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TXU buyout saves area from coal plants

Environmental effects could still arise from plant south of Waco

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

In what will be the largest leveraged buyout ever, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and the Texas Pacific Group agreed Monday to acquire TXU for \$32 billion.

According to a TXU press release, the new company will “strengthen environmental poli-

cies, make significant investments in alternative energy and institute corporate policies tied to climate stewardship.”

This means the cancellation of plans to build eight of the 11 proposed coal-fired power plants, including the three in McLennan County.

“This was a pretty astonishing turn of events,” Waco mayor Virginia DuPuy said.

“None of us was prepared for that. We were working hard to influence the state and legislature and didn’t anticipate something in the market that would

change things.”

Mary Darden,



Darden

against the coal plants.

president of the organization Keep Waco Green, said she sees the buyout as a victory for the environment. She attributes a large part of the change to the public backlash

“Word was out that it was a done deal and all the politicians were on board,” she said. “It was definitely the rise of the people and their learning about the impact of these plants that accomplished this.”

However, both DuPuy and Darden said there was still more to be accomplished.

“I feel like the biggest battle we had to fight is over and the treaty is getting ready to be signed,” Darden said. “But we have a lot of work to be done. We need to take this as the first step in the right direction.”

She pointed out that Texas is one of the dirtiest states in the nation and said the state needs to stop burning lignite coal and put more time and money into investigating renewable energy sources.

DuPuy said although the building of the three plants in McLennan County was canceled, two of the proposed plants are planned to be built south of Waco.

“We need to work to influence that process as well,” DuPuy said. “These plants could still affect us.”

She said that pollution from the plants could be carried into Waco and push it closer to non-attainment, in which an area is designated as having exceeded national air pollution standards. She also said that two judges had already recommended that the Oak Grove plant not be built.

Dr. John D. Martin, professor of finance and Carr P. Collins chairman of finance at Baylor, said Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Texas Pacific Group are two of the largest private equity

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Charity makes second BU stop

Invisible Children looks to students for money, support

By Bethany Poller
Reporter

If 12,000 graduate and undergraduate students on Baylor’s campus were abducted and brainwashed into fighting for a rebel army, there would be a huge public outcry. But this is what has happened to 12,000 children in Uganda since 2002, and abductions in the war-torn country have gone ignored for more than 20 years.

Invisible Children is showing a documentary detailing the plight of these children at 7 p.m. today in Bennett Auditorium. It is part of a national movement aimed at raising awareness and money for the children of Uganda.

In 2003, three college students traveled to Uganda to find a story and document it, said Invisible Children Texas team manager Kevin Weathersby.

“They didn’t know they would find this war that had been going on for 21 years,” he said.

Every night thousands of children commute to large cities to escape being abducted by the Lord’s Resistance Army. The LRA takes children from their homes and trains them to be soldiers.

“The college students thought, ‘We have to do something,’” Weathersby said. “So they came back with footage to raise awareness.”

This footage became the documentary being shown tonight. Baylor is just one stop on Invisible Children’s World Tour 2007. Invisible Children roadies make stops all over the United States.

The first tour was last year, and Invisible Children saw Americans respond across the map.

“The tour progressed into this movement that America wants to see,” Weathersby said. “And now they get to see it through Invisible Children.”

The 2006 tour promoted the Global Night Commute, where 80,000 people slept in the street to raise awareness for the conditions Ugandan children face. It was labeled as one of the biggest demonstrations in the U.S. for Africa, according to Invisible Children’s Web site.

Invisible Children hopes to gain similar support from Baylor students who view the video.

“The goal is to spur the movement of support for these kids,” Weathersby said. “We’d just like to see action.”

The video was shown Mon-

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Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Put your back into it

Denton sophomore Ben Clark flings his Frisbee Monday at Cameron Park’s disc golf course as Monroe, La., senior Jared Nazarian looks on.

New Web site devoted to curbing porn addiction

By Melissa Limmer
Staff writer

A pair of dark eyes stares students down as they walk across campus and even as they surf Facebook.

“It’s not what you think...” is the message accompanying the eyes.

These advertisements direct students to the counseling center’s new Web site, titled “bare truth.”

The site depicts the saturation of pornography in today’s media, its negative effects and how to overcome an addiction to pornography.

Dr. Jim Marsh, director of Baylor’s counseling center, said the idea for creating the Web site began in 2005 when Todd

Lake was chaplain.

“Our goal is just to raise the level of awareness about this issue on campus,” Marsh said.

“We are trying to (advertise) in a way to invite people to read the material. It can’t make anyone change, but it will give people something to think about.”

Besides raising general awareness, Marsh said the site invites people to rethink looking at pornography and provides resources for help in an anonymous setting.

Marsh said the pornography issue is one that doesn’t just affect Baylor students.

“The bigger issue is that our entire culture is saturated with sensuality, whether that be college students or people out

of college,” he said.

“The problem is everywhere.”

The site was funded by a grant from McLennan County’s abstinence program, McCAP.

The \$5,000 grant covered the costs to create and market the site around campus.

Glenn Ballenger, director of resource production at McCAP, said Baylor contacted them and “raised to us that porn was an issue we need to start addressing.”

The grant also allowed the counseling center to hire a George W. Truett Theological Seminary student to do the research and create the site.

Dan Bellamy, now a youth

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Regent, alumni tensions relaxing

Alumni association works toward financial independence from Baylor

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

Past frictions and bumps in the relationship between the Baylor Board of Regents and the Baylor Alumni Association may not spill over into the future.

The relationship between the board and the alumni association is on its way to being repaired, said alumni association president-elect Bill Nesbitt.

The alumni association, which has been embroiled in tension, if not outright controversy, since the board of regents asked the president’s office for information about the association earlier this year, released a statement of “position and transparency” Wednesday.

Jeff Kilgore, executive vice president and CEO of the alumni association, wrote the statement to alumni association members to address “the questions or issues directly pertaining to the position of your alumni association.”

The statement went on to say, “Our communications, programs, and services have consistently celebrated what is best about our university while embracing the entrusted responsibility of communicating with our fellow alumni in an honest and transparent way.

“It is our role as an association to maintain and enhance a sound equilibrium in the life of Baylor University. In response to this commitment, Baylor University has recognized and licensed the Baylor Alumni Association as the primary alumni organization for the school.”

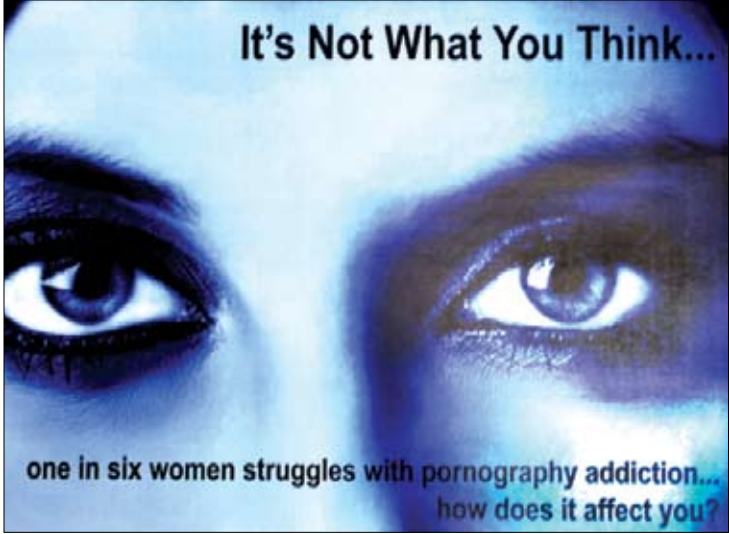
Kilgore declined to comment beyond what was in the statement.

Nesbitt said he wasn’t a part of any decision-making process to send out the letter, but that it likely was sent out more to alleviate alumni confusion than to allay fears.

He said the alumni association is healthy and added, “There are signs that things are settling down in the relationship (between the association and the board).”

Baylor Regent Will Davis said he didn’t know

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“Bare Truth,” a new Web site created in conjunction with the McLennan County Abstinence Program, aims to raise awareness of pornography addiction.

Obama impresses with eloquence, vision for change

It's human nature to hear people talking and want to know what all the fuss is about. Well, America is already talking about the 2008 presidential election and there's a lot of fuss to figure out. I started figuring it out by standing in drizzling rain Friday to listen to Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill, in Austin. Auditorium Shores, the arena where he spoke, is normally occupied by concerts and is not remembered to host a presidential hopeful since Ronald Reagan in 1984. Estimates place the number of people who

showed up to hear Obama speak at between 15,000 and 20,000. The number of people who came to the rally Friday indicates that Obama, who'd only thrown his name into the ring 13 days earlier, has struck a chord with the masses. These people who represented a rainbow of diversity all came to hear a man speak about a central theme: change. Obama himself said it best: "I know I haven't spent a lot of time learning the ways of Washington. But I've been there long enough to know that the ways of Washington must change."

point of view



BY KELLY COLEMAN

The fact that Obama is even attempting to gain the Democratic presidential nomination is a testament to the change our country has undergone in the last 50 years. A candidate with a black father and a white mother running for president would have been unimaginable half a

century ago. But Friday in Austin, people gathered because they felt this man is the one man who can make a positive change in our country. Lucky for me, I was able to hear Obama's views on a number of vital topics: the war in Iraq, universal health care, interest rates on student loans, environmental concerns and more. He didn't waste time just criticizing his opponents either. He told his opinions of the issues and what he thought we should do about them. His speaking style – without

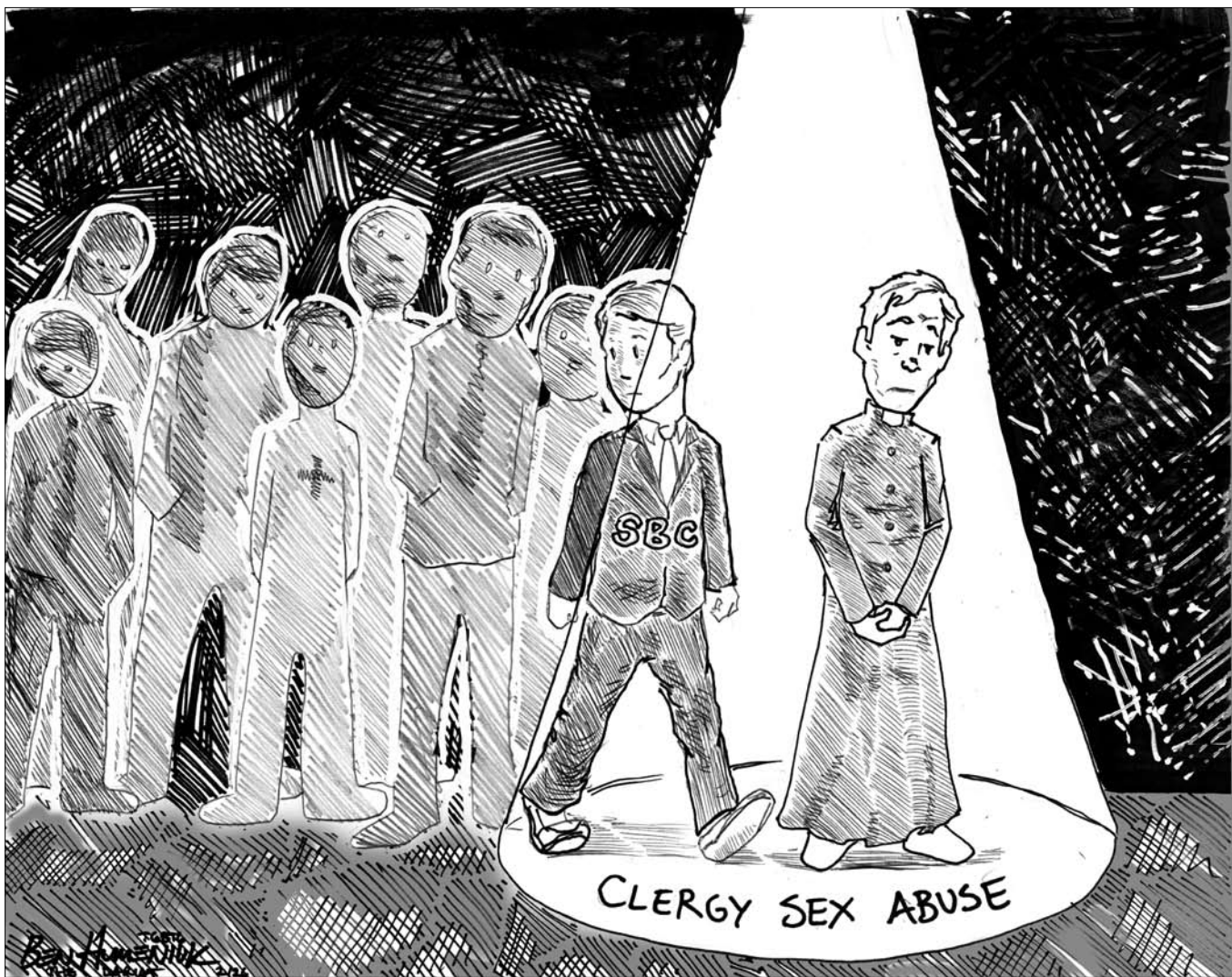
notes mind you – was almost like a 40-minute conversation with someone who was clearly impassioned enough to want to make a difference. Unfortunately for you, you probably don't know where Obama stands on a variety of things because media reports have focused on non-stories like Obama's middle name (it's Hussein), where he attended elementary school (a public school and not a madrasah, as was circulated by Fox News) and the fact that he smokes but he's trying to quit. At the rally, Obama said

America is at a crossroads, and that's why he wanted to run for president at this time. He said that, in the end, the campaign would be about his supporters and not him. He called for voter support, but then followed with a statement that I think reflects much of his character. He said, "There's more that binds us together than drives us apart." Is Obama the man to bind us back together? It's time for us to start figuring it out. Kelly Coleman is a graduate student in international journalism from Waco.

Editorial

Bring all abusers to justice

Children need a place in the community to be safe, and for some of them, that place isn't home, school or sadly enough – even church. The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, a group that fights abuse by clergy and religious authority figures, helped lead a campaign against sex abuse in Catholic churches. It's now urging the Southern Baptist Convention to do more than what's presently being done to fight sex abuse in its affiliated churches. The network is obviously to be commended for campaigning on behalf of victims and congregations in Baptist churches, but its message and suggestions should be spread and followed even more widely than in the two largest denominations in America alone. Sex abuse is inexcusable wherever it takes places, and unfortunately it's not confined to specific locations, age groups or denominations. That's why all victims of sex abuse should have somewhere to turn when they're ready to speak out. Denominations that haven't yet done so should not only make sure victims have somewhere to report sex abuse, but ensure the churches find a way to keep it from happening again. Churches in every denomination should institute a system to root out sex abuse. Many churches already require background checks before approving workers in children's departments. Requiring a system of accountability for ministers is a logical next step. In a letter sent to the SBC, the survivors network urged the SBC to maintain a list of ministers accused of molesting minors as part of a zero tolerance policy



on sex abuse. It's unfortunate that such a request even needs to be made. One would hope all churches would take such a stand. The SBC and churches in other denominations would do well to create and keep such a list to make sure molesters don't switch congregations. The letter calls out the Baptist General Convention of Texas in particular. It says the BGCT keeps secret its file with the names of ministers reported for molesting minors. It goes on to state that

every parent ought to be asking questions and insisting that the ministers' names be made public. The letter also calls for the SBC to create an independent review board and a toll-free hotline for victims. This is a good idea that should be implemented by all denominations. The survivors network targeted the SBC for such requests because it lacks a hierarchy or centralized leadership, but even denominations with more structured authority could use an indepen-

dent hotline and have review boards of their own. In the last six months, there have been about 40 complaints of sex abuse in Southern Baptist churches. It's sad to think about how many complaints against other churches are still waiting to come to light. If the leaders of churches take the initiative against sex abuse, they'll be showing responsibility and transparency. If not, then the scope should be widened to include them as well.

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Warm weather tempts students to perform 'disappearing clothes act'

I looked out my apartment window the other day and did a double-take. There were people, lots of them, running around in bathing suits by the pool. Wasn't it below freezing last week? I could have sworn I was just wearing a scarf and gloves, and now there are people half dressed playing sand volleyball. Actually, not so much half-dressed as quarter-dressed. That's right, bathing suit and short season is upon us. I love this time of year because I no longer have to bundle up with four layers of clothing to stay warm. Instead, I can throw on a tank top and skirt and still break a sweat. But this warm summer season also brings up an interesting predicament: How few clothes

are too few? I came from a private Christian high school with a strictly enforced dress code. We were sent to the headmaster's office if our skirts were too short – as in any length above the knee. So when I first arrived at Baylor, I was a little more than shocked to find that girls could wear almost anything and not be punished. Not to single out females – I also saw many a boxer poking out from some male waistlines. What I call the "disappearing clothes act" seems to be a phenomenon occurring all over the place. And as the weather gets warmer, clothes get smaller. In fact, I know it's summer when the girl sitting in front of me bends down to pick up a book and leaves little to the

point of view



BY KRIS FIRTH

imagination. Accident or not, I know I'd be a lot happier if I didn't have to worry about indecent exposure during the warm season. I'm not an advocate of a dress code; however, I would like to make the argument that somewhere along the line, boundaries of faith versus fashion have to be drawn. As a Christian university, Baylor encourages students to live in a Christ-like manner. Some Christian cultures such

as the Amish, ban women from wearing clothing with loud colors. They believe a modest approach to clothing maintains a modest approach to life, since they believe modern luxuries are distracting and unnecessary. But Baylor isn't Amish and the reality is that many Baylor students don't consider themselves Baptist, either. Baylor has a wide array of students from many cultures and religion, so to appeal to one faith only would be trivial. However, the way a man or woman dresses reflects more than just religious conviction; it also reflects a sense of self-respect. Or lack of it. I was reading a fashion magazine not too long ago that was commenting on this modern phenomenon of disappearing

clothes. A fashion critic said he was confused by the bulge that was appearing in women – skinny or large – in recent years. Has our genetic make-up changed? Was it punishment for all the fast-food? No, it wasn't a change in the body at all. Rather, it was the clothes that were creating this strange, above-the-waist bulge. As we progress through changes in fashion, the jeans seem to get tighter and lower. Soon, the critic speculated, our jeans would only cover half our bottom. As extreme as that might be, it's not too far-fetched to imagine. From my mother's generation to mine, fashion has gotten progressively more risqué, and

most have embraced it without question. It's important to remember as bathing suit season approaches, that we initially judge each other based on physical appearance. It's not so much because we are superficial, but more so because we see before we hear, and our appearance affects the way people treat us. So next time you reach for those Daisy Dukes or those shorts that hang so low they might as well be pants, remember that not everyone wants to see that. And most importantly, I'd especially appreciate a summer day without witnessing another indecent exposure. Kris Firth is a junior journalism and history major from McKinney.

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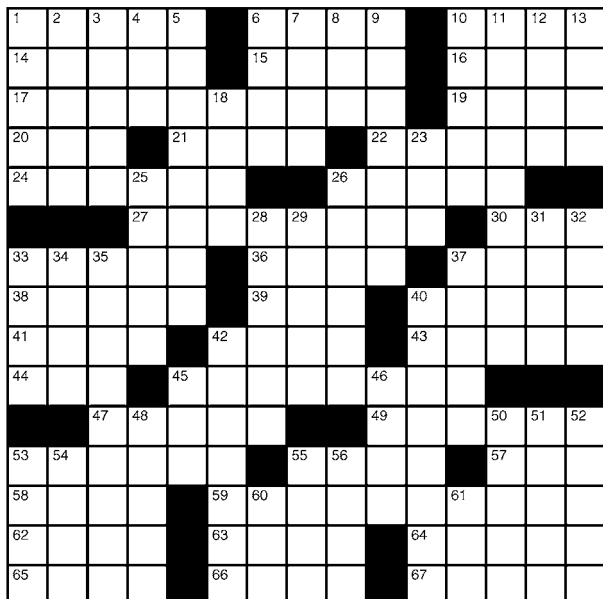
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BUnited boasts diversity

OneBU to hold event that showcases 'Best of Our World'

By Star De La Cruz Reporter

OneBU, formerly known as the interest group Students Taking on Prejudice, will hold BUnited Day at 7 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. The free celebration will entail performances from different organizations, artwork, food and door prizes. The theme of the event is The Best of our World. Victoria Mgbemena, Houston junior and president of OneBU, said BUnited Day's performances will demonstrate what they interpret to be the best of our world. "The pieces of artwork that will be displayed are from students that have created a way to bring out the best of Baylor's worlds," she said. Mgbemena said the idea be-

hind this new event began in the spring of 2006, when OneBU was chartered. The event has since evolved but the purpose has remained the same. "OneBU has the overall purpose to provide environments where different students can get involved with different cultures and to embrace diversity," Mgbemena said. "The goal (of BUnited Day) is to get all different types of students together in one event that will be something profound, create dialogue with people who are different from themselves, and showcase performances and art," she said. David Hao, an Albuquerque, N.M. junior, and public relations officer for OneBU, said they tried to get many different types of groups on campus in an effort to target every student. "At Baylor, we talk a lot about diversity ... and we want to show diversity by letting actions speak louder than words," Hao said. BUnited Day will include performances from the Indian Subcontinent Student Associa-

tion, Ballet Folklorico Oceloti, Heavenly Voices, Phillipino Student Association, Latin Dance Society and Delta Sigma Theta. Hao said a raffle at the event will be unique and will encourage students to meet new people and engage in conversations. "Every student will be given a Ziploc bag containing squares of only one color," Hao said. "In order to enter the raffle, students will need to have a square of every color." Hao said that this activity will "encourage interaction between all the people who attend." He added that one of the door prizes is a digital camera. Taryn Ozuna, coordinator for multicultural activities, said she hopes this event will make students embrace diversity and experience the difference among students in a positive way. "BUnited Day is inclusive to everyone and not just people attached to a certain type of group," Ozuna said. Ozuna said she hoped most of all, students will have fun and enjoy witnessing the variety of talent students bring to Baylor.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

A sun-soaked run

The Baylor Men's Cross Country team trains on the Bear Run Cross Country Course on Monday, when the temperature in Waco reached the 80-degree mark.

Program works for better professor, student connection

By Nathan McCoy Reporter

Hanging out with your professors outside the classroom can be just as important as interacting with them inside the classroom, said Rishi Sriram, associate director for housing administration and academic initiatives. But Sriram said these informal connections haven't been as good in the past five years as he hopes future links will be. He said refining the Faculty Partner Program for next year should help change that. The program requires community leaders in residence halls to select a faculty buddy to interact with the CL's hall a few times a semester. Sriram said refinement was needed because of communi-

cation problems between some CLs and their faculty partners. "We're trying to bring together the academic and student life sides of the university to impact the lives of students," Sriram said. "What we've had has been pretty good. But this year, we're just taking the good qualities of the program and expanding on those." Sriram said he wants the interaction to be easier and more convenient for professors and students, and the goal is that CLs will help foster more residential student connections outside the classroom. "Baylor faculty especially are so good about wanting to build relationships with students," Sriram said. Paris, Texas sophomore Shane Boswell is a CL for Penland Residence Hall's third

floor. Although he said he didn't remember faculty involvement being stressed by his CL during his freshman year, CLs are now being pushed to have at least three interactions per semester. "Like everything on Baylor's campus, there's always room for improvement," Boswell said. "Campus Living and Learning is on the right track." Glendale, Ariz., senior John McPherson, a CL in the Engineering and Computer Science Living and Learning Center in North Village, said the program is a good way for students to get to know professors. However, he said it comes down to the CLs "taking the initiative." "CLs are expected to communicate with professors on an individual basis, so a lot has to do with CLs getting on top

of things and faculty making themselves available," McPherson said. "The hard part is getting motivated to do it, like everything," he said. McPherson communicates with his faculty partner through e-mail and talks to him when they see each other around campus. He said around 10 or 15 out of 60 men on his hall met for dinner with their faculty professor last semester. Assistant psychology professor Joann Tsang has been involved with the program for three years. She is involved this year with a North Village hall and has shown up at evening study breaks to "hang out with students and just get to know them."

Tsang also talked with students one-on-one about their classes or majors and participated in Steppin' Out and other student-sponsored events. "I don't think I would have heard about some of these opportunities if it weren't for my CL," Tsang said, adding that she's enjoyed the freedom to steer activities toward students' strengths. "There's a lot of flexibility built in and that really helped me out." Sriram said the program's flexibility is its strength. "We're trying to add structure to the program while preserving the flexibility in the details and making it easier on faculty members and CLs," Sriram said. "We want this program to be a blessing, not a burden," he said.

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§ 37.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter: (1) "Educational institution" includes a public or private high school. (2) "Pledge" means any person who has been accepted by, is considering an offer of membership from, or is in the process of qualifying for membership in an organization. (3) "Pledging" means any action or activity related to becoming a member of an organization. (4) "Student" means any person who: (A) is registered in or in attendance at an educational institution; (B) has been accepted for admission at the educational institution where the hazing incident occurs; or (C) intends to attend an educational institution during any of its regular sessions after a period of scheduled vacation. (5) "Organization" means a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, club, or service, social, or similar group, whose members are primarily students. (6) "Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization. The term includes: (A) any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity; (B) any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (C) any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (D) any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining

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§ 37.152. PERSONAL HAZING OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person: (1) engages in hazing; (2) solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing; (3) recklessly permits hazing to occur; or (4) has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution, or has firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report that knowledge in writing to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution. (b) The offense of failing to report is a Class B misdemeanor. (c) Any other offense under this section that does not cause serious bodily injury to another is a Class B misdemeanor. (d) Any other offense under this section that causes serious bodily injury to another is a Class A misdemeanor. (e) Any other offense under this section that causes the death of another is a state jail felony. (f) Except if an offense causes the death of a student, in sentencing a person convicted of an offense under this section, the court may require the person to perform community service, subject to the same conditions imposed on a person placed on community supervision under Section 11, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, for an appropriate period of time in lieu of confinement in county jail or in lieu of a part of the time the person is sentenced to confinement in county jail.

§ 37.153. ORGANIZATION HAZING OFFENSE. (a) An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing. (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor

punishable by: (1) a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000; or (2) if the court finds that the offense caused personal injury, property damage, or other loss, a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than double the amount lost or expenses incurred because of the injury, damage, or loss.

§ 37.154. CONSENT NOT A DEFENSE. It is not a defense to prosecution of an offense under this subchapter that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

§ 37.155. IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION AVAILABLE. In the prosecution of an offense under this subchapter, the court may grant immunity from prosecution for the offense to each person who is subpoenaed to testify for the prosecution and who does testify for the prosecution. Any person reporting a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Immunity extends to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report. A person reporting in bad faith or with malice is not protected by this section.

§ 37.156. OFFENSES IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENAL PROVISIONS. This subchapter does not affect or repeal any penal law of this state. This subchapter does not limit or affect the right of an educational institution to enforce its own penalties against hazing.

§ 37.157. REPORTING BY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES. A doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing activities: (1) may report the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials; and (2) is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report, unless the report is made in bad faith or with malice.

The following student organizations have been disciplined for hazing or convicted for hazing during the previous three years:

Kappa Omega Tau	Spring 2004	Kappa Sigma	Spring 2005	Kappa Sigma	Spring 2006
Pi Kappa Alpha	Spring 2004	Brothers Under Christ	Spring 2006	Phi Gamma Delta	Spring 2006
Sigma Phi Epsilon	Spring 2005	Gamma Alpha Omega	Spring 2006	Phi Kappa Chi	Spring 2006

Baylor's Statement on Hazing can be reviewed online at: http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/index.php?id=32286

HONOR CODE REPORT, SPRING 2007

The Baylor University Honor Council is charged with the responsibility of hearing cases of alleged violations of the Honor Code (academic dishonesty). A hearing is conducted when a matter of academic dishonesty is not resolved between a faculty member and a student.

During the Fall 2006 semester, the Honor Council chair mediated in several cases of academic dishonesty, one of which could not be resolved between the student and faculty member and therefore resulted in a hearing. The results of the hearing were:	
Alleged Violation:	False information about taking an exam / Providing false evidence
Decision:	Guilty
Sanction:	Suspended from Baylor University

The Honor Code can be reviewed online at: http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/index.php?id=32287.

Copies of Baylor's Statement on Hazing and the Honor Code are available from the Judicial Affairs office.

Aggies destroy BU's title hopes

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

The table was set perfectly for the Lady Bears. With two games to go in the regular season, all Baylor had to do was sweep its last two games against Texas A&M University and the University of Oklahoma to lock up a Big 12 regular season title.

All three teams entered last weekend with an 11-3 conference record, meaning Baylor was in the rare and enviable position to control its season.

Unfortunately for the Lady Bears, the battle for the conference title will no longer include them.

Baylor's title hopes were dashed at the Ferrell Special Events Center Sunday afternoon with a 63-58 loss to Texas A&M, giving the Aggies a season sweep over Baylor.

The Lady Bears can finish no lower than third in the conference, however, and they'll move up to second if they can defeat Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., on Wednesday.

"When the sun rises, we'll look towards Oklahoma and all the positive things we've done this year and realize that we weren't supposed to finish third," head Coach Kim Mulkey said. "We weren't supposed to be vying for a championship this late in the season, and we were."

The Aggies are now poised to win their first Big 12 title in women's basketball. Now that they own season sweeps over both Baylor and Oklahoma, all tiebreakers will fall in Texas A&M's direction.

With Baylor's loss, all Texas A&M needs now is a win over the University of Texas this week to clinch the title. If the Aggies lose, they'll be relying on Baylor to knock off Oklahoma to assure the title and a No. 1 seed in the Big 12 tournament next month.

While Baylor's battle with Oklahoma on Wednesday no longer carries the implications it once did for the Lady Bears, it won't make the game any less meaningful, Mulkey said.

"We just have to learn from this, pick it up, go to Oklahoma and win," said senior forward Bernice Mosby, who scored 24 points and pulled down nine rebounds on Sunday. "I wish we could have won on our home floor on senior night, but life goes on and we have another game to go win."

Texas A&M was able to seize the win in the game's late stages, outshooting Baylor from the perimeter and forcing a crucial turnover with less than a minute left in the game.

"They're a little bit more polished than we are as a team," Mulkey said. "They made the plays to win. We have done well in finishing games, but today we didn't."

Baylor did receive a bit of good news Sunday as freshman forward Danielle Wilson broke a 27-year Baylor record for blocked shots in a season. Her 77 blocks broke the record set by Carol Reeves-Brandenburg in the 1979-1980 season.

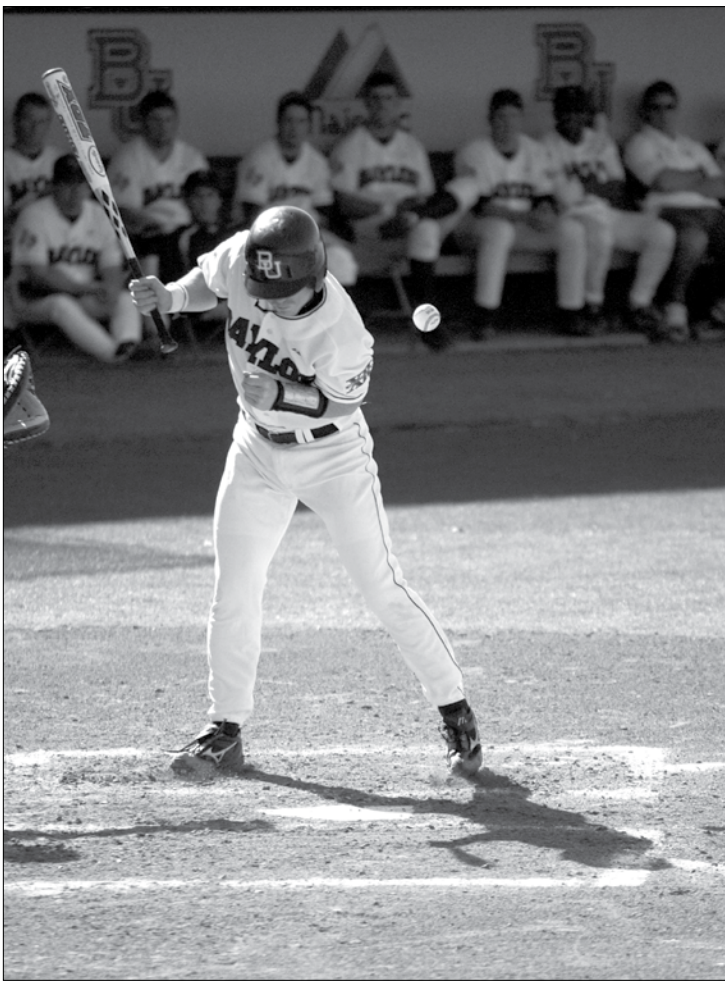
"It's a great accomplishment," Wilson said. "Just on the defensive end, I've been trying to use my wingspan to the best of my ability."

The Lady Bears will be looking to avenge a 76-63 loss to the Sooners in Waco earlier this season.

After sweeping Big 12 play last year and winning its first seven conference games this year, Oklahoma has faltered somewhat. They went 1-2 over a three-game stretch in early February, which opened the door for Baylor and Texas A&M to leapfrog them in the conference standings.

Even though the title may be out of reach, Baylor can still ruin Oklahoma's chances at their second championship in as many years. And that could be enough motivation to propel the Lady Bears to a win in the last game of the regular season.

"This defeat is not final. We've got more games to play," Mulkey said. "We took ourselves out of the running for the Big 12 title, and you don't like for seniors to lose on their last game on their home court. Those are the two worst things about it."



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Senior catcher Matt Czimskey is hit in the shoulder Saturday by a Marcus Tackett pitch during the Bears' 12-7 win over Oral Roberts. The Bears took two of three games from the Golden Eagles and are 7-4 on the season.

Bears snatch series from Oral Roberts

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

It took extra innings Friday and an offensive explosion Saturday, but the Baylor baseball team won two of its three games against Oral Roberts University to win the weekend series and move to 7-4 on the season.

Oral Roberts, which has won the Mid Continent Conference in each of the past nine years, is the highest-rated team the Bears have played since starting the season 0-3 at the Houston College Classic.

"(Winning this series) does wonders for our confidence and does wonders for our young guys," junior pitcher Randall Linebaugh said. "It's a big thing for the morale of our team to show we can come out here and compete with these guys."

The Bears won the first game of the series 3-2 in the 10th inning behind a solid pitching performance by Linebaugh and excellent defense. They won a slugfest on Saturday, 12-7. And they dropped the finale, 4-2. In the Bears' lone loss, which snapped a seven-game winning

streak, Oral Roberts pitcher Michael Jarman broke a Baylor Ballpark record with 14 strikeouts.

Senior catcher Matt Sodolak had three of the Bears' four hits Sunday. He said Baylor had no answer for the lefty hurler.

"(Jarman) just had the upper hand," Sodolak said. "Every once in a while you play a team with one of those pitchers that's just tough to hit."

The Bears had little trouble hitting in their two wins. On Friday, they had 11 hits and on Saturday they had 12, including a pair of homeruns.

Junior closer Nick Casavechia said it was good for the team to play so well against quality competition.

"With such a young team, we were pretty unsure of what we could do," he said. "Seeing us hit the ball and pitch so well really bodes well for the future."

The Bears return to Baylor Ballpark at 6:30 p.m. today with a game against the University of Texas at Arlington.

This completes a nine-game home stand, which they've started 7-1.

SPORTS BRIEFS

KSU tops equestrian

The Baylor equestrian team lost Saturday to Kansas State University 10-8 at the Willis Family Equestrian Center. Baylor took an early 3-2 lead in the Equitation on the Flat section, behind Nicole Brown's performance. Baylor entered the Equitation over Fences and Reigning events with a one-point lead but failed to keep it. Kansas State held the lead going into the final stage

and managed to win with three of the final five points. Baylor drops to 3-6 on the year with the loss. The Lady Bears host Auburn University at 3 p.m. Saturday.

3-2 weekend for softball

The No. 16 Lady Bears softball team competed in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic over the weekend, making it into the silver bracket before losing to

Illinois State University, 4-1. Baylor dropped its first game to Georgia Tech University but rebounded with wins over No. 24 University of Massachusetts, DePaul University and No. 19 University of Florida. The Lady Bears play a home doubleheader with Stephen F. Austin University beginning at 4 p.m. today.

Witherspoon leads track

Senior Reggie Witherspoon was

named the Big 12 Indoor Athlete of the Year in the Big 12 Indoor Championships in Ames, Iowa, taking both the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes. In the 400, Witherspoon recorded a time of 45.91 – the fastest in the nation for 2007. He tied for the fastest in the 200 with a time of 20.73. The men's team swept the top three spots in the quarter-mile race and finished in 5th place overall with 75 points. The women claimed eighth with 49.

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Disney's 'Terabithia' combines whimsical with serious issues

By **Tamara Parker**
Contributor

The trailers for this film gave me the impression this was another **Chronicles of Narnia**, a story of children exploring their fantasy worlds and, in the end, finding a hidden message. But **Bridge to Terabithia** is not that kind of story.

MOVIE REVIEW

The film, based on the novel by Katherine Paterson, tells the tale of two kids who find each other in the midst of middle school awkwardness. With just the right number of computer-generated images to graphically illustrate their fantasy lives, **Bridge to Terabithia** takes us to a world torn between harsh reality and whimsical illusions.

Jess is the artistic farmer's kid, a social outcast trapped in a dysfunctional family. Leslie is the new kid in town, and she often finds herself ridiculed in school because of differences between her and her peers. With similar personalities and strug-

gles, Jess and Leslie are drawn together in a unique friendship.

Bridge to Terabithia is a captivating motion picture that I can almost guarantee will leave you thinking about the issues it addresses long after you leave the theater. Cliché saying? Sure. True statement? Absolutely.

Bridge to Terabithia is like a travel guide. It takes us chapter by chapter through some of life's biggest struggles, yet also makes sure we're well-equipped for the journey.

The most obvious drawback of the film is the underdevelopment of both characters' parents. We are never fully satisfied with the relationship between Jess and his father, while the scenes with Leslie's parents feel uncomfortable and scripted.

The film hits hard on some deep issues, such as loneliness and isolation, which we can all relate to in some way.

Hats off to Paterson for writing such an endearing book, and a round of applause to screenplay writer Jeff Stockwell for creating a world that adults and children alike can enjoy,

Grade: A

Jazz ensemble plays to all tastes

By **Matt Kennedy**
Reporter

It's not a free meal, but it's the next best thing: free jazz.

The Baylor Jazz Ensemble will perform its first concert of the semester at 7:30 p.m. today in the Jones Concert Hall in the McCrary Music Building.

Director Alex Parker said the ensemble doesn't perform "theme" concerts because he wants to appeal to multiple members of the audience through different types of jazz. He said he also wants to give students the freedom to choose the songs they play.

"We will play a mixture of jazz, from early big band jazz written in the swing era to contemporary stuff that was written in the last couple of years," Parker said.

"Hopefully there will be something that everyone will like."

Parker has some advice to people planning on attending the concert. He said he always tells them, "If you don't like the tune we are playing now, just wait a minute because the next song will be completely different."

Today's performance will include eight music selections, with a 10-minute intermission. Parker said the performance should last slightly longer than an hour.

"I don't want anyone walking out of there thinking they were in there for too long," Parker said. "Most of the time we get people telling us we should have done an encore, and that's the way I want to keep it."



Courtesy photo

Baylor's Jazz Ensemble, directed by Alex Parker, will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall in McCrary Music Building. Parker said the show will appeal to a wide audiences by performing a variety of pieces and styles.

Tonight's performance will feature a tribute to 13-time Grammy-winning jazz saxophonist Michael Brecker, who died Jan. 13 from complications of leukemia. As part of the tribute, the ensemble will play a rearranged version of Brecker's "Delta City Blues."

"Michael Brecker was one of the most important jazz artists of the last 40 years," Midland sophomore Chase Peeler, a saxophonist, said.

Parker said the ensemble contains students from various classifications and areas of concentration other than music.

"We have students from disciplines all over the school," Parker said. "They truly love

jazz and just want to come and play it."

Peeler's love of jazz doesn't end when he puts down his saxophone, he said.

"I listen to jazz all the time," Peeler said.

"Every artist and every album is almost completely different from the last one. Sometimes, my mood for the day determines what style of jazz I want to listen to."

Peeler said he's not sure if he wants to be a professional jazz player, but he knows he wants to continue playing jazz in some capacity for the rest of his life.

"At this point, I don't think I would be able to live without jazz," Peeler said.

Carrollton senior Brian David said he is optimistic about the time he has left as a saxophonist in the ensemble.

"I hope to make the most of the time I have left with the ensemble," David said.

"I have learned a lot from this group over the past four years, and I hope to learn more."

Peeler said he is hoping for a large turnout tonight.

"The more energetic the audience is, the more energetic we play," Peeler said. "It's always so much fun to play for a packed house."

The 20-member ensemble will hold one other concert this semester at 7:30 p.m. April 17 in Jones Concert Hall.

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day in Chapel, and the response was positive.

"It was motivating and very emotional," Austin freshman Matt Howard said. "I talked to several people who are going to donate money to Invisible Children."

Even if students weren't convinced to donate, it still made an impact.

"There's been a lot of people talking about it," Tyler freshman Ruth Bynum said. "It was definitely shock therapy."

Students can help in the efforts in Uganda in several ways, Weathersby said. A program called Schools for Schools started at the beginning of this month. Schools across the Unit-

ed States sponsor 10 schools in Uganda. The money raised by schools in Texas goes to Pabbo Secondary School and provides books, water, technology, buildings and teachers, Weathersby said.

"These children want an education," he said.

"They want to be able to be a teacher or a lawyer or a doctor."

Another campaign students can donate to is the Tri Campaign. It requires a donation of \$3 a week that is used to keep the programs at Invisible Children running.

"We're just asking people to

give up one Starbucks coffee a week to help out," Weathersby said.

This money is used for anything from keeping the office running to public relations.

Since Invisible Children is a nonprofit organization, donations like these help them keep raising awareness, Weathersby said.

More information about both programs can be found at www.invisiblechildren.com.

"We just need people who care enough about these kids to go out and do something," Weathersby said.

"It was definitely shock therapy."

Ruth Bynum
Tyler freshman

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firms in the country.

"Private equity firms are simply large investor companies that participate in leveraged buyouts, where they buy a company and borrow a lot of the money to buy it," Martin said.

He explained that this allows the private equity firm to buy a bigger company than it would be able to without the borrowed money and also forces the management of that company to act in a disciplined way since it has to return the money eventually.

"Private equity firms tend to look at companies they feel are not being run effectively from an owner's or stockholder's perspective," he said. "This means Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Texas Pacific Group are probably looking at how TXU is being managed and they think they can do it better."

This will be a good deal for the stockholders, said Martin, since private equity firms buy stock at more than the going rate.

TXU shareholders will be offered \$69.25 per share, which is a 25 percent premium above the average closing share price over the last 20 days. According to the TXU press release, the new management is guaranteeing its customers a 10 percent price decrease and price protection



Associated Press

Monday's agreement to buyout TXU Energy has scrapped plans to build four coal-fired power plants in McLennan County.

through September 2008.

However, Marsh said a company would only guarantee this if "they think they can save money in the way they generate electricity."

Martin said the money may be saved by laying off employees.

"It's highly possible it will hurt TXU employees," he said. "That's the nature of capitalism."

He also said if this venture is unsuccessful, it will be difficult for Kohlberg Kravis Roberts &

Co. and Texas Pacific Group to raise money for their next project.

When asked about the loss of potential jobs that would have been provided by the new coal plants, DuPuy said "jobs are very important," but added that "the business community was very clear about not using up all the air emissions credit on one industry."

She also pointed out Waco would not be able to attract new industries if it was designated nonattainment.

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that there had ever been a "controversy" between the board and the association.

He declined to comment on whether questions brought up early in the year and directed toward the president's office have been laid to rest.

"I think the regents and the alumni association are working hard to see that they have harmonious relationships," he said.

The board, which currently has 31 voting members, voted in 2005 to drop its membership to 16 over a nine-year time frame.

Three sources close to the situation voiced concerns that remaining regents may be those less favorable toward the alumni association, but both Nesbitt and Davis said that shouldn't be an issue.

Davis said he couldn't address the issue because he, as a member of the board, couldn't point out any particular regents who are not amicable toward the association.

"It is possible that as the board goes through that attrition process it would end up with a majority that are not favorable to the alumni association," Nesbitt said. "I don't think that's going to be the case."

While the relationship between the association and the board has historically been a bumpy one, recent tensions centered on connections between the alumni association and members of the Committee to Restore Integrity to Baylor, which sought former President Robert B. Sloan Jr.'s firing before his resignation in January 2005.

A questionnaire given to the president's office in January asked questions about specific

CRIB members' relationships to the alumni association and questioned the association's commitment to Baylor 2012.

Editorial control of **Baylor Line** magazine, a Baylor Alumni Association publication, has been an issue as well.

The winter 2004 issue of the magazine covered the controversy surrounding Sloan, including the Faculty Senate's no-confidence vote and the regents' subsequent reaffirming decision.

Baylor Line editor Todd Copeland wrote in a letter published in the same issue that the magazine was attempting to provide "fair, unflinching coverage of the sometimes difficult issues and events facing the school."

The winter issue included three full-page ads from Friends of Baylor, a group dedicated to Sloan's vision, and one full-page ad for CRIB.

That issue, along with others covering difficult topics, later became a part of the controversy.

Baylor Line magazine did receive money from the university for its yearly fall issue, but when the winter 2004 issue was published, the alumni association was alerted that funding for the publication had been reduced.

The alumni association has since prepared for more complete independence.

Baylor is one of eight independent alumni associations in the Big 12, and Kilgore

wrote in the statement "there is no question" that the association's administrative independence and editorial control over **Baylor Line** magazine have proven over the course of many decades to be best.

"At no cost to the school, Baylor University directly receives more than \$1.4 million of benefits and services from the membership dues and revenues generated by the alumni association," according to the statement released Wednesday.

The association does receive \$213,000 each year from the university to perform "contracted services" for Baylor, which include homecoming reunions, Heritage Club and the Legacy program.

But according to the statement, the association won't remain dependent on university funds: "Our goal is financial self-sufficiency in order to better serve Baylor and the global alumni family."

The association received a record-breaking \$608,521 in membership revenue last year and is on pace to set a new record this year, according to Kilgore's statement of transparency.

Despite past frictions, Nesbitt, Kilgore and Davis all spoke positively about the current and future relationship between the association and the board.

"I see us being able to work things out," Nesbitt said. "I know the board of regents are working for what they believe."

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Alumni Association

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minster at First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Texas, took the job and spent the next year and a half creating the site.

He said creating the site was a learning process.

"I feel like I got a better understanding (of the pornography problem)," Bellamy said.

He said more men than women are affected by the issue.

However, he said he discovered more women than he ex-

pected view pornography.

"Research backs up that this is a problem," Bellamy said.

He said pornography has become an issue in today's society because many people have adopted the attitude, "If it feels good, do it."

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