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## Avoiding the money pit

Recent grads often fall into same traps when cashing first paychecks

By Kirsten Horne  
Reporter

I'm graduating. Now what?

This seems to be a question running through the minds of many Baylor students. And why wouldn't it? With May 12 quickly approaching, there is so much to think about. Some students may have already landed that dream job, but soon comes the tricky part: regulating their finances.

"I don't think the typical Baylor grad has had the chance to make many financial decisions," said Dr. Franklin Potts, associate professor of finance. "For most of them, Dad or Mom have already done this for them. They have paid for their condo, made the car payments or paid for the insurance, and these kids just haven't had a chance to be in the decision-making process."

Potts said those students, graduating or not, can take steps toward becoming more knowledgeable with their finances.

"I encourage students right now to start keeping track of every dollar they are spending," Potts said. "Just writing it down will start changing some of your spending habits."

Potts said if students watch their spending habits for a couple of months, they can see where all their money is going and then start devising a realistic budget for themselves.

"I think that most students have no background in financial planning," Potts said. "This goes for some business majors as well. That is why we put courses like personal finance in at Baylor. We have had so many complaints from parents that their child, a finance major, can't balance their own checkbook."

Potts said he supervised a master's thesis a year ago and discovered that business majors didn't know any more about personal finance than others.

"Pre-medical students actually knew more," Potts said.

He made a few suggestions of what students could do in order to prepare for the "real world." Budgeting early is important because there are many financial decisions to make when students graduate, begin a new job and receive their first paycheck.

"You should start investing, planning and saving for retirement when you get your first paycheck," said Dr. Colene Coldwell, full-time finance lecturer.

Coldwell suggested first opening a checking account.

"Open one in your own name right away," Coldwell said.

She advised students to go to the bank of their choice and ask to see a new account representative. Along with this, she recommended calling multiple banks.

"It is important to find out some basic information such as the requirements for opening an account," Coldwell said. "These things being minimum deposit, documentation needed and the like."

Danitha Ezell, mother of the Woodlands senior Felicia Ezell and business owner of Commonwealth Meeting in Houston, stressed the importance of bank accounts.

"Setting up a bank account is as important as drinking a glass of water every day," Ezell said. "It is a part of life, and you have to learn how to control it."

Austin senior Nikki Hennick realized the importance of this from a young age.

"I was 15 when I first set up my bank account," Hennick said. "My

parents tried to stress to me how important it was to understand finances. Now that I am about to graduate and get a job, I plan on taking my finances to the next level by setting up my retirement fund and establishing a good credit report."

Coldwell advised students to be wary when setting up their bank account.

"Some banks do not report information to credit reporting agencies," Coldwell said. "This is important because one purpose of having an account is to establish a credit history.

This just shows that one pays their accounts on time."

Coldwell also stressed the importance of establishing credit history through a checking account, credit card or any type of loan.

"Establishing a positive credit history is important for future borrowing," Coldwell said. "Therefore, keeping track of one's credit report is very important."

Potts said it is also important that both men and women set up credit in their own name.

"Always set it up in your legal name," Potts said. "Because if a woman gets married and opens it under Mrs. So-and-So, then what happens if she gets divorced? She is no longer Mrs. So-and-So and all of her credit reputation is lost."

Ezell advised students on the most important way to maintain good credit.

"Always pay off your credit card balance at the end of every month," Ezell said.

She said the fees on credit cards can be very high and make it difficult to get back on track.

"Credit cards can be very convenient," Coldwell said. "They are time savers and can be necessary at times, such as renting cars. However, with that said, my advice is not to use one unless you plan on paying it off each month."

Aside from setting up a bank account and establishing good credit, Potts said planning now for your future also will be beneficial.

Coldwell agreed and said she tells her students to start saving for retirement with their first "real" paycheck. It can easily become a habit right from the beginning, and the money will never be missed, she said.

"It is difficult because most kids think that they don't need to start planning for retirement until age 50," Potts said. "However, if you wait that long, you won't ever be able to retire. The ideal age to start is really in your 20s."

One way to do this when starting a new job is by setting up a 401(k) plan.

"A 401(k) plan is a special type of account that allows employees to invest pre-tax payroll earnings," Coldwell said. "The benefit of this type of account is that since the money is invested before taxes are removed, there is more money growing."

Coldwell said 401(k) accounts typically allow for investment in a variety of assets, such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds.

Coldwell said many employers offer matching funds for retirement plans.

"This means that up to a certain amount, the employer will match the employee's contribution to the fund," she said.

Ezell said retirement should not be a time spent sitting around doing nothing, and saving now helps ensure that any retirement is spent traveling and doing enjoyable things.

"I suggest putting at least 10 per-

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## Mulkey signs 10-year deal

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

Lady Bear fans need not worry about losing Kim Mulkey, as the Baylor University women's basketball coach signed a 10-year contract extension Friday worth more than \$1 million per year. That comes as quite a relief for women's basketball hall of famer.

"It's a good feeling to have a sense of security," Mulkey said. "I should be able to spend the rest of my career at Baylor. Not many coaches have that security."

Mulkey, who has put together a record of 183-53 over the seven years she has been at Baylor (including six NCAA Tournament appearances and the 2005 national championship), will bring back

four starters from the 2006-2007 Lady Bear team that went 26-8 before losing in the second round of the NCAA tournament to North Carolina State University.

With the new contract, the former Louisiana Tech University star and coach remains the highest paid women's basketball coach in the Big 12 Conference, and is now the third-highest paid coach in all of women's basketball behind coaching legends Pat Summitt at the University of Tennessee and Geno Auriemma from Connecticut.

But for Mulkey, it isn't monetary issues that convinced her to sign the extension.

"Here at Baylor we have great resources, great facilities, great coaches and an administration that values athletics," Mulkey said. "That combination is hard to beat."

There are many qualities Mulkey has that impress athletic director Ian McCaw, but none may be more impressive than Mulkey's hard work and dedication to Baylor.

"Kim is very loyal to Baylor," McCaw said. "This is an opportunity for the university to demonstrate a commitment to her."

McCaw also said he believes Mulkey and her basketball program helped lift the athletic

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Mulkey

## Fraternity to hold annual tournament

By Star De La Cruz  
Reporter

Women from various campus groups will come together this weekend to test their skills on the soccer field in what has become a regular spring event.

Phi Iota Alpha will hold its third annual Fiota Cup, a Baylor women's soccer tournament, from 4 p.m. Friday through Saturday evening behind the Baylor Sciences Building.

"There are nine teams registered that range from sororities to campus organizations," said Carlos Encarnacion, a San Antonio sophomore and fraternity vice president. "This is more than we had the previous year

it was held."

Each team is allowed to have up to nine players, but the game is five-on-five. The jerseys are provided by the fraternity, which members designed themselves.

Encarnacion said each team is assigned a soccer coach from Phi Iota Alpha to prepare the women and help even the playing field. Practices began the first weekend of March.

There is no charge to watch the games. The Fiota Cup tournament rules are the same as regular soccer rules, except the field and goals are smaller and there are two 20-minute halves with a 10-minute break in between.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Teammates practice Tuesday behind the Baylor Sciences Building for the Fiota Cup, a soccer tournament that begins at 4 p.m. Friday.

"Everyone should come out and support their favorite team," Encarnacion said.

He said there is a "big trophy that gets passed on," and the winning team gets to keep

the trophy and team members names are engraved on the bottom plate of the cup.

Encarnacion also said the

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## Students aim to keep BSB open 24 hours

By Kate Boswell  
Staff writer

Student Senate will vote Thursday on a bill asking the administration to open the Baylor Sciences Building for 24-hour study.

Plano junior Samer Baransi, one of the bill's authors, said the issue was brought to his attention last semester when he chaired Student Senate's campus improvements committee.

"It's a legitimate student concern," Baransi said. "Currently, the library areas are the only areas available for 24-hour study."

Baransi said those areas were not equipped well for group study and that students have indicated they want the Baylor

Sciences Building to be open to them around the clock.

"We did a campus improvements survey on the Baylor Information Network a month and a half ago," said Thomas Hernandez, a Kansas City, Kan., junior and the current chairman of the campus improvements committee. "(Students) could choose the top three issues that they thought were most important. Around 40 percent wanted the Baylor Sciences Building opened for study."

Baransi pointed out that many universities have 24-hour facilities available, and he will present information on them during the Thursday Senate

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# Reading for school proves to be a valuable experience

There are days I can't wait to graduate.

Don't get me wrong, I love college — the crazy schedule, the friends who become more like family, the chance to sit in class and have intense and brilliant discussion about esoteric things you would never discuss elsewhere.

Still, there's a part of me that longs for other, less hectic pleasures. Specifically, reading.

If you've ever seen a copy of my schedule, you're raising an eyebrow at this point. Most of my classes revolve around reading massive books and writing papers on them, and my current weekly page count required

by homework is at least in the 200s.

I'm signed up for these classes because I do enjoy that kind of reading, but that's not what I'm talking about when I say I miss reading. I miss the kind of reading I associate with my high school years, when at least one Saturday a month was spent entirely on the couch in my pajamas, blissed out and devouring novels at one sitting.

Days when I wasn't parked on the couch and enmeshed in some hardcover as big as a small animal, I was carting around paperbacks for those down times when I needed something interesting to occupy my atten-

## point of view

BY KATE BOSWELL



tion: study hall, the waiting room at the doctor's office, traffic lights or pre-cal (you think I'm kidding, but J.R.R. Tolkien may be the reason I can barely add correctly).

My penchant for massive purses is a holdover from those days — I wouldn't carry a bag unless I was sure I could squeeze at least one mass-market paper-

back into it. My current purse is one of the smallest ones I've owned, but it's still big enough for me to wedge Michael Walzer's *Just and Unjust Wars* into.

The sad truth is that I no longer have time for the kind of reading I did in high school. Most of my free moments are crammed with catching up on French homework or the *Lariat* or calling my mother, not with biographies or mystery novels.

I'm hoping graduation will reclaim some of that time for me and that those halcyon days spent draped over the sofa and engrossed in text are not something forever lost with adulthood. Heck, at this rate, I'd be

happy for 20 minutes alone with a mystery novel before I call it lights out.

On the other hand, something else occurred to me yesterday as I was poring over a Platonic dialogue for one of my classes: There is another kind of reading that I am being offered here while in school and it, while sometimes less pleasurable, may well be infinitely more valuable.

The chance to read a text slowly and carefully, alongside fellow students and under the guidance of a good teacher, is something most of us will never encounter anywhere outside of college.

Learning is something that

should go on for the rest of our lives, yes, but it is here at college that we are being given time and space and guidance for it. These are things we aren't likely to encounter anywhere else.

I may look at the dusty "fun" books on my bookshelves with longing now, but I know there will be plenty of time for them later. In the meantime, I intend to enjoy my next Saturday not reading Dorothy Sayers in my pajamas, but on a couch at Common Grounds, trying to finish *Finnegan's Wake*.

Wish me luck.

Kate Boswell is a junior University Scholars major from Longview.

## Editorial

# Court needs to grow up

Just when Student Court gets a case dealing with something other than a parking ticket, it decides not to tell anyone about it.

When the African Student Association was given money by student government for its eighth annual Cultural Extravaganza Weekend, it was required to account for the ways in which the money was spent. But because the association couldn't produce all the receipts, it has been ordered by Student Court to return \$603.66.

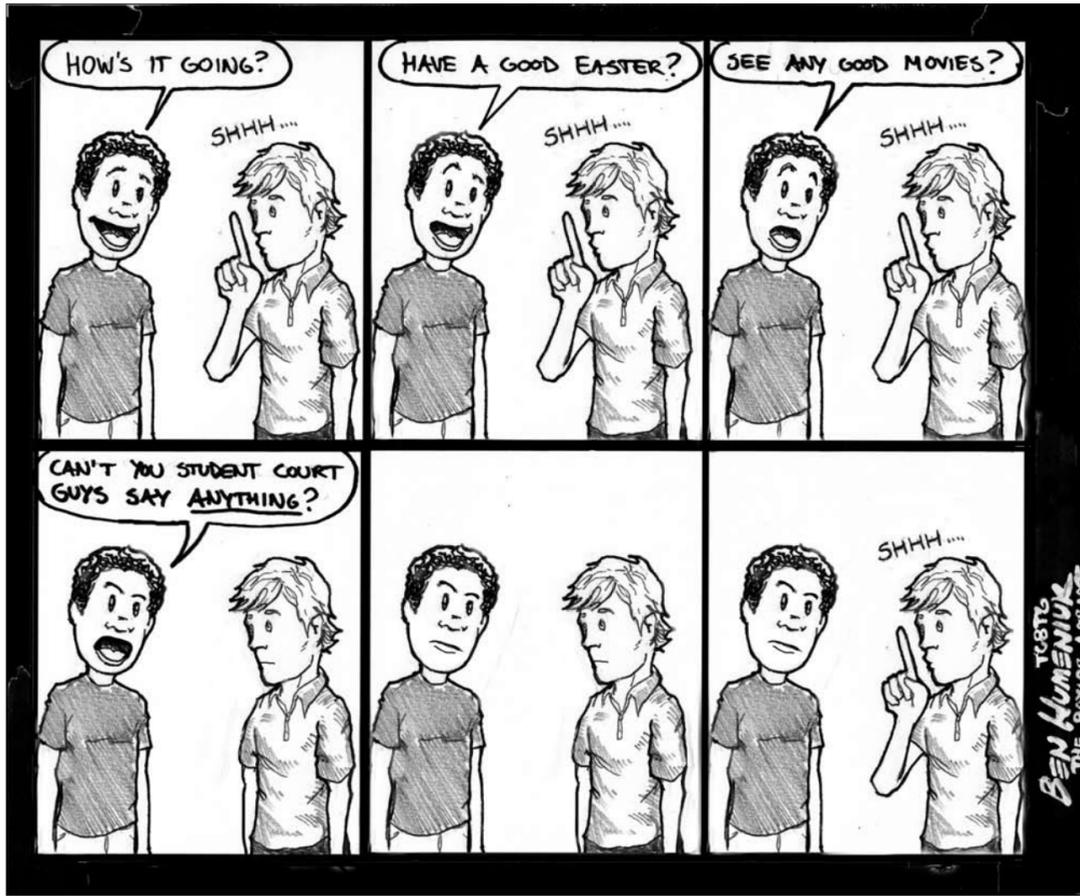
If this explanation seems to lack in details, it's because it is all that's been given to students.

The Student Court reached a verdict with on March 26, but somehow didn't publish the results on the Baylor Information Network until April 4.

While we're sure there were numerous reasons the verdict was withheld for so long, we frankly can't help but wonder what they were because none were given. There is nothing we could think of about this case that justifies withholding information from the student body.

Each year when \$2 from every student's fees goes into the Student Life Fund, it's put in the hands of Student Senate. The attorney general is given the responsibility to ensure that any funds disbursed to organizations are used correctly and in line with constitution bylaws.

Considering that every student has a portion of his or her student fee put into the Student Life Fund, we have a right to know quickly and efficiently



how the money is put to use.

Unfortunately, this incident only shows how Student Court prefers to treat transparency like a light switch. They speak openly and freely about the issues that suit their fancy. But the moment they don't feel like being upfront, it takes one flick of the switch to keep students in the dark.

A few changes should be made in order to improve the current operations of Student Court.

The court should hold open meet-

ings so that students and the *Lariat* can attend them. Having closed-door meetings only widens the gap of trust between students and the court.

If this doesn't work, at least schedule meetings for a normal hour instead of 8:30 p.m. so that students could attend them.

Even though few people in the student body would probably attend the open meetings, at least there would be an open door for the *Lariat* to deliver timely information to the Baylor cam-

pus. Meeting at a late hour and then sitting on a verdict isn't conducive to a transparent relationship.

Waiting more than a week to let students know what happened in the court's proceedings is unacceptable and embarrassing.

Student Court should take a page from how real courts operate and strive to better communicate with the public if they would like to be taken seriously or be respected by the student body.

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## Letters to the editor

### Testing problems are global

In the April 3 column "Students need motivation to keep up with global competition," the author cites both China and India as examples of positive role models for our students.

The author bashes exams like the TAKS and comments on trimming other classes to compensate. I'm not saying American students are the best — in fact, we're not doing the best we could. It's not, however, the system's fault.

China's government, as of March 1, started several reforms in its own education system. It focuses on Chinese and math with standardized testing, while trimming extra classes, very much like American programs. India is also in the process of reforms because of a rising sui-

cide rate among students with low marks and failures. They too are becoming less strict in their programs.

So, while I think everyone can agree we slacked off in high school, and indeed could do better, it's not just an American issue.

So next time there's a column that tries to bash the TAKS, the author should widen the scope and maybe not vent about a test that as a San Antonio native, she probably took.

Brian McKinney  
Telecommunications 2010

### Foreign adoptions needed too

While Allie Cook's April 4 column over domestic versus international adoptions provides valuable insight, I believe

that it's unfair to dismiss those who adopt internationally — celebrity and non-celebrity — as selfish.

While Cook brings insightful statistics to the table, she also fails to point out that an influx of domestic adoptions could cause similar problems.

Although Angelina Jolie could be adopting children in order to receive publicity, she has still given each child not only a home, but hope, and many who adopt internationally have done the same.

Cook calls Jolie's interest in these children a "vanity project," but what is giving birth and adopting if not for some sort of selfish gain?

What one should remember is that bad and good deeds alike are motivated by selfish interests, but those who are truly

good will know when to put their interests on hold.

While I hope Cook continues to promote domestic adoption, I also hope to hear less criticism against celebrities and others who have saved the life of a child.

I also hope those who criticize international adoption will remember that just because one may adopt a child from a foreign country, this does not mean he or she will be a bad parent.

Instead, we should be grateful for what they've done while continuing to increase awareness for international and domestic adoption.

Faith Rice-Mills  
Spanish graduate student

### An earful about music

I just shook my head when I

read Brad Briggs' column "What music would Jesus listen to? Probably not Christian rock."

If Steven Curtis Chapman is the only example he can give for what he thinks constitutes Christian rock, he needs to listen a bit longer to quite a few more bands.

As the webmaster of ChristianMetal.net and JesusFreak.com, I wholeheartedly agree that there are some Christian rock bands whose music is cliché-ridden and lacking in real musical ability.

But to stereotype an entire genre because of a few lousy examples does a disservice to the many talented bands out there. Check out bands such as Skillet, Blindside, Project 86 and Disciple for starters.

I agree that there are a lot of talented secular bands out there.

But there are also a lot of them that are just as talented as the music Briggs is criticizing.

I'd much rather listen to musically skilled Christian rock bands using their God-given talents to spread the Gospel than to listen to despair-filled, suggestive messages by bands who see no hope or reason in this life except to live for the moment and to die for themselves.

Instead of just tearing down Christian rock one stereotype at a time and tearing down others in the body of Christ, it would be much more productive for us to encourage musicians to use their talents for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

There are a lot of bands out there doing just that. I hope you'll take the time to check them out.

Chad Steenerson

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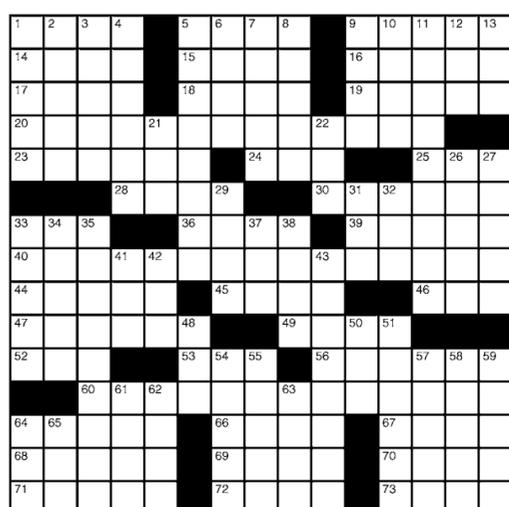
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# BU celebrates Honors Week

Students from many majors participate in these presentations

By Melissa Limmer  
Staff writer

This week marks the 15th annual J. Harry and Anna Jeanes Academic Honors Week on campus. The celebration includes week-long presentations of Honors College senior theses and the J. Harry and Anna Jeanes Academic Convocation.

Thesis presentations began Tuesday and will continue through Friday in 115 Alexander Residence Hall.

Dustin Stewart, assistant director of the Honors Program, said participation in the thesis presentations is voluntary for the seniors, but that 85 percent of the seniors who wrote theses would be presenting.

He said the presentations give students an "outlet" to share work that has been "pretty individualized."

"I think the quality and di-

versity of the work is really commendable this year," he said. Stewart also said it was "exciting" to see students from a variety of programs — from business to medicine — involved in the honors program.

Ninety-eight students will be honored at the Academic Convocation at 2 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. The "outstanding" students were nominated for recognition at the convocation by the faculty in their respective departments, ranging from aerospace studies to Great Texts.

The guest speaker will be Dean Max Sherman, professor emeritus and former dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. The title of his address will be "Lead with Courage."

Sherman served as Special Counsel to the governor of Texas and served in the Texas Senate from 1971 to 1977.

He was also the president of West Texas State University and

received a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's degree from Baylor.

Stewart said this week provides "an opportunity to take time to reflect on these seniors' accomplishments."

"We are proud of them for taking in stride a number of the different changes (in the Honors College) and reaping the benefits of those changes," he said.

Longview senior Kacy Sandidge will be presenting her thesis, "Unequal Development: A Comparative Look at the Global Feminization of Poverty," on Thursday. After two years, many hours spent in the library and 70 pages of text, Sandidge said she was "glad to put it (thesis) behind me."

She said the most interesting thing she learned from her research is "in every country around the world, women and children tend to be the world's poorest citizens."

She also said she was surprised to learn "the universal factor contributing to poverty is



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

Dustin Stewart, assistant director of the Honors Program, speaks Tuesday to students at thesis presentations in Alexander Residence Hall, as seniors Rachel Early and Jillian Striker wait to give their presentations.

an increasing divorce rate."

San Antonio senior Holly Young also will be presenting her thesis titled "Evangelicalism and the Foundations of African-American Churches in the North."

Young said the idea was born from her history of American religion class. She said it "grew

easily out of that ... it is a very interesting topic." She also said she was not nervous, but excited and looking forward to presenting her thesis.

A complete schedule of presentations can be found on the Honors Program Web site. The presentations are open to faculty, staff and students.

## BEAR BRIEFS

### Leadership lecture today

The Leadership Lecture Series will present a panel discussion on leadership in public life from 7 to 8 p.m. today in the Alexander Reading Room. The guest speakers will be Linda Austin Crawford from *Anchor News*, Virginia Ruiz-Smith from *UMag* and Ernesto Fraga from *Tiempo*. For more information, contact Melissa\_Gruver@baylor.edu or call 710-1292.

### Student-composed concert

The Baylor Composition Studio Concert will present "Portraits" at 10 p.m. Thursday in Roxy Grove Hall, featuring newly composed music by Baylor students. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Elizabeth\_Bayer@baylor.edu.

### Learn Latin, Indian dances

The Indian Subcontinent Student Association and Latin Society will hold Indian and Latin Dance Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Russell Gymnasium. Come and learn both Indian and Latin styles of dance. For additional information, contact Savi\_Gupta@baylor.edu.

### CaribFest 2K7 on Friday

The Caribbean Students Association will hold CaribFest 2K7 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Bill Daniel Student Center. There will be free authentic Caribbean food, carnival games, giveaways and performances by dance groups from the University of Houston and Paul Quinn University. One person will receive a \$500 ticket voucher from American Airlines. For additional information, contact Caysia\_Glinton@baylor.edu.

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# Fiesta brings Hispanic culture to Baylor community

By Aileen Wong  
Reporter

It's not the San Antonio Riverwalk, but some students are trying to bring some Hispanic flavor to campus. Hispanic Student Association and Place2BU are co-sponsoring Fiesta on the River from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Union Bowl.

"It is a celebration to let people know about Hispanic culture," Eagle Pass junior Felissa Ramirez said. Ramirez is the public relations officer for the Hispanic Student Association.

The theme "La Vida Es Un Carnaval" translates into "Life is a Carnival," and that carnival atmosphere is what Fiesta on the River will portray. With 20 different groups participating and various booths featured, students and members of the community can enjoy face painting,

henna tattoos, refreshments and more.

"It's an opportunity to work with other organizations," said Olga Rodriguez, an Eagle Pass junior and vice president of the Hispanic Student Association.

The event is a representation of Fiesta on the River in San Antonio. However, this year, the celebration has taken a different twist.

"The theme is a little different this year," said Cristela Duran, a Charlotte senior and president of the Hispanic Student Association. "It is usually more of a Mexican fiesta, but this year we wanted to incorporate other Hispanic cultures. If we stay with one thing, there's no movement, no education."

"It gives a wider perspective, rather than just focusing on one culture at a time," she said.

At the event, there will be

posters of five other Hispanic countries for students to read and learn from about different celebrations of carnivals.

Most famous in Brazil, carnival is a week-long celebration that occurs immediately before Lent and generally involves a public celebration or parade similar to a circus or street party.

Fiesta on the River first began 20 years ago. It has evolved from an event sponsored by Campus Living and Learning to a celebration held by the Hispanic Student Association and Place2BU over the past two years.

"Part of Place2BU's mission is to create events with student organizations that are engaging, educational, culturally relevant and of course fun," said Dan Long, an Arlington graduate assistant for campus programming.

This event combines both Place2BU's mission and the student organization's goal of bringing awareness about Hispanic culture.

"We want to bring Fiesta on the River to campus to inform the Baylor community of Hispanic culture," Duran said. "The Mexican culture is usually predominant, so we want to give other organizations an opportunity to show their cultures as well."

The event was originally planned for March, but there was too much conflict at the beginning of the semester with other organizations, such as the Asian Student Association's Chinese New Year celebration and the Indian Subcontinent Student Association's Gateway to India Culture Show.

By having the event in April, students can experience another

cultural opportunity later in the year.

"I'm really excited about this event because we've worked very hard on it," Rodriguez said. "I like my culture a lot, and this is an event that is very close to my heart."

Participants welcome all students and members of the Waco community to experience the Hispanic cultural event.

"We want to open the doors to everyone in and around the Baylor community," Ramirez said.

Free beef and chicken fajitas, drinks and churros will be given out to attendees.

In addition to free food, there will also be free performances by Ballet Folklorico Ocelotl, Latin Dance Society, Indian Subcontinent Student Association, Mariachi Azteca and University High School Mariachi.

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### Impact Week provides student fellowship

The Baylor Impact Movement holds Impact Week's relationship forum "When Love's in View" on Tuesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center. The organization planned Impact Week to share its faith with the Baylor and Waco community. It will hold a fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. today at Pizza Hut, a workshop titled "Are you UNASHAMED?" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Alexander Reading Room and a Christian talent show from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday in Russell Gymnasium.

## Council elects new members

By Jon Schroeder  
Staff writer

For the first time ever, staff members called the shots. Instead of being appointed by the administration, Staff Council members were picked by a staff nomination and election process.

The change was approved in the council's September meeting, but the organization's online voting system was finally put to use in the last few weeks.

The election took place from today to Friday, and the winners were announced Tuesday.

All 10 new Staff Council members will hold their new positions until 2010, starting at the council's May 15 meeting.

John Vorderkunz, a circulation assistant in Moody Memorial Library, said he didn't vote in the last election, but he thought the idea of Staff Council elections was a good one.

"I would have to have a wait-and-see attitude, but it sounds at the onset like a good thing to me," he said.

The change is intended to promote communication among staff and to "give staff a voice in who represents them," said Staff Council Chairwoman Lisa Hoxworth.

"The university has gone through many changes over the

years and the role of Staff Council has changed also," Hoxworth said. "While our purpose has remained the same, we recently have been given more opportunities for staff input."

She said the new voting system will help Staff Council better represent its constituents.

Quoting the Staff Council's purpose, she said the purpose of Staff Council is to advance the exchange of information among the staff by providing a forum for the ideas and concerns of the staff of the university.

To better fulfill that purpose, Hoxworth said, the council began its discussions about holding open elections in February 2006.

Now, about a year later, those ideas are being realized.

As a staff member for 19 years at Baylor, she said she thought the idea would better represent the Baylor staff.

"I do think it's a good idea, basically because in the years that I've been here I've wondered at some point how the staff (council members) were chosen," O'Bryant said.

"This year when we had the elections, and I did vote, I thought, 'Well, that's a better idea. That's better representation.'"

"I just think it gives us another voice."

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## Student loan corruption becomes widespread

By Mark Johnson  
The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Cozy arrangements between colleges and the companies that lend their students billions of dollars are far more widespread than anticipated, New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo told The Associated Press on Tuesday, just as two more college financial aid officers were suspended amid a probe into the \$85 billion industry.

Cuomo would not divulge where the burgeoning investiga-

tion is headed next, including whether more subpoenas are on the way.

But he said the investigation could lead to criminal charges against high-ranking officials at both lending companies and universities.

"This is like peeling an onion," Cuomo said. "It seems to be getting worse the more we uncover. It's more widespread than we originally thought... More schools and more lenders at the top end."

"We have demonstrated this is not just the exception," he

said. "This is the rule."

Cuomo is investigating alleged kickbacks to school officials who steered students to certain lenders. His investigators say they have found numerous arrangements that benefited schools, financial aid officers and lenders at the expense of students.

Investigators found that many colleges have established "preferred lender" lists and entered into revenue sharing and other financial arrangements with those lenders. Some colleges have "exclusive" preferred

lender agreements with the companies.

So far, six schools, including the University of Pennsylvania and New York University, have agreed to reimburse students a total of \$3.27 million for inflated loan prices caused by revenue sharing agreements, Cuomo said.

The schools will return money to students who took out loans during the time the revenue sharing agreement was in effect. Students will be refunded based on the amount they were loaned.

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# Democrats subpoena Gonzales for withheld documents

By Laurie Kellman  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats subpoenaed Attorney General Alberto Gonzales for more documents Tuesday, escalating their fight with the Bush administration over the firings of eight U.S. attorneys.

The subpoena, issued a week before Gonzales is to testify under oath before Congress about the dismissals, seeks hundreds of documents either withheld or heavily blacked out by his department. The subpoena sets a Monday deadline for Gonzales to produce the documents.

"We have been patient in allowing the department to work

through its concerns regarding the sensitive nature of some of these materials," House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich., wrote Gonzales in a letter accompanying the subpoena.

"Unfortunately, the department has not indicated any meaningful willingness to find a way to meet our legitimate needs."



Gonzales

He characterized the subpoena as a last resort after weeks of negotiations with the Justice Department over documents and e-mails the committee wants in its pursuit of whether any of the firings were improper.

Responding, Justice spokesman Brian Roehrkasse stopped short of saying the department would fight the subpoena. But he said legal concerns about violating privacy rights of people mentioned in the documents have kept the Justice Department from releasing them.

"Much of the information that the Congress seeks pertains to individuals other than the U.S. attorneys who resigned," Roehrkasse said. "Because there are

individuals' privacy interests implicated by publicly releasing this information, it is unfortunate that Congress would choose this option."

He added: "In light of these concerns, we will continue to work closely with congressional staff and we still hope and expect that we will be able to reach an accommodation with the Congress."

Roehrkasse also said that many of the documents that lawmakers now seek "have already been available to them for review" but declined to say how or where.

Conyers' counterpart, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., also asked Gonzales in a letter for docu-

ments on the firings that have been retained by the Justice Department. Such letters are sometimes preludes to a subpoena, which Leahy's committee is expected to authorize this week.

Leahy's committee also asked Gonzales for documents on a prosecution in Wisconsin that was overturned by a federal appeals court for lack of evidence. The defendant, state worker Georgia Thompson, had been accused of bid-rigging by favoring a company with ties to Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle.

Leahy and five other Democratic senators said they were "concerned whether or not politics may have played a role" in the case against Thompson.

Together, the developments made clear that Democrats would make life for Gonzales and the Bush administration no easier in the week leading up to his long-awaited testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 17.

Lawmakers from both parties have said Gonzales' conflicting accounts of the firings, along with concerns about how the Justice Department is fighting the war on terrorism, have undermined their confidence in Gonzales. Democrats and some Republicans, such as Sen. John Sununu of New Hampshire and possible GOP presidential candidate Newt Gingrich, have called for Gonzales' resignation.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Torture claims don't stall terror suspect's trial

MIAMI — A federal judge refused to dismiss terrorism charges against suspected al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla over claims he was tortured in U.S. military custody, but the possibility that the allegations could resurface at his upcoming trial was left open.

U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke said Padilla's torture allegations could become relevant during his trial if prosecutors seek to use evidence gathered from him during his 3 and a half years in isolation at a Navy brig.

The ruling removes one of the biggest remaining obstacles to the start of the trial next Monday for Padilla and two co-defendants charged with conspiracy and terrorism material support for allegedly being part of a North American support network for Islamic extremist groups worldwide.

### Sex abuse claims down in U.S. Catholic churches

NEW YORK — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops and religious orders received 714 clergy sex abuse claims in 2006, the second consecutive year that the number of allegations has dropped, according to a new report on the church's child protection reforms. The vast majority of claims date back decades.

Costs related to abuse cases decreased by about 15 percent over the last year, mainly due to a decline in what dioceses paid to settle molestation cases.

Dioceses and religious orders paid nearly \$399 million in 2006 for settlements with victims, attorney fees and support for accusers and offenders. For 2005, that figure was \$467 million — considered the highest ever for a single year.

### Gas prices may be set to stall, decline after May

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department said Tuesday that the recent sharp rise in gasoline costs is likely to slow in the coming weeks with prices averaging \$2.81 a gallon over the vacation driving season, about 3 cents lower than last spring and summer.

Only a month ago, the agency said it believed the cost of regular-grade gasoline would peak in June, averaging \$2.67 for the month, a price already eclipsed last week.

The latest forecast calls for prices to peak with an average \$2.87 a gallon for the month of May, then decline. Last summer's peak was an average of \$2.98 for the month of July.

### 'Forever stamp' set for Liberty Bell launch

WASHINGTON — The "forever" stamp will go on sale Thursday, with an opening day ceremony at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. The stamp, which carries an image of the Liberty Bell, will sell for 41 cents and will remain valid for first-class postage regardless of future rate increases.

The current 39-cent price for first class mail will rise to 41 cents May 14, but buyers can use the forever stamps before that if they wish. When postal rates go up in the future, the cost for the forever stamp will also rise, but old ones will still be valid for mailing a letter.

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# Baseball falls to Horned Frogs, 6-3

By Daniel Youngblood  
Sports editor

The Baylor baseball team tallied 11 hits against Texas Christian University Tuesday, but the Bears left 12 runners on base as they lost 6-3 to the Horned Frogs.

"We had opportunities and had the right guys up in those situations," head Coach Steve Smith said. "We just didn't get it done."

The game had the look of a pitcher's duel early. TCU scored the first run of the game in the third inning, when shortstop Bryan Kervin walked and was brought home by back-to-back singles.

The Bears answered in the fifth when sophomore left fielder Ben Booker doubled and was plated by senior catcher Matt Sodolak's single.

With the bases loaded and one out, the Bears had a chance to build on the lead, but senior

first baseman Tim Jackson grounded into a double play to end the threat.

The Bears stranded four runners at third base in the first five innings and stranded five for the game. Despite having leadoff singles in each of the final four innings, the Bears scored in just one of those.

"We had a couple of chances with runners on second and third with less than two outs, but we just weren't able to capitalize," freshman right fielder Aaron Miller said. "It's disappointing, but we didn't get hits when we needed them."

Miller had a chance to do just that in the bottom of the seventh inning. After TCU scored three runs off junior reliever Tim Matthews in the sixth, the Bears jumped out to what looked like a rally in the seventh.

Senior center fielder Chase Gerdes hit a one-out single and Sodolak walked, giving Miller a chance to cut into the Horned

Frogs' 4-1 lead. After working the count full, Miller struck out swinging, and Jackson ended the inning on a hard hit grounder to third.

TCU added two more runs off sophomore left-hander Cliff Springston in the top of the ninth to stretch its lead to 6-1.

The Bears plated two in their half of the ninth, but Horned Frog closer Sam Demel held on for a three-inning save.

Despite the loss, the Bears got another quality start out of freshman pitcher Wade Mackey. Mackey, who is 1-0 with a 1.65 ERA in eight appearances and six starts, threw five innings Tuesday, allowing just one run.

"We had a couple of nice plays in the field, but TCU didn't square many balls up off Mackey," Smith said. "He did a good job of keeping them off balance and he pitched out of some jams."

The loss, which marked the Bears' first in their last 13

midweek games, drops Baylor's record to 19-16 on the season.

Booker said winning midweek games is important if the team hopes to make post-season play.

"We're not happy to see that streak go," he said. "We need to win those kinds of games for our overall record. Now we just have to focus on this weekend's series and making the Big 12 Tournament."

The Bears, who with a 4-8 conference record share last place with the University of Kansas, get a chance to make up ground this weekend when they take on the Jayhawks in Lawrence, Kan.

With ten Big 12 schools participating in baseball, the Bears need to break into the top eight to make the conference tournament.

The Bears have five conference series left, and Smith said every one of them from this point forward is "significant."



David Poe/Lariat staff

Lorena sophomore Ben Booker swings at a pitch during the Bears' 6-3 loss to TCU on Tuesday in Waco. The bears are now 18-2 overall and 2-0 in conference play.



File photo

Former Lady Bears forward Bernice Mosby, shown here in a Nov. 16, 2006, game against Brigham Young University, helped lead the team to a 26-8 record this season. She was picked sixth in the WNBA draft by the Washington Mystics.

## BU All-American finds place in nation's capital

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

Former Lady Bear Bernice Mosby is heading to the nation's capital — and not just to tour the monuments and White House. The 2007 Associated Press All-American honorable mention pick finished her career at Baylor after leading the Bears to a 26-8 record and racking up 17.6 points and 9.1 rebounds per game.

Those numbers and the intangibles Mosby displayed impressed the Washington Mystics enough to select the 6-foot forward sixth overall in the 2007 WNBA draft April 4.

"I am very excited," Mosby said of her new job. "I don't think it has hit me yet. Words can't describe how I feel. It is something I have wanted my whole life. It is something God has blessed me with."

Mosby transferred to Baylor in 2006 after having two strong seasons at the University of Florida, where she collected various awards for the Lady Gators, including be-

ing named the 2004 Southeastern Conference Sixth Woman of the Year.

Baylor women's basketball head Coach Kim Mulkey knew she had received a great talent as soon as Mosby walked in the door, and was not surprised to see Mosby drafted as high as she was.

"I was very excited for Bernice to go that high in the draft," Mulkey said. "She has worked very hard the past two years, especially on her conditioning and defense, and we're seeing the results of that."

Yet as much as Mosby helped out the Lady Bears basketball program, she believes she might not have been able to be where she is today if it wasn't for Mulkey and company.

"I am very grateful to have been in this program," Mosby said. "Coach Mulkey has taught me so much, not only as a player but as a person. The fans have just embraced me so much with love. It's like a second home."

"They gave me a comfort zone and I am grateful for each and every one of them. I am sad to leave, but I

have to."

Now Mosby will begin a new chapter of her life, getting paid to do what she loves. But buying a new car or nice jewelry isn't on top of the list of things the Brooksville, Fla., native will do with her paycheck.

Days before the Lady Bears were eliminated from the NCAA tournament in a heartbreaking overtime loss to the North Carolina State University Wolfpack, Mosby and her family suffered a tragedy far greater than any basketball game loss when her five siblings and her mother, Gloria Brown, had to watch their house burn to the ground.

"I just broke down and started crying," Mosby said. "I didn't know what to do; I wanted to go home."

Yet, Mosby said, strength and character are traits of her entire family.

"We are dealing with it the best way we know possible," Mosby said. "You can't cry over it, because it's life, and you are going to go through ups and downs. The main part is overcoming it."

But Mosby's new "family" in Washington is supporting her and her family all the way, and they are excited about the player they are getting.

"We have watched her for four years," Mystics general manager Linda Hargrove said.

"I think the things that stood out most for us is she has a tremendous upside, because we think that she can play multiple positions. We like that fact that she is a relentless rebounder. She is going to give us some depth at a couple different positions."

Hargrove also said that Mosby reminded the organization of another Mystic who has had a fairly successful career, Delisha Milton-Jones, who has been a part of two U.S. Olympic teams.

But no matter what Mosby goes on to accomplish professionally, her contributions during the 2007 season for the Lady Bears will put her in elite company in a program now being recognized as a national power.

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# Men's tennis wins two at home court

By Lequalan McDonald  
Reporter

Baylor men's tennis beat St. Edwards University and the University of Texas at Arlington in a doubleheader Tuesday. The games were a make-up doubleheader for one which was canceled on March 26 due to weather.

Baylor swept both teams — it won 7-0 against St. Edwards and 7-0 against UTA.

"We were expected to win and we won," sophomore Matt Brown said.

All Baylor's players won, including seniors Michal Kokta and Matija Zgaga and freshman Dominik Mueller.

"It was a great day of dominating tennis after Easter in

preparation for Georgia," head Coach Matt Knoll said.

The only hiccup came when Zgaga almost lost the first set to St. Edwards' player Tyler Lyon and when freshman Attila Bucko lost the second set and had to go the distance in the third set.

"I was sloppy and he gave me a hard time the rest of the match," Zgaga said.

Brown said the game was a "good experience and a confidence builder" for him and the rest of the team.

"I got more comfortable as the match progressed," he said.

The stats sheet spelled out domination on the part of the Baylor netters. But the team wasn't overlooking St. Edwards or UTA, because it faces the University of Georgia next.



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Prague, Czech Republic, senior Michal Kokta returns a shot against an opponent from St. Edwards University Tuesday night at the Baylor Tennis Center.

"The University of Georgia will be a lot more competitive than these two teams we played today," Brown said. "That doesn't mean we can ease up, because anyone can beat anyone in tennis."

Zgaga said he is "expecting a really tough match against

Georgia."

The No. 4-ranked men's tennis team will face the No. 1 Georgia Bulldogs in Athens, Ga., on Thursday.

"To beat them at their place will be a challenge," Knoll said.

The game is set to begin at 5 p.m.

# Softball continues winning streak after slump

By Will Parchman  
Sports writer

The Baylor softball team returned from a trip to Hawaii a month ago on a rocky ground.

They had just dropped four of their six games abroad and were looking for answers as well as a foothold to climb out of the doldrums of March.

Freshman Nicole Wesley said it took a piece of unconventional motivation to help snap them out of their slump.

"Before every game we go, 'Who do we play for? Baylor,'" which Wesley said they borrowed from Miracle, a movie about the underdog USA hockey team's improbable win over the mighty Soviet Union in the 1980 Winter Olympics.

"We've been watching a bunch of inspirational movies and just giving ourselves a bunch of ideas on how to motivate ourselves," Wesley said. "I think it's really helping."

Whatever the cause, Baylor has been on an almost month-long tear through the collegiate

ranks. Since coming back from Hawaii on March 17, the Bears haven't lost a game. They've ripped off 10 straight wins, including a school-best 6-0 start to Big 12 play.

They've won at times with their backs to the wall, and head Coach Glenn Moore said comebacks are one of the many things his players do well.

"Our kids have really kept the faith and believe they can win," he said. "We've won quite a few games (on comebacks)."

Last weekend in Lubbock, the Bears put on their greatest comeback of the season. Facing sub-freezing temperatures and a 7-1 first inning deficit to an always-tough Texas Tech University squad, senior Ashley Monceaux said the dugout was just trying to catch its breath after a whirlwind first inning.

"Everyone was upset, shocked, we didn't know what was going on, and we just lost complete control of the game," Monceaux said. "It just spiraled and kept going."

Texas Tech's offensive bar-

rage finally stopped at seven, and by that time it was the Bears' turn.

"It was an odd feeling to be down by that many runs, but everyone was still relaxed and patient, and I think everybody knew in the back of their minds that we could do this," Wesley said. "We knew we could do it, and we all had confidence in each other, so we went out and did it."

Baylor outscored the Red Raiders 13-2 over the game's final six innings to help them claim a 14-9 victory.

The win officially gave Baylor its best conference start in school history.

But Moore said his team has pushed all talk of streaks and conference records out the door. If they're going to win, he said, they're going to do it focused on each game as it comes.

"I think this team is just really focused on the process," Moore said.

"I didn't even realize it was a 10-game winning streak. The team is not really focusing on

that as much as we are that we're playing the University of Texas. (The season) is a long way from being over, so I think this team just really has a good grasp of where we are."

Baylor is now headed to Austin for a showdown today with a Texas team that swept Baylor last season.

After losing one of the most dominating pitchers in college softball history in Cat Osterman, Texas has taken a step back from last year's team in terms of production.

But Moore said that hasn't stopped him from strategizing a gameplan for the Longhorns as if they were one of the nation's top teams.

"We feel we match up well with Texas," Moore said.

"We're road weary almost, but we've performed well on the road, and I think we have a little juice left in us. Our focus is not that Cat Osterman's not there, but that Baylor is here and we've got a pretty good chance of winning the game if we focus on what we can do."

# Texas Senate passes steroid testing bill

By Jim Vertuno  
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas public school athletes would face mandatory random steroids tests as early as next fall under a Senate bill approved Tuesday that would create the largest high school testing program in the country.

The program would test at least 22,000 public school athletes.

"I think this will make high school athletics safer," said Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston, the sponsor of the measure. The bill passed 28-2 and now goes to the House.

The House gave preliminary approval to a similar but less specific measure Tuesday night. The biggest difference between the two chambers is how to pay for it. The Senate would have the state bear the cost of about \$4 million per year, although some experts have said that figure is too low. The House measure would require the University Interscholastic League, the state's governing body for high school sports, to assess a fee on sports tickets to pay for the tests.

The Texas High School

Coaches Association, the Texas Medical Association and groups representing public school districts and administrators all have testified in support of the Senate version.

Texas has about 733,000 athletes at about 1,300 public schools. The Senate bill requires all students agree before the season to be tested if selected in order to be eligible to play.

Proposed penalties for positive tests include:

- Refusal to take a test will be considered a positive test.
- A first positive test would bring a suspension of at least 30 days. A second would bring a one-year suspension, followed by the permanent ban for a third.
- "Young athletes who want to improve their performance by using these substances are putting their lives at risk, and too often adults and peers are looking the other way," said Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, a Republican.

A state study among 141,000 Texas students in grades 7-12 conducted by Texas A&M University found that steroid use fell from 2 percent in 2004 to 1.5 percent in 2006. Among 12th graders, it went down from 2.4 percent to 1.8 percent.

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# Bright Eyes channels creativity on 'Cassadaga' album

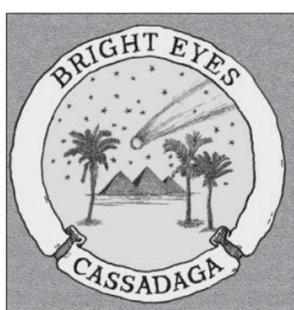
By Kate Boswell  
Staff Writer

The title of Bright Eyes' latest album is a reference to Cassadaga, Fla., home to the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp and sometimes known as the "Psychic Capital of the World."

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However, it doesn't take a medium to predict this album is going to be a hit with both newcomers and longtime fans of the band.

**Cassadaga** has more of an alt-country flair than Bright Eyes' previous offerings. The album's



Courtesy photo

Bright Eyes' album, *Cassadaga*, was released Tuesday.

first single, "Four Winds," sounds like lead singer Conor Oberst is channeling Bob Dylan.

It is rife with biblical allusions — the four winds in Ezekiel 37 — and apocalyptic imagery, and its chorus is so catchy you'll be singing it for days.

Another standout is "Middleman," which contains some of the most heartrending string parts ever to grace a contemporary album. The lyrics are beautiful as well, and honestly, half of the reason I listen to this band is because of the lyrical artistry.

Musically, **Cassadaga** feels more structured than Bright Eyes' previous offerings. It's more radio-friendly and less experimental, even though the opening track features a medium's voice laid over discordant

string arrangements. The result is both bizarre and unsettling, like something out of an old horror movie.

Listeners who have complained in the past about Oberst's grating vocals — and I'm one of them — will be pleased to hear that they have matured considerably. He seems to have more vocal control, and though there are still grating moments, he manages not to sound whiny, for the most part.

Oberst has also matured in other ways. The songs are less self-centered: There's more narrative and less navel-gazing. If the past few albums felt like an intimate glimpse into the psyche of Oberst, this one

feels more like Oberst's intimate tour of the American landscape, both the good and the bad. He doesn't shy away from politics here — there are plenty of allusions to holy wars and environmental destruction — but he has evidently gotten old enough to be a little less shrill. For example, you won't find any tracks titled "When the President Talks to God" on this album.

**Cassadaga** isn't shy on collaborators, either. There are sisters Stacy and Sherri DuPree of the band Easley on back-up vocals, as well as Rilo Kiley's Jason Boesel and alt-country sensation Gillian Welch. Bright Eyes makes good use of these other artists on the track "Make a

Plan to Love Me." It's a love song that narrowly escapes being cheesy, replete with girl group backup vocals dreamily crooning, "Make a plan to love me" over and over again. It's my least favorite track on the album, but I know people who can't get enough of it.

There's almost nothing resembling a misstep or bad track here. If you're a longtime Bright Eyes fan, you'll love it.

If you're new to the band or have been turned off by the group's rougher qualities in the past, then you ought to give **Cassadaga** a listen.

It's rapidly becoming my favorite album of the year so far. **Grade: A**

# Radio jock to meet insulted Rutgers players

By Rebecca Santana  
The Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — The Rutgers administration and women's basketball team blasted Don Imus' "despicable" remarks Tuesday but stopped short of saying he should be fired and agreed to meet with the embattled radio host.

Starting Monday, Imus will be suspended for two weeks for calling the Rutgers players "nappy-headed hos."

Rutgers' athletic director, Robert E. Mulcahey III, thought a meeting with Imus offered the team's players a chance to listen to him and hear what he has to say.

"We all agreed the meeting with Mr. Imus will help," Essence Carson, a member of the team that lost the NCAA women's championship game to Tennessee last week, said. "We do hope to get something accomplished during this meeting."

Teammate Matee Ajavon said, "I could say that we honestly don't know what to expect from Don Imus. Right now I can't really say if we have come to a conclusion of whether we will accept the apology. I think this meeting will be crucial for us, the state of New Jersey and everybody rep-

resenting us."

"Unless they've given 'ho' a whole new definition, that's not what I am," said another player, Kia Vaughn.

Head coach C. Vivian Stringer said her players "are the best this nation has to offer, and we are so very fortunate to have them at Rutgers University. They are young ladies of class, distinction. They are God's representatives in every sense of the word."

She said it's not about the players "as black or nappy-headed. It's about us as a people. When there is not equality for all, or when there has been denied equality for one, there has been denied equality for all."

In Washington, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino was asked if President Bush thought Imus' punishment was strong enough.

"The president believed that the apology was the absolute right thing to do," Perino said Tuesday. "And beyond that, I



Imus

think that his employer is going to have to make a decision about any action that they take based on it."

Imus started the firestorm after the Rutgers team, which includes eight black women, lost the championship game. He was speaking with producer Bernard McGuirk and said "that's some rough girls from Rutgers. Man, they got tattoos"

"Some hardcore hos," McGuirk said.

"That's some nappy-headed hos there, I'm going to tell you that," Imus said.

"What I did was make a stupid, idiotic mistake in a comedy context," Imus said on his show Tuesday morning, the final week before his suspension starts.

Asked by NBC **Today** host Matt Lauer if he could clean up his act as he promised on Monday, he said, "Well, perhaps I can't." But he added, "I have a history of keeping my word."

Of the two-week suspension by MSNBC and CBS Radio, he said: "I think it's appropriate, and I am going to try to serve it with some dignity."

The Rev. Al Sharpton also appeared on **Today** and called the suspension "not nearly enough." He said presidential candidates and other politicians should re-

frain from going on Imus' show in the future.

Imus, who appeared on Sharpton's syndicated radio program for two hours Monday, accused the minister of lacking courage for refusing an invitation to appear on **Imus in the Morning**. Sharpton said he couldn't tell people not to watch the show and then appear on it.

MSNBC, which telecasts the radio show, said Imus' expressions of regret and embarrassment, coupled with his stated dedication to changing the show's discourse, made it believe suspension was the appropriate response.

Imus, who has made a career of cranky insults in the morning, was fighting for his job following the joke that by his own admission went "way too far." He continued through the day Monday, both on his show and Sharpton's.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who marched with about 50 protesters Monday outside NBC offices in Chicago, said Imus' suspensions will not halt the protests.

Imus isn't the most popular radio talk-show host — the trade publication **Talkers** ranks him the 14th-most influential — but his audience is heavy on the political and media elite that



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Matee Ajavon, a junior on the Rutgers University women's basketball team, speaks Tuesday at a news conference on campus in Piscataway, N.J.

advertisers pay a premium to reach. Authors, journalists and politicians are frequent guests — and targets for insults.

Imus or his cast have called Colin Powell a "weasel," New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson a "fat sissy," referred to Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, an American Indian, as

"the guy from 'F Troop'" and to Gwen Ifill, a black journalist, as "the cleaning lady."

He and his colleagues also called the New York Knicks a group of "chest-thumping pimps."

On his show Monday, Imus called himself "a good person" who made a bad mistake.

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# N. Korea invites inspectors at cost

By Foster Klug  
The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — A U.S. delegation pressed North Korea on Monday to shut down its main nuclear reactor and allow in U.N. inspectors even as the top American negotiator said it would be difficult for a weekend deadline on the closure to be met.

The American delegation said North Korea's top nuclear negotiator, Kim Kye Gwan, told them his government would allow U.N. nuclear inspectors into the country as soon as \$25 million in disputed North Korean funds are released.

Kim, who is also vice foreign minister, met with New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a Democratic presidential candidate,

and Anthony Principi, President Bush's former veteran affairs secretary, who were visiting the North Korean capital.

But Principi said Kim told the Americans that it would be difficult to shut down the nuclear reactor by a Saturday deadline called for in a Feb. 13 nuclear disarmament accord.

Under that agreement, the North must shut down and seal the Yongbyon nuclear reactor and a reprocessing facility in exchange for an initial shipment of aid.

The International Atomic Energy Agency is slated to monitor and verify the shutdown in what would be its first visit since late 2002, when North Korea expelled IAEA inspectors after U.S. officials accused the communist nation of running

a secret uranium enrichment program in violation of a 1994 disarmament deal.

"They can make a beginning, but whether they can completely shut down a nuclear reactor in such a short time would be very difficult," Principi said.

The North agreed to shut the reactor only after the U.S. promised to resolve the key financial issue within 30 days, which Washington failed to do because the fund transfer has been mired in technical complications.

Kim "indicated that the North Korean government would invite the ... inspectors back the moment the funds are released to the North Korean government," Principi told reporters.

"They believe that it's critical that the \$25 million be returned

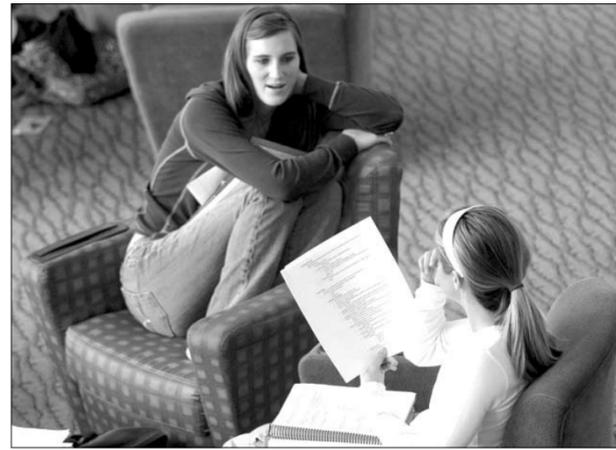
to their government," he said.

In Tokyo, U.S. nuclear envoy Christopher Hill on Tuesday termed it as positive that the North "is prepared to take these steps and get the (inspectors) in there."

In comments a day earlier, Hill said that the deadline was going to be difficult to meet because of the ongoing dispute over the frozen funds.

"Clearly, we're aiming for the complete implementation of the February agreement by day 60 ... but that timeline is becoming difficult," said Hill, who is in Japan to discuss the next stage of the nuclear talks.

He said resolving the financial dispute in the "next day or two" will be key in order for the North to meet the reactor shut down deadline.



Members of the Student Senate have been attempting to get the Baylor Science Building open for 24 hours for students for studying and group meetings.

Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

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meeting. "We want to help fulfill the 2012 imperatives, especially Imperative I, which says we're trying to form an environment where learning can flourish," he said. "(A 24-hour study facility) is essential to getting into the top tier."

Baransi said a similar resolution passed in Senate two years ago.

"It cited studies that show students perform better when testing in the same place they studied in," Baransi said.

Though the resolution passed, Baransi said advocates "ran into some roadblocks" and that not much progress has been made on the issue.

He said he hopes this bill will speed up the process.

"It's been a promise in the making for two years, from student government to the student body," he said. "(This bill) will strengthen our case when we go to politely harass the administration about this."

Baransi and Herndon said

they believe the main obstacle to opening the building will be getting funding for security.

"The biggest obstacle is funding," Herndon said. "We're sending a copy of this bill to President Lilley and the regents."

Herndon said late-night crime in the building is an issue.

"I know in the past there's been a problem with different things being stolen from the building," he said.

Baransi said students could e-mail him, Herndon or any other senator if they want to help keep the BSB open all night.

"Students should voice their opinions," he said. "It will help us show that this is a legitimate student issue."

Herndon said students should also consider speaking directly to those administrators involved with the issue.

"The best thing students can do is to send an e-mail to President Lilley and Dr. James Karban (director of the Baylor Sciences Facility) to say that we think this is important," he said.

# Romney makes stop in College Station

By Joe Stinebaker  
The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney interrupted his two-day fundraising swing through Texas on Tuesday night to urge renewed support for the war in Iraq and for a major U.S. military expansion.

"All Americans want our troops home as soon as possible. But walking away from Iraq would present grave risks to America ... perhaps even requiring the return of our troops into far worse circumstances. The troop surge has a real chance of working, and early signs are encouraging," Romney told about 900 visitors to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

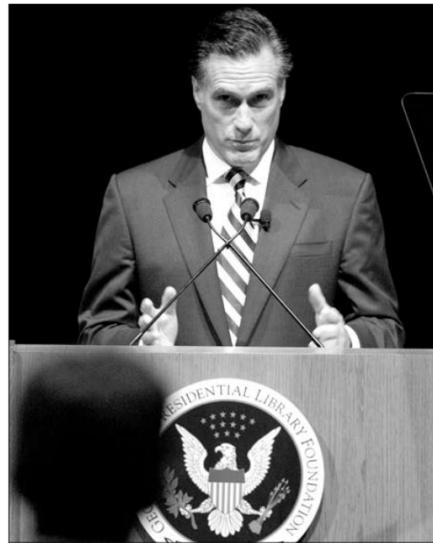
Romney, the 60-year-old for-

mer governor of Massachusetts and a leading candidate for his party's presidential nomination, also proposed a major military buildup to offset what he called a "dangerous decline" under the Clinton administration and the strains of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Romney proposed in his speech an increase of 100,000 troops and the dedication of at least 4 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product to defense spending. Current spending, he said, amounts to about 3.8 percent.

Military spending should increase by \$30 billion to \$40 billion a year "over the next several years," he said.

Romney's speech comes just weeks after his emergence as the leading fundraiser among Republican presidential can-



Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney answers a question Tuesday at the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the campus of Texas A&M University. Romney recently announced he raised \$23 million for his campaign, which puts him ahead of GOP nomination rivals Rudy Giuliani and John McCain.

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didates, pulling in \$23 million between Jan. 1 and March 31. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani raised \$15 million, and Sen. John McCain of Arizona raised \$12.5 million.

McCain supporters have suggested that their candidate,

who is planning a major foreign policy speech today at the Virginia Military Institute, was hurt by his late entry into the race and by his vocal support for the Iraq war.

They have criticized Romney for trying to appeal to both

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first-place team receives a plaque and each member is awarded a medal.

Second- and third-place teams receive a plaque as well.

Sam Garcia, a Mesquite senior and Fiota Cup chairman, said a lot of different elements went into planning the event.

"We had to field interest, send out e-mails and forms, reserve fields, order T-shirts and put together a schedule of games that actually worked out," he said.

On game day the fraternity must "make sure the fields are chalked, bleachers are set up and that the needs of the players

are fully met," Garcia said.

He said members of Delta Epsilon Phi will referee the event, and the Medical Service Organization will be on hand to assist in any medical needs.

"The purpose of the event is to allow women who would normally not compete against each other, due to the division structure in intramural sports, the opportunity to meet a more diverse playing field," Garcia said.

There will be no stands at the event, but food and drinks will be provided throughout the tournament. Bush's Chicken will cater a group dinner Saturday after the championship game.

Garcia said he is excited to see how the tournament itself shapes up.

"With Alpha Chi Omega winning the tournament every year, it will be exciting to see if anyone can stop their run," he said.

Garcia also said he expects to see quality competition improve and exciting games from beginning to end.

"People should come and watch because it is athleticism at its best," he said.

"People always have a preconceived notion that women don't play as aggressive or as emotionally as men do in athletic events or that the games are less exciting. After watch-

ing the tournament, I'm sure that all these stereotypes will be erased."

Sara Perez, a Baytown senior and member of Gamma Alpha Omega, said this is the first year the sorority is participating in the tournament.

"We wanted to try something new and to support (Phi Iota Alpha)," she said.

Perez said she is excited to play the defender position, and her team is going to try to practice every day this week, even though they have improved since practice began.

"Hopefully our hard work pays off and we can give it all we got," Perez said.

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cent of your first paycheck into your 401(k)," said Potts. "Most people don't do that, though. They just don't think about it and retirement becomes a little more difficult for them."

When it comes to investing your money, retirement is the first way to go.

"After you start making enough money, you can start thinking about a little riskier investments," Ezell said.

One way to invest your money can be in assets with a high rate of appreciation, like real estate. As Potts explained, at a younger age many Americans don't have the money to make these investments and therefore

discovered that not all debt is a bad thing.

"When it comes to credit card debt, of course it can be very difficult to pay off," Potts said. "But students should remember that these days some debt can actually be good."

Potts said the attitude of his parents and grandparents was that all debt is bad debt.

"My generation finally discovered that some debt can actually make you money," Potts said. "Borrowing money to buy houses and then selling the houses and paying off the debt can pocket big profit."

Potts said another generation has come along with the mentality that any debt is good debt.

"This is a very dangerous

way to think," he said. "The way I encourage students to think is, there are two kinds of debt: good debt and bad debt. The most dangerous type of debt is for things that have no asset value, like vacations and eating out."

He explained that by accumulating that type of debt, you will only lessen your personal net worth. He went on to say that the second kind of bad debt is for things that depreciate in value, like cars and stereos.

"When you borrow money to buy clothes, one year later you probably couldn't sell those clothes for 10 percent of what they are worth," Potts said. "Cars, of course, depreciate a lot slower but can still be danger-

ous."

He suggested to students that the safest debt to get into is one that appreciates in value, such as real estate.

"You just need to ask yourself if you think this investment will make you any money," Potts said. "That is the best way to decide whether something will fall under being a good or bad debt."

With so many upcoming decisions to make, Potts said many students should remember that their finances can shape the rest of their lives. In order to ease some of that post-graduation stress, start financing now.

"Don't let another day go by," Potts said. "Sit down today to plan for tomorrow."

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department out of the basement in a time of need.

"Kim Mulkey and the Lady Bears have been a driving force in Baylor athletics and brought extraordinary visibility when it was most needed," McCaw added. "Kim is a great coach and we are looking forward for her providing great leadership for years to come."

Mulkey knows what it takes to win, winning two national titles as an All-American guard at Louisiana Tech and as a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic team that won the gold medal.

After turning around the Lady Bear's basketball program, it is evident she has instilled the same winning ways that she had while playing and coaching at Louisiana Tech into her players here at Baylor. Fortunately for Bear fans, she will continue to do so for years to come.

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