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# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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## Freshman recovers from meningitis scare

By Aileen Wong  
Reporter

He thought he had the flu. At least that's what the hospital told him. So he returned to his dorm room at Penland Residence Hall. Later that night, the flu-like symptoms worsened and he began vomiting violently.

The next morning, his parents took him to Seton Hospital in Austin, and after a blood test, Austin freshman Preston Wallace was diagnosed with bacterial meningococcal meningitis. Wallace said at the time he contracted the bacteria, his immune system was weak. "I was going to the (McLane Student Life Center) a lot, work-

ing out, not eating right and just wearing my body down without considering the consequences of it," Wallace said. He began experiencing severe flu-like symptoms Feb. 10 and said he felt cold when his body was running a fever. His condition worsened, and his roommate, Austin freshman Madison Sadler, took him to

Providence Health Center and waited until 4 a.m. for him to be released. The doctors diagnosed him with the flu and sent him home with pain medication for a headache and instructions to rest. He threw up all night and called his father at 6 a.m. to send him some medicine. The next morning, when Wallace's

father arrived, he saw his condition and took him home to Austin. That afternoon, Wallace's condition worsened. "I had the worst headache in my life," he said. "I couldn't think. I didn't remember my own name, so my mom took me to the emergency room, and from there I don't really remem-

ber a whole lot. I was transferred in an ambulance to a different hospital." In Austin, doctors tried to diagnose Wallace. "The doctors didn't know what it was till I was in a near-comatose state," Wallace said. "I wasn't very responsive at all in

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## The end of the line

Baylor dumps blue bus route after inactivity

By Claire St. Amant  
Staff writer

The bus stops here. Effective Sunday, the Blue Bus Night Route will no longer be running. The route, which provided transportation from east campus areas to various locations near Eighth Street, was created Nov. 26 in conjunction with Waco Transit to offset the closure of the Eighth Street parking lots for construction. Shelley Deats, manager of parking services, said the night route is being cancelled because of low ridership and high costs. "Our statistics show that the route isn't being utilized very much," she said. "The cost outweighs the gain." Deats said there have only been around 600 riders total since the route's inception, with numbers as low as six riders per night.

The route runs from 5:30

p.m. to 2:30 a.m. seven days a week and offers the only late-night bus service on campus. Another transportation program, The Ride, is available through Student Activities and runs from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Peak hours for the night bus route occurred around 9 and 10 p.m., with the lowest ridership occurring at 2 a.m. Deats said there are plans to increase publicity for The Ride in an effort to absorb the students who were riding the night route. "The Ride should be more than sufficient for the nightly transportation needs on campus," she said. Mark McKown of Waco Transit said the cancellation of the route was made for logistic and budgetary reasons. "Students never really picked up on the idea," he said. "It wasn't cost effective to keep it running." Freshman class president Noah Hutchison Jr. said that after meeting with Deats and

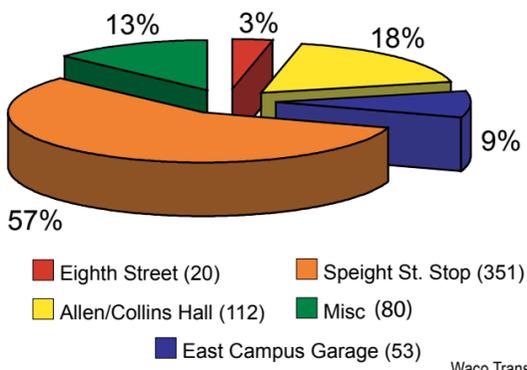
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Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

After months of infrequent use, Baylor transit has decided to do away with the blue route, which takes students from the east side of campus to stops near Eighth Street. The route was started on Nov. 26 because of parking shortages caused by construction of a new garage adjacent to Collins Residence Hall.

Blue Night Route — Ridership by location



Waco Transit

## Security main priority for ITS

By Jon Schroeder  
Staff writer

The days are getting longer, the leaves are turning greener and it's time for students to change their Bear ID passwords again. But this time there's a twist — both students and Baylor employees may receive a Windows update prompt asking them to change their passwords. But if they click yes, they may lose access to some university services.

Technology support specialist Patricia Black sent out an e-mail Thursday on behalf of Information and Technology Services informing students of the method they need to use. "Windows will prompt you about needing to change your password several days before it is required," the e-mail read. "When you receive the notice, it will prompt to change your password now. It is important that you click no. Changing your password by following this prompt will not make the change for all Baylor systems." To change passwords correctly, users should instead go to [www.baylor.edu/bearID](http://www.baylor.edu/bearID) and make the changes on the Web site.

Donna Herbert, ITS manager of client support systems, said she used the Windows update on a university computer to change her password, then tried out some of the Baylor software to see what works and what doesn't.

For her, at least, most of the programs worked. Herbert didn't have trouble accessing her e-mail account, logging into Blackboard or using university printers through PawPrints.

Some programs and services still might not work — Herbert mentioned GetGrades in particular, along with "a few programs" that use a different authentication method.

"But the safest route is to go through the Web site," she said, adding that students who may have mistakenly updated their Bear ID passwords already through the Windows update can still "re-update" through the Web site without problems.

Baylor first required password changes by Nov. 12, and the system requires that passwords be updated every 180 days. If passwords are not updated by the deadline, users must reactivate their accounts before the password change can be made.

Since deadlines for the change are user-specific, there is no single cut-off date. But some students have already passed their deadlines and the rest are fast approaching.

However, faculty, students

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## Former aide implicates attorney general in firings scandal

By Lara Jakes Jordan  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales was briefed regularly over two years on the firings of federal prosecutors, his former top aide said Thursday, disputing Gonzales' claims he was aware of the dismissals from afar and newly undercutting his already shaky credibility. Gonzales and former White House counsel Harriet Miers made the final decision on whether to fire the U.S. attorneys last year, said Kyle Sampson, the attorney general's former chief of staff. "I don't think the attorney general's statement that he was not involved in any discussions of U.S. attorney removals was accurate," Sampson told a Senate Judiciary Committee inquiry into whether the dismissals were politically motivated. "I remember discussing with him

this process of asking certain U.S. attorneys to resign," Sampson said. Sampson's testimony, for the first time, put Gonzales at the heart of the firings amid ever-changing Justice Department accounts of how they were planned. Gonzales has said repeatedly that he was not closely involved in the firings and largely depended on Sampson to orchestrate them. Sampson resigned March 12. A day later, Gonzales said he "never saw documents. We never had a discussion about where things stood" in the firings. The White House stepped back from defending Gonzales even before Sampson finished testifying. "I'm going to have to let the attorney general speak for himself," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said as Sampson entered his third hour in front of senators. Perino made it clear that Gonzales

needs to explain himself to Congress, and quickly. The attorney general is not scheduled to appear publicly on Capitol Hill until April 17. "I agree three weeks is a long time," Perino said. The Justice Department did not have an immediate comment about Sampson's testimony. A growing number of Democrats and Republicans has called for Gonzales to step down. Department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said Thursday the attorney general has no plans to resign. The Senate committee chairman,

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., stopped short of calling for Gonzales' ouster. But Leahy reminded a reporter Thursday, "I voted against him," when the Senate confirmed the Gonzales as the nation's top law enforcer in 2005. "If the president feels Mr. Gonzales is upholding the highest level of professionalism that he wants in his administration and that the president wants to be remembered for, then he'll stay on," Leahy said. The stony-faced Sampson, a longtime and loyal aide to Gonzales, said other senior Justice Department officials helped to plan the firings, which the White House first suggested shortly after President Bush won a second term in 2004. Sampson said he was never aware of any case where prosecutors were told to step down because they refused to help



Gonzales

# Baylor students should unite to fight crime problem

"Anyone whose car or house has been broken into while at Baylor please raise your hand," my professor asked.

More than 90 percent of the students in class raised their hand in the air. The fact that the majority of Baylor students have been a victim of crime absolutely enrages me. The way I see it, Baylor is at war.

At Welcome Week, we learned that Baylor University is a family. Let's go with this. Back in Colleyville, my family stands at arms. The house is protected by an alarm system. There is a gun in my dad's safe. My mom carries a can of pepper spray. My brother sleeps with a baseball

bat under his bed. If a criminal were to mess with someone in the family, he would suffer the wrath of the Tamers. We would unite. We would fight back. We would take them down because we are a family, a team; we've got each other's back.

Let me put this bluntly - Waco is unsafe. Baylor is unsafe. We're all unsafe. In fact, it boggles my mind that some of us are still alive. Folks running the Bear Trail at night, women walking to their car alone in the H-E-B parking lot and students not locking their apartment doors - consider yourself utterly blessed to be unharmed.

Waco is ranked 105 in the

## point of view

BY CHRISTINE TAMER



list of the most dangerous cities in the U.S., according to 2006 FBI crime figures. It is the fourth most dangerous city in Texas. In 2005, there were 13 murders, 71 sexual assaults, 2,904 assaults, 1,723 residential burglaries, 2,734 vehicle thefts and 754 stolen cars, according to the city of Waco. Well, weren't all of those

crimes committed in the "scary" part of Waco? In the Baylor area, there were 51 assaults, 89 burglaries, 268 car thefts and nine sexual assaults - a total of 1,450 criminal offenses in 2005. These statistics don't even include crimes that occurred under Baylor jurisdiction, but those numbers can be found online.

These numbers absolutely terrify me, but what terrifies me even more is that some of us are completely unaware of the dangerous city we live in.

So, let's do something. It's time that we play defense. Criminals vs. Good Samaritans. Let's defend our Baylor family.

So here's my message: To

students, everyone should carry pepper spray. I don't care how big of a guy you are, when a gang of 10 approaches you, muscle size won't matter much.

Personally, I have a can of pepper spray by my bed, in my car and several keychain sprays. The big can I have is made to take out a mob and sprays more than 30 feet. A one-second burst causes temporary blindness, choking, coughing, burning and nausea to the attacker.

To Baylor: How about self-defense classes? There are 227 sexual offenders within five miles of campus. Eliminate Chapel Friday and teach students how to defend themselves.

To Baylor and Waco police: When my car gets broken into I don't want to hear "this happens all the time." If it does, then let's make some changes. Whatever's being done isn't working. Stop writing tickets and defend me.

On Eighth Street there's a faded advertisement on a billboard. I want it to say something to the extent of: "Don't Mess with Baylor University. We are trained in self-defense and armed with pepper spray. Our police will hunt you down. You will go to jail. You mess with one of us, you mess with all 14,000."

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## Editorial

# Let aides testify to the public

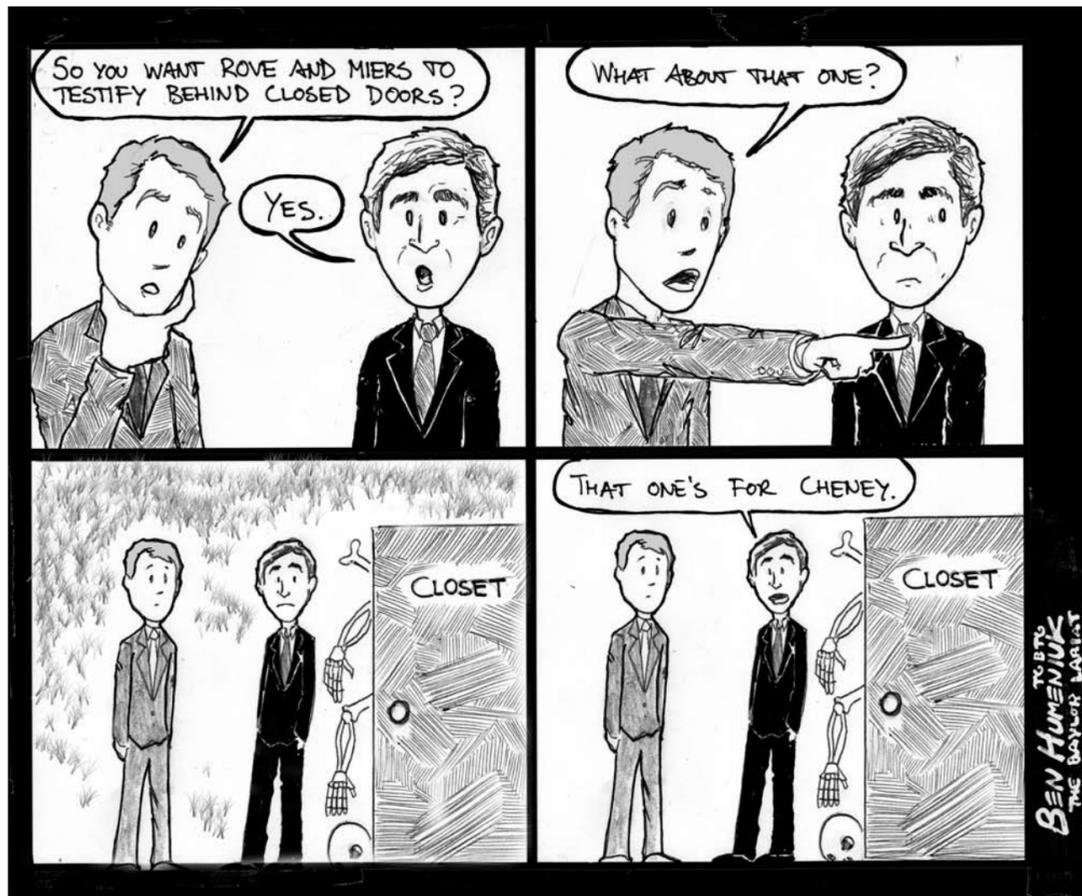
When serious questions of wrongdoing are asked in Washington, answers shouldn't be given behind closed doors, and they shouldn't be given off the record.

Congress has been given an ultimatum by President Bush that tiptoes the line of the ridiculous. Bush is insisting that Karl Rove and other officials subpoenaed in the investigation of the firing of eight federal prosecutors only answer Congress's questions in private, off the record and not under oath.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has proposed a compromise that may make some observers happy. He says the officials don't necessarily have to be questioned under oath, but could instead simply be questioned in public. While this isn't a perfect solution, it is another option.

The very fact that Bush doesn't want his officials to be questioned under oath and without a transcript raises a multitude of issues. By making such an issue out of the situation, Bush has cast serious doubt upon the innocence of those involved. His side-stepping has caused observers to begin thinking the aides must have done something wrong or there wouldn't be a problem with them testifying.

The House and Senate Judiciary Committees are trying to get to the bottom of why the Justice Department fired the prosecutors. Critics say the firings were politically motivated by the administration wanting to punish the attorneys for not supporting Bush's priorities and pressuring the



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attorneys to speed up corruption cases involving Republican figures.

The public deserves to know what role administration aides played in deciding the fate of the prosecutors.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has been at the center of the questioning. His former chief of staff, Kyle Sampson, has testified that Gonzales, along with former White House counsel Harriet Miers, were "deeply involved" in the decision. Some sources have said that Miers actually

wanted to fire all federal prosecutors to make room for Bush allies. This is clearly contrary to statements Gonzales made earlier saying that he had no knowledge or role in the firings.

Congressional witnesses are required by law to tell the truth. Keeping testimonies on record is essential to making sure this happens - it's part of the checks and balances we enjoy in our democracy. Bush's interference in the congressional proceedings is highly suspicious to say the least. It's

yet another case of the administration taking a matter of transparency and turning it into a political issue.

With questions circling, the requests made by Congress should be granted. Gonzales is already on the hot seat and at this point, it's just a question of who will join him there.

Those asked to testify should submit willingly or risk being marked as a chess piece in the administration's unethical attempts to tip the balances of our courts in its favor.

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# All-natural food craze not exactly what it's cracked up to be

The other day I came across an article titled "Humans Struggle to Survive on Earth."

It unreasonably went on and on about how our world is now toxic and contaminated from the chemicals we use every day. I couldn't help but wonder: In this age where everyone is seemingly obsessed with "all-natural" and "organic" ways of life, why are we not seeing any changes?

Probably because if people would react based on fact instead of emotion, they would see that cutting back on chemical pesticides and fertilizers doesn't do much to save the environment.

I spent some time researching the use of chemicals and their effect on human and environmental health. I concluded that - as harsh as it sounds

- the real state of our environment is not nearly as bad as the media make it out to be.

In actuality, the earth is healthier than it was just ten years ago - thanks to so-called harmful agents.

The media have gone to great lengths to persuade society that organic and all-natural foods benefit the environment by removing the synthetic fertilizers and antibiotics.

Each year, consumers spend millions of dollars on organic products, thinking they're making the earth a better place.

I just don't buy that.

Not only did I discover the chemicals used in growing and preserving foods hardly produce adverse effects on the environment, I found most organic

## point of view

BY CHRISTINA LASCALEA



foods to be nothing more than a marketing scheme. No official agency checks every single product to verify what's organic or all-natural. That means anything claiming to be natural may not be.

According to research by The Environmental Working Group - an organization devoted to protecting human health and the environment - most produce carries the highest levels of pesticides after typical home

preparation like washing and cooking. So why pay more for organic?

I noticed this hypocrisy the last time I was at the poultry counter of a natural grocery store. A sign above the counter read, "Our poultry is free of antibiotics and hormones."

Interestingly enough, the government prohibits the use of hormones on all chickens anyway, whether you buy from an expensive grocer or Costco. As for pricy "free-range" chicken, they didn't have as much fun in the sun as you'd like imagine - the USDA requires only five minutes of outdoor air per day to label it as free-range.

If organic and all-natural foods really helped as much as environmentalists claim, whole-

some products would be a reality, not a ploy. The media has created hysteria about the use of chemicals, but it's important to note that when used correctly, they have potential for more good than harm.

Remember the E. coli spinach scare? The contamination actually resulted from organic spinach that lacked bacteriacidal substances.

Did the media mention this detail? Nope.

I doubt anyone refrained from buying produce at Whole Foods, either.

Without pesticides on farms and antibiotics on animals, the earth would be overgrown with disease.

Just like humans need vaccinations, the food we put into our

bodies should be treated, too.

The government spends billions of dollars every year on research related to the state of our environment. Incessant hype has convinced many people - including legislators - that ridiculous practices like cutting back on chemical treatments should be enacted.

Don't get me wrong, I support maintaining the planet we love 110 percent.

I just wish people would stop reacting on emotions before they know the reality. And considering that life expectancy and health levels have dramatically improved over the centuries, maybe we aren't doing such a bad job after all.

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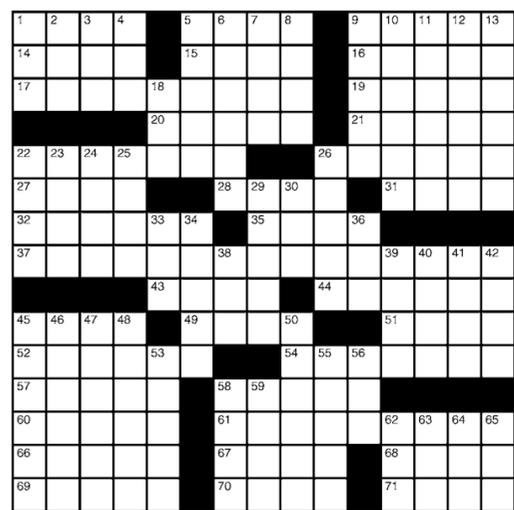
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By Michael T. Williams  
Clearwater, FL

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# Senate votes on funds, recycling program

By **Kate Boswell**  
Staff writer

Student Senate voted Thursday to allocate funds to Baylor Impact, Baylor Democrats and Circle K International and a resolution calling for an expanded recycling program on campus.

Senate voted unanimously to allocate \$250 for Baylor Impact's Spotlight 2007.

Impact, a part of Campus Crusade for Christ, will hold its annual talent show at 6:30 p.m. April 13 in the Russell Gymnasium.

Students will be able to sign up to participate in the show in the Bill Daniel Student Center the week before the show, said Nathan Allotey, a Houston

senior and student leader in Baylor Impact. There will also be T-shirts and free cake available at the sign-up table.

Senate voted 32-4 with four abstentions to allocate \$680 to create energy conservation magnets.

The magnets list energy conservation tips and will be given to incoming freshmen in their move-in packets, Plano sophomore Stephanie Formas said.

The magnets were designed and endorsed by Baylor Democrats, the Environmental Concern Organization and senate's social responsibility committee.

"Texas Tech did a study on their recycling program and we're the worst in the state next

to them," Formas said. "This is a small step in our idea to get energy conservation on campus."

Senate voted 32-2 with one abstention and one conflict of interest to allocate \$700 to Circle K International for its first annual Bike Rodeo.

The Rodeo will be held April 14 in front of Waco Hall and is "geared towards teaching bike safety and cycling skills," according to the bill.

"I think this is a great event because it targets all skill levels and age groups," said Larry Sandigo, a Glendale, Ariz. junior. "A Baylor senior and a little kid are both going to benefit from this event. It really creates a sense of community,"

San Antonio junior Step-

hanie Kremer said the event was inspired by similar bike rodeos held in San Antonio, and there would be other events besides safety education.

"There will be skills events as well, like seeing who can ride slowly through the cones," she said.

Baylor DPS will be at the event to register bicycles for Baylor students, said Dane Cooper, a Plano senior.

The Waco Volunteer Bike Center also will have a booth at the event and will be offering free service for bicycles.

There also will be information available on The Waco Volunteer Bike Center's charitable project, "Bikes for Haiti."

Bicycles also will be available

for sale and raffle, Cooper said.

Senate voted in favor of a bill advocating that Baylor expand its recycling program and that students show support for the plans to expand recycling already in motion.

The bill encourages Baylor to purchase the maximum number of recycling bins possible so the recycling program can be expanded.

Kansas City, Kan. junior Thomas Herndon said recycling could also save Baylor money.

"At the University of Texas they implemented a full recycling program," Herndon said. "It was expensive to start up, given their size, but it's now saving about \$1 million a year for them."

## BEAR BRIEFS

### Dine with Democrats

The Baylor Democrats will hold Dine with the Democrats at 6:30 p.m. today at Uncle Dan's BBQ. The cost is \$12 for Baylor Democrats members and \$15 for nonmembers. The dinner will serve as a get-to-know-you event for Democrats from Baylor and Waco. Anyone in Waco is invited but should R.S.V.P. to [baylordemsvp@gmail.com](mailto:baylordemsvp@gmail.com).

### Round up your pics

Submit your mission trip pictures to the Round Up, with the following information: name of people in photo, where you are, what group you are with and a brief description of what is going on in the photo. Send pictures to [Heather\\_Fogt@baylor.edu](mailto:Heather_Fogt@baylor.edu).

### Island Party T-shirts on sale

BYX Island Party T-shirts can now be ordered at the Bill Daniel Student Center; Collins, Memorial and Penland residence halls; Baylor Sciences Building; or online at [www.baylorip.com](http://www.baylorip.com). T-shirts are \$10 and include a meal at the event. The event will be held at 5:30 p.m. April 20. The Grammy-nominated band Switchfoot will perform.

To submit a bear brief, e-mail [Lariat@baylor.edu](mailto:Lariat@baylor.edu).

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### Accident

Wednesday — An accident with failure to stop and identify occurred at the Speight Plaza Parking Garage sometime between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 5 p.m.

Thursday — A student on a bike ran into the side of a car and was thrown from the bike in front of the McLane Student Life Center around 12:30 p.m. The student refused ambulance treatment and "appeared to have no major injuries," Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said.

### Assault

Saturday — A Class A assault occurred at the Baylor Plaza I parking lot at 1:30 a.m.

### Burglary

Sunday — A burglary of a habitation occurred at the 300 block of Guittard Ave. at 8 a.m.

### Theft

Tuesday — A theft of less than \$50 occurred at the Hankamer School of Business between 10 and 10:10 a.m.

A theft between \$50 and \$500 occurred at the McLane Student Life Center between 5 and 5:30 p.m.

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A theft of between \$50 and \$500 occurred at the O'Grady Building between Thursday, March 1 and Tuesday.

Compiled from reports on [www.baylor.edu/dps](http://www.baylor.edu/dps).

# Panel explores music-culture connection

By **Nathan McCoy**  
Reporter

Dr. Anton Armstrong understands the relationship between music and culture. At Thursday's panel discussion, Armstrong put it simply: "As you understand music, you'll understand people."

The Panel on Music and Culture featured music, philosophy, anthropology and religion faculty members discussing music and culture in the Beckham Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The panel took place in honor of Armstrong, recipient of Baylor's Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching in 2006. Armstrong was conductor of the St. Olaf Choir in Minnesota before receiving the Cherry Award.

He is in residence at Baylor this semester directing choirs and teaching choral literature.

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The members of the panel included Armstrong, Dr. Jean Boyd and Dr. Laurel Zeiss, music history professors; Dr. Garrett Cook, professor of anthropology; Dr. Barry Harvey, professor of religion; and Dr. Stuart Rosenbaum, professor of philosophy.

Boyd explained how ethnomusicology can help people understand how cultures use music.

She examined how and why certain behaviors can lead to music, "Music is culture," she said. Cook followed, asking questions of how our music-less ancient ancestors evolved into homo sapiens, creatures that live with music, and when that evolution happened.

Zeiss argued that music can bring people together, especially in its live form, where it forms a "temporary community that will not exist again."

Zeiss then explained the role of music as a tool to evaluate different cultures and societies.

"Music can act as a mediator, bringing people to a community. Or it could act as a mirror: it can reflect society as it is or show us perhaps how it could be," Zeiss said.

A philosophical approach to music and culture was given by Rosenbaum, who explained the philosophical search for "the



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

Dr. Jean Boyd and Dr. Laurel Zeiss, music history professors; Dr. Garrett Cook, professor of anthropology; Dr. Barry Harvey, professor of religion; and Dr. Stuart Rosenbaum, professor of philosophy take turns speaking at the Panel on Music and Culture Thursday in the Beckham Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

good, the true and the beautiful" and how that applies to culture.

"Music is, in its way, who we are and who we aspire to become," Rosenbaum said. "Music, along with the other arts, is truth and goodness."

To conclude, Armstrong

spoke about how music impacts us personally because "culture is who we are."

"To me, music is an incredible gift from my creator," Armstrong said. "In the end, music becomes a way in which our culture is transformed and redeemed."

# Truett to hold Hispanic Preaching Conference

By **Rafael Benavides**  
Reporter

George W. Truett Theological Seminary will sponsor its fifth annual Hispanic Preaching Conference today and Saturday.

The conference is headed by Truett Seminary, the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Baptist University of the Americas.

René Maciel, assistant dean of Truett Seminary, helped organize the event.

"This is a preaching conference to train pastors who are already in a church. We hope this conference will help them to become a better pastor in the church," he said.

The conference will be presented almost entirely in Span-

ish, with the exception of one biblical interpretation course that will be taught in English.

The conference is free to Baylor students and costs \$10 for visitors.

Those who plan on attending can register at the Truett Web site or at the door.

The program for this conference is also available at [www.baylor.edu/truett](http://www.baylor.edu/truett).

The conference will begin with a buffet dinner at 5 p.m. at the Paul and Katy Piper Great Hall inside the seminary. The conference will begin at 6 p.m.

"It (the conference) serves as a concentration or meeting place for Hispanic-American churches," said Dr. Rady Roldán-Figueroa, assistant professor of historical theology.

This will be Roldán-Figueroa's third year to present at the Hispanic Preaching Conference.

He said many of those who attend are lay people who haven't had seminary training.

Among the attending pastors, Roldán-Figueroa said, many deacons, church members and Sunday school teachers from Hispanic churches usually attend the event.

"I really hope Truett can make a contribution to strengthen the Hispanic-American churches throughout the state," Roldán-Figueroa said.

Roldán-Figueroa, director of Hispanic ministries for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which has a partnership with Truett, said this conference is designed for pastors but open

to everyone.

Rodríguez said many Hispanic pastors find it hard to prepare for their churches because they often have another profession outside of the church.

"Eighty percent of our pastors are bivocational," Rodríguez said. "This is just one resource we provide for them where we can connect them with books and sermons and other resources."

He also said this conference is designed to assist pastors with a series of sermons and to put in pastors' hands a technique that they can use in their ministries.

"One of the things we'd like to accomplish is to assist our pastors in this area," he said.

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# Stomp Fest to hit Baylor

Annual dance contest expands to 12 groups after humble start

By Perla Sanchez  
Reporter

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., will host Stomp Fest 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall. The event, which began in 2001 with three groups and was called the Afro-Olympics, has now grown to include 12 groups.

This is the fourth year the event will happen as a part of Special Performances.

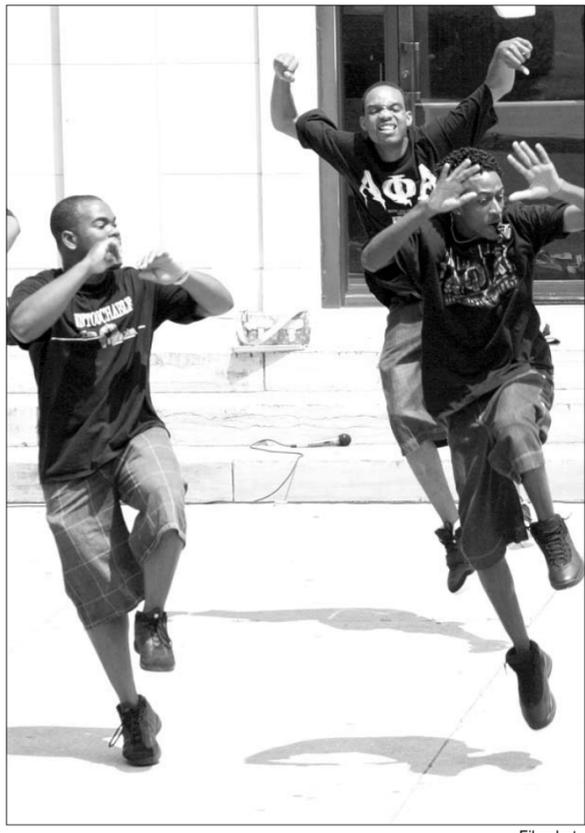
Zoe Grant, a Pasadena junior and Stomp Fest chairwoman for Zeta Tau Alpha, said groups will be judged on crowd participation, creativity, difficulty of the steps, length of the show and other categories.

Grant said their team started practicing three times a week for two hours, but lately, they have been practicing every day.

For their routine, they put songs they liked on a CD and the coaches listened to what songs they could make up steps to. The groups' themes are kept from the public until the day of their performance.

"I'm really excited about our act," Grant said. "The girls have been working really hard, and they're really looking forward to it."

Natchitoches, La., senior



File photo

Bryant Livingston, a junior from San Antonio and Colin McKentie, a Houston senior, perform Sept. 1, 2005, by the Marris McLean Gym.

Naroby Bush coached the Asian Student Association for the second time this year. Last year, Bush coached with a friend who needed help, but she has done it by herself this year.

"It was a little different because I'm the only coach this year," Bush said. "It was time-consuming, but it was better because I felt like I could get more feedback from the group."

Bush said working with another coach last year kept them from getting feedback because they'd teach the group the routine and didn't really give them

a chance to approve or disapprove it. However, this year, the whole group has worked with Bush in coming up with a theme by incorporating their own moves.

Mike Reimer, coordinator of Special Performances, said the event consists of a female division and co-ed division.

The winning group in each division will be awarded \$350 in cash that will go toward the charity the group is representing.

Tickets for the event are \$3, \$5 and \$7 and are on sale in the ticket office in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

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representatives from Baylor, the freshman class officers attempted to raise ridership by promoting the night route. Hutchison, a Lyndale native, said the officers spoke to student government and to other student groups to publicize the services but received little response.

"It seemed students weren't very interested in riding the blue night bus," he said. "They didn't find it helpful."

Deats said the route was

originally created on a temporary basis, but the cancellation decision was made in a meeting after spring break.

Both Deats and Hutchison expressed confusion over the lack of parking problems as a result of the Eighth Street parking lot closures, which were expected to create a need for the nightly shuttle to transport people to the east campus parking garage.

"We're not sure where everyone's parking," Deats said. "But it's not in the east lot."

Hutchison said students

must have made their own adjustments after the closure.

"We wanted to help the student parking situation transition smoothly," he said. "Somehow all the cars disappeared, and there isn't a need for another route."

Deats said the rest of the daily routes are flourishing and in no danger of being cancelled.

"Ridership overall is up this year," she said.

"It was just the blue night route that wasn't performing well."

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the hospital. I don't remember a lot for three days, so they told my parents I had meningitis, and I had no idea what that meant. All I know is that at one point in the hospital, people were coming in without masks. Thirty minutes later, people were coming in with masks and gloves."

On Feb. 11, Wallace had a blood test done, and the results for meningitis came back positive.

"We didn't realize how serious the situation was until his parents called," Sadler said. "It's one of those things you think, this will never happen to me or someone I know."

Wallace's other roommate, Austin freshman Michael Duccini, was out of town and experienced flu-like symptoms, which were inaccurately suspected of being meningitis. He had a spinal tap done and recovered from it in Austin, where he often visited Wallace, who was in the hospital for eight days and in the ICU for three.

Wallace said he received a lot of support from friends and family during that time.

"One of the coolest things was when I was in the hospital and all of my pledge brothers came and visited me," said Wallace, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Student Life alerted the Baylor community about Wallace's condition through an e-mail on Feb. 12, a day after he was diagnosed. The e-mail listed symptoms of the illness and preventive measures for students to take if they had come in close contact with Wallace. His class schedule was even provided to ensure that anyone who had come in contact with him could get the prophylactic Ciprofloxacin, or Cipro, at the SLC.

According to Nancy Keating, director of nurses at the Health Center, the center administered

837 doses of the preventative pill.

Baylor immediately took other actions to prevent the deadly bacteria from spreading.

"The dorm room was detoxified on Monday," Sadler said. "There were these two people in white jumpsuits in the room. They took out all of our clothes and things to detoxify them. It was like something in a movie."

As a safety precaution, Wallace's roommates were relocated.

"Housekeeping came in and cleaned every doorknob, every piece of furniture, every inch of the room," said Gary L. Stout, co-director of Penland Residence Hall. News of Wallace's diagnosis quickly spread around Texas, making headlines in Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin.

Sadler said people would approach him and ask about Wallace. Some assumed that he had the bacteria because he lived with Wallace.

"They'd be like, 'You're Preston's roommate,' and everyone would immediately back away," Sadler said.

However, Sadler did not have the bacteria, nor did he have any symptoms of meningitis. He took Cipro on Feb. 13.

"I was afraid I had it at first because I thought I felt hot, then cold, but I took my temperature and everything was fine," Sadler said. "It's pretty amazing that I didn't get it."

After a two-and-a-half week absence from school, Wallace returned to Waco Feb. 27 and was in classes the following day.

"It was weird the first two days, but now I'm slowly getting back into the swing of things," he said.

He said his teachers have understood his situation.

"All of my teachers have been really nice and been helping me get back on track," he said.

After being in school for a few weeks, he said, he has already completed all of his make-up work, and even though he missed so much school, he doesn't think Baylor's strict attendance policy will affect him much. He said his teachers are counting his absences as excused.

Wallace said his friends also have been supportive of his recovery and have even joked around with him, saying, "Are you all right? I'm not going to get it from you, right?"

Wallace said he did receive the recommended meningitis shot when he entered Baylor. However, the shot only covers four of the five most common strains of meningitis.

Because he lived in the dorms, he also was more susceptible to contract the bacteria because students live in such constant, close contact with one another.

According to the World Health Organization Web site, bacterial meningitis is quick and deadly — 5 to 10 percent of patients die within 24 to 48 hours of the onset of symptoms, and 10 to 20 percent of its survivors have disabilities.

In spite of these odds, Wallace has made a full recovery.

"I'm pretty much back to normal now," he said. "There are some pretty bad side effects. I didn't really know anything about it until I looked it up the other night. I had hearing loss for the first two weeks, but that has gradually come back. One of the side effects is mental retardation, and I had a little trouble concentrating when I first got back to class, but it's all getting a little bit better slowly."

Wallace has a bright outlook and plans to complete the semester, dispelling rumors that he would not return to Baylor.

"I don't have all of my strength and stamina that I had, but I'm on my way there," he said.

# Huntsville inmate executed for killing two men in Miami

By Michael Graczyk  
The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Hours after setting a fire in his cell to protest his punishment, a Houston air conditioning contractor was executed Thursday night for the deaths of two Florida men gunned down in a dispute over missing drug money.

Roy Lee Pippin, 51, had vowed to fight his execution and be uncooperative with corrections officers, but he walked to the death chamber and caused no additional disturbances.

"I charge the people of the jury, the trial judge, the prosecutor that cheated to get this conviction, I charge each and every one of you with the murder of an innocent man," Pippin

said defiantly from the gurney. In a blanket statement meant for all the courts that heard his case, he added, "You will answer to your maker when God has found out that you have executed an innocent man."

"May God have mercy on your souls," he said.

Pippin expressed love to family members and then asked for forgiveness from "all the people of the United States for all the poison I brought into the country I love. Please forgive me for my sins. If my murder makes it easier for everyone else, let the forgiveness be part of the healing."

He ended his final statement by telling the warden, "Go ahead warden, murder me. Take me home Jesus."

He was pronounced dead at 6:42 p.m., eight minutes after the lethal drugs began to flow.

At midday, before being moved to the prison where executions are carried out, he made a pile of trash and ignited it by sticking a wire in an electric outlet, filling his cell with smoke before officers used a water hose put out the blaze.

When he arrived at the Huntsville Unit, about 45 miles away, he repeated his intention to not cooperate with officers.

"I promise you, my oath, I won't try to hurt any guards," he said.

Prison officials credited talks he had throughout the afternoon with a prison chaplain with calming him before the execution.

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and staff can change their passwords at any time, even if their current passwords haven't expired yet.

"(Network users) are encouraged to change their passwords before they expire," Herbert said.

Vincent Harris, a Fairfax, Va., freshman working at one of the university computers in the Bill Daniel Student Center, called the need to change passwords again "inconvenient." He said the process was confusing when

he made the change in November, adding that if it needed to be done, ITS should have found a way to make the change less confusing this time.

Since this round of changes has been further complicated with the warnings not to use the Windows update, Harris said the change seemed unnecessary.

"Security is important, but convenience for Baylor students with hectic schedules is more important," he said. "I appreciate the security concerns, but the ability to easily change pass-

words using Windows update is crucial."

Herbert said Thursday's e-mail was sent out mostly to remind people using a non-Windows operating system to change their passwords, since they won't get an automatic reminder before theirs expire. Those who haven't yet received e-mails probably will soon, she said.

If you have trouble updating your Bear ID password, ITS help desk personnel are available to walk you through the process, at 710-4357.



David Poe/Lariat staff

## Splish splash

Students enjoy the spring rain Thursday with a game of ultimate Frisbee on the field behind South Russell Residence hall.

## LAW from page 1

Republicans in local election or corruption investigations.

He also said he saw little difference between dismissing prosecutors for political reasons versus performance-related ones.

"A U.S. attorney who is unsuccessful from a political perspective, either because he or she has alienated the leadership of the department in Washington or cannot work constructively with law enforcement or other governmental constituencies in the district, is unsuccessful," Sampson said.

But Sampson admitted he should have been more careful to prevent Paul McNulty, the deputy attorney general, and William Moschella, the principal associate deputy attorney general, from giving incomplete or misleading information to Congress in describing the dismissals.

Sampson himself was unable to answer many of the senators' specific questions, claiming a fuzzy memory.

Furor over the purge has outraged lawmakers and current U.S. attorneys.

With investigations throughout the Justice Department tuned to Sampson's testimony, Gonzales spent two hours trying to soothe a group of seven prosecutors he met with in Washington that day.

He has held similar meetings across the country and planned to attend one today in Boston.

It was Miers, he said, who initially floated the idea of firing all 93 federal prosecutors and ultimately joined Gonzales in approving them.

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# Baseball hits road to face Pokes

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

The Baylor baseball team continues Big 12 action at 6:30 p.m. today as the Bears travel to Stillwater, Okla., to take on the Oklahoma State Cowboys (19-6, 2-1) in the first game of a three-game series. The Bears' series this weekend is their first conference road series of the season.

Senior starter Jeff Mandel said the Cowboys, who are ranked No. 14 in the most recent *Baseball America* Top-25 Poll, should prove to be a tough road opponent for the Bears (16-11, 2-4).

So far this season, Oklahoma State has lived up to its preseason hype as an offensive juggernaut, leading the Big 12 with a team batting average of .346 and 37 home runs. But you don't need to tell the Bears that. Head Coach Steve Smith and company are well aware of the strong offense that lies

ahead of them this weekend.

"They have one of the best offenses in the country," Smith said. "They're a big, physical club that can hit for average and power. The way they're hitting this year is no surprise to anyone in this conference."

Sophomore shortstop Beamer Weems said the Bears realize they are going to need to play their best baseball if they hope to contend with a team as strong as the Cowboys.

"Oklahoma State is a solid team, and it's going to be a tough series on the road," Weems said. "We're going to have to bring our A-game every game to take two or three games up there."

Weems is the reigning Big 12 Player of the Week after going 11-for-17 (.647) with five runs, three doubles, two triples, one home run and nine RBIs. He has helped the Bears unleash an offensive spark of their own in the past two weeks.

After being held to a total of seven runs in its three-game

series with the University of Texas, the team has averaged more than 11 runs per game in its five outings since.

"We're starting to get on a roll," freshman right fielder Aaron Miller said. "We're starting to get comfortable in the box, and our confidence is growing."

After being swept by Texas to open up conference play, the Bears took two of three games from the Red Raiders of Texas Tech University, including a 14-4 rubber match victory that made the Red Raiders' trip back to Lubbock a long one.

"Our series against Tech showed me our team is resilient and has some resolve," Smith said. "After a disappointing loss on Saturday, we turned around and played our best game of the series."

Miller said the Bears' young offense is learning on the fly.

"We've learned that we can hit in bunches when we want to," he said. "When we're clicking, we're a tough team to

beat."

But Weems said a trip to Stillwater is not the same as playing in the friendly confines of Waco, especially with the way the Bears have played on the road. The Bears are 2-6 away from Baylor Ballpark this season, and only two of those eight games were played on the opponent's home field.

And despite recent efforts to make it less so, Oklahoma State's Allie P. Reynolds Stadium is notorious for being a hitter's ballpark, evidenced by the 12.8 runs per game scored there.

"I've pitched in Stillwater before, and it's an extremely tough place to pitch," Mandel said. "It's a hitter's park for sure, but as any park, you try to keep the ball down, keep it in the yard and let your defense help you."

Smith said Mandel would start today, junior Randall Linebaugh would pitch on Saturday and Sunday's starter would be a game time decision.



Freshman right fielder Aaron Miller talks to third base Coach Steve "Hoot" Johnson between innings during the Bears' 9-7 win over the University of Texas at Arlington on Feb. 27. Miller is one of several freshmen on which head Coach Steve Smith relies heavily. Miller is hitting .315 this season and is second on the team in RBIs with 24.

File photo

# Bears' spring heats up with SMU tourney

By Will Parchman  
Sports writer

The Baylor volleyball team entered the spring season this week with a particular goal in mind: prepare for the fall and shed some of the off-season rust.

With a tournament in Dallas at Southern Methodist University this weekend, they'll be taking the court for the first time since losing their last regular season game to the University of Oklahoma last November.

While they'd like to win now, head Coach Jim Barnes said the most important thing in the spring is adjusting lineups and finding the right combinations.

"Everything we're trying to do with our team — we're trying to set up the foundation of what we're going to do in the fall," said Barnes, who led the volleyball team to its best finish in five years last fall.

"So (the spring) is really about finding out who's going to fit into the different positions," he said.

Freshman Anna Breyfogle, one of only three Baylor freshmen to play in 100 games last year, said the team will be using the tournament at SMU this weekend to get back into the swing of competition.

"I think we'll definitely use this competition to see where we stand," Breyfogle said. "Just to see, OK, we've been doing this in the spring and how is it going to be when we're competing? We just need to put some different things together and see what works."

Breyfogle and freshman Taylor Barnes were both cornerstones on a young Baylor team last year, and Jim Barnes said the maturity and progression of those two players will determine a lot about the team's 2007 fall season.

"Katie (Sanders) and Taylor and Anna started as freshmen and did a great job," the coach said. "Now they're going to have their hands in everything, so this is the time for them to learn. We're going to be a very young team next year, so we're going to have to get some experience in now with these freshmen. We're really looking at our freshmen to play a major role in what we're going to do."

Coach Barnes said the SMU tournament could be one of the best teaching tools the freshmen have until the fall.

"We're going to learn a lot," he said. "With the freshmen playing all the way around in every rotation and doing everything they didn't do in the season, we're going to learn a lot. Hopefully by the end of April when the spring season is over, we'll



File photo

Freshman middle blocker Anna Breyfogle hits the ball through a Texas A&M-Corpus Christi block during the Bears' win over the Islanders on Nov. 11. Breyfogle and the Bears play their first spring tournament on Saturday.

have the things we're working on down so we can rely on them in the fall."

The Bears return nine players in 2007 and will be trying to build on their best non-conference record (12-1) in school history. Carrying over that kind of performance to next season, Coach Barnes said, is high on the team's list of priorities.

"We know we're a good program, a young program," he said. "Nationally I think we've been thought of as one of the hot programs coming up, and that's because of the young players we've brought into this program. We're going to be young, but there's a lot of optimism within the team."

Taylor Barnes agreed that the team has placed a great deal of faith in its ability to succeed this year.

"We're young, so we're just going to keep going higher and higher every year," she said.

Judging by the team's finish to the Big 12 season last fall, they might have some work to do to achieve those lofty goals. After racing out to one of the best starts in school history, the team dropped eight consecutive conference matches in one stretch.

While they finished with their first winning record since 2001, Breyfogle said the team still feels it has some unfinished business from last season.

And it all starts this weekend.

"I think we could have done a little better last fall," Breyfogle said. "I think we're all thinking that we can do better than (we did in 2006), and now we're going to."

# Gagne to start '07 season on DL

The Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Eric Gagne will start the season on the disabled list for the Texas Rangers, a move the team is making to give the closer more time to come back from elbow and back operations.

The Rangers said Gagne hasn't had any health setbacks. The 2003 NL Cy Young Award winner has pitched only 15 1/3 innings over the past two seasons.

"I feel pretty good, but I think this is going to help the team," Gagne said after throwing 15 pitches in a minor league game Thursday. "We are here to have a successful season and make the playoffs."

This is the third straight season since his dominating run as

the Los Angeles Dodgers' closer that Gagne will be on the disabled list before pitching.

Gagne had elbow surgery in June 2005, then another operation last April to remove a nerve from his pitching elbow. He had surgery last July to repair a herniated disk in his lower back.

Akinori Otsuka, who converted 32 of 36 saves last season, will handle the closing duties until Gagne returns.

The move will be retroactive to Wednesday, meaning Gagne could rejoin the Rangers on April 13 for the start of a series in Seattle.

Gagne will pitch for Double-A Frisco and Triple-A Oklahoma until then, and will make back-to-back appearances before joining the Rangers.

"It's the right thing to do, not

only for him, but for us," pitching coach Mark Connor said.

In his third and last "A" game appearance Tuesday, Gagne allowed four runs and five hits in one inning against San Diego. That was the same game, played in gusty winds, that No. 1 starter Kevin Millwood allowed 10 runs in 4 2-3 innings of a 24-7 Padres' victory.

For spring training, Gagne had a 15.00 ERA (five earned runs in three innings) with six strikeouts and six walks. He allowed a home run on the first pitch he threw.

Gagne had 152 saves from 2002-04, including all 55 chances in 2003, when he had a 1.20 ERA and won the Cy Young. He converted a major-league record 84 consecutive saves from August 2002 to July 2004.

# Arkansas official: Gillispie staying put

By Noah Trister  
The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne told Arkansas officials that basketball coach Billy Gillispie intends to remain with the Aggies, an Arkansas official said Thursday.

Gillispie reportedly has agreed in principle to a new deal with Texas A&M that could raise his salary by at least \$350,000 a year.

The Texas A&M Board of Regents was reviewing revisions to Gillispie's contract Thursday that include an extension, incentives and "a substantial salary

increase," Byrne said in a statement. The regents would then vote to approve the contract Friday morning, Byrne said.

Gillispie, 47, makes about \$1.25 million a year. Texas A&M officials would not confirm the terms of the new deal or say when an announcement might come. But newspapers citing unidentified sources reported it could be worth anywhere between \$1.6 million and \$2 million a year.

The \$2 million figure would exceed Texas coach Rick Barnes' salary of \$1.8 million, and the \$1.6 million salary of Kansas' Bill Self, and would make Gil-

ispie the highest paid coach in the Big 12.

Gillispie could not be reached for comment.

He took the Aggies to the NCAA tournament's third round this year. He has been at Texas A&M for three seasons, going 70-26 with a team that was 7-21 the season before he arrived.

Gillispie was a prominent candidate for the Arkansas job, which opened when Stan Heath was fired Monday.

But a person close to Arkansas' search told The Associated Press on Thursday that the Razorbacks are ready to focus on other candidates.

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# Workin' hard for the money



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Roma sophomore Shannon West is on the clock as she massages a client in the comfort of her own home.

## Making massage a business

For Shannon West, giving massages is more than just a part-time job. It finances her Baylor education.

After taking time off from school for financial reasons, the Roma sophomore attended a massage therapy school in Lorena to help earn money to return to Baylor. Now that she is back at school, West continues giving massages to help pay tuition.

"It can be a little stressful, like any other job," West said. But overall, she said, she enjoys giving massages and gets satisfaction out of it.

"Preventative wellness is really important," she said.

Her unusual student job can get her into some tight places — literally. West comes to the client for a massage, which has on occasion landed her in dorm rooms.

"It is a tight squeeze, but it works," she said.

Her favorite part of the job is the appreciation she gets from clients, she said. Some literally jump off the table, she said.

Her least favorite part? Having her phone number on fliers, West said, can lead to some weird calls.

Having her own business has been a learning experience for West. "It can be a mixed blessing. ... It is hard to maintain a level of professionalism with your peers."

West charges \$35 for a one-hour massage and \$20 for half an hour.



MCT Campus

## Working students have reasons in mind

By Melissa Limmer  
Staff writer

Whether it is to pay those annoying electric bills, finance a bad iced latte habit, or just to gain experience for a future career, students are forced to perform a delicate balancing act between work and school.

At Baylor, 1,700 students have work-study jobs. Celeste Sheehy, associate director of processing and audit services said. While there are a variety of jobs available on campus, from cafeteria workers to telecounselors, the largest employer of work-study students is the McLane Student Life Center.

Most positions pay minimum wage, \$5.15 an hour, but some jobs that require "specialized skills or hours" make a little more.

What makes a job work study? All part-time jobs on campus are considered work study, Sheehy said. There are two types of work study. One is the Federal Work-Study Program, which

is a need-based financial aid program. This program allows qualified students to work part-time and use their earnings toward supplementing tuition and college expenses.

To determine qualifications, a student must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The second type of work study is called university work-study. This program applies to students who do not qualify for Federal-Work Study and limits them to working 20 hours per week "in order to protect their academic pursuits," Sheehy said.

Students can even hold work-study jobs over the summer.

For more information about work-study jobs, students can visit [www.baylor.edu/student\\_employment](http://www.baylor.edu/student_employment).

If you want to do something exciting off-campus, or you just want to find an interesting work-study job, check out the innovative ways these students earn extra dough.



David Poe/Lariat staff

Rowlett freshman Brittany Myers serves up drinks at the Dr Pepper Museum soda fountain. Myers found her job during a visit to the museum with her parents.

## Running a soda fountain

A simple sight-seeing trip resulted in a job for Rowlett freshman Brittany Myers. She picked up an application at the Dr Pepper Museum when she was visiting with her family in October. Now she does "pretty much everything" at the museum including selling memorabilia in the gift shop, serving up Dr Pepper floats at the soda counter and sending mail orders to destinations as far away as Germany.

Myers said most people come into the gift shop for the special pure cane Dr Pepper. Don't dare call it Dublin Dr Pepper, either. "We get pretty territorial about it," Myers said. This pure cane Dr Pepper is no longer made in Dublin, Texas and brings customers to the museum from Waco to England. "We get people you wouldn't expect in Waco," she said.

Working the gift shop, Myers has become quite the Dr Pepper collector herself. "So much of my money goes back to that place," she said. When new orders come in, she said she has to decide which hat or shirt she will buy first.

She has also developed quite the taste for Dr Pepper. "I didn't like it as much till I started working there. It has grown on me," she said.

Myers said the best part of the job is the people she works with. "It is different, and I love my job."

## Convenience store employee doesn't equal school dropout

Being mistaken for a high school dropout is all in a day's work for Waco Senior Annalee Janke. "Most people don't believe I go to Baylor," Janke said. Students are often surprised when they see the "girl from the gas station" in one of their classes, she said.

Janke is anything but a dropout. She works about 22 hours a week at the Exxon and Shell gas stations adjacent to campus. Besides working at the gas station, she also works 20 hours as a desk attendant at Kokernot Residence Hall.

On top of her two jobs, Janke also balances classwork. "It makes me really disciplined. I have to write everything down," she said.

Janke said the best part of her job is talking with different kinds of people who come into the stations. She's met a variety of people, from Brooks Village construction workers to secret service agents to Ashlee Simpson. "She looked like a normal Baylor girl," Janke said.

The worst part of the job is dealing with rude customers, Janke said. "Most people don't really realize they are being rude," she said.

Performing a balancing act of long work hours and classes has been rewarding for Janke. She has been able to support herself and pay her tuition and bills with the help of her salary, grants and scholarships. "It is a really fulfilling accomplishment," she said.

Having dual jobs also has taught her a work



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

Waco senior Annalee Janke greets customers with a smile when they enter the Shell station on Fifth street.

ethic and "made me appreciate my education and people who don't have the same opportunities I do," she said. "I have grown a lot more by working. I feel a lot more responsible."

After her graduation in the spring, Janke said she plans to attend law school at the University of Notre Dame, where she will get a little "break" from working at the gas station to focusing on a new line of work: becoming a lawyer.

## Night at the museum

Carrie Weiner, a second-year graduate student from Collierville, didn't know how much she loved museums and everything that goes into creating their exhibits until she started working at the Dr Pepper museum.

As a curatorial assistant, Weiner processes memorabilia into the museum collection, storing memorabilia, researching for exhibits and creating museum display cases.

Her favorite part of the job is the exhibits she gets to create. "It is a lot of fun to teach people and to tell a story about Dr Pepper and the soft drink industry itself," she said.

Through her work Weiner said she has learned that she truly has a passion for being a curator. "Thinking about doing anything else is foreign," she said.

An exciting aspect of Weiner's job is interacting with antique memorabilia dating back to 1900 and earlier on a daily basis. "It is pretty cool to hold that history in your hands," she said. Weiners said it is also interesting to imagine that 100 years ago these antiques were just a piece of everyday life. "At the time it was just like everything else we take for granted," she said.



David Poe/Lariat staff

Murray Watson Jr., owner of Murray Watson Jr. & Associates, guides Waco senior Justin Tepe in his various law clerk responsibilities.

## Jack-of-all-trades at law firm

While Justin Tepe's official title at law firm is "law clerk," Tepe describes his title as "lackey."

At his job the Waco senior does everything from filing documents with the court to picking up dry cleaning and chauffeuring.

Tepe got the job mainly for the experience and to help decide if he really wanted to go to law school. Tepe still hasn't made a final decision, but said one member of the law firm, Ray Rushing, has acted as a mentor to him and counseled him about his future.

Murray Watson Jr. & Associates does a lot of pro bono work, and this has encouraged Tepe to go into nonprofit law if he does choose to go to law school.

Working at the firm, Tepe said he has learned practicing law "is not as glamorous as it is on TV." Tepe has also learned that a lot of work goes into a case before it ever even gets to court.

Tepe said his current job as a law clerk is definitely a step up from the retail job he had at Pier One Imports for six years.

Working 20 hours per week has forced Tepe to balance work with homework, with class from 8 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. and work from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tepe said his schedule is like a real work day. "It can be challenging. Sometimes I put my job before school. That is not the right choice," he said.

The best part of Tepe's job? Not picking up dry cleaning, he said, but getting to know people in the community offices and the people who work in the law firm.



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

San Antonio sophomore Tessa Recendes carefully climbs the rock wall in the McLane Student Life Center.

## Scaling great heights at rock

A job is not a job when you are doing something you love. At least this is true for Houston sophomore Kayla Ritter, who works at the McLane Student Life Center rock wall.

"I look at my job as a break from school," she said. "The best part of my job is that I am working and doing something I like to do in my free time."

Ritter had been climbing the rock wall recreationally for about a year before she took a trip with the Outdoor Leadership Lab, where her interest for rock climbing grew.

When she saw there were job openings for the rock wall, she jumped at the chance to work at a place she loved.

Now Ritter works about 12-16 hours per week at the rock encouraging students to climb the wall and helping belay and create new routes for climbers.

Ritter said interacting with all the different people who come to climb the rock wall also makes the job interesting.

She's seen everyone from football players to theater students to Truett Seminary professors climb the wall.

## Cold calling for the cause

Remember getting a call from a friendly student encouraging you to attend Baylor or offering to answer any questions? You may have just talked to telecounseling center supervisor Phillip Ashley.

Ashley, a Crowley senior, works and supervises calls to prospective Baylor students. Telecounselors talk to the students and assess what the student is looking for in a university, then shows them how their interests can be met here at Baylor.

Making cold calls can be a little nerve-racking and a little monotonous when all you get is an answering machine, Ashley said, but the best part of the job is getting the opportunity to discuss student's needs.

Telecounselors get to put a name with a face when they give tours to prospective students and show them what they have been talking about over the phone.

"Going into the job, I already liked Baylor," Ashley said. But "working there made me realize what I really liked about Baylor."

Working with a diverse group of student telecounselors "is definitely fun," he said.



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Belle Mead, N.J., junior Dana Reiersen works diligently as a Baylor telecounselor calling prospective Baylor freshmen.

"It is really interesting to see how many different types of people are at Baylor," Ashley said.

"I have gotten to know a lot of people I work with that I probably never would have spoken to."



Kristina Bateman/Round Up staff

Collierville grad student Carrie Weiner works with Dr Pepper memorabilia and exhibits at the Dr Pepper Museum.

Weiner's favorite piece of memorabilia? Some of the original oil paintings that were used for advertising.

Working at the museum has been a learning experience, not just about Dr Pepper but about people. "I learned the value of a good team," she said. Working with her team of three museum curators Weiner said has been a wonderful experience. "Really good teamwork is very rare, but very good when you can find it."