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Faculty salaries begin to rise

Discrepancy remains between paychecks of presidents, professors

By Claire St. Amant
Staff writer

For the first time since 2003-04 academic year, faculty salaries nationwide are on the rise, but despite this growth, financial inequality in American higher education is increasing.

According to a report released today by the American Association of University Professors titled "Financial Inequality in Higher Education: The Annual Report on the Economic Status of the Profession," institutional endowments contribute to the inequality among colleges and universities. The report states investment earnings of institutions with larger endowments enable more money to be spent on "faculty and facilities and reap higher rates of return than institutions that have smaller endowments."

The market value of Baylor's endowment as of May 31, 2006, was \$870 million, according to the Institute for Research and Testing.

Dr. Kent Gilbreath, professor of economics, said the university's endowment is in good shape.

"The rate of return on Baylor's endowment has gone up substantially in the last two to three years under improved investment management," Gilbreath said. "That good return makes funds available for all kinds of expenditures."

The report found that overall between 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years, average faculty salaries rose 3.8 percent with an annual inflation of 2.5 percent, leaving an extra 1.3 percent in professor purchasing power. Gilbreath attributed the salary increase at Baylor to two main factors.

"It's a one-two punch of changing priorities and increased revenue," he said.

Gilbreath said the current administration has "a different priority to invest in the faculty" than in the past.

"In prior years, considerable expenditures have been made

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Taking it to the capitals

Groups nationwide work to change textbook laws

Student representatives back from Austin after tax-free textbooks rally

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

Rallying for tax-free textbooks in Austin, several Baylor students got their first taste of lobbying – and said they found it "encouraging."

They handed out Ramen noodles to legislators there, asking them to step into the shoes of a student. Specifically, they wanted the legislators to support any of three pending bills which would create a semi-annual tax-free period for textbooks.

A group of four Baylor students made the trip, joining about 50 representatives from eight other Texas schools for the first-ever "College Advocacy Day," which focused on tax-free textbooks.

"Students' voices aren't really heard as much as they should be because students don't vote like other age groups," said Plano sophomore Stephanie Formas, adding that as a result legislators sometimes don't take students seriously.

She, along with Boxford, Mass., sophomore Abbie Rosen, Plano freshman Jessica Liu and Lindale freshman Nicole Yeakley, left for the capital at about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Representatives from each college spoke at a 9:30 a.m. "kick-off rally," which was attended by legislative authors of two of the tax-free textbook bills. Yeakley spoke on behalf of the Baylor student body, saying these bills are important to Baylor in particular because "we don't get most of the state's financial relief" as students of a private institution.

The rally had a dual purpose, Yeakley said. It intended to save students money by supporting tax-free textbook legislation, but it also intended to bring Texas' student governments together so they can better promote student interests in the future.

"There are student governments from all over the state trying to make this a united effort," Yeakley said. "In the long run, it's going to make things so much easier for getting things changed in future years."

Later in the day, the four students met with Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco; Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Plano; State Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano; Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano; and Sen. Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler. They also sat down to talk with staffers from the offices of Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson, R-Waco; Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco; and Gov. Rick Perry.

Since Averitt, Anderson and Dunnam have already said they support at least "the idea" of the legislation, student representatives went to Austin hoping to

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U.S. Senate bill could change how required texts are marketed, sold

By Zack Hoopes
Columbia Daily Spectator

NEW YORK (U-WIRE) – Some people like to know how big the needle is before they get the injection. And pending the passage of a bill before Congress, the same principle will apply to course books.

The College Textbook Affordability Act, S. 495, was sponsored in the U.S. Senate on March 20 by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. It has been approved by the Senate and is pending review in the House of Representatives.

The bill would mandate that institutions receiving federal assistance include the ISBN and price of course books on class schedules and registration information that students see before picking classes.

It would also require publishers to make available to university faculty the revision history of textbooks and the exact nature of changes made, as well as information on the different formats (paperback, hardback) in which the book is available. And it would force publishers to offer materials that are often "bundled" together – such as CDs and workbooks – as separate items. Additionally, the bill would require that schools provide information on course books to any bookstore that requests it.

Durbin's stated strategy is to help students and instructors make the most affordable choices in purchasing course material.

"Publishers use new editions and bundled material to drive up costs for students who are already having trouble paying for school," he said in a press release, adding, "It is time to give them the information and options they need to make educated decisions about managing their finances in school."

According to Durbin, textbook costs have risen more than 185 percent in the past 20 years.

The bill has been criticized for not containing any firm price controls. Some bloggers and editorial writers have said the provisions of the bill provide a needless layer of bureaucracy without actually restructuring the textbook market.

While competition among retailers may increase under the bill's measures, selection of titles may not.

According to critics, the fact that students have no recourse other than buying books has enabled price gouging, and the narrowness of a market protected by intellectual property laws limits the competition among publishers. Several students said they thought the measures of

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Party time

Students pose Wednesday for a picture at the Hispanic Student Association and Place-2BU's Fiesta on the River at the Bill Daniel Student Center.

IVP candidate forced to close group

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Student government's electoral commission announced Wednesday that external vice president candidate and Garland sophomore Bryan Fonville was in violation of a section of the electoral code that forbids coalition, or joint, campaigning.

Fonville said he was appealing the decision and would appear before Student Court today.

"I was a little surprised when I found out the results of the electoral commission hearing," he said. "I plan to appeal the decision to the court for further clarification on coalition campaigning."

The process was prompted by a complaint about a message written by external vice president and Cuney senior Allan Marshall. The message was posted on the wall of Fonville's Facebook group, "Bryan Fonville for EVP."

Consequently, Fonville is being required by the commission to disband his Facebook group.

"He can't have a Facebook group as a campaign device," said electoral commissioner and Houston senior Kevin Nguyen.

In the contested message, Marshall said he endorsed Fonville for the office of external vice president and also endorsed Plano junior Samer Baransi for internal vice president and San Antonio junior Travis Plummer for student body president.

Nguyen said Baransi and Plummer were found not guilty of the violation because the message was posted without their knowledge.

"When we had the hearing, Bryan said that the others had no foreknowledge of the event," Nguyen said.

Marshall said he did not believe he nor Fonville had broken any rules.

"I did all this out of good faith," he said. "I did nothing illegal or wrong."

Nguyen said that there was nothing technically wrong with the holder of a current office endorsing a candidate for that position.

He said his commission had not dealt specifically with that aspect of the issue, but admitted that had Marshall sent out three separate press releases endorsing each candidate individually, the code would not have been violated.

"We were focusing on the clause (in the electoral code) that says that a candidate is held liable for campaign worker's actions," Nguyen said.

"That's how we classified the situation."

Senate member John Nicholson, a Kansas City, Kan., senior, said the rules on coalition campaigning are in place to prevent a student political party system like the ones found at the University of Alabama and other

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'Bong hits' case is immature but still free speech

"Bong hits 4 Jesus."
When a student displayed this phrase on a 14-foot banner as he watched the Olympic torch pass by on its way to Salt Lake City in 2002, he didn't expect to have to go to the Supreme Court over it.

Joseph Frederick, then 18 and a Juneau, Alaska, high school student, had tested school officials before. Previous to the banner incident, he was threatened with suspension when he refused to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

The witnessing of the Olympic torch was technically a school field trip. The cheerleaders, band and school faculty were all there, but Frederick had skipped school that day. Instead,

he and his friends stood across the street on a public sidewalk holding up "Bong hits 4 Jesus."

What's a principal to do? Frederick's high school principal, Deborah Morse, ordered Frederick to remove his sign. He refused. So she took care of the banner herself, crossing the street to crumple it on-site and issuing Frederick a five-day suspension. My favorite part of the story is that when Frederick quoted Thomas Jefferson on free speech, Morse doubled his punishment.

Frederick sued Morse for violating his First Amendment rights, and the case was debated by Supreme Court justices on March 19.

Part of me is rolling my eyes

point of view

BY IDA JAMSHIDI

at this kid. His stunt seems like the actions of an attention-hungry troublemaker. The other part of me is cheering him on and wishing I had been there to help hold up his banner.

The First Amendment is clear in expressing freedom of speech as a right. But does your liberty to speak come with stipulations?

The Supreme Court tackled a similar issue in *Tinker vs. Des*

Moines School District (1969).

Five students were suspended for wearing black armbands protesting the Vietnam War. The five protesters did nothing to disturb the other 18,000 students in the school district, and the court held that a school cannot prohibit a student's speech unless it interferes with the functioning of the school or the rights of other students.

Students and teachers do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate," the court established in 1969.

I agree that school officials should reserve the right to limit speech that disrupts, but they can't be given the power to silence students from publiciz-

ing opinions, even if they contradict school policy.

Like all Supreme Court cases, the "Bong hits 4 Jesus" case has gray areas that the court will have to sort through and address. The justices have two questions to answer. Was Frederick's message considered school speech? And was his banner disruptive?

I say "no" to the first question since Frederick never attended school that day and wasn't on school property when he unfurled his banner. If he had gone that morning, I would've considered him a student on a field trip under the school's supervision.

As for the second question, I'll say "no" again, but with hesitance this time. My theory is that

Frederick's past squabbles with school authority attracted Morse across the street, and his defiance led to his punishment.

But I wasn't there. Frederick still sees no problem with his banner. The court will have to determine how disruptive is too disruptive.

"It was certainly not intended as a drug or religious message," Frederick said. The banner was "intended to be funny, subjectively interpreted by the reader and most importantly an exercise of my inalienable right to free speech."

Intended to be funny? We'll see who's laughing when the court rules in late June.

Ida Jamshidi is a sophomore journalism major from Corsicana.

Editorial

Diplomacy is nation's only hope

It seems a new political crisis arises every week — Britain and Iran, the U.S. and North Korea, the U.S. and Iran. As soon as one is solved, either an ongoing one remains or a new threat emerges.

Tensions between these countries are a result of real problems and concerns echoed by most of the international community. No one denies that nuclear weapons and state-sponsored terrorism are serious charges that must be addressed.

But some recent political events have turned the spotlight to the United States' policy of not talking to these nations and saying it wants to isolate them from the international community.

The answer to whether this policy is effective increasingly seems to be a resounding "no."

The first of these events is the saga of the British sailors and marines held by Iran, accused of trespassing on Iranian waterways. After almost two weeks of tension, Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced, seemingly out of nowhere, their release as an "Easter gift" to the British people.

The British Foreign Office insisted it hadn't struck a deal with the Iranian government, but rumors persist of behind-the-scenes negotiation between Britain, Iran and a number of its neighbors.

The United States, however, was reduced to a spectator in the drama in this arena because any of its actions or words could easily have backfired due to its poor reputation in the region.

The second situation is Nancy Pelosi's trip to the Middle East. She was warmly received by the governments of Israel, Saudi Arabia and



Syria, among others.

Her talks to Syrian government officials, including the country's president, were blasted by the Bush administration, which said the U.S. doesn't want Syria to feel like it's being rewarded without addressing its bad behavior.

The cold diplomatic shoulder of isolation is apparently supposed to pressure a country into accepting international demands. This seems to be working really well in Cuba, for example.

Sometimes, negotiation serves this purpose even better. Negotiation was what finally pushed North Korea into compromising its stance on its nucle-

ar program.

Negotiation is also what is called for by the bipartisan Iraq Study Group in the cases of both Iran and Syria — a suggestion the Bush administration has rejected out of hand. It does not want to back down on its stance against these countries and it doesn't want to accept the actions of their regimes.

But negotiation doesn't always mean acceptance. Talking to your enemies doesn't make them your moral equals. But it certainly makes it easier to address the reasons why they're not.

Full diplomatic relations shouldn't immediately take place, but the U.S.

should at least make an effort to begin dialogue with governments it has previously rejected face-to-face diplomacy with.

Repairing the nation's damaged reputation and regaining positive influence in the Middle East and across the world aren't going to be easy, but current diplomatic standoffs are leading nowhere.

The violence in Iraq will never cease until we can get neighboring countries onboard with our efforts. And with Iran's continuous efforts to achieve nuclear power making everyone uncomfortable, it seems there could be worse ways to handle a situation than to talk about it.

point of view

BY ASHLEY WESTBROOK

whether you really want to be in that field at all.

For example, when I was in high school, I was sure my future was in news broadcasting.

So a few friends and I teamed together and created our school's first broadcast station, TVOH: The Voice of Hebron High.

We worked long hours writing, editing and piecing things together so that when we had our 45 minutes of on-air time, each of us knew exactly what we'd be doing.

Being the aspiring anchor that I was, I thought my home was in front of the camera. Unfortunately, the TV told another story. I never blinked, I talked too fast and for most of the show, I stared into the camera with an unnatural smile plastered on my face while the light reflected off my braces. I looked like I had eaten sunshine.

One fateful day as I sat in my

interview chair chatting away, my hair started smoking from a light that was placed too close to my head. It was a disaster.

Soon after, I decided to shift to print journalism, and that's where I've been ever since.

While I didn't make my big break by becoming the next Katie Couric or by waltzing into the *Wacoan*, I've had the opportunity to hone my skills as a writer and editor working for the *Lariat*.

I've found that I have a love for helping people develop their writing skills and correcting their errors. I know when I go

in for my next interview, I'll be able to provide future employers with writing samples and an already-established knowledge of journalism. They'll be able to see my strengths before I even begin the job.

And while it is great to develop people skills from working at a clothing store or restaurant, finding out what you want to be and developing those skills before entering the real world is priceless.

Now I love what I do, and my hair hasn't smoked since.

Ashley Westbrook is a junior journalism major from Plano.

When looking for a job, keep future career dreams in mind

On my first exploratory drive through Waco, I stopped when I caught sight of the capitalized, green illuminated letters that spelled out *Wacoan*.

I had big dreams for myself — putting on a suit, walking through the door, handing them my resume and landing my first real college job — complete with a desk and name badge.

It was a nice thought, but I chickened out and settled for an interview at T.G.I. Friday's. They hired me, and before I could purchase a Hawaiian-style button-up shirt, I knew I needed a little something more.

Don't get me wrong, there's nothing bad about working at a restaurant or a clothing store. It's also important, however, to get a job that will help you in the future.

It looks good on a resume when a pre-dental student works at a dentist office, a pre-law student at a law firm or even when a journalism student works at the school paper.

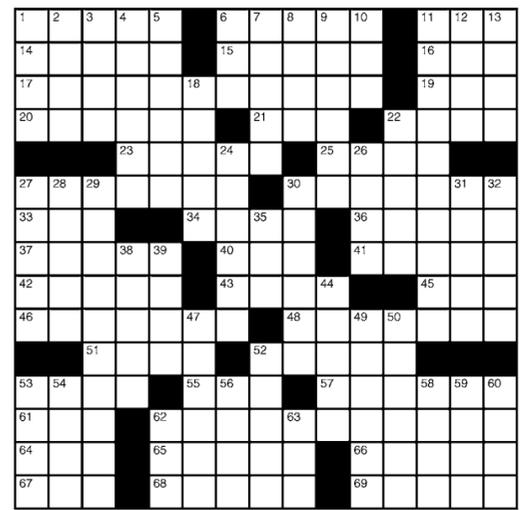
Tons of benefits can come from one little job: valuable work experience, networking contacts and a resume boost. Most importantly, working in a related field will help you realize

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Associate professor examines better marketing tactics

By Matt Kennedy
Reporter

He didn't hang up. He didn't ignore them. He didn't even say no thanks. Dr. Jeff Tanner, associate professor of marketing, has an entirely different reaction to the aggressive tactics of salespeople — he co-authored a book describing a better way to sell.

Tanner, a former salesperson by trade, said the "client-centered" sales approach used by many sales professionals can easily lead to deceptive selling practices.

In response to this approach, Tanner recently joined with behavior researcher George W. Dudley to write "The Hard Truth

About Soft-Selling," which examines the nature of selling and offers solutions to some of the problems associated with the profession.

"The way people have approached sales for the past couple of decades is wrong," Tanner said. "We realized it's time to change aspects of the profession, but a lot of people don't like the ways we suggest to change it because they go against what they've been taught for so long."

Tanner said the main message of the book is that salespeople can still be ethical if "making the sell" is their prime objective.

"At the end of the day, you're paid to make a sale, not a friend," Tanner said. "It's dis-

honest to go into a client's office and pretend you're there to be his friend when the only reason you're there is to make a sale."

Instead of stressing the formation of relationship at the beginning of a sales visit or call, Tanner said that salespeople should identify themselves and their intended purpose at the start of a meeting.

Dr. Larry Chonko, professor of marketing, wrote a paper with Tanner about the benefits of a straightforward and honest sales approach.

"Some salespeople exaggerate to such an extent that it undermines the sales process," Chonko said. "Embellishment can very easily become outright dishonesty, so salespeople

should always be wary about using it."

Dudley and Tanner used a psychological test called SPQ*Gold to measure exaggeration level among a variety of professions worldwide.

Although according to the test, 51 percent of sales professionals exaggerate on occasion, the field had a lower exaggeration rating than venture capitalism, consulting and broadcasting respectively.

Dudley said sales professionals and managers are the main audience the book is intended for.

However, he said buyers should be familiar with sales tactics and know the right questions to ask so they can detect

exaggeration when it occurs. "People should be wary of salespeople who claim competency in too many areas," Dudley said. "Also, be careful of those who push the fact that they have integrity or that they are trustworthy in your face instead of revealing these qualities through their actions."

As the research director of the Center for Professional Selling at Baylor, Tanner said he understands the makeup of the majority of students who study sales at Baylor. Tanner said he teaches his students genuine approaches to selling.

"Our department stresses the importance of representing the customer," Tanner said. "We also talk about how to be a

representative of Jesus Christ at Baylor, which is an even greater ethical standard for students and graduates to follow."

Tanner's advice to recent graduates who realize they are uncomfortable with the selling methods of a company is to leave as soon as possible. To protect oneself from harmful practices before the job even begins, Tanner said applicants should listen carefully to how recruiters describe the company and talk to current employees about the nature of job.

"During a sales process, all customers really want to know is that the product is going to do what they want it to do and that the salesperson is treating them right," he said.

Events raise funds for cancer awareness

By Melissa Limmer
Staff Writer

A sorority of only five women is making its voice heard on campus this week to raise awareness about cancer.

Kappa Phi Gamma, a multicultural service sorority, is sponsoring Cancer: a Real Effort Week 2007.

The organization has been involved with the fundraising event since 2001.

Kappa Phi Gamma is a national sorority, and campuses across the United States are holding CARE Week.

The group will hold a candlelight vigil at 6 p.m. today at Fountain Mall. Students will be led in prayer by University Baptist Church community pastor Ben Dudley.

There will be a musical solo performed by Mumbai, India, junior Grace Bhalla and testimonials from a cancer survivor and other people whose lives have been affected by cancer.

"It is a small thing, but it means so much," Sugar Land senior and Kappa Phi Gamma treasurer Sushma Charania said about the vigil.

She said if everyone who has somehow been affected by cancer comes, "it has a big impact."

"We are all in the same boat together," she said.

CARE Week began with a kickoff carnival Tuesday, which included a Locks of Love hair drive.

Fifteen students participated by donating their hair to the charity, which provides wigs for cancer patients.

Eight more students committed to donating their hair at the Mane Event hair salon in Waco. Donations totaled more than 200 inches of hair.

Charania said this was the first time the group held the hair drive, but it is "going to make it an annual thing."

Kappa Phi Gamma also will sponsor a week long Coins for the Cure drive in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Cancer awareness T-Shirts will be for sale and cost \$6 each.

The group also will have a "Mr. Care Week" pageant at 8 p.m. Friday in Kayser Auditorium.

Contestants will dress up as superheroes, and the winner will receive a Nintendo Wii

game system.

Tickets for the pageant cost \$3.

Proceeds from the fundraisers will benefit the Scott & White Cancer Center in Temple.

"This year we are trying to make a local impact," Plano junior and service chairwoman Minal Shah said.

She said they chose to give the money to a local cancer charity because they knew the money would go back to the people of central Texas.

Charania added that students don't necessarily have to donate money to support the cause, but show their support by attending the events.

"I think (CARE week) is important because the Baylor community needs to be more aware about how they can help," she said.

"We are hoping to get people to understand that cancer does affect young people," she said.

"We hope that people start to think about cancer in relation to our own community."

Shah said the group is focusing on educating young people on the steps that can be taken to prevent cancer, such as wearing

sunscreen and not smoking.

Cancer "is not a distant issue. It affects students personally," she said.

Shah said because of the group's size, it is usually only able to have an impact on its multicultural community.

But this week has allowed them to reach a greater audience. Dr. Charles McDaniel, the group's sponsor and visiting professor in Church-State studies and Fred Hulme, senior lecturer in economics agreed that despite the group's size, the event was still effective.

"What they lack in size they make up for in creativity," he said.

"They take the service part to heart. They always have something going on."

McDaniel also commended the group on its efforts to raise cancer awareness among such a young community.

"It is farsighted on their part," he said.

"They make everyone focus on the fact that cancer affects all generations."

CARE Week was funded in part by a \$1,300 allocation from Student Senate.

BEAR BRIEFS

Attend a workshop

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold an evangelism workshop — "Are you Unshamed?" — as part of its Impact Movement Week. The workshop will be at 7 p.m. today in the Alexander Reading Room.

Don't miss the bike rodeo

Circle K International will sponsor Baylor's first ever Bike Rodeo from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday in front of Waco Hall. There will be races, skill contests, DPS bike registration, prizes, a cake ride and much more. The event is for people of all ages. Buy a \$10 shirt and enjoy refreshments. For additional information, contact Stephanie_Kraemer@baylor.edu.

Free dance lessons

The Latin Dance Society will hold Salsa Congress Friday to Sunday and will include nine workshops taught by professional dancers. It is free for all Baylor students. For a complete listing of workshop times and locations or for additional information, visit www.salsapower.com or contact Mendy_Sandoval@baylor.edu.

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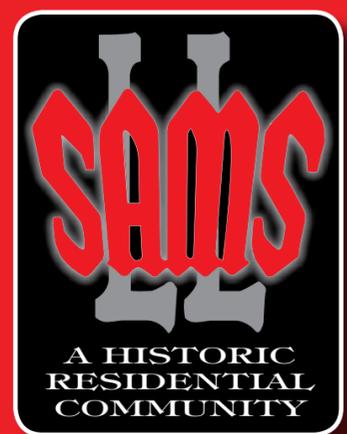
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Push for Pies helps disabled

By Whitney Farr
Reporter

Pi Kappa Phi is pushing pies, and community service never tasted so sweet.

Actually, these fraternity members are planning to sit back and let the women do all the baking for them.

"Let's face it, girls know how to cook better than guys do," Tulsa, Okla., junior and Pi Kappa Phi member Ian McCracken said.

From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today at Fountain Mall, students are invited to indulge in homemade, cakes, cookies and pies to benefit Push America, an organization dedicated to supporting and helping the physically and mentally disabled.

Austin senior and Pi Kappa Phi member Chris Miller, who considers himself a "cookie kind of guy," recognized the benefits of having three dessert divisions.

"When you are tasting cookies, you don't have to commit to eating one big piece of cake — you can try a lot of cookies and get a little more cookie diversity," Miller said.

Baylor women who have a niche for baking are invited to enter their best homemade dessert in one of three categories: cookies, pies or cakes.

Cypress junior Lindsey Wil-

liams has a secret family recipe for the apple pie she will bake.

"I don't think many people are going to make pies, and I want to win," Williams said. "I'm kind of obsessed with baking."

Miller suggested that writing Pi Kappa Phi in icing on a batch of cookies could earn some extra brownie points from the judges, who will be Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life; Tam Dunn, associate director of student activities; and Kat Reed, coordinator for fraternities.

Baylor students who have a sweet tooth, are interested in supporting Push America or who are not as skilled in the kitchen are invited to come fill their stomachs and their plates for \$3. There is a \$3 fee to enter the competition, and desserts must be submitted by 5 p.m.

Pi Kappa Phi has good intentions to raise money for Push America, said Sugar Land junior Jackie Alvarenga.

"If I do bake anything, it will probably be chocolate chip cookies or snickerdoodles because those are my specialties," she said.

Pi Kappa Phi founded Push America in 1977, and it is the only fraternity in the nation that owns its own philanthropy, McCracken said. Every chapter in the nation has a different method of raising money for Push

America.

"Push for Pies is unique to the Baylor Pi Kappa Phi chapter," McCracken said.

The money raised this year through entry and eating fees will go directly to Push America, where the organization will write a check to Pi Kappa Phi chapters for service projects, said Matt Sheridan, a Midlothian freshman and Pi Kappa Phi member.

"Earlier this semester we built a wheelchair ramp for a family that couldn't afford it on their own," Miller said. "We will probably be scouting out Waco looking for other places to build wheelchair ramps for a project next semester."

This is the third year Pi Kappa Phi has held Push for Pies.

"We had some pretty creative desserts last year," McCracken said. "We had some Oreo things that were like covered in icing — they were chocolatey, sugary and probably very bad for you, but really good."

The winners will be awarded gift cards to Jason's Deli, Pei Wei and McAlister's Deli. If the winner is a member of an organization, \$50 will be donated to that organization's philanthropy. T-shirts also will be on sale for \$7.

Push for Pies is all about getting Baylor students together for a bigger purpose, Miller said.



Associated Press

Winter waves hello again

A gull struggles to fly Wednesday as waves driven by wind gusts over 40 mph crash into the breakwater and harbor lighthouse in Manitowoc, Wis. Much of eastern and southern Wisconsin are under a winter storm warning and are forecast to receive 5-7 inches of snow. Hundreds of airline flights were grounded Wednesday, a major league baseball game was called and six people were killed in accidents on icy roads as yet another spring snowstorm hit the upper Midwest.

FCC campout aims to raise awareness for homelessness

By Brittany Mihalcin
Reporter

They wanted to go camping, but it didn't look like it was going to work out.

Then Freshman Class Council Extreme members stumbled onto an idea that involved camping and raising homelessness awareness. And they didn't even have to pack for it.

From 9 p.m. Wednesday until 9 p.m. today, FCC Extreme members will stage a homelessness awareness campout.

Students are camping out, but without tents or sleeping provisions.

"We know there's a lot of homelessness in the Waco area, and we want to raise awareness about it," said Andrew Fike, a Southlake junior and co-director of FCC Extreme.

Members of the Extreme branch of FCC are known for doing "extreme" things, Fike

said. "Everyone in this group really enjoys camping out and outdoor activities," he said.

Elizabeth Herring, a Kerrville sophomore and Fike's co-director for FCC Extreme, said she wanted everyone to realize that the homeless are still people.

"Homeless people surround our campus, but some students don't even give them a second look," she said.

During the campout, members will create posters with statistics about homelessness and quotes from homeless people.

"We have researched online and talked to Mission Waco (representatives) to get facts and quotes," said Megan Befort, a Bartlesville, Okla., freshman.

While researching, Befort said, she was surprised at the number of poor and homeless people there are in the world.

According to statistics from Mission Waco, there are about 1.4 billion people who live in

absolute poverty, many who are homeless. Befort also was shocked to learn how many people are homeless in Waco.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 486 people are considered homeless in McLennan County.

Befort, who was involved in planning the event, said, "We're here and we can do something about it."

"I got really involved because this issue is really interesting to me. I think it's important to raise awareness about it," she said.

Herring said the posters will be placed all around Fountain Mall in order to grab the attention of onlookers.

"We're just going to hang out and have a good time," Befort said.

While members of FCC Extreme planned the event, anyone is welcome to participate.

Independent study says Pentagon, lack of money to blame for Reed

By Hope Yen
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Money woes and Pentagon neglect are to blame for shoddy outpatient conditions and bureaucratic delays at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, an independent review has concluded. The blistering report called for major changes in troop care and cautioned that problems probably extend to Army hospitals around the country.

"The American ethic is that America always takes care of its wounded," said John O. "Jack" Marsh, Army secretary during the Reagan administration and co-chairman of the review.

"We must make certain that America continues that ethic," he said.

Co-chairman Togo D. West, secretary of the Army and Veterans Affairs under President Clinton, blasted the Pentagon's "virtually incomprehensible" inattention to maintenance at Walter Reed as well as an "almost palpable disdain" for troop care.

"Although Walter Reed's rich tradition remains to this day unchallenged, its high reputa-

tion has not been maintained," West said.

The investigation, ordered two months ago by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, is the first Pentagon review since the disclosure of problems at Walter Reed, one of the premier facilities for treating those wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Citing lapses in leadership and oversight as main reasons for the problems, the nine-member independent group concluded that the Defense Department was, or should have been, aware of the widespread problems but neglected them because they knew Walter Reed was slated for eventual closure.

In addition, the Pentagon made problems worse by ordering a hold-down on costs and expenses — dubbed "efficiency wedges" — even as Walter Reed began experiencing an influx of

thousands of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Leadership at Walter Reed should have been aware of poor living conditions and administrative hurdles and failed to place proper priority on solutions," according to the report draft released Wednesday.

The report said the Pentagon was ill-prepared to deal with growing numbers of troops suffering from traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder. While making clear the problems lie with outpatient treatment, the report also faulted the Army's complex disability ratings, which critics contend are manipulated to limit disability compensation to wounded soldiers. The review group, made up of former military officials and lawmakers, called for an overhaul of the disability ratings system. Regarding Pentagon neglect, the group also urged the quick release of money to facilitate construction of a new Walter Reed center.

Responding to the report's findings, Maj. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, the new commander of Walter Reed, said "We will not rest until these problems are solved."



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Charges dropped in Duke case

By Aaron Beard
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Duke lacrosse rape case finally collapsed Wednesday, with North Carolina's top prosecutor saying the three athletes were railroaded by a district attorney who ignored increasingly flimsy evidence in a "tragic rush to accuse."

In a blistering assessment of the case, Attorney General Roy Cooper dropped all charges against the players, all but ensuring that only one person in the whole scandal will be held to account: Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong.

"This case shows the enormous consequences of overreaching by a prosecutor," Cooper said.

Cooper, who took over the case in January after Nifong was charged with ethics violations that could get him disbarred, said his own investigation into a stripper's claim that she was sexually assaulted at a team party found nothing to corroborate her story, and "led us to the conclusion that no attack occurred."

"There were many points in the case where caution would have served justice better than bravado," Cooper said. "In the rush to condemn, a community and a state lost the ability to see clearly."

Later, at an often-bitter, I-told-you-so news conference, the three young men and



Associated Press

Former Duke lacrosse players, from left, Dave Evans, Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann applaud during a news conference Wednesday in Raleigh, N.C. Prosecutors dropped all charges Wednesday against the three Duke lacrosse players accused of sexually assaulting a stripper at a party.

their lawyers accused the news media and the public of disregarding the presumption of innocence and portraying them as thugs.

"It's been 395 days since this nightmare began. And finally today it's coming to a closure," said one of the cleared defendants, David Evans, his voice breaking at one point.

"We're just as innocent today as we were back then. Nothing has changed. The facts don't change."

Defense attorney Joe Cheshire said: "We're angry, very angry. But we're very relieved."

Nifong was out of town and could not immediately be reached for comment. But his lawyer, David Freedman, said: "If further investigation showed this boys were in-

nocent, he would be in agreement with what the attorney general's office decided to do."

Evans, Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty were indicted last spring on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual offense after the woman told police she was assaulted in the bathroom at an off-campus house during a team party where she had been hired to perform.

The rape charges were dropped months ago; the other charges remained until Wednesday.

The case stirred furious debate over race, class and the privileged status of college athletes, and heightened long-standing tensions in Durham between its large working-class black population and the mostly white, mostly affluent students at the private, elite university.

Army extends tours for active soldiers

By Robert Burns
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stretched thin by four years of war, the Army is adding three months to the standard yearlong tour for all active-duty soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, an extraordinary step aimed at maintaining the troop buildup in Baghdad.

The change, announced Wednesday by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, is the latest blow to an all-volunteer Army that has been given ever-shorter periods of rest and retraining at home between overseas deployments.

Rather than continue to shrink the at-home intervals to a point that might compromise soldiers' preparedness for combat, Gates chose to lengthen combat tours to buy time for units newly returned from battle.

The longer tours will affect about 100,000 soldiers currently in Iraq and Afghanistan, plus untold thousands more who deploy later.

It does not affect the Marine Corps or the National Guard or Reserve.

"Our forces are stretched, there's no question about that," Gates said.

The extended tours are a

price the Army must pay to sustain the troop buildup that President Bush ordered in January as part of his rejiggered strategy for stabilizing Baghdad and averting a U.S. defeat.

Troop levels are being boosted from 15 brigades to 20 brigades, and in order to keep that up beyond summer the Army faced harsh choices: Either send units to Iraq with less than 12 months at home, or extend tours.

The decision also underscores the political cost the administration has had to pay in order to keep alive its hope that higher troop levels in Iraq, combined with a push for Iraqi political reconciliation, will finally produce the stability in Baghdad that experts say is needed before U.S. troops can begin going home.

In recent days, the Pentagon notified National Guard brigades from four states they are in line to deploy to Iraq for a second time, eliciting complaints from governors.



Gates

BCGT director to retire after 8-year tenure

By Matt Curry
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Charles Wade, who directs the largest Baptist state convention in the nation, announced Wednesday that he will retire in January.

Wade, 66, took over the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 2000. His tenure as executive director of the moderate group has seen increased ethnic diversity in leadership positions.

"Many non-Anglos have very important responsibilities. To

see that develop over the years has been very gratifying," Wade said in an interview with The Associated Press.

A statement issued after he met with staff said the convention, under his guidance, has expanded financial support through its Cooperative Program to ministries worldwide. It also became a member of the Baptist World Alliance.

Wade's term has included strained relations with the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the country. Start-

ing in 1979, conservatives took leadership of the convention, which now claims 16.4 million members.

A statement issued by the Texas Baptists noted that, under Wade's leadership, they provided financial help to missionaries who refused to sign the Southern Baptist Convention's 2000 Baptist Faith and Message and had to leave their posts.

Morris H. Chapman, the president and CEO of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee, acknowledged in a statement Wednesday that

the two groups have grown distant "due to our contrasting philosophical and theological convictions."

"Nevertheless, I appreciate his dedication to the task to which he felt called through the years, first as a pastor, and then as executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas," Chapman said of Wade.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas includes nearly 5,600 congregations with a total membership of 2.3 million people.

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Bears win at OU, prep for tourney

By Justin Baer
Sports Writer

The Baylor women's golf team took home first place Monday at the Susie Maxwell-Berning Classic in Norman, Okla., at the Jimmie Austin University of Oklahoma Golf Course. The No. 36 Lady Bears finished the tournament 4-under par (860), nine strokes better than the second-place University of Arkansas. The Lady Bears finished just one stroke back of tying their best total in team history, an 859 at Colorado State University two years ago.

Senior Anna Rehnholm finished second overall after finishing 6-under par with a three-day total of 210 (68-69-63), while Baylor had two other

top-10 finishes with freshman Hannah Burke (fifth place) and junior Sian Reddick (seventh place).

"I think it is one of the biggest wins I have had as a golf coach. Every player contributed," head Coach Sylvia Ferdon said of the Lady Bears' victory. "Anytime you can go to a great school with all of their traditions, it is just an honor being there."

Rehnholm, who had her best tournament ever as a Lady Bear, was pleased with the second-place individual finish, especially since it helped her team during her final season at Baylor.

"It was fun because it's my senior year," the Karlskrona, Sweden, native said. "I just wanted to post some low numbers. We have been doing well

all spring so it was good (to win as a team)."

Meanwhile, Hertfordshire, England freshman Hannah Burke showed why she should be mentioned in the Big 12 Freshman of the Year argument, as she finished 3-under par for a total of 213 (71-68-74). It was Burke's third top-15 finish of the spring, and she said the rest of the Big 12 should be aware of the surging Bears.

"We are definitely confident as a team after that win," Burke said.

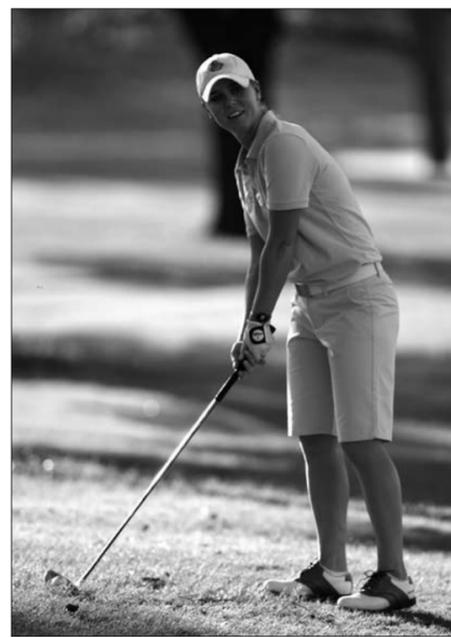
The Lady Bears will host the Big 12 Championship starting Tuesday at Ridgewood Country Club, and Ferdon said if the way her team has been playing in previous tournaments is any indication of how Baylor will

fare next week, the Bears could make a run at the conference championship.

"Every tournament they have gotten a little bit stronger," Ferdon said. "It's exactly what a coach wants to see going into the tournament and championship play. I couldn't be any happier."

However, with teams such as Oklahoma State University and Texas A&M University in the conference, winning its first ever Big 12 Championship won't be easy for Baylor.

"We have to regain the focus we had at Oklahoma," Ferdon said. "They were very competitive and ready to play. If we perform at the same level as we did in Oklahoma, we'll be in that top threesome."



Senior golfer Anna Rehnholm prepares to hit the ball at one of the Baylor women golf team's spring tournaments. Rehnholm, who's been one of the Bears' most consistent performers over her Baylor career, had the best tournament of her career when she finished second at six-under par at the Susie Maxwell-Berning Classic in Norman, Okla., over the weekend.

Baylor Photography

Coaching salaries in college basketball rise to new heights

By Brian Davis
McClatchy Newspapers

Millionaires are sprouting up everywhere this spring in the world of college basketball.

Coaches are zipping from one school to the next in search of big bucks. Others are staying put and being rewarded big time. The general mindset at these schools seems to be three words: Whatever it takes.

Kentucky wooed Billy Gillispie away from Texas A&M University for \$2.3 million a year, and Florida is expected to pay dearly for Billy Donovan's loyalty to the Gators.

Texas lured women's coach Gail Goetsenkors away from Duke with a \$1 million annual salary. Then, Baylor topped that by paying Kim Mulkey even more.

"Programs want to be successful," Iowa State athletic director Jamie Polard said, "and to do that, you have to get the best people."

The coaching salary explosion signals a shift in athletic department thinking, several school officials said. Schools now view men's and women's basketball coaches like they do football coaches: It's an investment.

"If you can invest in a program that will get you on national TV, people value that exposure," Connecticut athletic director Jeffrey Hathaway said. "Obviously somebody's making a value judgment that it's important to that institution."

Men's basketball coaching salaries



Head women's basketball Coach Kim Mulkey talks to freshman forward Danielle Wilson during the Lady Bears' 81-64 win over Iowa State University on Feb. 10.

File photo

are always going up. Athletic directors can justify the spending because it's a revenue sport. According to the Department of Education, the average Division I-A men's basketball program made almost a \$1.7 million profit during the 2005-06 academic year.

That's a tidy sum compared to football, the sport that keeps most athletic departments afloat. The Texas football team brought in \$60.9 million in revenues and had \$18.4 million in expenses in 2005-06, according to the data. That left \$42.5 million for the other Long-

horn sports.

That kind of profit margin gave Alabama the means to make Nick Saban the first \$4 million college football coach in January.

"You can't limit salaries on a national basis or even a conference basis," NCAA president Myles Brand said. "But I think we can prompt our members and our conferences to say, 'At what point do you believe in your context for your institution, for your conference, that this does not make sense?'"

"Each school is going to have to figure that out for themselves." The numbers generated by the Department of Education via the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act are viewed with some skepticism by athletic departments.

Schools do their accounting in various ways. But this is a known fact: Women's basketball loses money hand over fist.

The UConn women's basketball program made almost a \$1 million profit in 2006. Tennessee made \$45,126. They are the exceptions. Not one school in the Big 12 finished in the black that year. Baylor came close, having lost \$287,757.

The average Big 12 women's basketball program lost \$1.6 million during the 2005-06 academic year, according to the data.

Yet athletic directors such as Polard, Texas' Chris Plonsky and Baylor's Ian McCaw are handing out million-dollar salaries to keep or get the coach they want.

"If you want to get talent, you have to compensate talent," Plonsky said. "They do that here in a very fair way. I think it's wonderful the marketplace is where it is, because I can tell you they were prepared to keep her at Duke. But I can tell you money was never the main thing in our conversation with Gail."

McCaw said he expects women's coaching salaries to rise for many years to come.

"I think it's largely the visibility of the sport," McCaw said. "Attendance is growing, there's national television exposure and that's caused institutions to be more serious about women's basketball."

There is a downside to all this newfound wealth, several coaches said. Texas A&M women's coach Gary Blair isn't sure if women's coaches are ready for the scrutiny that comes with big-time contracts.

"Who knows what's right?" Blair said. "But at the same time, the coaches of these high programs are having to live in that glass bubble just like our male counterparts."

Mulkey doesn't consider herself the face of Baylor University.

But she's not oblivious to the increased spotlight on women's basketball.

"The pressures to win and the stress involved is not going to change, because most coaches are motivated and feel the pressure and stress regardless of what their salaries are," Mulkey said. "I just think we're playing catch-up right now."

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Orchestra presents final concert of the semester

By Ashlie Young
Reporter

The trumpets will sound and the strings will sing, filling Jones Concert Hall with the sweet music of the Baylor Campus Orchestra. The orchestra will present a full concert 7:30 p.m. today in the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

The strings-only orchestra is the second orchestra at Baylor and made its debut last fall with a new conductor, Dr. Michael Alexander.

"This orchestra gives non-music majors a chance to continue playing and enjoying music,"

Alexander said.

As well as conducting the Baylor Campus Orchestra, Alexander also is an associate professor of string music education, supervises string student teachers and instructs string pedagogy.

Alexander was the first recipient of the Houston Symphony School Bell Award for Excel-



Alexander

lence in Teaching. He also is a past president of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association and a past vice president of the Texas Music Educators Association.

"It's been really great working this year with Dr. Alexander," said Memphis, Tenn., sophomore Daniel Aum.

Aum has played the violin for 13 years and was involved in orchestras in high school, including the Memphis Youth Symphony.

The orchestra will open the show with "The Entrance of the Queen of Sheba," a famous piece by George Frideric Handel. So-

loists for this song will be Aum and Sugar Land freshman Janie Koh, both on violin.

Koh said her favorite piece in the concert is Beethoven's "Egmont" because it is the most challenging of the set.

"Being a part of this orchestra has been like being with my family," Koh said.

"We're a close group and it's a lot of fun."

Houston sophomore Janie Phan is another soloist in the concert and has played the viola for nine years.

"This concert is going to be very lush and lavish," Phan said. "The pieces are exciting and fast-

paced, with one more romantic, Baroque style song."

Gary Casity, guest conductor and graduate student from Pensacola, Fla., encouraged people to come to the show, especially those who have never been to an orchestra concert.

"The group has a lot of enthusiasm and they really love what they're doing," Casity said.

"People often have preconceived notions about what classical music is, but this is music for everyone."

This will be the orchestra's fourth and final concert of the year.

"We've come a long way and

I'm looking forward to the future with this group," Alexander said.

The Baylor Campus Orchestra will be joined by other instrumentalists for its last song, creating a full orchestra with brass, woodwind and percussion.

"The finale is actually an overture, which is usually at the beginning of a show," Alexander said.

"It's the biggest, most exciting piece of the concert. So even though it's an overture, it will be a loud, grand ending."

This School of Music event is free and open to the public.

Resorts become new science labs

By Pat Brennan
McClatchy Newspapers

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Fifteen years of work is about to bring something new to Panama: a tropical resort that will double as a scientific research station.

Former University of California-Irvine social ecology professor Hana Ayala wants to build a string of such facilities across the globe that has a small development footprint, strong conservation ethic and generous financial support for wildlife, habitat, geological and evolutionary research.

A German investor has agreed to place the first one — Ayala's "flagship" — on two Panamanian islands he owns called Isla Bayoneta and Isla Canas.

The islands, in the Las Perlas Archipelago off Panama's Pacific coast, are uninhabited and untouched by development.

"It's a pristine, natural treasure," Ayala said at a recent meeting with the investor, Claus Mittermayer, at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach, Calif.

The two signed a development agreement last year and announced the project last month.

Ayala calls her project IQ Resorts but says she wants to create far more than just another chain of "eco-resorts." She

speaks of establishing an economic engine for local people, who would gain jobs and profit from their association with it.

She thinks her vision would provide a monetary incentive to preserve the tropical habitat of the region for high-end, low-impact tourism instead of filling it with homes and businesses as development pressure increases.

Mittermayer owns three islands in the archipelago. He and Ayala talk about a resort with interpretive exhibits on the science and culture of the area built into the grounds and architecture — all of it using minimal power and producing minimal waste with state-of-the-art technology.

Ayala, the wife of University of California-Irvine evolutionary biologist Francisco Ayala, thinks her resort would generate enough money from guests to fund scientific research projects on the archipelago and surrounding region.

The findings from the science projects, in turn, would enhance environmental and scientific tourism. Guests would not just take guided hikes or hear lectures, but absorb detailed science as deeply as they wished from presentations woven into their day.

They could even take part in the science, gathering some of



McClatchy

Hana Ayala of Irvine, Calif., and German investor Claus Mittermayer discuss resort plans March 14 in Newport Beach, Calif. Ayala wants to build a string of tropical resorts that will double as scientific research stations.

the data, and would get invitations to make financial investments in specific projects.

"A spa for the body will join a spa for the mind," Ayala says.

Scientists from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., already have agreed to perform research there.

A team led by Anthony Coates, a senior scientist emeritus at the Smithsonian, did a preliminary survey of Mittermayer's islands to help plan the resort and discovered bird subspecies not previously known to inhabit them.

"The islands used to be part of the mainland," Ayala says. "As islands, they are babies. Only 10,000 years ago they separated from the mainland. The ecosystems have many similarities."

The islands are near Panama's Darien National Park and are set amid rich marine habitat.

Ayala and Mittermayer said preliminary architectural drawings are being prepared.

"We will be taking the spirit of Southeast Asian architecture and blending it with the strong sense of place of the Las Perlas," she says.

Wikipedia handles 'Office' dilemma

By Anick Jesdanun
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the NBC series *The Office*, the boss Michael Scott turned to Wikipedia for tips on fending off an employee's request for a pay raise.

Viewers quickly flocked to the online encyclopedia and added their take to its entry on negotiations. Administrators at Wikipedia had to limit editing of the entry, most recently late Tuesday, placing it in "semi-protection" mode. That meant users couldn't make changes anonymously or from accounts fewer than four days old — to discourage those drawn to the site specifically because of the broadcast.

The site imposed similar restrictions on the entry twice before, only to see vandalism continue after they were lifted.

Wikipedia is a collaborative

reference site where anyone can add, change or even delete entries, regardless of expertise. The thinking is that the collective wisdom results in a better product overall, and members of the community can watch for any vandalism and reverse it.

In the case of the "negotiation" entry, viewers quickly added phony tips in response to clueless advice from Scott, played by Steve Carell, in last week's episode.

One edit simply replaced the entry with a statement praising the television program. That was followed by the insertion of Scott's tips for getting the upper hand, including "suddenly changing the location" and "refusing to talk first." Users made more than 100 changes before the latest restrictions.

Wikipedia does face vandalism from time to time as a result of high-profile mentions.

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TYC may turn away petty offenders

By Paul J. Weber
The Associated Press

DALLAS — One kid missed curfew, another skipped school. Those transgressions helped land both in Texas' scandal-ridden juvenile prisons.

They are among about 700 teenagers serving time in the troubled Texas Youth Commission for misdemeanor crimes, ranging from graffiti to marijuana possession to assault, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.

But as charges are filed and top officials resign amid allegations that TYC staff members sexually and physically abused inmates, some lawmakers and critics say reform efforts should

include ridding Texas' juvenile prisons of petty offenders.

On Wednesday, the Senate Criminal Justice Committee voted to bar courts from sending children to TYC for misdemeanors as part of an agency overhaul.

"It's supposed to be seen as the last resort for kind of the worst of the worst," said Austin defense attorney Kristin Etter, who handles juvenile cases. "Unfortunately, when you look at the numbers, it's clear it's not a last resort."

Four of five misdemeanor offenders in the state's juvenile prisons are black or Hispanic, a ratio some say indicates bias.

Last month, media across the country spotlighted the

case of Shaquanda Cotton, a black 15-year-old with no prior criminal record who served a year for shoving a hall monitor at her school.

The same judge, meanwhile, placed on probation a white girl who burned down her family's home. Advocates rallied around Cotton as a symbol of much of what is wrong with the state's juvenile justice system, a place they say was intended for serious criminals, not kids who steal from vending machines.

According to the data reviewed by The AP:

1. About 4,700 inmates, ages 10 to 21, are committed to Texas' 13 juvenile prisons. About 15 percent are there for misdemeanor offenses.

2. Blacks and Hispanics make up 85 percent of the misdemeanor offenders, but 76 percent of the overall juvenile prison population.

3. Assault and marijuana possession were the two misdemeanor offenses most often resulting in prison stays. Others included graffiti, disorderly conduct, prostitution, municipal curfew violation, burglary of a coin-operated machine, failure to attend school, dog fighting, public lewdness and possession or purchase of alcohol.

County-level authorities, who get the first crack at rehabilitating local trouble makers, argue such snapshots don't tell the entire story.

N. Korea nuke talks end in compromise

By Burt Herman
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said it would welcome back U.N. nuclear inspectors within a day of receiving frozen funds that have been an obstacle in negotiations seeking the North's disarmament, a U.S. presidential candidate said Wednesday.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, speaking in Seoul after a four-day visit to the communist nation, said the North had requested an additional 30 days beyond a Saturday deadline to shut down its main nuclear reactor under a February agreement with the U.S. and other regional powers.

However, he said the U.S. insisted that was too long for

the shutdown process that he believed would only take a "few days."

North Korea ejected inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency in late 2002 at the start of the latest nuclear standoff. Following years of international negotiations beset by boycotts and delays, it conducted its first nuclear weapons test in October.

The North later agreed to return to negotiations and in February pledged to shut down its main nuclear reactor by a Saturday deadline in exchange for a U.S. promise to resolve a standoff over \$25 million in North Korean funds frozen in a Macau bank. North Korea would also receive energy aid and political concessions for eventually dismantling its



Associated Press
New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson (left) shakes hands Wednesday with South Korean President Richardson at a meeting at the presidential house.

atomic programs.

If North Korea follows through with its promises, they would be the first moves the country has made to scale back its nuclear development since the start of the nuclear stand-off.

Authorities in Macau said Wednesday that North Korea can withdraw the frozen money, and Richardson said Pyongyang was expected to be notified of the decision later Wednesday or today that the regime can access its funds.

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on things other than human resources," he said.

Moreover, Gilbreath said higher tuition and increased enrollment have boosted Baylor financially.

Jaffus Hardrick, assistant vice president for human resources, said the decision to raise faculty salaries is determined in conjunction with the office of the provost, deans and departmental chairs.

Hardrick said human resources conducts surveys and

research and makes recommendations for raises that take into account current market values.

"When you are determining what payment adjustments to make, there is a lot to consider," he said.

According to the report, inequality is also growing between the salaries of university presidents and their faculty and staff.

The figures from 1995 to 2007 show more than a 35 percent increase for the "inflation-adjusted salaries of chief executives in higher education," while

the same data set for full-time faculty members only shows a 5 percent growth.

But higher education isn't the only sector facing inequitable distribution of income. According to the report, corporations have led the way with chief executive officers raking in 262 times the pay of an average worker in 2005. This relationship 50 years ago had CEOs earning only 24 times as much.

Senior economics lecturer Tom Odegaard said the analogy between corporate America and higher education makes sense

considering the overall economic principles.

"People with more responsibilities are going to make more money than other employees," he said. "The decisions they make mean more."

Odegaard also noted the issue of salary distribution is "very large" and "difficult to summarize."

"There are a lot of factors that go into why one person is paid substantially more than another," he said. "In this case, one factor is simply that the pool for faculty is larger than the pool

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schools.

"We want to avoid that," he said. "Basically, you can't have a ticket. It's to make sure people are voted on their own merits and abilities and not because of associations. This way you don't end up with someone who is not

qualified riding the coattails of someone else."

Fonville emphasized that this is a minor setback.

"I want to say to my supporters that this incident in no way reflects my character and asks that they continue to support me through the appeal process," he said.

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the Textbook Act would do little to increase their options.

"It'll help only in extreme cases," said Max Zeiberg, a junior at Columbia University. "If I want to take a class, it's worth it (to buy the books) unless the price is just absurd."

Zeiberg said that knowing the revision history will help with problem-based textbooks where there is only minor renumbering between editions. But Janet Yen, a junior, said that revision information won't make much of a difference in humanities classes where students can "usually just ask the professor" about changes between editions.

The bill may also affect textbook retailers who will now be able to find out what books students will want to purchase.

"We'll have better access to professors' course orders, because some refuse to give it to us," Jeff Hedrick, a manager at Labyrinth Books, said. He said the major change will be for smaller stores that have to carefully select their inventory.

"It would be different," he said.

"Because anyone could order the book and sell it."

But for Thommen Ollapally, a junior at Columbia, the Textbook Act is at least a first step in the right direction.

"It's good that something is being done about this," he said.

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convince their representatives in the House and Senate to add their co-authorship to the appropriate bill.

Co-authoring bills is one way for representatives to show "stronger support," Liu said. Because the Texas Senate comes into session once every two years, bills need strong support to come to a vote.

Since both the state House and Senate are now in session, meetings with legislators were brief — students had about a minute to get the point across. Students also met with various chiefs of staff and legislative assistants for lengthier conversations.

One obstacle the bills will have to overcome to take effect

by July 1 will be a \$71 million, two-year "negative impact," as stated by the Legislative Budget Board's fiscal note on House Bill 1434.

"The research that we did showed that (\$71 million) took into account all books sold, not just textbooks," Yeakley said.

That figure likely will be debated on the House and Senate floors, she said.

"Students are suffering because of exponential increases in tuition and textbook costs.

Students need relief, and the money would not hurt Texas," Formas added.

Liu agreed.

"This is just something that should be a nonpartisan issue. It's something that benefits everybody. There should be no question about it," she said.

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