colleague," said Dr. Kimberly Kellison, assistant professor of history. "And that is the kind of thing that Baylor is constantly looking for."

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Iran president wants debate against Bush

By Nasser Karimi
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's president on Wednesday proposed a debate with President Bush at this month's U.N. General Assembly, saying it would be the perfect place for an uncensored discussion the whole world could watch.

The White House had no immediate response. But it dismissed a previous TV debate proposal from President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as a "diversion" from serious concerns over Iran's nuclear program.

It was not clear if Iran planned to make a formal proposal through diplomatic channels or whether — as seemed more likely — Ahmadinejad's comments were merely more in a line of provocative and often confrontational statements he's made since taking office a year ago.

The overture did seem to signal that Ahmadinejad is determined to try to shape the world debate over Iran's intentions and continue to ignore the West's insistence to curb its nuclear program.

Wednesday, Iran also

postponed a tentative meeting with a top European Union official to discuss the nuclear controversy — a step that seemed to dim prospects that the country will make concessions. The United States has said it will push for U.N. sanctions because of Iran's refusal to suspend uranium enrichment as the U.N. had demanded.

Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful energy uses only but the United States and some Europeans believe the regime seeks nuclear weapons. On Tuesday, Bush said he would never allow a nuclear-armed Iran because such a government could blackmail the free world.

"I am not going to allow this to happen," Bush said in a speech on terrorism. "And no future American president can allow it, either."

A spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan demurred when asked if the late September world gathering, also known as the General Debate, would be a suitable place for a Bush-Ahmadinejad get-together.

The United Nations headquarters has no formal



Associated Press

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad flashes a victory sign, during a public gathering in the city of Maku, northwestern Iran, Friday. Iran underlined its disregard Friday for the U.N. deadline to halt uranium enrichment — now expired — when its president vowed never to give up its nuclear program and accused the West of misrepresenting Tehran's nuclear activities.

debating facility, though one of its numerous conference rooms could certainly be used.

"I'm just not going to go down this road, I've decided," said the spokesman, Stephane Dujarric.

Ahmadinejad made the debate proposal at a Cabinet meeting in Tehran and it was reported on his official Web site. He said the U.N. venue would allow Americans and people around the world to watch and

listen without censorship, and that Bush could bring advisers.

During an earlier speech Wednesday to a religious conference, the president said he proposed a debate originally "to say that the period of bullying has expired. But false advocates of democracy avoided it because of their arrogance and lack of logic," Ahmadinejad said, according to the Islamic Republic News Agency.

Math department to move; no campus location set

By Erin Pedigo
Reporter

Dr. Eugene Tidmore, a retired math professor, said he had no idea his former department was going to be displaced for six months next spring.

When he heard the mathematics and psychology departments would have to move out of the Sid Richardson Science Building to make room for the Paul F. Foster Success Center, he said he was surprised.

Tidmore taught math at Baylor for 35 years before retiring in 2004. He taught statistics, analysis and math modeling. A little bit of everything, he said.

He was teaching at Baylor when the mathematics department was on the third and fourth floors of Pat Neff Hall.

Back then, in the early '60s, there were five classrooms for 11 full-time and three part-time faculty members.

The faculty had seven offices when the department moved to Sid Richardson Science Building in 1967, Tidmore said.

After the move they had seven classrooms, an audio lab and 17 offices housing the faculty.

"A big change was office space," he said.

However big the change may have been, with 1,000 students and 13 full-time faculty members, the math department soon grew too large to function effectively there, Tidmore said.

The move out of Sid Richardson Science Building will be good not only because of the increased space, but also financially for the mathematics department, he said.

"With the size of that building, it's a good thing, he said.

"From a financial standpoint it's probably good that (the Paul L. Foster Success Center) is coming. The math department

has been in bad shape, in need of over-heads. We were operating (in Sid Richardson Science Building) basically in closets," he said.

When the Baylor Sciences Building was built two years ago, the math department had to stay in Sid Richardson Science Building because original plans to move it there fell through.

At that time Tidmore, involved with office design and layout for the new building, was in on the original plan to have the new building connect the Sid Richardson and Marrs McLean science buildings.

The Baylor Board of Regents scrapped that plan after seeing the \$60 million price tag.

Dr. Robert Piziak, interim chair of the mathematics department, said he's worried about where math courses will be held next spring.

For now, Piziak said it's undecided where the department will move in the spring.

"We have 30 faculty and 20 graduate students that we have to find places for six months. They're going to have to see which sections (the mathematics department) can teach, get us housed (and) find us a place to teach (in the spring)," Piziak said.

There are 3,243 students taking math courses, Piziak said.

"I've seen quite a variety of courses over my time here," he said.

Piziak said renovations also will be done on the bathrooms, the courtyard and air conditioning units in the spring.

"All Sid Richardson occupants will benefit from the upgrading," he said.

Howard Rolf is a retired math professor and a colleague of Tidmore's.

The news surprised him, as well.

"Any time you have to make a move like that it's disruptive," he said.

Atlantis shuttle delayed



Associated Press

The Space Shuttle Atlantis sits on Pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006. NASA officials have delayed the launch of mission STS-115 because of concerns over a faulty fuel cell.

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — An electrical problem forced NASA to postpone Wednesday's liftoff of the space shuttle Atlantis yet again, and engineers faced with a tight launch schedule struggled to understand the problem.

About 11 hours before the scheduled midday launch, engineers discovered that a coolant pump that chills one of the shuttle's three electricity-generating fuel cells was giving an erratic reading.

NASA rules say all three fuel cells must be working to launch, and if one fails in orbit, the shuttle must come home immediately.

NASA officials met for hours during the afternoon to figure out whether they could fix the problem, whether they could safely ignore it, or whether they would have to put the flight on hold for perhaps weeks.

The space agency said that if the problem could be fixed overnight or is deemed not serious, NASA could make another launch attempt at midday Thursday or Friday.

If not, the space agency may have to wait until late October — or relax daylight launching rules instituted after the 2003 Columbia accident and try again at the end of September.

NASA rules say shuttles have to be launched in daylight so the big external tank can be photographed for evidence of any broken-off pieces of foam of the sort that doomed Columbia.

Atlantis and its six astronauts plan to haul 17 and a half tons of girders and solar panels into orbit and resume construction of the international space

station, which has been on hold since the Columbia disaster three and a half years ago.

Astronauts will make three spacewalks to put the pieces together.

The shuttle was supposed to lift off on Sept. 27, but was delayed, first by a lightning bolt that hit the launch pad, then by Tropical Storm Ernesto, then by the electrical problem.

As the managers' discussion of the problem went on for hours, astronauts on the ground and in orbit waited. The three-man crew of the international space station kept asking if Atlantis is visiting them soon.

"We're trying like heck to preserve the options for launching this week, but there's a lot to consider," astronaut Stephen Robinson told the space station from Mission Control in Houston.

Instead of donning their orange spacesuits for liftoff, Atlantis' six astronauts visited the launch pad to take photographs.

NASA is caught in a schedule squeeze. The space agency made an agreement with the Russians not to attempt a launch after Friday because Russia is sending a three-person Soyuz capsule to the space station on Sept. 18. If Atlantis blasts off after Friday, there would be a traffic jam at the space station.

Once the Soyuz comes back, NASA may attempt a launch in late September even though it would be in the dark, spokesman Allard Beutel said.

If NASA doesn't ease its rules, the next launch attempt after Friday would be Oct. 26 and 27.

NASA has to squeeze 15 shuttles launches into the next four years to finish the construction of the half-built space station.

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Filling up the shoes

Baylor keeper lives up to her stature, others' expectations

By Brittany McGuire
Sports writer

Standing tall at 6 feet 1 inch, Baylor Lady Bears' soccer player Ashley Holder might look more like a volleyball or basketball player. But when head Coach George Van Linder first saw Holder play at age 16, he said he saw one thing: a talented, but crazy, goalkeeper.

"All goalies are a little crazy. She's certainly still a little crazy," he said.

Van Linder watched Holder playing in Sacramento, Calif. He said she was easy to pick out of the crowd.

"I noticed her height immediately," he said. "I couldn't believe she was still available."

With her height, Holder's potential at goalie was visible when she first started playing at age 8.

"My first position was forward, but within about three games they figured I should be playing goalie. I started taking the position seriously after my first year when I realized I could actually be good at it," Holder said. "I'd like to try to play forward again, but I think I should just stick to goalkeeping."

Holder said her decision to stick with the position was the right one. During high school, she trained with California's Olympic Development Pro-



File Photo

Holder, who made 15 saves in her first game as a freshman, finished first in the Big 12 among all goalkeepers. The 2006 season has begun, and already she's established herself as a leader among the players of the Lady Bear soccer squad.

gram and advanced to the state tryouts.

Many universities noticed her goalkeeping abilities, including Loyola Marymont and Pepperdine. But Holder said the quality of education and team chemistry attracted her to Baylor.

For most freshmen athletes, starting in games is only a dream.

But Van Linder said Holder started her first game as a Lady Bear. He said she's following in the tracks of several talented Baylor goalies.

Baylor alumna Dawn Great-house was named a 1998 All-American. She went on to play professional soccer for the Women's United Soccer Association. Van Linder said Holder has some big shoes to fill.

"(Holder) immediately had a positive impact," Van Linder said. "She set a school record her first game."

Playing against the 2004 NCAA champions, the University of Notre Dame, Holder recorded 15 saves in her first game, breaking the old Lady Bear record. That record would

go on to be the most saves in a single game by a Big 12 goalie for the season.

"That's my best soccer memory," Holder said.

Holder's 98 total season saves pushed her to rank second in the Big 12. After her sophomore season, she finished on top.

"Each season's a new year and a different team," Holder said. "I will always challenge myself to be better than years past."

Van Linder, however, said he thinks Holder's accomplishments have gone unnoticed in the conference.

"She hasn't gotten the respect she deserves from the Big 12 or other coaches," he said. "But she can dominate even more. She'll continue to shine."

With the 2006 season already under way, Holder has already stepped up as a leader for the Lady Bears' tough defense. Junior defender Rose Zapata said Holder keeps everyone working hard.

"We work really well together in the back. She con-

nects well with our defense," Zapata said. "She's already a great goalie. What's even better is that she's improved every season."

Holder said her improvement stems from her self-discipline and love for the team. As a top keeper in the Big 12, she said she knows there's no room for mistakes.

"You always have to mentally prepare to be confident with yourself and your team," Holder said. "I'm always driving myself to perfection in the goal and pushing to stay focused."

Like any other goalie, she's allowed goals. But Holder said she doesn't let it affect her game mentality.

"You can't dwell on a goal. In the time it takes to grab the ball out of the net and kick it back up the field, I've realized what I did wrong and find out how I'm going to change it," Holder said.

Even with a bright future ahead, Holder said her focus is on her present role with the Lady Bears soccer team, now 1-2-1.

'Stan the Man' son focused on Baylor baseball

By Katelyn Foster
Reporter

While most of us are fascinated by "Hogan Knows Best," the popular reality show featuring Hulk Hogan and his family hits closer to home for one Baylor student.

Shaver Hansen plays infield for the Baylor baseball team. A freshman from Fruita, Colo., he said he came to Baylor for the baseball team, coaching staff and academics.

He might seem like an ordinary student-athlete, but growing up, Shaver said he experienced extraordinary things.

Shaver's father is Stan Hansen, a professional wrestler known as Stan "the Lariat" Hansen or "Stan the Man." His father has wrestled with World Wrestling Federation (WWF) icons including Hulk Hogan, Sting, Andre the Giant and Randy Savage, in arenas such as Madison Square Garden and the Tokyo Dome.

Shaver said he wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

"It's really good," Stan said. "You don't really understand the magnitude until you go to Japan and see the fans at his retirement."

Stan recalls what it was like to raise children in his profession.

"I was big in Japan, so the kids didn't have a chance to see me on television," Stan Hansen said. "It wasn't like other wrestlers. Their kids could watch them on TV. It was like I was gone on business."

Stan began wrestling in the United States and later wrestled in Japan until his retirement in 2001 after almost 30 years in the business.

In the ring he is known for his cowboy getup and signature moves — the Western Lariat and the Brazos Valley Backbreaker.

Grounders and line drives are Shaver's focus. He said baseball is his passion. Shaver credits much of his success to his father's constant support over the years.

"My dad was an athlete and wanted his kids to play sports, but he didn't tell us what sport to play," Shaver said. "He coached me growing up. He's a really good supporter and coach."

Stan said he's a proud father. He enjoys watching his son compete, and he said he's thrilled Shaver was able to play baseball in college.

"I was happy to help Shaver fall in love with his dreams

and go to a great program like Baylor," Stan said.

In Japan, Stan is huge, Shaver said.

Shaver remembers playing baseball in Japan last summer with his dad by his side.

"Tens of thousands of people came out to see my dad," Shaver said.

Shaver could be the only student on campus that can shell out a story about "Macho Man" Randy Savage, another professional wrestler.

"Funny story about Randy," Shaver said. "He was a baseball catcher and was left-handed. He got hurt and trained himself to be right-handed."

He can also talk firsthand about a professional wrestling locker room.

"The guys are huge," Shaver said. "I mean they are big."

Shaver's experiences and connection with celebrity haven't gone to his head, said Shawn Tolleson, Shaver's teammate and roommate.

"He's a really fun guy to be around," Tolleson said. "You would never know that his dad was a professional wrestler. He's really down to earth."

Although his father taught him wrestling moves when he was younger, Shaver said he doesn't want to be a wrestler.

"I want to be a major league baseball player," Shaver said. "If that doesn't pan out, I'll look into a school for architecture. Baylor will give me a good education."

Shaver's dad supports this decision.

"I'm glad he fell in love with baseball," Stan said. "I was really happy that he gravitated toward baseball rather than wrestling."

Shaver's dad also shares his son's belief in the value of a quality education.

"We hoped Shaver would pursue athletics and baseball, but we're really happy he also pursued academics," Stan said.

Though he still travels to Japan for promotional work, Stan now enjoys a quiet life in Colorado. He teaches driver's education and works as a substitute teacher.

To the Japanese, Stan is a hero of the entertainment world. Fans shout "lariato" after he performs his finishing move. To Shaver, he's not Stan "the Lariat" Hansen, but a quiet, supporting, loving father.

"I'm really proud of him," Stan said. "I'm looking forward to watching Shaver pursue his dream."

Real-life story just might top 'Invincible'

By Kristie Rieken
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — As Derrick Lewis watched "Invincible," a movie about an underdog making it in the NFL, the receiver couldn't help but think about his own winding path to the league.

Lewis made the Texans roster after being released from NFL teams a handful of times and spending last season playing for the Austin Wranglers of the Arena Football League.

"I was like 'Man that movie has nothing on me,'" he said. "I need a movie about the stuff I've



Associated Press

He's been cut from teams, he's been beset by hardships, but Lewis said he's not giving up yet.

been through all this time."

He signed with the Texans as a free agent in May and is the team's fourth receiver. He was the leading receiver for Houston in the preseason with 10 catches for 137 yards and two touchdowns.

Lewis almost gave up football the last time he was cut — Aug. 30, 2005, by the Buccaneers.

The timing of that setback, a day after Hurricane Katrina hit, couldn't have been worse. The New Orleans native wasn't sure of the fate of the two oldest of his five children, who rode out the storm in the city.

More than two weeks of fran-

tic searching brought him to the Houston Astrodome, which sits in the same parking lot as Reliant Stadium. He looked through the Astrodome, home to thousands of evacuees, and then at a bulletin board with the names of thousands more, but there still was no sign of his children.

As he left the Astrodome dejected, his cell phone rang and he was shocked to hear Derrick tell him that he, Dominique and several other relatives were rescued by a National Guard helicopter and were now in Utah.

After he learned that all his children were safe, he knew he couldn't give up on football.

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NoZe brothers invade Chapel again

By Claire St. Amant
Reporter

Nobody NoZe when they are going to strike, but the most infamous brotherhood on campus made an appearance at the 10 a.m. Chapel Wednesday at Waco Hall.

Taping a "Chapel Safety Pamphlet" to every seat-back, The NoZe Brotherhood stormed on stage during Interim University Chaplain Byron Weathersbee's introduction. Some students felt like the charade was planned.

"I was taken off-guard when I saw them on stage," Penland Resident Chaplain Christopher Mack, an Austin graduate student, said. "But the way Byron was acting, it seemed like he was in on it."

Apparently, Weathersbee's cool demeanor was not a sign of his participation.

"If it was planned, I didn't know about it," he said.

The pamphlet was modeled after an airplane safety brochure

and included instructions such as, "Using Electronics: If someone tries to lean in and rat you out, take your free hand and slam their face against the bottom rail of their seat. This will prevent further insurrections."

Other topics included: Sleeping in Chapel, Emergency Exits, Chapel Flooding, Using a Slide, and Chapel No-No's.

"We were thinking that much like a long airplane ride, Chapel tends to get boring and you get hungry," Brother Kurt Von-Notzegut, Lorde Mayor of the brotherhood, said. "We also wanted to get the word out about Unrush."

Overall, the prank was well-received.

"The pamphlet was pretty funny," Weathersbee said. "But that's just not the purpose for Chapel. It is a time of personal reflection and for the students to grow spiritually and intellectually."

While faculty had noticed the pamphlets before the start

of Chapel, no one was alarmed by their presence.

"We saw them when we came in," Weathersbee said. "I just assumed that someone from Waco Hall had actually put together a pamphlet about chapel."

The stunt also included a two-minute skit on stage where three NoZe brothers went through a safety routine similar to one done on an airplane, Weathersbee said. After finishing the demonstration, two brothers exited down the aisle throwing peanuts.

Even though the NoZe brothers managed to disrupt Chapel, the performance paled in comparison to previous pranks.

"Does this really merit an article?" Ryan Richardson, coordinator of music for Chapel, said. "It was fairly lame. The funniest part of the whole thing was when Byron said, 'Historically these guys used to be funny,' as they exited."

The NoZe brothers are best

remembered for dropping 4,000 ping-pong balls on former University Chaplain Todd Lake during Chapel.

"They did quite a few things to Todd," Weathersbee said. "I remember once when they rigged the sound system during his Q and A session and started responding to him saying, 'Todd, this is God speaking.' We couldn't figure out how to turn it off. Now that was funny."

This stunt was Weathersbee's first NoZe experience since becoming interim university chaplain in August 2005. While he had witnessed the attacks on Todd, this one was different, Weathersbee said.

"It was obvious by the lack of humor that they didn't put much thought into it."

Once the NoZe brothers walked onto the stage, Weathersbee and Richardson had little opportunity to control the prank.

"They just came in and took over," Richardson said.



Associated Press

Ron Parker, a first responder on Sept. 11, 2001 and now a tour guide at ground zero, stands next to a twisted beam from the World Trade Center site in the new Tribute WTC Visitor Center, Wednesday in New York. The center, built to offer visitors to the attack site a glimpse into the lives of the people who were lost and the towers that once stood there, opened to private visits from victims' families, Sept. 11 survivors and recovery workers on Wednesday.

Sept. 11 center opens to mourners

By Deepti Hajela
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The items on display at the Sept. 11 Tribute Center are tiny reminders of life's vibrant moments: rosary beads, wedding photos and a baseball.

But there are also somber reminders of death, from a piece of a plane used in the attacks and missing-person fliers posted by desperate family members.

The center, built to offer visitors to the attack site a glimpse into the lives of the people who were lost and the towers that once stood there, opened to private visits from victims' families, Sept. 11 survivors and recovery workers on Wednesday. It opens to the public on Sept. 18, officials said.

"Tribute is the critical word, because for all the horror, for all the loss on Sept. 11, we can never forget the courage with which New Yorkers responded," Gov. George Pataki said at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the building at the south edge of the trade center site.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the center, which offers guided tours of the site led by people with experience of the 2001 attacks, survivors, area residents, victims' family members, will serve as a memorial space until the official memorial opens in 2009.

"As we all know, there's a tremendous need to create a sacred place of remembrance, right here, right now," Bloomberg said.

"Not only for those of us who lived through the attacks but also for the millions of visitors from around the world who come to ground zero to pay their respects."

The center, formally named the Tribute WTC Visitor Center, was created after the September 11th Families Association pushed for it.

The opening gallery has the trade center area's street plan inlaid into the floor; a model of the twin towers is on a table.

Further in, a wall is covered in the missing-person fliers that went up in the days after the attacks.

There's a wrecked piece from one of the downed planes; in another section, there's a piece of metal taken from the site, as well as the uniform of a firefighter who died.

Two sections of wall have been turned into a giant photo gallery, filled with images of smiling faces sent in by victims' families.

There's the woman in her wedding dress, the man lying down with his toddler son, the proud graduate.

Interspersed are personal mementoes, like the green swim cap with Chicago Triathlon emblazoned on it, a baseball, and a rosary of blue beads.

Having someplace physical, with artifacts people can see, will make a difference in making sure people remember Sept. 11 and its aftermath, said Alexander Santora, who leads tours at the site and talks about his firefighter son, Christopher, who died that day.

"You need something to fill this void," he said. "This is history, and it needs to be told accurately."

He said waiting for the official memorial without having the center would have been a mistake.

"That could be another 10 years, God only knows," he said.

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izing that we have guests who have schedules, so we can't always stay in these themes," Richardson said.

Chapel began the "local missions" theme with Randall O'Brien on Aug. 28 and Jimmy Dorrell on Aug. 30.

The theme will culminate with Addison Road on Wednesday.

The cultural awareness theme

will play out in October.

"(It's not just about) racial diversity, but the breadth and width of all that is culture," Richardson said.

Richardson said he is confident that the idea of themes will go over well.

He said it will help with better stage preparation and avoid "overkill on certain topics or events," and he hopes the new changes will make students more eager to attend.

"We are doing a lot more just

to try to make it to where students can say, 'Hey, even though we're required to be here, we want to be here,'" he said.

Interim University Chaplain Byron Weathersbee said he doesn't want Chapel to be "hit and miss" among students, but wants to fully engage them to "inspire and motivate."

"I view it a sin to bore students to death," he said. "If Chapel is boring, then we are being counterproductive."

Richardson said chapel has

also upgraded the audio/visual system.

"We are trying to make it a more conducive environment to worship," Richardson said. "Sometimes the lack of lighting can be distracting."

Longview Junior Anna Alston said she sees the idea of themes as beneficial because it draws the students in to learn more about a topic in-depth.

"It's more interesting than having random people come in and talk," Alston said.

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dents to be left thinking."

Lake said one of the hardest aspects of Chapel is that it requires students to attend, making them come with a notion that it is not worth their time. Chapel needs to engage students in order to get them past this stigma.

In 2001, Richardson was hired to lead worship at the beginning of every Chapel.

Other bands started making appearances too, such as the Robbie Seay Band, David Crowder Band and other Christian artists.

After worship was integrated into Chapel, Lake started to bring in more speakers, secular and Christian, who made stu-

dents more aware of social justice issues.

"Lake's passion was emphasis on social justice issues. He brought in the social awareness aspect of Chapel," Richardson said. "Such as calling for anti-war prayer vigils."

In 2005, Richardson and Jon Singletary, assistant professor in the School of Social Work, worked together to put on a Chapel service that brought awareness to the ONE Campaign. The ONE campaign petition focuses on preventing the deaths of the 30,000 who starve every day.

"The numbers are pretty overwhelming," Singletary said. "I think we can do many things to make a difference."

George W. Truett Theological Seminary student Toph Whisnant said Richardson isn't afraid

to push the limit, and change things up in Chapel.

"Ryan is always trying to make Chapel better for the student and bring in things that would interest them," Whisnant said.

In 2003-2004, chapel worship became more contemporary.

The Latin Dance Society or the Mission Waco Dance Group would make appearances. Sometimes a video would be shown in place of the standard ten-minute worship.

Since Lake left, Richardson and Weathersbee, who replaced Lake as interim university chaplain in August 2005, have redefined "what students need," and are now "trying to meet students where they are," Whisnant said. He said instead of bringing

big-name theologians to talk in chapel, they are looking for speakers who are "on the students' level," Whisnant said.

Also, Chapel now gives students a voice as to how services can be improved.

In 2005, a survey on how to better Chapel was e-mailed to students. Surveys were distributed in the middle and end of the semester.

Lisa Garrett, administrative assistant in University Ministries, has been planning Chapel for six years. Garrett is responsible for contacting speakers and bands.

She said Chapel improves each year.

"We listen more to what the students want, and we are trying to please our customer, the students," she said.

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itive responses, and students are pleased because the plan is more convenient for both parents and students, Tina Dulock, health services insurance clerk, said.

The long waits are expected

to end as the semester continues.

Insurance carriers now accepted by the health center are: Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare, Aetna, Cigna, Humana, UniCare, TriCare, Fortis, PHCS and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas.

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with their size and their spirit.

"If Sunday's game against TCU was any indication, we think they'll be heavily involved on campus," Nguyen

said, referring to Baylor's 17-7 loss Sunday in Waco.

Both Hutchison and Maddox expressed their commitment to this year's freshman class and said that they are excited for all of the opportunities they'll have in representing their class.

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'Haunted' stories gory, not fearsome

By Amanda Toller
Contributor

Luxury accommodations, private rooms, the chance to write your one great work and leave your mark on the world. Hand your life over to old Mr. Whittier. Meet the bus with one suitcase and disappear.

BOOKREVIEW

It's not a bad plan. If it were the truth.

Instead of luxury accommodations, you're staying in an old, abandoned theater eating freeze-dried food.

Three months with fake sunshine gleaming through theater windows. Sounds like the perfect set up for a horror novel, doesn't it? This is Chuck Palahniuk's *Haunted*.

Sixteen unhappy people answer this ad and agree to be locked away by a total stranger with no escape.

There's skinny Saint Gut-Free who looks like his insides are

missing. There's Mother Nature with aromatherapy candles and henna tattoos, along with a host of other characters.

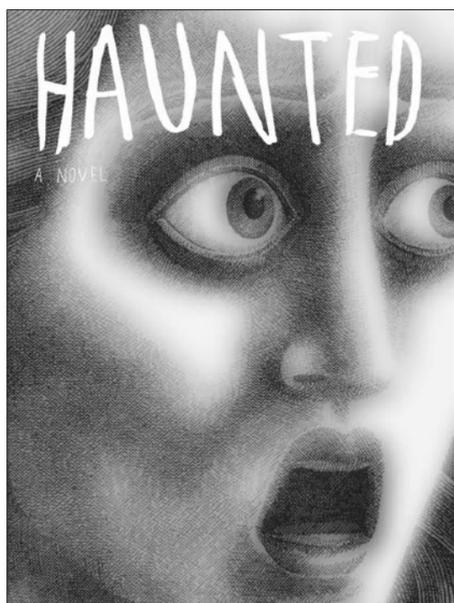
Their true identities are exchanged for names describing the way they look and their way of life. The truth about them lies in the stories they tell.

Each story is more than just a gory tale: it's the defining moment from a character's life. For many, their story is why hiding out for three months didn't seem like such a bad idea.

Haunted has the potential to be terrifying, but it never goes beyond grotesque. The first story in the book, "Guts," actually made audiences physically ill when Palahniuk read it aloud.

Most chapters are truly disgusting. Palahniuk does a fantastic job of describing every detail of characters chopping off fingers and toes. This is not a book for anyone with a weak stomach.

The only scary thing about *Haunted* is the cover. Beware: It glows in the dark.



Chuck Palahniuk's *Haunted* presents a collection of tales from 16 characters who find themselves trapped for three months in an abandoned theater. The book was the No. 1 book read on college campuses during June, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Courtesy photo

Before each story, a character tells his or her story on the stage. Instead of a spotlight, there's a movie playing over his or her face, showing pictures that help define who the character is. This happens 21 times.

Palahniuk tries to touch on something deeper in the human soul.

His characters are desperate

to gain fame and fortune, to create a horror movie out of their experience. But none of this ever develops enough to make it worthwhile.

Overall, *Haunted* was a disappointment. I'm not a big horror-lover, so I expected to have nightmares after reading this book, but it just didn't happen.

Grade: C

Lecture analyzes spirituality quests in Shyamalan films

By Carlee Besier
Reporter

If you've got a sixth sense for movies and an unbreakable interest in spirituality, then signs say this lecture is for you.

"Wide Awake: Spiritual Quests in the Films of M. Night Shyamalan" by Dr. Thomas S. Hibbs, dean of the Honors College and distinguished professor of ethics and culture, will start at 7 p.m. today in the Alexander Reading Room in Alexander Residence Hall.

The first lecture of the 2006-2007 Honors College Living-Learning Center series mixes pop culture with the quest for spirituality.

"Out of all the mainstream directors, Shyamalan is the only one to focus on spiritual or religious quests, and he does it in such a way as to reach a very popular, contemporary audience," Hibbs said.

Shyamalan is the director of popular movies such as *Signs*, *Unbreakable*, *The Sixth Sense*, *The Village*, and his latest movie, *Lady in the Water*.

Hibbs plans to focus on the plots and characters of the movies, as well as how Shyamalan creatively reinvents subgenres in films.

"In *Signs*, for example, he borders on the subgenre of the alien film, but the aliens only make a very limited, explicit appearance in the film," Hibbs said.

Greer, S.C., graduate student Kyle Babb said he enjoys the spiritual elements included in Shyamalan's movies, especially in *Signs*.

Shyamalan also builds off the comic book superhero in *Unbreakable*, but in a very different way than *Superman*, *Spiderman* or *X-Men*, Hibbs said.

Hibbs said his goal is to

"explore why Shyamalan is so successful at working these genres and how he manages to introduce this theme of spiritual quest into these other genres."

Hibbs said he believes students will be interested in his lecture because most are familiar with Shyamalan's movies and have been moved by them.

"I enjoy the fact that Shyamalan uses unrealistic elements in a realistic way," Babb said.

Hibbs said he hopes that after hearing his lecture, students will be "more thoughtful about their own movie watching and learn to appreciate film-making as an artistic medium."

The lecture also is included as a chapter in Hibbs' upcoming book, *Arts of Darkness: American Noir and the Lost Code of Redemption*. He has written movie reviews for *The Dallas Morning News* and has had articles published in several national magazines, including *Books and Culture*.

This is the third year for the Honors College and Campus Living and Learning to join together for the lecture series.

Their goal is to provide space and opportunity for students to intersect their academic and personal lives, said Dustin Stewart, program director of the lectures.

The lecture series this year is going to cover topics outside the classroom but show students how they can relate them back to their studies, Stewart said.

"We're hoping to take the stuffy academic thing and make it more enjoyable by moving it to the evening," he said.

Even though students in the Honors College are encouraged to attend, Stewart said everyone is invited.

Light refreshments will be provided after the lecture.

TomKat baby photo appears in 'Vanity Fair'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With a cherubic face and a shock of dark hair, Suri Cruise — subject of the world's most anticipated baby photo — made her debut Wednesday on the cover of *Vanity Fair*.

The magazine's 22-page spread of 4 1/2-month-old Suri and her famous parents, Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, includes photos taken by Annie Leibovitz for the October issue, on newsstands nationwide on Tuesday.

The cover photo shows Suri peeking out of a jacket worn by Cruise with Holmes looking on.

Katie Couric, in her first night as anchor of the *CBS Evening News*, revealed the photo Tuesday.

Born April 18, Suri had not previously appeared in any published photos, prompting some public speculation about her very existence.

"She has Kate's lips and eyes," the 44-year-old Cruise is quoted as telling the magazine. Counters Holmes: "I think she has Tom's eyes. I think she looks like Tom."

Leading up to the frenzy over the photos, "We were just living our lives, being a family," Cruise said.

"Actually, we were taking our own photos and always planned

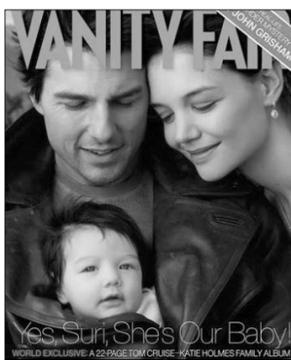
to release those at the right time."

"Then all the craziness began," Holmes, 27, said. "This 'where is Suri?' controversy. Tom and I looked at each other and said, 'What's going on?' We weren't trying to hide anything."

Holmes also explained their purchase of a sonogram machine, saying she and Cruise were followed by paparazzi and as a result, her doctor had to make house calls.

"The sonogram was for his use!" she said.

Holmes said of her daughter: "She's a glorious girl. She's the miracle of our life."



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