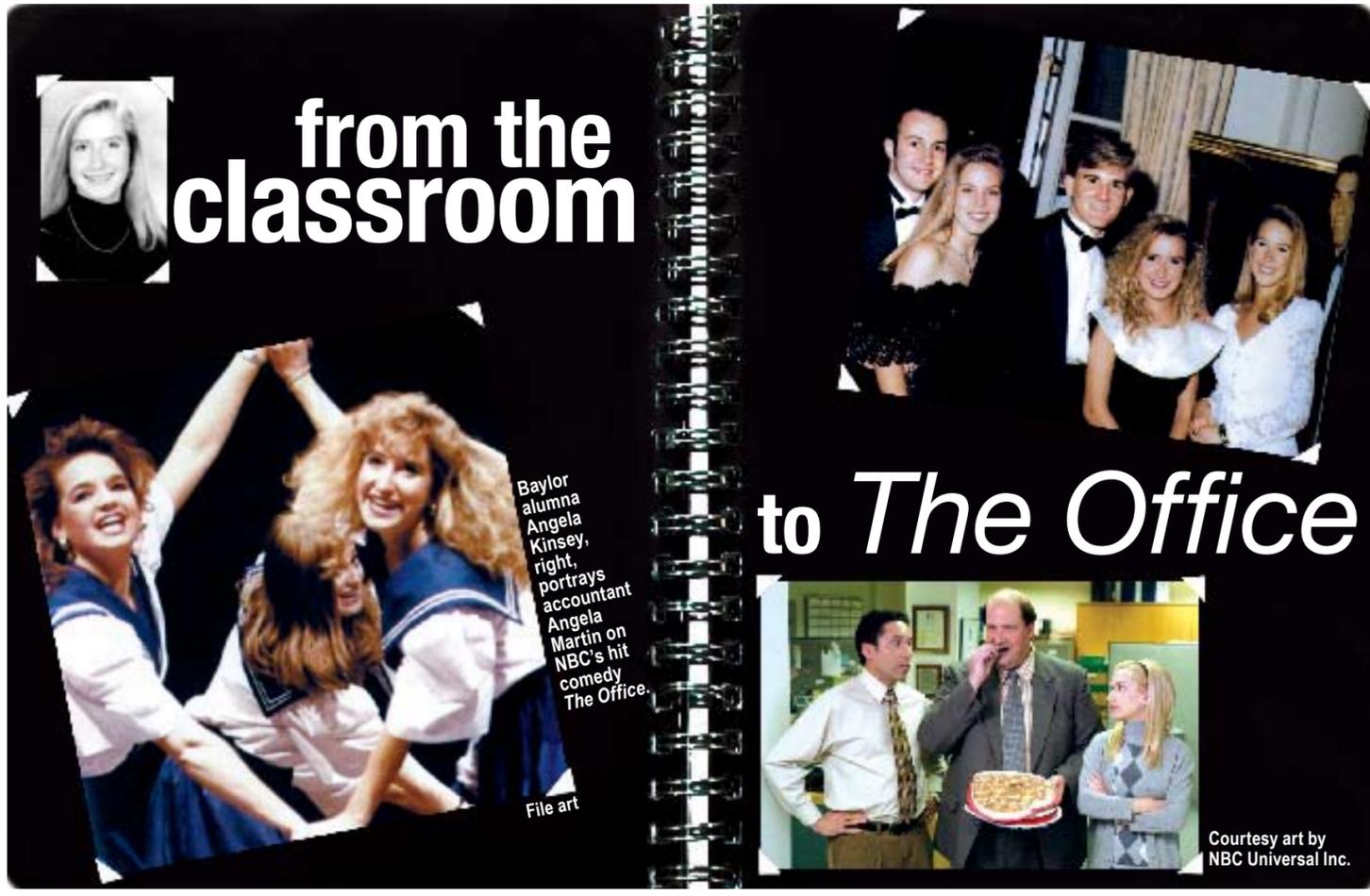


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from the classroom

to *The Office*

Baylor alumna Angela Kinsey, right, portrays accountant Angela Martin on NBC's hit comedy *The Office*.

Courtesy art by NBC Universal Inc.

## '93 alumna stays close to Baylor after taking role in hit television comedy

By Melissa Limmer  
Staff writer

When students tune in tonight to watch *The Office*, little do they know that one of TV's favorite accountants is also one of Baylor's own. Angela Kinsey, a 1993 graduate, portrays the uptight number-cruncher Angela Martin on the NBC hit comedy.

Kinsey said she loves her job playing the role of an annoyingly type-A personality.

"A lot of people go to their job and they don't want to brag about it," Kinsey said. "They don't love it, and we (the cast) love it. I think that really comes across."

Even fellow actors can see the

dream team comedic ensemble *The Office* cast has become. They were recently awarded the 2007 Screen Actor's Guild Award for outstanding performance by an ensemble in a comedy series.

"It was so exciting for us," Kinsey said. "We were really thrilled just to get recognized by our peers. Sitting in the room is every actor you have ever looked up to."

*The Office* also received an Emmy Award in 2006 for best TV comedy.

The close-knit cast gets together on Thursday nights to watch the show. Brownies and cupcakes are included.

"We are total geeks about our own show," Kinsey said. "We love it. We all watch it."

She said in the beginning it was easier for the whole cast to get together because the first season included just six episodes. This season, if the whole cast can't get together, Kinsey watches

the show with her husband, Warren, or with Jenna Fischer, who plays Pam on the show.

"We are like a family," she said. "We are very close. We love each other. We make each other laugh. I think it is the best job any of us have ever had."

Despite her newfound success and fame in the seemingly far away land of Los Angeles, Kinsey has stayed true to her Baylor roots.

"I loved my time at Baylor," she said. "It was everything I thought college should be."

Kinsey, a former resident of Archer City, decided to come to Baylor after a weekend visit to campus during her senior year of high school.

"I remember parking right by the bear pit, with that little creek and cobblestone streets, and the bells at Pat Neff Hall started ringing," Kinsey said. "And I was in love. This is what I always thought college should be.

It reminded me of a campus like you would see in a movie somewhere."

Kinsey said she applied to Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Southern California, but after her visit to Baylor, she knew it was the place for her.

"I left that weekend and I was like, 'That's it. That's where I want to go, hands down,'" Kinsey said.

Kinsey also said she liked the "big school" with the small-town feel.

"I didn't think I would get lost in the shuffle," she said.

Her freshman year, Kinsey was initially undecided about a major.

"We joked about my 'major of the month,'" she said.

She took as many theater classes as possible, but found her home in the English department after

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## Sing not for profit at BU

Baylor gives revenue from performance back to participants

By Claire St. Amant  
Staff writer

When the final curtain falls on All-University Sing, 19 student organizations will face a bill of more than \$8,000 each.

"It's an expensive event," Houston junior and Alpha Delta Pi Sing chairwoman Shannon Daily said. "We've been raising money and planning for a long time."

Special Events Coordinator Michael Riemer said while Sing is a big-budget event, the university actually doesn't make any money off of it. The revenue generated from the performances is first used to pay for expenses such as programs, electrical bills and the staff at Waco Hall, he said.

After the bills are paid, he said, the remaining profits are divided among all the participating groups.

"We try to reimburse the organizations as much as possible so they can use the money toward next year," Riemer said.

Some groups, however, are unaware the reimbursement is based on ticket sales.

"As far as I know, we don't get any money from the profits of Sing," said Fort Worth senior Cheryl Mathis, Sing Alliance co-chairwoman and president.

Mathis said she thought each group was given a "set amount" of money each year, independent from ticket sales.

Lindsey Coffman, a Houston junior and Kappa Alpha Theta Sing chairwoman, was confused over the whole payment process.

"I understand that Baylor does reimburse everyone a specific amount, but it hasn't been disclosed to the Sing chairs for 2007 yet," Coffman said.

Dallas junior and Sing Alliance treasurer Natalie Foster said she doesn't really care where the money is coming from.

"I see (Sing) as a volunteer thing," Foster said. "It's a service we do for the university."

Although there are technically three classes of acts, ranging from a budget of \$1,500 to one of \$3,500, Riemer said this year every one of the 19 acts is Class C – the most expensive.

The \$3,500 budget doesn't

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## Campus group sheds light on human rights

By Kate Boswell  
Staff writer

In the controversy over North Korea's nuclear weapons, other concerns – such as the human rights violations that led Amnesty International to call North Korea's human rights record one of the worst in history – may have been forgotten.

However, the members of Liberty in North Korea, a non-profit organization with a new

chapter at Baylor, have not forgotten.

"North Korea is known for their nuclear threat for us and to the world," said James Jung, a Seoul, South Korea, senior and Baylor LiNK's vice president. "People try to avoid them, but it's not the citizens' fault. Only the high class (citizens) are managing the nuclear weapons. The people are suffering."

Though the first chapter of LiNK was started at Yale University in 2004, the Baylor chapter

was founded last semester by Plano sophomore Jennifer Lim.

Lim said she discovered the national group when browsing the Internet and learned that a friend of hers had started the Texas A&M University chapter. The plight of North Koreans resonated with Lim, who had thought about becoming a missionary before deciding to attend Baylor.

"I found this LiNK organization and I said, 'Oh, instead of going off overseas, I could start

something here," she said.

Baylor LiNK received its charter in November and now has around 25 members, Lim said.

The group is awaiting recognition from the national office, which Lim said she expects to happen by the end of the month.

Lim said LiNK exists to raise awareness of the situation in North Korea and to help raise money for North Korean refugees.

She said many North Koreans attempt to escape the harsh conditions of their homeland by crossing the border into China. However, once there, they are often deported back to North Korea or exploited by the Chinese.

"Any kind of aid we can raise, we send to LiNK headquarters," Jung said.

"They send it to refugees in China and provide shelters

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## Tensions between U.S., Iran tighten

By Terence Hunt  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Challenged on the accuracy of U.S. intelligence, President Bush said Wednesday there is no doubt the Iranian government is providing armor-piercing weapons to kill American soldiers in Iraq. But he backed away from claims the top echelon of Iran's government was responsible.

Bush, at a news conference, also said he would fight any attempt by the Democratic-controlled Congress to cut off money for the war. "They need to fund our troops and the need to make sure we have the flex-

ibility necessary to get the job done," he said.

The House is expected to vote Friday on a nonbinding resolution opposing Bush's decision to send 21,500 additional troops to Iraq.

The meeting with reporters in the East Room was Bush's first news conference since Dec. 20 and the first since he announced the troop buildup in Iraq.

The four-year-old war hangs heavily on his presidency, and Bush's approval rating in an Associated Press-Ipsos poll in February matched an all-time low of 32 percent.

Iran was a dominant theme



Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, center, looks on Wednesday as an officer describes the evidence gathered in Iraq that points to Iran as a source of weapons.

of reporters' questions because of conflicting statements about U.S. intelligence in Iran and recurring speculation that Bush is looking for an excuse to attack the Islamic republic, which

is believed by Washington and its allies to be seeking nuclear weapons.

Defending U.S. intelligence

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## New citizenship test makes debut in Texas

By Elizabeth White  
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO – A new citizenship test designed to make applicants think about questions rather than just memorize answers makes its debut today in two Texas cities.

Volunteers will try out the new questions in San Antonio and El Paso, which are among the 10 cities nationwide offering the pilot naturalization test as part of a federal effort to revamp the exam for 2008.

The 140 or so draft questions on the pilot test cover U.S. history and government but are designed to be con-

cept-oriented, as opposed to many current questions that require memorization of historical facts.

"You don't have to put a lot of thought process into something you could just memorize," said Myrna Garza, a district adjudications officer for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in San Antonio. "This will help you ... understand what's actually happening, the reason for it."

Garza said the pilot test covers the same general subject matter but requires "a little more thought process."

One question, for example,

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# Iraqi refugees to settle in U.S.

By Anne Gearan  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration agreed Wednesday to greatly expand the number of Iraqi refugees allowed into the country and to pay more to help Iraq's Arab neighbors cope with the human tide fleeing increasing violence and economic hardship in their country.

The decision to allow about 7,000 Iraqis to come to the United States lessons mounting political and diplomatic pressure on the administration to do more to remedy the consequences of a war it largely started. Only 202 Iraqis were allowed in last year.

The administration also said it will immediately contribute \$18 million for a worldwide resettlement and relief program. The United Nations has asked for \$60 million from nations around the world.

Although the United Nations estimates that 3.8 million Iraqis have fled their homes since the war began nearly four years ago, the United States has allowed only about 600 to settle in the United States.

The U.S. proposal also includes plans to offer special treatment for Iraqis still in their country whose cooperation with the U.S. puts them at risk. Expanding visa programs for those Iraqis would require legislation in Congress, State Department Under secretary Paula J. Dobriansky said Wednesday.

Some 2 million Iraqis have left their country, and an additional 1.8 million are believed to have relocated inside Iraq.

The refugee flow has increased sharply as sectarian violence has increased over the past year.

The numbers have overwhelmed the hospitality of Arab neighbors such as Syria and Jordan.

The United Nations says most of those who have been uprooted have no desire to come to the United States.

They want to return to their homes in Iraq when fighting stops.

But allies, U.N. diplomats and lawmakers of both parties have recently told the administration that the small number of Iraqis the U.S. has allowed in looks miserly.

Sen. Richard Lugar told Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at a hearing last week that the United States could bring in 7,000 Iraqis this year, exactly the number announced Wednesday.

The move is a step in the right direction, considering the United States is a "chief cause" of the refugee problem, said Carolyn Saour, an Iraqi-American Christian living in Houston. Still, 7,000 "is severely low for the amount of damage that's been done over the years," she said.

The United Nations wants to resettle 20,000 of the most vulnerable refugees this year. U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres called the U.S. pledge "a relevant contribution."

Guterres has implicitly criticized the United States in the past for allowing other nations to shoulder so much of the burden.

He met with Rice Wednesday, and afterward described a "very frank and very positive discussion on how to work better."

Asked if the U.S. contribution was, in essence, too little too late, Guterres was diplomatic.

"The problem is so huge that nothing is, any time, enough," Guterres told reporters. "But I think it's very good stuff - a very good step in the right direction."

The U.N. estimates that 40,000 to 50,000 people flee Iraq each month with dwindling options of where to go. Most have fled to Syria and Jordan, both of which have recently tried to restrict the influx.

Other Iraqis relocate inside their country, with some leaving neighborhoods that were once mixed among Sunnis and Shites and resettling where their sect is more concentrated.

Unlike most of the movement to other countries, some of the internal relocations will probably be permanent.



Associated Press

## A Valentine's McWedding

Lori Lynn Heiberg, left, gazes intently upon Craig Dean Sage as he puts a ring on her finger during their Valentine's Day wedding at a McDonald's restaurant in Bismarck, N.D., Wednesday.

# Chrysler to leave 13,000 out of work

By Tom Krisher  
Associated Press

For 13,000 Chrysler workers, Wednesday will now be known as the Valentine's Day massacre.

Wednesday, Chrysler announced its long-awaited restructuring, which included a 16 percent reduction in its work force, shift reductions, a plant closing and a surprise hint that the plan could lead to a DaimlerChrysler divorce.

The Chrysler plan calls for closing the company's Newark, Del. assembly plant, and reducing shifts at plants in Warren, Mich. and St. Louis.

A parts distribution center near Cleveland also will be closed, and reductions could occur at other plants that make components for those facilities.

Chrysler blamed the wrenching restructuring on poor sales after a shift in consumer taste from SUVs and trucks to more

fuel-efficient vehicles. Workers blamed management.

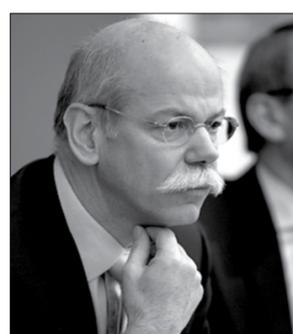
"It's a shame that Chrysler didn't give us something better. That's not our fault," said Victor Harris, who works in the paint shop at the Newark plant and has been employed there for 35 years.

With Chrysler's job losses, the domestic auto industry has eliminated or proposed cutting 132,000 manufacturing jobs at 64 U.S. plants since May 2005, said Sean McAlinden, chief economist and vice president of research at the nonprofit Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor.

The devastation was partially offset by foreign brands expanding their manufacturing operations in the U.S.

During that same period, foreign brands, such as Japan's Toyota Motor Corp., and their suppliers have created 30,000 to 40,000 factory jobs in the U.S.

That should rise to 50,000



Associated Press

Chrysler Group president Thomas LaSorda addresses the media at the company's North American headquarters Wednesday.

to 60,000 in 2009, McAlinden said.

Under the Chrysler plan, 11,000 production workers — 9,000 in the U.S. and 2,000 in Canada — will lose their jobs over the next three years, and 2,000 salaried jobs also will be

cut — 1,000 this year and 1,000 in 2008.

Gerald Meyers, a former auto executive who teaches at the University of Michigan, said DaimlerChrysler's work to develop and integrate common vehicle platforms and components suggests the divorce would be unlikely.

"I think Chrysler decided to tough it out and try to make this plan work," Meyers said of the issue.

Bank of America analyst Ronald Tadross said he "would not be surprised if there is good interest in Chrysler."

Chrysler said Wednesday that its fourth-quarter earnings plunged on weaker demand at the Chrysler unit, where sales fell 7 percent. 2005 earnings of \$3.76 billion, or \$3.70 per share.

The other plant to lose a shift is the St. Louis South assembly plant, which assembles Chrysler and Dodge minivans.

# Graduates return abroad to teach English

By Brittany Mihalcin  
Reporter

Corporate world or graduate school? That is the question many seniors ask after graduation, but some students think about a third choice.

Students can teach the English language in a foreign country while still receiving higher education.

And for some seniors, their study abroad experience opened the door to this opportunity.

It is becoming more popular for students who study abroad to develop an interest in returning to that country after graduation to teach English, said Cathleen Catlin, exchange and study abroad advisor.

Rachel Graves, a senior from Concepcion, Chile, went to Tokyo in fall 2005 to study abroad.

She plans to graduate in May and wants to return to Japan to teach English.

She doesn't want to go to graduate school immediately after graduating from Baylor, so she feels teaching in Japan will

be a good experience for her. "It will keep me in an educational setting, but I will be giving instead of receiving," Graves said.

Graves is currently in the process of applying to teach in Japan through the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Programme.

If she is selected, she will live in Japan for at least one year.

While she has no guarantee of where she would be placed in Japan, Graves said she is excited to go back and learn more about the country.

"Studying abroad opened the door to experiencing a place and having the desire to know more," Graves said.

One advantage for students who return to the country where they studied is their familiarity and comfort level there, Graves said.

"I feel like I would know enough that it wouldn't be completely new to me," Graves said.

To teach through the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Programme, a student must fill out an application and interview

with the Japanese Embassy.

If selected, they go through pre-departure training.

Students' travel costs to and from Japan are covered, and they are paid 3.6 million Japanese yen, which converts to about \$29,801.

While in Japan, students work 35 hours a week.

Fort Worth senior Erin Frey studied abroad in France in fall 2005 and is currently trying to receive a grant to return to France after graduation.

She has applied for a teaching assistant position through the Fulbright Commission, the French Ministry of Education and the Cultural Services at the French Embassy in Washington, DC.

If awarded a grant, Frey will teach English in France for seven to nine months, beginning in October.

"I love interacting with youth and I love the French culture," Frey said.

There are five Fulbright teaching assistant grants offered each year.

The program is designed

for recent Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science graduates, master's and doctoral students, young professionals and artists.

A travel and monthly allowance and medical insurance are provided through the French government and U.S. Department of State's health and accident insurance program for exchanges.

Currently, Baylor graduates are teaching English in Thailand, China and France.

"Pursuing work abroad after graduation is attractive, as it provides students an opportunity to travel and take a year or two to decide what they want to pursue professionally in a career or higher education before immediately starting a job or graduate school," Catlin said.

In addition to giving students some time to travel, explore and decide on long-term goals for after the program, Catlin said work abroad is also a great resume builder.

It shows employers independence, flexibility and knowledge about cross-cultural workplace issues, she said.

# Texans may vote early

By Kelley Shannon  
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — A state as huge as Texas shouldn't have a paltry primary that's irrelevant in the presidential sweepstakes, say supporters of legislation that would move up the date of the primary to February 2008.

Republicans and Democrats alike are pushing to move the primary election from the first Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in February. They contend it would give Texas voters a real say in each party's nomination for president.

Rep. Leo Berman, said Tuesday he will support one of the bills that's soon to be filed moving the primary date and the candidate filing deadline up a month.

House Speaker Tom Cradd-

ick seemed to give his stamp of approval Tuesday.

"Most (House) members that have talked to me about it are pretty well into doing that," Craddick said.

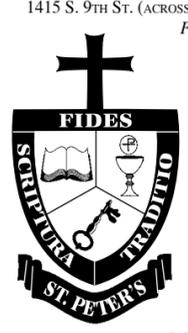
Several other big states, including California and Florida, also are considering moving their primaries to Feb. 5 in 2008. Caucuses in Iowa and Nevada and primaries in New Hampshire and South Carolina launch the presidential race.

Presidential candidates have been making trips through Texas well ahead of the 2008 election. Next week Democrats John Edwards and Barack Obama are expected in Austin.

Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer of San Antonio said he hopes that a bill already filed by one of the Democrats can be adjusted to satisfy Berman's concerns.

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# Survey ranks child welfare in U.S., Britain last among rich

By David McHugh  
The Associated Press

BERLIN — The United States and Britain ranked at the bottom of a U.N. survey of child welfare in 21 wealthy countries that assessed everything from infant mortality to whether children ate dinner with their parents or were bullied at school.

The Netherlands, followed by Sweden, Denmark and Finland, finished at the top of the rankings, while the U.S. was 20th and Britain 21st, according to the report released Wednesday by UNICEF in Germany.

One of the study's researchers, Jonathan Bradshaw, said children fared worse in the U.S. and Britain — despite high overall levels of national wealth

— because of greater economic inequality and poor levels of public support for families.

"What they have in common are very high levels of inequality, very high levels of child poverty, which is also associated with inequality, and in rather different ways poorly developed services to families with children," said Bradshaw, a professor of social policy at the University of York in Britain.

"They don't invest as much in children as continental European countries do," he said, citing the lack of day care services in both countries and poorer health coverage and preventative care for children in the U.S.

The study also gave the U.S. and Britain low marks for their higher incidences of single-parent

families and risky behaviors among children, such as drinking alcohol and sexual activity.

Britain was last and the U.S. second from the bottom in the category focusing on relationships, based on the percentage of children who lived in single-parent homes or with stepparents, as well as the percentage that ate the main meal of the day with their families several times per week.

That category also counted the proportion of children who said they had "kind" or "helpful" relationships with other children. The report's authors cautioned that the focus on single-parent families "may seem unfair and insensitive" and noted that many children do well with one parent.

"But at the statistical level there is evidence to associate growing up in single-parent families with greater risk to well-being — including a greater risk of dropping out of school, of leaving home early, poorer health, low skills and of low pay," the report said.

On average, 80 percent of the children in the countries surveyed live with both parents. There were wide variations, however, from more than 90 percent in Greece and Italy to less than 70 percent in Britain and 60 percent in the U.S., where 16 percent of adolescents lived with stepfamilies.

Bob Reitemeier, chief executive of The Children's Fund charity in Britain, said the UNICEF report also showed that

less than half of British children reported good relations with their peers.

"That really jumped off the page," he said, citing concerns about the competitive, ratings-based school environment in Britain and higher reported incidences of bullying and fighting. "The environment for these young people is quite negative."

The study ranked the countries in six categories, based on national statistics: material well-being, health and safety, education, peer and family relationships, behaviors and risks, and young people's own subjective sense of well-being.

Both the U.S. and Britain were in the bottom two-thirds of five of the six categories.

The U.S. finished last in

the health and safety category, based on infant mortality, vaccinations for childhood diseases, deaths from injuries and accidents before age 19, and whether children reported fighting in the past year or being bullied in the previous two months.

Britain finished at the bottom in behaviors and risks, which considered factors such as the percentage of children who had breakfast, ate fruit regularly, exercised, were overweight, used drugs or alcohol, were sexually active or became pregnant.

In general, northern European countries dominated the upper half of the rankings. Southern European countries ranked higher in terms of family support and levels of trust with friends and peers.

## Students change minds on majors

As their hours increase, some leave prehealth programs

By Ida Jamshidi  
Reporter

About 25 to 30 percent of freshmen come to Baylor with a common goal, but after three years, less than 6 percent remain committed.

The goal is not to find a husband or wife, but go to a professional health school after graduation.

Those who feel plan to become doctors have options such as premedicine, predentistry and preoptometry, a few of more than 10 health-related programs offered at Baylor.

Nancy Johnson, associate director of the pre-medical and pre-dental program, estimated about 800 freshmen enroll as prehealth students.

However, when the time comes for these students to apply to professional schools during their junior year, only 150 to 160 apply, she said.

Johnson said most freshmen will choose a different career path before the spring semester

ends, and others will stick it out until December of their sophomore years.

Kristin Gisselman, a Chicago sophomore and pre-medical student, said easy high school science classes are probably responsible for the high number of prehealth freshmen.

"A lot of freshmen think, 'It will be easy for me to become a doctor,'" Gisselman said.

Sally Hamissou, a Jacksonville, Ala., senior, will soon begin applying to several optometry schools across the nation. She recalls being overwhelmed by the classes required of a pre-optometry student.

"Freshmen get scared by intro courses, but I still feel like I'm being weeded out of 4000-level classes," she said. "I didn't think about the higher-level courses when I was a freshman."

Although Hamissou said she was unaware of the course difficulty of her pre-optometry classes, Justin McGraw said he knew what he was getting into.

McGraw, a freshman pre-dental student from Many, La., said his advisers told him about the difficulty of the classes, but he still underestimated the amount of work his classes would re-

quire.

McGraw considered changing his major after a difficult biology class, but his dad motivated him to remain in the pre-dental program.

"I think I'm going to stick with it, at least until next year," McGraw said.

Dr. James Tandy, a biology professor and coordinator of the prehealth program, said several things are done to make freshmen aware of the commitment expected of them over the next four years.

"Baylor's strong point is making sure students know what they're headed toward," Tandy said.

Many freshmen have left the prehealth route because they underestimated the intensity of the program, but others discovered a profession more enjoyable to them, he said.

To ensure that students are prepared, prehealth advising sessions are held each semester to discuss required courses, as well as to inform students of the expectations of professional schools. The final session of the semester will be at 4 p.m. today in B110 Baylor Sciences Building.



Associated Press

### Will freeze for food

Pat Pannone and her granddaughter, Alina Pannone, 6, add color to the scene at Greenwich Point in Greenwich, Conn., where gulls fought high winds to get a piece of Alina's bread.

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# 'Jessica's Law' raises issue with death penalty

**Bill proposes harsher sentence for some child predators**

By Jim Vertuno  
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — A get-tough measure to punish sex offenders who abuse children, one of the top issues for Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in the legislative session, was filed Wednesday with minimum 25-year sentences for first convictions and the death penalty option for repeat molesters. Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, filed the bill that has raised concerns among prosecutors and victims' rights groups.

They worry the tougher measures could make it harder to get convictions in cases that are already difficult to prosecute and could lead to even more violence against children. Legal experts question whether the death penalty is constitutional in a sex case.

If passed, Deuell and Dewhurst called the bill a major deterrent to stop sex offenders. "We want to spread the word: Don't molest kids," Dewhurst said. "Justice will be severe."

Gov. Rick Perry also has given the bill emergency status for the session. The bill is titled "Jessica's Law," after Jessica Lunsford, a Florida girl who was abducted

and killed in March 2005.

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed a death sentence for a Georgia man convicted of raping a woman, calling it an "excessive penalty for the rapist, who as such, does not take human life."

Five other states have passed similar death penalty laws to the one proposed in Texas.

Although no one has been executed, one Louisiana inmate is on death row for the rape of an 8-year-old girl. That case is still being reviewed by state and federal appeals courts.

Dewhurst said he discussed the issue with prosecutors and several judges on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals,

which handles death penalty appeals.

He said he believes the bill would be constitutional because it is narrowly tailored to a second offense against a child victim. Dewhurst declined to identify whom he spoke with among the nine appeals judges.

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault previously opposed the death penalty in child sex cases for fear it could lead to victims being killed.

Spokeswoman Torie Camp backed off that stance Wednesday, saying it would likely only be sought in the worst, most violent cases.

The death penalty provision would not be mandatory.

"We'll leave that up to our prosecutors," she said. "If they feel like they can succeed, then we can be supportive."

More troublesome for victims' groups is the 25-year minimum sentence for a first-time offender.

As most child sex abuse is committed by a family member or close friend, families may be reluctant to report the crime if it means a long sentence for a loved one, Camp said.

"We predict reporting rates will go down," she said. "That's a big concern for us."

Cost estimates of the lifetime GPS monitoring would be about \$14 a day, or \$5,110 per year per offender, Dewhurst said.

4 main provisions of the "Jessica's Law" bill

Minimum sentences of 25 years to life for first time violent sex offenses against children under 14.

Lifetime global positioning satellite tracking for offenders.

Death penalty possible for a second offense against a child under 14.

Statute of limitations doubled for sex crimes against children from 10 to 20 years after the victim's 18th birthday.



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## Arms of an apostle

Kathleen Higgins, right, and her mother, Jean Higgins, of Santa Fe, N.M., examine the reliquary containing the arm bones of apostle St. Jude Thaddeus on Wednesday at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis in Santa Fe, N.M. The relic is normally housed in Chicago but traveled to New Mexico to be displayed and will spend its remaining two days in Albuquerque, N.M.

# Mustache mania takes over

**Minnesota college's hairy club helps dispel winter woes**

By William Hageman  
McClatchy Newspapers

It's growing season at Carleton College.

The school's Mustache Club has sprung into action, with members continuing a time-honored campus tradition.

"I don't know the exact year it started," said club co-president Willy Guenther, a senior from Oak Park, Ill. "It goes back six or seven years, I think."

A club devoted to promoting the growth, appreciation and awareness of 'staches fits right in at Carleton.

The private liberal arts school in Northfield, Minn., also has clubs for croquet aficionados, fans of Lindy hop dancing and redheads. There's also a group called the Gender Neutral Cheerboys.

"Carleton students are a little like that, especially in the winter when it's cold and you're looking for something to entertain yourself," Guenther said, referring to the Mustache Club, not those Cheerboys.

"I think it grew out of a sense of, what can we do for camaraderie's sake during the winter?"

He said it's too early to tell how many are in the club — that fuzzy guy you pass in the hall could be a member, or maybe he's just a guy with a broken razor — but last year there were about 50 students and a half-dozen faculty members involved.

"Really, the size is determined when we have our annual meeting," added Chicagoan John Kracum, a senior who has been a club member for three years. "We expect more this year because last year there was a large group of underclassmen."

Club membership standards aren't particularly rigid; a minimum two weeks' growth is required to join.

And let's have no whining about discrimination. Women can join too. According to the rules, if a woman is willing to shave her face, excluding the upper lip area, she's in.

Aside from keeping students' minds off more ponderous issues — classes, Northfield's 40-inch annual snowfall, a rebirth of the draft — the Mustache Club also lets them do some good.

Money raised by the sale of

club T-shirts — there's a mustachioed smiley face on the front — goes to a local organization that aids victims of domestic or child abuse and sexual assault.

The mustache mania will reach its peak on March 11. At 10 p.m. the evening before finals start, the school serves its annual Late Night Breakfast in the dining hall.

The club convenes in a corner, where the presidents deliver their State of the Mustache addresses and members get to show off what they've cultivated.

"During most of the term, everybody just sort of grows facial hair and doesn't really trim or create a mustache," Guenther said.

"But at the Late Night Breakfast, people will do a Civil War mustache with long mutton-chops, or a soul patch, or a Fu Manchu or a handlebar mustache."

"It's a lot of fun. It's not serious, obviously," Kracum said. "You can't go into it thinking we're pushing for mustache rights or anything. It's just a good way for people to get together and do something they wouldn't do normally. Just a good, lighthearted experience."

# Al Franken to run for Senate

By Patrick Condon  
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Al Franken announced Wednesday that he will run for the Senate in 2008, making it clear that the comedian and author of *Rush Limbaugh Is A Big Fat Idiot* wants to be taken seriously as a political figure.

Franken said he would seek the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican incumbent Norm Coleman and immediately acknowledged the doubts voters may have about electing a former *Saturday Night Live* performer.

"Minnesotans have a right to be skeptical about whether I'm ready for this challenge, and to wonder how seriously I would take the responsibility that I'm asking you to give me," Franken said in a video on his Web site.

"I want you to know: Nothing means more to me than making government work better for the working families of this state," Franken said.

"Over the next 20 months I look forward to proving to you that I take these issues seriously."

Franken's announcement came on the final day of his show on the liberal radio network Air America. His decision instantly makes him a serious contender and brings national attention to the race. He said he supports universal health care, greater efforts to find alternative energy sources and stronger congressional oversight of the executive branch.

Franken had been considering a run since 2003. He said several weeks ago that he would leave Air America and privately told prominent

Democrats about his plans to seek office.

His name is well-known, and Franken is likely to be well-funded.

However, he's expected to be challenged by several other Democrats, including wealthy trial attorney Mike Ciresi.

Franken said he would abandon his campaign if Democratic activists decide to support another candidate in the primary.

The race will be important to Democratic efforts to retain the slim Senate majority they secured last year.

His candidacy will also test whether Minnesotans are in the mood for another celebrity-turned-politician, after the 1999-2003 governorship of former pro wrestler Jesse Ventura.

Stephen Hess, a professor of political science at George Washington University, said Franken's bid is serious.

"He's not doing this as some folks have done it to give them better gigs on the Borscht circuit," Hess said.



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Senior forward Bernice Mosby shoots a jump-shot over Oklahoma State's Danielle Green in the Lady Bears 75-66 win over the Cowgirls Wednesday. Mosby had 21 points, 9 rebounds and 6 blocks in the win. On the season, Mosby is averaging 18.2 points and 9.5 rebounds.



David Poe/  
Lariat staff

# Lady Bears lasso Cowgirls, 75-66

## Win puts team in four-way tie at top of Big 12

By Will Parchman  
Sports writer

The Lady Bears used a late 10-3 run against the Oklahoma State University Cowgirls and won, 75-66, Wednesday night at the Ferrell Special Events Center.

Thanks to a pair of losses from the University of Nebraska and Texas A&M University, Baylor is now in a four-way tie for first place in the Big 12.

"We just basically willed ourselves to a win tonight," head Coach Kim Mulkey said. "This was a game that wasn't really pretty. I thought we played in spurts."

An Angela Tisdale jump shot rolled off the back of the rim with about a minute to play, but Baylor sophomore forward Rachel Allison came down with the offensive rebound to preserve the possession.

Seconds later, Allison con-

verted an easy lay-in to stretch the Baylor lead to 67-63.

Allison's play would prove to be the most pivotal possession in the game's final minutes, helping the Lady Bears sustain their lead and ultimately win the game.

"She has a tendency to do things like that," Mulkey said of Allison's critical play.

"I'll get aggravated at her and keep her out, but I can't keep her over there long because she has been in those situations before," she said.

Bernice Mosby was her typically reliable self, missing just five of her 13 shots for 21 points and recording six blocks.

One of the most interesting battles of the night was the one between super forwards Rashad Shadiq and Mosby.

Shadiq was hounded all night, couldn't find her shot and was subsequently cycled in and out all game.

A good defensive effort on Shadiq resulted in just nine points for the senior, snapping her streak of four straight games with double-digit scoring efforts.

"She improved so much from when we played them in Stillwater," Mosby said of Shadiq. "She's the complete package, and her confidence is really high right now."

Mosby, on the other hand, was red hot right out of the gate, making her birthday on Wednesday a special one.

"You can never get comfortable with (a lead) like that," said sophomore guard Jhasmin Player, who scored eight points and had five assists.

"We had to try and not let our nerves get the best of us, and we did it."

Oklahoma State struggled with turnovers all game, but specifically in the second half. The Cowgirls fumbled away several key possessions in the final minutes of the game.

Mulkey thought their 17 turnovers were as important as anything Baylor was able to do Wednesday.

"The key to this game was turnovers on their end of the floor," Mulkey said. "I couldn't tell if they were just trying to make quick plays like we were to take the lead, but turnovers

were huge."

The Lady Bears led almost the entire way, only giving the lead away for less than a minute early in the first half.

Oklahoma State briefly flirted with taking a lead late in the second half, but the best it could do was tie the game.

Baylor never trailed in the second half.

Also on Wednesday night, Baylor announced its highest all-time season attendance for women's basketball.

A record 102,023 people have attended Lady Bears' basketball games this season, which beat last year's total with two home games still left on the schedule.

Next on Baylor's schedule is a home date with the University of Texas at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Mulkey made sure her team didn't take stock in the standings, even with how critical Baylor's last four games have now become.

"We play Texas Sunday," Mulkey said.

"We've been in this position before. It means nothing. We've got to beat Texas, and whatever happens happens."

# 1-3 baseball ready for long home stand

By Daniel Youngblood  
Sports editor

For a Baylor baseball team that began its season ranked No. 24 in the nation, a 1-3 start is far from ideal.

But with a team that features eight freshmen and five sophomores in key roles, head Coach Steve Smith said he can't be too disappointed.

"I think our young guys have handled the environment and the whole (college) situation pretty well," he said. "I think they'll get nothing but better."

With eight straight home games on their schedule — nine including the Bears' 10-4 victory over Texas State University on Tuesday — the team has a chance to reverse that record in the next two weeks.

Freshman right fielder Aaron Miller, who recorded his first college RBI in Tuesday's game, said it's going to be fun playing so many games at the friendly confines of Baylor Ballpark.

"There's been so much talk about getting the year going with all the freshman and talent we have on this team," he said.

"Everybody's itching to show the home crowd what they got, what our team's about and what we can do."

The Bears played their first

three games at Minute Maid Park for the Houston College Classic.

They were outscored a combined 18-6 by the University of Houston, No. 6 Rice University and Vanderbilt University.

While the Bears didn't get the results Smith would have hoped for, he said the tournament gave his players a chance to get some experience and learn from their mistakes.

Senior first baseman Tim Jackson, who's hitting .375 and leading the Bears with five RBIs, said he's not worried at all and the current home stand will be good for the team.

"It's tough to lose any game, much less three in a row, but we understand this team is young, and it's a long season," Jackson said. "As long as we're getting better every day, the wins and losses will take care of themselves."

With a three-game series scheduled with Stephen F. Austin University and Oral Roberts University and a pair of weekday matchups against University of Texas at San Antonio and University of Texas at Arlington, the Bears' upcoming schedule offers a good combination of challenging but winnable games.

Since 2000, the Bears have had a 70.5 winning percentage



David Poe/Lariat staff

Sophomore left fielder Ben Booker gets ready to swing at a pitch during Baylor's 10-4 win over the Texas State. The Bears' game with the Bobcats marks the first of a nine-game homestand.

at home.

Smith said his teams always seem to play well in front of the home fans.

"There's always the pressure and desire to play well at home," he said. "You're supposed to win; the fans think you're supposed to win."

"Obviously, all our players want to do well here," he said.

But Smith said with such a young team, home games and road games test his team, and both are new learning experiences.

"We had one new experience

last weekend (at the Houston College Classic), with all these guys getting their feet wet," he said. "They'll have to go through a similar adjustment during this first stretch at home."

Thus far, the adjustments have come much more quickly for freshman pitching than they have for fielding and offense.

Freshman pitcher Kendall Volz recovered from a rough relief outing against Houston to shut down Texas State for five innings Wednesday.

On defense, however, freshman have combined for four

of the Bears' seven errors. And on offense, the seven freshmen who have played have just nine hits in 60 at bats, while striking out 21 times.

Jackson, who's been a steady force for the Bears over his 55 career games with the team, said this he thinks the freshmen will improve drastically with more experience and help this team have a special season.

"Once we get started and start getting hot, we're going to do some great things," he said. "We're all pretty excited about it."

# George to sit out to rest hurt knee

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks forward Devean George has a sprained right knee and will miss Thursday night's game at Houston.

George was hurt in the fourth quarter Tuesday night in Milwaukee when he went sprawling for a loose ball. He had to be helped off the court.

The team said Wednesday that George has a sprained MCL.

After Thursday night, there is the All-Star break and the Mavericks don't play again until the following Thursday at home against the Miami Heat.

George spent his first seven NBA seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers before signing as a free agent with Dallas last summer. In 44 games for the Mavericks, George is averaging 6.5 points and 3.4 rebounds in about 21 minutes a game.

# Bears fall to Tigers, extend road losing streak

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Stephon Hannah scored 25 points, Keon Lawrence had a career-high 24 and the University of Missouri held off a late Baylor rally for a 78-71 win Wednesday.

Lawrence, a freshman guard, played his best game since being inserted into the starting lineup last week.

He was one of Missouri's first players off the bench through its first 21 games, before his first start Feb. 6 against Iowa State University.

Wednesday, he was 9-for-13 shooting, including 4-for-6 from 3-point range, and had eight rebounds. He scored 11 of his points in a nine-minute stretch

to start the second half.

Marshall Brown added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Tigers.

Missouri jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the opening minutes of the game and led 35-32 at halftime.

Baylor (12-12, 2-9 Big 12), which hasn't won a true road game in more than two years, missed its first five shots from the field to start the second half and didn't score a point until the 15:34 mark as Missouri stretched its lead to 11.

The Bears came back to tie the game with 5:43 left in the game on a turnaround jumper by Kevin Rogers.

But Missouri (15-9, 4-7) quickly went back up by five

points after two Brown free throws and a 3-pointer by Hannah. Baylor never got closer than three points the rest of the way.

The Bears shot just 37 percent from the field for the game and hit just six of their 23 3-point attempts.

Rogers scored 18 of his game-high 27 points in the second half and had 12 rebounds. Henry Dugat had 14 points and Curtis Jerrells added 12 for the Bears. Junior guard Aaron Bruce missed the game, after suffering a high ankle sprain to his left ankle in the Bears' 68-64 loss to the University of Oklahoma.

Matt Lawrence, Missouri's second-leading scorer at 11.3 points per game, missed all seven of his 3-point attempts and

finished with just five points.

Missouri is now tied with Iowa State for ninth in the Big 12 Conference with five games left in the regular season.

Baylor hasn't won a Big 12 road game since a Feb. 5, 2004, win over Texas A&M University, a string of 23 games.

The Bears have now lost three straight games and seven of their last eight contests.

At 2-9 in conference play, the Bears are tied for last in the conference with the University of Colorado.

Baylor returns to action on Saturday to take on the University of Texas at the Ferrell Special Events Center.

DanielYoungbloodcontributed to this report.



Sophomore forward Kevin Rogers goes for a dunk in the Bears 78-71 loss to Missouri Wednesday. Rogers had a game-high 27 points and 12 rebounds, but he couldn't keep the Bears from dropping their 23 straight conference game.

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# Albom hits homer with hopeful novel

By Amanda Toller  
Contributor

Death often leaves us with a sense that things are left unfinished. We're stuck asking questions and wondering how things would be different if we only knew what little time we had left.

## BOOKREVIEW

What would we do if we could only have one more day?

One more day to ask questions. One more day to find answers. One more day to say I love you.

Unfortunately, most of us never get that opportunity.

In *For One More Day*, Mitch Albom lets us see what it would be like if that one extra day was possible. Charles "Chick" Benetto has followed in the footsteps of his absentee father. Attempting to live off the highs of professional baseball dreams long gone, he has struggled to find purpose. And along the way, he's lost more than just his swing — he's lost his life.

The last time he spoke to his mother before she died, he was lying in an attempt to please his father. His wife — soon-to-be ex-wife — doesn't speak

to him. His daughter is ashamed of him — he wasn't even invited to her wedding. Instead, he was informed of it with a picture and a short note after the fact.

Depressed and alone, Chick has given up on life. On a drinking binge late one night, he heads back to his childhood home of Pepperfield Beach. Somewhere along the way he decides to end it all. Why let a worthless life continue?

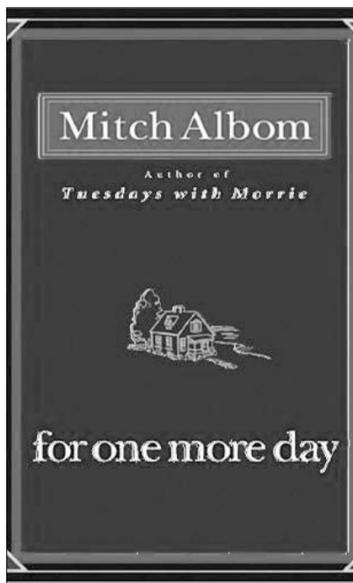
After failing to kill himself by running his car off the road, he staggers to an old water tower, where he and his buddies used to spray paint their names late at night. He painfully climbs to the top and jumps.

But instead of killing him, Chick's jump brings his mother, who died eight years before, back to save him.

He gets one more day to look at his life — and his mother's life. He gets to see a side of things that she hid from him, both as a child and as an adult. Chick gets to learn the truth about his father and finally take responsibility for the reasons his life has turned out so badly.

One more day of feeling his dead mother's love brings Chick back from the edge and gives him hope that he can change.

Albom calls it a ghost story. It is a ghost story, but rather than creating



Courtesy Photo

Mitch Albom's newest book, *For One More Day*, hit the market in September. Since its release, the book has continuously topped bestsellers' lists.

fear, it creates hope. The author effortlessly carries the reader along through Chick's memories, emotions and experiences.

Albom creates another must-read with *For One More Day*. It will touch anyone who has ever lost someone they loved or wished they could go back and change something about his life.

Grade: A

# CNN TV series to tell stories of Katrina teens

By Stacey Plaisance  
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Spike Lee handed video cameras to New Orleans area high school students and told them to capture their lives in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina for the world to see.

"Let them know what's happening down here, that everything isn't okey-dokey," said Lee, who directed *When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts*, a four-hour documentary chronicling the Katrina disaster.

The teens' footage will air monthly as part of a special CNN series, *Children of the Storm*. The first segment, in which Lee and host Soledad O'Brien handed cameras to 11 students, aired Friday morning.

The series will run until the second anniversary of Katrina in August. Students will document how the hurricane affected their lives and neighborhoods while also sharing their thoughts about the city's recovery and their future in New Orleans, O'Brien said.

"You're doing this for the world," Lee said.

"Remember it's not just for yourself." The students were told to document the trials of post-Katrina life, as well as the triumphs, said O'Brien, co-host of CNN's *American Morning*. Students will be given general topics to discuss including family, their neighborhoods and crime.

"We picked kids who represented a lot



Associated Press

Spike Lee will help host a TV series on CNN about teens who survived Hurricane Katrina.

of different parts of the city," she said.

Lee's role is to inspire the students, she said.

"I wanted him to explain to them, 'This is how you tell your life, and this is what you think about,'" O'Brien said.

"We'll be telling their story, while they're telling their story."

# Clothing styles for working out don't have to be hideous

By Harriett Hendren  
McClatchy Newspapers

In the months when we wake to dark skies and icy winds, it takes a little more than good intentions to pry a soul out of bed for a bit of exercise.

But if the first step to feeling good is looking good, then maybe you need to rethink that grubby pair of sweatpants and raggedy T-shirt stuffed into your gym bag.

Fashion needn't take a time out just because you're getting a little sweaty. Sportswear companies have made great strides in jazzing up exercise wear with

attractive colors and eye-catching styles.

Among others, even A-list designer Stella McCartney got in on the act, creating a collection of clothes and accessories for Adidas.

But beyond looks, today's sports apparel is more comfortable and useful than ever thanks to high-tech materials that warm us up, keep us cool, repel moisture and even control odor.

Joanne Peduzzi of John's Run/Walk Shop in the Lexington, Ky., area, a destination for outdoor wear, says if you're looking for a plain cotton tee at

the store, you're in the wrong place.

"Cotton is great for towels," Peduzzi said.

"We're sort of a no-cotton zone."

It all boils down to perspiration, she said. Old cotton shirts hold the moisture, becoming sticky and heavy in summer. And in the winter, the last thing you want is to be covered in sweat or rain during a run.

Newer designs feature fabric that wicks away moisture to keep you dry.

Look at the labels, Peduzzi said. Watch for names like Dri-Fit, Duo Dry and Vapor-Dry, all

brands of wick-away fabric. And is it a relaxed fit or athletic, with a tighter cut?

Before you balk at the prices on those labels, remember that you get what you pay for, Peduzzi said.

Well-made attire gets you through more than one season, while cheaper lines might fall apart after a few washings.

Debbi Dean, group fitness coordinator and assistant wellness director of the YMCA on High Street in Lexington, has taught exercise classes for more than 20 years.

Through the years, Dean has borne witness to many a style

trend gone wrong — remember leg warmers and unitards?

Nowadays, she looks for bargains, but she demands comfort and durability from her purchases.

"A lot of times I do buy for the price," said Dean, who spends hours a week as a fitness instructor and personal trainer.

"And they don't hold up quite as well."

"I look at the color and if I like the way it's made," she said. Plus, she asks questions like, "Is this going to rub my arms?"

Once, you might have found a sea of battleship-gray fleece, but now a sporting goods store,

like Dick's, has wick-away stuff more than anything.

Jerome Gearlds wore wick-away apparel while playing minor league baseball for the Colorado Rockies and then football at Georgetown College, where he graduated in December.

"We used that kind of thing a lot," he said.

He lists Under Armour and Nike Dri-Fit as his favorite exercise apparel.

"When you get sweaty and wet, it cools you off," said Gearlds, who works out four or five times a week, running outside and weight-lifting in the gym.

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and a way to provide for themselves."

According to Tempe, Ariz., junior Angela Wang, a member of LiNK, one of the main ways the group helps refugees is by establishing shelters for women and children in China.

"It's very difficult to leave that environment," Wang said. "We have an underground orphanage in China and a women's shelter for those being sexually trafficked."

Lim said that many North Koreans are imprisoned by their government in camps similar to the Nazi concentration camps, but it is nearly impossible to get aid to the people inside North Korea's borders.

Any information on the situation comes from refugees who have escaped.

"They're treated like animals," she said of the prisoners. Baylor LiNK's first fundraising activity was selling candygrams in the Bill Daniel Student Center, Lim said.

The group will also have a booth at AsianFest, a two-day celebration of Asian culture at Baylor.

Group members displayed a poster above a booth in the SUB that read: "If North Korea is just a Korean problem, is the Holocaust just a German problem?"

"I think it made people think," Wang said. "We had one person come up who was very angry about us comparing it to the Holocaust, but everyone else

just wanted to ask questions."

Though members say that the situation in North Korea is terrible, Lim emphasized that LiNK is not an explicitly political organization.

"LiNK is not wanting to destroy the government; it's wanting to help the people," Lim said.

"If anybody talks to us about government, we're like, 'We don't know.' All we know is that these people are suffering and we want to help them."

Lim said that although she is a Christian, she chose LiNK for its lack of religious affiliation.

"I think a lot of people are in it because of their conviction, but they don't talk about why. They don't come out (and say) 'because God told me to. They just do it,'" she said.

"If I wanted to do something religious, I would have gone to North Korean missions and brought it over here. But I wanted to do something because of my own conviction and, with LiNK, people who are not religious can help."

Wang said it was her involvement with Baylor LiNK that helped to educate her about the situation in North Korea and that she hopes it does the same for others.

"You hear about communism in the news and maybe missiles, but a lot of people just don't know about this," she said.

"I wanted to be a part of something that helps spread awareness about the injustice over there."



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Group members perform during dress rehearsals in preparation for their performance during Sing. The event begins today with Club Night and the last performance will be on Feb. 23.

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include costumes, which can cost as much as \$100 per person including accessories and shoes. Factoring in an average cost of \$70 per person on costumes for 70 people per act, plus a \$3,500 general budget for 19 acts, the total bill paid by student organizations is \$159,600.

Even though the final cost is high, groups try to cut corners wherever they can.

"We try to save money on our costumes by finding out on stage," Houston junior Elizabeth Price said. "When the lights hit you, it's a total adrenaline rush."

Sing Alliance spent \$65

per person on costumes this year, which pleased Mathis.

"We did good this year," she said.

Daily shared Mathis' thrifty costume philosophy.

"There are ways to get costumes cheaper," she said. "A lot of companies will give you a break when you buy in bulk."

Despite a price tag that rivals tuition, Sing participants say they are excited about the upcoming performances.

"It's awesome stepping out on stage," Houston junior Elizabeth Price said. "When the lights hit you, it's a total adrenaline rush."

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meeting Dr. Andrew Moore, his wife, professor Rachel Moore, and their daughter, Melanie.

"We had Angela come and stay with us on some weekends," Rachel said. "She always kept us laughing. She is just a natural comic."

Rachel also had Kinsey in her British literature class.

"She was a good student," Rachel said.

Kinsey said English appealed to her the most because of the flexibility the major offers.

"I felt at home," she said. "I could be an English creative writing major and have it not take away from my acting."

Kinsey said her focus for acting was to create things for herself. She wanted to perform stand-up comedy, do improvisation and even write a one-woman show.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in English but said she never took an accounting class like her TV character did. The only time she ever went into the business school was to study with friends.

Kinsey was involved in a number of campus activities, including the sorority Chi Omega, where she played on the intramural softball team.

"I was in all the easy leagues," she said. "You know, where people clapped when you hit the ball."

Kinsey said she still has friends from her days in Chi Omega. Melanie Moore lived on the fourth floor of Collins Residence Hall with Kinsey her freshman year and was her sorority sister.

"Angela brought life to anything she was a part of - any event, any party," Melanie said. "She brought enthusiasm and she made you laugh even when

you were trying not to. She was quick on her feet. It is not surprising to me that she has become a star."

But according to Melanie, there is a lot more to Kinsey than her humor.

"She is a person of real depth of character and insight," she said. "She is very intelligent, and she really makes the world a better place. She really is that person you would want by your side in the very best and worst of times."

Kinsey used her previous theater experience when she performed with Chi Omega in All-University Sing.

"I was a horrible dancer, but I did it anyway," Kinsey said.

Kinsey was a member of Chi Omega's winning sing act "Blaze of Glory."

"I can still see Angela with the boxing gloves on, singing 'Hit me with your best shot,'" Rachel said. "She was adorable."

Kinsey also participated in the Baylor in London program.

"I had a blast," Kinsey said. "It combined my two loves: studying Shakespeare and Wadsworth and getting to experience theater in London."

It's not surprising, knowing Kinsey's love for poetry, that one of her favorite places on campus was the Armstrong Browning Library.

"If you go to Baylor and you've never been in that building, you should go there, especially right at sunset," she said.

While Kinsey only spent four years at Baylor, she said her time here left a lifelong impression.

"I didn't want to leave. I made lifelong friends," Kinsey said.

"It was the perfect place for me to grow into who I am and take the belief system that I had and incorporate it into my life. It was a great place to go to school."

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that has pinpointed Iran as a hostile arms supplier in Iraq, Bush said, "Does this mean you're trying to have a pretext for war? No. It means I'm trying to protect our troops."

There have been mixed signals in the administration about Iran's involvement in supplying Shiite groups in Iraq with a particularly lethal type of roadside bombs known as explosively formed penetrators.

Three senior U.S. military officials, at a weekend briefing in Baghdad, said the highest levels of the Iranian govern-

ment had ordered the weapons smuggled into Iraq.

They based their claim on the belief the weapons are moving into Iraq through the Iran's Revolutionary Guards elite Quds Force.

But Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said later he was not ready to conclude that Iran's top leaders were behind the attacks. Some lawmakers also have questioned the administration's statements.

Wading into the debate, Bush said the Quds Force was instrumental in supplying the weapons - "we know that," he

said - and that the Quds Force was part of the Iranian government. "That's a known," he said. "What we don't know is whether or not the head leaders of Iran ordered the Quds Force to do what they did."

Pressed again on the subject, Bush displayed some irritation and said, "Whether (Iranian President Mahmoud) Ahmadinejad ordered the Quds Force to do this, I don't think we know. But we do know that they're there and I intend to do something about it. And I've asked our commanders to do something about it. And we're going to protect our troops."

Ahmadinejad has denied Iran was behind the attacks.

Democrats on the Senate Armed Services Committee emerged from a classified briefing Wednesday saying they wanted more information about Iran.

The committee chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, said it was unclear to him precisely what the administration knows about the Tehran government's ties to the weapons found in Iraq.

Bush came into the news conference after receiving a briefing from Baghdad by Gen. David Petraeus, the new commander of U.S. forces in Iraq.

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