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A life on the run

A confused squirrel joins members of the Golden Wave Marching Band at halftime Saturday during the Baylor vs. Army game at Floyd Casey

Stadium. After entertaining fans for several minutes, the squirrel was chased out of the stadium by game staff.

Major offers unique blend

Medical humanities teaches students about care, competency

By Allie Cook
Reporter

There are two essential qualities in the making of a good doctor: competence and care.

Dr. James Marcum and Dr. Michael Attas, directors of medical humanities, emphasize the need for both. But they recognize that the medical community has, in the recent past, not placed emphasis on teaching the humanistic, caring side.

"We've stressed the competency part," Marcum said. "And the caring part has sort of been ignored."

Having recognized this quality of care crisis, the medical humanities program was born, Marcum said.

This is the first semester for a Medical Humanities major to be offered, though Attas said the curriculum has been offered as a minor for the past seven years.

"We realized there needed to be something to help students understand the intersection of religion, spirituality, the philosophy of medicine and patient relationships," Attas said.

Attas estimated that when the program began, there was a moderate number of students involved, about 20 or 30, with the minor at that time.

Over the past few years the amount of interest began rapidly increasing among pre-medical students. Two factors contributed to the growth: positive feedback from students who graduated from the program and other from medical schools, Attas said.

"I think students thought it would help them in the application process (for medical school), and that it was exposing them to ideas in the medical field that they won't get (beyond undergraduate studies)," he said.

Because of this increase in demand, Attas and Marcum decided in 2005 to try and get the

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Lab researches water quality

New aquatic facility investigates effects of contamination

Christine M. Tamer
Staff writer

As the need for clean and usable water rises with the growing population, the availability and quality of water is becoming increasingly paramount.

To study issues surrounding the quality of water, the Baylor Experimental Aquatic Research (BEAR) facility was opened

Wednesday.

"Water quality issues are one of the top environmental concerns worldwide," said Dr. Ryan King, lead principal researcher at the BEAR facility and an assistant professor of biology at Baylor.

The BEAR facility, which opened on Sept. 20, is a water research center that will accommodate the study of the relationships between pollutants and stream ecosystems, King said.

"The real fundamental goal of this facility is to allow us to better understand how pollution

affects our rivers and streams by using sound science approaches," King said.

By understanding the basic factors that control how water systems function, good management strategies for the ecosystem will be developed, said Robert Doyle, director of Baylor's Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research and chairman of the biology department.

While Doyle said "it would not be fair to say that we will find that answer of how to make the water not taste funny," he said he believes the facility will

offer a "unique type of experiment."

The BEAR facility consists of 12 replica channels that represent streams. Researchers will experimentally manipulate these 60-foot long streams by putting different levels of nutrients into each stream and seeing how the levels affect water quality and wildlife, King said.

"It's really cutting-edge information that is coming out of the research," Ricky Garrett, director of water utility services, said.

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Baylor Photography

Dr. Robert Doyle, chairman of the biology department, examines one of 24 model wetlands with doctoral student Melissa Mullins at the BEAR facility.

Separation of church, state focal point of debate

By Mallory Briggs
Reporter

A hot debate over religion and politics took place Monday night at Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center's "Framing the Debate: Religion in the Public Square."

Kevin "Seamus" Hasson, founder of Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, and Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn, director of the American Civil Liberties Union program on Freedom of Religion and

Belief, focused the debate on church-state relations with the purpose of "(bringing) forth important ideas of church and state in the nation and how they conflict," said Brad Toben, dean of the Baylor Law School.

Hasson and Gunn did just that during the six-question debate followed by questions from the audience.

In his opening statement, Gunn said the United States is in a cultural war over religion. He said he backs separation of

church and state "not because religion is dangerous, but because religion is sacred."

Hasson took a different approach, saying that people overcomplicate the question of religion in the public square and that the question is how to live one's faith publicly and authentically. He said it is natural to find religion in the public square because it is natural to find religion in humans.

The two men argued very different opinions: Gunn fa-

vored a complete separation of church and state, while Hasson thought religion is inevitably in the public sphere and should be celebrated.

In response to a question regarding religious symbols, Hasson said he approves of government-sponsored religious symbols because they represent the "government recognizing cultural celebrations of people."

Gunn disagreed, and said that if the government endorses cer-

tain religious symbols it sends a message that the symbols are supported by the government. He said it alienates people and that the "voice of faith" is constitutionally allowed in so many places that there is no need for it into the public sphere.

Another question that the two disagreed about was the question of if public officials should be allowed to tout their religion. Gunn said that while it is impossible to get rid of religious influences, officials should

not promote personal religion and instead look objectively at what the real issues of the situation are.

On the other hand, Hasson said religion should play a key role in a politician's life and that "people voting their conscience is what we want." He said a person should take his or her beliefs and make them into a "public argument" that makes sense in the public arena.

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Consumers skeptical of dropping gas prices

By Brad Foss
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There is no mystery or manipulation behind the recent fall in gasoline prices, analysts say. Try telling that to many U.S. motorists.

Almost half of all Americans believe the November elections have more influence than market forces. For them, the plunge at the pump is about politics, not economics.

Retired farmer Jim Mohr of Lexington, Ill., rattled off a tankful of reasons why pump prices may be falling, including the end of the summer travel season and the fact that no major hurricanes have disrupted Gulf of Mexico output.

"But I think the big important reason is Republicans want to get elected," Mohr,

66, said while filling up for \$2.17 a gallon. "They think getting the prices down is going to help get some more incumbents re-elected."

According to a new Gallup poll, 42 percent of respondents agreed with the statement that the Bush administration "deliberately manipulated the price of gasoline so that it would decrease before this fall's elections." Fifty-three percent of those surveyed did not believe in this conspiracy theory, while 5 percent said they had no opinion.

Almost two-thirds of those who suspect President Bush intervened to bring down energy prices before Election Day are registered Democrats, according to Gallup.

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Associated Press

As prices have fallen at the pump, like at this one in Los Angeles, the number of theories regarding the causes have increased.

Friedman offers no apologies for comment

By Michael Graczyk
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Kinky Friedman, making no apologies for recent racially charged remarks, began a three-day college tour Monday with Jesse Ventura, the former Minnesota governor whose surprise victory in 1998 is serving as the template for Friedman's independent populist run for Texas governor.

"Anyone who knows me knows I'm not a racist," Friedman said at the University of Texas at San Antonio. "Far from it."

Last week, the Texas NAACP president and a leading black legislator criticized Friedman

for a joke he told in 1980 in which he used the n-word about blacks. He also has come under fire for a race-related remark he made in a television interview last year and for other comments about Hurricane Katrina evacuees and about ethnic groups.

"Humor is the weapon I use, humor to attack bigotry," Friedman said. "Remarks were pulled out of the kind of show we did that was designed to offend everybody."

"The remarks were ... pulled out by people who orchestrated this. And it's boomeranging, it's backfiring, because it just simply isn't true."

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Lifelong fans won't lose heart over football losses

I remember my very first game as a young Baylor Bear fan. I can't remember who we were playing or what the final score was, but I remember that at some point in the game my dad gave me a Snickers bar as we sat up in section JJ. I don't know what the section is called now, mostly because it's become commonly accepted that at Baylor football games you can pretty much sit wherever you want to. And while the section numbers have changed, one thing has remained the same in the past decade: Seven to nine times a year, the football team is going to reach into my stomach and

rip my guts out for everyone to see. But I keep on coming back for more. It actually reminds me of those famous lines from Animal House: "Thank you, sir! May I have another?" I've been there for some truly memorable games, and I don't mean that in a good way. Just one week after Kevin Steele lost his first game as the new head coach against Boston College (on a missed extra point), my father and I were sitting in the stands watching the now infamous game against University of Nevada-Las Vegas. As many of you know, instead of sitting on the ball Steele



point of view
BY JORDAN DANIEL
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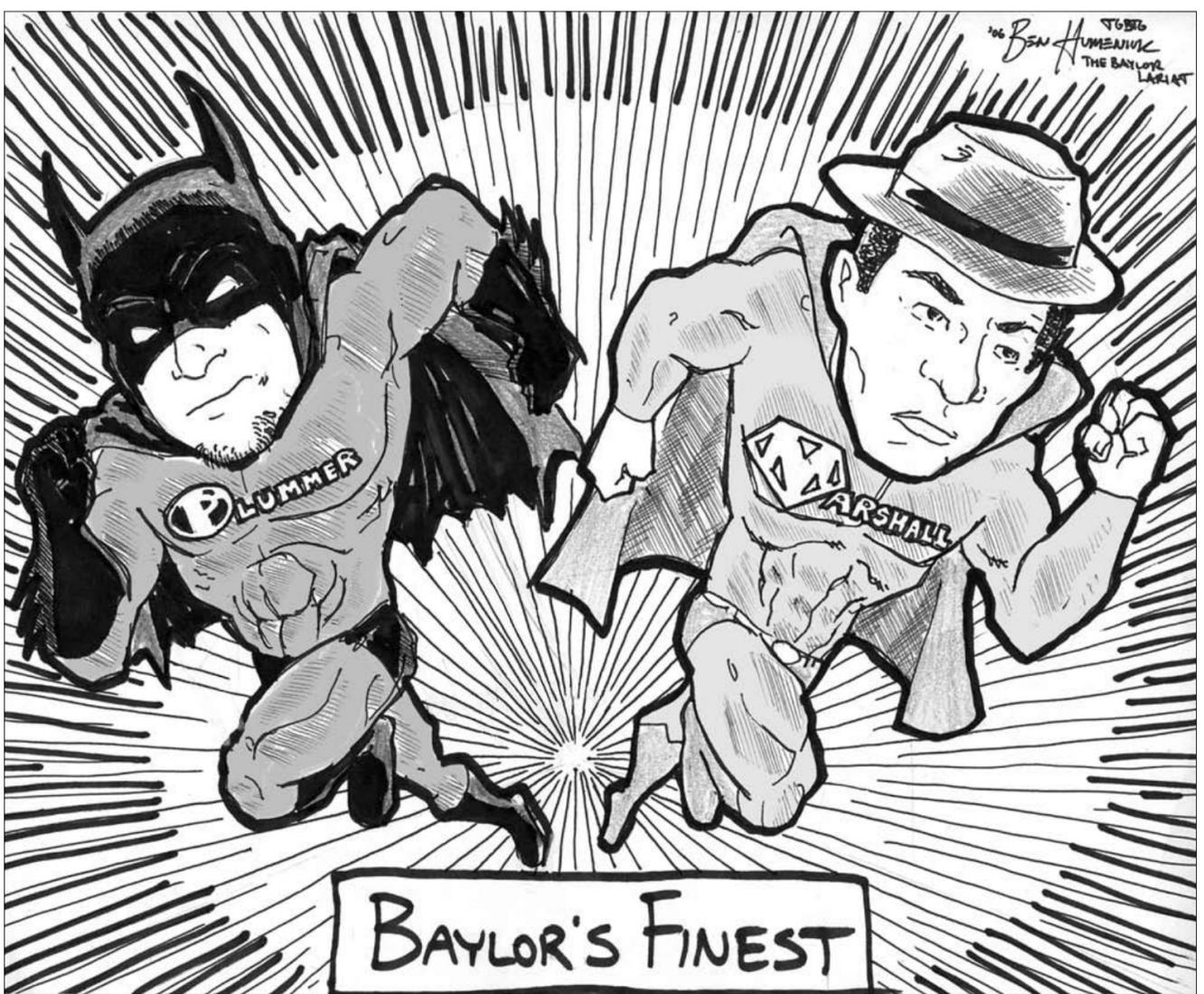
cret at the hands of our brothers from down in Austin, the Longhorns. The beating we've taken from head Coach Mike Leach and the Red Raiders certainly stick out in my mind, especially when it was homecoming and our queen was wearing a red and black dress. However, dad and I were there in the early '90s, too, when the Bears butted heads with the big boys and even emerged victorious on more than a few occasions. One of my favorite memories from Floyd Casey Stadium is from former quarterback J.J. Joe's senior season when he played his final game at home. Near the end of the game, Joe

dropped to a knee and proposed to his wife with a message on the scoreboard. I've had opportunities to get away from it all, to go to schools that win more games and have more tradition, but I just can't quit Baylor football. I love it with the fiery passion of a thousand suns and nothing the Bears ever do to disappoint me or break my heart will ever make me stop cheering for them. "Love" isn't a word I just throw around, and I don't think others should either, but I can honestly say I love Baylor football. Every time the team fumbles or throws a pick in the red zone,

I feel like I just fumbled or threw an interception. And when that final pass fell incomplete Saturday against Army, so many emotions were running through me that I couldn't possibly describe it. I don't know when my Bears are going to turn the corner and I don't even know how I'll react when it does happen. I do know that when it finally does happen, when those close losses turn into close wins and the season finally runs into December and early January, my dad and I will be there, maybe enjoying a Snickers bar in section JJ. *Jordan Daniel is a senior journalism major from Waco.*

Editorial Plummer, Marshall making waves in good way

Just call them Batman and Robin. External Vice President Allan Marshall and Internal Vice President Travis Plummer clearly make a good team. After settling into their offices, the two representatives have substantially made waves in the Baylor and Waco communities. Plummer and fellow student body officers met with President John Lilley on Sept. 19 to discuss a proposal that would make the Baylor Sciences Building available to students 24 hours a day, versus its current closing time of 11 p.m. The extended hours would allow students to use the open areas of the building for studying; however, the proposal would result in high security costs. Though Plummer faces a great financial obstacle with his proposal, the meeting was the first step down a road that symbolizes Plummer's efforts to work in the interest of students. Marshall has also been busy filling the shoes of EVP. Marshall has been speaking to community leaders in the Waco area about how Baylor can become more involved outside campus. After meeting with members of Waco City Council, the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce and Cen-Tex African-American Chamber of Commerce, Marshall organized what he calls a community summit, during which Baylor student leaders will address how students can be more involved in Waco community life. The two-part summit, "Beyond Leadership: Transforming Leaders into Lifelong Servants," will take place at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Service chairmen from various student



organizations, as well as other student leaders, will have the opportunity to meet and discuss the strengthening of students' leadership and service in Waco. John Alexander, executive director of Waco Habitat for Humanity, will meet with students during the first part of the summit to provide

suggestions on how students might become more involved in service work in Waco. The second part of the summit will showcase a panel of speakers consisting of Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy, Lilley, Waco Independent School District Superintendent Roland Hernandez and Elizabeth Smith of the Cooper

Foundation. As students, we should all recognize the efforts of our representatives to not only benefit us, but also our community. Plummer and Marshall are demonstrating true commitment to students and citizens of Waco while maintaining their everyday lives.

Letters to the editor

Back up talk with wins
I've hesitated writing this letter for two weeks now. Baylor football stands at 1-3, yet I would maintain that we are undefeated in the mouthing department. I ask the administration, the deep contributors (yes, Drayton, I am speaking to you), the athletic director: Did you really check Morriss out before hiring him? In the time he has been here, there has been some improvement in prior years. However, this is a man who before he had won a game demanded better facilities, cried he can't compete

with the big boys. Did he forget that Baylor rescued him from the Kentucky lost forest? We brought him to where football is the discussion of the day. Oh, yeah - we are supposed to excuse that because he can't compete with them. Yet, his rival up in Fort Worth holds back his comments until he backs it up on the field. Let me get this right: Morriss can't compete with the big boys, but Gary Patterson not only plays with them, he beats them. Then, we not only talk trash all summer, talk the week before the game and go out and lay an egg. Then we back that up with

performances against Washington State and Army that are pathetic. At what point do we stop the talking and start playing? When Kansas comes up on the schedule? Texas? OU? OSU? What gets me is that as an alumnus, I have seen the good coaches at Baylor. Teaff, Sullivan, Smith and Mulkey all had one thing in common: They won, and they won without the talk. They didn't ask for anything until they performed on the field. If Morriss wants to be at TCU and is upset about that, then he needs to leave Baylor

because he is doing us a disservice. If TCU can win and beat the big boys, then Baylor at the very least should be able to compete and win six to seven games a year. Baylor should be 3-1 or at least 2-2 and not 1-3. That is unacceptable and I, for one, am growing tired of these coaches coming in for three to four years, crying they need this and that and then not getting the job done. Morriss: We need wins now. Don't talk, don't cry about lack of this or that, just get out and win! *Rodney Lawson Alumni 1988*

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By John Underwood
New York, NY 9/26/06

For today's crossword and sudoku answers,

Etiquette sets grads apart

By Laura Klingsporn
Reporter

You've graduated. You hold that Baylor diploma in your hand. You have your first real job. Now all you have to do is impress your superiors enough to advance. Sounds easy, but they throw you a curve: The first big "impress me" meeting is over lunch.

Out in the real world some of the most important meetings take place over a meal. This meal isn't a Big Mac and fries with friends. This meal is at a restaurant with white table clothes, multiple forks and small butter pats molded into shapes. What is a student to do?

The Panhellenic Council found an answer to this question in an etiquette seminar held Wednesday. Women from nine sororities, as well as 170 advisers, gathered in the Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center to hear Dr. Martha Lou Scott, associate dean for student life, outline the basics of business luncheon etiquette.

"I was learning practical things that I can use," Ozark, Mo., senior Jodi Cunningham said. "As a graduating senior, I think it will be useful for interviews."

The basics of good manners include understanding your environment, following the lead of one's host or hostess, keeping flatware pointed in and getting a good reference book and using it, Scott said.

Scott recommended Emily Post's Etiquette as a top reference book. In the book, Post gives advice on putting applicants above others competing for the same position.

This includes scouting the company out, being prompt, dressing appropriately and sending a thank you note soon after the interview.

"It made me really aware of what I was doing and the importance of how holding yourself can really make or break a dinner meeting," Wausau, Wis., junior Ali Lueck said.

"It was good to be aware that there is so much to learn about

etiquette."

To solidify her point, Scott shared her experience assisting with the hire of a new student activities staff member.

After sifting through hundreds of qualified applicants, the board invited a select few to interview on campus. Scott took several candidates to lunch at the Harrington House Faculty Center.

The first of the applicants chose to eat a carrot stick with a fork, nibbling at either end of the carrot. This, Scott said was appalling etiquette which made her question the applicant's class and sophistication.

The second applicant ate the carrot stick with his hands, placing it on his plate while chewing. Scott said this was the appropriate way to eat a carrot and she was impressed by the man's etiquette.

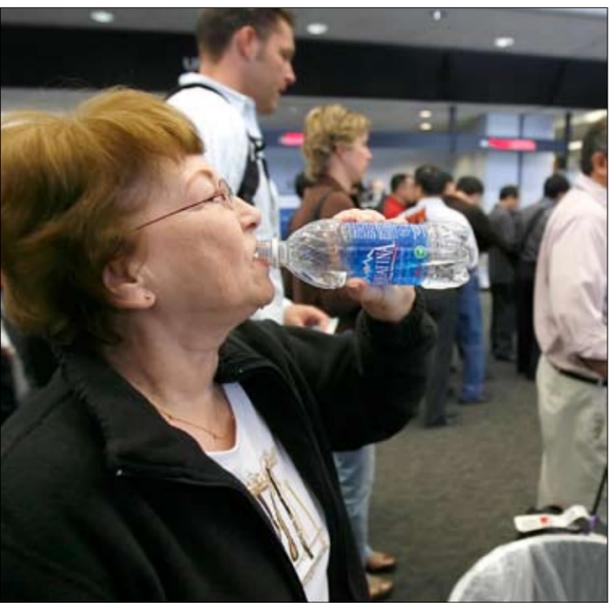
Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, was the etiquette-conscious man.

Scott said Oliver has been with Baylor ever since impressing her with his manners.



Meleura Burke/Lariat staff

Members of various sororities attend an etiquette dinner sponsored by the Panhellenic Council on Wednesday evening in Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniels Student Center. Dr. Martha Lou Scott, associate dean of Student Life, gave a talk highlighting basic business luncheon etiquette.



Associated Press

Sandra Klein of Tel Aviv, Israel, has a drink before tossing away the bottle as she prepares to head to the security checkpoint Monday at San Francisco International Airport.

TSA eases airports' liquid ban

By Lara Jakes Jordan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – The government is partially lifting its ban against carrying liquids and gels onto airliners, instituted after a plot to bomb jets flying into the United States was foiled, officials said Monday.

"We now know enough to say that a total ban is no longer needed from a security point of view," said Kip Hawley, head of the Transportation Security Administration, at a news conference at Reagan National Airport.

He said that most liquids and gels that air travelers purchase in secure areas of airports will now be allowed on planes.

He called the new procedures a "common sense" approach that would maintain a high level of security at airports but ease

conditions for passengers.

That means that after passengers go through airport security checkpoints, they can purchase liquids at airport stores and take them onto their planes.

The new procedures go into effect today, Hawley said.

Tougher airport screening procedures were put in place in August after British police broke up a terrorist plot to assemble and detonate bombs using liquid explosives on airliners crossing the Atlantic Ocean from Britain to the U.S.

At the time, the Homeland Security Department briefly raised the threat level to red, the highest level, for flights bound to the United States from Britain.

All other flights were at

orange, the second-highest level, for now.

New procedures also were announced for toiletries and products like lip gloss and hand lotion that passengers bring to the airport.

Previously, those liquids have been confiscated at security checkpoints. Now, these products will be limited to 3-ounce sizes and must fit in a clear, 1-quart plastic bag. The bags will be screened and returned if they are cleared.

"Obviously, there's been a lot of unhappiness," said Richard Marchi, senior adviser to the Airports Council International, an airport trade group.

"They're right to find a way to ease the burden and maintain a reasonable level of security."

BEAR BRIEFS

Study Abroad Fair

The Center for International Education is sponsoring the Spring 2006 Study Abroad Fair from 3 to 5 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Information on study abroad programs will be distributed.

Hispanic movie night

Sigma Iota Alpha is hosting a National Hispanic Heritage Month Movie Night from 7 to 10 p.m. today in the Bennett Auditorium inside the Draper Academic Building. This is part of a week long celebration of the founding of Sigma Iota Alpha.

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Black Knights bring Baylor football to 1-3

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

It was the same song, different verse for the Baylor football team Saturday, as the Bears suffered their third close loss of the season, dropping their record to 1-3 for the year.

In a game it was favored to win by 10 points, Baylor lost in overtime to the Army Black Knights 27-20.

Baylor head Coach Guy Morriss said he's tired of losing.

"We're kind of mad at seeing the same old things happen over and over and over," he said.

Things looked good for the Bears early. After opening the game by driving 70 yards on nine plays, senior quarterback Shawn Bell hooked up with receiver Trent Shelton on an inside screen for a seven-yard touchdown pass. Baylor held Army on its first drive and added to the lead when kicker Ryan Havens hit a 47-yard field goal to put the Bears up 10-0 in the first quarter.

But the Bears failed to score in the second quarter, picking up just 54 yards of offense. Army picked up a second-quarter field goal and went to the half down 10-3.

The Black Knights were the

"We're in a hole, but what are we going to do, just quit?"

Maurice Linguist
outside safety

aggressors in the second half. Their line controlled the trenches on both sides of the ball and they were efficient in both the running and passing games.

In the closing seconds of the third quarter, Baylor took a 17-10 lead in the third quarter on a touchdown that was set up by Maurice Linguist's sack and forced fumble that the Bears recovered deep in Army territory.

But Army answered right back with a seven-play, 80-yard drive of its own, in which the Black Knights dominated the line of scrimmage, gaining an average of 10.8 yards per rush and completing a 21-yard screen pass for a touchdown.

Down 20-17, Baylor had a chance to win the game in the final seconds of regulation, but it was held to a field goal and time ran out in regulation with the score tied at 20.

In overtime, Baylor won the toss and chose to play defense.

During the opening series of overtime, Baylor held Army to fourth down and one. Army ran the ball right up the middle for two yards and a first down. After a screen pass got Army inside the five yard line, freshman running back Tony Moore punched it in for the go-ahead touchdown.

Baylor went four and out in its possession, and as the game ended, a crowd of 36,218 stood stunned.

Linguist, Baylor's starting outside safety, said this was a hard loss to swallow.

"It's just tough. I can't explain it any other way," he said. "I just feel like they came in and they robbed us of something tonight."

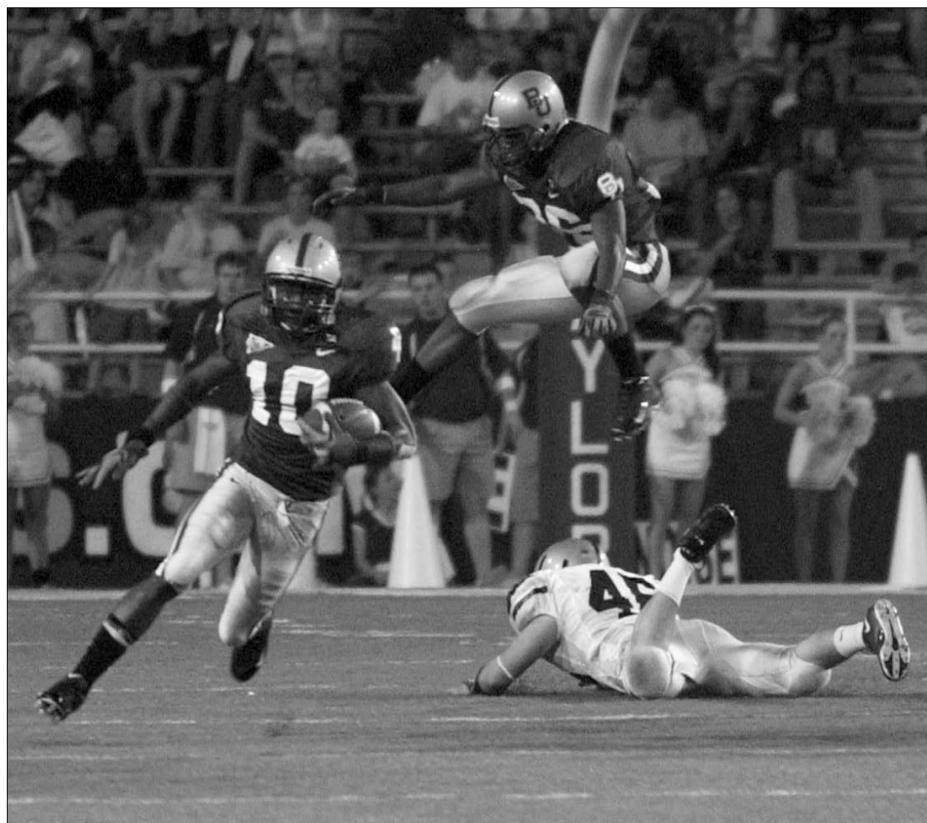
"I feel like they outworked us, and they wanted it just a little bit more than we did."

Morriss said his team's performance needs to improve going into Big 12 play.

"We've got to play with a lot of energy and emotion," he said. "We're not a very good team without it."

Bell said starting off 1-3 is frustrating, but the Bears can still accomplish some things this season.

He said a bowl bid isn't out of the question.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Queito Teasley (10) sprints up the field in the Bears' 27-20 overtime loss to Army on Saturday night. Baylor is 1-3 heading into conference play, which begins Saturday with a home game against Kansas State University.

"It's going to be hard, but ... I think it's just how we handle this loss," he said. "We can either take it as the season is over, or we can keep our chin up, be men about it and step up our game from here."

The Bears open their conference schedule against Kansas State (3-1) at 6 p.m. Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

They need five wins in their final eight games to become bowl eligible.

Linguist said the team's next game is crucial.

"We're in a hole, but what are we going to do, just quit?" he said. "No, we're going to keep working. It starts next week with K-State."

Lady Bears drop home games to Texas, Texas A&M



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Forward Amanda McGrath pushes the ball upfield Sunday in Baylor's 2-1 loss to No. 11 Texas. The Lady Bears dropped a 1-0 decision Friday to No. 12 Texas A&M, making the team's record 3-6-1.

'Bad blood' makes loss to Longhorns personal

Jordan Daniel
News editor

Clinging to a 1-0 lead in the second half, the Lady Bears were looking down the barrel of an all-out offensive assault from the No. 11-ranked University of Texas Longhorns on Sunday at Betty Lou Mays Field.

After Baylor and Texas (8-2-0) battled for possession most of the first half, the Longhorns took control of the ball and rarely relinquished it in the second half, attempting 16 shots, more than the Lady Bears attempted the entire game.

The Longhorns went on to win the contest 2-1.

Senior forward Anna Schuch got the Lady Bears on the board first in the 20th minute after junior defender Megan Sherrell served her up a long pass down the field and Schuch blasted a low liner past Texas goalkeeper Diana Pfenninger.

Sherrell said the effort was the most

complete game the Lady Bears (3-6-1) have played all season, but it still wasn't enough.

"I think this is the hardest effort we've had all year," Sherrell said. "We all wanted it really bad."

With Texas pushing Baylor's entire defense farther back and relentlessly attacking, tempers began to flare between the two teams as the Longhorns made a run to try to take the game over.

Schuch, an Austin native, was engaged in a physical battle for most of the second half with Texas defenders Kasey Moore and Jill Gilbeau, including one confrontation during and after a throw-in that left Gilbeau complaining to the referee about Schuch's physicality.

Schuch said familiarity with her opponents played a major part in the heightened tensions between the two teams.

"I played on a regional team with some of (the Texas players), so it's just like, I chose Baylor, they chose Texas and they've won two out of three, so there is some (bad blood)," Schuch said. "They stepped it and that made it a more physical game."

Head Coach George Van Linder said Schuch's desire to win and carry her team also contributed to her bruising style of play Sunday.

"We tried to talk to her about it, but she still seems to do it," Van Linder said. "She takes a lot so personal. She knows that the team's success rests right on her shoulders and she felt bad about what happened Friday night."

Texas forward Kelsey Carpenter had her way with the Baylor backline for most of the game, slicing in and out of the Lady Bears defense, especially in the first half when she got three shots on goal but was unable to convert. Junior goalkeeper Ashley Holder made save after save to keep her team in the game.

However, it only took one more lapse on defense in the second half for the Longhorns to take advantage and even up the score at 1-1 when Holder mis-kicked the ball while attempting to clear it out and left herself in a one-on-one situation with Carpenter.

In the 76th minute, Pfenninger got involved in the offense, playing a long ball forward to Longhorn teammate

Amy Burlingham, leaving Holder in yet another one-on-one situation.

After the shot, Holder was able to deflect the ball, but it bounced high into the air and floated into the back of the net, solidifying the loss.

Despite the loss, Van Linder said he sees a lot of improvement in his team and feels like the team is capable of playing much better than it is.

"We think we're the best 3-6-1 team in the country and sometimes teams in that situation start to point fingers at others, but everyone's looking at themselves right now," Van Linder said.

On Friday, Baylor fell to No. 12-ranked Texas A&M University at Betty Lou Mays Field 1-0.

In the 37th minute, Aggie forward Suzzette Devloo headed a perfect cross from defender Micah Stephens into the back of the net past a diving Holder to secure the game's only goal.

"We just had one mistake and that cost us a goal and cost us the game," Holder said.

The Lady Bears hit the pitch again 7 p.m. Friday at home against Iowa State University.

Excitement, outrage prevail as Saints return

By Mary Foster
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — For a few hours Monday night, Harold Johnson hoped to forget about the storm that wrecked his home a year ago. He planned to sit with his neighbors outside his government-issue trailer and watch the New Orleans Saints' first home game since Hurricane Katrina on TV.

"I don't want to talk about Katrina. I don't want to talk about insurance. I don't want to talk about anything but kicking Falcon butt," Johnson said, referring to the Atlanta Falcons as he stocked up on beer at a grocery store for the cookout with his neighbors.

Thousands of New Orleans residents hoped to put their troubles behind them for at least a little while during the game at the Superdome, which underwent \$185 million in repairs to erase the damage done during and after Katrina.

Both teams were undefeated at 2-0 early in the NFL season, and the game received Super Bowl buildup. The Goo Goo Dolls were set to play to the crowd outside. Green Day and U2 were scheduled to perform for the crowd of more than 68,000 inside.

Even with its gleaming new cover, the Superdome remains a symbol of Katrina's misery.

Tens of thousands of storm victims suffered there in withering heat after last summer's hurricane.

The Saints have not played a regular-season home game since 2004. They last played in the Superdome in a 2005 preseason game a few days before Katrina.

After the storm, the Saints became the NFL's traveling show, establishing a base in San Antonio and playing every game on the road amid speculation that owner Tom Benson might not bring them back to New Orleans.

Even now, a high-rise hotel, an office tower and an upscale shopping center stand empty just a few hundred feet from the stadium, with white boards covering blown-out windows. Johnson and his neighbors were holding the party outdoors because none of them had room inside their trailers.

Amid the desolation, some residents couldn't bring themselves to celebrate the team's return.

Irma Warner, 71, and her husband, Pascal Warner, 80, live in an apartment in suburban Metairie while working six days a week to restore a home flooded by 7 feet of water in New Orleans' Lakeview neighborhood.

"We rode around through the Ninth Ward yesterday," Irma Warner said. "When I saw that, I thought, how can they spend \$185 million on the Superdome? What about all these poor people?"

But she appeared to be in the minority. Downtown offices and City Hall shut down early in anticipation of crowds at the Superdome.

Tanyha Brown of Metairie said her husband was leaving work early so they could attend the festivities outside the Superdome. With no tickets to the game, they planned to watch from a nearby bar.

"This is the best holiday since Mardi Gras," Brown said.

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'Hamlet' kicks off theater season

By Cat Smith
Reporter

The dim theater is empty except for three massive wooden swords that look as though they were plunged into the ground by some unseen giant.

When Nate Records looks down at the stage, he sees a place full of death, betrayal and madness.

Records is the director of *Hamlet*, the Baylor theater department's first production of its 2006-2007 season.

Hamlet opens at 7:30 p.m. today in the Mabee Theatre and will run through Sunday.

When Records was told to pick a classic to direct as part of his master's degree, he said *Hamlet* immediately came to mind.

"I wanted to do something meaningful that would speak to everyone," Records said. "One of my first thoughts was to do *Hamlet* because it's considered by many to be the greatest play of the English-speaking world."

Records also said the themes in *Hamlet* have special meaning for him.

"At the time I had to pick the play I wanted to direct, my aunt was sick with brain cancer," Records said. "So *Hamlet* is an important story for me as well because it touches on the frailty of the human condition."

Records also reflected on the effort and time it took to bring such an enormous production to life.

"Directing *Hamlet* has been the biggest challenge of my theater career," Records said. "You don't realize what a big project it is until you do it."

Lincoln Thompson, a senior from Atlanta, Texas, will bring the character of Hamlet to life.

Thompson said the role challenged him, both physically and mentally.



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Rosencrantz (Zach Kelty, left), gives Laertes (Jared Eaton) his blessing at the advisement of Polonius (Austin Terrell) during a scene from the Monday evening's dress rehearsal of *Hamlet*.

2006-2007 SEASON

- ◆ *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- ◆ *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* by Tom Stoppard; 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14-17, 2 p.m. Nov. 19
- ◆ *Annie Get Your Gun* by Irving Berlin and Herbert and Dorothy Fields; 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8-10, 15-17, 2 p.m. Feb. 11 and 18
- ◆ *The Shape of Things* by Neil LaBute; 7:30 p.m. March 21-24 and 28-31, 2 p.m. March 25 and April 1
- ◆ *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde; 7:30 p.m. April 24-28, 2 p.m. April 29

"I have been working on this production since May, so it has been one of my most stressful roles. I have had to deal with losing my voice and hurting my back when dragging Polonius offstage," Thompson said. "I also had to learn to leave the emotions this part needs here when we are not rehearsing."

But through all the struggles, Thompson said it has been an amazing part to play.

"This is the role of roles," he said. "It challenged all of my acting experience to play such a

varied character. He goes from acting like a child, to a prankster and a king."

Noel Collins, a junior from Ardmore, Okla., plays the role of Claudius. Claudius is Hamlet's uncle who kills Hamlet's father and marries his mother.

Collins said playing the bad guy was a fun part.

"It was great to have the chance to explore Claudius's motivations and go explore the darker side that people have inside them," Collins said.

For Collins, though, finding his inner villain wasn't easy.

"This guy is about as far from how I am as a person, so it was really hard for me to get the character right," Collins said. "I would leave practice sometimes frustrated, but it has been a rewarding experience to explore myself as an actor and have the chance to really challenge my boundaries."

Thompson said the play will appeal to any kind of viewer.

"If you've got a heart, you'll love *Hamlet*," Thompson said.

Tickets are sold out, so a new show at 2 p.m. Saturday has been added.

Tickets cost \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students with a valid ID.

For more information, call the box office at 710-1865.

Pop, rock artists to hit stage

By Carlee Besier
Reporter

Two bands. Two sounds. One crowd.

Five Times August and Green River Ordinance will perform at 8 p.m. today at Common Grounds' backyard.

"It's cool because one band brings one crowd, one brings another. There'll be a lot of people there," Jill Mashburn, owner of Common Grounds, said.

Five Times August is a one-man-band starring Dallas native Brad Skistimas. Skistimas describes himself as the basic singer/songwriter with the usual love songs.

"Everyone's going through relationships, so these songs are the most accessible and relatable out there," Skistimas said.

He's had several songs featured on MTV's drama-filled, relationship-driven shows *Laguna Beach* and *The Hills*.

Kelly Vandergriff, Five Times August's manager, said she enjoys working with Skistimas because she never has to worry about what he's going to say onstage.

"So many bands will get up there and speak and offend someone. It's comforting to not have to worry about that."

Five Times August is currently the No. 2 unsigned Texas artist on Myspace.com, No. 3 unsigned pop/acoustic/alternative artist on Myspace.com worldwide and No. 1 selling consignment artist at Virgin Megastore in Dallas. He's sold more than 10,000 CDs indepen-



Brad Skistimas of Five Times August will perform at 8 p.m. today at Common Grounds. The guitarist has been featured on MTV's *Laguna Beach* and *The Hills* soundtracks.

Courtesy photo

dently throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

Skistimas joined Myspace.com two years ago after hearing success stories from other bands. Skistimas said a lot of bands just compete to see who can get the most friends, but he actually writes back to people and invites them out to shows. He's already had more than 2 million downloads at www.myspace.com/fivetimesaugust.

Skistimas' musical influences are The Beatles, Paul McCartney after he went solo and Billy Joel, as well as new artists like Jason Mraz and John Mayer.

Skistimas said he opted to come up with an alternative name for the band because he "didn't think his last name was too catchy." His birthday, Aug. 5, inspired the band name.

Performing after Five Times August is Green River Ordinance, a five-piece, acoustic-driven pop/rock band.

"They're Switchfoot meets Third Eye Blind meets Life-

house," band manager Paul Seele said.

Green River Ordinance recently won Artist of the Year, Rock Album of the Year and Song of the Year for "Piece it Together" at the 2006 Fort Worth Music Awards. MTVU "Best on Campus" named the band one of the top 20 college bands in the U.S. for 2006.

Green River Ordinance also uses Myspace.com with more than 23,000 friends and averages more than 1,000 plays per day.

The band has toured with Cheyenne Kimball, The Click 5, Blue October, Cross Canadian Ragweed, Collective Soul and Simple Plan. It kicked off its 2006 regional tour by opening for Bon Jovi at the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

More information can be found at www.greenriverordinance.com or www.myspace.com/gro.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the cover charge is \$5.

Eat a cockroach, skip the lines

Associated Press

GURNEE, Ill. — Why wait in line when you can just eat a cockroach?

That's the question Six Flags Great America is asking thrill seekers during a Halloween-themed FrightFest. The park is daring customers to eat a live Madagascar hissing cockroach

in exchange for unlimited line-jumping privileges.

The promotion has Lake County Health Department officials shaking their heads. Anyone who chows down the entire 2- to 3-inch horned cockroach gets a pass for four people to cut to the front of ride lines.

Park officials insist it's safe, but health officials are caution-

ing participants.

Consuming live roaches might increase risks of gastrointestinal illness and allergies, said Bill Mays, Lake County Health Department's community health director.

Eaters will have to sign waivers and still pay admission fees, said Six Flags spokesman James Taylor.

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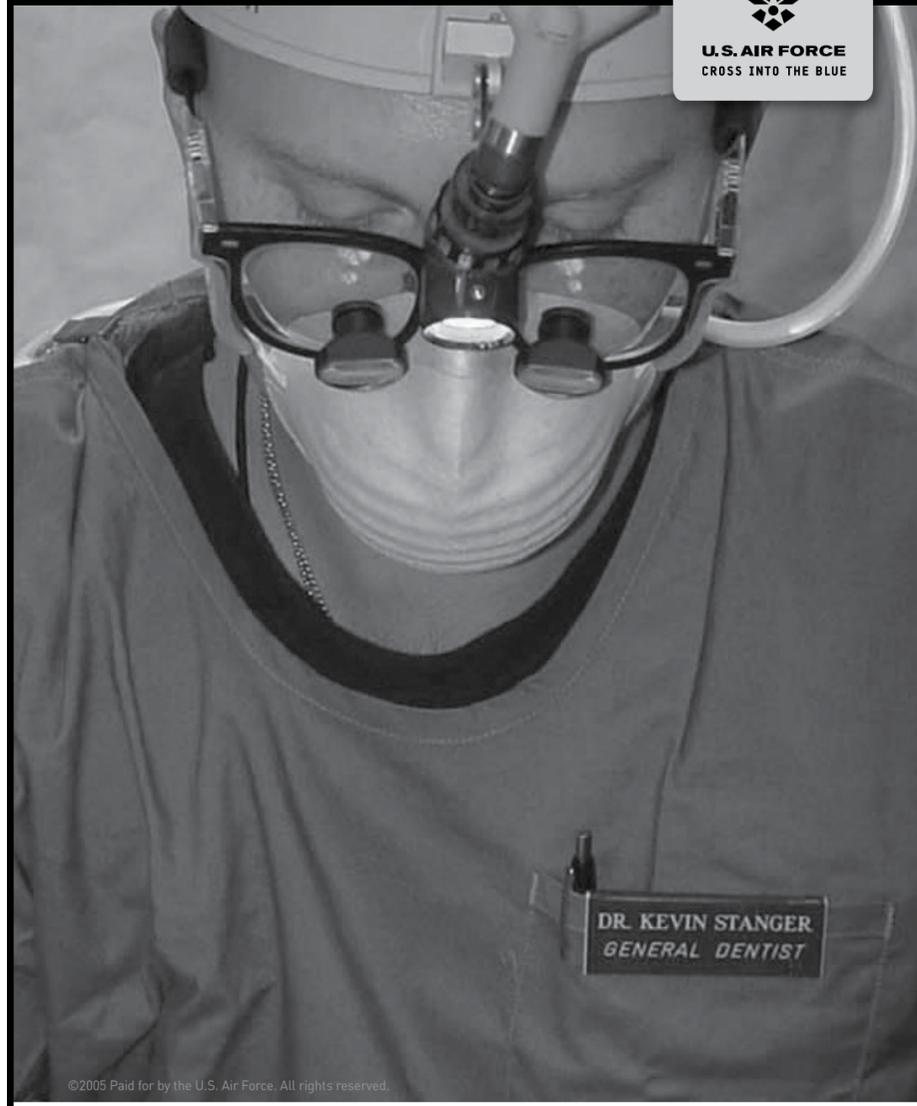
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Navy athlete's charges dropped

By Stephen Manning
The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The sexual assault case against a U.S. Naval Academy football player was dropped Monday, a day before it was to go to trial, but school officials said new charges could be filed.

Kenny Ray Morrison, a senior from Kingwood, Texas, who was accused of taking advantage of a drunken female midshipman on Feb. 4 in a Washington hotel room, was to face a special court martial today at the Washington Navy Yard.

Morrison had pleaded not guilty.

His attorney said he first learned the case was dropped when his witnesses were informed they were no longer needed.

Navy prosecutors then confirmed the charges of indecent assault and conduct unbecoming an officer against Morrison were dropped, but gave few details why, defense attorney William Ferris said.

"The way this was handled

was outrageous," Ferris said. Academy Superintendent Vice Adm. Rodney Rempt ordered the charges be dropped without prejudice because "the Naval Academy anticipates proffering new charges," said academy spokesman Cmdr. Ed Austin.

He would not say what those charges may be or give details about the new information that has "recently become available."

According to the case against him, Morrison was accused of removing the woman's clothes in a Washington hotel after a night of drinking. Charging documents state he pressured her "to engage in multiple acts of sexual intercourse."

A Navy investigator testified during a preliminary hearing that Morrison's DNA was recovered from a rape kit conducted on the woman.

The academy has taken several steps to curb abuse, such as tightening its alcohol policies and encouraging midshipman to report it, but a Pentagon report last year said the school was not doing enough.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Kevin Hasson of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty debates on the topic of religion in the public square Monday in the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center.

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The one question both agreed on was the right of the government to put buffer zones around religiously associated rioting, such as at American soldiers' funerals and abortion clinics, to ensure public safety.

Jennifer Amatya, a Sarepta, La., senior minoring in church-state relations, was required to

attend the debate for a class.

"For the most part, I agree with Hasson," Amatya said. "I see the necessity of the separation of church and state given religious diversity."

Amatya questioned if Hasson's ideas were practical and if it would foster discrimination for religious minorities, especially if leaders supported a certain religion.

have to do with health care," Attas said.

Alan Kramer, a Fredericksburg junior and a medical humanities major, said he takes courses in psychology, political science, philosophy, biology, health education, English, history, economics and religion. He also takes two other courses under Medical Humanities.

"It's a way for pre-med students to get a more holistic approach to medicine before medical school," Kramer said.

Kramer is unique among others within his major because he plans on attending law school instead of medical school.

"I want to go into health care

law," Kramer said. "Since there's no track to law school, I thought (a medical humanities major) was a good way to get into the health care field."

Kramer said he likes the openness of the program, as well as the interdisciplinary aspects.

"It gives you a broader perspective on medicine and lets you approach it in a way you've never seen it before," Kramer said.

The program deals with various bioethical issues including abortion, stem-cell research, prenatal testing for diseases and the quality of health care, Kramer said.

Added stress and time requirements come with the program being offered as a major, Attas said. Therefore, he said the department will be looking to hire another professor soon. Marcum and Attas are currently the only two professors in the program, and Attas only works part time.

This fall the department begins fundraising for a \$3 million endowed professorship, which Attas said will be named the Dr. William Hillis Endowed Professorship of Medical Humanities.

Hillis, a biology professor, has been very influential to the formation of program, Attas said.

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program approved as a major.

The first step they took was starting a petition among pre-medical students.

Five hundred students signed the petition. In May, President John Lilley signed off on the program as a new major. Attas estimated that about 200 students now have declared the major or minor. He also said that students obtain a bachelor of arts, not a bachelor of science, and that the program is interdisciplinary.

"We pulled together courses from other departments that

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"Because technology is getting better every year and improving, we are able to learn more about our environment and how healthy or unhealthy it is for us."

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ence to develop environmental policies that are defensible," King said. "This facility allows us to take one step in this direction because it can manipulate streams experimentally."

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"I am confident that data that will come out of the experimental facilities will contribute to

the weight of that evidence," he said.

The facility is also a place where graduate and upper-level undergraduate students can conduct research, Doyle said.

"A lot of students are going to be able to participate in research that they can't experience many other places," King said.

Environmental studies graduate student Sammy Rodriguez said the facility is attractive for students at the graduate level

who are trying to distinguish themselves from other ecologists and especially water ecologists.

Rodriguez said that he believes the most important thing that the BEAR facility has to offer is the ability to study water contaminants in a manner that simply isn't possible at many universities.

King said the BEAR facility will be fully operational in January of 2007.

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Tony Snow addressed the issue Monday, telling reporters that "the one thing I have been amused by is the attempt by some people to say that the president has been rigging gas prices, which would give him the kind of magisterial clout unknown to any other human being."

"It also raises the question, if we're dropping gas prices now, why on earth did we raise them to \$3.50 before?" Snow said.

The excitement and suspicion among U.S. motorists follows a post-summer decline in gasoline prices that even veteran analysts and gas station owners concede has been steeper than usual.

The retail price of gasoline has plunged by 50 cents, or 17 percent, over the past month to average \$2.38 a gallon nationwide, according to Energy

Department statistics.

That is 42.5 cents lower than a year ago, when the energy industry was still reeling from the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged petroleum platforms, pipelines and refineries across the Gulf Coast.

Industry officials said the competition among gas station owners to sell the cheapest fuel on the block is fierce.

"They want to gain market share," said John Eichberger, director of motor fuels at the National Association of Convenience Stores.

Jay Ricker, president of Ricker Oil Co. in Anderson, Ind., which owns about 30 gas stations and supplies fuel to 30 more, said he's thrilled to see pump prices sinking as fast as they are.

With prices falling, more customers are buying mid-grade and premium gasoline, Ricker said, and they're spending more cash inside his convenience

stores, where profit margins are higher.

"I'd much rather sell them a doughnut or a fountain drink," said Ricker, whose stations are selling regular unleaded for a few pennies above \$2.

Fimat USA oil analyst Antoine Halff said there is no doubt that "the downturn in prices is welcome news from an electoral standpoint for the ruling party."

The plunge in prices, Halff said, is the result of growing domestic inventories of fuel, slowing economic growth and toned-down rhetoric between Iran and the United States, which has been critical of Tehran's uranium enrichment program.

At the start of summer, oil analysts were worried about rising demand, the threat of hurricanes and the nuclear standoff between the West and Iran, OPEC's second-largest producer. But by summer's end, these fears had largely dissipated.

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"I'm getting slammed," he acknowledged to a standing-room-only crowd of more than 350 in a college auditorium.

The independent Friedman faces Republican Gov. Rick Perry, Democrat Chris Bell, independent Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Libertarian James Werner in the Nov. 7 election.

Ventura is accompanying him on planned stops this week in San Marcos, Houston and College Station. Ventura railed about Republicans and Democrats preferring a small turnout like the 29 percent voter turnout in the last Texas governor's race and urged the students to vote for Friedman and boost the overall voter count.

"It can be done," Ventura said. "You can throw a monkey wrench into the machine. The machine doesn't believe that you vote."

Ventura said he and Friedman didn't agree on all issues, with immigration among them. Friedman wants 10,000 troops along the border to block illegal immigration.

Ventura, who now lives in Baja California, Mexico, said he didn't want any kind of fence to stem the flow of immigration.

"You'll find as independents, we don't always agree on every subject, but you'll find we are in agreement that the Democrat and Republican parties are destroying our country right now."

"If you do that in the private sector in America, you're arrested and put in prison, but

you can freely do it in America's public election system. And it's wrong."

Friedman and Ventura fielded about a dozen questions from the audience and none focused on the remarks that some have characterized as racist.

"I'm not offended, not at all," Donna Peters, an 18-year-old freshman from Houston, said. "He made a good impression. I can relate to him and he connects a lot with young people."

"He's contradictory," said a less-than-impressed Heather Faulk, 21, of San Antonio. "He's making it seem like a big party."

Friedman talked to the students about a crime spike in Houston blamed in part on the approximately 100,000 Katrina refugees still living in Houston, but stayed away from his previous reference to them as "thugs and crackheads."

"They say Kinky is a racist because I talked about the evacuees," he said. "Well, I'm smart, folks. I know that 250,000 evacuees are not committing these crimes. It's a small number."

Earlier Monday in Austin, Ventura said Texas reporters should focus on issues important to the public, such as the state's partially secret contract with a transportation company over the development of new toll highways.

"To me, now there's an issue that affects all Texans. And the media needs to jump on those type of issues, not these non-sense issues, these character assassinations that they try to do on us," Ventura said.

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