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## Efforts to end dorm race division successful



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Vanessa Baltierrez, a San Diego, Calif., senior, and Dallas junior Ashley Richard relax Wednesday in the lobby of Kokernot Residence Hall.

### Diversity becomes residence hall priority

By Sarah Viesca  
Reporter

Campus Living and Learning has been working to do away with the unintentional racial division of Baylor's residence halls, and instead create a living experience similar to the real world.

Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, said Campus Living and Learning has been studying and pilot testing different as-

signment processes for the past three years, and this fall the traditional first-come-first-served priority system only determined 70 percent of assigned spaces. Once that percentage was met, the process changed and allowed anyone to be eligible to live anywhere, no matter when their application was submitted.

"Instead of having some great disparities in the way each residence environment looked, the new system has really made all the halls look like Baylor," Shushok said.

In the 2002-2003 academic year, Collins Residence Hall

was 92 percent Caucasian, while Kokernot Residence Hall was only 57 percent Caucasian, Shushok said.

Using the new assignment process, Collins Residence Hall dropped to 70 percent Caucasian and Kokernot Residence Hall rose to 72 percent Caucasian.

Kokernot Residence Hall community leader Niecy Williams, a Houston sophomore, said the diversity situation has definitely changed in the two years she has lived there.

"From being a resident to becoming a CL, the diversity has changed dramatically," Wil-

liams said. "Before you knew where certain people lived."

Williams said the residence halls are not only diverse because of the changes Campus Living and Learning implemented, but also because of the way the CLs work with their halls to make them more unified.

Shushok said one of the explanations for the division is that some students are given the message that living in Penland and Collins residence halls is important at Baylor. These messages usually come from parents, siblings or friends who

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## Mathematics relocating to BSB offices

Lack of privacy in temporary space to make communication difficult

By Erin Pedigo  
Reporter

Professors in the math department were informed Tuesday of the details of their move to the fourth floor Baylor Sciences Building, which they have known about for a few weeks.

The math department will move to make room for the Paul L. Foster Success Center, which will move into its place in Sid Richardson Science Building.

Dr. Robert Piziak, professor and interim chairman of mathematics, said they learned there will be no private office space for the next six months.

Piziak said 51 faculty members, including graduate students and lecturers, will be temporarily placed in three separate rooms in the science building.

The only faculty who will get private offices will be the new department chairman, Dr. Lance Littlejohn, who will arrive at Baylor in January, and the office manager, Piziak said.

Many of the faculty members moving to the BSB have had office space in Sid Richardson for more than 25 years.

Piziak said his main concern, along with professor of mathematics Dr. Ray Cannon and Dr. Frank Mathis, associate chairman for the department and associate dean for sciences, is the lack of space. None of the professors said he wants to be in a crowded room if a student wants to come in during office hours.

"Students aren't going to want to talk to me in front of 11 other people," Cannon said.

Mathis said private rooms would be provided for personal problems students want to discuss.

He said the reason for the lack of office space is because the section of the fourth floor scheduled to house the department was unfinished.

Carpeting is now being laid and the air conditioning is being adjusted, Piziak said.

Construction on the first floor of Sid Richard-

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File photo

Fans tear down the goal posts in the north end of Floyd Casey Stadium after Baylor's stunning upset of No. 16 Texas A&M University on Oct. 30, 2004. The Bears won the game 35-34 in overtime. The Baylor-Texas A&M rivalry dates back to 1899, when the teams met in Baylor's first football season, a 33-0 Aggie victory.

## Rivalry stands test of time

### Bloody brawls, proximity add fuel to long, heated BU, A&M battles

By Will Parchman  
Sports writer

To the casual observer, the Baylor-Texas A&M rivalry may seem like nothing more than a lopsided lesson in humility.

Baylor has taken just one game from the Aggies since 1985, and the series has only been competitive since 2004.

The latest generation of Baylor fans, students and supporters have been raised under the veil of Texas A&M domination in the series that has come to be known as the "Battle of the Brazos."

But Texas football legend Dave

Campbell said it wasn't always that way.

"It's the Brazos Bottom, as we called it," said Campbell, who attended his first Baylor-A&M game in 1938. "You have that tie there, of (Texas A&M) being right down the road. It's not any further from schools like Texas or TCU, but it goes way back. And it just always seemed to have had a special tie in Baylor memories and feelings that (Baylor fans) would rather beat A&M more than nearly anybody."

To understand that tie, you'd have to go far beyond the current generation and back to the days of the horse-drawn carriage and the Spanish-American War.

In 1899, the Baylor football program was born, and the inexperienced R.H. Hamilton was named its coach.

Hamilton dubbed Tom E. Cranfill as Baylor's first captain and set out to craft the team's schedule.

Hamilton's first schedule consisted of just four games, one of which was in Waco against Texas A&M.

Fostering a rivalry from the team's very first season, Baylor's only loss that year would come at the hands of the Aggies in the form of a 33-0 pounding. After leaving the team the following season, the defeat at the hands of Texas A&M would be the only blight on Hamilton's otherwise perfect coaching record.

It would be another two years before another team even scored on the Bears, which ironically came in Baylor's first win over Texas A&M in 1901.

As the years wore on, the rivalry only intensified. In 1926, Baylor

and Texas A&M met on homecoming and a tragic legacy was born.

Texas A&M fan A.B. Sessums was killed during a melee following a bleacher-clearing brawl between Bear and Aggie supporters at the Cotton Palace Stadium in Waco.

The legend grew, and stories passed down saying that a group of angered Aggies immediately raced back to College Station and hopped on a rail car bound for Waco with a howitzer in tow. But, as the legend goes, the National Guard met their advance and felled several trees across the tracks to stop the charge.

The truth behind the rumor is dubious, but the sentiment was not. Baylor president S.P. Brooks and Texas A&M president T.O. Wal-

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## Internet courses not in vogue at BU

By Laura Frase  
Staff writer

As more universities nationwide include online courses in their curriculum and add to the 2.3 million students enrolled in at least one online course in fall 2005, Baylor stands untouched by this online craze and is continuing to uphold its in-class, community learning appeal.

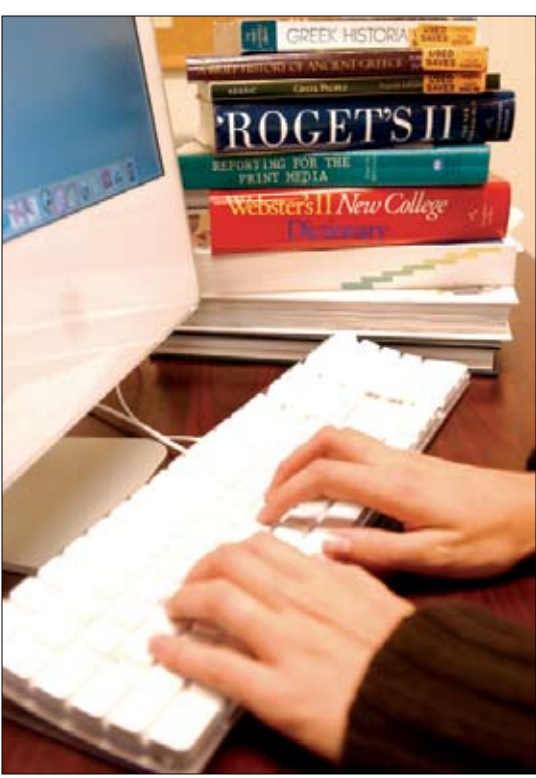
"I do think a factor in why these courses haven't developed is because of Baylor's historical valuing of having an in-class experience where you have inner change among the various students in the class in real time," said Dr. James Bennighof, vice provost for academic affairs and

policy. "Part of the interest in having a residential campus has to do with people learning in a community."

While Bennighof emphasized the necessary role of face-to-face interaction among professors and students, he said he also sees the possible advantages that online courses could offer students.

"Some of the possible advantages of these courses would be time flexibility — you can do it when you can fit it in — and in some cases, location flexibility if you're one course short of graduation and you want to get married and get a job, and he's

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With more than 2 million students enrolled in online courses nationally this fall, online learning is fast becoming a more convenient way to earn a college degree. Baylor remains committed to encouraging community learning and continues not to offer online courses.

Photo illustration by Melea Burke

## Man shot in vehicle blocks from campus

By Laura Klingsporn  
Reporter

Justin Niswanger, a 19 year-old from Axtell, was shot in the left leg and hip Tuesday night on the 1800 block of Wood Street, Waco Police Department spokesman Steve Anderson said.

Waco police received a call shortly after 11 p.m. regarding a possible shooting at the 1900 block of LaSalle Avenue. While the patrol officers searched the area for a victim, the Waco dispatch center received a call saying that the victim was being transported by car to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center. The police and emergency personnel re-

sponded to the 2900 block of Franklin Avenue, where they found the car and Niswanger and transported him to Hillcrest.

According to Waco Police, Niswanger and a friend were driving southbound on South 18th Street when a dark-colored vehicle started following them. Niswanger pulled over at the 1800 block of Wood Street, thinking the car behind him was someone he knew, according to the police report. The driver of the dark vehicle then fired into Niswanger's car, striking him twice.

"That doesn't give the police a whole heck of a lot to go

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# Brooks College will help bridge campus divisions

In Tuesday's editorial titled "Brooks will split campus," the *Lariat* editorial board appealed to some admirable principles. Regrettably, it failed to see how plans for Brooks College will realize those very principles, especially the Baylor 2012 aspiration to support "learning amidst diversity."

Student Life wholeheartedly agrees that "learning amidst diversity" is not only important, we think it is essential. Brooks College is built on the assumption that diversity is in every way good for the living environment. It is open to every student and there is no GPA, classification or major requirement to live in Brooks.

Of the 142 students who have already applied for admission to Brooks, one will find freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students. This initial group of applicants represents

more than 59 majors across all schools and colleges. There will be men and women representing a rich variety of races and ethnicities. As part of this environment, there also will be faculty, staff and students who live, work and eat together as part of their living community.

In comparison, our recent history at Baylor has been to segregate students by classification, gender and, unintentionally, by race. Collins and Penland Halls, for example, have been extraordinarily homogenous. We've been working to correct this as well.

Frankly, "learning amidst diversity" isn't just the aspiration for Brooks College, it's the aspiration for all residence halls at Baylor. If all goes as planned, we'll have 10 faculty members making residence halls homes in 2007.

Dub Oliver, vice president for

## point of view

BY FRANK SHUSHOK



student life, has articulated his desire to see faculty in residence in every environment over the next few years. We also hope to create more faculty offices in residence halls, adding to those already in place at Alexander Halls, the North Village and planned in Brooks College.

Living-learning centers, too, have facilitated the incorporation of greater diversity in residential environments, especially across traditional racial and ethnic divides. They have facilitated learning across the classifications where seniors live in community with freshmen. While Oxford and Cambridge

have served as architectural inspiration for Brooks College, the impetus for a residential college at Baylor is more motivated by a movement of higher education in the United States. While some institutions like Yale, Rice and Vanderbilt have opted to convert their entire housing inventory to residential colleges, many others have created them as another option for students to consider.

These institutions are very diverse and include the University of Wisconsin, UNC-Greensboro, the University of South Carolina, the University of Georgia, Tulane, California-Santa Cruz, Truman State, Murray State, the University of Virginia and Michigan State University.

The growing popularity of residential colleges has resulted in the biannual national living-learning conference changing its name this year to the

National Living-Learning and Residential College Conference. In fact, I've just returned from this meeting at Syracuse University and attended with a team of nine from Baylor. Five of us were from Student Life. Four were from the faculty. This conference, too, was just incorporated into the Association of College and University Housing Officers (the primary professional organization for those working in university housing).

The reason that residential colleges are gaining so much momentum is related to a growing conversation about improving undergraduate education, student engagement and meaningful faculty-student interaction. I know well that a residential college won't be attractive to all Baylor students in the same way that Penland and Collins are of little interest to others. Even Brooks College only

represents half of the students who will live in Brooks Village. The idea is to offer a breadth of housing options that each facilitate learning and offer a place of belonging and membership — something we know is important for retention, learning and satisfaction.

While I know Brooks College is our first residential college, I do hope it won't be our last. If we are to reach the objective of Imperative II of 2012, we must then continue to increase the percentage of students residing on campus, as well as learn from the compelling research about how residential life can assist with learning on campus. To do so, we must have options that appeal to the diversity of interest represented in the Baylor student population.

*Dr. Frank Shushok Jr., is dean for student learning and engagement.*

## Editorial

# Guerilla education mentality ridiculous

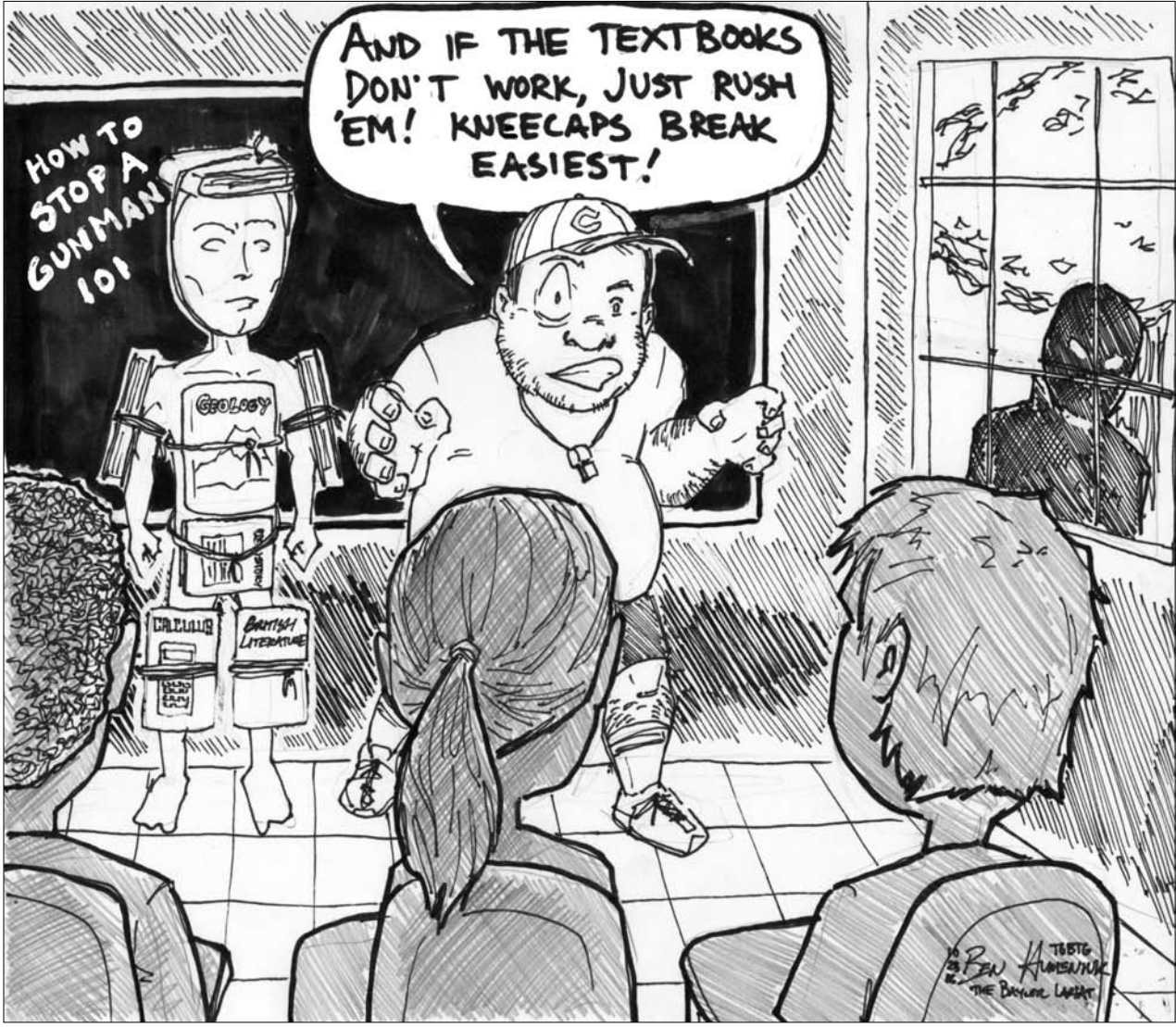
When parents send their children to school, the last thing they expect them to learn is guerrilla warfare tactics. But on the heels of recent school shootings, some people are jumping to ridiculous lengths to try to protect students from potential threats and possible death.

A candidate for Oklahoma's state superintendent of schools has proposed using old textbooks as shields for students in the case of a school shooting. If elected, Bill Crozier wants to have textbooks placed under every desk of every student to use as a form of self-defense.

This is an absurd idea because it assumes that students will have time to react, as well as the strength to grab a large book and place it in the area where a gunman will aim.

Also, vulnerable areas of the body comprise more than the typical 10 to 12 inches of the traditional textbook; this would hardly be an adequate shield.

There are good intentions behind reinstating out-of-date textbooks; however, not enough logic was put into considering the process that



would need to take place for it to work successfully.

Students would not only have to correctly gauge where the gunman would shoot them, but also have a

strong mindset to think under such traumatic circumstances.

If that weren't enough, in a test video released by Crozier along with some aides, textbooks could only

withstand a bullet from a 9 mm pistol; two books were required (one was a calculus textbook) to stop an AK-47 assault rifle.

In Burleson, students are being

taught in school to use anything to fight back against a gunman. Instead of remaining compliant, students are encouraged to use pencils, textbooks, arms and legs as weapons against the gunman.

The company providing the training to the Burleson students told them they should react immediately and rush a gunman the moment they see one. While this training might help prepare students, in the end there's no way to gauge how a student might react in times of extreme shock.

William Lassiter, manager of the North Carolina-based Center for Prevention of School Violence, said teaching students to fight back might seem off-base, but it's a better option than just letting them all be shot immediately.

Although a smaller number of students might die if students collectively charge the gunman instead of trying to run away, this kind of training could have negative psychological effects.

Beginning the school year with self-survival training has the potential to cause students to focus on the possibility of being hurt every day, thus inflicting stress and worry.

Overall, protection needs to come not from used textbooks or fight-back techniques, but rather where the actual problem is found: the gunman.

If schools across the country would recognize the need for an overall increase in security and campus patrol, gunmen could be more easily detected and prevented from even stepping foot into a school building. Lawmakers should stop frightening students with of what might happen and work toward stopping gunmen before they have a chance to pull the trigger.

## Letters to the editor

### Adoption helps many children

The editorial "Adopting abroad neglects U.S. orphans" on Wednesday had faulty logic from its title to its ending paragraphs.

I'm not sure how adopting a child overseas has anything to do with neglecting U.S. orphans. Foreign adoption gives a child a home.

Does giving a child a home neglect a child who is already neglected?

Also, the lovely editorial cartoon suggests that rather than adopting one foreign baby, they should adopt all 120,000 domestic orphans.

Is that really realistic? Have people really said, "American children just aren't worth the hassle to adopt," or are we

speculating to get a good story? Have you looked at the difficulty of foreign adoption processes in Russia or China?

I fail to see how adopting abroad neglects U.S. orphans if the total number of domestic adoptions was over twice that of international adoptions.

Does it matter whether it was a family member or not? Children were given homes. Manipulated numbers do not prove a point.

Also, if you argue that those who adopt American orphans do so because they look like themselves, then other Americans wouldn't adopt foreign-looking children, would they?

I also fail to see how international adoption affects whether or not domestic minority orphans or domestic chil-

dren over the age of 8 are given homes if people don't want to adopt them in the first place.

Attack Angelina Jolie and Madonna's mothering skills or motives to adopt, but don't attack foreign adoption.

Attack the mindset that people want babies of their own race, but can you honestly say it's not a concern/hope that you would have a baby who looks like you?

Foreign adoption is not the enemy here; that we live in an unjust, sinful world in which children are left without homes is. Do not criticize people giving children homes. They're doing a great service.

As you said, "Deciding which child deserves a loving and supportive home shouldn't be decided by race."

I want to add "or place of origin" to that quote.

God creates families in many ways: biologically, domestic adoption, foreign adoption amongst other ways.

Who are we to criticize the way he's bringing families together? Can you really say that my being here in the United States in a loving home is neglecting a U.S. orphan? After all, I was adopted from "abroad."

Kyndell Radigan  
Economics 2008

### Brooks opportunities endless

I am a junior who currently lives off campus.

I am already looking forward to many aspects of next year, and at the top of that list is my decision to be a resident of Brooks College.

As a student who is passionate about Baylor, academics, Christianity and relationships with other people, it was easy for me to realize that Brooks College is a community that I want to be a part of during my senior year.

I am excited about learning from students who are truly diverse, not only because of their race or gender, but also because of their majors, their interests and their life stories.

No residence hall on campus will showcase such diversity better than Brooks College, where men and women of all classifications, disciplines and ability levels will live alongside one another (in gender-separate wings).

It is fine that Brooks College will not appeal to everyone. That

is why there are so many different communities for Baylor students to be a part of, whether in the brand new Outdoor Adventure LLC, the Engineering Computer Science LLC or one of the many other residence halls and LLCs.

Baylor is making exciting commitments to improve students' living and learning experiences, and one of those ways certainly is through Brooks College.

Brooks College is an incredible opportunity to explore academics, faith and community at Baylor.

I am excited about what this project means for our campus, and if you give it a chance, I think that you will be, too.

Gary Guadagnolo  
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Kelly Moore/Lariat staff

Artist Jiyoung Chung works in the Martin Museum Wednesday to create a display for her exhibit, which opens today. Chung has exhibited her work in 11 solo shows in Korea, Finland and the U.S.

By Lauren Hightower  
Reporter

The two rooms couldn't be more different. One contains images of modern people and mythological figures. Rusty nails and yarn line the walls of the other.

Victoria Star Varner, art professor at Southwestern University in Georgetown, and Jiyoung Chung will be showcasing their work in the two exhibit halls of the Martin Museum of Art until Nov. 30.

The museum is opening the pair of new exhibits today, Karin Gilliam, director of the Martin Museum of Art, said.

Varner's work, "The Mysteries Revisited," a freestanding open-ended chamber with life-size paintings and portraits, is in Exhibit hall I.

Varner said her work is modeled after the Room of Mysteries, found near the city of Pompeii, Italy. Varner visited the Room of Mysteries twice: first on a college trip and the second time for research

purposes.

"When I went to Pompeii and saw the Room of Mysteries, I was so struck by it that I wanted to do a version of the work myself," Varner said.

The images are set against a red background, just like the original paintings in the Room of Mysteries, Varner said.

"It definitely brings a sense of excitement and passion to the work," Gilliam said.

The actual figures present contrasting images.

There are modern portraits of a cowboy (Varner's father) mounting a horse and a self-portrait of the project developers.

These are contrasted with the images of a female winged figure holding a februa whip and a personal interpretation of the famous "Rape of Europa."

"A lot of the pieces are family members, so there is an autobiographical sense to the work," Varner said.

Varner included some differ-

ences in her paintings of the mythological beings.

Most classic portrayals of the "Rape of Europa" put Europa in a submissive attitude. Varner puts her in a defensive position, holding part of her dress up as a whip or preparing to use it to disorient the bull.

"There are stories handed down through Greek and Roman mythology that I have serious issues with," Varner said. "In this version, Europa has some definite ideas of her own."

In addition to her work, Varner will be adding to the exhibit two sketchbooks that show the ideas formed during the project's development.

Inside Exhibit hall 2 is Jiyoung Chung's presentation titled "The Story: Relationship". This is a representation of the relationships between humans, God and nature, Chung said.

Her work is specifically tailored to the exhibit hall space of the Martin Museum of Art.

"I like to work in the specific space," Chung said. "Interaction between people and space is so different. I like the conversation between viewers and my work."

The space is laid out so viewers have to actually move through the art in some places.

"The viewer has to walk through and under the work so they become part of the work," Chung said.

One of the symbolic parts of the exhibit is Chung's use of rusted nails to symbolize humans.

"When you see a rusted nail, people tend to think it's useless, but it can still be used," Chung said. "It's just like people who think they are useless."

As part of her exhibit, Chung has left an entire section of the wall open for some art students to make their own personal expression of relationships with similar materials.

Both Chung and Varner will be at the opening tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. to speak about their exhibits.

# Visitors from Chinese university get taste of life at Baylor

Visitors intend to observe U.S. culture, teaching methods

By Greer Kinsey  
Reporter

There's no better way to welcome foreign guests to Baylor than with an enthusiastic "sic 'em". This is how four faculty members from Xi'an Jiaotong University in Shanghai, China, were greeted Tuesday.

A group of about 25 Baylor faculty, students and missionaries sat in a circle in the faculty lounge of the Bill Daniel Student Center to talk with the guests and welcome them to Baylor.

The foreign faculty members are in Texas to observe and compare universities in the United States to Xi'an Jiaotong University.

Psychologist Yao Bin said the

program is "sort of an exchange program for adults."

He said three Texas A&M University professors will stay at Xi'an Jiaotong for a month in May to observe the teaching methods used at the Chinese university.

Bin is a student mental health education counselor at Xi'an Jiaotong. He said this is his first time in the U.S.

"The school has a beautiful environment," Bin said about Baylor.

Aside from the sic 'em to welcome the guests, Dr Pepper floats were also served.

It was the first time for some of the guests to try Dr Pepper.

"Someone needs to introduce Dr Pepper in China," Bin said.

Bin wasn't the only guest to enjoy the beverage. Jianwei Zhou, student affairs director at Xi'an Jiaotong, said he loved the Dr Pepper.

He also said there's a plant in China that tastes like Dr Pepper, and he was going to begin buying more of it when he returned home.

Zhou said there are about 150 student organizations at Xi'an Jiaotong, and he plans on creating more while in his position at the university.

He also said many of the university organizations in China are similar to the ones here at Baylor.

Another reason he wanted to come to the U.S. was because of the nation's advances in development, Zhou said.

He said China is different because it's still developing on all levels.

He also expresses an interest in the way Americans teach.

"Americans and the Chinese need to know each other better. We know so much about America, but I feel like Americans



Kelly Moore/Lariat staff

Kay Mueller, a senior lecturer in sociology, serves Jianwei Zhun his first Dr Pepper float in the faculty lounge Wednesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Zhun is one of four officials from Xi'an Jiaotong University in China who visited Baylor Wednesday on their tour of Texas universities.

could learn more about China," he said.

Kay Mueller, a senior lecturer

in sociology, said she was asked to be part of the welcoming committee because of her extensive

involvement in Southeast Asia and China.

She was asked to find representative students to talk to the guests.

Among those she invited to participate were the student body president, the freshman and sophomore class presidents, representatives from sororities and students from several cultural organizations.

"It's so important not just to give a picture of the faculty of Baylor, but also the students involved in the community and the world," she said.

Mueller said the guests told her they were impressed with the quality of the student leaders representing Baylor.

The faculty are staying at Texas A&M University and have traveled to San Antonio and Texas State University.

They will leave Nov. 7 to go back to Shanghai, Bin said.

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# Baseball welcomes No. 1 recruits

By Daniel Youngblood  
Sports editor

While the Baylor baseball season doesn't start until February, the Bears' incoming freshman class has already generated quite a stir among national sports outlets.

The recruiting class, which features 15 players, including several big prospects, was ranked No. 1 by *Baseball America* — one of the only baseball publications that rates classes after the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft in June.

In college baseball, unlike football or basketball, high school prospects are eligible for the draft.

In fact, every year dozens of the nation's top prospects commit to a school early but get chosen in the draft and opt to

start their professional careers instead.

Baylor baseball head Coach Steve Smith said baseball is the only college sport in which coaches have to worry about their recruits being too good. He said this year, he was fortunate in that regard.

Three of Baylor's top recruits, outfielder Aaron Miller, first basemen Dustin Dickerson and right-handed pitcher Kendall Volz were taken in the 11th, 15th and 50th rounds respectively of the Major League Baseball draft, but decided to honor their commitments to Baylor.

Smith said players like Miller and Dickerson often see college ball as a better route to the big leagues.

"They all value the college experience, in the classroom and on the field," Smith said. "They

recognize they'll have a far better shot at the Major Leagues out of college."

The Baylor class includes four of the nation's top recruits in Miller, Dickerson, Volz and pitcher Shawn Tolleson.

This crop of freshmen has received much publicity from baseball publications, including a front-page feature on ESPN.com Tuesday.

The Bears' 2004 trip to the College World Series in Omaha is partially responsible for attracting top-caliber players, Smith said.

"We'll have a really good core of players for the next few years," he said.

Senior pitcher Jeff Mandel said he likes the way the freshmen have assimilated with the team and is happy with the upperclassmen's leadership.

"The way we've been meshing so far has a real similar feel to the Omaha year," Mandel said.

After a rebuilding year last year that saw the Bears reach the regionals in the NCAA tournament, this year's freshmen will be asked to replace the production of several key seniors.

With senior starting pitcher Ryan LaMotta gone and position players Seth Fortenberry, Zach Dillon, Kevin Russo and Kevin Sevigny graduated, much will be asked of the newcomers.

Sophomore shortstop Beamer Weems said he's confident the new batch will be able to hold their own.

"We lost some tough guys from last year, but that's just going to make the freshmen have to get in there and learn faster," Weems said.

"We're confident they will."

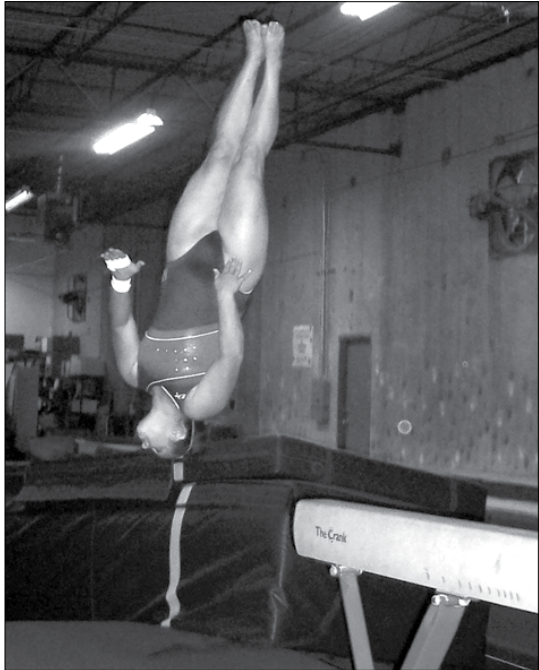


Head Coach Steve Smith, left, and Mama-dou Diene walk off the mound last spring. Diene, a member of the basketball team, was invited to the May 16 game against Dallas Baptist University to throw the opening pitch against the Patriots. Smith, who was inducted into the Baylor Sports Hall of Fame earlier this year, has put together what some are calling the best recruiting class in the nation.

Courtesy photo

# Baylor's 20th club sport already practicing for competition

Julie Kramer, a Uvalde sophomore and one of the team's vice presidents, practices in the gym at Texas Dynasty Gymnastics. Although the team won't be officially approved until Nov. 7, the men's and women's teams already work out there three times every week.



Courtesy photo

By Claire St. Amant  
Reporter

Baylor will officially welcome gymnastics as its 20th club sport on Nov. 7, but Club President and Houston junior Shelly Avery said the team is already practicing three days a week and planning events.

"We are an official, chartered organization, but we are waiting on our status as a club sport to be approved in the next two weeks," Avery said.

Avery said the process began in the fall of 2005 with an idea and a common passion.

"I have always loved gymnastics, and I knew that on a campus the size of Baylor, there had to be other people who felt the same way," Avery said.

Julie Kramer, now one of the team's vice presidents and

a Uvalde sophomore, met with Avery and they decided to start a team. They met with Robert Graham, assistant director for campus recreation in the spring of 2005, and he gave them the necessary paperwork to gain status as a campus organization, Avery said.

During the summer, Kramer and Avery worked together to create the organization constitution. When they returned to Baylor in the fall, Kramer said they applied for a charter through Student Activities.

"Getting our constitution together was really exciting, and then the charter made everything official," Kramer said. "We are really looking forward to hosting competitions now that we are an official organization."

The team is co-ed, but its competitions are separated by

gender, Avery said. The men and women will travel together to most competitions, and both train at Texas Dynasty Gymnastics in Waco.

"Having the guys and girls practice together is good for everyone," Avery said. "We are one team, even though we compete in different events."

Pearland senior Eric Elliot, the other club vice president, said the men compete in floor, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars and high bar events, taking the highest three scores from each category to determine an all-around team score.

Kramer added that while the women's events do not include the pommel horse, rings or high or parallel bar, women compete in the beam and uneven bars.

The men's and women's teams both operate under the

same group officers, with one president and two vice presidents, Avery said.

The gymnastics season will begin with a meet Jan. 20 at Texas State University. In February, the women will host a competition in a local Waco gym while the men head to the University of Oklahoma, Elliott said.

The men's event, hosted by the NCAA Varsity Sooners, will give the Baylor team a chance to test its skills against Olympic gymnasts, Elliott said.

In a rare display of Texas unity, club teams from Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Texas State and Baylor will all combine into one Texas team to compete against the Sooner varsity program. The University of Texas, which boasts more than 30 male members, will have its own team, he said.

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# Waco Symphony to welcome cellist

By Cat Smith  
Reporter

World-renowned cellist Zuill Bailey will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in Waco Hall with the Waco Symphony Orchestra. Bailey will give a solo performance of Dmitri Shostakovich's "Opus 107: Cello Concerto No. 1." Soviet composer Shostakovich wrote the piece during a period of his life referred to as "the thaw" after the fall of Stalinism. Lee Prinz, Bailey's booking agent with Colbert Artists Management Inc., said it's a big year for Shostakovich's music. "Zuill chose this piece because it is the 100th anniversary of Shostakovich's birth," Prinz said. "It's a great piece for the cello, and he does an amazing job of bringing the piece to life." Bailey has been traveling around the country playing Shostakovich and Mozart pieces. Prinz said one thing that has made Bailey so popular around the world is his ability to play consistently while retaining his originality. "He has this larger-than-life personality, and combined with his talent for the cello, he puts on a great show," Prinz said. "He is a performer but also a presenter."

Stephen Heyde, Baylor music professor and conductor of the Waco Symphony Orchestra, said Bailey gives an amazing performance. "Zuill has been in a number of competitions and is a dynamic performer," Heyde said. "It should be a great show." Bailey attended both the Peabody Institute and The Julliard School. He has since toured the world, playing concerts broadcast live, as well as making appearances on HBO and BBC. "He is such a dynamic artist and riveting on stage," Prinz said. Bailey is currently the artistic director of the El Paso Pro Musica festival. "When he came in and took

(the festival) over, he worked hard on building its reputation in the music community," Prinz said. "He used his connections through all the people he met while touring and at school to bring in great artists that may not have come to El Paso otherwise." Arlington senior Kenitha Ellison said she is looking forward to the performance. "When I heard he was coming to Waco, I wanted to check it out," Ellison said. "He is so talented and plays such great music." Tickets cost \$16 to \$36 and can be purchased after 1 p.m. in Waco Hall or by calling 754-0581.

Zuill Bailey, a world-renowned cellist, will join forces with the Waco Symphony Orchestra to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Soviet composer Dmitri Shostakovich. Bailey also will perform solo. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. today in Waco Hall.



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# 'Deathtrap' lets down fans of thrillers

By Amber Orand  
Contributor

Waco Civic Theatre took a step forward with *The Sound of Music* last month, but its second offering of the season, *Deathtrap*, constitutes two big steps back.

## THEATER REVIEW

Ira Levin's 1978 comedy-thriller is the wickedly twisted tale of Sidney Bruhl, an aging playwright whose last few thrillers have flopped and who is living off his wife's money and what little he earns teaching writing seminars.

At the beginning of the play, Sidney receives a manuscript from a former student and confides to his wife that it's the perfect thriller, a can't-miss hit. He darkly jokes about luring the younger playwright, Clifford Anderson, to their home to murder him and appropriate his play.

Myra, Bruhl's frail, long-suffering wife, is horrified as she begins to suspect her husband may not be kidding. From here, the plot delves into numerous snaky twists replete with deception, infidelity and murder.

Despite the dark subject matter, *Deathtrap* surprisingly is filled with humor. There's a thin line between dark humor and nonsense; witty, sophisticated acting and directing are required to pull it off. Unfortunately, these qualities are in short supply in this production.

Friday night's performance felt more like a first run-through than opening night. While a few mistakes could have been opening-night jitters, several elements evidenced a lack of attention to detail.

Some are prop-related, like having Clifford return from a shopping trip with an empty shopping bag.

Others are examples of egregiously bad stage business. Kelita Alberts, as Myra, is particularly plagued with this problem.

During one scene, she flits around the room pretending to read a magazine, crochets an item for less than a minute and bizarrely caresses the fireplace — all while having a deadly serious conversation with her husband.

The schizophrenic blocking, combined with Alberts' hyperactive fluttering and deafeningly loud speech, runs counter to the play's action and distracts from the dialogue.

Friday night's audience enjoyed Carolyn Atherton as Helga Ten Dorp, a kooky world-famous psychic. While Helga's character is a familiar stereotype, Atherton's over-the-top portrayal injected some frivolous fun into the more tense scenes.

Some of the actors, especially Chase Carey as Clifford, struggled with remembering their lines. The entire production would have benefited from a few more rehearsals.

Waco Civic Theatre's *Deathtrap* is a messy production of a dated play.

The self-referential aspects that probably were cutting-edge in 1978 are outdated in 2006, and post-M. Night Shyamalan audience members won't be surprised by the plot twists.

This time, the theater has produced a clunker worthy of Sidney Bruhl himself.

Grade: C-



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ton signed an agreement on Dec. 8 of that year, ceasing all athletic contracts between the two schools. They wouldn't play another game until 1931.

The series took several twists and turns over the years, ebbing and flowing as each school rose and fell in strength. But with every victory by the opposing team, the rivalry grew.

"It felt like a rivalry the first time I saw it," Campbell said. "There was just a lot of hoopla about the game. When (Texas A&M) came to Waco, all of those games were homecoming games, so it was a very spotlighted game."

From 1931 to 1985, the rivalry was fairly split, with the Aggies holding a slight edge in the series record, 23-25-4. But in the 18 years that would follow, Baylor would fail to win one game in the once-vaunted series.

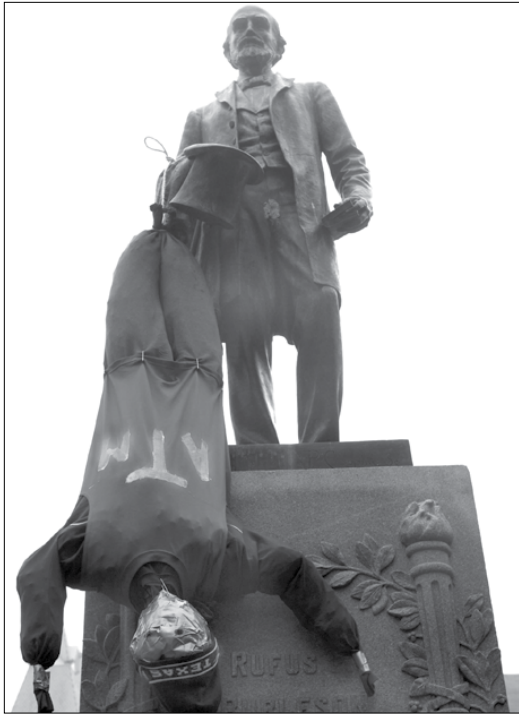
Everything changed in 2004 when Baylor upset the No. 16 ranked Aggies in Waco, bringing A&M's streak to an end.

"We were really waiting to get them back at Floyd Casey (Stadium)," said senior outside safety Maurice Linguist, who has seen the highs and lows of the Baylor-Texas A&M rivalry in his four years of service. "Everybody else was shocked that we beat them, but we weren't shocked. I felt it really catapulted our program."

The very next year Baylor marched into Kyle Field in College Station and nearly shocked the A&M fan base for the second consecutive season. The Bears lost 16-13 in overtime despite being in control most of the game.

Linguist said the outcome of that game should add even more fuel to a fire that's been burning for a very long time.

"It's a little added something to the game that we've played them so many times, and that the last few years we've been into overtime with them," Linguist said. "And we know this game could very well decide a lot for our season."



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An Aggie dummy hangs in effigy from the Rufus C. Burleson statue Wednesday in Burleson Quadrangle.

Head Coach Guy Morriss knows as well as anybody in the program that an entire season could hinge on perhaps the biggest rivalry in school history.

"I don't think I'll have to say much of anything to influence them in this one," Morriss said.

Freshman linebacker Joe Pawalek, who is seeing this rivalry from a different viewpoint as a first-year player, said the upperclassmen have stressed the importance of winning this game. Not just because of the immediate bowl implications, but because of the bragging rights afforded to the victor.

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son Science Building will begin in November, and Cannon said the math department had to move out by Dec. 15 before crews come in to remove toxic asbestos material.

Furniture, including file cabinets, desks, chairs, and computer tables will have to be moved, Piziak said.

The move will allow mathematics professors and science professors who had been in close contact years earlier, before geology, neuroscience, and biology moved to the Baylor Sciences Building, to essentially "catch up."

"(The move) will give us a chance to interact with scientists we used to see over at Sid Richardson Science Building," Piziak said. "We don't see those folks much anymore."

All three men said they see the move as a positive thing, with Mathis saying he is "guardedly optimistic."

"It'll be nice to enjoy the beautiful building, even though it's temporary," Cannon said.

Not all classes will be held in the Baylor Sciences Building after the move.

Many have already moved to Marrs McLean Science Building, Piziak said.

The department will stay in Sid Richardson Science Building through the end of this semester, he said.

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have previously attended Baylor, he said.

A few years ago, Shushok said he received a phone call from a parent whose daughter was planning to attend Baylor in six years and wanted to know if she could get her daughter's name on the list for Collins Residence Hall.

The popularity of Collins and Penland Residence Halls is illogical since other facilities have larger rooms and common space, but what the halls hold is family history, he said.

Collins resident Cecilia Benz, a Fort Worth freshman, said that the reason she chose to live in Collins was because she had heard about its legacy through friends and their parents.

Shushok said that another reason adding to the segregation has to do with the date students applied for housing. Although minorities prefer Collins and Penland Residence Halls just at the same rate as Caucasian students, typically minorities tend to apply for housing seven weeks later than Caucasian students, he said.

"Students who don't have a history of family who've come to Baylor don't receive that sense of urgency to get the housing application in," Shushok said.

Williams said that even though minorities also want to live in Collins and Penland, everyone should want to live in Kokernot because it's easier to make community since it's so much smaller.

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on," said Officer Steve Anderson, Waco Police public information officer.

Anderson said the incident is under investigation and the police have not made any arrests.

"This raises an eyebrow,"

Anderson said. "I think anytime in the community you have someone shot it raises concern. We don't have this happen every night, but does this type of occurrence happen across the city? Yes."

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in Alaska," Bennighof said.

But, he said he doesn't see the likelihood of Baylor implementing most courses online.

"It's kind of hard to do tennis online," Bennighof said.

Colorado Springs, Colo., senior Philip Catalano said he wouldn't mind rolling out of bed to sit at his computer to attend class.

"I think some classes would be better if taught over the Internet," Catalano said. "Sometimes if a professor doesn't do a good job of teaching the material, I think it would be better to just be at home instead of going to class and spend the same amount of time teaching it to yourself."

On the positive side, Catalano noted the importance of social interaction outside of students' homes.

"You get to meet more people when you go to class," Catalano said. "When you meet people in

your classes, you can get help from them when you have a problem."

While Catalano said that sometimes it's better to teach yourself than attend class, as an English major, Fort Worth senior Allison Sands appreciates the need for class discussions.

"Interaction with professors and other students can always enhance your understanding and comprehension of what you're learning because different viewpoints are shared on the subject," Sands said. "Especially in English courses, discussion of the material helps you better understand it and better prepare you for your career."

But for freshman-level required courses, Sands said she wouldn't mind if they were offered online.

Thoughts being able to attend class online in pajamas appeals to many students, but it may prove a challenge for most professors.

"Teachers don't have good

face-to-face contact with the students that most or all of our teachers value," Bennighof said. "It would be a big difference in the experience for both students and faculty."

Dr. Linda Walker-Kennedy, an English professor, said she believes online courses could subtract from the learning experience.

"Although I think that Internet courses could be a wonderful opportunity for some nontraditional students and for certain types of courses, I have found in my 38 years of teaching college students that most students understanding literature better and are more likely to be inspired if I am available to interact with them in the classroom," Walker-Kennedy said.

The closest thing to an online courses at Baylor are correspondence courses. These courses are offered to current or former Baylor students attaining a degree with courses such as English, history or political

science.

However, most students are only allowed to take correspondence courses during the summer months if they are going home, or in special circumstances during the school year, such as a student only needs one more course requirement to graduate, Jan Holmes, officer manager and project coordinator for the Arts and Sciences dean's office, said.

While Baylor has opted to refrain from adding online courses at this time, several universities in the Big 12 have already jumped on board the online course trend.

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