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Baylor student arrested with Soulforce



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Soulforce riders (from left) Stephen Krebs, Vincent Pancucci, Dean Genth, Amy Scott and Casey Chandler-Alexander hold a banner and wait outside the McLennan County Jail on Wednesday for their group member's release.

Group members say time at Baylor was productive experience

By Claire St. Amant and Melissa Limmer
Staff writers

Six gay rights advocates arrested on campus Tuesday afternoon were released from McLennan County Jail around 4 p.m. Wednesday on \$11,000 in bonds.

Five members of Soulforce Equality Ride were each held in lieu of \$2,000 bail, and Argyle sophomore Sean Morrison was held in lieu of \$1,000 bail. All were charged with criminal trespassing.

Despite earlier reports claim-

ing all individuals arrested were members of Soulforce, Police Chief Jim Doak confirmed that one of the six people arrested Tuesday was a Baylor student.

"We didn't know that until late in the game," Doak said.

Morrison didn't reveal he was a Baylor student until he was processed at the jail, Doak said.

Even though Morrison is a Baylor student, Doak said his charge would remain criminal trespassing.

"For us to show favoritism to a student wouldn't fly very well," he said.

Doak met with Morrison late Wednesday afternoon and called the experience "positive."

Doak said Morrison's case will also be sent to Baylor's Ju-

dicial and Legal Affairs Department because of his arrest.

Florida State University junior Kyle DeVries, a Soulforce member who was not arrested, said the group was moved by Morrison's actions.

"We were inspired that he had the courage to stand up for what he believed and get arrested," DeVries said.

DeVries said part of the group's focus was to involve the campus community in their mission.

Azusa Pacific University senior Amy Scott, also a group member who was not arrested, said she was confused why the judge was not available Tuesday afternoon to set the bail, which caused the group members, arrested around 2 p.m., to be held

overnight.

"It's usually only if you're booked after 6 p.m. when you need to stay the night," Scott said. "In my experience, judges usually stay later than 2 p.m."

A jail spokesperson declined to comment on Wednesday on the situation.

While members of Soulforce said the bail was "excessive," Gary Hutyra of Chapman Bail Bonds, which posted bail for the group, said the amount was normal. The bond was set by Justice of the Peace Fernando Villarreal, Hutyra said.

"It's not high," Hutyra said. "That's just Waco."

He said Morrison's bond was lower because he is a resident

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Nobel chemistry winner to speak

By Ida Jamshidi
Reporter

This year's annual Gooch-Stephens lecture series will feature Sir Harold W. Kroto, the 1996 Nobel Prize winner for chemistry.

Kroto, a chemistry and biochemistry professor at Florida State University, will speak at 8 p.m. today and 4 p.m. Friday in B110 Baylor Sciences Building.

Today's lecture is titled "Science, Society and Sustainability," and Kroto will speak on "Architecture in NanoSpace" on Friday.

Dr. Kevin Pinney, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, will give the opening remarks for Kroto's speech today. He also will make the award presentation after Friday's lecture.

Kroto's two lectures will not only differ in content, but they also will be directed toward different audiences.

"The lecture (today) is designed for a more general audience," Pinney said. "Typically the lecture on Friday afternoon is more technical."

Dr. Alton Hassell, senior lecturer in the

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Fundraiser releases frustration

Students look on as Micah Gray, a San Antonio freshman, takes a swing at a car Wednesday at Alpha Tau Omega's hit-a-car fundraiser on Fountain Mall. Students paid to hit the car, which was painted with symbols from rival Texas universities.

Waco Composites, Ltd., on the 400 block of Texas Central Highway, has become the latest target for Keep Waco Green's efforts to keep the local environment clean.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Keep Waco Green shifts focus

Company says emissions flap a big 'misunderstanding'

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

A few weeks after proclaiming victory over TXU Energy, Keep Waco Green and local residents concerned about air quality found a new cause: Waco Composites, Ltd.

After Waco Composites' application for an environmental permit appeared in the Waco Tribune-Herald's legal notices

on March 14, community members, including associate professor of journalism Robert Darden, began making calls and sending e-mails.

Darden sent a request to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality asking for a contested hearing.

"You have 30 days from the publication date (of the notice) to appeal to the TCEQ," he said. "Thirty days to say, in very specific form, that I would like a contested hearing on this and why. In my case that thing is less than a quarter mile from my house, and that kind of pollution gives me massive migraines."

When Waco Composites president Wayne Hampton received a copy of one of the e-mails on Sunday night, he was surprised.

"I was kind of chuckling," he said. "I said, 'Oh my gosh, this is all a big misunderstanding.'"

Hampton said the e-mail said Waco Composites, which manufactures bullet-resistant fiberglass, was a large corporation building a new plant. But Hampton said his business is small and family-owned and that there are no plans to

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Perry's border proposal making way through Legislature

By Elizabeth White
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry's \$100 million proposal to pay for border security efforts generated a lot of buzz when the Legislature convened in January but has so far been pushed out of the limelight.

Still, Perry's request is moving forward.

The money would provide more officers, vehicles and equipment to help secure the

1,200-mile border from drug smugglers and human traffickers, said Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger.

Cesinger said the money is important in light of the success of past border security operations, specifically Operation Rio Grande, which was launched in February 2006.

Perry's office has said the operation reduced all crime by an average of 60 percent in certain border areas during five targeted operations.

An El Paso Times analysis found that Perry's border programs in general decreased crime an average of 8 percent in border counties during their first year of operation and that violent crimes dropped an average of 14.7 percent. But it also found that crime increased in four of 16 border counties a year after Perry's operations began in September 2005, including a 38 percent increase in overall crime in Webb County, which includes Laredo.

Action on immigration and border security has been overshadowed during the 2007 legislative session by debate over Perry's proposed anti-cervical cancer vaccine mandate and the scandal involving alleged sexual abuse of inmates in Texas Youth Commission facilities.

But last week \$102 million was written into the House budget bill, which was passed out of committee on Wednesday.

Earlier this month Rep. David Swinford, R-Amarillo, filed

a bill with the appropriation attached.

"This is just a continuation or acceleration of that whole project," Swinford said. "I think it will be just a commonsense bill."

Both Swinford and Perry's offices said the state is being forced to step up in place of the federal government.

"We certainly would benefit from more funding from the federal government," Cesinger said. "In the meantime, the state of

Texas needs to exhaust all measures to protect our border."

The money would fund 300 new commissioned officers, 51 new Department of Public Safety troopers, nine new DPS pilots and 15 game wardens. It would also fund four helicopters as well as surge operations, intelligence centers and technology such as virtual neighborhood watch, which involves people watching live video from border cameras online and reporting suspicious activity.

Kern lecture spotlights women in history

By **Bethany Poller**
Reporter

When people think of March, they may think of St. Patrick's Day parades, spring break trips and the promise of better weather.

But March is also Women's History Month.

The history department held the Women's History Month Lecture on Wednesday.

It featured Dr. Kathi Kern, an author and associate professor of history at the University of Kentucky.

Kern spoke on "Sacred Politics: How Religious Debate Transformed the Women's Rights Movement in 19th Century America."

Her award-winning book, *Mrs. Stanton's Bible*, looks at *The Women's Bible*, written by Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The lecture was based on her own research for that book.

Kern said Elizabeth Cady Stanton is often overlooked in American history. Even though she partnered with household

names such as Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, Stanton is not well-known.

Kern said this is because of her attack on religion in *The Women's Bible*.

"Stanton's critique of the church embarrassed her colleagues and diminished her historical standing," she said.

In the 1800s, women were viewed as being more moral than men.

Most people believed that American leaders would eventually see this morality as a benefit and give women the right to vote.

Kern said Stanton disagreed with this idea because she thought religious ideas were keeping women from getting political rights.

"She began to turn her ambitions towards saving women not with religion but from religion," Kern said.

Stanton wrote the book by cutting select pieces from the Bible that supported gender equality and then pasted them into her own book.

Kern said society's reaction to the book was hostile, and it cost her a lot of support. Stanton died shortly after the release of her book and was therefore unable to redeem public favor.

Even with the failure of her book, she is still considered by some to be an important part of history.

"She was one of the most, if not the most, prominent women of her day," Kern said.

Kern earned a doctorate in history from the University of Pennsylvania and specializes in American women's history and religious history.

Students and faculty can see Kern's passion for the subjects she teaches, said Marly Ramsour, a graduate student.

"It has been said that her enthusiasm for women's studies is contagious," Ramsour said.

The University of Kentucky awarded Kern with the Alumni Great Teacher Award, the Teachers Who Make A Difference Award and the Chancellor's Award for teaching.

"The lecture was like a sum-



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Dr. Kathi Kern speaks Wednesday afternoon to students and faculty in Kayser Auditorium, as a part of Women's History Month.

mary of her book," Austin senior Bonnie Rhoden said.

In 1987, Congress designated March as Women's History Month.

"It was done primarily to showcase the achievements of women throughout history,"

said Dr. Lee Nordt, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Nordt said that the study of women's issues is becoming more widespread from collegiate scholars all the way down to the junior high level.

Summit to showcase benefit of information systems

By **Matt Kennedy**
Reporter

She drove home slowly, still shocked by what happened. It was only her second interview with a prominent risk consulting firm and they already offered her a job dealing with her major: management information systems.

What came next for Southlake senior Cristy Finis was unexpected. As she drove home, management from Protiviti Inc. called and offered her more money.

The company decided to increase Finis' starting salary before she even started one day of work.

Not all applicants for information systems professions are guaranteed an interview experience like Finis had, but the jobs

are in high demand and offer lucrative starting salaries, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Further information about the benefits of information systems careers, as well as networking activities, will be provided at the inaugural Baylor IS Summit at 3:30 p.m. today on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center.

Protiviti Inc., ConocoPhillips Inc. and USAA will sponsor the event. Executives from each of the companies will lead a presentation explaining what to expect from IS jobs on a daily basis.

They will also try to shed light on some of the major misconceptions about information systems, which may contribute to an overall decrease in the number of majors within the

field, said Tim Kayworth, department chairman and associate professor of information systems.

Kayworth said he believes the major myths about information systems are that the jobs don't pay much, are for "geeks," or that most of the good technology jobs in the U.S. are being outsourced overseas.

He said recent U.S. Department of Labor forecasts suggest otherwise.

"The forecasts predict strong growth in the types of information systems jobs that we typically prepare our students for," Kayworth said.

"The general sentiment in the U.S. that technology jobs are being lost in droves to offshore locations doesn't match the evidence we have from recruiters," he said.

Hope Koch, assistant professor of information systems, said most of the outsourced jobs are lower-level programming jobs, which she said is not what Baylor tries to produce.

As a result of the demand for information systems professionals, their average starting salary is about \$43,000.

That is higher than those of graduates of any other program in the business school, Koch said.

She said Finis, a Baylor cheerleader, serves as an example that not all management information systems majors are "geeks."

"A lot of people don't understand what information systems are about," Finis said.

"There are a lot of IS jobs that don't require you to sit at a computer all day."

Koch said information sys-

tems jobs are located within nearly every field, including sports, entertainment, medicine, non-profit and government organizations.

At the summit, students will have the chance to talk with faculty, company executives and management information systems majors during a pizza dinner provided by ConocoPhillips and Protiviti.

Students will have another chance to network and earn cash at the same time during a networking challenge held by USSA.

The winner of the challenge will get \$1,000, and second- and third-place winners will earn \$300 and \$200 respectively.

In addition to the challenge, students will have a chance to win free iPods and Best Buy gift certificates.

Iranian leader threatens action if U.N. persists against uranium

By **Ali Akbar Dareini**
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's top leader warned Wednesday his country will pursue "illegal actions" if the U.N. Security Council insists it halt uranium enrichment, an apparent reference to nuclear activities outside international regulations.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei also warned the United States that Iran would fight back with "all its capacities" if attacked.

"Until today, what we have done has been in accordance with international regulations," Khamenei said. "But if they take illegal actions, we too can take illegal actions and will do so."

Iran is a signatory to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the agreement under which the U.N. inspections are held.

Iran says it will never give up its right under the treaty to enrich uranium and produce

nuclear fuel. But it has offered to provide guarantees that its nuclear program won't be diverted toward weapons, as the U.S. and some of its allies fear.

The five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — and Germany have drawn up new sanctions to punish Iran for rejecting U.N. demands to halt enrichment — a process that can produce fuel for a reactor or fissile material for a nuclear warhead.

Informal discussions were held in New York on Wednesday to discuss possible changes to the draft sanctions resolution.

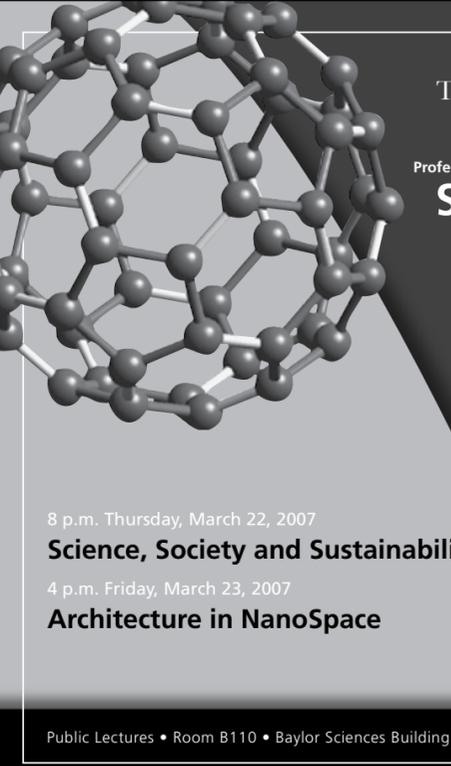
The new sanctions would ban Iranian arms exports and freeze the assets of 28 additional individuals and organizations involved in the country's nuclear and missile programs — about a third linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guard, an elite military corps. The package also

calls for voluntary restrictions on travel by the individuals subject to sanctions, on arms sales to Iran, and on new financial assistance or loans to the Iranian government. In Washington, Bush administration officials urged patience with U.S. efforts to crack down on Iran as Democrats leveled fresh criticism of the government's approach.

"The United States is committed to pursuing a diplomatic solution to the challenges posed by Iran. This will require patience and persistence," said R. Nicholas Burns, undersecretary for political affairs at the State Department.

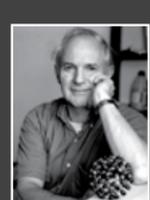
Iran says it needs alternative energy sources for when its oil reserves run out.

"Nuclear energy is a must, a necessity in the long term," Khamenei said. "One day oil will dry up. ... The Iranian nation needs nuclear energy for life, not weapons."



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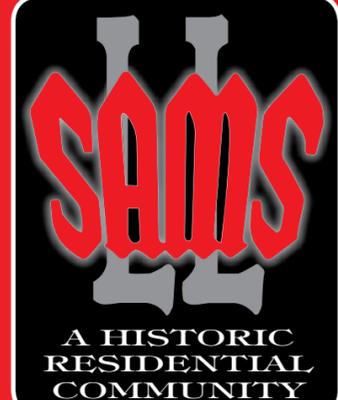
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Caritas, Waco's local food bank, will hold Two-Step Across the Brazos at 2 p.m. Saturday in downtown Waco. For \$25, couples can dance to raise funds and awareness for the hungry in Central Texas. There will be a band and food as well. For more information, go to www.caritas-waco.org.

Be in student government
Student government applications are available in the student government office in the Bill Daniel Student Center until March 30. For more information, contact Kevin_Nguyen@baylor.edu.

Baylor's next top models
If you are aspiring to model, then the senior fashion design students need you. A volunteer meeting will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in 209 Mary Gibbs-Jones Family Consumer Sciences Building. Volunteer requirements are on the Facebook.com group "Baylor's Next Top Models." Past runway photos and more information can be found at www.baylor.edu/fcs/fashion_design/.

BSM game night
Join Baptist Student Ministries at 7 p.m. Friday in the BoBo Baptist Student Center to help raise funds for Go Now Missions. Tournaments, door prizes and food will be offered all night. A \$5 donation at the door is suggested. Visit baylorbsm.org for more information.

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Netters set eyes on title

By Brian Bateman Reporter

While most of Baylor's spring-breakers dug sand out of their ears, the men's tennis team upset No. 2 University of Virginia 6-1 Saturday and beat Georgia Tech University by the same score Sunday.

Ranked No. 4 in the nation, the Bears flipped last year's score on the Cavaliers.

"(Last year's match) was a reflection of how bad we were last year," head Coach Matt Knoll said. "This year we are much more consistent."

But the team isn't excessively celebrating the victories, as conference play starts this weekend. Knoll said the team is focused on the future.

"We consider ourselves the best team in the conference," Matt Brown said. "But we know that we can't expect that to happen without working."

Brown put his work in, deciding to stick around for spring break to prepare for the final two matches before conference play.

"I relaxed for the first three or four days, then started hitting the weights and working out," said the sophomore from Chesham, England.

Last September, Brown dropped a match in three sets to No. 30 David North from Georgia Tech, during the Baylor-H.E.B. Tournament. But Sunday, Brown came back to win a 6-0, 1-0 victory with the junior Yellow Jacket



Senior Michal Kokta hits a forehand during the Bears' 6-1 win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Jan. 27. At No. 14, Kokta is the Bears' highest-rated player. He'll miss the beginning of conference play because he's out with a torn muscle in his serving arm.

File photo

retiring the match.

His singles victory, matched with the weekend sweep, sets the Bears up for a strong showing in conference play, which will begin at 2 p.m. Friday in Lincoln, Neb., against the Huskers.

"On paper, we should beat them," Brown said. "But we can't take things for granted."

Matches aren't decided on paper. Against the Yellow Jackets, Baylor lost all three doubles matches, which could have spelled a loss for the Bears. But Baylor responded.

"We rebounded from doubles in a positive way. I was pleased with the way the match ended," Knoll said.

The Bears will have to play Friday without No. 14 Michal Kokta, who missed both weekend matches with a torn muscle in his serving arm.

With Kokta out of the lineup, Head Coach Matt Knoll said he was worried how the team would be affected.

"Without Michal, we could have doubted ourselves a little bit," Knoll said.

But after the way the team responded against the Cavaliers without

Kokta, he discovered his worries were unfounded.

"We have eight very good guys who have total confidence against anyone," he said.

However, the Bears only get six conference matches, leaving no room for error.

"You lose one match, and you can't win the conference," junior Lars Poerschke, Big 12 player of the week, said. "We can't allow mistakes to happen."

And while Baylor has played at indoor facilities around the nation, Nebraska's indoor facility can cause problems for visiting teams. While ball control is no different from other indoor facilities, the visual aspects of the enclosure can cause players to misjudge ball placement, Knoll said.

Baylor will return home at 3 p.m. Monday to face St. Edward's University in non-conference action. The team will host Texas A&M University on April 3, Oklahoma State University on April 20, and finish its home schedule with the University of Oklahoma April 22.

Women's tennis poised to finish season strong

By Brian Bateman Reporter

The Baylor women's tennis team won its second match in a row Sunday against Kansas State University, keeping hopes of a Big 12 championship alive.

The Lady Bears (10-6, 2-1) started the match with two doubles victories but lost one doubles match after the duo of Lenka Broosova and Klara Zrustova was disqualified when Broosova launched a tennis ball at an opposing player with her racquet.

"We dominated in doubles," Zuzana Cerna said. "They weren't ranked and we just played our game."

Baylor continued racking up wins with the closest set coming between Cerna and Fernanda Da Valle with a score of 7-5. The match was the first at home since February.

"It was nice getting to play at home again," head Coach Joey Scrivano said. "The team really appreciated getting to sleep in their own beds for a change."

After a tough seven-match road trip in which the Bears lost two, the team will play its next five matches at home. UCLA beat the Lady Bears 5-2 on March 13, and just a week earlier the rising Colorado Buffaloes shocked Baylor with a 5-2 win.

In that match the Lady Bears held a 2-1 advantage but lost the final four matches.

"We're not good enough to take an off-day and be able to win," Scrivano said.

That inability to withstand an "off-day" can be seen in the national rankings. The Lady Bears, who started the season ranked No. 6, have yet to recover from early losses due to injuries and missed opportunities. Currently ranked No. 24, Baylor has just nine matches left in the

regular season to improve its post-season seeding. But the team motto — "Next match is our biggest match of the year" — is designed to focus the team on keeping focus during the long home stretch.

Already with one loss in conference, the Lady Bears are currently No. 4 in the conference, behind undefeated Colorado University, Texas A&M University and the University of Texas.

But Baylor still has to play both of the undefeated Texas schools, leaving only Colorado with an inside track on the Lady Bears for the title. If Baylor can sweep the rest of its Big 12 schedule, Scrivano likes the Lady Bears' chances at a title.

"We're in a position that if we play well, we'll be in a position to win the (Big 12) championship," Scrivano said.

While the Big 12 conference title is a great honor, Scrivano is still hoping for more.

"There are two things we're fighting for: a Big 12 championship and a good seeding in the NCAA tournament," Scrivano said.

A conference title will guarantee the Lady Bears another trip to the postseason, but a victory this weekend over No. 25 Virginia Commonwealth University would help the team clinch a higher seed in the tournament.

The match pits two preseason top-15 teams in what appears to be a strong match-up.

"We're No. 24 in the nation, they're No. 25. It'll be a super-competitive match," Scrivano said. "It's a chance for Baylor fans to show their support for all Baylor sports."

Baylor will play VCU at 1 p.m. Sunday. The Lady Bears will continue conference play against the University of Kansas at 5 p.m. March 30.

Hawaii no spring break paradise for softball

By Will Parchman Sports writer

While most people would love to spend the better part of a week in Hawaii, head Coach Glenn Moore and his No. 17 softball team are just glad to be back.

Despite one of the fastest starts in Moore's tenure, beginning the season 9-0 and stringing together several long winning streaks, the team stumbled in the Bank of Hawaii Invitational last week.

After returning home, the team looked for answers but only found more questions.

"I don't even know how to explain it," senior catcher Chelsi Lake said. "I didn't notice any distractions, we just didn't really have it. It was very odd, very hard to explain. I'm still kind of puzzled by it, quite frankly."

Before the invitational, Baylor had won 12 of its last 14 games and was steadily climbing in the polls.

But the Bears' 2-4 performance in Honolulu revealed one of the team's most glaring weaknesses: an inability to win consistently on the road.

Of Baylor's nine losses, eight have been away from the friendly confines of Gettman Stadium.

Senior pitching ace Lisa Ferguson said if the team is going to make any kind of post-season run, that will have to change.

"We need to realize that we're not always going to be playing at home," Ferguson said. "If we want to get to the World Series and win it, it's not played at Gettman Stadium. We definitely need to recognize that and step it up on the road."

Even so, Moore said Baylor has faced one of the tougher non-conference schedules in re-



File photo

Junior infielder Maritza Martinez takes a swing during the Lady Bears' 8-0 win over Sam Houston State University on March 7 at Gettman Stadium. The Lady Bears have posted a 17-1 record at home this season.

cent memory, and with conference play starting this weekend, their performance against the best can only help.

"Our philosophy has been to schedule difficult (teams) because the Big 12 will be so difficult," Moore said. "If you play

tough teams, you put your team to the test. You're not always going to hit four home runs a game or have a lot of 3-for-4 hitters, but you're going to get your feet wet."

Baylor has already played seven of the top 25 softball

teams in the country, and No. 3 Texas A&M University, No. 4 University of Oklahoma and No. 10 University of Texas lay ahead in conference play.

"The Big 12 is always tough," Moore said. "Winning the Big 12 is not necessarily a ticket to the World Series, but (if you win the conference) you can definitely expect to finish in the top five or six in the country and have a great shot of getting there."

After dropping the first game of the Compass Bank Challenge on March 9 to No. 2 University of Arizona, the defending NCAA champion, the Bears stormed back to take the series by winning the next two.

This was the same Arizona team that swept the Bears in Arizona by a combined 13-2 over two games last March.

That shows exactly how far the team has come, Ferguson said, and perhaps where they're going.

"I think expecting to win is a big difference between last year and this year," Ferguson said. "We came out with the attitude that we weren't going to settle for anything less this year."

For now, they'll have to put the top 25 teams on the back burner and focus on a double-header with Oklahoma Baptist University tonight at Gettman Stadium.

With Baylor's Big 12 slate starting this weekend in Waco with the University of Nebraska, the team is just looking to get back on its feet.

"This game was purposefully scheduled to gain some momentum," Moore said. "Competing is better than practicing, so hopefully we can throw all of our pitchers and knock some of the rust off. If the weather holds out it should be a valuable double-header for us."

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Indian show to give taste of international culture

By Star De La Cruz
Reporter

Baylor's Indian Subcontinent Student Association will present its annual Gateway to India Culture Show at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall.

Doors will open at 6:10 p.m. Urvi Natha, an Arlington senior and member of ISSA, said the purpose of the show is to introduce Indian culture, food, clothing and music to Baylor students and to Waco.

The show is free and will consist of 10 dances, a song and a fashion show. A stand-up comedian, Raj Sharma, will also perform.

"This is our best way to showcase our talent to everyone," Natha said.

"It's also a talent competition, and the winner gets to represent Baylor by competing at the annual Festival of India at Texas A&M University," Natha said.

At the Festival of India, uni-

versities across Texas send their best Indian talent act to compete for cash prizes and awards.

Two years ago, Baylor sent a dance act that won second place.

There will be four judges for Saturday's show. Some of the judging criteria include audience appeal, difficulty and synchronization.

Besides the trophies for first, second and third place, Natha said the winners also earn bragging rights within the organization.

Neal Merchant, a Houston senior and president of ISSA, said this year will be the organization's biggest culture show. It will consist of more competitive and amazing talent than they've had in past years, he said.

"The talent we have to showcase is incredible, and the performers are very excited," Merchant said.

"This will definitely be the best show since I've been here."

Vaidya said she grew up in India and that ISSA gives her a connection with her culture at Baylor.

"I'm very excited about the show, and I can't wait to see it all come together," Vaidya said.

"The performances cover a wide spectrum — from traditional dances to westernized popular dances."

The idea is for the audience to capture a sense of India as soon as they step into Waco Hall, Natha said.

"Last year around 1,500 people attended the show, and this year attendance is expected to be higher because, like I said, we have so much talent this year," Merchant said.

ISSA will also offer Henna tattoos from noon to 5 p.m. today and Friday in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The tattoos can be of anything students want and range in price from \$3 to \$15, depending on size.

Schmaltz's feels like home, satisfies customers' hunger

By Emily Becker
Contributor

Oldies and the smell of homemade bread greet you when you walk into Schmaltz's Sandwich Shoppe.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Some of the chairs don't match, but it's clean and tidy. The art on the walls is eclectic.

Similar to my home, the atmosphere is peaceful, with Bob Dylan playing in the background.

Schmaltz's is one big open room, and you can watch employees make your sandwich while you wait.

The staff usually consists of a group of high school or college guys.

On one visit, a friend of mine ordered a large ham and cheese sandwich, but they made her a small instead of a large.

A guy bashfully walked up to her and said he messed up on the order.

Less than five minutes later, he brought out a huge sandwich.

Schmaltz's is not a fast-food joint. However, the first time I visited, I didn't realize that it takes only about five to seven minutes for the employees to bring out your order.

They also welcome phone orders, and soup or sandwich will be ready for you when you arrive.

After tasting its signature sandwich, the Schmaltz, on my first visit, I'll never go back to Schlotzsky's.

The sandwich has mozzarella, cheddar and parmesan cheese baked into the homemade bread, and it's filled with ham, salami, veggies, mustard and garlic butter.

All of that is only \$2.85 for a



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Wendy Mitchell prepares a sandwich for a customer at the Schmaltz's Sandwich Shoppe at 1412 North Valley Mills Drive. She has worked at the restaurant for two years and is from Waco,

small and \$4.95 for a large.

The second time I ate at Schmaltz's, I asked the guy who took my order what he preferred. He said the turkey with swiss was a prize-winner, so I tried it. He wasn't kidding.

For those who enjoy the lighter side of life, Schmaltz's offers low-fat sandwiches made with fat-free cheese, low-fat mayo and no garlic butter.

It also offers scrumptious soups and crispy salads.

I loved everything, right down to the sweet tea.

I topped my ice with sweet tea that rivals Bush's or McAlister's.

The casual atmosphere and great food provides a place to come hang out with friends and have a good time.

You get your bang for the

buck at Schmaltz's. You can have plenty to eat for less than \$5 and more than enough for about \$7 or \$8.

But the prices, as good as they are, aren't what make people come back.

The sandwiches are warm and unforgettable, and the atmosphere feels like home.

I have long forgotten Panera, Schlotzsky's and Subway.

Schmaltz's has two locations in Waco. The restaurant downtown is located at 105 South Fifth Street and is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Townwest location is at 1412 North Valley Mills Drive and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.



Courtesy photo

Baylor Theatre actors (left to right) The Woodlands senior Jared Eaton; Center junior Lindsey Christian; Waxahachie junior Cassie Bann-Kelty and Houston junior Jeff Wisnoski all star in "The Shape of Things," which opened Wednesday.

Art, power come into play

BU Theatre addresses provocative subjects in spring production

By Ashlie Young
Reporter

How far can art go? Are there boundaries for artistic expression? To what lengths will some people go to create their art?

Baylor Theatre's new play, "The Shape of Things" deals with these subjects, as well as with deception, power and destruction.

Author Neil LaBute wrote "The Shape of Things" with a certain message: When does art cease to be art and become harmful and self-indulgent? The play delves into this question and shows how lives are changed by the destructive acts of loved ones.

Awkward Adam visits an art museum and meets outrageous art student Evelyn, who is attempting to paint a vulgar picture on an important statue.

Though they begin an argument, their relationship quickly turns into something more pleasant.

But what ensues is the tumultuous ordeal that Adam and his

friends spiral through as Evelyn uses him as a canvas for her artistic ideals.

"This is a play you can really sink your teeth into," Dr. Stan Denman, chairman of the Baylor Theatre Arts program and director of the play, said.

LaBute's play has been heralded as one of the most sharp and provocative shows by a young playwright within the last decade.

With all the buzz about his work, there has also been controversy surrounding the issues at hand.

"The reality of the issues and actions in the show can shake you up," said Waxahachie junior Cassie Bann-Kelty, who plays Evelyn. "It shows the worst of man, but it's something that Baylor students need to see. Many of the things that happen are actual events that most college students deals with."

Garland graduate student Traci Ledford, student director, has also been hard at work putting the show together.

"When people come see the show, they will be stunned at first with how different everything is set up," Ledford said.

Usually the audience is clearly separated from the actors, but

the setting is very intimate, allowing viewers to see every tiny detail. Sometimes the actors will even come into the audience."

Each night after the show, an open discussion will be held in 128 Hooper-Schaffer Fine Arts Center, where everyone can talk about their opinions on issues addressed in the play.

Many cast members and crew involved in the production agree the essential purpose for producing the show is to spark discussion among those who attend.

"The emotions I go through on stage are heart-breaking," said Houston junior Jeff Wisnoski, who plays Adam. "It's as if I get the wind knocked out of me every show. It's hard, but I hope people who see the show understand that as Christians we must learn how to deal with these issues."

"The Shape of Things" opened Wednesday and will run through April 1. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. through Saturday and March 28-31. Sunday and April 1 matinees will start at 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the box office or online. For more information call the Baylor Theatre at 710-1865.

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build a new plant. "We've been in this location for three and a half years," he said. "This building has probably been here for 50 years or so." Hampton said the notice appeared in the paper because Waco Composites was requesting a permit to increase the amount of resin that it used. "Because of an increase in business, we need to get permitted to increase resin usage," he said, emphasizing that the increase in resin usage would not mean an increase beyond the amount of emissions his company is allowed. "The reality is, my emissions allowed by the EPA and TCEQ still remain 10 tons per year of styrene." Hampton and Waco Composites hired an outside expert to determine if the increase in resin usage would cause the company to exceed styrene emissions. According to the study, Waco Composites emits around 4 tons of styrene per year; 6 tons under the legal standard. If Waco Composites increases its resin usage to 100 million pounds per year, the study showed that it would only emit 9.25 tons per year. "That's .75 tons under the legal standard," Hampton said. The study said Waco Composites resin usage might not

reach even that level, depending on its business increase, Hampton said. Darden said his stance remains firm. "It was not clear (from their notice) whether they wanted to add a plant or build a new one," he said. "Anything that increases pollution levels is a bad thing. The fact that they have to go through the TCEQ tells me that they're expecting some kind of materials to go into the atmosphere and no size is good." He was especially concerned with a portion of the notice that read: "The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds, including, but not limited to, styrene and hazardous air pollutants." Dr. Peter Van Walsum, associate professor of environmental studies, said styrene is an organic compound that, in large amounts, could have a health impact. He said material safety data sheets, which are provided by manufacturers and available online, list a variety of information about different substances, including possible health effects. "They have to list all the toxic effects because it's provided for the workers," he said. According to one material-safety data sheet for styrene, in large amounts the organic compound can cause respiratory problems or aggravate existing respiratory conditions.

Van Walsum said that while the battle over the coal plants was important, this battle should not be overlooked. "This is even closer to home. Yes, the coal plants were horrible, and thank God the entire state rose up and said no, but this is kind of like *The Lord of the Rings*," he said, referencing a passage at the end of the novel where the heroes return home only to find that evil has invaded their hometown. "I think people are tired. I'm just hoping there's still enough energy left to do one more while this is happening. It just seems like you have to have eternal vigilance with people trying to do stuff to our air." Hampton says he understands the concern with air quality, but he said he is being mischaracterized. "I have no bone to pick with anyone," he said. "All of us should be concerned with air quality. It just seems to me that people are coming off this big victory saying 'We beat this big monster TXU and here comes this other monster. Let's grab it by the horns!' But we're just this puppy dog here." He emphasized that he was willing to talk with anyone in the community who had any concerns. "I'm willing to have anyone come here that would like to be educated about what we do," he said. "I'm happy to talk to anyone."

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chemistry department, said he believes so strongly in the importance of Kroto's speech that he is offering extra credit to students in two of his classes if they attend today. "I think that it's very important for scientists and non-scientists to see what would happen if we don't start taking care of our world," he said. Hassell said that in addition to enlightening students and faculty, Kroto's presence on campus is important for the chemistry department. By attracting a scientist as distinguished as Kroto, he said, Baylor is keeping up with other schools that are trying to do the same thing. "I think in many ways it helps to give our department credibility as a serious, mainstream science department that we could be able to attract a Noble Prize winner in to give a talk," he said. Vanessa Castleberry, a chemistry graduate student from Waco, has attended past Gooch-Stephens lectures and said she is looking forward to hearing Kroto speak. "They've managed to secure some really pre-eminent scientists

in their field who are fairly eloquent communicators on the topics they have been researching on," she said. She added that Kroto is "like a celebrity of the science world." Although Castleberry is a chemistry student, she said that non-science majors can also benefit from Kroto's lecture. "He's got a vision and a lot of experience and a lot of success under his belt and failure that I could learn from potentially," she said. "All of us have a type of science, whether it's a hard science or a soft science. It always adds to my life experience to understand the story of another." More than 200 people and businesses, including several current Baylor professors, are listed as donors for the event. The lecture is free and open to the public. "We're hoping for between 200 and 300 attendees for each of the two lectures," Pinney said. "I think it will be a mixture of students and faculty as well as staff that are interested. Our speaker this year is certainly an excellent example of the outstanding scientists and teacher scholars that have come here."

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of McLennan County, while the Soulforce members were all from out of town. Soulforce paid for each person's bond, including Morrison's. Genth said previous bonds posted by the group for demonstrations at Oklahoma Baptist University and Central Bible College ranged from \$109 to \$150, said Dean Genth, the group's logistics director. "We feel like we're really being targeted by the system," he said. "It's just been difficult." He said this was the first time in Soulforce history any members have spent the night in jail.

All of the fees incurred by the group are paid for with donations, Genth said. The cost of the entire Equality Ride is about \$500,000, but they weren't expecting a bond fee of more than \$10,000, he said. Members said they contacted their friends and families in an attempt to raise more funds to cover the extra costs. Hunter College senior Casey Chandler-Alexander, a member of the group, said she was arrested in Oklahoma on similar charges and was only held for five hours with a \$109 bond. Stephen Krebs, a 2003 alumna of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was ar-

rested with Chandler-Alexander in Oklahoma. "They moved us through pretty expeditiously," Krebs said. "I think the police recognized that it was such a minor offense that it was really a waste of their time." Krebs and Chandler-Alexander were among the five group members who stayed in Waco to pick up the five arrested members upon their release. The rest of the group took the bus to their next stop at Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss. The group that stayed made a banner out of a bed sheet to greet their jailed counterparts upon release. Vince Cervantes was one of

the Soulforce members who spent Tuesday night in jail. "We were treated pretty decently," Cervantes said. Cervantes, a former Azusa Pacific student, shared a cell with another member of Soulforce, Josh Polycarpe, and Morrison, along with people brought in on assault and drug charges. "It kind of boggled my mind," he said. "All I did was write 'God Loves All,' and I ended up sharing a jail cell with people who committed assault." Soulforce member Amanda Harris, a senior at the University of Central Arkansas, called the experience "dehumanizing" and "ridiculous." "Nobody would tell us what

was going on," she said. "We sat in a holding cell until 2 a.m." Soulforce member Shawn O'Neil, a transgender male, also said he believed his time in jail was inhumane. O'Neil said he was processed as a female but identifies himself as male. When he told them he wanted to be treated as a male, he said they denied his request. "I didn't feel comfortable in a room with all females," he said. "Why couldn't they just put me with the boys?" O'Neil also said that due to poor conditions, he went 26 hours without food or water. He said when he asked for a glass of water, he was told to drink out of his hands from a

faucet attached to the toilet, and he was given a baloney sandwich to eat. O'Neil said he has a severe food allergy that doesn't allow him to digest pork. Despite the negative experience in jail, O'Neil and Harris said they did not regret their actions. "Any of us would do it all over again 10 million times," Harris said. "Part of the process is the pain and suffering. We are willing to go through that to get to a higher truth." "I think this trip was highly successful," she said. "Several students came forward who wanted to start a gay-straight alliance. I hope we empowered them to do that."

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