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Research initiatives to pick up steam in '07

By Claire St. Amant
Staff writer

Homework, group projects, final exams and late-night study sessions. Finally, you've got your credentials. One oversized sheet of paper qualifies you for the real world.

But all elongated parchments aren't created equal.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredits colleges every 10 years, said Dr. Truell W. Hyde, vice provost for research, professor of phys-

ics and director of CASPER, a partnership between Baylor and Texas State Technical College that focuses on space research.

Baylor was initially accredited in 1914, and its evaluation re-time once again.

"Originally SACS reaffirmation was designed just to make sure everything was running smoothly," Hyde said. "It's evolved into a huge assessment of current projects as well as an

in-depth five-to-10-year plan." And while the process is lengthy, Hyde recognizes its importance.

"We have to do it so your degree is worth something," he said.

One aspect of the re-time affirmation is a quality enhancement plan focused on undergraduate research, said Jan Nimmo, assistant vice provost for research.

"We want to start students out in research earlier in their college career," Nimmo said.

"Exposure to the research process predominately occurs in the junior and senior year, and we would like to see that happen in the first two years as well."

Plans for the research initiative date back to fall 2005, Hyde said, when the call for "quality enhancement proposals" went out.

Dr. Susan Bratton, chairwoman of environmental studies, submitted a winning plan focusing on undergraduate research, Hyde said. Her proposal was combined with a plan

for Engaged Learning Groups (ELG), which was written by Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement.

The learning groups will be interdisciplinary in scope and composed of 60 students and teams of two, three or four faculty members, Shushok said. The groups will meet for three one-hour seminars over the course of three semesters, with an optional research component in the fourth. Bratton and Shushok co-authored the final proposal, which was announced in Sep-

tember.

"Our plan is completely focused on undergraduates and enhancing the type of experience they have at Baylor," Shushok said. "This is the latest mechanism we've developed to draw students in and engage them earlier."

The learning groups fall under the general umbrella of "learning communities" alongside Living and Learning Centers and Brooks College, Shush-

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Survey says ... 81st?

Baylor falls in rankings



America's Best Colleges 2007

Photo illustration by David Poe, Abbie Rosen

By Melissa Limmer
Staff writer

In the race to be a top American university, Baylor comes in 81st, according to U.S. News and World Report's list of America's best colleges for 2007.

The No. 1 university for 2007 is Princeton University.

Baylor ranks in a five-way tie with Marquette University, Iowa State University, North Carolina State University and Clark University.

Other ranked Texas schools include University of Texas at 47, Texas A&M University at 60 and Southern Methodist University at 70. Baylor was ranked 78th in 2006.

According to U.S. News and World Report, seven categories are considered when ranking schools: peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

Each of these categories is weighted differently.

The most weight is placed on peer assistance, and the least is placed upon graduation rate performance and alumni giving.

One of the main factors that separates Baylor from the Harvards and Princetons of the college world is endowment. At the time U.S. News and World Report rankings were released Baylor's endowment was listed at about \$746 million.

However, according to Lori Scott Fogelman, director of media relations, that number is around \$870 million today.

Increasing Baylor's endowment is one of the imperatives of Baylor 2012. According to Imperative XII, Baylor hopes to achieve a \$2 billion dollar endowment by the year 2012.

Jennifer Carron, director of admission services, says U.S. News and World Report typically contacts the Institutional Research offices at Baylor to get the information they use in their survey. Survey admissions questions are directed to the admissions office.

So does being 81st affect the recruitment of

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Film details media 'war'

College Democrats host viewing of film on bias in television

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Those who believe all media coverage is fair and balanced may have their convictions shaken tonight at Baylor Democrats' showing of *Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism*. The documentary, which will be shown at 7 p.m. in Bennett Auditorium, attempts to reveal the alleged conservative bias of Fox News.

A discussion, moderated by Baylor Democrats, will follow the screening. Baylor Democrats president Alexandra Neville said she hopes the film will make viewers think about what they are watching.

"Our main mission is to tell people that there is bias in the news, and not just Fox itself," said Neville, a San Antonio junior.

She said the club's officers discussed showing several films, among them *Who Killed the Electric Car?*, but decided that media bias would be the most relevant issue for college students.

"We figured media bias is good when you're in college because you're reading articles, you're watching the news and you're more likely to be influenced when you're younger and newer to all the biases," Neville said.

Dr. Jim Kendrick, assistant professor of communication studies, said he thinks *Outfoxed*

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Rehab center open for Iraq war vets

By Michelle Roberts
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and John McCain, both 2008 presidential hopefuls, joined military leaders and others Monday at a dedication ceremony for a rehabilitation center designed to treat the growing number of severely wounded Iraq war veterans.

Clinton and McCain, members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, thanked the wounded for their service at the Fort Sam Houston event attended by about 3,200 people includ-

ing singer John Mellencamp and celebrities Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Pfeiffer.

Both senators skirted political questions about the increasingly unpopular Iraq war.

Clinton, D-New York, said whatever political disagreements divide the nation, Americans are united in support of the nation's veterans, particularly those wounded in combat.

"We are obligated to ensure every way we can that they and their families are given the support they have so richly earned

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Associated Press

Senators John McCain and Hillary Rodham Clinton dedicate a new rehabilitation facility in San Antonio for severely injured veterans from Iraq.

Popular television host lobbies for child safety

By Jim Vertuno
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — John Walsh, host of *America's Most Wanted* and an activist for protecting children from sex offenders, threw his celebrity behind Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's campaign for tougher Texas laws against child molesters.

Dewhurst is pushing Texas to join states which have already passed "Jessica's Laws," a group of get-tough measures named after Jessica Lunsford, a Florida girl kidnapped and murdered in 2005.

A registered sex offender is

charged with the crime.

Walsh, who also co-founded the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children after his 6-year-old son Adam was abducted and killed, said several states have passed versions of Jessica's Law which are either too weak or impractical to enforce.

"A good law is one that has oversight, is well thought out, has money and the ability to enforce it," Walsh said. "Texas needs to and should pass a tough Jessica's Law."

Dewhurst, a Republican who

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Opponents of library can 'hate Bush' there, too

More and more people are saying George W. Bush is a lame duck president.

His name and legacy have become associated with "suffering, death and political 'bad faith,'" according to a Dec. 16 letter written by faculty members at Southern Methodist University.

It's quite possibly true. Many people don't like — I'm sorry, hate — our president, and they've made that eminently clear.

Media sources have repeatedly quoted a Bush insider saying the think tank with the SMU presidential library proposal will "write papers and books favorable to the president's policies,"

an idea many SMU students and faculty don't like.

In fact, some Methodist clergy are so excited about the idea of hating Bush and his library they've started a national online petition drive, hoping to pressure SMU into rejecting the library. I don't hold it against them. We're all entitled to our opinions.

And now, with the firestorm still brewing at SMU, some people have been asking whether Baylor still wants the Bush library.

Well, actually five people — the five members of *The Lariat* editorial board — have been asking that.

point of view



BY JON SCHROEDER

Unfortunately, I'm a little uninformed. I must've missed class the day of the student protest, and silly me, I didn't read the paper any of the days Baylor faculty sent in nasty letters. I was probably looking the other way when all those Baptist pastors asked the general public to join them in hating Bush. If someone would let me in on the ongoing

talks about banning Bush from Baylor, I'd really appreciate it.

So maybe we don't all like him. That's fine. George W. Bush has made some mistakes. All presidents have. All people have. His might be on a bigger scale than most, but so is his office. And no one warrants as much hate as he's gotten lately.

Regardless of where it ends up, the library and think tank will be the most lavish ever constructed, with an estimated \$500 million price tag. Scholars will be visiting it to study Bush for decades to come. For better or worse, history will remember our president. The think tank may spout some conservative

opinions, even some that — gasp — not all people agree with, but that's a poor reason to keep it away.

Baylor would do well to get the library. Colleges are supposed to be places of learning — where controversial ideas are discussed. What an idea, bringing an admittedly controversial think tank to a place where we're supposed to be thinking about controversial ideas. That's not mentioning all the highly touted benefits the library could have for Baylor and Waco.

With University of Dallas out of contention and Baylor lagging behind, it looks like the library will go to Laura Bush's

alma mater. As President John Lilley said in a recent Student Senate meeting, "I think it will go to SMU. I think it's always been theirs to lose."

Sadly, he's probably right. But if discussions don't work out, and if SMU faculty can't reasonably and maturely work out solutions to the issues they have with the proposal, Baylor will still be waiting.

Whichever university gets the library, all of us should be looking forward to its construction. If you want to continue hating Bush, you'll need a place to study him, too.

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Editorial

'Swiftboat' tactics won't work in 2008

Gossip magazines somehow get away with publishing stories that later turn out to have never happened.

When they do this, people ignore them and celebrities go on to bank million-dollar paychecks unharmed.

But when news networks try employing the same disregard for facts, the results can be disastrous.

The 2008 presidential race has already created one example of why there should be a high standard for campaign reporting.

Insight, by its own definition a conservative current events magazine, ran a story last week in which only unnamed sources revealed the results of an investigation about presidential candidate Barack Obama.

The investigation was purportedly done by the Democratic Party, and according to the magazine's anonymous sources, the Muslim school Obama attended for four years as a child in Indonesia was a madrasa, or a Muslim seminary.

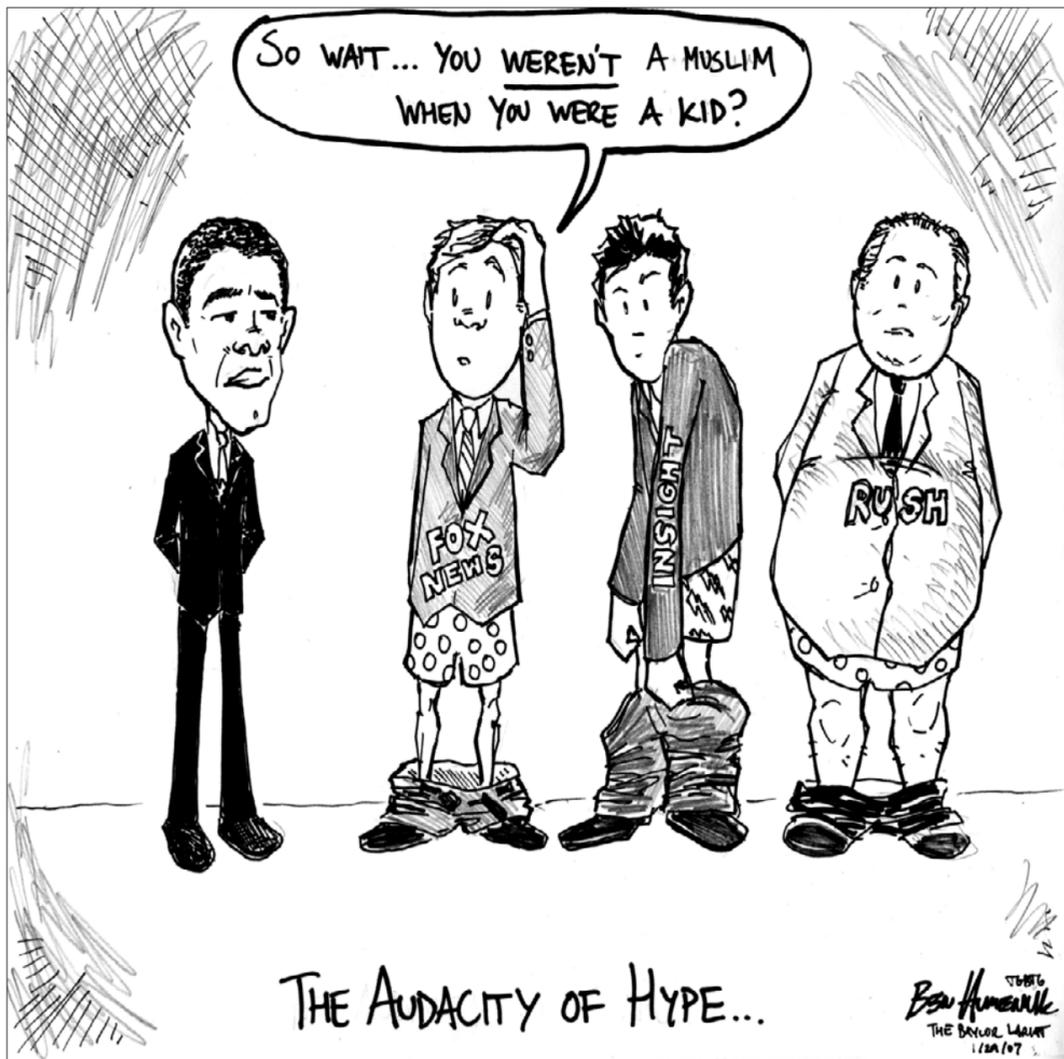
The article linked the investigation to Hillary Clinton's camp and asked whether Obama is being "forthcoming about his Muslim heritage."

Before contacting the Clinton and Obama campaigns and getting what would have surely turned out to be harsh refutations, television hosts on two news shows reported the story.

Fox & Friends and *The Big Story*, both shows on Fox News, threw the charges into a mix of political banter to discuss. Rush Limbaugh also discussed the story on air.

CNN, in contrast, sent a reporter to Indonesia to check out the school. He reported that it was not, in fact, a madrasa. As the reporter learned, the school was nothing remotely like a madrasa, but rather much like any other private school.

One only needs to read one of Obama's books to learn about his



profession of the Christian faith and investigate his membership in the United Church of Christ in Chicago to know the truth.

Fox News first defended the actions of the two shows by saying they had referenced the magazine. They also have since apologized for the discussions all together.

Although Fox is not the only news outlet to have been guilty of reporting unsubstantiated political rumors, for the most part the public trusts the media to weed out shaky stories, not spread them.

One would hope the American public is discerning enough to keep unsubstantiated information from tainting its views of presidential candidates.

As evidenced by massive chain

e-mails retelling this rumor, not to mention the power of the Internet and word-of-mouth itself, this hope may be misguided.

But when news networks repeat stories with seriously questionable sources and offer apologies after criticism washes in, people are bound to be confused.

Especially when the respective news institution has been accused of irresponsible partisanship in the past.

By playing upon some people's fears and prejudices, *Insight* and *Fox News*, whether knowingly or not, spread disinformation about a national figure.

The media's job is to report the truth to the best of its ability, and repeating such unverified allegations

should remain the fodder of tabloids.

Just a hint of scandal or wrongdoing could ruin a candidate's reputation, and the news media knows this.

With two years left before the elections and an unprecedented number of early candidates to dig up dirt about, the media should set their standards high and keep them there.

Repeating and discussing on-air a questionable story with poorly documented evidence lent credence to a rumor that would be ultimately proven false, but not before it got out to millions of people.

It would be a shame if candidates lost the public's support because of something trivial and an even bigger shame if they lost support because of something untrue.

Letters to the editor

Library editorial misses mark

I do not pretend to be a Bush supporter, and while I do not agree with many of the policies of his administration, I cannot help but think this period in American democracy is fascinating.

In its Friday editorial, *The Lariat* argues the consequences of landing the presidential library outweigh the benefits.

I guess its intention was to do a cost-benefit analysis.

I perked up when I saw the headline, but as usual was miserably disappointed in the shallowness of the editorial.

First of all, people who actually visit presidential libraries are not necessarily only interested in the particular president in whose honor it was constructed.

Presidential libraries present scholars and enthusiasts with a time portal into which they can be immersed in that civic period.

For example, one may choose to visit the JFK library if he is tracing U.S.-Cuba relations or the Missile Crisis, etc.

Certainly, JFK is central to both these; however, the very nature of what it meant for America as a nation is contained within those hallowed walls.

While most are focused on only the Iraq War, there are other defining moments for the Bush era: health care, social security, anti-terrorism, church-state relations and myriad others.

Regardless of one's support for the president, whoever is interested in any of these issues would have to book a visit to the library wherever it is built.

I hoped after great work by the last three student governments as well as very competent presidential and student steering committees, that *The Lariat* would have had a more sophisticated perspective on the nature of presidential libraries.

Rather than editorialize on this misunderstanding (especially when the editors can't demonstrate the abilities to do a cost-benefit analysis fairly and competently), the precious words on the page would have served better.

They could have posed pertinent questions like: how was George W. Bush able to drag America into this war? Did he really strong-arm America into policies it doesn't want? What does it mean to be an American and to participate in the civic processes of this land?

Certainly, Bush only uses the powers allowed him. Apathy is rank. Cynicism is fashionable. However, all is not lost.

The Lariat can be a source of inspiration for students at Baylor to be better informed of the political process. At least, that is my own wish.

Perhaps it is for this reason that we need the Library at Baylor.

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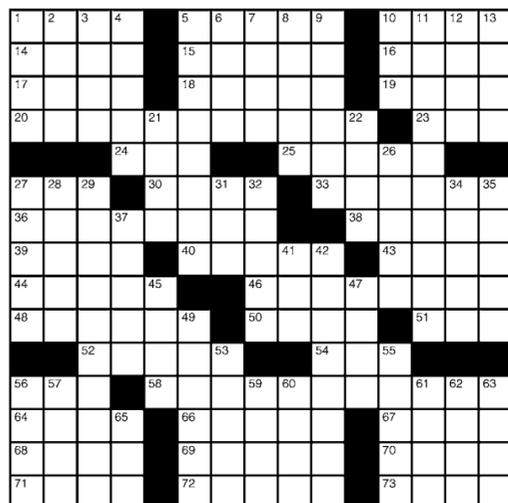
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By Barry Silk
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Martin exhibit highlights overlooked Texas art

By Ashlie Young
Reporter

"An exhibit like this won't come back around for a while. Exhibits often disappear and are not discovered again for a very long time," Jim Edwards said.

Edwards, curator of exhibitions for the Salt Lake Art Center, gave a lecture Monday at the Texas Modern exhibition at the Martin Museum of Art. Edwards, who has been a museum professional for more than 30 years, has an expertise in modern and contemporary art with an emphasis on contemporary art of the American West.

Edwards has served as curator at the Art Museum of South Texas in Corpus Christi and has also been an independent curator for many exhibitions for institutions such as the Austin Museum of Art.

Edwards spoke about the importance of the exhibit and the many artists it represents. The paintings in the exhibit come from a time when abstract art was just growing in Texas, he said.

"This is an important exhibit because it is a rediscovery of modern abstract artists and artwork that has been forgot-

ten. This is the first exhibit of this caliber that has been put together in a long time," Edwards said.

The artwork displayed in the Texas Modern exhibit came from artists all around Texas who were influenced by many things, including life here and abroad as well as Texas landscapes.

Many European artists, some escaping Hitler and World War II, immigrated to America and came to Texas, leaving their mark on Texan abstract art, Edwards said. Influences around the country and the world brought great change to abstract art in Texas.

Karin Gilliam, director of the Martin Museum of Art, also spoke briefly at the lecture, introducing Edwards and providing background information for newcomers.

"Jim's lecture really helped me understand more fully why this exhibit is such an important body of work," Gilliam said. "It makes me very proud that we have done this exhibition because of the impact it has and the fact that there have been so few like it."

Many artists in the exhibit were friends and collaborators,

and others didn't know each other at all.

Most are no longer living, but their art lives on in the exhibit, influencing new artists. Some of the artists represented in the exhibit are personal friends of Edwards.

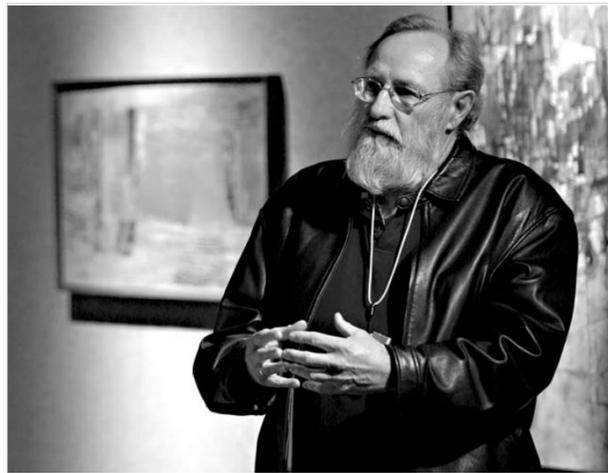
Some artists have multiple pieces displayed in the exhibit, allowing the viewer to see the subtle changes within their work through the years.

Viewing the exhibit as a whole gives the audience a feel for how the paintings and sculptures evolved within time and from artist to artist.

Hana Studer, a Brenham senior with a studio art major and a painting concentration, said she was excited to attend the lecture. She had also been at the exhibit's opening Jan. 18.

"I wanted to hear Mr. Edwards speak about the exhibit because he is also a guest lecturer in my contemporary art class and also just because he knows so much about this style," Studer said. "It is very interesting learning about the artistic heritage of my home state. Mr. Edwards' lecture helped me appreciate this even more."

Studer's favorite painting from the exhibit was a large



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

Salt Lake Art Center curator Jim Edwards speaks Monday to Baylor students and faculty about the significance of the new Texas Modern exhibit at the Martin Museum of Art.

abstract piece by Ben Culwell. Culwell was an artist for whom painting was a side job since he owned his own business selling furniture. He would spend years working on just one piece, constantly adding to one painting.

The Texas Modern exhibit comes with a 96-page hardback catalog featuring full-page color plates of all the pieces show-

cased in the exhibit. Included in the catalog is an introduction by art historian Katie Robinson Edwards and essays written by Mark L. Smith and Jim Edwards. The catalog can be ordered through the Martin Museum of Art.

The Texas Modern exhibit, which is free to the public, runs through March 3.

BEAR BRIEFS

Government spots open

There are currently openings for senator positions. Applications are due today and are available in the Student Government Office of the Bill Daniel Student Center or at www.baylor.edu/sg.

'Pulse' deadline today

The deadline for submitting papers to the *Pulse*, Baylor's undergraduate academic journal, is today. For more information visit www.baylor.edu/pulse.

Resume workshop

Career Services is hosting a Resume Writing Workshop at 4 p.m. Wednesday on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center. Pizza and door prizes will be available.

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Taking care of business

Construction at the Bill Daniel Student Center blocked several entrances to the building Monday.

Baylor group lacks students to befriend local 'buddies'

By Whitney Farr
Reporter

Volunteers spend time serving the elderly, tutoring children and visiting patients in hospitals, but mentally challenged adults tend to be overlooked.

Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.

Baylor has a Best Buddies organization but according to Linda Propst, administrative assistant for Baylor Activities, there are few students involved.

Each week Propst must tell Anthony Thomas, a mentally challenged Waco citizen, that he will not be able to have a mentor.

Thomas comes to the basement of the Bill Daniel Student Center a few times each week and asks if there is a mentor available for him yet.

Propst said Thomas had a buddy in the past, but because of the low number of volunteers, he had to give his partner up for someone else.

The lack of volunteers also meant the organization could

not be active last semester.

There are not enough volunteers to befriend the large number of mentally challenged people in the community, but the leaders of Best Buddies are trying to change that and get students interested and involved.

"You might have an interest in golf or seeing movies and we try to match you with a mentally challenged adult to go out to eat with, go to the movies with and be a friend to because many of them are isolated," said Terrill Saxon, associate professor and chairman of educational psychology.

Last semester Baylor contacted Friendswood freshman Ellen Bruchmiller to head up the Best Buddies organization on campus.

She served as the Best Buddies president for two years at her high school and said she learned a lot of things about herself and about the prejudices that people hold against the intellectually challenged community.

"A lot of people with intellectual disabilities don't have any friends at all. I've learned what true friendship is about — loving someone unconditionally," Bruchmiller said.

There will be a Best Buddies interest meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday in 116 Draper.

This semester the organization will be focusing on group activities once a month where Baylor students and their buddies will get together as a whole to enjoy events like movie nights, bowling parties and banquets.

"Imagine not having any friends, no one to talk to," Bruchmiller said. "This is a reality for many of the mentally disabled."

"These are some of the most genuine friendships you can have."

Mental retardation can be caused by genetic defects or problems during pregnancy, including alcohol or tobacco use by the mother.

Difficulties at birth, certain childhood diseases and malnutrition or cultural deprivation early in life can also retard mental development.

Many times people suffering from mental retardation are treated as outcasts in society.

They have difficulty finding jobs, housing and friendships, according to The Arc of the United States, the national organization for people with mental retardation.

Former UT student guilty of murder

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — A former University of Texas student was convicted Monday of murder for the fatal shooting of a 21-year-old woman whose body was found in a bathtub with her head and hands cut off.

Colton Pitonyak, 24, had no visible reaction when the guilty verdict was read following less than 90 minutes of jury deliberations. A jury later decided on a sentence of 55 years in prison. He could have faced life in prison.

A series of defense witnesses, including Pitonyak's parents, told jurors that before drugs and alcohol consumed his life, Pitonyak was a brilliant student with a bright future.

"He was in the top of our class; he had one of the brightest futures," said Ben Smith, a class-

mate of Pitonyak's at a Catholic high school in Little Rock, Ark. "The last couple of years ... he just kind of went downhill, got out of control."

Pitonyak had testified he didn't remember killing Jennifer Cave, a legal secretary whom he described as a close friend, after they spent a night out on the town in August 2005. Pitonyak said he was under the influence of drugs and alcohol that night, but conceded that nobody else could have killed her.

Pitonyak testified that he found Cave's body in his bathtub after sobering up the next day then fled to Mexico with another woman, whom he blamed for mutilating Cave's body. Pitonyak and the other woman were arrested near the U.S.-Mexico border five days later.

Prosecutors painted Pitonyak as a drug-dealing junkie.

During closing arguments Monday morning, a prosecutor argued that while Pitonyak might not have had the motive to kill Cave, he formed the intent to kill her the instant before putting a bullet in her side.

"Specific intent is what the state has to prove," Stephanie McFarland said. "Intentionally and knowingly. What we do not have to prove is motive."

Cave died of a gunshot to the side, Elizabeth Peacock testified.

Defense lawyers argued that the shooting could have been an accident and asked the judge to include the possibility of the lesser charges of manslaughter, and criminally negligent homicide as options for the jury.

Judge Wilford Flowers said jurors couldn't consider lesser charges, but didn't publicly explain his decision.

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Student Activities series stresses leadership, ethics



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Karin Klinger, assistant director for student organization development, speaks to students about ethics on the first night of the Student Activities week long discussion series, "Leadership Matters," in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Yvonne Pham
Reporter

Integrity, purpose and ethics were some of the issues discussed when Student Activities held the first session of its week long Student Organization Leadership Development discussion series Monday at the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The organization kicked off its "Leadership Matters" series with a focus on leadership ethics.

Karin Klinger, assistant director for student organization development, served as the night's speaker.

It wasn't another ordinary workshop consisting of just Power point slides; Klinger took the extra step to make the event interactive.

Though discussing leadership ethics can prove to be a profound debate, putting students in simulated scenarios that raise ethical questions is how they learn.

In ethics, actions really do speak louder than words.

"You have to deal with the consequences of your actions," Klinger said. "Your actions have to have integrity - you have to have purpose in order to be a good leader."

So what are ethics?

"It's how far you push yourself before you cross the line," Ozona sophomore and Delta Epsilon Psi member Paarth Raj said.

The interactive workshops al-

low students not only to discuss reasons behind their choices, but also to think about the consequences involved with each decision.

These decisions have different consequences when it comes to different people.

Decisions range from personal experiences that affect just one person to being in a leadership position, where day-to-day choices can affect all of the organization's members.

"Your ethics are made up of your personal character. Your personal character is made up of your values," Klinger said.

"To understand what kind of a leader you are or the leader you become, you need to know your value structure."

Klinger said students wanted something to help strengthen their leadership skills.

And with leadership comes the need for strong ethics.

The idea soon came to life as Student Activities conducted surveys and focus groups to gauge the overall interest in the interactive workshops.

The organization just recently finished its first year. Clearly, students found these interactive workshops would be helpful.

The organization's appeal doesn't limit itself to student organization leaders.

Students who are not a part of the campus organizations still find the workshop informative and useful.

"When do we ever not have to face ethical issues?" Frisco se-

nior Alex Schitter said.

"Ethics come into play not just when you're in a leadership role, but as a regular Joe as well. I leave more informed and more aware of the necessary skills that will play a huge role in my career after I graduate. It's a workshop recommended to everyone."

The workshops also allow student groups on campus to earn credit for their organization's participation in the race to win the Student Activities' Student Organization of the Year award.

An additional workshop will be held at 4:30 p.m. each day this week in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Each workshop will have a different theme that relates to leadership.

The Balance and Time Management workshop will be held today and will be led by Student Activities' graduate assistant, Leslie Poe.

Wednesday will be the Vision Casting workshop where Scott Wade, director of student activities, will lead a discussion on how students can create a path for their organization to grow and extend beyond their leadership.

Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, will be leading the workshop Thursday on Leadership Theory.

The workshop series comes to an end on Friday with the Values-Based Leadership discussion led by Klinger.

PAWS offers intercultural exchange

By Brittany Mihalcin
Reporter

A new country, a new culture and a new language. Most international exchange students arrive at Baylor and suddenly find themselves all alone.

They have many questions and concerns but nobody to ask.

People Around the World Sharing kicked off nine years ago this spring, and was founded by Beth Walker, adviser for campus and community involvement. She wants to help connect U.S. students with international students for friendships and intercultural exchange.

"I saw the need for it when people came into my office, and I realized the international students didn't know anyone. They not only needed guidance, they needed friendship. Just as im-

portant, I saw the need for U.S. students to meet international students and have their eyes open to other cultures," Walker said.

Before this program started, Walker said she had many international students come into her office saying, "I leave my class and no one knows my name."

She said international students don't want others to feel sorry for them; they just want people to acknowledge they have something to offer.

Students who choose to be partners through this organization help put international students at ease, making them feel more comfortable on campus and more involved in the Baylor community.

Walker said the relationships formed through the program help internationalize Baylor's campus while ensuring that

international students feel welcome.

Plano senior Nicole Muriithi is currently in her fourth year of being a partner to an international student.

Muriithi has had two different international friends. She said her favorite part about being a partner is getting to know the international students and forming true, lasting friendships with them.

"I definitely think more people should get involved. Not just to have one partner, but to get involved with the international student office. There are some spectacular people coming from all over the world who love meeting other people," Muriithi said.

Muriithi's current partner is master's student Lin Zhang from China. Zhang said she got involved with PAWS because she wanted to learn more about

American culture.

"Although I have chances to talk with my classmates at school, we usually talk about studying, homework and assignments. With my PAWS partner, we talked about ourselves, our families and about America, China and Africa," Zhang said.

Walker said being involved with People Around the World Sharing gives Baylor students an opportunity to help international students while connecting and engaging with their home culture.

Responsibilities of volunteering to be a partner include meeting with the international student for a meal or coffee, being available to answer questions, calling or e-mailing to check up on the international student, and planning a few outings.

"I would absolutely do it again," Muriithi said.

New study abroad opportunities are available

By Brittany Mihalcin
Reporter

This summer's study abroad opportunities are full of new beginnings and one major ending. This will be the last chance for students to participate in the Baylor in Turkey program.

The program, run by Dr. William Mitchell, director of international education, will conduct its 11th and final study abroad session this summer.

"I am going into a research mode," Mitchell said. He said he plans on doing research projects in Iraq and Algeria, so he will not be able to run the Baylor in Turkey program.

Since this is the last time Baylor in Turkey will be offered, Mitchell has added more to the program.

"We're going to have a really unique opportunity this summer with Turkey. New locations and cultural attractions have been added, and the archaeological sites have been expanded," he said.

Mitchell said going to Turkey will give students the opportunity to learn history, culture, religion and archaeology. The program will be offered in the second summer session.

As for new beginnings, there are many. Baylor in China is making its debut this summer, with Dr. Xin Wang, assistant professor in the Honors College, running the program.

Wang said he thinks it is important for students to step outside the Baylor Bubble and explore.

Wang said it is important

to give students the chance to study abroad in China, because in the last three years, the enrollment in Chinese language courses has increased by almost 30 percent.

Wang said he is excited about this opportunity because Baylor offers so many opportunities for students to go to English-speaking countries, but China is completely different.

"This is an immersion experience where you can meet Chinese students and professionals from all walks of life," said Wang.

He announced the trip just last week and has already had 15 students who are planning on going.

Baylor Education in Costa Rica is a new program for education majors who plan on

teaching English as a second language.

This study abroad opportunity will only be offered during the first summer session.

With all the new opportunities available to Baylor students this summer, attending the Study Abroad Fair will give students the opportunity to find out more about each study abroad location.

The fair will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"It's the only time you have all the program directors in one place," said Cathleen Caitlin, exchange program and study abroad adviser. "Why not take advantage of the opportunity to meet various directors during the study abroad fair?"

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Senior netter Michal Kokta hits a backhand during the Bears' 6-1 victory over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Saturday. Kokta defeated Raul Rivas in singles action and won his doubles match 8-2 to help lead the Bears to victory.

No. 2 tennis routs Islanders, 6-1

By Brian Bateman
Reporter

After a nail-biting 7-6(5) first set triumph, Michal Kokta led Baylor tennis to a 6-1 victory Saturday over Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

With the win, Baylor earned its keep of the No. 2 ranking.

In the win, freshman Atilla Bucko won his first collegiate doubles match with a victory over Mikhail Pavlov and Andrey Kumantsov.

Serving for match point in the final doubles' match on Saturday, Bucko heard his teammates cheering and clapping.

Trying to offer encouragement, one player watching the final match yelled to his teammate, making Bucko burst into laughter.

After calming himself, his first serve went wide right of the service box.

"One of my teammates called my name and I got nervous," Bucko said.

On his second serve, Bucko forced an errant lob and won the match 8-2.

"I really wanted to win my first [collegiate] match and that put a lot of pressure on me," Bucko said.

Pressure or not, Bucko and the rest of the Bears rolled through the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Islanders, winning all but one singles match.

After winning the doubles point, dominating performances by Lars Poerschke, Matt Brown and Matija Zgaga sealed an early Bears' victory.

Michal Kokta and Dominik Mueller also won singles matches for the Bears.

Saturday Denes Lukacs played the only lost match of the young season against a higher-seeded Kumantsov.

"Lukacs has the ability to play high," head men's tennis Coach Matt Knoll said. "He needs to be able to play anywhere."

To demonstrate this, Knoll gave Lukacs a tough assignment in Kumantsov.

"I made a lot of easy mistakes early and tried to fight back," said Lukacs.

After losing the first set 6-1

and trailing the second 5-2, the freshman broke Kumantsov's serve and brought the set within 5-4.

"I tried to work harder and make him play," Lukacs said. "My opponent was really good."

Steve Moore, the Islander's head coach, knows how tough it is to beat the highly ranked Russian senior.

"(Kumantsov) has a high character. He's hard-working and he willed himself to win," Moore said.

On the second court, Michal Kokta squeaked by Islander Raul Rivas in a 7-6(5) tie-breaking win in the first set. Kokta had several double faults and had his serve broken twice. But after winning his serve, he returned in the second set and ended the match strong with a 6-2 victory.

"He needed to be more offensive. He was only marginally committed to coming forward," Knoll said.

Poerschke didn't lose a single game in his singles match against Pavlov.

After dropping the first set

6-0 Pavlov injured his arm and was forced to quit in the second set down 3-0.

"It was a great first home match for us. The team's energy and team spirit were great," Knoll said.

The Bears hope to bring that spirit and the momentum from their victory to today's match against the Rajin' Cajuns of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette at 2 p.m. at the Baylor Tennis Center. The Rajin' Cajuns enter the match 1-1 on the season while the Bears are 2-0.

Following today's match, the Bears will begin a tough stretch in their early season schedule.

After a brief road trip to face the University of Kentucky and the University of Florida, they return home to face No. 3 University of California at Los Angeles on Feb. 10. and No. 10 Stanford University on Feb. 11.

The Bears will face a pair of top-10 singles players in UCLA's Benjamin Kohlloeffel, who's ranked No. 5, and Stanford's Matt Bruch, who enters the match as the nation's 10th-ranked player.

Bears aim to beat Buffs, salvage season

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

For a Baylor basketball team that was predicted to finish seventh in the Big 12 by the league's coaches, the time for moral victories is over.

After beginning the season 11-9 with a 1-6 record in conference play, the Bears now have to play catch-up to reach the lofty goals set for them before the season began.

The Bears, who have open conference play with the Big 12's top seven teams, including No. 6 University of Kansas, No. 8 Texas A&M University, No. 14 Oklahoma State University and No. 23 University of Texas, are finally hitting a more manageable stretch of schedule, starting at 7:30 p.m. today with a home game against the 5-12 University of Colorado.

Senior forward Tim Bush, who said he thinks Baylor has had the toughest schedule in the Big 12 through the first seven games, said his team will be well-prepared for the Buffaloes.

"We definitely need this win," Bush said. "We lost twice to Colorado last year — once during the regular season and once in the Big 12 tournament. We're looking forward to playing this year, especially since it's at home."

Colorado, which holds a 1-6 conference record and is currently sharing the Big 12 cellar with Baylor, is in many ways similar to the Bears.

The Buffaloes, like the Bears, are an underclassmen-laden team. They only have three upperclassmen who see substantial playing time and have five freshman who play 10 or more minutes per game.

"It's nice to see a team with so many young guys like myself," head Coach Scott Drew said.

The one upperclassmen the Bears must worry about is junior Richard Roby. Roby, a 6-foot-6-inch guard who's averaging 17.5 points and 4.8 rebounds so far this season, has scored an average of 16 points in his three previous games against the Bears.

Drew said it's essential that his team keeps Roby from getting in a rhythm early.

"Roby's a guy, when he gets hot, it's really tough to defend him," he said. "We need to shut him down early and not let him get going."

Junior guard Aaron Bruce said he was glad to see his team play better in the second half against Kansas and in both halves of its 84-19 loss to Texas, but that it's time to turn good performances into wins.

He said the Bears have a sense of urgency heading into tonight's game.

"You look at how we've started the season. No one wants to start the season that way," Bruce said.

"We're determined to get a win, and we deserve to get a win. We've been working extremely hard all season."

With five of its next six games



Junior guard Aaron Bruce tries to drive around Kansas' Julian Wright in Baylor's 82-56 loss to Kansas on Wednesday. Bruce was held to 8 points and shot just 20 percent from the field against the Jayhawks, but he bounced back with a 25-point performance in the Bears' 84-79 loss to Texas.

David Poe/Lariat staff

against teams with losing records in Big 12 play, Baylor still has plenty of time to get things turned around.

Drew said his team has the ability and confidence to get this done.

"We've done a lot of good things in the last three halves, and if you knock enough, eventually you're going to enter," he said.

"Our team is ready to take

what we've learned and get on a roll."

Freshman point guard Tweety Carter said as soon as this team learns to close games out, they'll be ready to turn losses into wins.

"I think a run can definitely happen," he said. "We just got to get better and learn how to win close games. We have a lot of energy and focus coming into the Colorado game."

Barbaro euthanized after months-long battle

By Dan Gelston
and Richard Rosen
Associated Press

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — So many people felt a stake in Barbaro's recovery. They imagined his pain, grimaced each time he faltered, took heart as each day passed and he was still alive, making painfully slow progress.

But his fight for survival was finally too much. Barbaro was euthanized Monday after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that made him even more

of a hero than he was after winning the Kentucky Derby.

"Certainly, grief is the price we all pay for love," co-owner Gretchen Jackson said.

A series of ailments, including laminitis in the left rear hoof, an abscess in the right rear hoof, as well as new laminitis in both front feet, proved too much for the gallant colt. Barbaro was given a heavy dose of a tranquilizer, an overdose of an anesthetic and put down at 10:30 a.m.

"I really didn't think it was appropriate to continue treatment because the probability of getting better was so poor," said Dr. Dean Richardson, chief of

surgery at the New Bolton Center.

The colt underwent nearly two dozen surgeries, including cast changes under anesthesia. He spent time in a sling to ease pressure on his legs, had pins inserted and was fitted at the end with an external brace.

Weeks of positive reports turned into months. But Richardson warned there still could be trouble, and by mid-July, his greatest fear became reality — laminitis struck Barbaro's left hind leg.

On Sunday, a day after Barbaro's fight for survival had reached a critical point, Rich-

ardson compared the various injuries to a "house of cards." One part falls, and the rest start to crumble.

Richardson said laminitis attacked both front feet and left him "with no good leg to stand on."

Roy and Gretchen Jackson were with Barbaro on Monday morning and made the decision in consultation with Richardson.

"It was the right thing to do," Roy Jackson said. "We said all along if there was a situation where it would become more difficult for him, then it would be time."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's tennis shutout

The No. 6 women's tennis team lost 7-0 to No. 24 Georgia University Saturday. Doubles team Klara Zrustova and Lenka Broosova posted the Bears' only win of the afternoon in a doubles match, while Georgia swept singles play and took the other two doubles matches to clinch the shutout. Baylor was without No. 38 Jessica Zok and No. 91 Zuzana Cerna, two of its top three players, due to injury. The Bears' next competition is in Madison, Wis., at the National Team Indoor Championships, which runs from Feb. 2-4.

Baseball ranked 24th

The Baylor baseball team will start the season with the No. 24 ranking according to a USA Today/ESPN Preseason Coaches Poll released last week. Baylor is one of four Big 12 teams ranked in the top 25, joining Oklahoma State University (No. 23), the University of Nebraska (No. 12), and the University of Texas (No. 6). The Bears play 14 games against ranked opponents this season, including a match-up against No. 1 Rice University in their season-opening tournament in Houston on Feb. 10.

Softball ranked 18th

The Baylor softball team was tabbed as the nation's 18th-ranked team last week by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, college softball's governing body. The selection marks the team's 41st consecutive week ranked in the Top 25, going back to the beginning of the 2004 season. Infielders Chelsi Lake and Brette Reagan were both named NFCA All-Americans and will lead a veteran unit into the 2007 season.

Lady Bears beat OSU

The Lady Bears wrapped up their two-game conference road trip with a 66-55 win over Oklahoma State University on Saturday. Bernice Mosby led the Lady Bears with a game-high 23 points and nine rebounds, narrowly missing her sixth straight double-double. Baylor, which has won three straight games, hosts the University of Missouri on Wednesday.

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Garner chick flick lacks bait for critic approval

By Tamara Parker
Contributor

To be quite honest, I would throw it back, too.

MOVIE REVIEW

Catch and Release, though mildly entertaining thanks to the help of supporting actress Juliette Lewis is full of literary wreckage that manages to pigeonhole the "chick flick" once again.

The film, starring Jennifer Garner as Gray, begins with a woman whose fiancé Grady has recently passed away. Instead of attending their wedding, she finds herself at his funeral. The movie goes from bad to worse when she decides to move in with the deceased fiancé's roommates and take up living in his old room. The roommates, who are the stereotypical "funny

guy" and "serious, yet, sensitive guy," are overdone and childish. However, the constant use of quotes taken from the *Celestial Seasonings* tea boxes by the "funny guy" keep his character from drowning completely. A point worth mentioning: the "funny guy" is played by Kevin Smith, who's also the writer-director from *Clerks*, and he left me wishing he would just go back to being Silent Bob.

But the two roommates aren't the real focus for Gray. Instead, one of Grady's buddies from California shows up on the scene to throw viewers for a romantic loop.

The set up is typical, but it's the lack of screen chemistry between the characters that leaves the audience confused and not all that thrilled when two of them fall — rather quickly — in love.

Set in beautiful Boulder,

Colo., the scenery is breathtaking, though often thrown in simply for its awe. It is refreshing, though, to watch a film located somewhere other than New York City or Los Angeles.

What really saves this film is the much-needed addition of Juliette Lewis as the "other girl," who shows up with Grady's 4-year-old son. Lewis, who plays Maureen, shines in her role and quite literally lights up the screen. Once we realize Maureen isn't sticking around only for money, we start to root for her character and sympathize with her struggle to raise a child alone, especially now that the money has stopped coming from the departed father.

All in all, *Catch and Release* is a semi-pleasant matinee film, but don't expect much more. And definitely don't go at night and pay full price.

Grade: C



Sam Jaeger, Kevin Smith and Jennifer Garner star in *Catch and Release*, a romantic comedy about a girl who loses her fiancé — and finds community and new love in unexpected friends.

Magic China charms customers with exceptional service



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

Magic China, located across from campus at 221 S. Interstate Highway 35, has a variety of Chinese dishes available for a reasonable prices.

By Kat McMullen
Contributor

When friends ask me why I love Magic China Restaurant and I reply, "Because it's magical," I'm being silly. But there's also some truth behind my words.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

The truth is, every experience I've had while dining at Magic China has been extraordinary. Sure, the food is delicious — especially the free wonton appetizers and the house specialty soup — but that doesn't necessarily make it magical. Neither do the generous portions, the cleanliness or the whimsical décor.

On the contrary, the staff is what makes Magic China a place that I want to visit again and again.

The first time I dined at Magic China, two friends and I sat at our table debating what to order. We decided to split multiple dishes for a broader sample. Certain meals come with an eggroll, and I really wanted one, but all I could afford that night was soup. I told my friends this, and we ordered accordingly. However, when the staff brought out our food, they brought an additional egg roll on a small, white plate and set it down in front of me. I told the waitress, "I'm sorry. I ordered the one without the eggroll," but the manager came over and said with a smile, "Don't worry. It's on the house."

Although in the grand scheme of things, an eggroll is pretty insignificant, that little act of kindness made a lasting impression on me.

My second time at Magic China was equally significant. My dad had stopped in Waco for lunch while traveling, and his dog was out in the car. The waitress discovered this as we talked with her during the meal, and afterward, my Dad and I were both surprised to find that along with our to-go boxes, she brought a small paper bag, plump with wonton chips.

"For the dog," she said. And by the way, I had some tasty fried rice and chicken with vegetables, which I highly recommend.

The third time I visited Magic China was late one evening with a group of friends. We rode there together, and after a delightful dinner of shrimp with vegetables, we went outside to discover the car wouldn't start! As we stood there for a few min-

utes thinking about who to call and what to do, the manager himself came out and offered to jump-start our car. How common is that kind of service?

Because today's world seems so task-oriented, and even restaurants often seem to see their customers as simply sources of profit, it's very meaningful to me to find a place where the staff truly cares about the customers' well-being as individuals. In fact, what I have experienced at Magic China seems almost unbelievable— maybe even magical. So should you choose to visit it yourself, please, tip your waitstaff, and treat them with kindness and respect, because I believe they are what truly make it Magic China.

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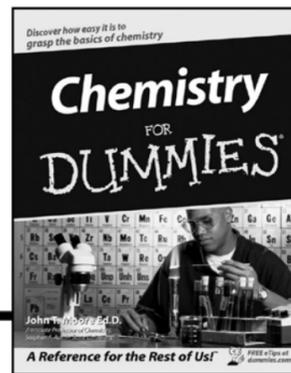
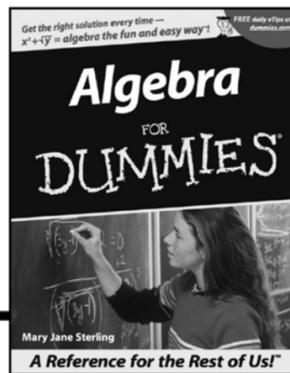
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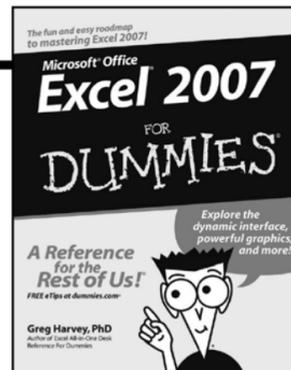
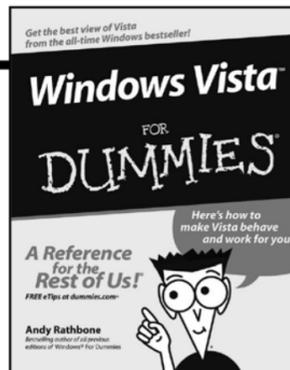
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Shushok said these community-driven programs are aimed at "bringing a student's curricular and co-curricular lives together."
He estimates about 1,300 students will be involved in some type of learning community in the fall of 2007. Proposals for the ELGs were due Jan. 8 and are under review, Shushok said. Some of the potential topics are Energy and Society: The Cost and Benefits of an Energy Dependent Civilization; Hispanic Families in Transition: A Study of Illiteracy, Education and Poverty in America; and Pathways to Community: The University and The World.
These proposals, if selected, will be the focus of the inaugural class of the learning groups in fall 2007, Shushok said.
For new students who opt not to be involved with an ELG or other living-learning center, University 1100 will be required, he said. Based on University 1000, a six-week program designed to help acclimate first-year students to university

life, University 1100 expounds upon those initial ideals and will last an entire semester.
In addition to learning groups being rooted in research, Nimmo and Hyde said they would like to make research opportunities more available to all undergraduates by connecting interdisciplinary programs together with a Web site.
"In today's world, if you aren't online, then you don't exist," Hyde said.
"We want to link all the research projects, scholarships, grants and summer programs in one online forum."
Hyde said he believes many more students could be involved with research if they just knew how to get started. The Web site would provide everything from basic contact information to an in-depth look at current projects and proposals, he said.
Shushok said another goal of the research initiative is to attract students who normally wouldn't be engaged in research. While the Honors Program incorporates research as part of the undergraduate experience, other students are not always exposed to the idea, he said.

"There are high-achieving students (outside of the Honors Program) who would be great at research, but they just don't know it yet," Shushok said.
June 1 is the official start date of the research initiative, Nimmo said, when small research grants will begin, and the remaining projects will begin in the fall.
By spring 2008, Nimmo said Baylor will host Scholar's Day, an undergraduate research symposium where students will present papers with faculty members.
In the summer of 2008, the first Summer College will come to Baylor, Nimmo said. Faculty will submit proposals with undergraduate students for research projects lasting between two and three weeks.
"It will be an intense experience," she said.
Nimmo said she values research as part of the university experience because it's closer to reality than what happens in a classroom.
"Life won't be a textbook," she said. "You've got to look at the facts and draw your own conclusions."

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will provide a good tool for discussion, though he believes the film itself is not objective.
"It's not a documentary. It's the cinematic version of an editorial," Kendrick said.
He said he thinks the term "bias" is often overused in discussions of media objectivity.
"True objectivity is a myth," Kendrick said. "I mean, it's something we can aspire to, but just the very selection of what stories get told reflects bias, so in that respect all news outlets are biased."
Kendrick said it is important for people on both sides of the political spectrum to discuss this issue.
"Whether or not Fox is as right-leaning as that film suggests is less important than just talking about the role of the media in the political process, because it's so central to it," Kendrick said.
Baylor Democrats vice pres-

ident and San Antonio junior Justin Mueller said he believes one of the roles of Baylor Democrats on campus is to facilitate these kinds of discussions.
"During election cycles, we work on raising political awareness and advocating for Democratic candidates," Mueller said. "In an off-cycle, like we're in now, we work to create more dialogue than you would normally see at Baylor."
Neville, who has been involved with Baylor Democrats since her freshman year, said the organization has 17 registered members, though its e-mail list reaches around 150 students.
She said the group is also working on a project to raise awareness of energy issues.
"We're thinking of doing a kind of informational project and talking to students, not just in the dorms but in apartments, about saving energy and recycling," Neville said.
She said she has been in

conversation with professors as well as the Environmental Concern Organization.
Mueller said Baylor Democrats is planning to create a magnet listing the top ten ways to save money and energy.
"Just by adjusting your thermostat one degree you can save hundreds of dollars a year," he said.
He said the club is also encouraging attendance at a showing of a movie called **Kilowatt**, which discusses energy issues. The event is being held from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Lecture Hall of McLennan Community College.
"We're hoping to add their audience," Mueller said.
Though Baylor Democrats is small, Neville said she believes it does have a purpose at Baylor.
"I think it's good to give students both choices," Neville said. "I'm glad that we keep it running so that people can find a home."

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new students to Baylor?
According to Carron, rankings like those in **U.S. News and World Report** and **The Princeton Review** are useful, but they are not the main selling point.
"It's a nice thing to have. We would certainly strive to move up in the ranks," she said.
"It is always nice to be able to say to prospective students that one or two of your majors or departments are ranked nation-

ally. It can't hurt," Carron said.
She also acknowledged that most prospective students are "savvy enough to know that other things go into play (when selecting a college), like fit, if they have my major and what organizations they offer."
When recruiting students, Carron said admissions personnel focus on other factors like academics and the fact that Baylor is a faith-based institution.
"(Ranking) doesn't drive the

very being of our recruitment. We are trying to tell the story of a very unique university," she said.
"Baylor stands for more than what **U.S. News and World Report** ranks us. Baylor speaks for itself," Carron said. "We don't need the rankings to tell our story; Baylor tells its story on its own."
Fogelman said the rankings for the top graduate programs should be out at the end of March.

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and deserve," said Clinton, who has stepped up her criticism of President Bush and the conflict since entering the race for the White House.
"There is common ground on higher ground, and on that higher ground, we stand to pay in full our debt" to those wounded, she said.
McCain said service members who have been asked to extend their duty or to return to Iraq earlier than expected are understandably frustrated at Bush's recent call for 21,500 more troops. But the Arizona

Republican said he is confident they would go about their duty willingly.
"The war in which you have fought has divided the American people, but it has divided no one in their admiration of you," said McCain.
McCain, a former Navy pilot who spent nearly six years as a POW during the Vietnam War, said it was not possible for America to adequately compensate those maimed in battle.
"We have incurred a debt to you," he said, standing before dozens of soldiers who entered the ceremony on crutches or in wheelchairs.

"We can only offer you our humility. You are the best Americans."
The \$50 million Center for the Intrepid, funded by private donations but built as part of the Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, offers high-tech and new rehabilitation treatments for military amputees and severely burned soldiers.
The facility has a rock wall, virtual reality environment, wave pool and other new equipment to help amputees and other severely wounded soldiers regain balance and other basic functions.



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Two heads are better than one

Presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton emerge Monday after a meeting at the State Department in Washington D.C. The two later spoke together at New Hampshire University.

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presides over the state Senate, is urging the Legislature to approve 25-year minimum sentences for first-time offenders when a victim is under 14, lifetime tracking of convicted offenders by a global positioning satellite and the death penalty for repeat offenders.
Parts of Dewhurst's plan have been criticized by prosecutors and victims' rights groups who worry they further endanger children by giving molesters incentive to kill their victims.
Critics have also questioned whether the death penalty in sex crimes would be unconstitutional.
Walsh said while he personally supports the death penalty in such cases, he said he also understands the arguments

against it.
"I'm not very objective (as the father of a murdered child)," Walsh said.
"If you kidnap and rape and hurt a child, change their life, and you do it more than one time, I think the death penalty is appropriate. I can see the argument that some people shouldn't face the death penalty unless they've committed a homicide."

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