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## Gifts deliver hope, joy to less fortunate

Project offers chance to send presents across the globe

By Katelyn Foster  
Reporter

Each Christmas, Baylor students are given the opportunity to put a smile on the face of a child.

Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, is a national drive seeking shoeboxes filled with toys and hygiene products to be delivered to less fortunate children all over the world.

Baylor will be collecting shoeboxes on campus until Nov. 10, with hopes in reaching the goal of 2,500 boxes. Drop-boxes are located across campus, including all residence halls, the Bill Daniel Student Center, the Baylor Sciences Building and the McLane Student Life Center.

Shoeboxes should be filled with toys that don't require batteries, as well as hygiene products such as toothbrushes and soap. Tiffani Riggers, a graduate assistant in University Ministries, said a box can usually be filled for only \$10 but still show children someone is thinking about them.

"In some cases it's the only present the child will get," Riggers said. "It's a good way to demonstrate to kids that someone cares about them."

Riggers said it's important to remember that college students are lucky to go to school and it's

important to reach out to the people in the world that don't have enough money to live on.

Marti Bietrick, area coordinator of Operation Christmas Child, said students that miss the Baylor deadline can drop boxes off at Highland Baptist Church. The church is the local headquarter for Operation Christmas Child and will be collecting toys Nov. 13-20. Bietrick suggested filling boxes with school supplies, stuffed animals, hard candy and toys that don't remind them of war. In the past, she said she has written a letter along with her boxes and heard back from children in Kosovo and the Philippines.

She said it's important to help out wherever possible.

"It's really easy," Bietrick said. "It doesn't take too much time, but it's a personal gift to that child. Some child is getting my personal gift that I've designed just for them."

Bietrick said she has traveled to deliver the shoeboxes to an Ecuadorian prison where children live with their mothers. She said she has given toys to children living by trash bins and that Operation Christmas Child is a great way to bring hope to the children.

Erin Geil, an Allen junior, said she has participated in Operation Christmas Child for the past two years and plans to continue. She said it's her call as a Christian to serve others.

"I do it because I believe in

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Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Dr. David Pennington, professor of chemistry, listens Wednesday to a recording of a New Orleans street musician named Grandpa describing how he

survived Hurricane Katrina. The display was part of The Spirit of Recovery exhibit at Seventh and James Baptist Church.

## Exhibit speaks to viewers

Audio, visual display chronicles struggle for life in wake of storm

Laura Klingsporn  
Reporter

Amid carrots, rice and chicken, 100 members of the Seventh and James Baptist Church viewed The Spirit of Recovery display, a photographic and

audio presentation of survivor stories from Hurricane Katrina Wednesday.

The project began last April when the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services commissioned three photographers to do a project about survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

The three men, Michael Nye,

Madison Nye, and Mark Menjivar spent nine days in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast of Mississippi interviewing and photographing. They were only required by contract to get five interviews. They came back with 10 interviews, which translated into seven finished presentations.

"It was a complete adventure," Menjivar said. "I felt like a little kid in a candy store."

The project had its debut at a summit for disaster workers from all 50 states sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Each of the seven interview subjects were at the summit to view their photograph and listen to their stories.

"Really when I came back I felt really honored. Just that

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## Friedman banking on high turnout

Appeal to youth, unusual strategy gives Independent shot at victory

By Aaron Turney  
City editor

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Associated Press

Independent gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman speaks Oct. 26, at the Tarrant County Elections Center to promote voter turnout and early voting.

"We've conquered every obstacle put before him. We got on the ballot with four times the amount of signatures we needed. The only thing that will keep him from winning is voter turnout."

Friedman's campaign collected 170,258 signatures. Of those signatures, 81 percent were valid. Mary Duty, McLennan County coordinator for

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## Strayhorn criticizes TV ads, opposes trans-Texas corridor

Melinda Henderson  
Contributor

As she walked through the crowd Wednesday morning in Waco, Independent gubernatorial candidate Carole Keeton-Strayhorn wasn't afraid to stop and talk to the people. Her team of campaign workers tried to nudge her along, but that didn't stop her from giving hugs, passing out pins that boast "One Tough Grandma" or inviting everyone to her election party in Austin.

Strayhorn is not worried about poll numbers that place her tied at second place or about recent political ads aimed at her by Gov. Rick Perry in which the governor refers to Strayhorn as "Mrs. Corrupt Comptroller Politician Woman."

"The governor has launched phony political attack ads at



Courtesy photo

Independent gubernatorial candidate Carole Keeton-Strayhorn, center, rubs elbows Wednesday with her supporters at a campaign rally in Waco.

the 11th hour and it's shameful," Strayhorn said to a crowd of supporters at the suspension bridge on the Brazos River.

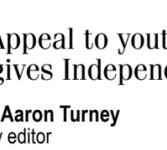
"We'd run a similarly titled ad if Texas had a corrupt comptroller politician man," said Ted Royer, Perry campaign spokesman.

The comptroller said Perry's

ads were an implication that a woman was not capable of being the governor of Texas and that she hadn't heard remarks like that since she ran for mayor of Austin in 1977.

In response to the ads, Strayhorn said Perry could "stand

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## Bilingual students lend hand to Hispanic voters for Tuesday's vote

Christine M. Tamer  
Staff writer

Baylor Spanish-speaking students are stepping over the language barrier to assist Waco's Hispanic population at the election polls this year.

State and federal law requires bilingual clerks to be present in election precincts in

which Spanish-surnamed voters comprise 5 percent or more of the population. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 20.2 percent of McLennan County is Hispanic.

Dr. Gayle Avant, an associate professor of political science, is giving his students credit for working at the polls and serving as Spanish translators.

"The election administration and both the Democratic and Republican chairmen are looking for additional people to work at the polls, especially people who can translate Spanish since many non-English speaking people will be voting," Avant said.

Dr. Paul Larson, a Spanish professor, is working as a bilin-

gual election officer this year.

Larson said the skills needed to be a bilingual assistant are "very basic."

"Bilingual assistants just help someone who comes in and does not speak English," Larson said. "They get them through the registration process, voting ticket and voting booth and explain directions."

Fort Worth sophomore Mayra Varela has been working at the 85th precinct as a bilingual clerk for the past three elections.

"I have not had to translate for anyone because there have not been any Spanish voters," Varela said. "On the March 7 elections there were less than 30 voters overall (at the 85th

precinct) and there was not one Hispanic."

Varela is participating in block walking for the Chet Edwards campaign to help get more people to the polls.

"We go in pairs, door to door, and give surveys," she said. "I have gotten to translate and

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# Healthier food could help kids' school performance

We're getting too fat. And not just fat — we're getting healthier by the minute. On Friday, the *Dallas Morning News'* lead story was about how Texas elementary and high schools, including several Dallas, San Antonio and (the United States' fattest city) Houston area school districts, had actually lost more than \$54,000 in federal meal reimbursements. School districts had to pay fines, which were assessed based on violations of such criteria as "cookies too large" and

"french fries more than one time per week for elementary." Reimbursements are offered through federal child nutrition programs, which give money to districts whose meals meet certain dietary requirements. But get this — the schools don't care. For instance, the nutrition department for Frisco Independent School District posted \$109,000 in profits in 2003-04 from selling four items. That's it, just four. Candy bars, sports drinks, extra-large cook-

## point of view



BY VAN DARDEN

ies and large muffins. Sucrose, glucose, sodium and rot. Even outside of the school, almost every major fast-food chain (and certainly most of the ones over at Cholesterol City, across the highway) has upped

the sizes of their drinks and sides. Now when opt to super-size your value meal, you can build a french-fry raft and sail away in an ocean of Dr Pepper. Forget for a moment the mental image of an 8-year-old's arteries already clogging even as he sits 10 inches from the television, lost in some ADD-HD (that's attention deficit disorder in high definition — the scary new way to see desperation up close) cartoon fantasy. Recent studies have linked classroom behavior to what

kind of diet a student has. Researchers found that students who eat a high sugar breakfast and gorge on fried, salty food at lunch are more likely to act out in class and maintain shorter attention spans. Conversely, programs like the one set up by Natural Ovens bakery at Appleton Alternative School in Appleton, Wis., have shown that fresh, organic food, donated by or bought from farmers markets and cooked in-house, actually evened many of the troubled teenagers out — at a

fraction of the cost. If Texas schools would ban — or in some cases re-ban — the sale of junk food, teachers actually might be able to get their students to sit down and shut up for a minute and learn. And since Texas is not exactly at the top of the nation's education list, I think we ought to be doing everything to get us there. Or else, pretty soon the TAKS test will include a "Proper Drive-Thru Etiquette" section. Van Darden is a senior journalism major from Waco.

## Editorial Board needs student regent

How might you feel if your opinion as a student was sought out by the Board of Regents before the board set tuition prices?

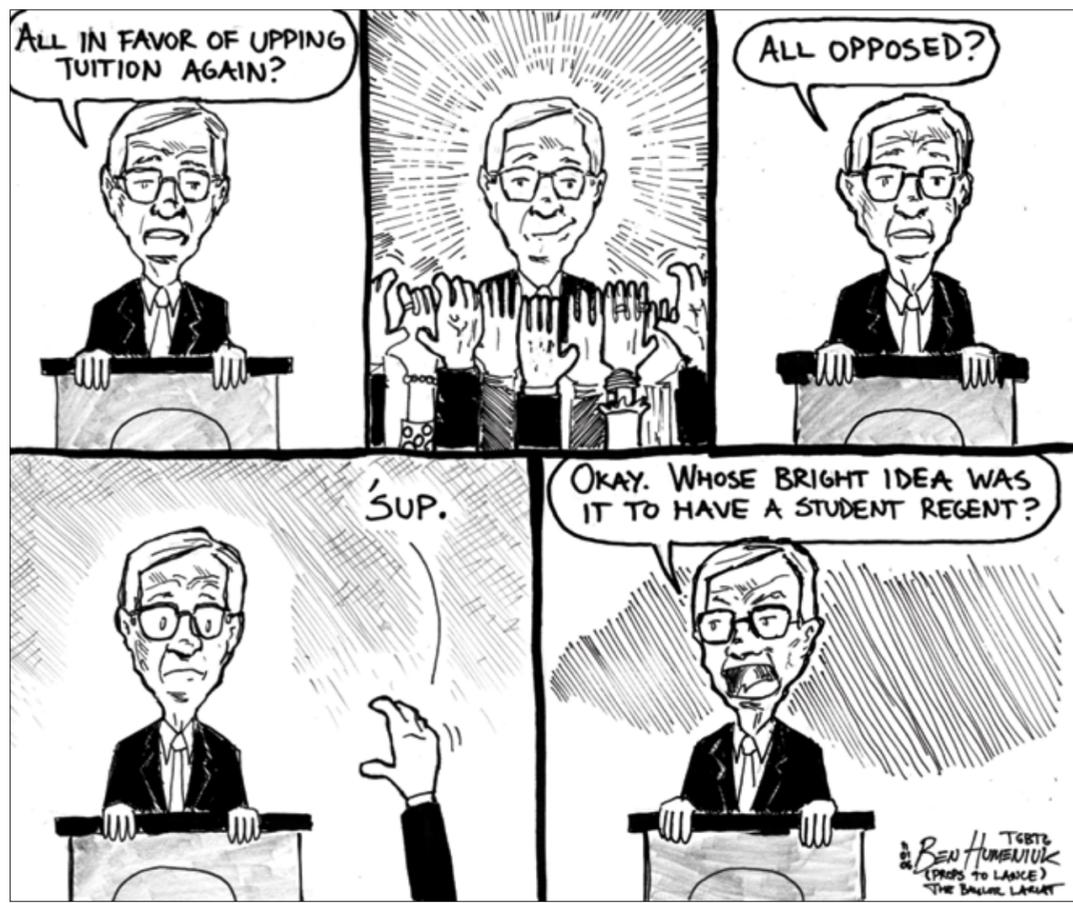
This is merely one example of the experiences of University of Texas at Austin's student regent, Brian Haley. Haley was elected to the UT's Board of Regents after 2005 legislation made a position on all public university boards of regents available to student representatives.

Currently, student government representatives present the student perspective to Baylor's Board of Regents. However, student body President Mark Laymon, External Vice President Allan Marshall and Internal Vice President Travis Plummer recently raised concerns about the brevity of the students' allocated speaking time during the last board meeting.

Representatives of the Board of Regents said this brevity was felt by all presenting members of the meeting, and the regents plan to restructure the scheduling of February's board meeting to allow for more discussion.

While students at public universities across Texas and the nation do not have voting rights as a regent, the representative participates in every board meeting and serves the student body for a one-year term.

As a private institution, Baylor's Board of Regents operates on a more exclusive and private level when compared to such schools as the University of Texas.



However, electing a student regent at Baylor would dramatically increase the representation of students during each board meeting.

Instead of risking the possible compromise of students' opinions, the board should welcome a student figure who would hold a more permanent and vocal role in regent meetings.

Regent Minette Pratt told the *Lariat* in an Oct. 26 interview that the regents "want students to know that we want what's best for them."

She also said that the rushed meeting was a one-time incident. "We hope this won't affect stu-

dents' attitudes toward the board, and we want them to have the most wonderful experience possible at Baylor and we're dedicated to fulfilling that," she said. If the board truly wants the best for the student body at Baylor, board members should encourage the election of a student regent representative.

Haley, the UT representative, was quoted in a February 2006 UT news release saying, "I'm engaged in conversations going on with the board ... The other members of the board know to contact me when they have questions about student concerns."

If the regents really want what's

best for students, what better way for the regents to keep in touch with the student perspective than have a student participant in board meetings?

The student would not vote on decisions made by the regents, but the board members would be more accurately informed on student issues.

While the position is controversial at a private institution, Baylor wants to be more recognized among other Big 12 universities.

Allowing the election of a student regent would help Baylor compete with public schools and also set us apart among private universities nationwide.

## point of view



BY MYLES WERTZ

## Cell talking, walking don't mix

Dear Dude Talking on the Phone, Thanks for stepping in front of my car. Again. While you were on the phone. Again.

Seriously, I was just thinking the other day that I needed to check my brakes to make sure they were fully functional. It's raining today, and Lord knows who'll be on the road, and thanks to you, I have no question that my brakes are in perfect working condition.

No, really: It's my fault. I shouldn't have been driving in the first place. I was obeying the green light and on my way to class but should have realized that these kind of things are just suggestive: It's the spirit of the road, no? You were paying attention to a number of things like how loudly you were talking, where the party was, how hot she was, and let's be honest: These are important matters, not to be taken lightly. I was singularly focused on keeping my car in the road; you were multitasking and admirably so.

So, thanks. Let's do it again soon.

Only three states in the U.S. currently have statewide restrictions on the use of cell-phones while driving. Texas, by a stroke of legislative brilliance, has a ban on bus drivers using a cell phone, which is amazingly a step above many other states with no such laws in place. It gives me great comfort to think that someone driving a vehicle weighing several tons could be completely distracted while operating it.

I doubt, however, these laws will ever extend to pedestrians, and here-in lies our problem.

There's no way to appeal to reason to get the job done, so here's what I propose: If you walk in the street while on the phone, I promise to embarrass and harass you. Don't thank me: I'm only being responsible. Shame is a lost virtue and needs resurrecting, and I propose that this be the small starting point.

I'm not promoting mass humiliation; your face isn't going on a billboard. I'm just saying that an extended honk to let everyone in the vicinity know that what you're doing is completely ridiculous isn't out of bounds.

The phone's great for sidewalks, home, the middle of class, whatever. But when your life could be at stake because you're talking about last week's episode of *Grey's Anatomy*, it's time to reconsider. So, let's make a deal: I won't drive on the sidewalks, and you won't walk out in front of cars. Fair enough?

Glad we had this talk. My horns awaits.

Myles Werntz is a doctoral student in religion from Shreveport, La.

# Sometimes state needs influence of church to change

By Maggie Kostendz The Post (Ohio University)

ATHENS, Ohio — Picture this: A controversial Baptist preacher leads thousands of followers in a politically charged protest march in Washington, D.C. Quoting liberally from the Old Testament, he regales the faithful with a rousing speech that makes direct comparisons between biblical times and the politics of our modern day.

If the year was 2006 and the "controversial Baptist preacher" was one of the usual suspects, one can imagine the form of the commentary that would follow. Critics would warn their listeners that the minister and his ilk intended to use the government to impose their religious doctrines on the rest of America. Dire predictions of the collapse of the American secular tradition would make the rounds.

Luckily for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the march I described actually occurred in 1963, when people were much less likely to become hysterical over the presence of religion in the public square.

We are, thus, the happy inheritors of King's enlightened views on race and equality. Our ability to process the connections between religious life and political life, however, has degraded to the point that the term "theocracy" is actually being bandied about. Large amounts of ink have been spilled in recent years with the aim of exposing the evil works of those who are supposedly undermining traditional America.

The reality is that religious values have long played an elemental law in American political discourse with few sinister results. The movement to abolish slavery owed much of its vigor to ministers, who preached the cause

from the pulpit; years before she wrote her celebrated *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Harriet Beecher Stowe was imbibing the anti-slavery creed at the knee of her father, who was a prominent Congregationalist preacher. In 1919, the very Christian temperance movement even managed to amend the Constitution to better reflect anti-alcohol virtues — a short-lived and probably ill-considered victory but a significant one nonetheless.

None of these episodes were threats to the Constitution or the American way of life. On the contrary, they illustrate how religious values can enrich the public square in ways that fully correspond with democratic principles.

So why all the hysteria when religious concerns make their way into modern-day politics? Some of it can probably be chalked up to phobia and ignorance — fear of people whose beliefs are not

universally held and ignorance of political history. Crass political motivations can not be ruled out, though. In the 1950s, guilt-by-association and other techniques were used to smear honest liberals as Communists. The difference is now Americans aren't buying it.

Here's what we need to remember when it's suggested that America is becoming a western Tehran: When religious people are inspired by a concern for God's creation and Jesus' admonition to care for "the least of these" to lobby our leaders on behalf of environmental or anti-poverty causes, their politics may be questionable, but their place in the democratic system is not. Christians are simply trying to influence their government in the same way that citizens in the 19th and 20th centuries did.

There's nothing more provocative, but there's nothing more American.

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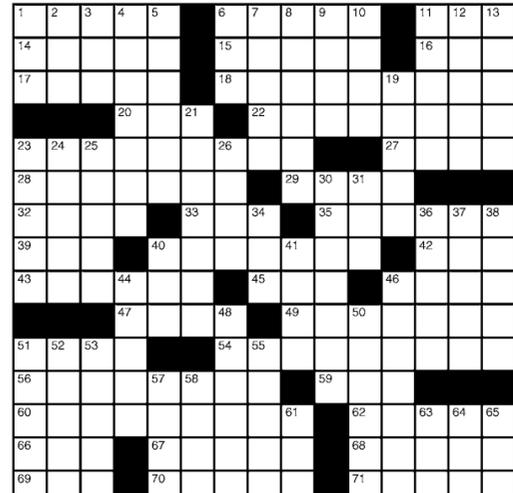
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# Event stresses suffrage

Juniors' film showing aims to spark voting

By Van Darden  
Staff writer

In the early 20th century, instead of designer sunglasses and purses, the accessories du jour for American women were gold and purple buttons with slogans reading "Standing together women shall take their lives in their own keeping" and "Votes for women."

To commemorate this time period and to encourage robust voter turnout, the junior class is sponsoring The Real History of Women's Suffrage at 7 p.m. in Hankamer School of Business' Kaiser Auditorium.

The event centers on the screening of the 2004 HBO film *Iron Jawed Angels*.

Junior class secretary/treasurer Jenny Parker said the Hillary Swank movie is an accurate depiction of the women's suffrage movement circa 1919.

"We've decided to show the movie to gear up for the elections and to get people to recognize what happened in the past so that women could vote," Parker said.

Ramona Curtis, director for leader development and civic engagement, will provide an introduction to the film.

"The reason I'm participating is that we as women have come a long way in American society," Curtis said, "but we still have challenges before us."

Despite major advancements in women's suffrage and women's rights, a glass ceiling still exists, Curtis said.

"It's everywhere," Curtis said. "Even looking at tenured faculty in a university setting, the ratio between men and women is unbalanced."

Parker said the more people the film reaches, the better.

"If one more person votes on Tuesday as a result, then we've done a good job," Parker said.

Junior class Vice-President Daniel Voight said he hopes the movie will get more people, both male and female, to the polls.

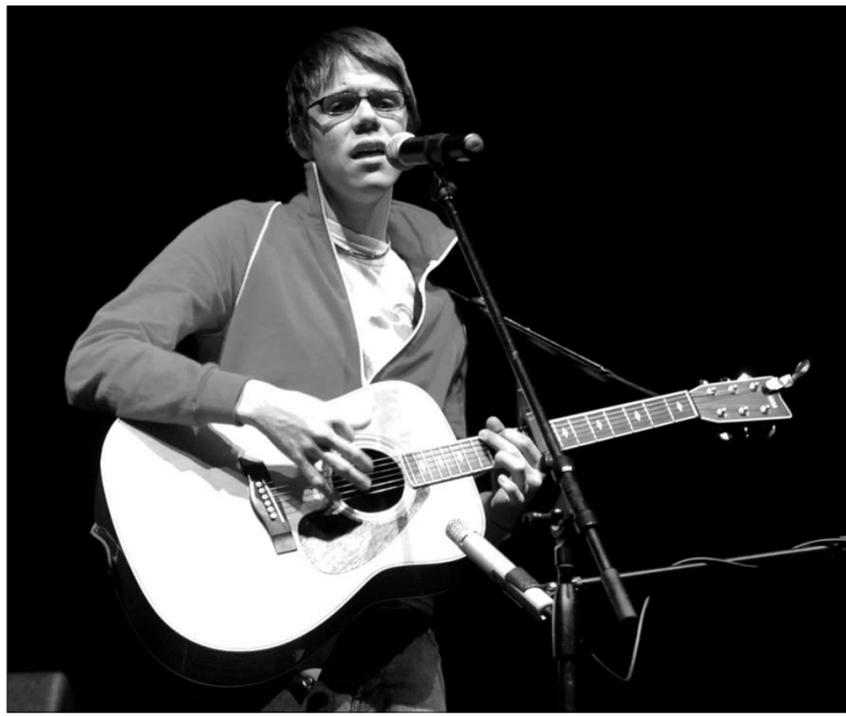
"It's good to see what we've done in this country," Voight said, referencing the women's suffrage movement. "People should go out and take advantage of that and not be lazy."

Parker said the movie focuses on Alice Paul, a women's rights activist who was imprisoned and tortured for protesting America's lack of women's suffrage.

"Her main idea, and really the idea of the whole movement, is 'If we don't work on this now, when will we get it and how much longer will we have to wait?'" Parker said.

Parker said many people focus on women's suffrage icons like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, but that Alice Paul should be added to that pantheon.

"She was vital to the movement," Parker said. "The right to vote wasn't as hard to get for men as it was for women."



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

## Icon no idle pursuit

Dallas sophomore Robert Kent performs "Such Great Heights" by The Postal Service on Wednesday night at Waco Hall during the last round of Baylor Icon. Baylor Icon is a competition sponsored by the Baylor Religious Hour Choir to raise money for a mission trip to Africa.

# Program readies TAs for classroom

By Laura Frase  
Staff writer

Sometimes teaching needs to be taught. And that's just what the Baylor Graduate School plans to do with its new Teaching Assistant Preparation Program (TAPP).

This semester, the Graduate School introduced TAPP, which provides required workshops for teachers of record (graduate students who teach) on teaching methods necessary to succeed in the classroom. However, all graduate students are welcome at the workshops.

"Many graduate assistants that are teaching come without having experience of teaching," said Dr. Laine Scales, associate professor of social work and associate dean of graduate studies and professional development. "By having these workshops, by the time they do teach, they have preparation for their task."

The workshops focus on test question preparation, grading and assigning homework and engaging students in a large course, Scales said.

"The idea is to provide an opportunity for discussion for their learning and to ask questions about various topics," Scales said.

Each semester TAPP offers two core courses and three elec-

tive courses.

Teachers of record is required to take the two core courses and one elective before they begin teaching or during their first semester of teaching.

If they continue teaching beyond that semester, they are required to take an elective each semester.

"Our TAs at Baylor do a good job," Scales said. "But anything we can do to prepare them or help them feel more comfortable going into the classroom will help them do an even better job."

While most students endure at least one large class during which the professor relies only on PowerPoint presentations, Dr. Preston Dyer, head of the sociology department, and Dr. Genie Dyer, a part-time sociology lecturer, are working to teach graduate students better interactive methods through an elective workshop.

"The difficulty in a large class is students go in thinking they aren't going to do anything but sit and take notes," Preston Dyer said. "We explained how to manage the administrative aspects of the class, how to get to know students in a very large class and how to engage the student."

The program is already producing positive feedback from

the graduate students, Scales said.

"We're getting e-mail of appreciation from TAs thanking us," Scales said. "They feel more comfortable and feel they have a resource in the graduate school to come and ask questions."

Bracy Hill II, a third-year Ph.D student, said he believes the program opens up new doors for him and other students.

"The TAPP program allows me to get even more experience and tap the experience of these veteran teachers," Hill said.

Not only does it promote teaching skills, but it also brings the various departments together.

"In my religion department, I'm only going to be working with religion graduate students learning to teach," Hill said. "But at the TAPP program, I can sit next to a math graduate student or a philosophy graduate student, and we can exchange ideas about learning and teaching."

In addition to aiding inter-departmental communication, TAPP will produce educational workshops.

"At Baylor teaching is important," Scales said. "Anybody that is teaching a class, whether a graduate student or faculty, we need to know they are doing it with excellence."

# Scholarship targets high-demand major

By Laura Frase  
Staff writer

Engineering and computer science graduates are in short supply across the nation, but with an almost half-million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation to fund transfer students scholarships, Baylor plans to circulate more of these majors in the work force.

"The number of engineering and computer science students graduating from four-year schools is declining in the United States, and it turns out that decline has a direct impact on the economy," said Dr. Steven Eisenbarth, a professor in the School of Engineering and Computer Science and the grant's principal investigator.

"Texas as a state is doing considerable efforts to grow the number of engineering and computer science students that graduate from Texas schools," he said.

The \$498,756 National Science Foundation grant will offer scholarships (\$10,000 maximum) to transfer students studying engineering or computer science at junior colleges.

Eisenbarth said he wanted to target transfer students who might otherwise have difficulty affording an education at Baylor.

"We're leveling the playing field," Eisenbarth said.

About 350 students study engineering or computer science at Baylor, and out of that, fewer than 20 are transfer students.

But Eisenbarth said he expects to increase that number by at least 30 over the next four years.

"We're looking for students that are a little more diverse in their background that may come from lower-income families," Eisenbarth said.

In addition to the scholarship, faculty will offer extra services to transfer students, including field trips and one-on-one mentoring.

"These students come from a smaller environment than Baylor, and sometimes the transfer can be difficult," Eisenbarth said.

Dr. Greg Speegle, computer science associate professor, is among many professors pleased with the potential of the National Science Foundation grant.

"I think it's wonderful, and it's great we're bringing money into Baylor and using it to recruit students into these programs," Speegle said.

"These are fields that have a very high demand for jobs. And we are desperately in need of more computer science and engineering majors."

Dr. Jim Farison, chair of the department of electrical and computer engineering, said the grant isn't just for the economy but mainly for the betterment of student lives.

"It really opens up a bachelor's degree for students," Farison said.

"The number of additional students that will be able to be helped won't make a difference in the major economy but will have a massive impact on those individual students."

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# Szymanski ready for Red Raiders

By Daniel Youngblood  
Sports editor

Through the Baylor football team's first nine games, experience at the quarterback position was a given.

As the starter in every game season, senior quarterback Shawn Bell has been the steady hand orchestrating a new offensive scheme that was beginning to click.

But after a play in the Bears' 31-21 loss to Texas A&M University left him with a torn anterior cruciate ligament, a torn medial meniscus and two bone contusions, the Bears must turn to redshirt freshman Blake Szymanski to finish the season at quarterback.

While Szymanski put up huge numbers his senior season at Wichita Falls Rider High School, throwing for 4083 yards and 45 touchdowns, he's a relative unknown at the collegiate level.

In the Bears' summer drills, Szymanski bounced back and forth between second and third on the quarterback depth chart with sophomore walk-on Jason Lovvorn.

But since then, his improvement in the Bears' pass-happy offensive system has cemented his spot as the backup signal caller.

"Over the past five or six weeks, his development has been great," said first-year offensive coordinator Lee Hays. "He was at a point this summer when I was a little bit concerned. He's turned it up a couple of notches. He'll be fine."

Szymanski has seen limited action this season. He's only taken nine snaps in two games,

completing two passes in five attempts with one touchdown and an interception.

Szymanski said he's excited about the challenge of starting a game, and he's concentrating his energy on beating Texas Tech University.

"I just have to step in this week and be the man," he said. "It is unfortunate what happened to Shawn, but I have to focus on getting the job done. I have to find a way to give us the best chance to win and find a way to come out of Lubbock with a victory."

The Bears haven't beaten the Red Raiders in quite a while, and a win in Lubbock is even rarer. The last time Baylor beat Tech was in 1995 and the Bears last knocked off the Red Raiders in on the road in 1990.

But a win on Saturday would make the Bears one victory away from a bowl berth. The Bears haven't been to a bowl game since 1994.

Head Coach Guy Morriss said he's not scared. He said he has faith in his team no matter who's taking the snaps.

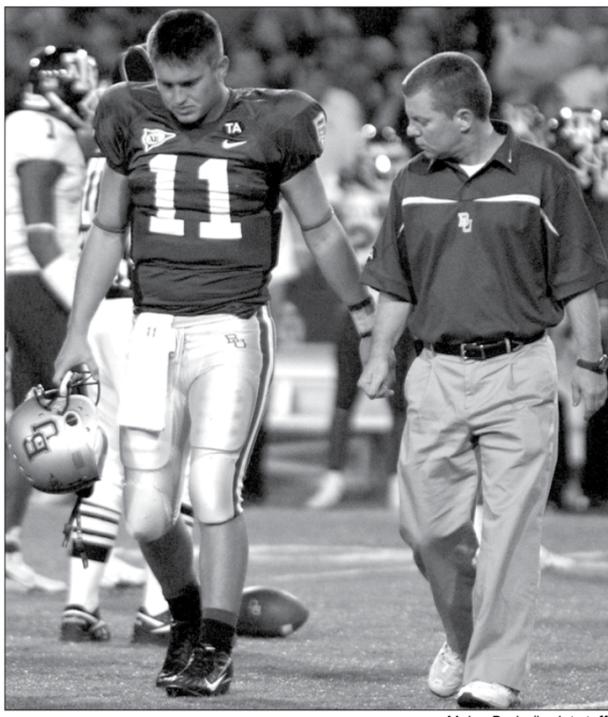
"Am I confident?" he asked, "Absolutely. I am ready to play today."

"That's what we signed Blake Szymanski for."

"Everybody has to rally around him and support him, step our game up. I feel very confident we can go out there and win."

One thing that Szymanski offers the Bears that they haven't had in a while from the quarterback position is mobility.

Szymanski ran for 455 yards and 10 touchdowns his senior year of high school and had two rushes for 20 yards in relief of



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Quarterback Shawn Bell walks off the field Saturday after hurting his knee. Bell would return to the game, only to be carried off the field a few plays later. Szymanski replaced Bell on Baylor's last drive of the game.

Bell against A&M.

Morriss said Szymanski's physical ability is probably superior to Bell's.

"He's got a tremendous arm, and he's got good foot speed," Morriss said. "There are some things we may see from him that we didn't see from Shawn: his ability to scramble and run. He can get himself out of trouble if protection breaks down."

Szymanski has taken criticism both for his inexperience and for his limited knowledge of the system.

He said he hopes to prove critics wrong on both counts Saturday. He said he's no stranger to the spread offense and that he can only address the inexperience by playing well.

"I have not done anything yet, so (critics) should not expect anything yet," he said. "At the same time, I have a job to do, and I am going to do everything I can to help this team win."

Bell said he will do the same. While he won't be on the field anymore, he'll continue to help the Bears from the sidelines.

Morriss said Bell will continue traveling with the team and will help coach Szymanski on the intricacies of the game.

"Shawn wants to be a coach anyway, so we're going to start him a little early," Morriss said. "I think it will be beneficial to Blake and all of us to take him with us."

"He's still on my nickel. I'm going to put him to work."

# Mavericks refrain from 'rubbing it in'

By Jaime Aron  
The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks are letting the San Antonio Spurs off easy in the season opener tonight.

Rather than raising the banner proclaiming themselves "2006 Western Conference Champions" in front of the state rival they beat along the way, the Mavs are saving the ceremony for their second home game.

That's right, Mark Cuban is skipping a chance to rub it in.

"Because opening night is its own celebration, we wanted to do the banner raising separately," Cuban wrote in an e-mail Wednesday. "In addition, winning a conference championship is not our ultimate goal. So the banner raising was more as a thank you to the fans than anything else."

Cuban might have done it — if he thought it would bother the Spurs.

"I love to stir things up," he added. "But this is at our place, not theirs. Raising the banner doesn't stir things up in front of our fans."

Artificial gestures aren't needed to stoke a matchup between the teams that had the two best records in the West last season and are among the favorites to win it all this season.

The Spurs and Mavs played one of the best playoff series in years, and possibly the best ever in the second round, with Dallas pulling it out in overtime of Game 7 in San Antonio. The Spurs seemed to have it won

until Manu Ginobili shocked everyone by fouling Dirk Nowitzki on a drive to the basket, letting the big German sink the tying free throw at the end of the fourth quarter.

The subplots were as terrific as the games. There were built-in story lines like Mavs coach Avery Johnson's close ties to the Spurs and longtime Dallas star Michael Finley now playing for San Antonio. Then there were the ones that developed, from Mavericks guard Jason Terry getting suspended one game for punching Finley to Cuban making fun of San Antonio's River Walk.

Dallas went on to beat Phoenix to become Western Conference champions for the first time. The Mavericks were halfway to winning it all, then blew a big, late lead in Game 3 and wound up having to watch the Miami Heat celebrate their title in Dallas.

Between Dallas going into the season aiming for two more wins and San Antonio trying to reclaim its spot atop the state, conference and league, it's obvious why this matchup was picked to highlight the third in the NBA's series of opening nights.

For what it's worth, the folks behind the NBA Live 07 video game ran a simulation of this entire season and had San Antonio finishing with the best regular season record (65-17), only to lose to Dallas in a seven-game Western Conference finals. The Mavericks beat Cleveland in the computerized finals.

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# 'Price is Right' says farewell to Bob Barker after 35 years

By Sandy Cohen  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bob Barker is heading toward his last showcase, his final "Come on down."

The silver-haired daytime-TV icon is retiring in June, he told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"I will be 83 years old on December 12," he said, "and I've decided to retire while I'm still young."

He'll hang up his microphone after 35 years as the host of *The Price Is Right* and 50 years overall in television.

Though he has been considering retirement for "at least 10 years," Barker said he has so much fun doing the show that he hasn't been able to leave.

"I've gone on and on and on to this ancient age because I've enjoyed it," he said. "I've thoroughly enjoyed it, and I'm going to miss it."

Reaching dual milestones, 50 years on TV and 35 with *Price*, made this an "appropriate" time to retire, Barker said. Besides, hosting the daily CBS program — in which contestants chosen from the crowd "come on down" to compete for showcases that include trips, appliances and new cars — is "demanding physically and mentally," he said.

"I'm just reaching the age where the constant effort to be there and do the

show physically is a lot for me," he said. "I might be able to do the show another year, but better (to leave) a year too soon than a year too late."

Leslie Moonves, president and CEO of CBS Corporation, said Barker has left an enduring mark on the network, calling his contribution and loyalty "immeasurable."

"We knew this day would come, but that doesn't make it any easier," Moonves said in a statement. "Bob Barker is a daytime legend, an entertainment icon and one of the most beloved television personalities of our time."

Barker began his national television career in 1956 as the host of *Truth or Consequences*. He first appeared on *Price* on Sept. 4, 1972 and has been the face of the show ever since.

A CBS prime-time special celebrating the show's longevity and Barker's five decades on TV was already under way, a network spokesman said.

To kick off his retirement, Barker said he will "sit down for maybe a couple of weeks and find out what it feels like to be bored." Then he plans to spend time working with animal-rights causes, including his own DJ&T Foundation, founded in memory of his late wife, Dorothy Jo, and mother, Matilda.

He said he'd take on a movie role if the right one came along, but film-



Television game show host Bob Barker waves to the audience Tuesday during a live taping of *The Price Is Right*. The iconic daytime TV host is ending his 35 years with the CBS game show in June, saying he'll work on animal-rights causes and consider movie roles.

Associated Press

makers, take note: "I refuse to do nude scenes. These Hollywood producers want to capitalize on my obvious sexuality, but I don't want to be just another beautiful body."

Freemantle Media, which owns *Price*, has been looking for Barker's replacement for "two or three years,"

Barker said. And he has some advice for whoever takes the job: Learn the show's 80 games backwards and forward.

As for his fans, Barker said he "doesn't have the words" to express his gratitude.

"From the bottom of my heart, I thank the television viewers because they

have made it possible for me to earn a living for 50 years doing something that I thoroughly enjoy."

But when it comes to saying his final TV goodbye, Barker said he'll do it the same way he does each day on *Price*: "Help control the pet population. Have your pets spayed or neutered."

## Photography pioneer to relay darkroom tips

By Lauren Hightower  
Reporter

The world is going digital. Sound bytes, cameras and mp3s create a completely new world to live in. But every now and then someone clings to tradition and becomes a master in a fading art form.

Jerry Uelsmann is one of these masters, said Susan Dunkerley, associate professor of art. Uelsmann will demonstrate his darkroom techniques at 1 p.m. today in 162 Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. He will then present a free lecture at 7 p.m. in room 149 as part of the M.D. Anderson Lecture Series.

His work is a composite of multiple photographic prints developed into one image.

"The main thing that astounds me is that he doesn't use Photoshop," Terry Roller, professor of art, said. "Everything is done in the darkroom."

Developing work as complex as Uelsmann's is a complicated process, Roller said. Good photography is not just pointing a



Courtesy photo

This photograph illustrates Jerry Uelsmann's ability to blend multiple images into one.

camera and clicking a button — the photographer must have a good eye for a successful image, he said.

"You need a concept behind what you do," Roller said. "Have a plan and use it as a communication medium, as a storytelling medium."

Uelsmann is one of the most successful artists who uses this medium, Robbie Bar-

ber, associate professor of art, said.

"When I look at his work I don't think about photography," Barber said. "I think about the beautiful images he presents. I almost see him as a painter."

Uelsmann was selected to speak by the M.D. Anderson Lecture Series committee, which is composed of a small portion of the art faculty. Barber said the selection process for visiting artists normally focuses on art faculty suggestions, which are then researched by the committee.

The committee normally rotates the yearly focus between studio artists and art history experts, and this year's focus is on studio artists. Barber said one of the major goals of the lecture series is to promote individual development in art students and to hear the stories of people who are established in the art community.

"I feel like a lot of times you can't learn everything that you need in the classroom," she said. "This is a chance to see one of the masters. It's something you just can't pass up."

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These people would share their life with me. It was just an amazing experience to get to hear their stories," Menjivar said. The exhibit is free and has been brought to Waco through a member at Seventh and James Baptist Church. Parishioners got the chance to preview the exhibit Wednesday evening and hear from Menjivar. Donations from the exhibit went to Seeds of Hope and World Hunger Relief International. "You see so many things on CNN, but it is good to hear it from the people themselves," said Callie Stewart, a Waco resident, after listening to one of the stories. "She said one thing that I think is really true, You have to be a survivor," said Gerry Whitaker, Waco resident and Seventh and James Baptist Church member,

after viewing a survivor's story. The church has had a notable investment in Katrina survivors as its youth group went on a mission trip to New Orleans last summer and helped with the recovery efforts, said Matt Rosencrans, the church's minister to youth. The church was also a shelter for more than 50 evacuees after the storm. "It was neat to see how his presentation matched our experiences," said Rosencrans. The photography display will be open to the public from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in the Melton Room of Seventh and James Baptist Church. "My main goal is that the people who participate in it could be proud of their stories and that each one of us would be able to learn something from them," Menjivar said.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

The Spirit of Recovery exhibit will be on display through Saturday in Harper Hall at 7th and James Baptist Church.

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supporting people who are less fortunate than I am," she said. "Why wouldn't you? We have so much to give, so why not give it?" Geil said this year she'll be participating with her four roommates. She said she is excited to go shopping and make the boxes together. Another opportunity for Baylor students to serve this Christmas is the 14th Annual Santa's Workshop. Students can donate toys such as sports items, dolls and board games until Nov. 30 for children ages 3 to 5. The gifts should be under \$10 and not require bat-

teries. On Dec. 1 Baylor will invite 600 to 1000 underprivileged children to campus to receive the toys. They will also have the chance to eat lunch, participate in Christmas activities and meet Santa, Clifford the Big Red Dog and the Baylor mascot, Bruiser. Missy Davis, a graduate assistant for community service, said it's fun to experience Christmas and share it with children who will enjoy it more than most. "It's a great opportunity to be able to connect with the community on campus," Davis said.

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the campaign, said more than 6,000 signatures were collected in McLennan County and surrounding areas and over 90 percent of those were valid. Duty said she has also been organizing the placing of yard signs in the county and estimated 600 to 700 yard signs have been distributed in McLennan County. Friedman gathered more valid signatures than his independent opponent, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who collected 222,514 signatures, but half were declared invalid. Despite gathering more signatures, at 10.5 percent Friedman came in fourth place in a poll released Saturday by the Houston Chronicle and KHOU-TV. Strayhorn received 21 percent and incumbent Republican Governor Rick Perry and Democrat Chris Bell received 38 and 22 percent, respectively. The telephone survey was conducted by Zogby International and polled 1,003 likely voters. However, Duty said Friedman is appealing to Texans who don't normally vote. "When they do the polls, it's with the poll of likely voters," she said. "We're counting on a voter who hasn't voted in a while. If turnout is high ... then poll numbers won't mean anything." But perhaps Friedman's largest obstacle is the fact that

people don't take him seriously. Democratic nominee Chris Bell asked Friedman on Oct. 10 to drop out of the governor's race as an Independent candidate and run with him to defeat Rick Perry. Friedman declined his offer, telling the press that Bell's campaign was "desperate and scrambling." Bell visited Waco on Tuesday and said the issues facing Texans today are not funny and a serious man is needed to fix them. Bell also mentioned Friedman's wardrobe, saying he "dresses up like a cowboy every day." Addressing the seriousness of his candidacy with The Dallas Morning News on Aug. 17, Friedman said, "Just because the other three candidates have had humor bypasses does not mean I have to be a self-important, pompous a--. Besides, some things are too important to be taken seriously." But the Strayhorn campaign is not considering Friedman a serious threat. "We're in a solid second and moving up. Bell's done. Kinky's done," Strayhorn campaign manager Brad McClellan told reporters Friday. Stromberg said if voter turnout is low, "Rick Perry will win. We know that." But she also addressed Texas voter apathy. "If every Texan had to vote, Kinky would win," Stromberg said. "That's why we're focusing on early voting."

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speak to people in Spanish and English about voting and issues." Varela said she will work as a bilingual clerk at the polls Tuesday. "I am doing it because I am hoping there will be a better Hispanic turnout," Varela said. She said she wants to help Hispanics voice their opinions. "Say someone went to the polls and didn't know what they

were reading or didn't feel comfortable and left. That is a lost vote. "I want to assist them in making a statement and being politically active in the community," she said. In addition to the hourly pay, Avant said she encourages students to get involved for increased knowledge. "It will certainly enable a student to be much better informed about elections and to that ex-

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next to this 5-foot-1, 67-year-old grandma. "This governor has been a divider. We can be uniters; not dividers. This is that once every four years where we get to shake Austin up," Strayhorn said. First a Democrat, then a Republican and now an Independent, Strayhorn is not afraid to take her own advice and is used to shaking things up. Strayhorn has led a life of many firsts. According to the Houston Chronicle, she was the first girl to be elected student body president at Austin High School. She was the first woman president of the Austin School Board and of Austin Community College. She was the first and only female mayor of Austin and the first woman elected to the Railroad Commission. Now, she is currently the first female comptroller of Texas.

Despite all of these firsts, Strayhorn will tell you that she was first a public school teacher - a fact that makes education and children her first priority. "I've been a teacher, a mayor. Now I'm a 67-year-old grandma. This election is not about my future. The future I want for my granddaughters, I want for all Texas grandchildren and children," Strayhorn said. Her plan, Texas NextStep, will allow high school graduates to attend a two-year public community college or technical college free of charge and will impose tuition locks for college students. She also plans to raise teachers' salaries across the board. Strayhorn has received endorsements from both the Texas State Teachers Association and the Federation of Teachers, because, according to the Texas State Teachers Association, she is one of them - an educator.

tent better informed about politics," Avant said. Charlotte senior Cristela Duran is president of the Hispanic Student Association and said she believes it is important that Hispanic people vote. "I think that we need more Hispanic people to go out to polls because the majority of us make up a big majority of the population," Duran said. "If we want our voices to be heard or if we want representatives to represent us, we have to vote for

them. It is the only way people will know the needs of the Hispanic community." Varela said McLennan County is looking for bilingual speakers. Translators are paid \$7 per hour and are required to undergo a two-hour paid training. "Baylor students can help translate and actively initiate Hispanics and encourage them to be more active and feel more like they are part of the state," Houston senior Joseph Rodriguez said.

cronyism, and one of my first acts as governor would be slamming the brakes on the whole plan and dragging it back into the public light," Bell said on his Web site, also pointing out that Strayhorn recommended more toll roads in a statement in 2001. Last week in Seguin, Perry, the creator and only candidate in support of the Trans-Texas Corridor, said, "We all know what Interstate 35 looks like during those rush hours. We are seeing our friends injured, killed on the highway because of the congestion. Air pollution problems are fast approaching this part of the state. Doing nothing was not an option." With just six days left until election day, Strayhorn is wrapping up her campaign and is urging Texans to vote. "This is an election like no other," she said. "One vote can make a difference."

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