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## Faith heals war veteran's internal wounds

Baylor alumnus  
looks back on growth  
of youth revivals

By Laura Klingsporn  
Reporter

He has royal blue eyes and a smile on his face. At 80 years old, Buckner Fanning has the face of an old man, but the spirit of a teenager.

Fanning, a Baylor alumnus, served as the pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Dallas for 45 years. He has now returned to Baylor for homecoming week to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Youth Revival Movement.

Baptist Student Ministries at Baylor started the movement in 1945 to lead young people back

to the church, and it quickly spread across the U.S.

Fanning enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943 at the age of 17. As the war raged on, he was deployed to the Pacific.

"We were trained to hate the Japanese," Fanning said.

On the ground after the bomb went off at Nagasaki, Fanning witnessed the devastation.

The injured included women, children and the elderly. Fanning said he saw the horror of radiation burns and the effects of a bomb with 10 times greater heat than the cen-

ter of the sun.

One day while on patrol, Fanning said he saw a small sign in Japanese with an English translation "Methodist Church" printed at the bottom. He decided to go that next Sunday. Although he couldn't understand the sermons or the songs, Fanning continued to attend. Some of his friends started to join him.

*"If I had meet this man 30 years ago, I would have killed him. Today, he is not only my friend, but my brother."*

Buckner Fanning  
Baylor alumnus

It was in that small church in Japan that his spiritual transformation began. When Fanning returned home, he decided to follow a family legacy and at-

tend Baylor. At the urging of his mother, and without understanding the work God was doing in his life, he also attended youth revivals.

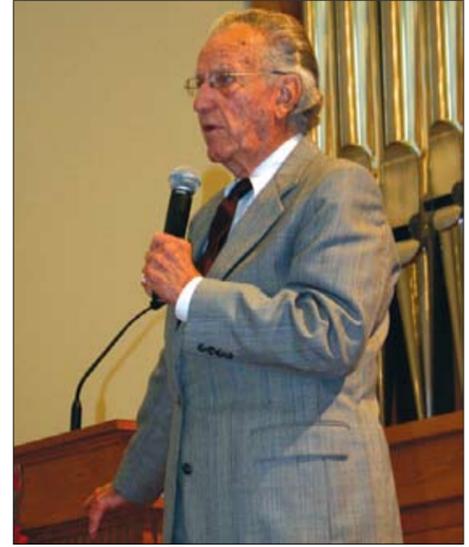
"I didn't make a decision and yet I did," Fanning said about his revival experience.

It didn't take long before Fanning was preaching at revivals and telling his story of war and that small Methodist church.

"All of us felt hopelessly unprepared," Howard Butt, another revival leader, said about their experience at the revivals.

These revivals touched the lives of many students as they spread across the country.

"It was a turning point in the paths that many of our lives took," said Dorothy McNeil, ad-



Baylor alumnus Buckner Fanning speaks Wednesday at George W. Truett Theological Seminary. Fanning joined the Marine Corps in 1943 at the age of 17. While in Japan after the atomic bomb was dropped, Fanning said he was converted to Christianity after finding a Japanese-speaking Methodist Church in Nagasaki, Japan.

Kelly Moore/  
Lariat staff

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## Christians butt heads on tongues

Seminaries differ on use  
of 'private prayer languages'

By Analiz González  
Staff writer

While Southwestern Baptist Seminary decided Tuesday to prohibit promotion of speaking in tongues on campus, Baylor remains neutral on the subject.

Speaking in tongues has divided the Christian church for years. But it was brought back to the forefront of discussion after Rev. Dwight McKissic, a trustee at Southwestern, admitted in August that he sometimes prays in the language.

Trustees at the school voted 36-1 against the teaching or use of "private prayer languages."

In the biblical book of Acts, the gift of tongues was given to Jesus' followers to use in spreading the gospel to those who spoke other languages.

Today, some Christians believe that tongues are a spiritual gift that involves speaking in an unintelligible language by the Holy Spirit's inspiration. Only God and those with the gift of interpretation have the ability to understand the language. But many Christians today believe that those days are over.

Associate professor of religion Rosalie Beck said some Christians believe God stopped giving people the ability to speak in tongues after the death of the apostles and that the gift was only for the establishment of the church in the Mediterranean world.

"There are other people who see it as a very important contemporary spiritual gift, and it is viewed as a prayer language where an individual is granted the opportunity to communicate with God in unique way," she said.

Beck explained that some of those who oppose the idea of tongues associate it with chaos because people like to control things and spiritual gifts such as speaking in tongues are uncontrollable. Others dislike tongues because some churches that make it seem like those who don't have the gift are spiritually inferior, she said.

She said there is a "mixed bag" of views regarding tongues amongst people who think tongues should be avoided, those who believe it should

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Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Chamber members Cole Casper, left, an Amarillo sophomore, and Michael Ramey, a Houston junior, spread sand Wednesday evening in the Ferrell Special Events Center parking lot in preparation for Friday's homecoming bonfire.

## The night cometh

Chamber commits  
72 straight hours  
to homecoming

By Claire St. Amant  
Reporter

When the parade begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, most people will have just begun their homecoming activities, but the members of the Baylor Chamber of Commerce will have already put in 17 hours of work.

Beginning Wednesday evening, Chamber began working virtually nonstop and won't stop until the curtain falls at Pigskin Review Saturday night. While homecoming preparations began last semester, the last few days are always a crunch, said Anchorage, Alaska, sophomore and parade committee member Dan Reddin.

"We work pretty much the entire 72 hours leading up to homecoming with maybe a little sleep thrown in," Reddin said.

Taking up the majority of their pre-Homecoming hours is "guarding the freshmen while they guard the flame," said Tulsa junior and homecoming chairman Andrew Morris. At least three Chamber members are on duty all night, he said, and those that aren't

on duty at the flame are probably working on some other logistical concern.

"With 50 members in Chamber, it is really time-consuming to coordinate volunteers at every event," Morris said.

Two committees work together to make all the preparations for homecoming. General committee has 14 members, and the parade committee has nine, Morris said. These 23 Chamber members are specifically responsible for arranging the events and assigning activities to each member.

Fredricksburg sophomore and Chamber member Ben Rodgers said he is still unsure what all he will be doing during the event-filled weekend.

"They're giving us a schedule, and that will tell me where I need to be," Rodgers said. "It's too much for me to keep track without one."

This year, Chamber added a philanthropy project as "a way to connect homecoming with the Waco community," Morris said.

Food donations are col-

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Associated Press

A Web site is claiming that radiological dirty bombs will be detonated Sunday at seven NFL stadiums, including Dolphin Stadium.

## 'Dirty bombs' threaten football stadiums

By Lara Jakes Jordan  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Web site is claiming that seven NFL football stadiums will be hit with radiological dirty bombs this weekend, but the government on Wednesday expressed doubts about the threat.

The warning, posted Oct. 12, was part of an ongoing Internet conversation titled "New Attack on America Be Afraid." It mentioned NFL stadiums in New York, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Oakland and Cleve-

land, where games are scheduled for this weekend.

The Homeland Security Department alerted authorities and stadium owners in those cities, as well as the NFL, of the Web message but said the threat was being viewed "with strong skepticism." Officials at the NCAA, which oversees college athletics, said they too had been notified.

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said there was no intelligence that indicated such an attack was imminent, and he said the alert was "out of an abundance of caution."

"The department strongly encourages the public to continue to go about their plans, including attending events that involve large public gatherings such as football games," Knocke said.

The FBI also expressed doubt about the threat.

"While the credibility of the threat is questionable, we have passed the information on because it has been carried in some open source reporting," said FBI spokesman Richard Kolko. He said the FBI was discussing the threat with the NFL

as "part of our routine discussions this week."

The nation's alert level remains at yellow, signaling an elevated risk of an attack. The threat level for airline flights is at orange, a higher level, where it has been since a foiled plot to bomb U.S.-bound commercial jets was revealed on Aug. 10.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said stadiums around the country "are very well protected through the comprehensive security procedures we have in

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# Puppies leave teethmarks on hearts, teach life lessons

He follows me everywhere. He plants soft kisses on my cheek when I'm upset. He looks at me with those black beady eyes, and I can't help but give him what he wants. No, we're not talking about my boyfriend. Meet Hayden, my Australian terrier/chihuahua mix.

I adopted Hayden on May 23, 2005, from the Waco Humane Society. I had been looking for a small dog for a few months; I think I visited the shelter almost everyday, searching for the perfect dog. Little did I know I would soon find the hairy little love of my life.

The first three days were perfect. I not only gave Hayden

a warm and loving home, but I took him to the beach for his very first vacation. All of my friends were so impressed that a 5-month-old puppy could be so calm, loving and quiet.

Boy, were we wrong. On day four, the gates to hell opened wide, and Hayden's wrath engulfed me. He ate everything — trash, laundry, furniture — you name it. The carpet was his restroom.

I knew that puppies were hard work. I raised my miniature schnauzer, Daisy, in high school when she was just 6 weeks old. I thought I was an expert. Apparently not.

So I began reading pet train-

## point of view

BY ANNA WOODCOCK



ing articles online. From dousing table legs with Tabasco sauce and cayenne pepper to adding a lavender-based calming liquid to his water bowl, I tried it all. I felt hopeless in my efforts to save our doomed relationship.

The last straw came when I found him chewing on my bed — my antique, French provincial, irreplaceable bed. It was time to

find Hayden a new home.

He needed someone who loved the outdoors, who could give him the attention he deserved, not someone who was in class all day and worked all night.

I asked friends and neighbors, anyone I thought of who could give him a good home. The only thing I refused to do was send him back to the pound.

But after several weeks, I still hadn't found someone with the time and the patience for a rambunctious little dog.

And then, one day, things changed. I noticed him jumping at the door, desperate to go

out and do his business. I found him chewing on rawhides, not my wooden bed. I felt loved when he chose to cuddle with me in bed instead of running in circles around the apartment. And that's when I realized how blessed I was. To some, a dog is a dog; but not to me. Hayden is my best friend, my angel, my baby.

I can't help but think he was meant for me. I now believe that a dog, or cat or any other pet is a gift from God.

God tested my character to the fullest extent, till I thought I had nothing left. But what he really did was teach me an important lesson in love.

Of course puppies are difficult, and some truly don't fit in certain homes.

But how can you give up on something you committed to take care of? You wouldn't give away your own baby because it cried too much, so the same should go for a pet.

Making a commitment to love a person, or an animal, is reason enough to preserver and try your hardest.

Don't be discouraged — you may end up with your own hairy little love of your life.

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## Editorial

# Students' apathy shames Baylor

For children who have one or both parents incarcerated, sunny days aren't regular visitors. But Baylor students have a chance to bring a ray of sunshine and hope by spending one hour a week with a child through the FOCUS (Family Opportunity Creates Understanding and Success) mentoring program.

Each week, students have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child by taking him or her for an hour either to eat a meal at a restaurant, to play at a local park or to see a movie. There is no limit to the creativity that can be poured into weekly visits.

As part of the federal grant by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration for Children and Families, a maximum of \$34 spent on weekly meetings will be refunded as long as receipts are turned in.

Currently there are 200 children waiting for mentors. After FOCUS representatives spoke to student groups and hosted recruiting tables at the Bill Daniel Student Center, only nine Baylor students volunteered to meet with a child each week.

This is incredibly embarrassing that as a university with a student body of more than 14,000 students we can't sponsor 200 children.



And if free time in the evenings is a problem, sponsored children are allowed to leave school during the day to meet with their mentor. So for students that have an hour or two break between classes, this is a perfect way to fill in that free time.

Although a one-year commitment is required, there is plenty of flexibility during times when students usually go home for breaks during Thanksgiving, Christmas and summer time.

This is a great opportunity for

Baylor students for several reasons. First, the positive impact that one hour each week can make in a child is priceless; investing in the life of a child never returns void.

According to the Baylor Community Mentoring for Adolescent Development, 84 percent of students who were mentored showed an increase in classroom performance. The study also showed that gang participation among students decreased by 79 percent.

Investing in the lives of children is an incredible chance to build the bond between Baylor and the Waco community.

Because many students have hectic schedules, volunteering can be hard to fit in. But the FOCUS mentoring program offers one of the most flexible schedules. Mentors dictate their own schedules.

Baylor students need to get off their couches and make a difference in the lives of Waco's needy children.

# Junk food more appealing than healthy, organic options

The other day, after I was done with classes, I went home to my apartment. It is a beautiful little cozy place I share with five roommates, my first, very own apartment. I'm so grown up.

But having my own place off campus means many things. One of those is that I opted out of a meal plan. I've got to cook my own food.

Now I love food. I love looking at it, smelling it and eating it. However, I have trouble making it, unless it is chocolate chip cookies or pizza rolls, my specialties.

My roommates, however, conjure up all kinds of weird creations for their dinners that

are not only weird-looking, but incredibly healthy food. Our fridge is stocked with organic this and that, flax seed oil, bran flakes and non-fat, non-sugar, non-calorie cookies for dessert.

And then there's my side of the fridge. I'm not going to say I'm the healthiest eater in the world, but I'm also not going to say I'm the worst. I have my share of vegetables and fruits but things like real ice cream and also grace my side.

When I try to enjoy calorie-ridden treats, I get a do-you-seriously-know-how-bad-that-is-for-you look from my roommates, other girls and people at the store when I'm buying them. I even feel like there's a

## point of view

BY MALLORY BRIGGS



little angel on my right shoulder looking down at me scornfully the more bites I take.

My frustration has slowly been building. Now I am ready to blow. It's not that I want to be unhealthy, or non-organic, or a disgust to the human race. I just want to eat a cookie. Just one cookie, without being looked down upon. I'm sorry but I can't eat flax seed and bran for every meal for the rest

of my life.

My friend, Maggie, agrees with me. She was complaining the other day that her roommates looked at her in disdain for everything she eats. When she eats Spaghettios, she said they asked if she knew how much fat was in them. When she ate crackers, they asked if she knew how much sodium was in them. Exasperated, she said she's in college and just wants to be able to eat what she wants without worrying about the foods' calorie content.

I feel the same way. Yes, I want to be healthy. But after a big test I want to be able to celebrate with an extra-fat, extra-calorie, Butterfinger bliz-

zard from Dairy Queen and not have people tell me how much fat and calories are in it. Or that the organic place down the road has a slightly healthier treat.

Now don't take my words here as saying who cares what you eat, but everything a girl eats doesn't have to be bland. Moderation is what's important.

Eat organic food and I'll eat some too. But I'm also going to eat my Butterfinger blizzard and from now on, if you give me a do-you-seriously-know-how-many-calories-are-in-that look, I'll just take a bigger bite.

Mallory Briggs is a sophomore journalism major from Easton, Pa.

## 'Lariat' objectified Jackson

I am truly embarrassed that the *Lariat* staff would choose to entertain such polls as the "hot-test deans." Clearly, Dean Jackson has worked hard to obtain such a prestigious position at Baylor and should be recognized in light of her accomplishments.

Because the *Lariat* did not acknowledge the successes of Dean Jackson, I would like to give her the respect she deserves and inform the Baylor community of her accomplishments. Dean Jackson graduated summa cum laude from Baylor and received her J.D. cum laude from Baylor Law. She was also editor of the Baylor Law Review. She serves on the Texas Bar Foundation and served in the past as the President of the Waco McLennan County Bar Association.

It is great to recognize beauty, but women for so long have been objectified in the workplace. I am disheartened that the *Lariat* article entertained such objectification without regard for the hard work Dean Jackson has done throughout her career.

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# Event provides glimpse of global missions

By Katelyn Foster  
Reporter

Missionaries from all over the world will attend Missions Week, hosted by Baptist Student Ministries, Sunday through Oct. 26.

The week will include a global village, a missions fair and speakers around campus.

Missions Week serves the two-fold purpose of allowing the community to meet people and show how God is working, said Curt Kruschwitz, BSM missions coordinator. It is also intended to challenge students to consider how to live their lives for Christ.

He said it also aims to defeat the old idea of missionaries.

"In the past people have had the mentality that missionaries had to live overseas, but students can learn this week that it is just as important to be the presence of Christ wherever they find themselves," Kruschwitz said.

Events will also expose students to new ideas and un-

known opportunities.

"It's good to experience what's outside of your comfort zone," said Austin junior, Caroline Nelson, Co-director for Missions Week.

This year will host the first Global Village from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday in Fountain Mall.

Kruschwitz said this event is to "celebrate cultures and the differences in God's creation."

Huts representing various countries will be set up so people can "walk through the world in 20 minutes," Kruschwitz said.

Missionaries from countries all over the world will share what it's like living in other cultures.

"I think Missions Week hopefully will equip students to become global Christians and learn how they can use their talents and gifts to serve God wherever they are," Kruschwitz said.

Student groups such as the Indian Subcontinent Student Association, the Filipino Stu-

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BSM missions coordinator

dent Association and the Latin Dance Society will perform ethnic music and dance.

Fair trade crafts from all over the world, made under safe working conditions and with living wages, will be sold.

Free samples of food from various countries will be available. There will also be a salsa tasting event.

Other exhibits include an interactive display of live animals from the World Hunger Farm and an exhibit on poverty in Waco presented by Mission Waco.

Organizations such as Co-operative Baptist Fellowship, Hope for the Hungry, Crossway, Wycliffe and the International

Missions Board will present booths and displays. People will also be distributing information to students, which will allow them to make an initial contact with these organizations and get involved.

Throughout the week, more than 25 missionaries from Europe, Africa, Asia and North and South America will be present on campus.

Missionaries will speak in more than 60 classes about their experiences.

Dr. Tyler Horner, a faculty lecturer in family and consumer sciences, said he will welcome missionary speakers on the topic of family life in his class Families in Global Perspective.

He said the missionaries will speak about family life from the perspective of the culture with which they work.

It's easy to assume that the American family is dominating and superior, but American family practices are actually in the minority, he said.

"The value is for students to gain not only knowledge and

appreciation, but also to examine what they can learn or take away from family practices in other cultures," Horner said.

Seminars and luncheons will also be held for students to attend.

Local churches will have missionary speakers on Sunday and Wednesday.

Missions Week incorporates an assortment of events with the common purpose of uniting Baylor with the desire to serve and share the Christian faith, Kruschwitz said.

As in past years, the Gettman Missions Fair will be held in the Bill Daniel Student Center on Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

"I think it reminds students that college is also a time to think about their future and how they can apply their passions to how God wants them to use them in their future," said Fort Worth junior Nadine Malouf, Co-director for Missions Week.

"Everybody is on that journey together."

## BEAR BRIEFS

### Philosophy lecture

Dr. Jonathan Kvanvig, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, will deliver his inaugural Homecoming lecture in Philosophy at 3:30 p.m. Friday in 120 Morrison Hall.

### Pumpkin carving

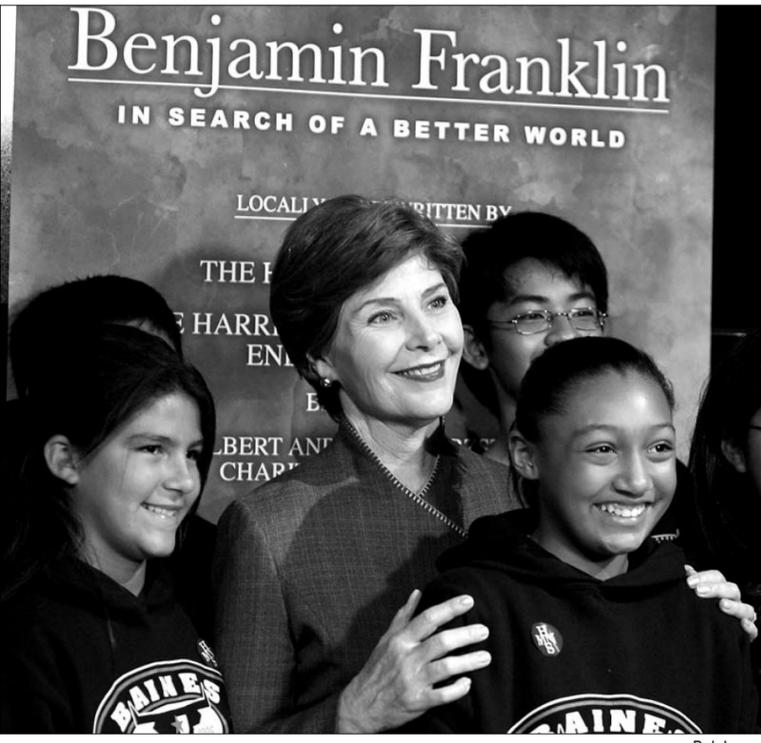
Come decorate pumpkins and listen to pumpkin stories at 6 p.m. today in the Mayborn Museum Complex.

### Nonprofit job fair

The nonprofit job fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 25 in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. The fair is sponsored by Career

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First lady Laura Bush poses Wednesday in Houston with Baines Middle School students Dhanielly Quevedo, left, Sydni Emanuel, and Linda Carreon during a visit to the Benjamin Franklin exhibition at the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences.

# First lady visits namesake library

## El Paso first stop before fundraiser, museum visit

By Alicia A. Caldwell  
The Associated Press

EL PASO — With the Cat in the Hat waiting in the wings, first lady Laura Bush did her best to read to 19 excited and squirming preschool children Wednesday morning at an El Paso library named for her and her mother.

"Who's in control here?" Bush asked with a smile as several children crowded at her feet, trying to get a better look at the pictures in Nancy Tufari's *I Love You, Little One*. "This seldom happens to me."

Bush appeared to skip a few pages as the children from the Mommies-Tiny Tots play group grew less interested in the book and more interested in introducing themselves and discussing the animal pictures in the 28-page book.

The first lady, a former librarian from Midland, was in El Paso to tour the Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library at El Paso Community College's northwest campus.

It was the first time she had seen

the library.

Following the brief reading, Bush toured her namesake library before leaving for a private fundraiser for Texas State Senate candidate Dee Margo.

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Later in the day, Bush toured an exhibit called "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World" at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Her guide was David Temple, who took on Franklin's persona. When he's not in character, Temple is the museum's director of volunteers.

She smiled and leaned over to get

a better look as Temple conducted electricity experiments in front of 16 sixth-graders from Baines Middle School.

Bush nodded understandingly when Temple couldn't replicate the lightning bell experiment, which Franklin didn't invent but perfected and used.

"We have a lot of humidity," Bush said about Houston's atmosphere.

The exhibit was created in honor of Franklin's 300th birthday.

In comments to reporters after the tour, Bush said the White House hosted a birthday party for the renaissance man — inventor, diplomat, scientist, entrepreneur, philanthropist — earlier this year and it was then that she decided she wanted to see the exhibit when it came to Houston.

"He was such an incredible human being," Bush said. "This was great fun to be with these students."

She commended the museum for developing interdisciplinary curriculum, aligned with the learning objectives for Texas' standardized test, to go with all museum exhibits.

Bush will finish her day in New Orleans, where she is set to attend a Preserve America Summit.

# Local 'haunted' houses frighten participants for charitable cause

## Haunted house owner holds annual blood, canned food drive to benefit community

By Kris Firth  
Reporter

It's a bloody Halloween affair with a heart of gold.

Museum of Horrors, two local haunted houses promoting screams and scares, offers participants an opportunity to support the Red Cross and Salvation Army during their visit.

If visitors donate blood, donors will earn free admission into the house.

Visitors who bring donations of canned goods will receive \$2 off regular admission price.

These haunted houses, run by owner John Anderson, have been in operation for 17 years.

Each year, Anderson organizes a blood drive and canned food collection to give back to the Waco community.

"It might be expensive, but by helping the community you can offset the cost," he said.

"Plus, when you find yourself screaming and laughing at the end, you'll see it's worth every penny."

During the pre-holiday season, especially October, food donations drop, said Sally Schulz, one of Anderson's employees.

By collecting cans and offering admission discounts, Anderson helps fill the lull of donations for Salvation Army and local church food drives, Schulz said.

On average, they collect more than \$10,000 of food per year, Schulz said.

But the main attraction, Anderson said, is the haunted houses themselves.

One house consists of TV and movie monsters and your "generic scary stuff," Anderson said.

The other house is called the Chainsaw Massacre House and is based on chainsaw massacre history.

Anderson built Museum of Horrors 17 years ago, but his history with haunted houses began much earlier.

"I started building houses when I was 6 years old," Anderson said.

"I would charge the neighborhood kids a nickel to see it, and I let my best friends be the

monsters."

Anderson promises his houses will scare visitors.

While some haunted houses give prizes to those who make it through, Anderson says the experience is prize enough.

"We've had some people faint, others who wet themselves go home to change, and come right back to finish," Anderson said.

The houses are family owned and operated, but Anderson employs 50 outside workers during the month of October.

Many Baylor students work as monsters, and they are usually the scariest, he said.

Schulz decided to work with Anderson to help in the Waco community.

"The food and blood donation helps tremendously, but the haunted attractions involves

kids, families and students alike," Schulz said.

Schulz and other workers help prepare the houses two months prior to opening in October and finish the month after closing.

However, "it's a year-round operation for the most part," she said.

Many of those who work with Anderson during the Halloween season have regular jobs during the year, Anderson said.

Dr. Frenzy Rigamortis, or Danaea Sheppard, is one of the Museum of Horror's most famous monsters, Anderson said.

Sheppard, when not working as an assistant manager at Liz Claiborne, greets visitors to the museum with a yell and a severed arm.

"I'm a monster because it

makes me special," she said. "I'll have stories to tell when I'm 90."

Sheppard has been haunting for more than 20 years and has worked with Anderson since the museum opened.

She said the camaraderie among the workers during and after working at the houses is what keeps her coming back.

"It's good for a person to belong, even if it's in the realm of monsters," Sheppard said.

The Museum of Horrors is open 7 p.m. to midnight this Friday and Saturday.

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# Miami struggles in wake of fight

By Tim Reynolds  
The Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Kyle Wright surveyed the inordinately large number of television cameras pointed at him and sighed.

"How many Duke questions are coming?" the Miami quarterback quietly asked.

Not very many.

Not this week.

Instead, attention remains focused on last Saturday's brawl between Miami and Florida International, a melee where fists, feet and helmets became weapons. In all, 31 players were punished, including 13 Hurricanes — all of whom will miss this week's game at Duke.

Yet now, Miami's players say they need their focus on football.

"Yeah, we're missing some guys," center Anthony Wollschlager said. "But we still have to go out and perform on the field. That's the bottom line. Got to go out and play football. That's it."

It won't exactly be a patchwork team that Miami (4-2, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) will send out against the Blue Devils (0-6, 0-4) Saturday in Durham, N.C.

But there are some holes that need filling.

The Hurricanes will be without their best offensive lineman in right guard Derrick Morse, top defensive back Brandon Meriweather, running back Charlie Jones, emerging H-back James Bryant, punter Brian Monroe and kick returner Bruce Johnson — a half-dozen guys who have played key roles for Miami all season long.

They're all suspended, as are seven others. Plus, the Hurricanes could be without their best linebacker, Jon Beason (knee) and tight end Greg Olsen (concussion) — both of whom were injured in the FIU game but not in the brawl.

The biggest issue for Miami could be the offensive line, where three players — starter Morse, Tyrone Byrd and Chris Barney — will sit out for their part in the brawl.

Hurricanes offensive line coach Mario Cristobal said Alex Pou and A.J. Trump will compete for the starting right guard spot this week.

Miami's depth problems up front look more serious when considering that run defense is one of Duke's strengths.

"We've got people who can come in and do the same job," said freshman running back Javarris James, who will likely make his fourth straight start.

This game starts a big season-ending stretch for Miami, which has six ACC foes still on its schedule.

One more loss — particularly one coming in the next three weeks against Duke, Georgia Tech or Virginia Tech — likely would guarantee the Hurricanes would miss the conference championship for the third time in as many years since joining the ACC.

"The biggest thing for us is putting all this garbage behind us and going out and having a good week of practice," Wright said.



Baylor wide receiver Trent Shelton, left, celebrates Saturday with teammate and running back Paul Mosely after catching a 67-yard pass for a touchdown during first-quarter action in Austin. The Bears lost the game, but the offense showed improvement.

Associated Press

## 'Bear Raid' offense improves

By David Kaye  
Reporter

After ranking 92nd in the nation last year, the Baylor offense needed to make some changes.

Enter Lee Hays from West Texas A&M. Under Hays' guidance, the Buffaloes offense led NCAA Division II with 363.8 passing yards per game in 2005. By comparison, Baylor averaged 208 yards.

Players and coaches expected a learning curve with the new "Bear Raid" offense, but after managing just seven points in the season-opener against TCU, many feared success would take longer than expected.

"As a player, you want to come in and in the first game throw for 300 yards and expect all these huge numbers," senior receiver Trent Shelton said. "We just realized we had to take it slow."

Take it slow they did. After an expected Northwestern State blowout, the Bears scored just 69 points in regulation during their next four games.

Saturday's matchup with Texas' sixth-ranked defense could have spelled disaster for a struggling Baylor offense.

But that didn't stop the Bears from performing. On their first of-

fensive play, quarterback Shawn Bell used an impressive play fake to draw the defense closer, then he launched a perfect strike to Shelton for a 67-yard touchdown.

"Shawn played a great game. He put the balls exactly where they needed to be," Shelton said. "It just showed people that if he can do it against Texas, then he can do it against anyone."

In the blink of an eye, the Bears led the Longhorns 7-0. Early in the second half, a reverse pass switched their roles, as senior receiver Dominique Zeigler found Bell open in the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown.

"It's kind of a surprise," head Coach Guy Morriss said. "You don't think Shawn's going to do that. He's not the speediest guy in the world."

The big plays didn't stop there. On the last play of the third quarter, senior running back Paul Mosley turned in the Bears' longest run of the season, a 56-yard touchdown.

The Bears scored a total of 31 points, more than any other team has scored against Texas so far this season. That total was also the most Baylor has scored against the Longhorns since 1994.

"We need to be more consistent on every drive," Bell said. "If 31 points aren't enough to win, then we're not satisfied. We have definite-

ly improved, but it's still a process, and we're not there yet."

Though he said there are no moral victories, sophomore receiver Thomas White said the offense can build off its performance in the Texas game.

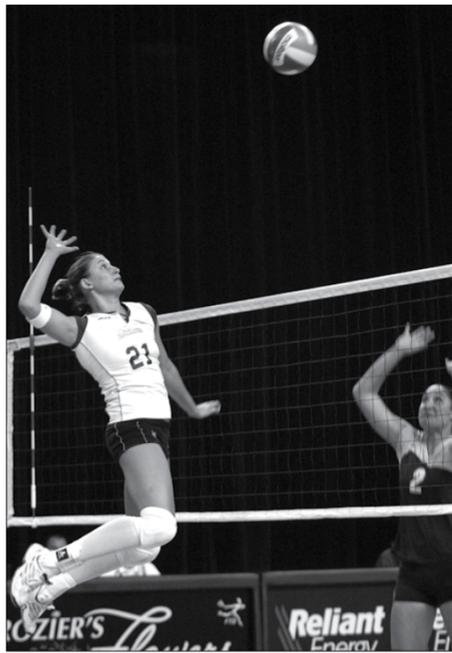
"We worked hard and had a good game plan," White said. "I think we showed that we can play with a good team like that, but we expected that. We expect to win every time we step on the field."

Hays agreed, but added that there is still plenty of room for improvement. The Bears have committed 28 offensive penalties in 23 drives this season. They've only been able to overcome those penalties to gain a first down on 10 of those drives.

"In basic fundamental assignments, we're going pretty well. There is a step here or a step there. It's discouraging," Hays said. "I think a lot of that has to do with inexperience. You can practice it all day, but once you get under the lights in front of 89,000, you forget the tiny things."

The Bears should have a good chance to show off the new offense during the homecoming game this weekend.

Kansas comes to Waco with the last-ranked pass defense in the Big 12. The Jayhawks give up more than 280 passing yards per game.



Nicole LeBlanc prepares for a spike during Baylor's 3-2 loss to Colorado on Wednesday. LeBlanc had a double-double with 12 kills and 10 digs on the day.

## Buffaloes golden in 3-2 Baylor beating

By Daniel Youngblood  
Sports editor

The Baylor volleyball team entered its match Wednesday against the University of Colorado needing a win to snap a six-match losing streak.

While they had plenty of chances to do just that, the Jekyll and Hyde Bears dropped a heartbreaker 2-3 (16-30, 36-34, 30-26, 27-30, 16-18).

With the loss, the Bears fall to 13-9 on the season with a 2-8 mark in Big 12 play.

Head Coach Jim Barnes said he likes the fight in his team, but it must learn how to win close matches.

"We had our opportunities to win," he said. "It just came down to game four and five. We were under pressure and just didn't execute under pressure."

It looked early like the Bears might get blown out. Sloppy play and unforced errors haunted Baylor the entire game.

After Baylor scored the first point of the game to take a 1-0 lead, the Buffaloes answered with three straight

points and took a lead they wouldn't lose.

The Lady Bears made error after error and hit zero percent on their way to a 30-16 game one loss.

Game two started the same way game one ended. Colorado rushed out to an 18-11 lead, but the Bears cut down on the mistakes that had plagued them the first game and a half and managed to close the gap.

The Lady Bears chipped away at the Buffalo lead and fought off their first game point to tie the match at 29. Five Colorado game points later, the Bears fought to tie the game at 34. The Bears scored three unanswered points to take game two 36-34.

Senior middle blocker Desiree Guilliard-Young attributed the turnaround to the team regaining its concentration.

"We were not focused in game one, so we really sat down as a group and talked about where we could improve in communicating so we could come hard in game two and three," she said. "I think that was the key."

The communication improvement

that allowed the Bears to steal the momentum in game two carried over into game three.

Behind a .390 hitting percentage, the Bears took an early lead in game three and led throughout.

The team had a chance to put the match away in game four, but unforced errors caught up to them again. The Bears had a 22-17 and a 25-24 lead, but the Buffaloes fought back hard and took the game to force the deciding game five.

Game five went much like game four. The Bears had match point at 15-14, but Colorado held them off and outscored Baylor 4-1 to take the game and match.

Barnes said he would have liked to have seen a better effort from his seniors.

"We played hard," he said. "The ladies want to win; they're trying to figure out how to do that."

"We have a lot of youth on the team," he said.

"Unfortunately, it was the seniors that didn't step up tonight at the crucial times."

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# Faith guides path to musical career

By Allie Cook  
Reporter

On the road to pursuing his dreams in the music industry, Patrick Evans has encountered some unexpected bumps and curves.

But now he's finally getting somewhere.

Evans, a 2003 Baylor alumnus and currently a student at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, recently completed his first CD, *Carousel*. He hopes to pursue music full time after graduating in May.

Growing up in Houston, Evans said he was always musically inclined and loved to sing.

"I wanted to be an R&B singer," Evans said. "Really, I wanted to be black — or the next white R&B artist."

However, Evans said his dreams of stardom got pushed aside when he came to Baylor. Partying on a regular basis, he no longer felt good about himself or the way he was living. Evans temporarily forgot his dreams.

But his life took an unexpected turn at age 19.

"I went to a party at A&M," Evans said. "I came home feeling bad, as I usually did, and talked to my best friend who had just started really following Jesus."

Evans said his friend, Mike King, asked him two very impor-

tant questions — and it changed his life. First, King asked whether he had really surrendered everything in his life to Jesus. And second, he asked whether he had surrendered his dreams in music to God.

"I got on my knees in my living room floor and prayed," Evans said. "It was more sincere than I'd ever prayed before in my life."

King said he didn't realize the significance of that conversation until a few years later.

"He had big dreams of being a secular R&B singer. But from what he's told me, it just kind of hit home with him (that night)."

Evans said he told God he was willing to give up his musical career altogether. He realized, however, this was not God's plan.

"God has given me musical talent," Evans said. "Here I've been wasting it, but now he's telling me not to give it up but to use it for something greater — for him, for his kingdom." Evans described this turn for the better as a "simultaneous conversion and call."

But the road still wasn't straight and smooth.

"It's time to do it," Evans said. "God's opened doors (for me) to pursue music."

One of the biggest open doors was meeting his producer, Rex Kramer. Kramer runs a Chris-



Courtesy photo

George W. Truett Theological Seminary student Patrick Evans attributes his desire to pursue a Christian music career as a gift from God.

tian recording studio, InSpirit Studios, in Bay Town.

When he first met Evans, Kramer said he noticed his passion for music that accompanied his skills.

"He breathes it, he eats it, he lives it," he said.

A veteran of the music industry for nearly 50 years, Kramer did all the work on Evans' CD for free.

"I was really impressed with two things: I thought he had a really great, pure-sounding voice ... (and) I liked his writing a lot," Kramer said.

Kramer described the process of recording the CD as a labor of love and said Evans worked hard on completing *Carousel* for two years.

"I think this CD is only the tip of the iceberg," Evans said. "I really feel I have discovered myself musically along the way and

have learned how to write melodies that capture the strength of my voice."

Since releasing the CD, Evans has joined up with two other musicians to form a band, Fifth Day Dawn. Chino, Calif., senior Chris Naramor plays lead guitar, and Midway High School senior Dustin Rochelle plays drums. Evans described his music as "Christian rock 'n' rock," with Christian groups such as Switchfoot and Kutless among his main inspirations.

Evans said he realized this genre of music would help him reach Christian believers and non-believers.

Evans also wants to awaken the church to God's heart for the poor and oppressed through his music.

"He fights for them, and he wants us to do the same," Evans said.

# Beatnix tickles coffee lovers' taste buds

By Laura Duncan  
Contributor

Ready for an undiscovered Waco treasure where you can get your share of swirly paintings, swaying music, swollen pastries and sweet coffees?

## RESTAURANTREVIEW

Beatnix Coffeehouse isn't just bragging in its proud proclamation of offering "Café, Culture and Community." It is a perfect place for a quick bite or even a full afternoon of coffee and contentment.

The welcoming smiles and simple yet pleasing menu are enough to warrant the trip away from campus to the corner of 19th Street and Lake Shore Drive.

This artsy coffeehouse brings to mind a less crowded, more peaceful Common Grounds.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Chocolate cheesecake muffins, made fresh daily and served with coffee, are a Beatnix specialty.

This is a secret held (until now) by the McLennan Community College students who attend class right around the corner.

The inside seems like a car-

bon copy of every other college-centered coffeehouse, including concert fliers and a color palette straight from autumn's leaves. The walls are a makeshift art gallery and are covered neatly with aspiring artists' renditions of despair, love and tranquility.

The woman behind the counter said she likes the fact that Beatnix has become more than just an after-class hangout.

The back room is filled now with a gaggle of grandmothers playing bridge only feet away from a group of suits sipping trendy Chai tea and murmuring quietly on cell phones.

The menu offers everything from wraps, pizza, soups, sandwiches and salads at affordable prices. The wraps are rolled impossibly tight. With one bite the mouth is animated contentedly with unexpected tastes of cream cheese and herbs.

The pizza is perfectly cheesy,

and one bite delivers a satisfying crunch from the toasted baguette. For dessert, enjoy an array of assorted fresh baked muffins and pastries.

Also is the obvious main attraction to a coffeehouse: the coffee. The drinks range from hot to cold, exotic to comforting, potent to subtle. The fresh-roasted coffee lingers in the air.

The atmosphere feels like a warm and cozy blanket, persuading you to close your eyes, snuggle into the deep leather chairs and listen to the music.

There also are poetry readings every Thursday night, local live bands on Fridays and open mic music every Saturday.

All together, Beatnix proves to be a great place to socialize, eat and chill out.

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# Scientists say gaming can 'redefine education'

By Ben Feller  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Scientists call it the next great discovery, a way to captivate students so much they will spend hours learning on their own.

It's the new vision of video games.

The Federation of American Scientists — which typically weighs in on matters of nuclear weaponry and government secrecy — declared Tuesday that video games can redefine education.

The theory is that games teach skills that employers want: analytical thinking, team building, multitasking and problem-solving under duress.

Yet this is not about virtual football or skateboarding. Games would have to be created and evaluated with the goal of raising achievement, said federation president Henry Kelly.

More than 45 million homes have video-game consoles.

"If we can't make the connection, shame on us," Kelly said at a news conference.

What's needed, he said, is research into which features of games are most important for learning — and how to test stu-

dents on the skills they learn in games.

Getting costly research about games on the federal agenda is just one obstacle. There are plenty of others. Schools, colleges and universities are a fractured market.

The gaming industry already has figured out that educational games don't make money in the consumer marketplace. The new approach would instead market them directly to schools.

Doug Lowenstein, president of the Entertainment Software Association, said there will soon be 75 million Americans who are 10 to 30 years old.

"We would be crazy not to seek ways to exploit interactive games to teach our children," Lowenstein said.

But when Don Blake, a technology analyst for the National Education Association, thought about how games would work in class, questions kept popping to mind. Who would persuade school leaders and the public that games aren't a waste of time? Would education schools add serious gaming to the curriculum?

Ultimately, he said, teachers need to see games as a way to help — not as a threat.

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# U.S. would aid Japan in conflict

By Anne Gearan  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — The United States is willing to use its full military might to defend Japan in light of North Korea's nuclear test, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday as she sought to assure Asian countries there is no need to jump into a nuclear arms race.

At her side, Rice's Japanese counterpart drew a firm line against his nation developing a nuclear bomb.

The top U.S. diplomat said she reaffirmed President Bush's pledge, made hours after North Korea's Oct. 9 underground test blast, "that the United States has the will and the capability to meet the full range, and I underscore the full range, of its deterrent and security commitments to Japan."

Rice spoke following discussions with Japanese Foreign Minister Tarō Aso, the first stop on her crisis mission to respond to the threat posed by the North.

Back home, President Bush told ABC News that if the U.S. learned North Korea was about to transfer nuclear technology to others, the communist nation would face "a grave consequence." He did not elaborate.

"I want the leader to understand, the leader of North Korea to understand that he'll be held

to account," Bush said, referring to the country's ruler, Kim Jong Il.

There were continued signs Wednesday that North Korea might be readying for a second nuclear test, perhaps while Rice was in Asia this week.

China's president, Hu Jintao, apparently has sent a special envoy to North Korea, according to a former South Korean lawmaker, Jang Sung-min, citing diplomatic officials in Beijing. Rice planned to see the Chinese official, State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan, this week in Beijing.

There were reports North Korea had told China it was ready to conduct up to three more nuclear tests. At the State Department in Washington, spokesman Tom Casey said, "We certainly haven't received any information from them, from the Chinese, that they've been told by Pyongyang that another test is imminent."

U.S. government officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive situation, said there was no evidence to suggest a second test was imminent.

But given the underground nature of the testing, officials said, it could happen with little or no warning.

In Seoul, South Korea, the country's foreign minister, the incoming U.N. secretary-general, warned the North not to



Associated Press

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged the swift and effective implementation of sanctions against North Korea on Wednesday, arguing that the U.S. has no desire to escalate the crisis over Pyongyang's nuclear test.

detonate a second nuclear test.

"If North Korea conducts an additional test, the response of the international community will be much more serious," Ban Ki-moon said.

Rice's reference to U.S. willingness to honor the "full range" of the nation's security commitments was meant to show that the United States does not want to see its allies on a nuclear arms race to protect themselves. It also was likely to be taken as a reminder to North Korea that, should it use nuclear weapons on a neighbor, the U.S. has powerful forces of its own and is pledged to defend its friends.

The U.S. is concerned that Japan, South Korea and perhaps Taiwan may want to develop their own nuclear weapons programs to counter North Korea.

Such moves would anger China, which has nuclear weapons, and raise tensions in Asia.

North Korea contends it needs nuclear weapons to counter U.S. aggression. The U.S. has said it does not intend to attack the North or topple its communist government.

North Korea has a standing army of about 1.2 million, with millions more in reserve, and a supply of missiles capable of reaching Asian cities. North and South Korea technically are still at war more than 50 years after the Korean conflict ended.

The U.S. has 29,500 troops in South Korea, plus other air and naval forces in range. While the U.S. has no land-based nuclear weapons in Asia, it does have submarines equipped with nuclear weapons.

# Eight court-martials ordered for soldiers

By Ryan Lenz  
The Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Eight soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division were ordered Wednesday to be court-martialed on murder charges stemming from their service in Iraq, and two could get the death penalty for allegedly raping a 14-year-old and killing her and her family.

The Fort Campbell soldiers facing the death penalty are Sgt. Paul E. Cortez and Pfc. Jesse V. Spielman.

Both are accused of raping Abeer Qassim al-Janabi in her family's home in Mahmudiya, about 20 miles south of Baghdad, then killing the girl, her parents and younger sister.

Spc. James P. Barker and Pfc. Bryan L. Howard are also accused in the rape and murders but will not face the death penalty, the military said in a statement.

Former Pvt. Steven Green, who was discharged for a personality disorder and arrested in North Carolina, will be tried in federal court in Kentucky.

Green has pleaded not guilty to the single count of rape and four separate charges of murder.

Military prosecutors have said the five, all from the division's 502nd Infantry Regiment, planned the attack from a checkpoint near the family's home, changed their clothing

to hide their identities and set the girl's body on fire to destroy evidence.

In statements given to military investigators, Spielman was described as a "look-out" while the others entered the home. His attorneys said they were shocked that he faces a death penalty.

"Even according to the government's evidence that they're putting forth, Jesse isn't even a principal in murder and rape," said Craig Carlson, Spielman's attorney.

Several of the soldiers have military defense attorneys, who are prohibited from discussing their cases outside of a courtroom.

Messages seeking comment were left with Barker's attorney, David Sheldon in Washington, D.C.

Pfc. Corey R. Claggett, Spc. William B. Hunsaker, Staff Sgt. Raymond L. Girouard and Spc. Justin R. Graber are accused of murdering three Iraqi men taken from a house May 9 on a marshy island outside Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Turner has not yet ruled on whether to order a court-martial for Sgt. Anthony W. Yribe, who is accused of failing to report the attack on the girl but is not alleged to have been a direct participant. Yribe has requested a discharge from the Army in lieu of a court-martial.

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Administrative associate for Baptist Student Ministries.

Fanning said his presence at Baylor and participation in the youth revivals healed him from the trauma of war.

God's presence began to melt Fanning's hatred for the Japanese that he still held in his heart.

"I can't hate like this," Fanning said. "When I came back, God began working in my life. You cannot live on hate ... (through hate) we can become what we don't like."

In 1975, Fanning found himself back in Nagasaki during the 30th anniversary bombing. In a speech, he described the contrast in his mindset during the war and as a pastor.

"If I had meet this man 30 years ago, I would have killed him. Today, he is not only my friend, but my brother," Fanning said standing next to Mario Matsufuja, a Japanese pastor.

Fanning has continued his ministry in the 60 years since his first experience in the revival movement. He now spends his time touring, preaching about his experiences.

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be spoken only with an interpreter present and those who believe tongues can be used freely and without interpretation.

"Tongues is a personal gift, just for you and God, so that if that's exercised in worship, there needs to be someone there who has the gift of inter-

preting the language so that everyone can benefit," Beck said.

Beck warned against forbidding tongues all together, saying that in Latin America, the largest segment of converts speak in tongues.

"Lots of important things are happening in Latin America," she said. "And to say that there is nothing good about speaking in tongues is to be a

little closed-minded."

Associate professor of religion Dennis Horton said most Baptists don't practice speaking in tongues and those who do work their way out of the Baptist denomination. He said that the Southern Baptist Convention decided to prohibit missionaries from praying in tongues, even in their private prayers.

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lected from three divisions of campus organizations: Greek, service and special interest. The organization with the most food donated, based on weight, will receive \$400 to be donated to its favorite charity, Morris said.

In addition to the philanthropy and the flame, Chamber is in charge of setting up and disassembling everything for the parade and Extravaganza, which begins at 6 p.m. Saturday on the grounds of the Ferrell Special Events Center.

The Extravaganza, Morris said, is not only set up and torn down by Chamber, it's also staffed by members. Morris added that six junior and senior Chambermen are excused from the Extravaganza to escort the homecoming

queen and her court during Pigskin. Tear-down for the Extravaganza begins at 11:45 p.m. and lasts until about 1:45 a.m., Morris said. After a 30-minute shower break, Chamber members reunite at 2:15 a.m. and begin setting up the parade, which usually takes about six hours, Morris said.

After the parade, Chamber members head to the football game where they sell programs and help out with the Baylor Line.

Most members are finished with homecoming responsibilities when the final buzzer sounds on the field, but the six Pigskin escorts have one duty left to perform.

"Saturday night Pigskin is the absolute last homecoming commitment we have to fulfill," Morris said. "Then we can sleep."

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place, including security facility perimeters, pat-downs and bag searches."

Officials were made aware of the Web posting on Wednesday. The threat was timed to be carried out on Sunday, marking the final day in Mecca of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month.

"The death toll will approach 100,000 from the initial blasts and countless other fatalities will later occur as result from radioactive fallout," according to a copy of the posting that was obtained by The Associated Press.

The bombs, according to the posting, would be delivered to the stadiums in trucks. All but one of the stadiums, Atlanta, are open-air arenas, the posting noted, adding: "Due to the open air, the radiological fallout will

destroy those not killed in the initial explosion."

Explosions would be nearly simultaneous, the posting said, with the cities specifically chosen in different time zones.

The posting said that al-Qaida would automatically be blamed for the attacks and predicted, "Later, through al-Jazeera, Osama bin Laden will issue a video message claiming responsibility for what he dubbed 'America's Hiroshima.'"

Tony Wyllie, the vice president of communications for the Houston Texans, said the team had been in contact with the NFL regarding what security precautions should be taken for Sunday's game against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

In Indianapolis, where the Colts were preparing for a home game this weekend, head coach Tony Dungy said, "I've been

waiting for this to happen for a couple of years now and you try and handle the security and put it out of your mind."

"We'll let the security people do their job, and we'll do our job," Dungy said. "We've got a lot of confidence in NFL security and our own security here."

Amy Trask, CEO of the Oakland Raiders, said, "We work closely with a number of governmental agencies, including the FBI, and with the NFL on an ongoing basis."

Stacey Osburn, associate director of public relations for the NCAA, said the organization passed the warning to members "so that they may take the appropriate precautions."

The postings were made on a Web site dubbing itself "The Friend Society," which links to various online conversations and off-color cartoons.

Authorities traced the site's

Internet provider back to Voxel Dot Net Inc., which has support and engineering staff based in Troy, N.Y. A man who answered the phone at Voxel, who declined to give his name, said he was unaware of the posted threat on the Web site and refused further comment.

"In the aftermath civil wars will erupt across the world, both in the Middle East and within the United States," javness wrote. "Global economies will screech to a halt. General chaos will rule."

Fellow online posters sounded skeptical about the claims.

"This isn't something you should joke about," a poster identified as "Kim Possible" wrote in response almost two hours later. "If you are (serious) about this may I see your sources. Unless you're a psychic."

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