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Attorney Stephen Susman addresses the audience Tuesday at the Texas Clean Air Cities Coalition members' meeting at the Waco Convention Center. Susman presented a study by David Allen, director of the Center of Energy and Environmental Resources at the University of Texas, showing the possible negative effects of proposed coal-fired energy plants in Texas.

Judge blocks Perry order

Court order stops permit fast-tracking for energy plants

By Kelley Shannon
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — A judge on Tuesday blocked Gov. Rick Perry's executive order fast-tracking the permitting process for proposed coal-fired plants and ordered that state hearing administrators reconsider environmentalists' request for a delay.

A major hearing on the coal plant permitting is scheduled to begin today. But lawyers for several environmental groups argued before state District Judge Stephen Yelenosky that Texas and Oklahoma citizens opposed to the plants were at a disadvantage because there hadn't been enough time to prepare.

They claimed the governor's order was unconstitutional, and the judge agreed that the plaintiffs were likely to prevail in their argument.

Yelenosky's temporary injunction did not cancel the hearing, but he said administrators should reconsider the schedule.

"He basically wants to liberate them from the executive order," said plaintiffs' attorney Jim Blackburn. He said the judge declared the Republican Perry's order illegal and nonbinding.

"No one should be surprised that a single liberal Austin judge would rule against Gov. Perry and his efforts to increase energy capacity in Texas," Perry spokesman Robert Black said in a statement. "We will take a close look at the ruling and make a determination on how we will proceed."

The Texas Attorney General's Office, which represented Perry in the case, referred all comments on the judge's ruling to the governor's office.

All sides in the case expected the hearing to convene as scheduled and for the request for a delay to be raised at that time.

At issue in the hearing is Dallas-based TXU Corp.'s proposal to build coal-fired plants in North, East and Central Texas, including four in McLennan County.

"We're obviously disappointed in this decision," TXU spokeswoman Kim Morgan said. "Every day of delay means that meeting the goal of providing newer, cleaner power generation is denied."

TXU contends the coal plants will lower utility costs and help provide needed power.

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Coal opposition gathers in Waco

New study reveals plant emissions could harm local economy

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Hundreds of Baylor and Waco community members, as well as concerned citizens from across the state, gathered Tuesday night at the Waco Convention Center for a meeting of the Texas Clean Air Cities Coalition, a group formed to battle the proposed construction of 18 new coal plants in Texas.

The group's legal representative, attorney Stephen Susman, presented its case against the proposal, and the results of a study advising against the building of the four coal plants in McLennan County was shown.

The study, conducted by David Allen, director of the Center of Energy and Environmental Resources at the University of Texas, showed the projected ozone levels for the Waco area for the year 2009. Allen and his team concluded that the construction of the coal plants would cause Waco to exceed

federal ozone standards.

"What does it matter?" Susman asked. "It matters because of the legal requirements that come from this."

He explained that there are federal laws that require cities that exceed ozone standards to reduce their ozone by a certain date. If the ozone level is not reduced, the cities face costly consequences, such as days when citizens are not allowed to drive.

"Stores can't open until noon," Susman said. "Factories are not allowed to operate."

Dallas Mayor Laura Miller,

a speaker at the meeting, also cited air pollution and mercury poisoning as potential worries.

She said that Texas is the No. 1 producer of carbon dioxide and produces nearly as much as California, Florida and New York combined.

"You can do nothing, or you can do something, and that's why we're here," she said. "TCACC was formed to do something."

Miller said the coalition is not only asking for the new coal plants to be cleaner, but also for the old coal plants to be made cleaner and for safer methods

to be used.

Miller said the permit hearings for six of the plants are slated to begin today, but the hearings may be affected by District Judge Stephen Yelenosky's Tuesday ruling that blocked Gov. Rick Perry's executive order to fast-track the permitting process for the plants.

The judge ruled that opposition to the coal plants in Texas and Oklahoma had not been given enough time to voice their opinions.

Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy

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Civil rights leader brings story to Baylor

Congressman to speak with students, faculty about black history

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is coming to Baylor to celebrate Black History Month. He will speak from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today in 127 Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center.

Rep. Chet Edwards will attend the speech, which will focus on the civil rights movement and issues relevant to the black community, according to a Tuesday press release put out by Edwards' office.

"We have invited (Lewis) to talk about what's important to him," said Dr. Patricia Wilson, a law professor and

planner of the event.

The talk, titled "A Morning with U.S. Congressman John Lewis," is the second part of Baylor's celebration, which began Monday with a showing and moderated discussion of *BridgetoFreedom*, a civil rights documentary which originally aired as part of the PBS series *Eyes on the Prize*.

"It is an opportunity to recognize the civil rights movement," Wilson said. "It's made us all a better society."

Lewis has represented Georgia's 5th District since 1986. He's well known for being a "key student leader" of the sit-in

protest movement which brought about the desegregation of Nashville lunch counters, said Dr. James SoRelle, History professor.

From 1963 to 1966, Lewis chaired the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

He also played a key role in the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Lewis is the only surviving speaker of 10 who spoke at the march.

He spoke directly before Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Viewed as a radical at the time, Lewis was asked to remove controversial seg-

ments from his speech, SoRelle said.

Lewis was badly beaten on "Bloody Sunday," when he and the Rev. Hosea Williams led about

525 marchers from Selma, Ala., to the state capitol in Montgomery. According to Library of Congress documents, the group was brutally assaulted by state troopers and deputies.

"There are a lot of people who advocate civil rights, but John Lewis was on the front lines," SoRelle said. "He literally laid his body on the line on behalf of this movement. I think a lot of people forget that."

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Lewis

Blair to announce withdrawal timetable

By Thomas Wagner
The Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair will announce today a new timetable for the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq, with 1,500 to return home in several weeks, the British Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Blair will also tell the House of Commons during his regular weekly appearance before it that a total of about 3,000 British soldiers will have left southern Iraq by the end of 2007, if the security there is sufficient, the BBC said Tuesday night, quoting government officials who

were not further identified.

The BBC said Blair was not expected to say when the rest of Britain's forces would leave Iraq. Currently, Britain has about 7,100 soldiers there.

Britain has long been the most important coalition member in Iraq after the United States. But Blair knows the British public and politicians from his own Labour Party want the troops out as quickly as possible and don't want to see Britain stick with the United States in Iraq for the long haul.

Militarily, a British withdrawal isn't likely to have much effect on the stepped-up U.S.

operation in Baghdad or the war with the Sunnis in Anbar province west of the Iraqi capital. However, Iraqi forces could have a tough time maintaining security in mostly Shiite southern Iraq, including Basra city.

Blair's Downing Street office refused to comment on the BBC report, which also said Blair would tell the Commons that if the situation worsens on the ground in Iraq, his new game plan could change.

The announcement comes even as U.S. President Bush implements an increase of 21,000 more troops for Iraq.

Blair and Bush talked by se-

cure video link Tuesday morning, and Bush views Britain's troop cutbacks as "a sign of success" in Iraq, said U.S. National Security Council spokesman Gordon Johndroe.

"The president is grateful for the support of the British forces in the past and into the future," Johndroe said in Washington. "While the United Kingdom is maintaining a robust force in southern Iraq, we're pleased that conditions in Basra have improved sufficiently that they are able to transition more control to the Iraqis."

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair, left, greets Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai on Feb. 14 at Downing Street in London. Blair is expected to announce today a timetable for the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq.

Guevera's brutality overlooked in the name of fashion

I'm not going to lie: Those Che Guevera shirts drive me nuts.

I'm not sure when sporting the face of a dead Marxist revolutionary became trendy, but the craze irritates me. You walk into the mall and see a bunch of middle-class white kids wandering around in Converse sneakers and there he is, eyeing you from his position at the height of fashion.

I'm sure you've seen his mournful visage plastered across the chest of some wannabe socialist or punk rocker wearing an equally mournful look. Alberto Korda's famous portrait shows the beret-wearing

Che gazing soulfully upward, as if he alone can envision the future.

Part of my irritation stems from the fact that most of the people I spot wearing these shirts seem to have little or no idea who the man was. I wonder if they would wear those shirts if they did.

Ernesto "Che" Guevera began his life studying medicine in Argentina but rose to fame in Cuba as a member of Fidel Castro's revolutionary movement, which overthrew the Cuban government in 1959. Though some of the other leaders of the revolution favored a democratic or even democrat-

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BY KATE BOSWELL

ic-socialist government, Che's faction insisted on Soviet-style communism, and they won.

Che isn't a hero. In fact, his biography disgusts me. Those who hail him as a symbol of freedom and a Marxist saint may not realize that he's also known as the Butcher of La Cabaña. He earned the title while serving as the "supreme prosecutor" where

hundreds of prisoners were tortured and executed. He helped found Cuba's system of forced labor camps, where dissidents, Christians and homosexuals were forcibly imprisoned. He also presided over the revolution's first firing squads.

In his essay "Two, Three, Many Vietnams," he famously remarked on the necessity for "hatred as an element of struggle; unbending hatred for the enemy, which pushes a human being beyond his natural limitations, making him into an effective, violent, selective and cold-blooded killing machine. This is what our soldiers must become."

Che was killed in Bolivia in 1967 while the leader of a guerilla movement that, to my knowledge, failed quite spectacularly to enlist any of the common people Che and his cohorts were supposedly freeing.

Sadly, while Che is idolized, the situation in Cuba has gotten no better. Political dissidents are regularly jailed on trumped-up charges like "pre-criminal dangerousness."

Blinding ourselves to the evil done by this man and others like him implicates us in the sufferings of innocents. Che shouldn't be recognized as an icon but as a killer, and it bothers me to see people wearing his image.

It bothered me until I realized this situation is the sweetest of all ironies: Che, the great enemy of free market economies, has now been reduced to another cog in the wheels of capitalist enterprise, slapped on everything from CD covers to messenger bags.

People say that overuse destroys words. I can only hope it works the same way with faces and the more Che's is used to market everything, the less power his legacy will have.

It's the least we owe his victims.

Kate Boswell is a junior University Scholars major from Longview.

Editorial

New citizenship test should apply to all of us

Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, and then give us your test results.

Whenever a person desires to become a citizen of the United States, he or she must pass the naturalization test with six out of 10 questions correctly, as well as turning in an application and its respective fee.

On Jan. 22, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced that changes would be coming to the test because of the scrutiny of its "standardization and meaningfulness" over the last 10 years.

While the press release stated there were no assessments made as to the document's current "meaningfulness," there were inconsistencies reported in the administration of the test.

In order to address these concerns, the exam is going to consist of more "civics-based" vocabulary.

It's good to see that the government wants to ensure an even playing field for everyone as well as asking more out of potential citizens than simply regurgitating information.

We began comparing the current questions with the new ones being proposed. The current test asks many easy questions like "What are the colors of the flag?" and "What is the capital of your state of residence?"

For the new test program, the questions dive deeper into the underlying principles our country was founded on.

These questions go from simply naming the colors of the flag to identifying one of five "important ideas" in the Declaration of Independence. Many of the questions are subjective and require an element of critical thinking in

the responses.

Those who take the test must not only know what the answer to the question is but also why. Applicants studying for the test will be more likely to receive an adequate understanding of our nation's civic process.

This test will require prospective citizens to know more about the country than most current citizens do. Most Americans can't even identify the chief justice of the Supreme Court, as is required on the proposed questions.

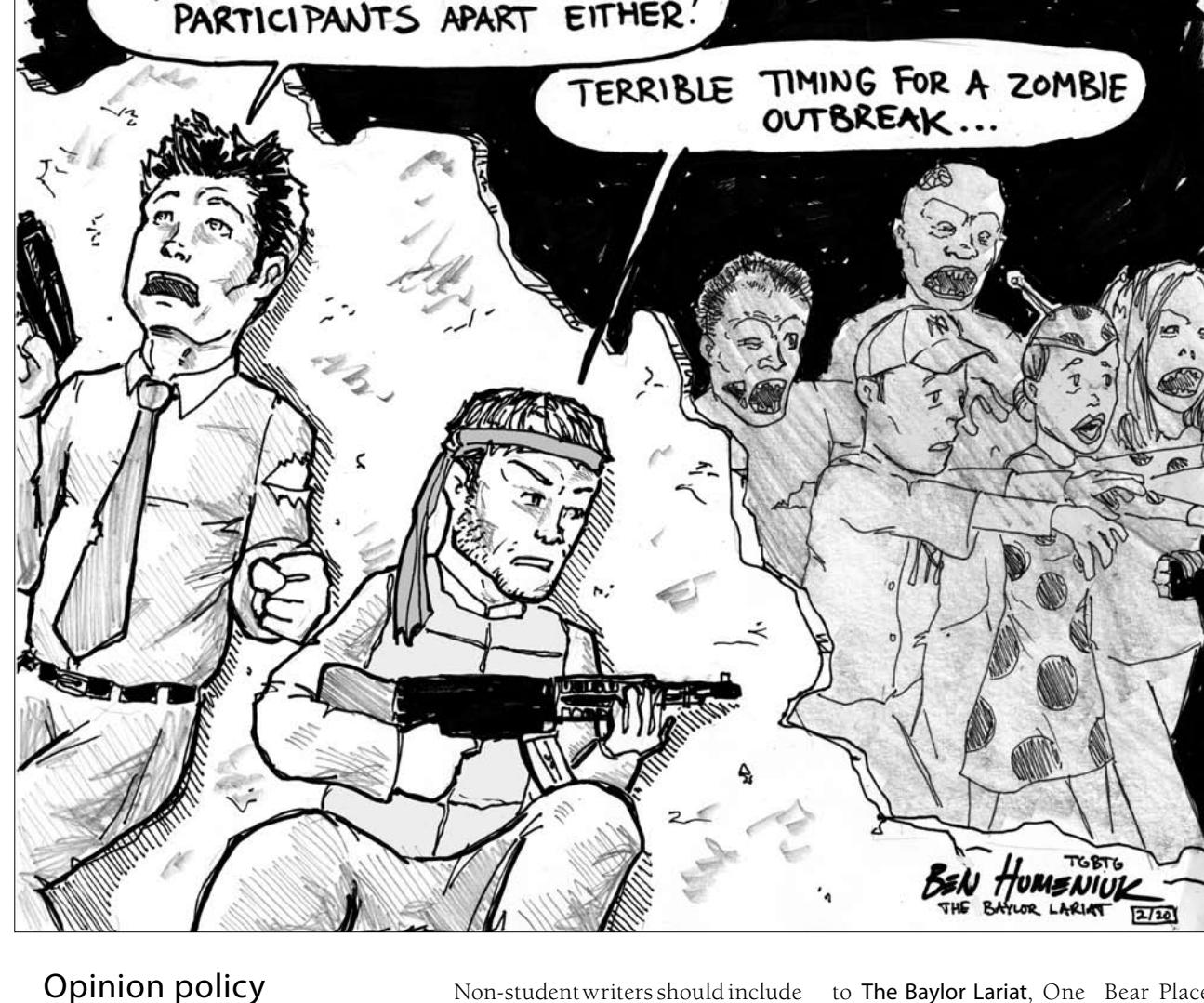
It is good to make sure new citizens have an adequate understanding of our government, but yet shameful to say that many who are already citizens of this country may struggle with the same standard. While we found that the new questions were more difficult, nothing is beyond memorization.

Instead of spending a large amount of money on this pilot test, the government needs to make sure the tests are being administered properly. Hopefully, the new set of questions and large revamping will directly address the inconsistencies detailed in the report.

If the true purpose of the test is to "help citizen applicants identify with basic American values," then how can such values be embraced if our own citizens can name more characters of *The Simpsons* than Supreme Court Justices, as a recent study has found?

To call such a lack of public knowledge troubling would be an understatement. Perhaps it would be wise to require a similar test for citizens to vote.

Instead of just demanding that potential citizens have a deep and comprehensive understanding of our nation's values, we should look into raising the bar for our own citizens, also.



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Students need to participate, voice opinions in coal plant debate

This year's weather forecast is looking like there are going to be "coal-der" days lying ahead.

With temperatures finally coming back up to the '60s, it's looking as if summer is already on its way.

If you listen to the local news stations or read the local paper, it's a different story.

Last I checked, students don't really have an opportunity to control the weather here on campus. If we had a climate-controlled Baylor Bubble, maybe it would be a different story.

In particular, I enjoy watching unprepared students brave 30-degree weather in shorts and a T-shirt. There's something about a walking human icicle that humors me.

It always makes me wonder

if they have access to a newspaper or some form of winter outerwear. If they had just taken the time to find out about the weather, they could have been better prepared for the circumstances.

With these "coal-der" days that lie ahead, there's something all of us can do to make sure we don't get caught in shorts and a T-shirt for one of the biggest decisions that will ever hit Central Texas.

Texas utility companies are hoping to construct nine new coal plants in Central Texas (four of which will be in McLennan County). The proposed sites include one plant in Lake Creek, one in Sandy Creek and two in Tradinghouse creek. These plants are part of a larger plan

to build 18 coal-burning power plants in the state of Texas.

The coal issue wouldn't be controversial if it wasn't for the manner in which the government was handling the situation. Gov. Rick Perry has issued an executive order to fast-track state permits for the proposed plants.

This action prompted a response from Waco Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson. Anderson

son is calling for a moratorium that would delay the upcoming March 9 decision regarding this issue.

No matter what side you take on the issue, it's important to understand the environmental and economic implications of the decision.

Environmentally, these plants will have a substantial impact on the air quality in Waco. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, fossil fuel-fired power plants account for 67 percent of the nation's sulfur dioxide emissions, 23 percent of nitrogen oxide emissions and 40 percent of man-made carbon dioxide emissions.

These emissions are considered substantial contributors to smog, acid rain and haze.

National Public Radio reported that the new power plants would emit about 19 million automobiles' worth of global warming gases every year.

These new emissions could threaten to hurt Waco economically if our city were to reach non-attainment status. Non-attainment is a failure to meet the national primary or secondary air quality standard for regulated pollutants.

National Public Radio also reported that while clean coal technology exists, the proposed Central Texas coal plants would not utilize this process.

Economically, the additional coal plants would provide almost \$3 billion worth of new tax base.

This would mean more fund-

ing for area school districts and an overall increase in tax revenue.

The plants will also create new jobs in McLennan County. However, the economic increase is only great as long as Waco remains in attainment status.

No matter what side you take, have an opinion and let others know how you feel.

Educate yourself about the issue because it's important to know and care about issues that affect not only Baylor, but Waco as well.

So let your voice be heard. And most importantly, make sure you're wearing the right clothes when "coal-der" weather comes.

Bryan Fonville is a sophomore business major from Garland.

point of view

BY BRYAN FONVILLE

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Portland, OR

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Gaming track to help students get paid to play

By Helina Admasse
Reporter

From Halo and Final Fantasy to The Sims and Warcraft, the gaming world is constantly growing. To keep up, Baylor is placing itself at the industry's cutting edge with the addition of a gaming and simulated environments track to the School of Engineering and Computer Science in the fall.

Dr. Jeff Donahoo, associate professor and chairman of the undergraduate curriculum committee, helped spearhead the new gaming track. The intent of the program, Donahoo said, is to open opportunities for students wishing to break into the gaming market. Students who enroll in the track will graduate with the accredited bachelor of

science in computer science degree, enabling them to pursue a career in any computer science field (along with the additional gaming background).

The program will give students the same requirements as a regular Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree, along with computer science electives, three courses in gaming and four courses in simulated environments taken in cooperation with the telecommunications department.

Baylor is bringing this program to students, Donahoo said, because students requested classes specialized in gaming and the administrators recognized the demand for gaming and simulated environment skills.

"I think it's cool that Baylor

is bringing new specialties like this into their majors," said Ben Garza, a former Baylor student and current McLennan Community College sophomore from Brownsville. "It's going to bring a lot more interest to the department."

Donahoo said many people do not realize how significant Texas is in the gaming industry. The Texas Film Commission has created a group responsible for attracting game development companies in the state, and there are already 70 companies working on creating everything from game consoles to cell phone games. These companies spend roughly \$1 million in Texas alone on game development and create many high-paying jobs for individuals with specialties in this field.

"Without video games I wouldn't be able to survive the stress of college," said Julie Perez, a Del Rio sophomore. "I know I'm not the only one who thinks the gaming industry is important to everyone."

Statistically, a majority of Americans feel the same way. According to a survey by the Texas Film Commission, nearly 70 percent of homeowners play computer or video games.

"It's not just 17-year-olds living in their mom's basements," Donahoo said. "It's people with real money," said Donahoo. "Everyone can enjoy the gaming world."

The program does not only focus on entertainment. The degree also entails creating simulated environments, such as training programs for pilots and

armed forces recruits, and on-the-job training programs. Donahoo said students will develop a game in cooperation with Texas game production companies, which can help them break into the market while still in the program.

The gaming industry is a growing field, and there are not many schools featuring programs like this in Texas, Donahoo said.

Baylor will be one of only eight colleges with programs in gaming in fall 2007, according to the Texas Film Commission.

"The world is in need of skilled individuals in this field," Donahoo said, "and we think that Baylor is ready to make an impact into the world of gaming and where this field is going to go."

Baylor boasts Truman finalists

Three students vie for national public service scholarship

By Melissa Limmer

Staff writer

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation announced Tuesday that three Baylor students have been named finalists for the scholarship.

Nekpen Osuan, James Nortey and Kenneth Ike are three of 200 finalists from 129 universities throughout the country.

The next step in the selection process is an interview March 13 in Dallas, and the winning scholars will be announced March 27.

The scholarship is awarded to about 70 college juniors from across the country with "exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public service," according to the foundation's Web site.

Elizabeth Vardaman, associate dean of special academic projects, said Truman scholars are awarded \$30,000 for graduate study.

Students are also invited to participate in Truman Leadership Week, which will be held from May 15 to 30 this year at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. near Truman's presidential library. The Truman Foundation also helps students find an internship in Washington, D.C.

Osuan, a University Scholars major from Houston, started her college career intending to become a doctor.

She decided to switch majors while interning with the housing and health care subcommittee of Waco's Homeless Initiative.

"I felt compelled to go beyond just seeing the patients, but addressing what they are going through," Osuan said.

She also said her experience "put a face" on the poverty in Waco and made her want to go into public service, especially in the field of health care educa-

tion or equality of health care for those less fortunate. Osuan said she realized a future career in public service may not pay as well as one in medicine.

But she said working in public service would be "truly fulfilling."

Ike, a Houston junior and honors student, said winning the scholarship would mean the world to him.

"I would be able to fulfill my lifelong dream," Ike said.

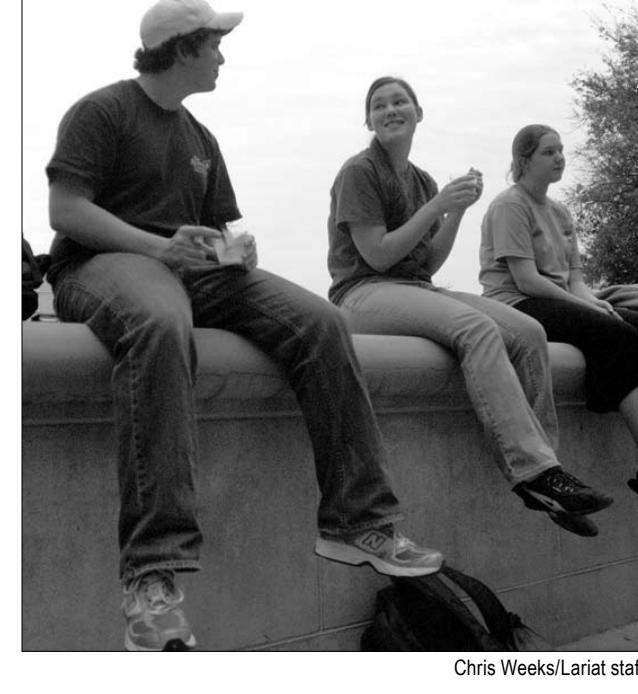
That dream is to become a doctor and return to work in an underprivileged community like the one he is from.

He said he hopes to increase the quality of education and health care in these areas and has thought about working as an administrator for a non-profit organization or serving in a public office.

"As a physician, you just treat one person at a time, but in public office I could have a bigger effect," Ike said.

After graduation Ike said he hopes to go to medical school.

James Nortey could not be reached for comment.



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

Just what the Dr ordered

Houston sophomore Kyle Stewart and Angleton junior Tabitha Thompson enjoy Dr Pepper floats and some conversation Tuesday on the front steps of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

BEAR BRIEFS

Engineering seminar today
Baylor Engineering and Research is sponsoring a seminar from 12 to 1 p.m. today in 312 Robert M. and Louise Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building. The topic is Risk and Safety in Engineering: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina.

Fill out improvement survey
Student government wants students to fill out the Campus Improvements survey online so they can be entered for a chance to win either two free All-University Sing tickets or Bearbucks. Surveys must be completed by Friday at baylor.edu.

Medical meeting today
The Medical Service Organization is holding an interest meeting from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. today in D110 Baylor Sciences Building.

Celebrate Chinese New Year
Place 2BU is holding its annual Chinese New Year celebration from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Interested in social work?
Come learn about the School of Social Work from faculty and current students at 3 p.m. today in the School of Social Work student lounge, located in the Speight Plaza Parking Garage. For more information, contact Vicki.Northern@baylor.edu or call 710-4479.

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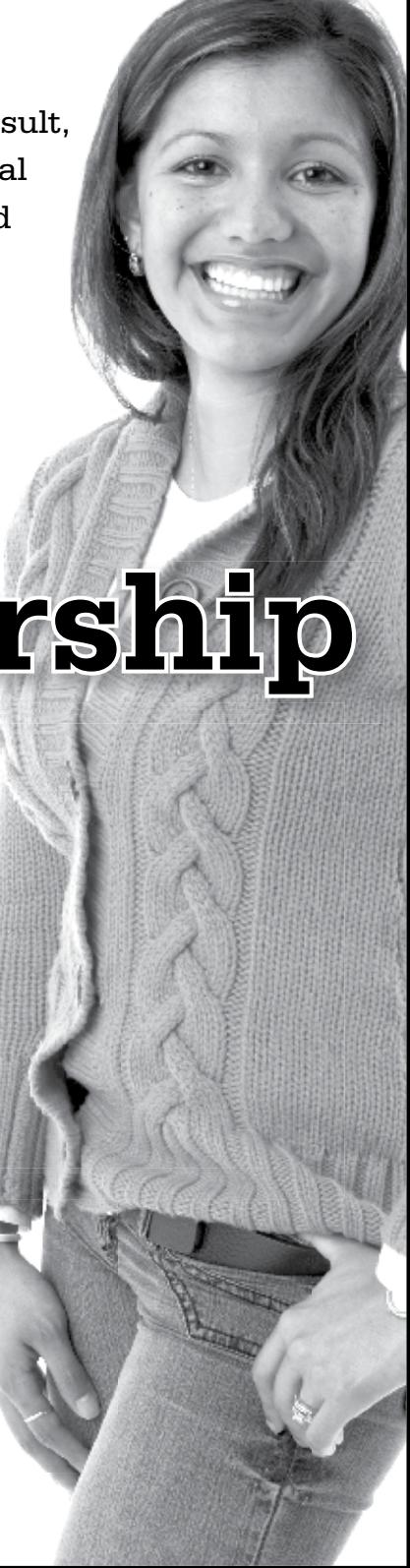
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BU makes Roadrunners roadkill

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

The Baylor baseball team got a good outing from freshman pitcher Kendall Volz and scored early and often on its way to a 9-1 win Tuesday over the University of Texas at San Antonio Tuesday.

The Bears' bats exploded for 10 hits, including seven extra base knocks, in support of Volz, who was making his second career start.

The freshman righty set the tone for the game early with a one-two-three first inning, striking out a pair of Roadrunner hitters. He pounded the strike-zone all night, striking out six batters while walking just one and allowing a solo homerun in six innings of work.

"He was in total command," head Coach Steve Smith said of Volz's outing. "I thought he handled himself extremely well."

The offense gave Volz plenty of early run support, scoring in each of the first five innings.

After a one-run first inning, the Bears

scored four unearned runs in the second. Sophomore left fielder Ben Booker led off the inning with a triple over the head of the left fielder and sophomore shortstop Beamer Weems cleared the bases with a full-count homerun over the right field wall.

"I was trying to find a pitch I could turn on," Weems said. "He left one over the plate and I just got my hands around pretty good."

The Bears batted around in the inning, scoring two more runs on a hit and a pair of Roadrunner errors. Baylor added a run in the third inning, two in the fourth and another in the fifth to seal the victory.

After Volz gave the Bears six innings of one-run ball, the Baylor got two innings of scoreless ball from freshman William Draper and a shutout inning from senior Andy Pape, to give Volz his first career win.

During the Bears' five-game winning streak, their bullpen has given up zero earned runs in 17 innings of work.

Freshman first baseman Dustin

Dickerson paced the Baylor offense Tuesday, going three for four with two doubles, a triple and two RBIs. His batting .333 on the year and is third on the team with seven RBIs.

Smith said he's been impressed with the way Dickerson has made the transition to the college game.

"He's off to a good start," Smith said. "He seems as comfortable if not more comfortable than any of the young guys. He's got a good game plan up there and he does a good job of hitting mistakes."

With the win, the Bears have started their nine-game home standoff 5-0 and have moved to 5-3 on the season.

Dickerson said the home stand has helped the confidence of the Bears' young team and will pay dividends later on in the season.

"I think (the home games have) let us get more comfortable early, and we'll be better prepared to go on the road when that time comes."

The Bears return to Baylor Ballpark at 6:30 p.m. Friday to start a three-game series against Oral Roberts University.

Struggling Huskers to invade Waco

Bears have chance
to break 4-game
losing streak

By Lequalan McDonald
Reporter

After their heartbreaking loss to the University of Texas on Saturday, the men's basketball team will have the chance to move on today when it takes on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at 6:30 p.m. at the Ferrell Special Events Center.

The Cornhuskers, 15-10 overall, have a 2-4 record in Big 12 road games and are coming off a 92-39 defeat against the University of Kansas Jayhawks.

"Anybody that gets beat that bad should be angry," sophomore guard Curtis Jerrells said.

"We know they are coming with a little bit of anger," he said.

"It won't be a cakewalk for us, but it won't be a cakewalk for them. We are on our home floor

"It won't be a cakewalk for us, but it won't be a cakewalk for them."

Curtis Jerrells
Sophomore guard

and we're going to do the best we can to battle them off."

The first time the Huskers were blown out by the Jayhawks was Jan. 29, when they lost 79-59. They then went on to win against the University of Missouri and Texas Tech University.

"They played well on the road because of seniors like Charles Richardson and Marcus Curry, who have been around for years and played a lot of minutes," head Coach Scott Drew said.

Sophomore forward Kevin Rodgers said the game against Nebraska is a must-win for the Bears.

"Nebraska is a great team with Aleks Maric in the middle, and they have a great group of guards," Rodgers said. "Also, they are a well-coached team."

The Bears, who have suffered through injuries this season, might not have junior guard Aaron Bruce available for the third game in a row.

Rodgers, who is averaging 13.6 points per Big 12 play, may also sit out due to a knee problem.

The two players are listed day to day according to Drew, who said Rodgers might be ready for the game today.

The Bears also will be without senior forward Tim Bush, who has a broken foot.

Nebraska leads the head-to-head series 11-5, 3-3 in Waco.

The last time the two teams met was Feb. 4, 2006, at Lincoln, where the Cornhuskers won 60-45.

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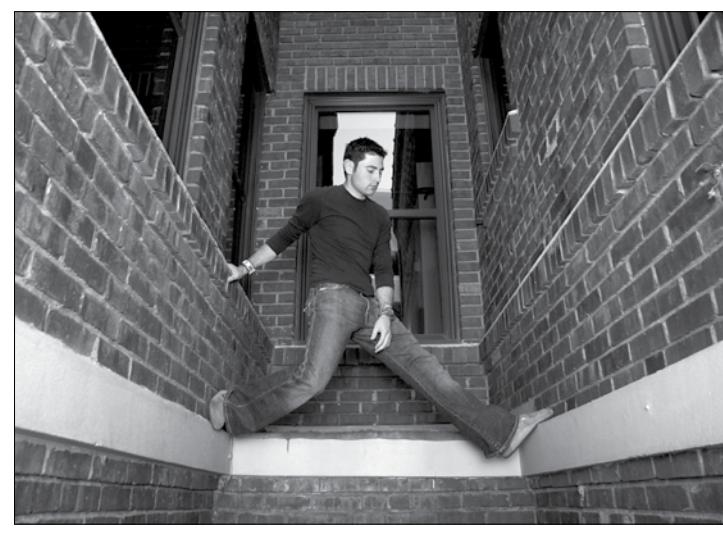
Musician aspires toward new heights

By Aileen Wong
Reporter

Fame. Success. The rock star lifestyle.
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And for some musicians, they'll actually get it.

Three Baylor musical artists, all chasing the dream of success, are at different points in their musical careers. One is beginning his career writing and playing at small venues like coffee shops. Another has moved to Nashville to work with musicians like Dave Barnes and Andy Davis. And the third is in a successful band that's been signed by a record label and will soon begin touring.



Courtesy photo

Colby Amparan, a Fort Worth senior, has been playing music since he was 15. After he graduates, he'll take a job as a worship pastor in Fort Worth.

Part 1 in a 3-Part Series

Musicians on the Road to the Top

Colby Amparan, a Fort Worth senior, plays acoustic guitar and is in the beginning stages of realizing his musical dreams.

"Music is an outlet that allows us to speak to our generation," Amparan said.

Inspired by his sister, Amparan started playing guitar after four months of training when he was 15.

"The Lord was calling me to lead worship," Amparan said. "My sister was on the worship team at church, and I felt the need to play."

That calling has translated into a love for his instrument,

Amparan said.

"I play the acoustic guitar, and it sits right here (against your body)," Amparan said. "You literally feel the vibrations inside you. It is such a powerful instrument."

"I haven't done anything (in regard to talent)," Amparan said. "The Lord has opened all the doors for me, and I've led worship in his church."

Amparan said he has been very fortunate and has found many open doors that have allowed him to further his career.

His fiancé worked in a shoe store owned by the wife of the record producer of Spaceway Studios, Will Hunt. Amparan sent an e-mail to Hunt with a few demos of the songs he recorded on his computer, and Hunt liked his sound. Amparan said he was

then on his way. He recorded a five-song album, *Urban Optimist*, with Dallas senior Eric Shell on second guitar and harmony, and a band member from Shane & Shane on bass. Last summer, Amparan created a music video, also called "*Urban Optimist*" for the first song on his album.

"Colby contacted me and sent me a few demos," Hunt said. "I felt like he had a very unique voice, and I liked his unique approach to music."

Amparan said he's been influenced by Dave Barnes, Jason Mraz and Jeff Buckley. He describes his sound as "pop melodies over a groove that is acoustic driven."

Amparan is also a member of September Project with Shell, Plano sophomore John Blanchette and Plano sophomore Jona-

than James. September Project is a worship group that formed three years ago.

"(Amparan and I) started to talk about forming a group and making two guitars and two voices work together. It was combining two passions for music," Shell said.

The worship group now performs at various retreats and church functions. They said they hope to have an approach to worship similar to Shane & Shane's, where they lead worship and perform afterward.

Amparan is trying to get the word out about his music. He's played at various events around Texas, such as Disciple Now gatherings, conferences, weekend retreats, summer camps and Sunday morning services.

Amparan will be competing in the upcoming battle of the bands, Shipwrecked. The winner of the competition will get to open for Switchfoot at Brothers Under Christ's Island Party. Amparan also participates in the Baylor Rising Artists Network and is featured on the B.R.A.N. CD.

After graduation in May, Amparan will be one step closer to his goal. He most likely will accept a college worship pastor job in Fort Worth.

"If I could do anything, I would love to write worship songs that mimic the chorus in heaven," Amparan said. "What I mean by this is the way it sounds, feels, moves—the depth and the realness."

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Baylor has had Black History Month celebrations for years — sometimes that means speakers, and sometimes that means movie showings with attached discussions.

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"The United States shares the same goal of turning responsibility over to the Iraqi Security Forces and reducing the number of American troops in Iraq," Johndroe said. "President Bush sees this as a sign of success and what is possible for us once we help the Iraqis deal with the sectarian violence in Baghdad."

"We want to bring our troops home as well," Johndroe said. "It's the model we want to emulate, to turn over more responsibilities to Iraqis and bring our troops home. That's the goal and always has been."

At a news conference in Brussels on Jan. 15, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he was not bothered that Britain was "planning a drawdown at some point this year in their forces in

"We try to do something major or something different every year," Wilson said.

She said this particular event will be relevant for students because it's unique to hear from someone of Lewis' stature who is still pursuing things that are

close to his heart.

"I think it's a fantastic opportunity to hear from someone who was part of the civil rights movement and had a leadership role in it," Wilson said.

The event is free and open to the public.

the south."

He said Basra's security situation was much different than Baghdad's.

Currently, according to the Brookings Institution, besides Britain, the major partners in the coalition include South Korea (2,300 troops), Poland (900), Australia and Georgia (both 800), Romania (600) and Denmark (460).

Some say there is little point in boosting forces in the largely Shiite south of Iraq, where most non-U.S. coalition troops are concentrated. Yet as more countries draw down or pull out, it could create a security vacuum if radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr stirs up trouble there.

Blair, who has said he will step down as prime minister by September after a decade in power, has seen his foreign pol-

icy record overshadowed by his role as Bush's leading ally in the unpopular war.

Last month, Blair said he would report to lawmakers on his future strategy in Iraq following the completion of Operation Sinbad, a joint British and Iraqi mission targeting police corruption and militia influence in Basra. The operation was completed Sunday, and Blair's spokesman called it a success.

Treasury chief Gordon Brown, who is likely to succeed Blair, has said he hoped several thousand British soldiers would be withdrawn by December.

In November, Defense Secretary Des Browne said he believed the number of British troops based in Iraq would be "significantly lower by a matter of thousands" by the end of 2007.

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supplies for the future.

Plaintiffs' attorneys argued that Perry's fast-track executive order, issued in October 2005, was illegal and unconstitutional. They said the Texas governorship is intentionally weak under the state Constitution and that Perry's order interferes with the legislative branch.

"The governor is doing something that he has no power to do," said attorney David Kahne, representing Citizens Organizing for Resources and Environment, along with other plaintiffs.

The Legislature set up the State Office of Administrative Hearings as an independent forum for contested cases, and the governor doesn't have the authority to direct the way it holds its hearings, Kahne told the judge.

State attorneys said the plaintiffs failed to show how they would be irreparably harmed by the upcoming environmental

hearings.

"There is no injury based on this purported accelerated schedule" of hearings, said Shelley Dahlberg, an attorney for the state. She said the citizen groups don't have legal standing to make the argument that they've been harmed at this point, though they might after the hearings, depending on the outcome.

A number of Texas cities and citizen groups oppose the plants.

Dallas Mayor Laura Miller, a critic of TXU's coal plant proposals, told KRLD radio station in Dallas that it will become clear today what will happen next.

"We'll take this news that we just heard, and consider it, and see where we are in the morning," Miller said from a bus headed to Waco for a Clean Air Coalition meeting Tuesday night.

Texans who live near proposed plants showed up in state district court in Austin on Tues-

day representing CORE, Texans Protecting Our Water, Environment and Resources, or TPOWR, and other groups.

"We're actually in the ring of fire," said Robert Cervenka, a rancher in McLennan County who lives amid proposed coal plant sites.

Outside the courtroom, he said he and his wife worry that the plants could hurt the air quality of their region for cattle, wildlife and people.

Katrina Baecht, whose family farm is six miles from the site of a proposed plant near the Oklahoma border, said she also was worried about air quality if the plants are built.

As for the hearing today, she said the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality was added to the case just last week and wouldn't have time to prepare for the proceeding.

Blackburn said preparing for the hearings was crucial because they establish the record connected to the permitting of the plants.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Rep. Chet Edwards speaks Tuesday with sophomores Stephanie Formas of Plano, Taylor Kulhanek of Austin and Zack Krohn of DeSoto at the Waco Convention Center.

Edwards appreciative of students

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said the main problem with this issue has been the lack of accurate information. She added that the coalition and Dr. Max Shauck, professor and chairman of aviation sciences, had been instrumental in helping the public get reliable information.

"It's something we need to understand about our world and the challenges we're facing," DuPuy said, adding that she was proud of Baylor students for attending the event and showing their support for the Waco community.

Baylor sophomores Stephanie Formas of Plano, Taylor Kulhanek of Austin and Zack Krohn of DeSoto came to the event in full costume, with leaves and ferns in their hair and plastic butterflies pinned

on their shirts.

"I'm a firm believer in standing up for what you believe in," Formas said. "I believe the Texas administration is fast-tracking these plants without consulting environmental issues or people's concerns."

Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco, said he was glad Baylor students attended the meeting.

"I think it's important for students to get involved in these issues because, for example, the coal plant issue is going to affect the quality of their lives for the next 40 years," he said.

"Students could help us find answers and answer these questions and challenge all the parties involved in this kind of issue to provide factual information. I believe that

the students can make a real difference."

Students from Baylor's Environmental Concern Organization smeared their faces to look soot-stained and handed out T-shirts reading "Face it. Coal is filthy" outside the center.

The Woodlands senior and ECO president Rachel Suter said the shirts and other items, such as bumper stickers, were given to the group by the Texas Clean Sky Coalition, which also paid for a plane to fly over Waco Tuesday bearing the same message.

"Our purpose as a club is to address the issues that are pertinent to students," Suter said.

"This issue is very pertinent. We care about the community even if we aren't permanent residents."

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