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Admission Deadlines

In an effort to enroll more male and minority students, Baylor has changed its applicant deadlines.

Submission deadlines:

Early Action 1: Oct. 15
Early Action 2: Dec. 1
Regular Decision: Feb. 1

Notification dates:

Early Action 1: Dec. 1
Early Action 2: Jan. 15
Regular Decision: March 15

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Baylor targets males, minorities

Admissions office aims to diversify by changing application deadlines

Analiz González
Staff writer

Baylor's new admission policy may raise the number of men and minorities at Baylor.

James Steen, assistant vice president for admission and enrollment, said minorities and males have historically submitted their applications six to seven weeks later than white females. So, by the time men and minorities submitted

their applications, Baylor had already filled up most of its openings.

Baylor's new admissions policy, called "early action," will change that.

Baylor has accepted students under the rolling admission policy for more than a decade. Under this policy, students were continually accepted until the incoming class was full.

Now, students have three dates by which they can apply: two dates in the fall and one in the spring.

"We are implementing early action policy to help us manage our admit pool, so that we only admit maybe up to 25 or 30 percent of (accepted students) in the first round," Steen said. "When we push

out decisions for the second round, we'll admit another 25 or 30 percent. By the time we get to March 15, regular decision, we will still be able to push out a significant number of our (accepted students).

"We weren't able to do that this year," Steen said. "And this year we took a hit on minorities and males. We don't want our male numbers and diversity numbers to go down."

Steen said the early admission policy also allows Baylor to be more selective in SAT scores and grade point averages by selecting students who are a "better fit for Baylor."

"Obviously we want to keep our SAT

going in the right direction," he said.

Breckenridge senior Jenny Everett said she sees the new admissions policy as a good thing.

"It doesn't hurt anything, and it also brings more diversity to the university," Everett said.

On Sept. 12, Harvard University announced plans to end its early admissions policy altogether.

"Harvard says they are moving away from early action because it basically favors the rich and the wealthy and it doesn't support diversity because those who are wealthier are going to be the ones who apply early and have more options," Steen said.

Waco schools narrow focus

District leader speaks at BU about WISD improvements

By Van Darden
Staff writer

Dr. Roland Hernandez, superintendent of Waco Independent School District, addressed last night's Phi Delta Kappa meeting proclaiming that the major focus for WISD this year is student achievement.

Baylor's chapter of the International Association for Professional Educators asked Hernandez to give an assessment of the state of Waco's public education.

"You can definitely see that there are things WISD is struggling with," Hernandez said. "But I want to take the strong points and share them with you."

Hernandez praised the dedication of Waco's teachers and emphasized WISD's commitment to quality education via its relationship with the Waco community's three institutes of higher learning.

"Very few districts have the luxury of having three universities (Baylor, McLennan Community College and Texas State Technical College) in its area," Hernandez said, "and to have the relationship with Baylor that we have is a great thing."

Hernandez said that for Baylor's student teachers, there is no substitute for hands-on, day-to-day interaction with WISD students.

"Our teachers not only have to have good training in good teaching, but they also have to be well-versed in good

classroom management," Hernandez said. "We need to continue to have good coaches for these student teachers to critique and to evaluate."

Dr. Douglas Rogers, interim dean for the School of Education, said he's grateful to WISD for its continued partnership with the school and is looking forward to seeing the results from recent changes in the program.

"We've raised the graduation requirement for the School of Education," Rogers said, "and now students take as many content hours as a major."

Rogers also said students now complete a year long internship, rather than two individual semesters as student teachers.

"I think that because of these changes, we're ensuring a higher quality of teachers that we're sending out into the community," Rogers said. "Something must be working, because (WISD has) hired more graduates than before. I think they're becoming part of the family."

Dallas junior Christa Watson said she thinks Hernandez is doing great things with the school district, but that she has some doubts about the emphasis some high schools place on standardized testing.

"I'm concerned about the students' emotional state due to the pressure placed on them to pass these tests," Watson said. "I feel like many students want to learn but are forced into a state-designed mold."

When asked about how school districts can get past obsessing over state assess-

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Melea Burke/Lariat staff

From left, Jacob Stetler, a San Antonio junior; Meilinh Thi, a Houston junior; Jonathon Thiele, a Sugar Land senior; and Houston senior Miranda Madole study in the atrium of the Baylor Sciences Building on Monday night. Internal Vice President Travis Plummer is campaigning for extended hours at the building.

IVP aims to extend building hours

By Laura Frase
Staff writer

Imagine a late-night cram session uninterrupted by the flashing lights and sirens of the world, and Iran's supreme leader called for more protests over the pontiff's remarks on Islam.

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"We're hoping to get a proposal together that might be beneficial to both Baylor and the student body," said Student Government Internal Vice President Travis Plummer.

With dry erase boards, comfortable seating and plenty of room, the building "lends itself to studying," Plummer said.

After being kicked out at 11 p.m. countless times, Plummer decided students should be allowed to study without interruption as long as they need to.

"There have been studies

that prove you do better when you study in an area where you will take the test later," Plummer said. "It's better not changing the environment."

Camdenton, Mo., senior Andrew Franklin also felt the need for a study space open later in the evening, other than Moody Memorial Library.

"The library is already packed as it is," Franklin said. "It's a good open space compared to the library."

With the library already open later than other buildings,

Plummer and Franklin decided to push for the science building to be open 24 hours because of its conducive learning environment.

In the past, the fear of vandalism and a lack of security has been an obstacle for students seeking access for late night study sessions at the BSB.

"One problem we have is if a students does get into the building, they are blocking doors open and moving around furni-

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Muslims worldwide protest Pope Benedict's remarks

Iraqis burn an effigy of Pope Benedict XVI during a demonstration in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, Monday. Benedict said Sunday that he is "deeply sorry" for his remarks regarding the methods used to spread Islam across the world.



Associated Press

By Lee Keath
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Al-Qaida in Iraq warned Pope Benedict XVI on Monday that its war against Christianity and the West will go on until Islam takes over the world, and Iran's supreme leader called for more protests over the pontiff's remarks on Islam.

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to put a damper on the outrage, fearing it could spiral into attacks on Christians in the region.

On Sunday, Benedict said he was "deeply sorry" over any hurt caused by his comments made in a speech last week, in which he quoted a medieval text characterizing some of the Prophet Muhammad's teachings as "evil and inhuman" and calling Islam a religion spread by the sword.

Benedict said the remarks came from a text that didn't reflect his own opinion, but he did not retract what he said or say he was sorry he uttered what proved to be explosive words.

The Vatican on Monday sought to defuse the anger, ordering papal representatives around the world to meet with leaders of Muslim countries to

explain the pope's point of view and full context of his speech.

Roman Catholic leaders stepped forward to defend the pontiff. At an Italian bishops' conference, Cardinal Camillo Ruini underlined the bishops' "total closeness and solidarity to the pope" and said they deplored interpretations of the pope's comments "which attribute to the Holy Father ... errors that he has not committed and aim at attacking his person and his ministry."

Few in the Islamic world were satisfied by Benedict's statement of regret.

"The pope's words have caused a deep wound in the hearts of Muslims that won't heal for a long time, and then only after a clear apology to Muslims," Egypt's religious af-

fairs minister, Mahmoud Hamdi Zaqqouq, wrote in a column in the government daily Al-Ahram on Monday.

An influential Egyptian cleric, Sheikh Youssef al-Qaradawi, called for protests after weekly prayers on Friday, but maintained they should be peaceful.

Extremists said the pope's comments proved that the West was in a war against Islam.

Al-Qaida in Iraq and its allies said Muslims would be victorious and addressed the pope as "the worshipper of the cross," saying "you and the West are doomed as you can see from the defeat in Iraq, Afghanistan, Chechnya and elsewhere. ... We will break up the cross, spill the liquor and impose the 'jizya'

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Middle East conflict will last until one side expires

Israel and Lebanon. Probably the biggest story of the summer. I can't believe the *Lariat* has not produced a single article on the subject so far, probably because addressing the conflict, as is addressing anything that happens in the Middle East, opens the proverbial can of worms.

Because it's been a couple of months since the Israel-Lebanon conflict, I'll summarize it as best I can: On July 12, the Hezbollah ("party of God" in Arabic) militia fired rockets at Israeli military positions to distract attention from a ground force that crossed the border into northern Israel, attacked an Israeli patrol and kidnapped

two soldiers.

The Israeli Defense Forces responded with a heavy artillery barrage on Hezbollah positions and in the subsequent weeks invaded the southern portion of Lebanon to uproot the Hezbollah entrenchment.

The United Nations Security Council unanimously approved a cease-fire that went into effect Aug. 14. It called for the disarming of Hezbollah, IDF's retreat and the deployment of Lebanese soldiers and a UN Interim Force in southern Lebanon.

Clearly the mistaken bombing of a U.N. observation post doesn't help Israel's cause, but since the beginning of the con-

point of view

BY JOE DOOLEY



flict the European Union and U.N. have leveled a great deal of undeserved criticism against Israel.

Its "disproportionate" response to the Hezbollah attacks reportedly displaced a million Lebanese civilians. More than 1,000 Lebanese civilians were killed during the conflict, caught between the IDF

and Hezbollah, and for that, too, Israel has been blamed.

But Israel is not to blame. Hezbollah was, and still is, ensconced in southern Lebanon on the smallest scale. Its militia faction deliberately occupies the same apartment buildings that families live in, putting those civilians in harm's way. Any counterattack the Israelis engage in will thus directly result in civilian casualties, which doesn't help Israel's image.

For this reason, one must admire Hezbollah for its shrewd tactics. Civilian casualties incurred by the IDF's response have elicited sympathy for

Lebanon and condemnation of Israel from the worldwide community, excluding those nations that have held on to their reason. Also, Hezbollah's "defense" against the Israeli counterattack and commitment to rebuild southern Lebanon have drawn increased national support for its political goals.

A similar situation occurred during the American Revolution. The British were trying to seize arms that were being stockpiled by rural farmers.

When people saw their fellow Americans being engaged and the fighting nearing their own homes and families, they too took up arms against the

British. The rest, as you know, is history.

Let's not quibble over which side is more righteous than the other. Such a conversation is superfluous. Islamic extremists have hated Israel since its conception.

Any call for mutual peace favors them because they will automatically reject peace as long as Israel exists. Undoubtedly there is hatred of the Islamic extremists on the Israeli side as well. So let them both slug it out until one ceases to exist. In this situation, it is the only way to peace.

Joe Dooley is a junior English major from Portland, Texas.

Editorial

Coal plant proposals hit too close to home

Some counties in Texas boast state high school football championships. For citizens living in Limestone County, two cities within the county limits — Groesbeck and Mart — have brought home a championship in the last 15 years. But the county is also known for something a little less laudable: It's home to the worst mercury polluting power plant in the nation.

McLennan County may join Limestone County's ranks if proposed power plants are built on our home turf.

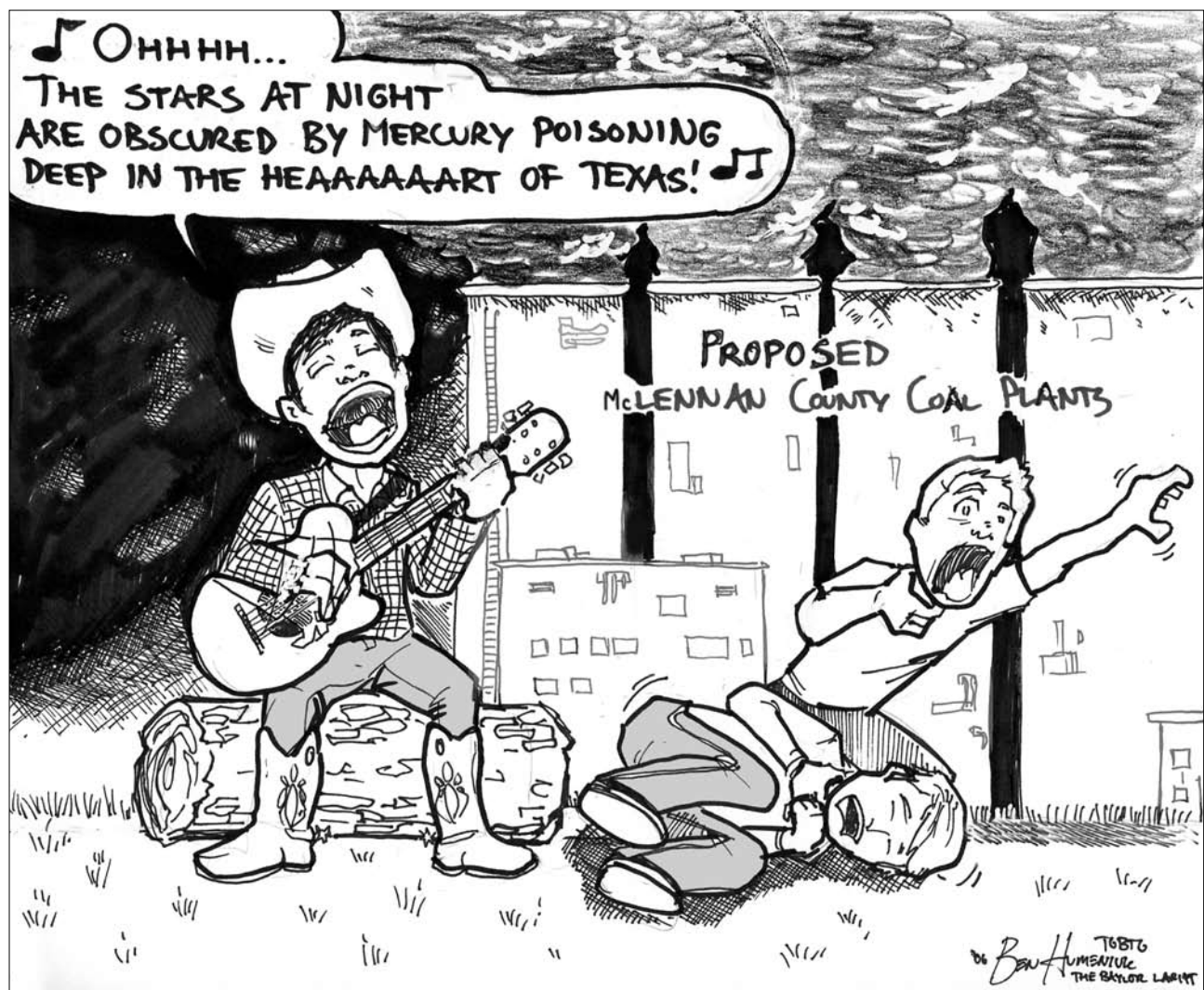
According to the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition, the Limestone power plant emitted 1,800 pounds of mercury air emissions in 2002.

Not only is Limestone the worst in the nation, but five of the top 10 worst plants are located Texas, all of them east of Interstate 35.

There are currently 17 new proposals for coal power plants in Texas. Nine are set to be located within 60 miles of Waco, according to Tom Smith of Public Citizen, an environmentalist group that opposes construction of the plants.

And of those nine, four will be located in McLennan County.

Dr. Matthew Sleeth, author of *Serve God, Save the Planet*, said in a speech on campus Thursday that the 17 coal plants will produce 120 million tons a year of the types of gas that are



causing global warming. This is more emissions than 20 million cars would produce. That is also more vehicles than are registered in Texas.

According to the Sierra Club, a national environmental conservation group, coal power plants are the largest toxic mercury polluter. They are also the largest contributor of hazardous air toxins, contribute to more than 40 percent of total U.S. carbon dioxide emissions and are a prime contributor to global warming.

High exposures to mercury, especially when it is breathed as a vapor, can cause health problems such as tremors, mood swings, insomnia, headaches, kidney and respiratory failure as well as death.

Despite the uphill battle for advocates for cleaner air, administrative law judges in Austin recommended denying TXU's air permit for the Oak Grove power plant, set to be built in Robertson County

Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy

addressed a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality meeting on Sept. 12 and said, "We have reason to be a little nervous."

With some of the highest pollution in the state being pumped out at a power plant one county away, power companies should not choose McLennan County as the home of four new coal-burning plants.

We're more than nervous. We're opposed to a plant that will spew pollution only a few miles away.

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Ethanol a viable resource

I read with interest Wednesday's editorial article on ethanol as a fuel. Permit me to make a case for ethanol as a fuel.

Much of the criticism of ethanol is based on where ethanol is today, or where it was yesterday. Currently developing technologies will improve the economics, environmental impact and energy balance of the fuel.

It is true that ethanol today is not highly economical — it is affordable because it is heavily subsidized by the government. It is also true that the U.S. government pours billions of dollars into grants and tax breaks for the fossil fuel and nuclear industries (a \$33 billion package recently passed in Congress), to say nothing of the military expenditures to secure our supply. Even before the war in Iraq

we were spending more than \$50 billion a year on securing the Persian Gulf.

Ethanol does contain less energy per gallon than gasoline, but it has higher octane. If we used higher ethanol concentration in our fuel we could use higher performance engines that extract more energy from fuel. (Drag racers use alcohol fuels for this reason.)

Every car that has been manufactured for the U.S. market since the mid-1980s can use up to 10 percent ethanol without problems. Most of the alcohol-related car problems result from use of Methanol, which is similar to, but not the same as ethanol, and it is not blended with gasoline for this reason.

Ethanol plants do produce waste, but the waste from an ethanol plant is 100 percent biodegradable. The waste from oil

refineries is much more toxic.

Also, the raw material is safer for the environment. Ever heard of a devastating corn spill?

Your editorial is correct in pointing out that making ethanol from corn is not sustainable. In his 2006 State of the Union address, President Bush proposed making ethanol from biomass — plant fiber — as the way of the future. He is right. An acre of native tall grass prairie can produce far more ethanol per acre than corn. And it uses less fertilizer, less water, less pesticide, it retains the soil and provides a more diverse ecosystem for wildlife.

Also, studies by the USDA have shown that the protein content of switchgrass is higher, and of better quality for animal feed, than soy protein. Since protein is not consumed to make ethanol, it is available as

a byproduct. Ninety percent of the U.S. corn crop is used for feeding livestock, so producing animal feed as a byproduct of an energy crop could reduce the amount of corn planted.

So the best options do include eating less (we are overweight, anyway), using less fuel (we waste a lot of fuel as it is), but maintain food production, and our soils, by growing fiber crops for our energy needs instead of grain.

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Unsportsmanship not armor

I picked up the *Lariat* Friday with the intent of merely browsing through the articles on my way to class. However, the "Point of View" article by

Brittany McGuire arrested my attention almost immediately. As a former competitive athlete myself, I was curious about what type of "armor" athletes need in collegiate sports.

I was surprised to discover that it was not mental armor or even Under Armour to which the headline referred, but the willingness to get physical with other athletes.

My conclusion was that McGuire believes that even the injuries suffered by herself and her teammate were just part of the "passionate physical contact" she so admires.

I'm not going to deny that sports as a whole are violent — anyone who has come away from a water polo game with blood and skin under his or her fingernails can tell you that — but I have always thought that violence exists to the detriment

of the sport.

As for the incident in the final of the World Cup, I am afraid my reaction was the polar opposite of hers; I felt sick to my stomach over Zidane's base display of unrestrained emotion and cheered loudly when he was thrown off the field. What a shameful way to finish off a career.

Sports used to be about performing and playing to a person's and a team's best ability — not about conquering the enemy competitors. Where has that attitude of sportsmanship and losing (or winning) with grace gone? The "win at all costs" approach used to be referred to as unsportsmanlike conduct; and I am indeed sorry to hear that it has so influenced another fine collegiate athlete.

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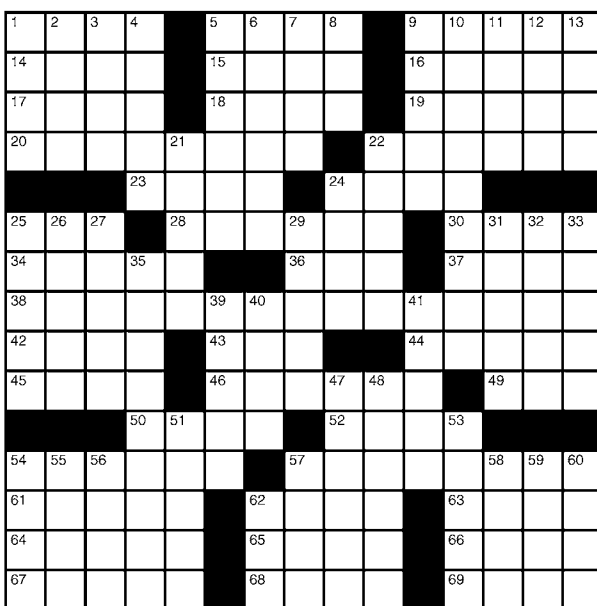
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Edgewater, FL

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Vice Provost James Bennighof introduces the panelists for the Constitution Day Panel Discussion, “The Constitution in Time of War” on Monday afternoon in the Miller Chapel. Panelists from the political science department include (from left), Dr. Jarold Waltman, associate professor; Dr. Richard Riley, professor; Dr. David Clinton, assistant professor; and Dr. David Nichols, professor.

Largest minority group on campus celebrates heritage

By Katelyn Foster
Reporter

Vamos a la fiesta!
Hispanic Heritage Month kicked off with a bang Friday. The month-long celebration honoring the Hispanic culture began September 15 and will continue through Oct. 15. Hispanics are the largest minority group at Baylor, and the members of the Hispanic Student Association say they are excited to educate students about their culture during this month. “It’s nice to let everybody know a little bit more about Hispanic culture,” said Charlotte senior Cristela Duran, president of the Hispanic Student Association. “It means a lot to know we have a whole month dedi-

cated to Hispanic heritage, and I think it’s HSA’s duty to promote and teach everybody about our culture. Not just specifically through this month but throughout the year.” The month of festivities opened with Fiesta Friday at the women’s soccer game Friday night. HSA members sold aguas frescas, fruit-flavored waters found in Latin American countries, to raise money for the club’s philanthropy, Relay for Life. They also hosted a salsa-eating contest for soccer fans during halftime. On Monday the association hosted an auction fundraiser themed Night at the Oscars. Members were auctioned for service and social projects including dates, tutors and work-out partners for the McLane Student Life Center to raise money

for Relay for Life. Other Hispanic Heritage Month events include a barbecue Saturday in Cameron Park. Members of HSA say they expect the turnout to be positive at the month’s festivities. “I’m really excited because it gives us a chance to show who we really are and share with both the Baylor and Waco community,” said Joshua sophomore Mayra Varela, the group’s upper-class representative. “I don’t have a favorite event because I actually enjoy all of them in that they are all very different and represent the various aspects of our Hispanic heritage,” Varela said. The Latin Culture Fest will be held on Sept. 28 and will include performances by the Latin Dance Society and Ballet Folklórico. Latin American countries

Wartime ushers in questions of Constitution’s interpretation

By Erin Pedigo
Reporter

In recognition of Constitution Day, Baylor held a panel discussion Monday on the United States Constitution’s role in wartime. Four political science representatives, Dr. W. David Clinton, assistant professor, associate professor Dr. Jarold Waltman, Dr. Richard Riley, and Dr. David Nichols, both professors, related the Constitution’s past and present to the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Clinton said there are three constitutional issues tying into the current war on terror and in Iraq. He said the first was that the United Nations charter’s article

39 became central in the beginning of the Iraq war because the U.S. didn’t receive clearance from the Security Council to go to war. Article 39 allows the Security Council to make decisions. Another constitutional issue is the treatment of Guantanamo detainees and whether or not they are being treated in accordance with the Geneva Conventions, he said. Clinton also said that not every aspect of the Geneva Conventions’ definition of a prisoner of war “ought to apply and the government should be able to apply pressures.” Waltman quoted former Secretary of State Colin Powell’s Sept. 14 letter to Sen. John McCain: “The world is beginning

to doubt the moral basis of our fight.” The debate over executive war power has stemmed from decades of American presidents’ actions, “especially 20th century (presidents) committing the military to imminent overseas fighting,” Waltman said. When asked what he thought was the most important fact students should know about the Constitution, Riley said students should know it’s the world’s oldest surviving constitution and that it requires interpretation. Constitution Day was formed by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., in December 2004 and took effect in May 2005. Baylor commemorates the day with an annual lecture addressing constitutional issues.

BEAR BRIEFS

Resume workshop
Baylor Career Services will present a Resume Writing Workshop from 4 to 5 p.m. today on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center. For more information, call Baylor career Services at 710-3771.

Last chance to drop
Classes dropped today must be assigned a grade of dropped pass or dropped fail by instructors.

Holy Land lecture
Church-State Studies is hosting Conflict in the Holy Land: Hizbullah, Palestine and the Jewish State as part of the Global Issues Lecture Series from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today in the Alexander Reading Room.

To submit a bear brief, send an e-mail to Lariat_Letters@baylor.edu

Country music legend ticketed

The Associated Press

Willie Nelson and four others were issued misdemeanor citations for possession of narcotic mushrooms and marijuana after a traffic stop Monday morning on a Louisiana highway, state police said.

The citations were issued after a commercial vehicle inspection of the country music star’s tour bus, state police said in a news release.

“When the door was opened and the trooper began to speak to the driver, he smelled the strong odor of marijuana,” the news release said. A search of the bus produced 1 1/2 pounds of marijuana and slightly more than three ounces

of narcotic mushrooms. There were enough drugs to merit a felony charge of distribution if they had been found in one person’s possession, state police spokesman Willie Williams said. But all five claimed the drugs as their own, so each was charged with misdemeanors. All were released after the citations were issued.

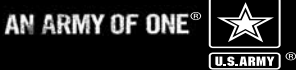
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Space spill worries astronauts

By Seth Borenstein
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — An oxygen generator on the international space station overheated and spilled a toxic irritant Monday, forcing the three-man crew to don masks and gloves in the first emergency ever declared aboard the 8-year-old orbiting outpost.

NASA said the crew members' lives were never in any danger. They cleaned up the spill with towels. A charcoal filter scrubbed the irritant out of the air.

Within a couple of hours, life aboard the station 220 miles above Earth was nearly back to normal.

But it was the biggest scare this smooth-running space station has had.

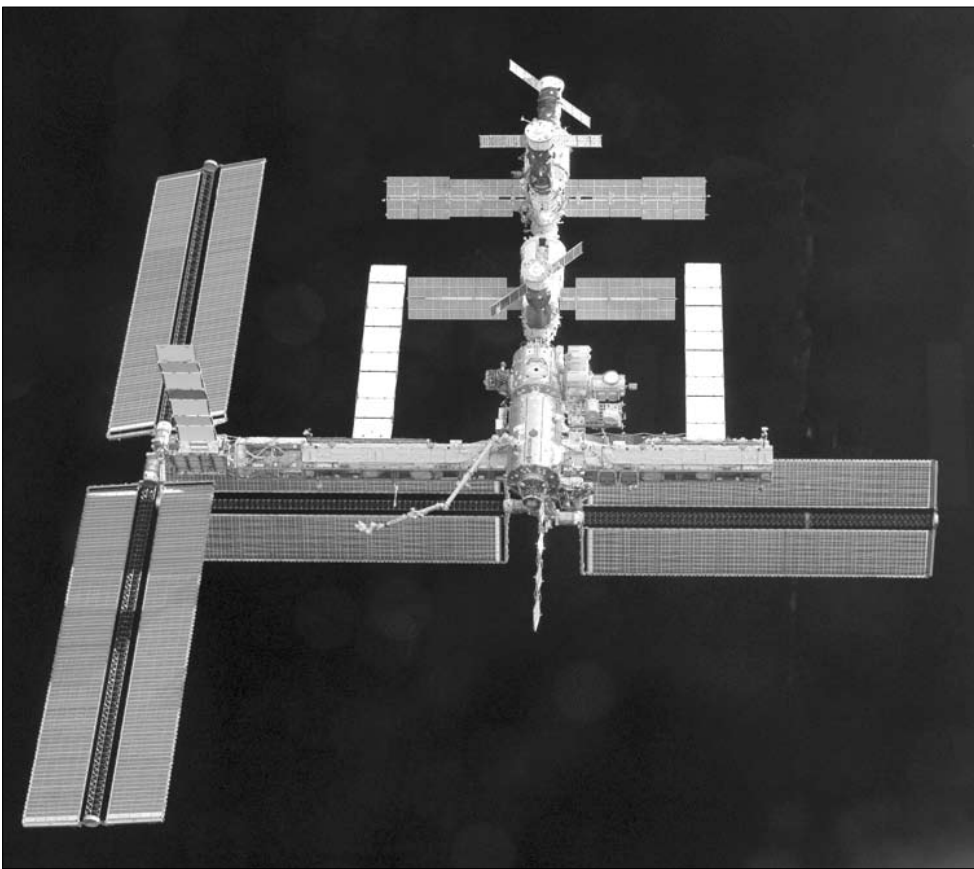
Although it paled in comparison to two fires and a collision on two previous Russian space stations and the nearly fatal explosion on Apollo 13, the incident served as a reminder of how life-and-death emergencies can come out of nowhere.

That's why an emergency space capsule is always parked at the outpost — in case of a sudden order to abandon ship.

NASA never came close to ordering the crew to leave the station, space station program manager Mike Suffredini said. But astronauts did reveal they were worried.

About three hours after the emergency, station commander Pavel Vinogradov tried to explain what happened to Moscow Mission Control, saying "different thoughts came to my mind."

Russian flight controllers interrupted, saying: "We were kind of nervous here, too."



Associated Press

This NASA photo shows the international space station, against the blackness of space, shortly after the space shuttle Atlantis undocked Sunday from the orbital outpost. An oxygen generator on the international space station overheated Monday, spilling a toxic irritant and forcing the three-man crew to don masks and gloves in the first emergency ever declared aboard the 8-year-old orbiting outpost.

NASA and the Russian space agency were investigating what caused the problem.

"We don't exactly know the nature of the spill ... but the crew is doing well," Suffredini said. "It's not a life-threatening material."

The astronauts sounded an alarm after the equipment began smoking and turned off the ventilation system to avoid spreading any fumes from leaking drops of potassium hydroxide, which is used to power batteries.

Monitors showed that the cabin air was safe. "It was just an irritant issue," NASA

spokesman James Hartsfield said. "The crew did exactly the right things they were trained to do."

The problem originated in a Russian oxygen generating machine, called an Elektron. It had been shut off for nine days while the space shuttle Atlantis was docked to the station.

At about 4 a.m. EDT Monday, Russian flight controllers asked that the device be turned back on.

The Elektron shut itself down and would not restart.

International interns see world of possibility

By Lindsey Grewe
Reporter

Many graduating seniors dream of walking off the stage at the Ferrell Special Events Center into a life worlds away from Baylor.

Most don't expect to be on a different continent just weeks or months later.

With graduation looming in fall 2004, Ramsay Zaki was filled with the usual concerns. The senior from Katy wondered what was in store for him beyond college and what employment opportunities were waiting for him.

Shortly after beginning an interviewing process with several companies he'd applied to, Zaki received an e-mail from the Baylor Career Services Center that dramatically altered his intended path.

"It was a mass e-mail sent about an opportunity to work for a company in Thailand, CS Loxinfo," said Zaki, now a Baylor alumnus. "Suddenly I had a decision to make about my future. Do I continue my job search in the States or do I put everything on hold and live in Asia for a year?"

Zaki applied for the position and was one of two Baylor students selected for the job. He was the only one who decided to go.

"Nine times out of 10, whatever offers a student has right now will be there and more if they take the time to do something like this," Zaki said.

Zaki took part in a growing program implemented in 2003 by Dr. John Boyd, director of Career Services.

Based on Baylor 2012 Imperative 11, which calls for an emphasis on global education, Boyd wondered how Career Services could jump in and become a partner.

"We've always had study abroad programs," Boyd said. "I began thinking about whether we could take it one step above and intern abroad."

Three years later, a total of 12 students have been sent to internships around the globe, working for companies in Spain, England, Latin America, Japan, China and Thailand. Boyd found support worldwide by visiting each country personally.

Austin Sharp, a Baylor alumnus from Dallas, has been on both ends of the internship program. His internship in London with Westminster Business

Consultants was the inaugural internship for the program. He has since accompanied Boyd on his recruiting trips.

"The key to the program is having relationships with these companies," Sharp said. "When we take the time to visit, to sit down and discuss what we want for our interns and how that matches with the needs of the particular company, it proves our commitment."

The international internship program is still developing and is not yet funded by Baylor. Private donors have been essential in providing a financial base to jump-start the program. Sharp said he hopes to see that change.

"Not only was it an incredible experience personally, but what it does to a resume is unbelievable," Sharp said. "It is the biggest selling point in interviews that I have. I wish every Baylor student could experience this because the benefits are so far-reaching. This program can do so much for students and our donors can't pay for this forever."

After three months of baseball marketing experience in England and Scotland, Brooke Looney, a Baylor alumna from Desoto, is now employed by the Texas Rangers.

Looney interned with Major League Baseball in London.

She said she credits her time overseas with where she is now.

"Without this internship, I have no idea what else I have on my resume that makes me stand out," Looney said.

Zaki found a job just a few months after his time in Thailand, working for National Oilwell Varco. He said a successful foreign experience helped secure his position.

Zaki, Sharp and Looney all agreed that the biggest difference between studying abroad and interning abroad was having to fully assimilating the culture versus looking in from the outside.

Looney was part of Major League Baseball's 2005 plan to introduce the sport in the United Kingdom through newly-formed Little League teams.

"You have to change your life so quickly over there," Sharp said. "You immediately have to take a new job and set up a new job in a foreign country. I was completely alone, and that was scary at first."

"But now I feel like I can do anything."

Faculty master position filled at Brooks

By Sarah Viesca
Reporter

New traditions and new communities will be created next fall for Brooks Village when Dr. Douglas Henry, assistant professor of philosophy and director of the Institute of Faith and Learning, becomes faculty master for Brooks Residential College.

As faculty master, Henry will organize and contribute to new traditions and practices observed within the college. This includes providing a community that cultivates academic excellence, forming strong faculty-student interaction and creating a student experience full of Baylor traditions, Henry said.

"I hope to bring a vision of intellectual community in which (students) share a common conception of the good life," Henry said.

Henry will coordinate a weekly community dinner where distinguished students and guests will sit at the college's "High Table." He will also host "Master's Teas," giving students oppor-

tunities to interact with faculty and renowned guests. In addition, Henry will meet monthly with the Brooks College Board of Trustees to set admission protocols and consider activities for the college.

The existence of the faculty



Henry

Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement.

"Doug brings a real vision for building community and has a unique vision on how faith and learning can come together and be part of the College," Shushok said.

As one of two new residential buildings under construction at

Brooks Village, Brooks College is designed after traditional residential colleges found at Oxford and Cambridge in order to promote a long-term living commitment. The college will house 375 men and women of all academic majors on an application basis.

Brooks College will feature a great dining hall, chapel, common rooms and a library.

Henry said he first became interested in the position because he was excited about what Brooks College represents.

"It seemed to fit so many aspirations I have," he said.

Henry said he hopes to bring an understanding of the basic requisites that are part of community life. He also said he wants to be accessible to students.

"I want to be available for the students who call Brooks home," Henry said.

Baylor will provide a 2,800-square-foot apartment for Henry as he steps into his new position, providing him and his wife, Dr. Michele Henry, associate professor of music education, with a

place to call home.

"I hope my family can collectively serve as a reminder to the students of Brooks College that families are the most basic of all social units," Henry said.

In his new role, Henry will work closely with Residential College Coordinator Larry Hughes. Together Henry and Hughes will provide professional leadership for the College.

Hughes said the faculty master position makes a tremendous statement to students: the on-campus housing experience truly combines living and learning.

"Dr. Henry's interests in history, philosophy and theology give him an understanding into the ideas of a residential college," Hughes said. "He and his family are very personable and not strangers to conversations with students."

Henry is on sabbatical this fall.

He will return to Baylor in January to resume his teaching and administrative responsibilities.

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Sherry Cook, libraries facility coordinator, has her lifelong collection of cameo jewelry on display in Moody Memorial Library.

Bush will address U.N. leaders

‘Freedom agenda’ will take forefront of president’s speech

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush faced disagreement Monday over how to confront Iran’s nuclear ambitions and skepticism about his approach to Iraq and the Middle East as world leaders gathered for the U.N. General Assembly meeting.

Still, Bush was upbeat, focusing on his push for democratic change and first lady Laura Bush’s call for governments to embrace literacy programs to improve lives.

“We don’t believe freedom belongs only to the United States of America,” Bush said at the White House Conference on Global Literacy hosted by his wife. “We believe that liberty is universal in its applications. We also believe strongly that as the world becomes more free, we’ll see peace.”

Bush arrived in New York to attend the 61st session of the world body with policy problems at home and abroad that have narrowed his room to maneuver on the international stage.

The U.S.-led war in Iraq is in its fourth year with no end to bloody sectarian violence in sight. International support is dwindling for imposing sanctions against Iran for defying U.N. demands that it halt certain nuclear work. The repressive Taliban regime toppled in Afghanistan is showing new signs of resilience. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict continues and Lebanon’s government has, so far, proved too weak to rein in the Islamic militant group Hezbollah.

At home, Bush’s approval rating, while experiencing a recent uptick, stands at just 40 percent. Americans are growing weary of the war. The White House is in a showdown with Senate Republicans over the interrogation and trying of terror suspects. And elections that will determine which party controls Congress are seven weeks away.

The president’s “freedom agenda” is the theme of his speech to the U.N. General Assembly on today. He will focus on democratic reforms in Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon and elsewhere in the Middle East. He’ll seek to quell skepticism about U.S. motives in the Middle East by working to avoid the impression that he wants to see a U.S.-style democracy imposed on any nation.

In his speech, Bush is expected to say that while military and law enforcement actions are needed to curb terrorism, the ultimate weapons are freedom and opportunity. He is to note two type of states in the Middle East — those with an absence of freedom and weak ones with fragile democracies, such as Iraq and Lebanon.

“I think the president sees this ... as a struggle between the forces of extremism and the forces of moderation in the Middle East,” National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley said, previewing Bush’s speech. “And it’s really a crucial time.”

The president also is expected to firmly denounce Iran and Syria. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also planned to be at the United Nations, but Bush had no intention of talking with him.

Delicate, historic jewelry on display

By Lauren Hightower
Reporter

Inside Moody Memorial Library, just past the front desk is a small display case filled with bits of jewelry. The pieces are all of varying ages and are made from different materials, such as shell and glass.

Sherry Cook, the facilities coordinator for Moody Library, received her first piece of cameo jewelry at age 16. Her mother gave her a bracelet that her father brought back from Italy during World War II. Over the years Cook has collected cameos of all shapes, materials and sizes.

“Cameos can be made from

almost anything,” Cook said.

“The earliest cameos were carved out of stone and used as seals, much like official signet rings. The older cameos tend to be made out of shell or lava, while the more modern pieces are made from celluloid, which is an early form of plastic, glass or Wedgewood.”

Most cameos show the profile of a woman, but there are also some cameos that show landscapes. Cook has two pins carved out of shell that display landscapes, one showing a domed building and another showing an etched representation of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius.

Cook said she’s been slowly

collecting cameos for most of her life. As a result, she has found many cameos of varying ages. The oldest of her pieces are from the mid-1800s.

Since beginning her collection, she has gathered cameo jewelry everywhere from antique stores in back road towns and even eBay.com.

“I had a few pieces that belonged to my mother that I gave to Sherry’s collection,” said Jimmie Sauer, circulation assistant.

The display at the library, is positioned by the entrance, making the jewelry visible for the casual observer, Cook said.

“It’s interesting to see how diverse (the cameos) are,” Joanna Downey, a Lorena sophomore,

said. “It’s kind of like how we can learn from the past by looking at what was done then.”

Cook’s fascination with cameos has helped her learn how to identify older cameos from more modern ones. Often, she said, the older cameos will have what is called a “Roman nose,” which means the nose is a straight line. Modern cameos have a slight upward turn at the end of the nose. Cook also said cameos are mostly produced by large machinery, versus the traditional etching with a small knife.

Along with her collection, Cook is displaying two books with information on cameos, their production and their history.



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‘Last Kiss’ leaves viewers stressed

By Faith Korpi
Contributor

“Saying I love you doesn’t mean anything. It’s what you do to the people you love that counts.”

MOVIE REVIEW

Common sense, yes. But wouldn’t life be much easier if we, like Zach Braff in *The Last Kiss*, had Tom Wilkinson to come along and whack us upside the head when needed?

Michael (Braff) has everything we would usually spend an entire movie cheering for him to obtain – the girl, the job, the friends, the life. Well, think of this as the sequel, and Michael isn’t happy.

In Braff’s opening monologue his character explains that the perfect life, everything turning out how it was supposed to, is the very reason for his distress: the prospect of no more surprises. And with that, we are thrown into a traffic jam of emotional and relational crises.

Michael doesn’t want to marry his pregnant girlfriend Jenna (Jacinda Barrett), because as he moronically states to her, it would feel “final.” Jenna’s mother (Blythe Danner) is leaving her father (Wilkinson) after 30 years of marriage.

His best friend Chris (Casey Affleck) is considering leaving his wife and child. His other friend Izzy (Michael Weston, *Garden State*) quits his job and wants to head off on a road trip to South America after breaking up with his girlfriend (Marley Shelton, *Pleasantville*). And finally there’s sex-crazed Kenny (Eric Christian Olsen, *Cellular*) who simply doesn’t want to deal with any adult issues (except maybe STDs?).

Rachel Bilson waltzes her extremely unlikable character, Kim, into Michael’s life and crisis via a “do girls really do that?” introduction at a wed-



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Michael (Zach Braff) and Jenna (Jacinda Barrett) are about to start a life together in *The Last Kiss*, a contemporary comedy-drama about life, love, infidelity, forgiveness, marriage, friendship and coming to grips with turning 30.

ding. My skin crawled every time she was onscreen and you could feel the death vibes being shot at her from every female in the theater.

Although Braff is the main character, he isn’t the one you are necessarily supposed to identify with. Michael isn’t Andrew Largeman, or J.D. – some people might be uncomfortable with Braff playing a character unlike the ones he’s known for. Personally I latched onto Barrett’s character, whom she portrays with ease and conviction and was looking to her to be the protagonist.

Director Tony Goldwyn has acted in many films but only ever directed for television (*Grey’s Anatomy*, *The L Word*, *Law & Order*, *Without a Trace*). This is clearly evident in pace of the story. Accustomed to working with a 45-minute time frame, Goldwyn knows how to get a point across. And boy does he ever.

This movie is intense. In fact, the guy sitting behind me in the theater declared as much half way through: “Man, I can’t take this stress!”

I went into the theater perfectly happy and came out solemn and contemplative. “What am I supposed to think?” “How am I supposed to feel?”

While these are questions most films spoon feed you answers to, *The Last Kiss* leaves you with a jumble of emotions to sort out.

I don’t recall another time where I was sitting in a movie theater and wasn’t rooting for the Hollywood ending.

The credits were rolling, and I honestly didn’t know how to feel. I turned to my friend and asked how she felt, and a confused shrug was the only answer. Braff said recently in an interview with *Entertainment Weekly*, “My first movie was going to be a practice piece. Now I don’t know if I’ll ever live up to it.”

Fans of *Garden State*, have no fear. You will like this movie. It isn’t as good overall, but it is raw and real enough and filled with enough emo music to fuel your post-movie intellectual/philosophical coffee house banter.

Letter Grade: B

Online directory helps simplify wedding plans

By Jennifer Caballero
McClatchy Tribune

HACKENSACK, N.J. — For many couples, planning that dream wedding can mean the nightmare of arranging and organizing endless details for the ceremony, reception and honeymoon.

There is an inordinate amount of decision-making — from choosing a gown, a banquet hall and a band to deciding which caterer to hire and booking the best getaway vacation spot.

But David Ciccolella, the CEO, president and founder of WedAlert.com, says wedding planning doesn’t have to be expensive or tedious.

“I like comparing wedding planning to an onion: There is always another layer to it. It never ends,” Ciccolella said.

“My Web site tries to simplify the wedding process and make it easier for couples to organize their wedding.”

A Hackensack, N.J.-based company with more than 30 employees, WedAlert.com is an online wedding directory where brides and grooms from 34 states can register for free and search through hundreds of multimedia pages of businesses and professionals to find photographers, wedding gown suppliers and florists advertising their services.

“If you are a bride that lives in California but wants to have your wedding in Hackensack, New Jersey, you can do so,” Ciccolella said.

“You look at a huge list of professionals in Bergen County that serve the Hackensack area. It is as simple as that.”

The site also offers registered tools such as a planning calendar, information on marriage laws and changing your name, and a checklist for your budget.

“A couple no longer needs the yellow book. Practically everything they need to make their wedding is here,” Ciccolella, who founded the company in 1995, said.

There also are special discounts and contests in which couples can win an all-expenses-paid honeymoon, as well as articles that cover a myriad of wedding-related topics such as “Have iPods made DJs obsolete?” and “The Pros and Cons of Beach Weddings.”

“I wanted WedAlert to have some content,” Ciccolella said. “So we have the people of the company write substantive articles or acquire them from reporters who had the experience of wedding planning.”



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David Ciccolella created WedAlert, an online company where couples can plan their weddings.

The company gets traffic from appearing at the top of the list in search engines such as Google and Yahoo.

Ciccolella says the site has 30 million hits, and up to 400,000 unique visitors, per month.

“Many people start their first step in wedding planning by searching online through Google. That is why we construct our site to become one of the top results,” Ciccolella said.

Another reason for the site’s high traffic is the largest feature: a huge library of music with more than 2,000 songs.

The bride and groom can choose which music they would want to hear. Consumers can listen to songs by established artists such as U2, Buena Vista Social Club, Beethoven and Bruce Springsteen or live music by wedding singers and bands.

“They (recording labels) wanted a portion of the profits from the company, but I told them that I didn’t make much money so I would take down the list of their music,” Ciccolella said. “Instead, they opted for me to pay a small fee.”

As a result of the high traffic, executives from Comedy Central contacted Ciccolella to advertise a recruitment campaign of couples who are willing to televise their engagement, bachelor/bachelorette party, and reception, for a facetious show called *The Best Man*.

The future is looking bright for the company. During a vacation to Arizona, Ciccolella did more than just soak up the sun. He spent much of the time looking through the counties featured in a vacation booklet for possible new localities to expand his business.

“I want to expand the business nationwide and soon, maybe worldwide. But I’m taking my time,” he said.

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Cougars scratch Bears' record

By Tim Booth
The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Washington State quarterback Alex Brink caught a third quarter touchdown pass and Loren Langley kicked a 17-yard field goal with 9 seconds left to lift the Cougars to a 17-15 win over Baylor on Saturday afternoon.

Trailing 15-14 with 5:04 left, Brink directed a 14-play, 81-yard drive, capped by Langley's first field goal of the season.

Playing on the road at Seattle's Qwest Field, the Bears were unable to overcome sloppy play on offense, losing the game and moving to 1-2 on the season.

"I was pretty comfortable go-



Associated Press

Washington State's Michael Bumpus (5) fumbles Saturday on a hit by Baylor's Nick Moore that resulted in a touchdown for Baylor in the fourth quarter in Seattle. Washington State went on to win 17-15.

ing out there," Langley said. In the first half, coach Bill Doba passed on having Langley attempt a 42-yard field goal and went for it on fourth down. A combination of dropped passes, untimely penalties, sacks and turnovers held the Bears to 256 yards of total offense and just 68 yards in the second half.

"I don't mind getting beat if

I go down swinging and give it everything I've got," Morriss said. "But to lose a game like we lost today, that is what is driving me nuts."

At the half, the Bears lead the game 9-7, but their offensive futility from this point forward kept Washington State in the game.

One of the reasons for the

Baylor offense's lack of point production was the Bears could never establish a running game. The Bears finished with -19 net yards of rushing offense. Five different Cougars sacked Bell, who was 31-for-48 for 256 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

Sports editor Daniel Youngblood contributed to this report.

There's no place like home for BU soccer

After a five-game winless streak on the road, the Lady Bears rack up three straight victories in Waco

By Brittany McGuire
Sports writer

After playing five consecutive games on the road and coming out 0-4-1, the Baylor Lady Bears' soccer team was happy to be home.

The team treated the home crowd to two shutout victories, beating the University of Texas-San Antonio on Friday night and Samford University on Sunday afternoon.

"It's great," head Coach George Van Linder said. "If you can't win in front of your family and friends, who can you win in front of?"

The Lady Bears' offense was especially strong in Friday's game, pounding the Roadrunners with a season-high 27 shots. However, strong efforts from UT-San Antonio goalkeeper Rachel Francis kept the team scoreless through the first half. With time ticking down, senior forward Anna Schuch found the back of the net in the 78th minute, pulling the Lady Bears ahead 1-0.

"Their defense was allowing us to get in there," the Austin native said. "It was an opportunity we finished."

Junior goalkeeper Ashley Holder recorded three saves for the shutout win.

During the team's road games, the women have struggled to get shots off, totaling just 14 in their past three games.

"To be honest, the road's been real tough for us," Van Linder said. "We knew there'd be some tough games, but it's been harder than usual."

Schuch said the whole team, and not just the offense, has improved since the losses.

"Everyone stepped it up and that created opportunities," she said.

Sunday's game against Samford was a tougher challenge for the Lady Bears, but the team again came out on top, 1-0.

Van Linder said he was especially proud of his team for its win over Samford, which advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament last year.

"I really liked today because Samford's a good team," Van Linder said. "They challenged us."

The Lady Bears had 13 shots on the day, and in the 33rd minute, Schuch made one of her seven shots count. After taking a pass from freshman midfielder Betsy Kyle, Schuch went one-on-one with the goalie, scoring Baylor's only goal.

"It's always nice to get one more goal, but as long as you're creating opportunities and playing well, I don't think you need to win 3-0," Schuch said. "1-0 is fine."

Holder made five saves to give the Lady Bears another shutout, her third of the season and sixth in her career. The win over Samford marks Baylor's third consecutive shutout at home, pushing its record to 3-4-1.

"I've improved from last year by far," Holder said. "My kicks are on, I'm holding onto more balls and I'm talking more."

Holder ranks second in the Big 12 in saves and said she's ready to start conference play this weekend.

"I'm never nervous," she said.

The Lady Bears kick off conference play this weekend with a Friday game against Texas A&M University and a Sunday game against the University of Texas.

Owens out two to four weeks with injury

By Jaime Aron
The Associated Press

IRVING — Terrell Owens played in a Super Bowl for Philadelphia seven weeks after getting a plate and several screws put in his ankle.

Now he's hoping another plate and three more screws in his right hand will enable him to play against the Eagles on Oct. 8.

Owens had a plate screwed into his broken right ring finger during an operation Monday evening. His recovery time is estimated at two to four weeks, but he's likely to do all he can to rejoin the Dallas Cowboys in 20 days for his much-anticipated return to Philadelphia.

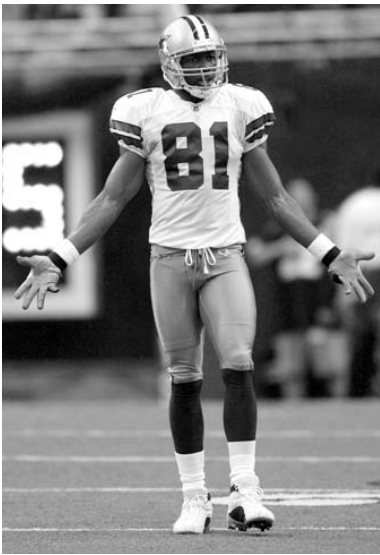
"Most of those injuries, when they put a plate in there, which I think they might do, that pretty much fixes it," coach Bill Parcells said Monday, before the surgery.

"It's not going anywhere, you're not going to displace it again. It's a matter of if you can get it functional."

The Cowboys are off this Sunday, then play at Tennessee before the Eagles game. If things go well, perhaps Owens plays against the Titans. If there are any setbacks, it's possible he doesn't return until the game after Philadelphia, Oct. 15 at home against Houston.

You have to figure Owens will do all he can to be on the field against the Eagles, hoping to get revenge against the team that banished him midway through last season only months after he helped them reach the Super Bowl.

And he does have a history of overcoming injuries faster than doctors expected, especially when motivated by a comeback game — as evidenced by that Super Bowl against the New England Patriots.



Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens reacts Sunday against the Washington Redskins in Irving. Dallas won, 27-10 and Owens will miss two to four weeks after breaking a finger in the game.

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Duquesne wounded describe events

By Alan Robinson
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — As basketball players Aaron Jackson and Stephen Wood lay helpless in front of a Duquesne University dormitory, bullet after bullet flew by them. The same thought crossed each of their minds.

“It seemed like the bullets never stopped coming,” Jackson said Monday, absent-mindedly rubbing the left wrist that was grazed by one of the bullets.

Five Duquesne players were struck by those bullets early Sunday morning by an unidentified shooter or shooters that injured nearly half of the team’s scholarship athletes.

On Monday, three players

remained hospitalized. Junior-college transfer forward Sam Ashaolu, 23, of Toronto, was in critical condition after a bullet shattered and separated into three sections of his head.

Stuard Baldonado, 21, a 6-foot-7 forward and another junior college transfer, of Colombia, was in serious but improving condition with left arm and back injuries. He was told by surgeons that a bullet missed his spinal column by one-quarter of an inch before lodging in a lower back muscle.

In interviews Monday with The Associated Press, several players said the shootings apparently resulted from an act of jealousy by a non-student unhappy that the girlfriend he accompa-

nied to a dance, sponsored by the Black Student Union, talked with a player or players for the Dukes.

“We were just having a good time,” said Wood, a freshman who left New York City to play at Duquesne. “There was jealousy because girls were showing us attention.”

The players were followed by the disgruntled non-student and at least one of his acquaintances when they left the dance, they said, and the shootings happened as the players walked together toward the dormitory. Mensah, Ashaolu and Baldonado were the first to be hit; James was wounded on the foot but escaped by running across the nearby football field. Wood,

who was not struck, said he saw Baldonado bleeding badly from his left arm and quickly took off his own shirt and applied a tourniquet.

“I turned away, and saw Stu on the floor, and my first reaction was to take my shirt off and try to stop the bleeding,” Wood said. “Then I turned around and I saw Sam laying there.”

Mensah, struck himself, aided several players by helping to barricade them behind a steel door. Jackson lifted the 250-pound Baldonado on his back, carried him to his car and drove him to nearby Mercy Hospital.

“We didn’t think about this, or to do that,” Jackson said. “You think, ‘Oh, that’s my man, we’re going to look out for him.’”



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Duquesne basketball player Kieron Achara, center, is comforted members of the girls soccer team after a shooting on campus Sunday.

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tax, then the only thing acceptable is a conversion (to Islam) or (being killed by) the sword.”

Islam forbids drinking alcohol and requires non-Muslims to pay the “jizya” tax, though those who convert are exempt. The tax, sometimes called a head tax, has not been imposed in Muslim nations in about 100 years, though Islamic militant groups have tried to force non-Muslims to pay it on a local level in some countries.

“You infidels and despots, we will continue our jihad (holy war) and never stop until God avails us to chop your necks and raise the fluttering banner of monotheism, when God’s rule is established governing all people and nations,” said the statement by the Mujahedeen Shura Council, an umbrella organization of Sunni Arab extremist groups in Iraq.

Al-Qaida in Iraq said Muslims would be victorious and addressed the pope as “the worshipper of the cross” saying “you and the West are doomed as you can see from the defeat in Iraq, Afghanistan, Chechnya and elsewhere. ... We will break up the cross, spill the liquor and impose the ‘jizya’ tax, then the only thing acceptable is a conversion (to Islam) or (being killed by) the sword.”

Another Iraqi extremist group, Ansar al-Sunna, challenged “sleeping Muslims” to prove their manhood by

doing something other than “issuing statements or holding demonstrations.”

“If the stupid pig is prancing with his blasphemies in his house,” the group said in a Web statement, referring to the pope, “then let him wait for the day coming soon when the armies of the religion of right knock on the walls of Rome.”

In Iran, supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei used the comments to call for protests against the United States.

He argued that while the pope may have been deceived into making his remarks, the words give the West an “excuse for suppressing Muslims” by depicting them as terrorists.

“Those who benefit from the pope’s comments and drive their own arrogant policies should be targeted with attacks and protests,” he said, referring to the United States.

The anger recalled the outrage earlier this year over cartoons depicting the prophet published by a Danish paper.

The caricatures, which Muslims saw as insulting Muhammad, set off large, violent protests across the Islamic world. So far, protests over the pope’s comments have been smaller.

However, there has been some violence: Attackers hurled firebombs at seven churches in the West Bank and Gaza Strip over the weekend, and a nun was shot to death in Somalia.

Some 200 Khamenei loyalists in

the Syrian capital, Damascus, held a protest Monday at an Islamic shrine, dismissing the pope’s apology.

“The pope’s sorrow was equivocal,” read one banner.

Dozens protested outside the Vatican Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, and schools and shops in the Indian-controlled section of Kashmir shut their doors in protest.

“His comments really hurt Muslims all over the world,” Umar Nawawi of the radical Islamic Defenders’ Front said in Jakarta. “We should remind him not to say such things which can only fuel a holy war.”

Islamic countries also asked the U.N. Human Rights Council to examine the question of religious tolerance. Malaysia’s foreign minister, Syed Hamid Albar, said Benedict’s apology was “inadequate to calm the anger.”

In Egypt, the Muslim Brotherhood said the anger should not be allowed to hurt ties with the Middle East’s Christian minorities. But worries among Christians in the region are high.

Guards have been posted around some churches, and the head of Egypt’s Orthodox Coptic Church, Pope Shenouda III, disassociated himself from Benedict’s statements.

The Dominican mission in Cairo also criticized Benedict’s words, saying he chose a text for his speech that “revived the polemics of the past.”

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ment tests, Hernandez said the most important thing is to balance the overall education of a child with the standardized expectations of the state.

“We just want to challenge our students to perform at higher levels,” Hernandez said. “State assessment tests determine if a student is functioning at a minimal skill level. We’re not saying that every kid will score in the 100th percentile, but we can expect that 100 percent meet the minimum.”

Hernandez also mentioned some new initiatives WISD is starting this year.

“We want to start targeting students at an earlier age to get them ready for college,” he said. “Early exposure to the expectations and requirements of college lowers the intimidation many kids feel towards the college application process.”

Additionally, Hernandez said the district is emphasizing attendance.

“We’re also instituting a new program that automatically calls parents to let them know if their child is absent,” Hernandez said.

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ture,” Dr. James Karban, director of Baylor sciences facilities, said. “They are doing a lot of things that they should not be doing.”

With unwelcome visitors past normal hours, Plummer noted a growing concern toward student vandalism with the high price of equipment in the building.

“Realistically, students haven’t given administrators reason to trust them in the past,” Plummer said.

Karban agrees with Plummer, but said it all comes down to security.

“Until we can control access to certain areas, we don’t feel like it’s a safe place for them to be,” Karban said.

For the building to be opened all day and night, the administration would have to install security cameras, change locks to secure certain areas, hire security guards and keep a 24-hour staff.

“I’m for it,” Karban said. “We haven’t figured out how to do it yet. It would cost a tremendous amount of money to do it.”

At this point only graduate students are allowed in the building past normal hours because they have experiments that run 24 hours a day, and they use identification cards for access.

“We can control through the card readers who’s going in and out,” Karban said.

“Plus, graduate students are trained to deal with chemicals and undergraduates are not.”

No dates have been set to draw up the proposal, but student officers are confident despite the financial situation.

“The biggest problem to do with anything on (the) Baylor campus is finances,” Plummer said.

“It’s a battle between safety and the cost of safety.”

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