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With the season in full swing, the McLane Student Life Center is administering a flu vaccine for \$20 until Nov. 29.

Flu vaccine arrives at BU

By Ashley Stocker
Reporter

Cough drops, tissues and cold medicine become a part of a student's daily life this time every year. With the stress of end-of-the-year projects and tests, many students find that they don't have time to get sick.

Flu season is officially under way and although there have been few cases reported on campus, prevention will be key this season, said Louise Saunders, director of nurses at the Student Health Center.

Influenza, known as the flu, is a virus that commonly carries fever, sore throat, muscle pains, severe headache, coughing, weakness and fatigue as symptoms.

After receiving a shipment of flu vaccines Tuesday, the McLane Student Life Center will begin administering the shots today and will continue to do so until Friday. After Thanksgiving, the SLC will offer the vaccine again on Nov. 28 through Nov. 29.

Vaccine times vary depending on the day. Time information may be found on the health services Web site. Each vaccine costs \$20 and will be billed to student accounts. Because the vaccine shipment was late this year, Saunders said they're expecting large crowds at the clinics.

This virus is constantly changing its form, so the vaccines must be continuously updated as well, Saunders said.

Vaccinations for the flu often begin in October and continue into mid-December. The vaccinations take around two weeks to fully begin warding

off any viruses, but they last for nearly four months, Saunders said.

The health center highly recommends that students get vaccinated.

"By this time of year, most students are stressed out, not getting enough sleep and not eating right," Saunders said. "So it's very important to take precautions to keep from getting sick."

With such a high demand for vaccines this year, many students have had to go off campus to get their vaccinations.

"My schedule did not fit into any of the clinic times at the SLC, so I had to find another place to get my shot," said Ashleigh Nolen, a senior from Hochiminh City, Vietnam.

Nolen said she was able to get her vaccine from the H.E.B. Grocery Store on Wooded Acres Drive.

"It's very important that I have a flu shot since my family is international, and I'm exposed to so many things while traveling during the Christmas season," Nolen said.

Flu clinics have been available at the H.E.B. on Wooded Acres since the beginning of October. Six clinics have been available so far, and a high number of local residents have received the vaccination, said Becky Bernon, an H.E.B. pharmacist.

"Vaccines cost \$25 and are available to anyone," she said.

There are few side effects to the vaccinations being reported; the worst being a sore arm the following day, Saunders said.

"The sore arm is definitely nothing compared to having the flu," Nolen said.

Death shocks companions

Love of art, science marked life of student who died Saturday

Christine M. Tamer
Staff writer

Late at night, with a telescope under his arm, Oklahoma City junior Adam Todd would settle down in a vacant field with hopes of catching a glimpse of a mysterious comet or new-born star.

"He was close to having a few stars be named after him," Tyler

senior Eric Perez said. "Adam loved astronomy and space."

Dr. Darrin Bellert, chemistry professor, called Todd a "telescope nut."

"He had a deep appreciation and thrill for space," Bellert said. "He would come in and say Jupiter is high now or in the morning sky. Or we talked about the fact that Saturn was in the northeast sky at a certain time."

After Todd had filled Bellert in on the location of a certain planet, Bellert remembers going home and looking into the telescope with his kids.

"We would usually find these planets because Adam told me where to look," Bellert said.



Todd

spokesman Steve Anderson. Todd lived in the LL Sams His-

torical Lofts apartment complex.

Autopsy results are still pending and may take a long time, Waco Police Detective Andy Degnan said.

"It (the case) is still ongoing, and it is undetermined of how he passed," Degnan said.

While eating lunch with his dad and nephew, Perez said he received a call from a friend about Todd's death.

"I had this really bad adrenaline rush through my body," Per-

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Back-to-back champion

Baylor alum Marshall Hooper, left, battles Mount Calm senior Shane Hawkins on Tuesday in a rock, paper, scissors competition held in a Negotiation and Conflict Resolution class in the Hankamer School of Business. Hooper, the defending champion, defeated Hawkins.

Faculty Senate discusses Brooks

By Analiz González
Staff writer

Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, addressed concerns about Brooks College's board of trustees and fears of elitism on Tuesday before the Faculty Senate.

He also announced that the official name for Brooks College will be Brooks Residential College.

The questions, submitted in written form by a member of the faculty, included concerns about the amount of university-wide participation in the Brooks implementation process and about whether faculty who are not members of the Great Texts Program can be members of its board of trustees.

"The development of the housing master plan was accomplished during the spring

semester of 2002 with involvement of faculty, staff and students," Oliver wrote in a package that was distributed at the senate meeting.

"Planning for Brooks Village began in summer 2005 when the Board of Regents authorized the administration to begin working with an architectural firm to develop plans for Baylor's second residential complex.

"Any faculty and staff mem-

bers who expressed interest in helping with the development of the plans have been included in the process."

According to Oliver, faculty members who want to serve on the board of trustees should contact Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, and that there is currently no formal application process.

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Rumsfeld scrutinized for possible war crimes

By Stephen Graham
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Lawyers for inmates of Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison and Guantanamo Bay asked German prosecutors Tuesday to open a war crimes investigation of outgoing Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other U.S. officials for their alleged roles in abuse at the detention centers.

Although the lawyers who filed the lawsuit acknowledged while there was little chance of seeing Rumsfeld in a German jail, the point was simply to increase the pressure on top brass they say are culpable. German federal prosecutors said they would examine the case.

"We are not expecting that Rumsfeld will appear in a court, but we are hoping investigators will begin looking into the

case," said Wolfgang Kaleck, a German lawyer involved in the suit.

The 220-page lawsuit, which also names 13 other U.S. officials, was sent to federal prosecutors under a German law that allows the prosecution of war crimes regardless of where they were committed. It alleges that Rumsfeld personally ordered and condoned torture.

Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman, said U.S. officials had not seen the complaint, but said media reports suggested it was "frivolous."

"Abu Ghraib is something that the U.S. government has investigated very thoroughly," Whitman said, noting more than a dozen probes as well as congressional hearings. "The appropriate individuals have been held accountable."

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Associated Press

Donald Rumsfeld resigned Nov. 8 after a controversial run as secretary of defense.

Poll shows Americans worried about war plan

By Jim Kuhnhen
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More Americans rank Iraq as the top priority of the new Democratic-controlled Congress, but nearly three out of five say the party does not have a plan to deal with the war.

In the aftermath of an anti-Republican wave, the latest Associated Press-Ipsos poll showed lingering uncertainty about the country's direction and the ability of Democrats and President Bush to work together. Under-scoring the country's political divisions, Democrats expressed more confidence and optimism than Republicans.

The poll was conducted Friday through Sunday as the pub-

lic adjusted to Washington's new division of labor, with President Bush in the White House and Democrats holding the reins of Congress for the first time in 12 years.

While voters in Election Day surveys said corruption and scandal in Congress was one of the most important factors in their vote, the postelection poll showed that 37 percent of all adults said the war in Iraq should be at the top of the congressional agenda during the next two years. The issue of terrorism, the second most mentioned priority, was ranked highest by 15 percent of those polled.

Though voters apparently

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Rights of our enemies should be same as our own

You may not have been aware of it, but part of our democracy is slowly dying.

It shouldn't come as a surprise to those of us who have kept up with the status of our liberties since Sept. 11. What was once considered alarmist thinking is now a growing concern in our nation's discourse. Let me be specific.

On Oct. 17, President Bush signed the Military Commissions Act of 2006 into law. Its intended purpose is to define the parameters for detention, interrogation and prosecution of enemy combatants such as those in Guantanamo Bay.

The language of the bill, however, serves as an opening statement in a eulogy for habeas corpus.

Dating back to the Magna Carta in 1215, the right of habe-

as corpus has been one of the founding pillars of democracy. The term's translation from Latin is "you should have the body," meaning that a person who is imprisoned can challenge his detention in court where it would be determined based on evidence if the imprisonment is lawful.

The right to challenge the basis of one's incarceration has now been stripped away from anyone deemed an "enemy combatant."

This law is the administration's latest attempt to define the use of torture on prisoners.

I can't believe we're even debating the use of torture here in America.

Oh, wait; the correct term is "interrogation techniques."

It's part of the semantics game being played to justify what's

point of view

BY BRAD BRIGGS



happening.

Recently Vice President Dick Cheney said on a conservative radio talk show that giving inmates a "dunk in the water" was a "no-brainer."

Of course, the damage control robots came out and said this doesn't mean we're using a technique known as water boarding, where an inmate is dunked in water to simulate drowning. Nor does it mean the vice president condones such behavior.

Well, I guess the question is,

what exactly did he mean?

The Military Commissions Act circumvents the Geneva Conventions, defining torture as the administration pleases. It can include practices such as water boarding, sleep deprivation and whatever else it deems acceptable.

These "tools," as they are called, do not work according to many intelligence experts. Think about it. Everybody has a breaking point where they will tell their captors anything they want to hear. Anyone who claims otherwise is either lying or not human.

There have been numerous cases of individuals who have been arrested and held without charge, only to be released months or, sometimes years, later without any explanation. Their underreported allegations

of abuse are routinely dismissed as usual.

One example of this is Syrian-born Canadian citizen Maher Arar. Arar was stopped at JFK airport in New York and sent to Syria.

He was kept in solitary confinement, tortured and held for nearly 11 months on false evidence as a suspected terrorist. Among his claims of torture, Arar said he was forced to sign a confession. He was later released after human rights groups lobbied the Canadian government for his release.

The Canadian government has since publicly apologized for its role in the incident.

Arar and the Canadian government have protested the American role in the incident, but the U.S. denies any wrongdoing.

Even if we have good reasons to believe a foreign prisoner is guilty of crimes against our country, it is our duty to afford them the treatment of due process and international law.

If we don't, we risk our moral credibility. It further emboldens terrorists to treat us even more harshly.

The consequences will linger on long after this war into others.

Benjamin Franklin wisely stated, "Those who would give up their liberty for a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Those are prophetic words in these times.

Simply put, the rights we should give our enemies are the rights we are willing to have applied to ourselves.

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Editorial

Community key to drug elimination

According to the Waco Police Department, there have been 929 narcotics offenses in Waco neighborhoods since January 2006. And while that number is on the rise, Waco residents are stepping up and gaining grounds against the distribution of drugs.

Thursday, 20 arrests were made using information local residents provided to the Waco Police Department last summer. Most of these arrests were made for the selling of crack cocaine, according to Waco police.

This sting came after police and residents worked together last summer to identify 38 suspects involved in selling illegal drugs. To protect the residents' identities, the warrants were delayed so that it wouldn't tip suspects off as to who turned them in.

The community members' effort to clean up the streets of Waco is commendable. The war against illegal drug use and the selling of these substances begins at home, on the streets of our neighborhoods. Waco residents showed police and those involved with illegal drugs that their activity is unacceptable on Waco streets.

When residents became tired of the dangers drugs posed to themselves and their neighborhoods, residents complained to Waco police.

Yet, they didn't stop here. Many of them potentially risked their lives by identifying those involved with illegal drugs.

Steve Anderson, spokesman for



the Waco Police Department, said the arrests were a combination of everyone working together.

"It was people who live in these neighborhoods deciding they don't want this here and getting information on open narcotics dealing in neighborhoods," he said.

Community members can join Waco Police Department programs such as Citizens on Patrol, Citizens Police Academy and Neighborhood

Watch, to follow in the footsteps of these brave residents.

Students should also follow their lead.

Tulsa, Okla., junior Ian McCracken spoke Thursday to the Lariat about his involvement with Citizens Police Academy.

He said the involvement is a way he gives back to the Waco community.

"The Waco Police Department really encourages community policing,

where you get involved in the community and ask for their help and, in return, they offer you help in trying to find what people should not be in your neighborhood," McCracken said.

"I think it's a way for us to give to the Waco community who gives us a lot," he said.

As residents of Waco, we should all do our part in cleaning up the streets and turning in the names of those involved with illegal drugs.

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Rumsfeld's reign shows administration's need for accountability

Looks like we won't have Donald Rumsfeld to kick around anymore. Ding-dong, the Wicked Witch is dead.

Circle the date in red. In announcing his resignation Nov. 8, the morning after voters angry over Iraq delivered the GOP an epochal, sea-to-shining-sea beatdown, Rumsfeld — albeit at metaphorical gunpoint — shows us something we have not seen from a political leader in a very long time, a thing so rare that the oldest among us can just barely remember it.

It's called accountability.

You are forgiven if you don't know the word. Who can blame you? In recent years, we've seen it very little. Oh, we've had

plenty stay the course.

But accountability? Not so much. So the administration's newfound willingness to admit, albeit implicitly, that the course might not be worth staying, its fresh readiness to hold one of its own answerable, comes like rain in the desert to those who have thirsted for someone to behave as if truth matters and facts are non-negotiable.

All it took was more than three-and-a-half years. And 21,500 Americans wounded. And 2,800 Americans dead. There is a thin line between steely resolve and mulish obstinacy, and the signature failing of the Bush administration where Iraq is concerned may be

point of view

BY LEONARD PITTS



the simple fact that it has never understood this, that it crossed the line a long time ago without thought or hesitation and never looked back.

Mission accomplished, they said. Iraq has turned the corner, they said. The insurgency is in its last throes, they said. And never mind all the evidence that the mission was not accomplished, the corner was

not turned and the insurgents have throes they haven't even used yet. Moreover, never mind the evidence the invasion was a botch from day one, and the administration had no realistic plan for securing Iraq after it fell.

The administration was willfully walled off from the real world and, thus, happy to dismiss any voice that dared raise itself in dissent. And as the months turned to years, it became painfully clear that it didn't matter whose voice it was; there was none so authoritative that Team Bush could not ignore it.

Pundits complained Iraq was not going as advertised.

They were called terrorist sympathizers and traitors.

Rep. John Murtha, an ex-Marine, said the troops should come home. He was called a coward.

The intelligence community warned that Iraq might be spiraling toward civil war. The president said they were just guessing.

The top U.S. military commander in the Middle East warned of continued insurrection. Rumsfeld said the debate only helped the enemy.

By now, no observer can be surprised when Team Bush kills the messenger. It's a pattern we have seen on every issue from Hurricane Katrina

to national security. But it is especially difficult to watch in Iraq. When young women and men are shipped off to fulfill an increasingly open-ended commitment in a blood-stained suburb of hell, you'd at least like to believe the minds in charge operate according to a thoughtful and well-designed plan.

So there is something inspiring about the events of this week, some necessary reminder that power in this country ultimately resides with the people. It's reassuring to know there's still one voice even the White House can't ignore.

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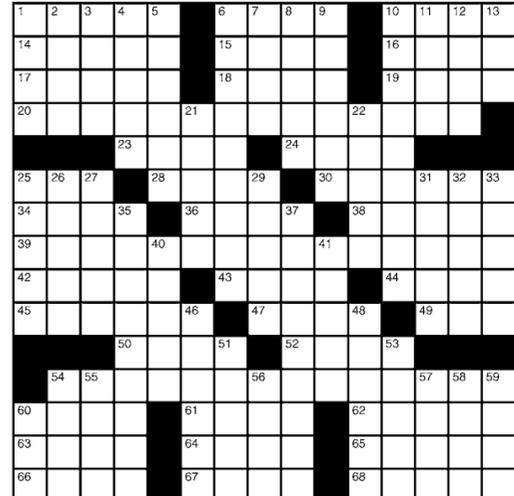
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Students mix martial arts, tribal dance in new club

By Erin Pedigo and Kori Chappell Reporters

Baylor has a new martial art to go along with karate, tai chi and jiu-jitsu. Capoeira, the latest addition, has a past as a secret weapon during 19th-century slave rebellion.

Capoeira, pronounced cap-WHERE-a, is an old Brazilian martial art which has spread today to the United Kingdom, Russia and the U.S.

Baylor Capoeira Club president Chris Crowther, a Dallas junior, said the martial art used to be disguised as tribal dance by African slaves in Brazil in the 1800s.

"They pretended to do tribal dance but were practicing fighting to take over their masters," he said.

When slavery was outlawed in that country around 1880, the practice of capoeira became illegal. Slave owners realized the real reason the slaves were dancing, and they put a stop to it, Crowther said.

Freed slaves caught practicing it were punished and sometimes even executed.

Crowther told the short version of a story in which one slave caught practicing capoeira

had his arms tied to two horses, one for each arm, as punishment. Each horse was led in opposing directions, breaking his arms and preventing him from further practice of capoeira.

That much is known for sure about Capoeira, and other aspects of it are fuzzy. It's thought to have come from Angola, and one name translation could be "bird-catcher," although the significance is lost, Crowther said.

In the early 1930s, a man named Maestro Bimba worked with the Brazilian government to make Capoeira legal again and in doing so he modified it, combining Asian martial art techniques with traditional Capoeira moves.

The Baylor Capoeira club started last spring in April.

"I couldn't believe that there was nobody in all of Waco that played capoeira," said Shama Blaney, a Denver, Colo. graduate student.

Blaney started all the paperwork and wrote the constitution for the charter process and met undergraduates who had played and were also interested in the club.

"The first time we met there were about six people and most of them had played capoeira before," Blaney said.

Now, she said, they want the club to be open to all people with, or without, a background in martial arts because all of the club's members started from the ground up at some time.

During their demonstration the "capoeiristas," as they are called in Brazil, balanced on their hands on the ground and quickly came up to fend off their opponents in agile moves.

Men and women who practice Capoeira call themselves "players" because they are play fighting, Crowther said.

"Somebody kicks you, you do countermoves. It's like chess — back and forth, with an infinite number of moves. You make (the move) up as you go. You end up having your own style," Crowther said.

The fact that they were only pretending to fight was emphasized. Capoeira performed in the streets of Brazil was designed to be aggressive, while at schools it is noncombative, James Aaron, a Dallas junior, said.

When players get into semi-circle or circle formation, "whichever player feels ready to challenge the other player will jump in," for a two- to three-minute "fight," Crowther said. Tripping another player and knocking him or her to the



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Irving junior Carl Young, left, and Chris Jefferson, a Jasper senior, practice moves for an upcoming show Wednesday while other members of Capoeira play music in Russell Gymnasium.

ground constitutes a win.

The club's instructor is a native Brazilian who was practicing capoeira in Chicago when he was contacted by the club, Crowther said.

"One of my goals being president is just having everybody learning the basics. So when he (the instructor) comes they'll be

prepared to go to the next level," Crowther said.

He was invited as a special teacher at the end of April when the club was still young.

"We all got his plane ticket," Crowther said. "He came to one class and he loved Waco so much that he moved down here."

Right now Ulisses Olivera is teaching African dance in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh but Crowther said he plans on opening a capoeira school when he returns.

Baylor Capoeira Club meets Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. in Russell Gymnasium.

Campus to celebrate inaugural Baylor Thanksgiving Feast

By Tommy Stone Reporter

When classes let out on Tuesday, students will make their way to their respective homes to spend time with friends and family while huddled around a large turkey and giving thanks for the past year.

However, Monday night Thanksgiving will be celebrated a little bit early on the Baylor campus.

The student fraternity and

sorority organizations, Asian Students Association, Association of Black Students, Hispanic Student Association, Indian Subcontinent Student Association and student government have come together to create what they hope will be a new tradition: The Baylor Thanksgiving Feast.

The event will provide students with a chance "to slow down and take advantage of the time we still have left and also thanks the Lord for all the

ways He has blessed us," said Mark Laymon, student body president, said. "This will be a time to enjoy an amazing meal and have fellowship with dear friends."

Student government has also teamed up with all the class representatives to organize the event. The celebration is a historic event for the organization because it causes usually segregated organizations and associations on campus to come together and work as one, Laymon

said. The celebration will be for all students and it will not appeal to just one group.

"I'd like to see the organizations working together more often," said Cody Freelen, a Paris, Texas, junior said. "It seems like that is what Baylor is all about."

Elizabeth Bayer, a Lake Jackson senior, agrees "It's great to see different groups collaborating."

Students can expect all the Thanksgiving fixings such as turkey, stuffing, mashed pota-

toes, candied yams, green beans, corn and, of course, pumpkin pies provided by Aramark, Laymon said.

If the traditional Thanksgiving food isn't enough, students can come to the event to fellowship with friends and listen to live music, Laymon said.

"It's a good thing that promotes centrality and the being of one student body," Lertisha Daley, a Killeen freshman, said.

Freelen added that the event promotes fellowship and pro-

vides students with a loving atmosphere and a safe environment.

If the event is a success, students can plan on the event becoming a regular Baylor tradition, Laymon said.

The event is free, but students should plan to bring their student IDs and maybe a coat, Laymon said.

The dinner and celebration will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday Nov. 13 and is located at the Fountain Mall.

Early Spanish theology still relevant today

By Carlee Besier Reporter

Spanish culture has more to offer than just flamenco dancing and bullfights. Theology and literature from 16th-century Spain provokes thought and awareness of present-day moral dilemmas.

Dr. Hilaire Kallendorf, an assistant professor of Hispanic studies at Texas A&M University, spoke Tuesday to a crowded Treasure Room at the Armstrong Browning Library.

During her lecture "Sin and Sensibility: Moral Economies of Early Modern Spain", Kallendorf said she "drew upon the fields of theology, law and architecture to illuminate the complex mechanisms and power dynamics at work within early modern Spanish society."

Kallendorf first discussed probabilism and how it was used in the 16th-century Spanish plays. Kallendorf said that "probabilism is not the same thing as probability."

She defined it as "opting for any probable course of action in a moral dilemma, even if it is less or even the least probable." The individual conscience is favored



Assistant professor of Hispanic studies Dr. Hilaire Kallendorf spoke Thursday in the Armstrong Browning Library on early modern Spanish theology.

Melea Burke/Lariat staff

and believers may take any moral stance as long as it is backed by at least one theologian.

Because of this, plays and books that dealt with probabilism were censored by the Spanish government.

Kallendorf also said that in 16th and 17th-century Spain, most theologians were also jurists who developed a theory that some laws were "purely penal", or were never meant to be carried out.

With this setup, the subject could choose to either obey the law or pay the penalty. Kallendorf said this could lead to civil disobedience, which was also present in the plays of the time.

Kallendorf addressed the

similarities between the construction of the confessional booth and the corrales, or enclosed open-air theaters. She said they both developed together and staged a show of sin and resolution.

El Paso sophomore Mary Jo Amaro said the part of the elcture that stood out to her the most was the comparison between the confessional booth and corrales.

"I'd never heard anyone make that connection before," she said.

Amaro said she also enjoyed the explanation about how the theater was used as a political and social tool.

Daniel Esparanza, an El Paso

sophomore, said he "found it interesting that professors in Spain used plays to teach students. And that not only would students attend the plays, but the whole town. It's a way of education I'd never heard of."

Kallendorf said she hopes that everyone "came away with an enhanced awareness of moral dilemmas in their own lives."

She said that in popular entertainment, including movies, the heart of the drama is a moral dilemma.

The element of moral dilemma is also in works of literature, Kallendorf said, and "that's what makes it relevant to everyday life. It helps us to think through our decisions. And that's one of the greatest arguments for literature."

Kallendorf has a Ph.D in comparative literature from Princeton University. Her work includes the many aspects of religious experience.

This lecture was co-sponsored by the Honors College and the vice provost for research VPR colloquium, a lecture series that brings distinguished speakers to campus, said Sarah Jane Murray, assistant professor of Great Texts.

BEAR BRIEFS

An Inconvenient Truth

The Environmental Concern Organization will host a screening of *An Inconvenient Truth: A Documentary about Global Warming* at 7 p.m. today in Bennett Auditorium.

Baylor in Maastricht

The Baylor in Maastricht program will hold an informational meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday in 201-B Poage Legislative Library. All students interested in the program are welcome to attend.

Alcohol Awareness week

There will be a "B" Wiser Mock-tri-

als Party from 7:30 to 9 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. There will be live music by Dutton, free food and drinks. It is the last event for Alcohol Awareness and Education Week.

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Mosby transfers in needed experience

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

When Bernice Mosby signed her transfer papers to play with the Lady Bears basketball team before the 2005 season began, head Coach Kim Mulkey knew she was getting a good post player.

She just didn't know how good. With two games now under her belt, Mosby is providing her veteran leadership and know-how to a team lacking in experience.

The Brooksville, Fla., senior is averaging 17.5 points and 15.5 rebounds per game in the Lady Bears' first two regular season contests, and some say she is stepping into the long shadow left by former All-American Sophia Young.

"I don't look at it as my team," Mosby said. "I think we have a balanced team and other teams can't

really just look at me as the main scorer because other people on our team can really score, too."

Mosby's assertions are indeed correct; the Lady Bears are not wanting for offensive scoring this season. However, it was Mulkey herself who, following Baylor's gritty 81-71 win against Hofstra in the second round of the WNIT Sunday, said Mosby is stepping into the leadership vacuum left by the graduated seniors.

"We played with excitement and Bernice really led our team," Mulkey said.

Mosby's contributions this season will likely be magnified because of the youth the Lady Bears bring to the table. Mosby is one of just two seniors on the roster and is the only senior that starts or sees significant playing time.

And behind those two, junior

guard Angela Tisdale is the only other upperclassman.

If the Lady Bears' first two games are any indication, Mosby will be the team's workhorse.

"Bernice is just an athlete," Mulkey said. "She is really trying to exert herself on the floor for longer periods of time and trying to fight through fatigue. She's been a great leader."

With such inexperience on both ends of the court, Mulkey has stressed that Mosby must figure into Baylor's plans for the team to succeed. And that means lots of minutes and lots of successful contributions.

Despite the obvious, Mosby's impact this season has not been limited to Baylor's opponents.

The Lady Bears have a pair of impressive 6-foot-3 freshmen, and Mosby has been their guiding force

in practice and in games.

"Bernice brings tremendous intensity," freshman forward Danielle Wilson said. "In everything she does, she brings that intensity."

Mulkey said Mosby still has some things to learn, and at least for now, Mosby is still trying to fit herself in the team's hierarchy.

"I feel like I'm a partial leader because I haven't been in the program for that long," Mosby said.

"I'm just helping out and trying to become a leader, but I don't think I'm there yet. As you can see I had a good game in the first half (against Hofstra) and in the second half I kind of dropped off."

"I think that's just growing as a leader and accepting my role."

And a prominent role from Mosby could be just the thing to push this young team beyond its expectations.



File Photo

Bernice Mosby brings the ball up the court in an Oct. 2 exhibition game against Louisiana State University. Mosby transferred to Baylor in 2005 but only recently became eligible.

'I was trying to help a kid'

Athletic director, parents, athlete defend Bob Knight after controversial incident

By Betsy Blaney
The Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers insisted Tuesday that Bob Knight did nothing wrong when he "quickly lifted" the chin of Michael Prince in the latest clash between the hot-tempered coach and a player.

Prince and his parents also defended Knight, who confronted the forward and pushed his chin upward, as if to make him look the coach in the eye, during a timeout late in the Red Raiders' 86-74 victory against Gardner-Webb on Monday night.

"Coach Knight did not slap Michael," Myers said in a statement. "Michael came off the court with his head down and Coach Knight quickly lifted Michael's chin and said, 'Hold your head up and don't worry about your mistakes. Just play the game.'"

Knight, with a history of chair-throwing, referee baiting and run-ins with school officials, was not available for comment to The Associated Press on Tuesday.

He told ESPN.com he would act no differently if faced with the same situation again.

"I'm sure there were some cases where I have been wrong, but (Monday night) wasn't one of them," Knight said. "I was trying to help a kid, and I think I did."

Prince told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal after Monday's game that what happened with the coach "was nothing."

"He was trying to teach me and I had my head down, so he raised my chin up," said Prince, who was seen moving his jaw around as he sat on the bench after the confrontation. "He was telling me to go out there and don't be afraid to make mistakes."

"He said I was being too hard on myself."

Prince's mother, Suzette Prince, told The Avalanche-Journal she and her husband, Mike, were sitting across from the Tech bench and she doesn't believe this should



Associated Press

In this image taken from ESPN video, Texas Tech basketball coach Bob Knight, right, is seen lifting the chin of Texas Tech player Michael Prince during a timeout in their game against Gardner-Webb on Monday in Lubbock.

be an issue.

"We talked with Michael and he had just committed two fouls in a row," Suzette Prince said. "He told us that Coach Knight was asking him if he's ready to play. He said they needed him ready to play."

She said she didn't think Knight should be reprimanded.

Knight gave a brief statement at the post-game news conference then answered one question before exiting the room, but the episode with Prince was never addressed.

It was win No. 871 for Knight, who needs nine more victories to surpass Dean Smith for the most victories in Division I history.

Knight's career has featured three national championships, all at Indiana, but plenty

of outbursts.

In 1992, Knight kicked a chair on the bench while son Pat, then a player for him at Indiana and now his assistant and successor-to-be at Texas Tech, was sitting in it. When fans behind the team bench booed, Knight turned and responded with an obscenity.

He was accused of grabbing a player by the throat during a practice in 1997, an episode that was caught on videotape and created the whirlwind that eventually led to his firing from Indiana in September 2000.

His most infamous moment came in a game against Purdue in 1985, when he threw a chair across the court after being assessed a technical foul.

Gettis starts shining in blowout defeats

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

In 2005, freshman receiver David Gettis became the first U.S. Army All-American Bowl participant to ever sign with the Bears. After catching 31 passes for 600 yards and nine touchdowns in his senior season of high school, the 6-foot-4 speed receiver was expected to step in and excel immediately at the collegiate level.



Gettis

But after he was forced to miss what would have been his freshman season when he was ruled ineligible by the NCAA Clearinghouse, Baylor coaches and fans had to wait a year to see what he could do.

Because of the ruling, Gettis, who is also a standout track athlete, was away from football for a year. Regardless, Gettis signed with Baylor for a second time in January 2006.

While expectations were still high, his playing time was limited through the first nine games, and he didn't make a single reception.

Being underneath Baylor's leading receiver, senior Trent Shelton, on the depth chart kept Gettis off the field until the Bears' last two games during which he has seen his role increase in blowout losses.

While his three catches, 75 yards and one touchdown in the team's past two games may appear to be minor accomplish-

ments, the fact that he's asserted himself in recent weeks has everyone associated with the team excited.

"I think the last four or five weeks he's really started working hard. I think it was more of a situation where we can get him in and kind of let him do what he does well," said offensive coordinator Lee Hays.

"He's as good as anybody when it comes to running the hitch or the post. Our problem is throwing it deep enough for him."

"But he's really starting to shine, and I'm really excited about him."

Gettis, who caught his first collegiate touchdown in Saturday's game against Oklahoma State University, said it was a little frustrating to play so little early this season, but he's glad he's been able to contribute in recent weeks.

"Any time you get to score, that's great," Gettis said. "I'm just happy to get an opportunity to help my team out."

"The most important thing is helping my team any way I can."

Gettis said after having such little impact on the team the first nine games of this season, he wanted to show fans that he is as good as advertised.

Freshman quarterback Blake Szymanski said over the next three years, Gettis' play will speak for itself.

"Regardless of what people say about him, he's a playmaker," Szymanski said. "Because he hasn't gotten the opportunity to get on the field, they're saying, 'He's not what he was expected to be,' but that's not at all true."

"He's going to be good for us — really good."

FRESHMEN

Some of you have been wondering when you should start looking for housing for your Sophomore year and, if choosing an apartment, when you should sign a lease. As Bear Cribbs is the most popular resource for off-campus housing information here, we'd like to offer some advice.

The Baylor Housing Fair that will be held January 16 is a great time to start your search for housing. You will see signs all over campus the week before the event. As for signing a lease, the peak leasing months are January and February. It is recommended that you sign your lease in late January or February to reserve your apartment for the 2006-2007 school year. The most important advice that we can give you is to take the time to gather all the information possible about all of the properties out there. Don't feel rushed. Use Bear Cribbs to find all the information you need.

Another great reason to wait until January to look for housing is that Bear Cribbs will be launching a more powerful website and opening a full-service Off-Campus Housing Center at 5th & Bagby.

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Nickel Creek compiles best hits before career hiatus

By Donelle Sauer
Contributor

After listening to Nickel Creek's new release, *Reasons Why (The Very Best)*, I am left already missing their talent and wanting more.

ALBUMREVIEW

Hopefully the band's recent announcement of an indefinite hiatus will give them time to rejuvenate their creative minds in order to write more brilliant songs.

The group produced three amazing albums while touring for seven straight years, and now it's all encompassed on a new album released Tuesday.

With six singles, two live recordings, seven music videos and a few extra fan-favorite songs, the CD/DVD package truly is the band's very best.

"The Lighthouse's Tale" is the first song on the album and rightly so as it leaves the ears buzzing for more. The string-picking talent mixed with Chris Thile's voice disrupted my studying as I quickly escaped in

my mind to a scenic drive down a green field country road in an old farm pickup with the windows down.

Sara Watkins' voice followed my bluegrass/country getaway right into the second song "Out of the Woods." Both songs originated from the band's 2000 release, *Nickel Creek*.

The next few songs on the album were taken from its 2005 release, *Why Should The Fire Die?* After listening to the single from this album, I realized why the band is ready for a hiatus: to keep the fire from dying.

Although the group's previous release showed maturity and talent growth, it wasn't the same.

For this longtime listener, the raw, acoustic sound that brought the band fame was overshadowed with a taste of mainstream rock.

But its best talent is revived in the middle of the compilation with the instrumental "Smoothie Song."

One mistake in adding this song was leaving out its Grammy-nominated counterpart, "Scotch and Chocolate." It's

hard to listen to the outstanding instrumental talent of one without the other to follow.

Tagged on to the end of the album are two live recordings of fan favorites: "You Don't Have To Move That Mountain" and "The Fox." Both will make any listener fight for concert tickets before the band's last tour ends in 2007.

Attached to the new album is a DVD. I was expecting it to be like every other artist DVD—footage of live concerts—but it wasn't. Nickel Creek brings the CMT channel right into your home with its seven storytelling music videos.

If you haven't been a Nickel Creek listener before, this is the perfect album to get addicted to with all of the band's best songs available on one easy, worthwhile purchase.

The songs aren't re-recorded, but having all the songs on one disc is worth the money for committed fans.

And maybe, if the hit record sells, Nickel Creek will realize its fan base is too large to stay gone forever.

Grade: A



Courtesy photo

Violinist Sara Watkins, mandolinist Chris Thile and guitarist Sean Watkins make up the contemporary bluegrass band Nickel Creek. The group's new album, *Reasons Why (The Very Best)*, was released in stores Tuesday.

Eclectic duo Gnarlz Barkley finds brotherhood in collaboration

By Evelyn McDonnell
McClatchy Newspapers

Music doesn't just soothe the savage beast: It can save the mortal soul. Just ask Cee-Lo Green.

A couple of years ago, the gifted rapper and singer hit the skids. He'd released two acclaimed solo albums, but his label, Arista, folded and left his singular funkadelic muse homeless. Simultaneously, he was getting a divorce from the mother of his two children. On "Just a Thought," a track on the debut album by the eclectic, history-making duo Gnarlz Barkley, Green sings that he was low enough to contemplate suicide.

Then a friend sent him rescue music from the blues.

"Danger Mouse's production was so classic, it caused me to be introspective," Green said. "It took me back to my childhood. I immediately knew I wasn't alone; his company was all that I needed. We became brothers."

Those songs didn't just resuscitate Green: They became the



Danger Mouse, left, and Cee-Lo Green are the masterminds behind the duo Gnarlz Barkley. *St. Elsewhere* features the hit single "Crazy," which leaked months before the album's March 13 release.

Courtesy photo

runaway left-field album of 2006. *St. Elsewhere* has busted global records, knocked down border walls, leapt over bumbling executives and saved a few lives. Gnarlz Barkley are not just superstars: They're superheroes.

Quite an accomplishment for two young men in costumes.

Gnarlz Barkley is the unlikely love child of two restless artists. Brian Burton, aka Danger Mouse, 29, is an electronic whiz kid who was quietly building an underground reputation for

his edgy hip-hop tracks when one of his musical experiments—2003's mashup of the Beatles' white album and Jay-Z's *The Black Album*—blew up. Although establishment bigwigs tried to squash the illicit *Grey Album*, the Internet made it a hit. Danger Mouse was soon a much-sought-after producer; his work on the Gorillaz' album *Demon Days* was nominated for a Grammy.

Green, 32, born Thomas Callaway, was part of the seminal Atlanta hip-hop group Goodie Mob and a member of the sprawling Dungeon Family. His '02 solo debut, *Cee-Lo Green and his Perfect Imperfections*, and '04's follow, *Cee-Lo Green Is the Soul Machine*, revealed him to be a bit of a mad scientist, too, imaginatively injecting acid-rock, folk, pop and gospel into hip-hop's sometimes staid formula.

Together they created a beautiful monster.

"I didn't know who was going to get that record," Green said. "Yet again, I just went with my

heart. I'm just as amazed as you that such an album is so commercially celebrated."

The songs on *St. Elsewhere* range from a cover of the Violent Femmes' new wave blues "Gone Daddy Gone," to the finger-popping '60s pop of "Smiley Faces," to the ghoulish "Necromancer." Some people have described the style as mash-up (the electronic fusion of two disparate genres), but these are songs that come not from two places but from one heart. Burton and Green both grew up loving punk, rock, R&B and hip-hop. Perhaps the title of the opening track describes the sound best: "Go-Go Gadget Gospel."

The song "Crazy" is an instant classic: Cee-Lo, who cut his vocals in one take, sings with the ethereal voice of Al Green, while Danger Mouse tweaks strings and electronics. "Crazy" went to No. 1 in England before the album was even released, based entirely on downloads. It continues to scale charts around the world. Mind-blowing videos

for it and "Gone Daddy Gone," and big-band live shows where the musicians dress up as movie characters (also the only way they'll have their photo taken), continue to spread the go-go gospel. This month, Gnarlz is on the cover of *Spin* magazine.

Green and Danger Mouse are like two grown boys made so confident by the chemistry of their teamwork that they can play with their success. Like their name, a surf-rat takeoff on the basketball player Charles Barkley, they're a joke—with a serious purpose. The costumes—dressing up as characters in *Back to the Future*, *A Clockwork Orange* and *Superman*—are their somewhat geeky end-run around the cult of personality.

"It was to deter any one particular demographic or audience from associating themselves directly with us as far as to say, 'Well, they're emo, or they're alternative.' Then it was also to distract the attention away from us per se and let people concentrate on the music," he said.

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Militiamen abduct dozens at research facility in Iraq

By Steven R. Hurst
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Suspected Shiite militiamen dressed as Interior Ministry commandos stormed a Higher Education Ministry office Tuesday and kidnapped dozens of people after clearing the area under the guise of providing security for what they claimed would be a visit by the U.S. ambassador.

Witnesses and authorities said the gunmen raced through all four stories of the building, forced men and women into separate rooms, handcuffed the men and loaded them aboard about 20 pickup trucks.

Shortly afterward, authorities arrested six senior police officers in connection with the abductions, the police chief and five top subordinates in the Karradah district, the central Baghdad region where the kidnappers struck, Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Jalil Khalaf said.

There were varying estimates of the number of people kidnapped, but it appeared that at least 50 were seized, one of the largest mass abductions in Iraq. Authorities said as many as 20 were later released, but said a broadcast report that most hostages were freed appeared to be false. The assault came on a day

that saw at least 117 people die in the mounting disorder and violence gripping the country.

The abductions in broad daylight raised further questions about Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's commitment to wiping out the heavily armed Shiite militias of his prime political backers: the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, or SCIRI, and the Sadrist Movement of radical, anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Al-Maliki faces intense pressure from the United States to disband and disarm the militias and their death squads, which are deeply involved in the country's sectarian slaughter and are believed to have thoroughly infiltrated the police and security forces.

U.S. Central Command chief Gen. John Abizaid sternly warned al-Maliki face-to-face on Monday that he must disband the militias and give the United States proof that they have been disarmed, according to senior Iraqi government officials with knowledge of what the men discussed.

So far, the prime minister has said the militias should not act illegally but has taken no tough action against them.

Al-Maliki, who leads a Shiite-dominated Iraqi government, appeared to minimize the im-

portance of Tuesday's kidnappings. The abductions were believed to be the work of the Mahdi Army, the heavily armed al-Sadr militia which controls the Karradah district.

"What is happening is not terrorism, but the result of disagreements and conflict between militias belonging to this side or that," al-Maliki said in televised remarks during a meeting with President Jalal Talabani.

That response was likely to prompt deeper concerns among the U.S. military and the Bush administration.

The Americans have struggled for 44 months to put in place a democratic and multiethnic government that would embrace the Sunni and Kurdish minorities, even if dominated by the Shiite majority.

Since taking office in May, al-Maliki has essentially refused to reach out to the Sunnis, who ran the country for decades under Saddam Hussein. The former Iraqi leader, toppled in the 2003 U.S. invasion, ordered the killing of hundreds of thousands of Shiites.

Iraqi officials gave wildly differing accounts of how many people were abducted in the raid on the Ministry of Higher Education office that handles academic grants and exchanges.

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Trustees are appointed by the dean for student learning and engagement and will serve three-year terms.

Trustee responsibilities will include admitting students to the college, participating in college activities, attending weekly community meals and some may also teach a section of University 1000.

"In the future, any potential faculty or staff appointments will be brought to the Faculty Committee on Student Life and Services by the Dean for Student Learning and Engagement for consultation," Oliver said.

He also addressed concerns that the Brooks slogan, "Good, Better, Brooks," sounded elitist.

"I can see where you and others might feel that this marketing slogan is an elitist appeal," Oliver said.

"I regret that. It is, in fact, a marketing piece that was created by staff in Baylor's Creative Services."

As of Oct. 23, there were 135

applications for Brooks, including two freshmen, 95 sophomores, 28 juniors, nine seniors and one graduate student. They represent more than 50 majors.

In other business, President John Lilley answered questions about a new promotions policy requiring faculty applying for a promotion from associate to full professor to have three letters from outside evaluators evaluating their scholarship, Vitanza said. In the past, this requirement was only asked of professors looking to receive tenure.

Douglas Rogers, interim dean of the school of education, and Laine Scales, associate dean of graduate studies, presented information about a proposal for a center for teaching and learning. The Faculty Senate has not taken any action on the proposal.

There is already a requirement for outside evaluation of scholarship in order for professors to be tenured.

An informative sheet distributed during the meeting by Rogers and Scales stated that the center would "better equip

Baylor faculty to actively engage students and encourage students to become a vital part of Baylor's community of scholars. ... Baylor lacks a coherent, university-wide focus on enhancing learning through effective teaching.

"While many other universities provide a central unit to support teaching excellence and professional development of teaching faculty, Baylor University does not."

It will also encourage research on learning that occurs in and out of the classroom, it stated.

Jane Baldwin, director of graduate accounting programs, reported revisions in the Honor Code.

The new honor code will make the provost and executive vice president responsible for appointing the honor council instead of leaving the responsibility to the vice president for student life.

Recommendations for sanctions for students will also go to the provost, Vitanza said.

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Former U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, the one-time commander of all U.S. military prisons in Iraq, said she would testify against her superiors because only a handful of low-ranking soldiers have been convicted in the abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison.

Karpinski, who was relieved of her command and demoted to colonel last year, said she wanted to "be a voice for my soldiers."

"They were tried and convicted in the world court before they ever set foot in any courtroom ... while people who are far more culpable and responsible have walked away blameless," Karpinski said during a presentation of the case in Berlin.

There have been 11 convictions and about a dozen court-martials in the United States related to Abu Ghraib.

The suit is brought on behalf of 12 alleged torture victims, 11 Iraqis held at Abu Ghraib and Mohamad al-Qahtani, a Saudi being held at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who has been identified by the U.S. as a would-be participant in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Captured in December 2001 along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, al-Qahtani would not crack under normal questioning, so Rumsfeld approved harsher methods, according to the testimony before Congress.

German prosecutors already declined to investigate a more limited lawsuit in 2005, arguing that it was up to the U.S. to hold any inquiry and that there were no indications U.S. authorities or courts would refrain from doing so.

Since then, there have been "no efforts in the United States to go up the chain of command, they've basically been given im-

punity from any investigation or prosecution," said Michael Ratner, president of New York's Center for Constitutional Rights, which is behind the litigation.

The attorneys think they have a better case this time, armed with documents from 2005 congressional hearings on the al-Qahtani case. They argue that Rumsfeld's resignation last week means prosecutors may be under less political pressure to avoid the case.

In addition to Rumsfeld, the suit names Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, former CIA director George Tenet, former commander of all U.S. forces in Iraq Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez and eight others, alleging they either ordered, aided, or failed to prevent war crimes.

Kaleck said the suit's backers would appeal if prosecutors refuse to take up the case, and raised the prospect of further attempts in other European countries.

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embraced the Democratic mantra of changing course in Iraq, a majority of the public did not detect a clear Democratic blueprint for ending the war. Fifty-seven percent of all adults in the AP-Ipsos poll said Democrats do not have a plan for Iraq; 29 percent said they do. The poll of 1,002 adults has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

That finding strikes at the heart of a Democratic dilemma.

The party has been of one voice in criticizing President Bush's strategy for the war but has been more equivocal on how to move in a different direction.

Democrats such as Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania want a fixed deadline to pull all troops out of the country. Other Democrats, including some party leaders, have voiced support for a staggered withdrawal that demands greater responsibility from the Iraqis.

The public's perception was reinforced during the campaign, when President Bush time and again told voters that the Democrats had little to offer on the war.

"Everyone agrees that we're going to have to begin redeployment," Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said of the Democratic position.

Skelton, in line to become chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has proposed withdrawing a U.S. brigade for every three Iraqi combat brigades rated fully capable.

Skelton opposes setting a timetable for withdrawal but said at least one U.S. battalion or brigade should pull out

promptly.

"It should send a clear message to the Iraqi government, the Iraqi people and the American people that we're not there to stay," he said.

No doubt, the election results have put Democrats in something of a box, said Stephen Biddle, a defense policy expert at the Council of Foreign Relations.

"It's a very, very awkward thing to run a war from the Congress," he said. "The public wants them to do something. And they don't want to go into 2008 and be accused of being the do-nothing 110th Congress."

In separate interviews, some voters appeared sympathetic. John Rodon, a retiree from Green Bay, Wis., said the situation in Iraq is "a big mistake" and voted for a Democrat for Congress. He doubted, however, that the Democrats would solve the war.

"I don't think anybody has an answer for this," he said.

Francis Curran, a 43-year-old carpenter from Jupiter, Fla., said he thinks Democrats would approach Iraq with a better lens.

"You can't solve that problem without involving the other players in the region. I think Democrats might be more willing to at least not call (Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad) the Axis of Evil," Curran said. "I don't know if the president would go with this, but this administration has to involve other nations in that region."

For now, Democrats appear willing to wait for the recommendations of a bipartisan Iraq study group led by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton.

The group's findings are

expected within the next few weeks. The Senate Democratic leader, Harry Reid of Nevada, also wants a bipartisan congressional summit to debate Iraq.

"Iraq has to be done on a bipartisan basis," Reid said Tuesday. "This is not a time for threatening the president with anything. We're going to see how we can work with him to change course in Iraq."

Though uncertain about the Democrats' plan for Iraq, many Americans are upbeat about Democratic control of Congress. For every 10 adults surveyed, four said the country will be better off, three said it would not make much difference and two said the country will be worse off. Most Democrats shared that optimism. Republicans tended to be pessimistic or anticipated no discernible change.

Overall, Americans tended to hold Bush responsible for Republicans losses last week. Forty-five percent of adults surveyed said Bush deserves all or a great deal of the blame. But only 22 percent of Republican voters attributed the losses to Bush.

Americans were split when asked if the president and Democrats in Congress could work together.

Forty-seven percent said they were confident that two could cooperate and 51 percent said they were not.

In the wake of the election, Democrats as well as the president and his Republican allies have emphasized the need for bipartisanship on the war and on a number of other legislative fronts.

Democrats and Bush have said they see an opportunity to pass comprehensive legislation on immigration that had been blocked in the House.

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ez said. "I kept asking for confirmation from my friend: 'Are you sure? Are you sure?'"

Since Perez was Todd's best friend and friends with his family, he said he was forced to quickly "come to reality and deal with all this."

"I was there for him," Perez said. "I guess that was not enough."

Perez met Todd at Chapel in fall 2003, and soon after they became best friends.

"He was a bit of a recluse at times," Perez said. "It was just a guy probably too smart for his own good. He was above and beyond the bell curve. We never got to see the potential he could have fulfilled."

Todd had a "handful" of good friends at Baylor, Perez said.

"He was extremely unique," Perez said.

"It is a shame that he didn't, I guess, thrive in this environment. Maybe in another environment he would have. It was

a shame more people didn't get to know him. He may have come off as awkward in social engagements, but that was how unique he was."

Todd made candles from scratch, cooked delicious dinners for his friends, took professional quality photographs, went to art shows, listened to Sublime and loved the state of Oklahoma, Perez said.

"He was a gentle person and was not violent at all," Perez said.

"He respected religion and faith, though he really resented people who used religion as an excuse to hurt people. He was very emotionally intelligent and a good person to talk to when you had a problem."

Perez said Todd was very intelligent.

"He did organic chemistry and would ramble about stuff like that hoping to spark interest in someone else," Perez said.

Todd's voice is the thing Perez said he will miss most.

"Whenever I am talking to

a friend who knew him, I feel like he should be there saying something that was typical of him: outlandish and funny."

In an e-mail interview, Interim Chaplain Byron Weathersbee said, "Humanly speaking, I am honest to say that I struggle with the why's."

"I am saddened about the death of Adam Todd," he said. "My heart goes out to Adam's family during such a tough, tough time. The Baylor family always hurts when one of our students dies. Death is a difficult thing to grasp for the human mind on this side, but as Christ followers our hope is in eternity with God forever and ever and ever."

Perez said Todd's small circle of friends was a result of him being misunderstood by many students.

"It is a shame people didn't understand him because he understood people," he said.

"He was a very understanding person, was never quick to judge and knew no one was perfect."

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