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Senate gives BYX \$17,500 for concert

Annual 'Island Party' to feature popular rock band Switchfoot

By Brad Briggs
Reporter

Student Senate voted unanimously Thursday to allocate \$17,500 to the fraternity Brothers Under Christ for the 2007 Island Party.

The money from the Student Life Fund will go toward a deposit for the double-platinum band Switchfoot, who will be the headlining act and cost a total of \$30,000.

"I'm very excited about this passing," said DeKalb senior Trent Weaver, one of the bill's authors and the Island Party Chairman. "We weren't really sure how it would come out."

The BYX 2007 Island Party will take place April 20 at Fountain Mall during Spring Premiere.

According to Weaver and Dallas junior Justin Faar, who

also authored the bill, this will be the seventh year for the event, which has grown in size each year.

According to BYX, about 400 people attended the first Island Party in 2000.

The Senate allocated \$16,250 for the Island Party that took place last spring, which played host to 7,000 people. The 2007 event is anticipated to draw around 15,000 people because of the popularity of Switchfoot, Faar said.

"The Island Party as a part of Spring Premiere gives us a tremendous opportunity," he said.

BYX expects the total cost of the event to be \$47,300.

According to the bill, any unused portion of the \$17,500 would be returned. The current balance of the Student Life Fund is \$26,349. About \$30,000 is expected to be added next year.

"I'm pretty sure this will be the largest allocation from the Student Life fund we've ever

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Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Getting in the Christmas spirit

David Johnson, a Nashville, Tenn., sophomore, and Jack Carroll, a Dallas sophomore, wrap gifts for Santa's Workshop Thursday in the Bill Daniel

Student Center. The event, sponsored by Student Activities, was an opportunity for students to wrap donated toys to be distributed to local children.



Courtesy Photo

Keller sophomore Mark Hudson, known as the "Aggressive Texan" by his Sigma Nu brothers, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound Wednesday.

Sigma Nu remembers brother

By Christine M. Tamer
Staff writer

Honorable. Noble. Intelligent. Creative. Blunt. Dedicated.

Keller sophomore Mark Hudson would "strut" his way to class wearing a cowboy hat and boots. His friends called him the "Aggressive Texan" in regard to Hudson's love of the Lone Star State, according to a statement issued by his Sigma Nu fraternity brothers, close friends and family.

The statement said that Hud-

son was a cowboy and adored western movies, especially those starring his favorite actor, Clint Eastwood.

"Don't talk about John Wayne in front of him. He hated the guy," the statement read. "We'd always tell him 'John Wayne is so much better than Clint Eastwood,' and his reactions matched his 'Aggressive Texan' attitude."

Hudson, 20, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound Tuesday afternoon at his off-campus house. He is the third student to

die this semester.

"We are all saddened beyond words at any student's death," Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said.

Doak said three deaths in one semester was "abnormally high."

"Each year is distinctive in itself," Doak said. "I can't say one year is worse or better than another. As a part of life comes, unfortunately, death. We experience it from time to time on campus."

The statement said that

Hudson was the "type of guy who knew everyone and everything."

"He just knew every useless fact known to man," his friends and family remembered. "More than that, he knew how to enjoy himself."

Hudson would stay up late at night reading a book about the history of Sigma Nu given to him by his father.

"He loved his fraternity," the statement read. "Words cannot

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Displays to raise awareness about AIDS

By Lauren Hightower
Reporter

Black replaces red. Sable ribbons dangle from strings. A thousand pleading pairs of eyes stare at the world.

To promote awareness of the millions of people around the world living with HIV/AIDS, the Student Global AIDS Campaign is hosting its annual World AIDS Day event today.

One part of the event will include a display at Fountain Mall of pictures of 1,000 African children who have been affected by the AIDS virus. The goal of

this display is awareness, Klassen said. The children are available for sponsorship through World Vision.

"It's actually our job to get rid of the display," said Allan Kramer, a Fredericksburg junior and treasurer of the Student Global AIDS Campaign. He said that each time the children on the display are successfully sponsored, their photo is removed.

The Student Global AIDS Campaign has held events on World AIDS Day for the past three years. Last year the organization sold bright orange shirts labeled HIV+ to illustrate how prevalent

AIDS is in society. Two years ago 8,000 paper dolls were displayed on campus to represent the 8000 people who die each year. This year students around campus have been encouraged to wear black.

"I think we can't just sit back and do nothing," said McAllen junior Carly Klassen said. "Promoting awareness is the first step."

Carmen Jimenez, an Irving junior and president of the Student Global AIDS Campaign, said the event has been in the works for about a month.

In addition to the display on Fountain Mall, the Martin Museum of Art will

also participate with its "A Day Without Art" exhibit. Both exhibit halls will be involved in the display.

The art of Victoria Star Varner will be draped with black cloth instead of the original red. Jiyoung Chung's three-dimensional string art will have black ribbons tied onto the different sections, said Karin Gilliam, director of the Martin Museum of Art.

"I was very pleased that both of our exhibiting artists asked to participate and have their artwork included in the

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Spam invades Baylor e-mails

By Laura Frase
Staff writer

Every day Tobin Lam checks his e-mail. Instead of sociable messages from family or friends, the Wichita Falls junior said he is showered with more than 30 spam e-mails on a daily basis.

"Mostly, the subject line is 'somebody wrote,'" Lam said. "There is nothing that indicates that I might even want to open it."

"I accidentally clicked on one, and it was a whole lot of gibberish," Lam said. "I'm not sure if they were even trying to sell anything."

What stumps Lam is how the senders obtained his e-mail address when he rarely uses his Baylor account, except for "official things."

But Lam didn't always receive this much junk mail. His influx of spam arrived near the beginning of the semester, just as many other people across the

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Charity offers discount on presents

Greer Kinsey
Reporter

Mission Waco is working hard this holiday season to "preserve the integrity" of low-income families all over Waco, said Joyce Brammer, director of the 10th annual Mission Waco Toy Store.

Toy Store is an annual four-day program put on by Mission Waco that collects money or toys for children from the community and allows low-income families to come and shop for the toys, which have been discounted 80 percent, Brammer said.

The first two days of shop-

ping are reserved for members of the Mission Waco family, Brammer said. The last two days are open to the public.

Brammer said it's only fair to allow closed shopping to Mission Waco families. All shoppers must be members of Mission Waco or must fill out an application at the door in order to be considered for participation in Toy Store.

Brammer said Toy Store is strictly limited to low-income families.

"It's not like Toys 'R' Us, where anyone can come in and buy toys," she said.

Brammer said Toy Store is different from other charity or-

ganizations because parents are actually shopping, not just being given the toys.

"We want a parent to be able to walk out and say, 'I used my own money to buy this gift for my child,'" she said.

Brammer said about 100 volunteers from all over the Waco community help out with Toy Store.

These volunteers produce 400 to 500 hours of work in order to make Toy Store as efficient and effective as possible, she said.

Most donations are accepted from churches and various or-

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Mission Waco work-study employees Lauren Beck, a Lubbock sophomore, and Megan Boyd, an Amarillo junior, organize donations Thursday at Mission Waco's Toy Store

Kelly Moore/
Lariat staff

Misunderstandings of Islam require clarifications

Over the last few years, I have found myself defending my religion and myself more often, more vehemently and more desperately. I turn on the TV to find my religion being attacked, my way of life being crucified, my beliefs twisted and distorted. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine that Islam, the religion of peace, would be the violent enemy whose followers must be destroyed at all costs.

Islam, the only religion under whose rule people of all faiths lived peacefully, is now the foe. I wonder how a religion that has brought peace to the lives of billions of people can be so wrongly and unjustifiably misrepresented to the rest of the

world. Muslims are not terrorists. We are not violent. We are not hateful. Most non-Muslims have a wrong conception of Islam. Many of the stereotypes and phrases that have become synonymous with Muslims and Islam have been fed into the minds of unsuspecting Americans through the media. So here I am to set the record straight:

1. Islam means peace, the submission to God and is in NO WAY terroristic.

2. Islam teaches that when anyone kills a single innocent person, it is as if he has killed all of mankind. And anyone who saves the life of one innocent person, it is as if he has saved all of mankind.

point of view

BY NOHAYIA JAVED



3. Muslims believe in five things: the oneness of God; Prophet Mohammad (pbuh) as the last messenger of God and all the other prophets from Adam to Noah to Moses to Jesus (pbuh); the holy Quran and the Psalms of David, the Torah, and the Bible; the Angels; and the Day of Judgment.

4. Muslims are told by the Quran to abide by the laws of the land they live in as long as

it does not conflict with Islam. So Muslims living in the U.S. abide by the laws of the U.S. If our country is attacked, we fight for it. The same way, if Muslims living in Lebanon or Palestine or Pakistan or Indonesia or China or Australia are attacked, they have to fight for their countries, their homes and their families.

Stop now and think to yourself – Why does Hezbollah exist? Why are people fighting in Kashmir? What do the Palestinians want and why? It is easy to remember our own losses and justify our actions and label others as dissidents and terrorists for wanting their freedoms and retributions for their dead.

5. The words “Islamic terror-

ists,” “Islamofacists” and “militant Islamists” are all paradoxical. In a religion that teaches peace over and over again, that tells you to fight ONLY if you are attacked, that tells you that you cannot burn the vegetation of the enemy, you cannot poison the enemy’s wells, you cannot rape the women of the enemy, and you must bury the dead of the enemy if they flee, that you cannot kill an innocent, you cannot commit suicide (it is one of the ONLY two unforgivable sins in Islam), you cannot be a true believer unless you want for your brother what you want for yourself – how can these teachings of Islam be linked with words like terrorism? How 1.6

billion Muslims live peacefully in every country of the world if all Muslims are terrorists.

6. Muslims are peaceful. We live, marry, have children, go to school, have jobs and worship just like everyone else. True, Muslims dress differently – we wear long robes, scarves on our heads and men have beards; we worship differently – we have a call to prayer and we line up in rows and prostrate; we say Allah instead of God; but that doesn’t make us violent. Why then are Muslims only seen as terrorists? Something is wrong with this picture. Can you see what it is?

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Editorial

Obama opposition unmerited

AIDS support is only valid from people approved by evangelicals.

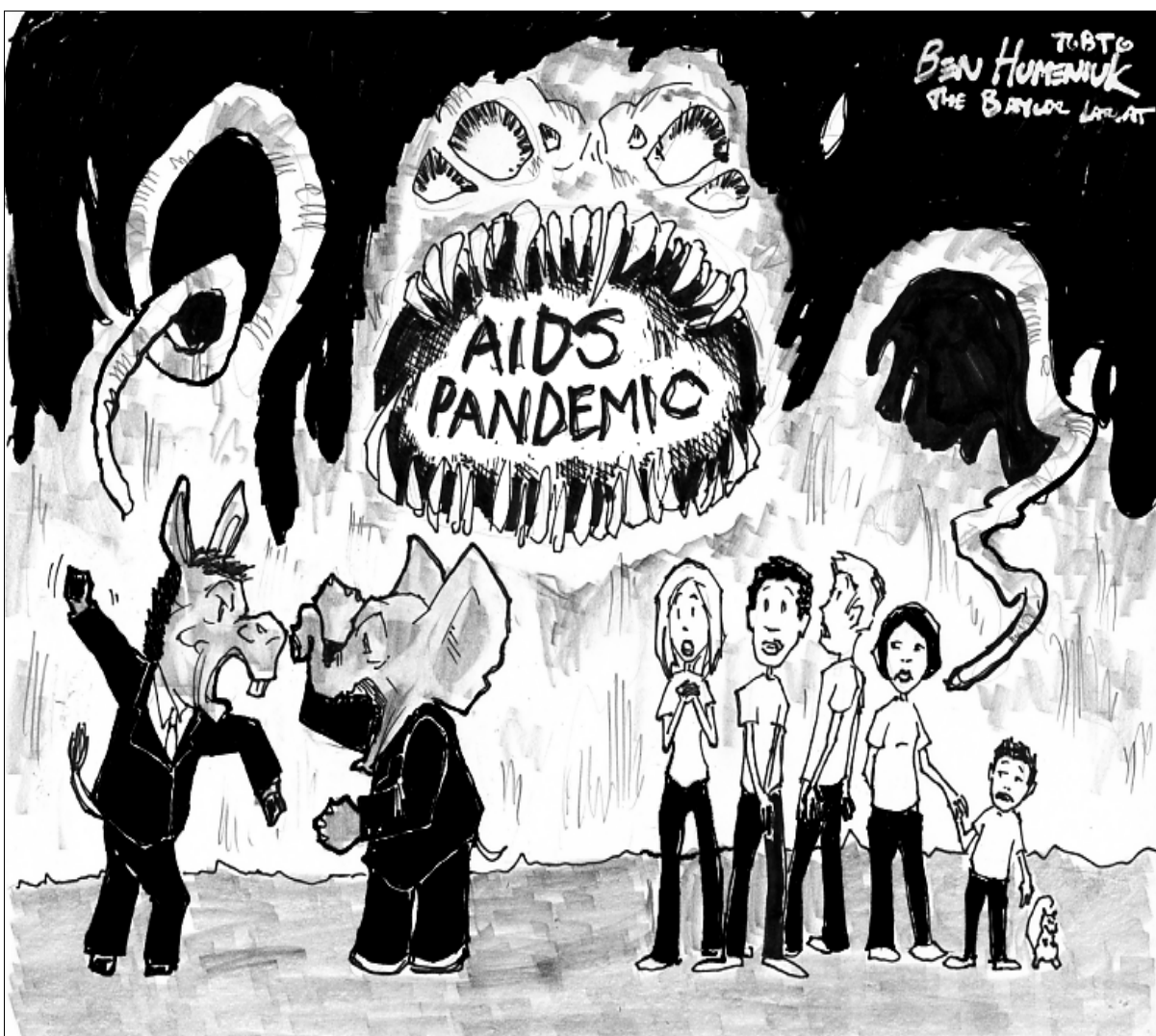
That’s the way it appears when you look at some responses from religious leaders to Sen. Barack Obama’s invitation to speak today at the Global Summit on AIDS. Pastor Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, asked Obama to participate in the second annual event at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif.

Since then, Obama opposition has been popping up all over the place in religious circles. Rob Schenck, president of the National Clergy Council, said Obama’s “policies represent the antithesis of biblical ethics and morality.”

Wait. Wasn’t Obama asked to speak because of his knowledge of HIV/AIDS? This summit has nothing to do with politics, political parties or policy stances. It’s simply a gathering of leaders from all different backgrounds to promote AIDS awareness.

Warren has admitted that he doesn’t agree with Obama’s position on abortion and other issues but said, “It will take the cooperation of all – government, business, NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and the church.”

The backfire of Obama’s selection is ridiculous because it’s another example of people focusing on non-issues.



It seems ironic that we desperately need awareness and support of AIDS issues, but outcry has tried to snuff out one of the most popular and effective leaders on the subject.

More than 60 speakers are scheduled to appear at the summit, all from various backgrounds and ranging from across the political spectrum. It’s bound to be that someone doesn’t agree with some-

one else’s political opinion, but this is not the time or place to debate policy stances.

Subjects like poverty, AIDS and malnourishment transcend petty political differences. Let’s hope that members of the Democratic and Republican parties can cooperate enough to strive for progression regarding these important and ongoing issues.

Today is Global AIDS Day, a day

for unity and support across the world. Obama plans to take an HIV test during his appearance today and urges others to follow suit.

Obama is not making a political statement. He’s making a statement of unity. Together we can be the change necessary to make a difference.

Disregard politics for a day to realize AIDS is a subject that knows no political party.

Recent deaths remind us to value preciousness of life

Life is fragile.

If this semester could be trivialized down to a theme, the fragility of life has been brought to our attention time and time again.

The deaths of three students in recent weeks have broken our hearts.

While I did not know any of the students socially, I feel their deaths impacted me personally, as well as the lives and thoughts of so many others.

The loss of Katie Moseley, Adam Todd and Mark Hudson has caused friends, family, professors and classmates to stop and think about life in a way that is uncomfortable.

We are made to reflect on the meaning and significance of life and our effect on the lives of others.

In the fast-paced lifestyle we all speed through, we’re brought to a screeching halt when we lose someone close to us.

The fragility and preciousness of life is flashed in front of our eyes.

Why do we not think about the significance of life until it is gone?

Why do we think we are indestructible until brokenness is unavoidable?

In the spring of 2005, I sat next to a man who was called to active duty in Afghanistan as an Army reserve. He left

point of view

BY KELLY COLEMAN



for boot camp a few weeks shy of final exams. I kept in touch with him while he was gone through the occasional e-mail or Xanga posting.

When he returned to school this semester, we were all relieved that his tour was over, and he was safely back at home. I now see him practically every day in the newsroom, as he’s now a reporter for the *Lariat*.

But it wasn’t until a few months ago, when the United Nations reported that October was the most deadly month since the war began, that it actually hit me. My school work, jobs and friends made me lose sight of the real danger he had been in.

I began to cry when I realized how lucky he was to have been to war and returned unharmed. When I see him now, I’m amazed at his positive attitude toward life and his continual gratitude for his friends and family.

In his own way, he reminds me to value the meaning and significance of

life. Slowing down to value others in our day-to-day experiences takes practice. For most of us, it’s not something that comes naturally.

But the reality is that we don’t know what will happen tomorrow.

We don’t know if someone we love will be gone before we had the time to tell them we love them.

Don’t leave a chance untaken to be present in the lives of others because we’ve been shown that life isn’t always what we expect it to be.

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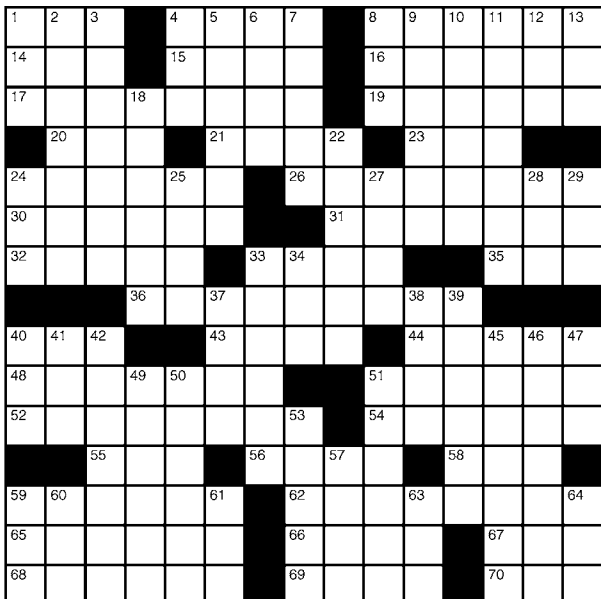
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Stress frequently sparks student smoking



Photo Illustration by Melea Burke

It's common for students who start smoking to relieve stress to become addicted, said Joel London, a spokesman for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Office on Smoking and Health.

By Analiz González
Staff writer

The stress of finals may leave students gasping for relief, but according to a study conducted by the University of East London, smoking is not the answer.

The study found that adult smokers show higher signs of stress than nonsmokers. And adolescent smokers reported increased levels of stress after developing regular smoking patterns. The study went on to say that if more people knew about this, it might prevent some from taking up the habit.

"The message that tobacco use does not alleviate stress but actually increases it needs to be far more widely known," the study stated. "It could help those adult smokers who wish to quit and might prevent some school children from starting."

But many students continue associating smoking with stress relief.

A senior who wants to remain anonymous for fear of being perceived as a heavy smoker admitted returning to smoking recently because she said the end-of-semester stress was overwhelming.

"It's a stress reliever and it helps me focus when I'm studying," she said.

Still, the senior said she's not worried about getting addicted to smoking again because she's been careful to not carry cigarettes around with her, and won't buy any more after she finishes her "emergency pack."

"I hate it," she said. "I hate the way it makes my mouth taste after. I know I can quit. I've done it before. It's a disgusting habit."

She may be able to stop smoking after finals, but Joel London, a spokesman for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Office on Smoking and Health, said it's likely for students who start smoking under the pretext of relieving stress to develop an addiction.

"Most smokers get hooked before they realize how hard it is to quit and before they realize how easily they can get addicted," London said, adding that 70 percent of smokers want to quit.

He said 24 percent of people ages 18-24 are smokers, compared to the national average of 21 percent.

"As age increases, the percentage will go down, probably because as they get older a lot of those people die from smoking related disease," he said. He added that smoking shown in movies might help influence people to pick up the habit.

BEAR BRIEFS

Pancake break

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Dead days may become more vacation than working holiday

By Laura Frase
Staff writer

When the last day of class ends and dead days begin, some students are anywhere but the library.

Instead of hitting the books, Irving senior Tiffany Callis is hitting the road to Austin for one of the dead days to do "anything but study."

"I'm burned out with school because I have so many papers and tests this week that I just need a few days to relax," Callis said.

Many students feel the same way.

"I usually study, but I also take time to relax," Dallas senior Paige Davis said. "Things get crazy during the semester, and there's no time to relax."

But at the same time, Davis said she sees the importance of getting the grades even when it's tempting to take an early holiday.

"I think a lot of people use the days to have fun and do whatever they want because they don't have school," Davis said. "But there are also people who know they are in college and know they need to make good grades on their finals."

Instead of blowing off study-

ing completely, some students just wait until the last second.

"I think most people study a little bit but don't get serious until finals actually start," Callis added.

For some universities, procrastination could last for an entire week. Brown University and Yale University offer study days that span the whole week.

But unless students want to start school in the middle of August or cut back on holidays, this plan is not feasible for Baylor, said Naymond Keathley, senior vice provost for academic affairs.

"We just don't have much

time, or flexible time, that we can expend at this point," Keathley said.

Some students don't see the point of adding even more dead days at the cost of holidays.

"Having two dead days is good enough," Austin senior Matt Sanders said. "Holidays are a nice break during the semester to relax and get caught back up."

Davis said an increased number of study days might just cause more students to blow off studying.

"I feel that if I have more time to study, I have more time to waste," Davis said.

Even though Callis sees two days as plenty, she wouldn't mind another school-less day.

"More time off from classes is always beneficial," Callis said.

Once crunch time begins, Callis plans to hit the books in the comfort of her own home, and if needed, at the library as well.

But Callis said she doesn't view the library as a study tool.

"You go to the library to procrastinate from studying during finals," Callis said.

While an abundance of students flock to the libraries during final's week, Sanders said that some are just there for the

practical jokes.

"I've seen practical jokes - hidden alarm clocks that go off frequently or people running and screaming," Sanders said.

Some students have even witnessed the elusive Moody Memorial Library streaker who makes an appearance each semester around finals.

"It's all light-hearted," Sanders said. "If you go the library with that many people, stuff is going to happen. It comes with the territory."

Dead days are Tuesday and Wednesday, meaning that no student activities or events may be planned during this time.

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express how much he loved his brothers.”

“He was a lot of fun to hang out with,” Grand Prairie sophomore Tyler Schexnaider said. “I was not in the fraternity myself, but whenever we did hang out he was a lot of fun. Just sitting around and talking to him was interesting.”

Scottsdale, Ariz., senior Jenn Giacoppo’s first memory of Hudson was at a rush event dinner at Poppa Rollo’s.

“Poppa Rollo’s has a meat lover’s pizza, and he (Hudson) was putting extra meat on it and then sprinkled a little Parmesan cheese on top,” Giacoppo said.

“When I looked at him, completely baffled, he said, ‘What? I just really like meat.’”

Giacoppo described Hudson as “funny” and “always a gentleman.”

“He could always be counted on to do something crazy or be part of some mischief, but it was always with a good sense of humor,” she said.

His friends said some of their best memories with Hudson were “just hanging out with the guy.”

“He was an energetic and free-spirited guy who couldn’t sit down because he had so much energy,” his friends remembered.

After receiving a ticket for

Upcoming Campus Memorials

Adam Todd — Oklahoma City junior’s memorial will be held at 4 p.m. today in Miller Chapel.

John Bridgers — Former football coach and athletic director’s memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the George W. Truett Theological Seminary Chapel.

not wearing a seat belt, Hudson decided “he wasn’t going to sit back and take it.”

Hudson went to the library every Friday for three months

studying law books. Finally after taking the ticket to court, he got it stricken from his record, the statement read.

“In the end it would have been cheaper to pay the fine because of the court fees involved, but he didn’t care,” his friends remembered.

“While we all like to think we are going to be someone important one day, we knew that Mark was the one destined for true success.”

Hudson was in the Honors College his freshman year and wanted to attend law school upon graduation, the statement said.

“His personality was so unique, incredibly intelligent,

determined, yet careless in a precise way,” Lorena junior Ken Orr said.

Sigma Nu compiled a list of things that defined Hudson. Some things on the list included: a love for Bob Dylan, Cheetos Puffs, Hudson’s truck, his quotes, his stein, “the trash can song,” Krystal Burgers and Hudson’s love for the “Stairway to Heaven” song.

“He was a big cigar aficionado, taking great pride in his knowledge for cigars,” his friends remembered. “He was also a hunter. He always enjoyed telling the guys about the time he took a boar down with only a knife.”

Hudson’s funeral will be at

1:30 p.m. Saturday at Miller Chapel. A reception will follow in the Memorial Drawing Room.

“My heart goes out to family, friends and fraternity brothers in Sigma Nu,” Interim Chaplain Byron Weathersbee said. “They obviously showed that they care about one another. I think I would probably say one of the things I have observed over the last month with three student deaths is that this world is tough to live in, but that’s what is incredible about a faith-based institution. We do have faith and hope in a supernatural God who cares about us and offers hope, peace and comfort during difficult times.”

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event,” Gilliam said. “This is a positive way to use the museum as a venue for AIDS awareness and education.”

“This is a worldwide pandemic,” Jimenez said. “This is our generation’s problem and everyone needs to know about it.”

Although the display focuses on AIDS in Africa, another goal for the Student Global AIDS

Campaign is to promote awareness of the problem in America as well, Kramer said.

“There is a huge stigma associated with AIDS that needs to be eliminated,” he said. “The Baylor population is scared of the letters A-I-D-S when they are put together.”

The Martin Museum display is devoted to all of the artists who have died from or are infected with HIV/AIDS, Gilliam said.

Gilliam also said that she encourages students who think they may be at risk a possible AIDS infection to visit the Baylor Health Clinic, where they can receive confidential HIV testing.

The Student Global AIDS Campaign representatives said they would like for students to put pressure on their governmental leaders to send support to AIDS-affected countries worldwide.

SPAM from page 1

country saw an increase in their own e-mail accounts.

There has been a more than 67 percent spike in spam and a 500 percent increase in image spam since August, according to Barracuda Networks, and internet security provider.

“There is a lot of money in spam,” said Stephen Poa, vice president of product management for Barracuda Networks. “Whether you’re trying to sell prescription drugs over the Internet or sex toys, there is a lot of money to be made on the Internet and sending an e-mail is free.”

Poa estimates that between 85 and 90 percent of all e-mail is spam and recommends that people purchase e-mail firewalls to catch unwanted spam.

While Baylor students and faculty and many other Americans are irritated with the increase in spam invading their e-mails, Baylor ITS is just as

irritated despite its efforts to control it.

“Two months ago, our e-mail systems received about a million e-mails a day,” Bob Hartland, Baylor director of IT server and networks, said.

“Yesterday, we hit a million and a half e-mails a day, and most of that is attributed to spam.”

Baylor has recently been developing ways to control spam.

“The big problem that we have is several years ago, we bought an enterprise spam package and people were upset because it was blocking things that they didn’t consider to be spam,” Hartland said.

“So the first challenge is defining what spam is to every individual.

“The tact we took was to provide tools in which each individual can manage their spam,” Hartland added. “And that’s where you see the instances of junk mail folders.”

While Baylor ITS offers

students the chance to decide what is considered spam and what’s not, it still weeds out some spam before shipping out e-mails to students and faculty.

“Out of the million and a half e-mails a day, over 900,000 are rejected based upon what we find out are some characteristics of spam e-mail,” Hartland said.

“Although there is an increase in spam, can you imagine if that million got through?” he said.

Even though spam is inevitable, Hartland wants people to be careful about giving out e-mail addresses and to avoid opening any spam mail because they can cause viruses. He also emphasizes custom filters on e-mail addresses.

“It’s going to be nearly impossible to avoid them,” Hartland said.

“It’s a battle that we’re going to have to fight as long as we have computers.”

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ganizations from the community, but they also get help and donations from Baylor students, Brammer said.

She said some students are volunteering for their internships, and others just want to help the community.

Austin junior James Nortey is one of those volunteers. He began working with Toy Store two weeks ago, mostly with developing the database, he said. He began working hands-on with the

toys on Monday.

Nortey said he found out about the program when Mission Waco put on several seminars at Baylor in September. One program, M-Powerment, stuck out to him specifically, he said.

Through this program he met Brammer and began working with Toy Store.

“As Christians, we’re called to help people, but don’t know how a lot of the time,” he said.

He said people shouldn’t just give, but really get to know the

people they’re giving to in order to see what they actually need.

Brammer said Toy Store accepts donations year-round, and stores gifts in their attic until the holidays.

The Toy Store is open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday and Wednesday, and Dec. 9 and 13 at the Mission Waco Children’s Center on the corner of 16th Street and West Avenue.

Donations can be made to the Mission Waco main office at 1315 N. 15th St. Call (254) 753-4900 for more information.

SENATE from page 1

done,” Lake Jackson senior John Nicholson said.

“This will be good for Baylor because this will be one of the first things freshmen see.”

The Senate also unanimously passed support resolutions extending condolences to the fam-

ilies of Oklahoma City junior Adam Todd and Keller sophomore Mark Hudson.

The two bills were read aloud amid a respectful silence to the Student Senate before being voted on. The two students were mentioned at the invocation and opening prayer during the opening of the meeting.

Hudson was found dead in his off-campus house Tuesday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. today in Miller Chapel.

Todd was found dead in his apartment Nov. 11, and the results of his autopsy are still pending.

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Mosby shot lifts BU past Islanders

Eleventh-hour basket closes 64-62 nail-biter

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

Thanks to a great second half from Bernice Mosby, the Lady Bears basketball team (6-1) scraped out a 64-62 victory over the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islanders (1-5) Thursday at the Ferrell Special Events Center.

The senior forward, who scored just 4 points on 1-of-4 shooting in the first half, finished the game with 21 points and scored the game-winning shot with 2.2 seconds left on the clock.

"I didn't care what (the play was), I wanted the ball in Bernice's hands at the end of the game," sophomore guard Jhasmin Player said.

"In crunch time and when the game is on the line, I can count on her to hit the shot."

After Player forced a turnover with 13 seconds left, point guard Angela Tisdale brought the ball up the court for Baylor's final possession and found Mosby underneath the net for the go-ahead lay-in.

The Islanders' desperation heave at the buzzer fell short and Baylor managed to dodge an early-season bullet.

"As good as we've been in some games, we were that bad tonight," head Coach Kim Mulkey said. "It seemed like we were lethargic all night."

While she certainly saw the negatives, Mulkey said a win is a win no matter the opponent.

"We went down 3 late in the game, didn't panic and found a way to win," Mulkey said. "When you struggle like we did tonight, you have to give credit to the opponent and then look at yourself."

The win was the Lady Bears' fourth in a row and keeps them unbeaten at the Ferrell Center this season.

"At the end of the game I knew my team needed me," Mosby said. "I don't think it's about me scoring 21 points or scoring the game-winning shot, it's about Jessica (Morrow) and Jhasmin helping this team win."

The Lady Bears found their touch early on, starting the game on a 14-4 run thanks to the blistering pace set by Tisdale.

Mulkey continued to shuffle her line-ups due to the team's youth, and it appears to be paying off. The Lady Bears were able to play with all five starters on the bench for much of the first half, and the Islanders never got within 5 points.

Baylor slowed offensively as the half drew near, suffering through a four-minute scoring drought and entering the locker room at halftime with a 30-23 lead.

The Islanders shot a lights-out 57 percent from the floor in the second half and took a 1-point lead with 6:15 left in the game.

The teams traded leads for the remainder of the game up until the final possession of the contest.

Islanders center Elisa Beagle scored the majority of her 14 points near the end of the sec-



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Senior forward Bernice Mosby puts up a shot Thursday in the Lady Bears' 64-62 victory over the Texas A&M Corpus Christi Islanders. Mosby scored 21 points, including the game-winning shot in the final seconds of the game.

ond half, but she fouled out with two minutes remaining, opening up the inside for Mosby's late-game theatrics.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi point guard Kirbria Lewis led the Islanders' offensive charge,

scoring 9 points in the first half and 16 overall.

The Lady Bears return to action at 7 p.m. Saturday when they face the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks in the Ferrell Center.

Tweety Carter flying high in rookie campaign

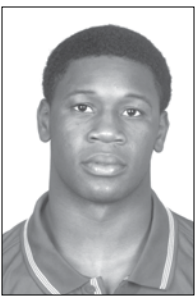
By David Kaye
Reporter

Expectations were high when Tweety Carter arrived at Baylor as the first high school All-American ever to play for the Bears. But with two all-Big 12 guards playing in front of him, there were questions about how long it would take for Carter to adjust to the college game.

Carter answered some of those questions Wednesday against Grambling State University, when he set career-highs with five assists and 19 points.

"Every game he plays he feels more and more relaxed," head Coach Scott Drew said. "He has it pretty nice not having all of the pressure on him to score and produce because we have other talented players around him that can create shots for him, rather than always having to create his own offense like he did in high school."

While at Reserve Christian School in Reserve, La., Carter became the top-scoring high school player in U.S. history.



Carter

With those days behind him, Carter is focused on the future.

"I try not to think about high school too much anymore," Carter said.

Carter said. "It's a new level here, and I'm just trying to make the most of it. The coaches are pushing me every day not to give up and keep fighting to get better."

Practicing against three guards with all-conference potential doesn't hurt.

Sophomores Henry Dugat and Curtis Jerrells have teamed with junior Aaron Bruce to form a three-guard lineup that's arguably the best in the Big 12.

"They're quick, they're strong and they make you play," Carter said. "They don't come to practice and take it easy on you."

Dugat said having so much guard depth takes away a lot

of the pressure because they're able to lean on each other when things aren't going their way.

"That's the good thing about us," Dugat said. "On any given night if someone's not having a good day, then we have three other guys that can pick him up and help him. We can all feed off each other and build off of that."

Carter has been the first guard off the bench, averaging 9.2 points in more than 21 minutes per game. He's also hit at least one 3-pointer in all six Baylor games, including a career-high three Wednesday against the Tigers.

"It's amazing how much more relaxed you are going into the fifth game of the year compared to the first, second or third game," Drew said.

Carter credits his teammates with giving him the confidence to play as well in games as he does in practice.

"Our first couple of games, I was a little hesitant on everything, but they kept telling me to just do what I do in practice,"

Carter said. "I learn a lot from those guys, the coaches and the rest of my teammates. They're just there for you."

Drew said Carter will suffer the same growing pains as any freshman, but having three experienced guards in front of him makes the transition easier.

"Aaron, C.J. and Henry have done a good job mentoring to him, spending extra time talking with him and shooting with him," Drew said. "He'll have some ups and downs, high moments and low moments, and I think they're doing a great job with him."

Even with so much scoring potential, Carter prides himself on creating shots for his teammates, playing solid defense and not committing turnovers. He's the team leader with 10 steals, and his assist-to-turnover ratio stands at 15:7, second only to Bruce.

"Whoever's open is going to get the ball from me," Carter said. "It's just an honor to play with these guys and keep getting better every day."

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Football players honored

The Baylor football team received good news this week when senior punter Daniel Sepulveda was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year and freshman linebacker Joe Pawelek was named the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year by the Associated Press. Ten Baylor players were named to the AT&T Coaches All-Big 12 Conference teams. Sepulveda was a first team selection while Pawelek and senior receiver Dominique Zeigler were second team honorees. Cornerback Anthony Arline, quarterback Shawn Bell, free safety Dwain Crawford, place kicker Ryan Havens, outside safety Maurice Linguist, wide receiver Trent Shelton and cornerback C.J. Wilson all were named honorable mention.

Clyde Hart honored

Former track coach and current Director of Track & Field Clyde Hart was named the 2006 Nike Coach of the Year by USA Track & Field Monday. Hart guided Olympic gold medal winner and former Baylor runner Jeremy Wariner and Sanya Richards to undefeated seasons outdoors in the 400 meters in 2006.

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Waco theatre presents ‘Miracle on 34th Street’

By Tommy Stone
Reporter

“Faith is believing when common sense tells you not to. Don’t you see?”

“It’s not just Kris that’s on trial; it’s everything he stands for,” says character Fred Gailey, who encapsulated the spirit of Christmas in the classic movie *Miracle on 34th Street*.

Students also will be able to take in a little Christmas spirit starting today when the stage version of *Miracle on 34th Street* takes the stage at the Waco Civic Theatre.

“It’s a fun, magical story,” Director Jana Huggins said.

The original story hails from a book by Valentine Davis and follows the fall of Macy’s very own Santa Claus who believes he is the real Kris Kringle.

The story centers on a little girl who believes Kringle is who he says he is, and her mother, a Macy’s employee, who lacks faith in the existence of Santa Claus.

“I watch the movie every Christmas while we are decorating our tree,” said Heather Hampton, a Key West, Fla., senior.

“It expresses the happiness that comes along with the Christmas season.”

For Huggins, *Miracle on 34th*



Characters from *Miracle on 34th Street* practice a scene in a dress rehearsal Wednesday night at the Waco Civic Theatre. The classic play premieres today and runs through Dec. 10. The play showcases the interaction between a girl who believes in Santa Claus and her mother, who doesn’t. Student tickets cost \$8 with a student ID, and regular admission tickets cost \$10.

Melea Burke/
Lariat staff

Street has been an enlightening experience for her first time directing at the Waco Civic Theatre.

“I’ve liked it,” she said. “The cast has been cooperative, and I’ve really enjoyed every bit.”

Students are encouraged to

attend the play and see a little bit of what the community is doing, Huggins said.

“It’s a good date night,” she said.

“It is good for people from ages 2 to 92.”

Jennie Mitchell, office man-

ager of the theater, said students should act fast to get tickets before the show sells out.

The play premieres at 7:30 p.m. today at the Waco Civic Theatre.

Student tickets cost \$8 with a student ID, and regular admis-

sion tickets cost \$10.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 776-1591.

Additional performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 and Dec. 9, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday and Dec. 10.

‘10 items or less’ finds friends in unexpected places

By Bruce Newman
McClatchy Newspapers

At the end of *10 Items or Less*, an unnamed but readily identifiable movie star (played by Morgan Freeman) is trying to explain what it’s like to “know everybody” and yet have no real friends.

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People seem to recognize him wherever he goes, but it’s as if he’s a ghost, a figment of their collective imagination.

“I realize that I could just disappear,” he said with a terrible finality.

Most of *10 Items or Less* is a joyful examination of the unexpected friendship that develops between Freeman’s character and a young woman he meets in the 10-items-or-less lane at the supermarket. If it comes to a few heartbreaking conclusions about the imperfections of friendship, this is a movie of such consummate good cheer that it’s difficult to walk away without feeling happier than when it began.

Freeman plays a Hollywood star whose success has created such a phalanx of agents, business managers and anxieties about committing to the wrong project that he hasn’t worked in four years. He has been offered a part in an independent film so small that if it fails, “it doesn’t even count,” he said, attempting to reassure himself to the nimrod (a very funny Jonah Hill) assigned to drive him to a grocery, where he plans to “get a feel for the character.”

When the van pulls up in front of Archie’s Ranch Market in one of Los Angeles’ far-flung suburbs, the actor forgets how long it has been since anybody cared about him and asks, “How do you want to handle this? Take me in through the back?” But the supermarket manager he’s supposed to study isn’t there, and the few customers who are seem mystified that this man is wearing sunglasses under the fluorescent lights.

The market’s customers keep testing Scarlet (Paz Vega), bringing 11 items to her 10-items-or-less register. The actor studies her intently, impressed with

the way she suppresses each small insurrection. “I wasn’t aware there were lane distinctions,” he said, intrigued. “This is where checkers come to die,” she replied, besieged.

Writer-director Brad Silberling turns the film’s small scale into an asset, showing how far off the Hollywood grid someone would have to have wandered to wind up in this place. Silberling uses an impressive visual economy while making his point in every scene, never letting an exchange between Freeman and Vega feel rushed. If anything, Silberling and his two actors have taken a gossamer piece of material and spun it into something far more substantial than it has any right to be.

Marooned by his driver, the actor prevails upon Scarlet for a lift home to Brentwood, a palmy enclave in west L.A. from which distance Archie’s Ranch Market approximates the other side of the moon. Along the way home, Freeman’s character is turned loose in such satrapies of the common man as Target, Arby’s and a car wash.

“Is there anyone you don’t



Associated Press

Morgan Freeman, prepping for an upcoming role, meets a quirky grocery clerk, Paz Vega (*Spanglish*), in *10 Items Or Less*.

talk to?” Scarlet asked as he chats up every minimum-wage worker he encounters, hoping to find some new piece of business for his next role.

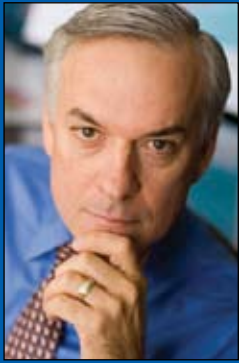
“I engage people,” he said. “I’m a connector.” Somewhere along the way, he has forgotten how much he used to enjoy his life.

Freeman’s performance makes you wish he did comedies more often, although at times his

character seems to be having so much fun that it undermines the idea he could ever have become cut off from the world.

Vega, who made such an impression last year in *Spanglish* as a spunky cleaning woman, is equally impressive here as a spitfire cashier. As her English improves, perhaps she will get to play parts in American movies not defined by the drudgery of her profession.

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For most Baylor students, the end of the semester is taxing enough. In addition to finals, graduation and BCS rankings, Christmas — and having to find (and afford) the perfect gift — adds another layer of pressure to an already stressful time.

To help alleviate some anxiety, here are 25 gift ideas for mom, dad or any other special person that can be purchased without having to leave the comfort of your home. Whether you've been eating Ramen noodles for months to save up for gift-giving or you've got your parents' platinum card, there's a gift in your price range.

Don't worry if you still can't find anything you like — a homemade card and a warm hug will last a lot longer than any gizmo or gadget... and cost much less.

Check out Garmin's portable GPS systems. Use this gadget as an excuse for a family road trip.

Garmin StreetPilot i5 portable GPS navigation system, \$399
Garmin.com

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Ladders.com

HP Photosmart R927 Digital Camera, \$270
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Doctors, Professors, Kings and Queens: The Big 'Ole Box of New Orleans, \$54
Barnesandnoble.com

Netflix gift rental subscription, starting at \$17.99
Netflix.com

Energizer Energi On the Go cell phone charger, \$21
Bestbuy.com

Izzo Battery Operated Putting Cup, \$16.95
Practicerrange.com

Stationery sets feature Spade's trademark classy style.

Kate Spade Stationery, starting at \$20,
Katespade.com

Peruvian French Roast, Bean Trees Fine Organic Coffees \$11
Beantrees.com

Philosophy, The Ski House three-piece winter inspired gift set, \$35
Philosophy.com

Let mom and dad start their day side by side with a hot cup of coffee.

Automatic Coffeemaker Cuisinart Two To Go TTTG-500, \$30
Cuisinart.com

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Kolo.com

Restart a lost holiday tradition by taking the grunt work out of cracking nuts.

Drosselmeyer Nutcracker in red, \$40
Scandinaviandetails.com

Magic Bullet Express Blender \$59.99
Amazon.com

White Chocolate Peppermint Cheesecake, \$35
Elicheesecake.com

Gingerbread Holiday Clean-Up Kit, Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day, \$15
Mrsmeyers.com

Portable Gas Grill Weber Q 396001, \$180
Barbeques.com

Chris Madden for JC Penney, Spa Rib Towel, \$11.99,
Jcpenney.com

Troy-Bilt TB50 corded electric string trimmer, \$59
Troybilt.com

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Amazon.com

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PS3s, iPods top holiday wish lists

By Brad Briggs and Allie Cook Reporters

The typical college student wants typical gifts for Christmas. PlayStation 3, iPods and perfume top most students' wish lists.

But what are you going to buy for the quirky college kid in your life? No worries. Regardless of who you're shopping for, you'll be able to find it if you just look hard enough.

How about an iPod dock for your toilet? Now you can peruse your playlist while taking care of business on the porcelain throne. Atech markets the product, featuring navigational tools and a dock for the iShuffle as well. Retailers like Neiman Marcus and Sharper Image are also offering exotic and technological gift ideas.

This year, Sudoku addicts can engage their minds in the bathroom. A roll of Sudoku toilet paper has one puzzle for every sheet of paper and sells for \$4.95.

Instead of a ski trip with friends, take a trip to space instead. The Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog advertises a \$1,764,000 adventure from Virgin Galactic, allowing you to become one of the first commercial space tourists in history.

If this expensive excursion seems out of your price range this year, don't worry. The first flight isn't expected to take off until 2009. Plenty of time to save up.

Sharper Image is advertising something Star Wars fans would be willing to join the Dark Side for. For \$119.95, you can give your favorite student his very own R2D2 interactive robot droid. The robot features a utility arm to hold your favorite beverage, responds to 30 voice commands and has three different personality modes.

But if you decide to go the conventional route, there are just as many things out there.

DVDs are popular gifts among men every year. Some upcoming releases in high demand are *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* and *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*.

Other popular gift items for men are outdoor apparel and video games.

"I'm going to get a Remington 1100 shotgun and a North Face fleece," Waco freshman Luke Carroll said.

There's also a wide range of things to buy for women. Perfume, clothing, purses and jewelry are among the most common gifts.

"Anything Chanel is good for a girl," Austin freshman LaToya Blake said, who also mentioned that she wants a digital camera.

The Devil Wears Prada and the *Desperate Housewives* box set are expected to be sought after for women this year as well.

"I'm asking for the Oprah 20th anniversary collection," San Antonio freshman Kathleen Judson said.

Other boxed sets such as *Grey's Anatomy*, *Seinfeld*, *Lost*, *The Office* and the James Bond movies will be coveted by both genders.

Money and gift cards are other convenient options for both men and women this holiday season.

The National Retail Federation expects gift cards to make up \$24.8 billion in sales this year.

Carroll said he's also asking his relatives for Bear Bucks this Christmas.

New game platforms like the PlayStation 3 and Nintendo Wii have already proven to be hot items for holiday shoppers. Shoppers braved long lines and often risked injury to themselves to acquire these limited-supply items.

If your gift recipients pride themselves on being less materialistic, try giving them a gift that benefits someone else.

Nonprofit organizations like World Vision offer a range of opportunities. You can buy a goat or cow for a child in Haiti, a fishing kit for a family in Thailand or a wheelchair for the handicapped in Kenya.

And if you have particularly deep pockets, you could even use that cash to dig a well for a poverty-stricken village.

For only \$10 you can plant 10 fruit trees in a developing country through the organization Trees for Life. This renewable resource keeps on giving by benefiting both a village and its environment.

Still at a loss for ideas?

Many Web sites will do the shopping for you.

By simply inputting the occasion, personality and interest of your recipient, sites like Gift.com, Presentpicker.com and Findgift.com will generate a whole list of possibilities.