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Panel discusses staff wage raise

Faculty member calls adequate living wage 'inadequate' for many

By Claire St. Amant
Staff writer

Students for Social Justice held a panel discussion Tuesday night in Draper Academic Building to discuss adequate wages for campus workers.

The panel consisted of six faculty members and was moderated by Dr. Jon Singletary, assistant professor of social work.

Austin junior Jenny Parker, co-chairwoman of the adequate wage task force, has been working with the justice group since fall 2004.

"We have continually pressured the administration to raise wages," she said.

The task force was founded in 2005 under then-Interim President William D. Underwood and has been continued by President John Lilley. Parker, an economics major, said the task force developed a "stepping-stone process" to raise wages to \$10.40 per hour by 2010.

"Now it's up to the administration to decide," she said.

Waco senior Anali Gatlin, a member of the justice group, said the discussion was timely because the decision on whether to increase wages at Baylor will be made this summer by Lilley and the Baylor Board of Regents.

Thomas Odegaard, senior lecturer in economics, shared his views about the correlation of markets, prices and the value of what's produced.

"What one's due is tied to what one does," he said. "How

many people can do the same job is a valid question for economics," he added. Odegaard said his view on the impact of implementing a living or adequate wage is "agnostic."

"I don't know what the results will be," he said. "Forecasts are all over the map."

Dr. Thomas Offit, anthropology professor, shared statistics about the gap between the rich and poor in the United States.

"Income is distributed exactly as unequally in the U.S. as it

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Dr. Thomas Offit (left) listens as Dr. Tony Talbert discusses adequate wages Tuesday in 116 Draper Academic Building.

Virginia Tech mourns one day later

Schools close after threats

Measures taken after suspicious activities in several states

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Campus threats forced lock-downs and evacuations at universities and grade schools in seven states Tuesday, a day after a Virginia Tech student's shooting rampage killed 33 people.

One threat in Louisiana directly mentioned the massacre in Virginia, while others were reports of suspicious activity in Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Dakota, South Dakota and Michigan.

In Louisiana, parents picked up hundreds of students from Bogalusa's high school and middle school amid reports that a man had been arrested Tuesday morning for threatening a mass killing in a note that alluded to the murders at Virginia Tech.

Schools Superintendent Jerry Payne said both schools were locked down and police arrested a 53-year-old man who allegedly made the threat in a note he gave to a student headed to the private Bowling Green School in Franklinton.

Both towns are in southeastern Louisiana.

"The note referred to what happened at Virginia Tech," Payne said. "It said something like, 'If you think that was bad,

Associated Press

Students embrace during a memorial service Tuesday at Worsham Stadium on the campus of Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va. The school held a service for those slain by a gunman

Monday. Thousands of students and other mourners gathered at the football stadium and the basketball arena.

Killer identified as troubled English student

President Bush and first lady Laura Bush leave flowers at a memorial Tuesday on the campus of Virginia Tech University. The president addressed the student body at a memorial at Cassell Coliseum at the school.



Associated Press

Man who left 32 dead was 'loner' who wrote violent plays for class

By Matt Apuzzo
The Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — The gunman in the Virginia Tech massacre was a sullen loner who alarmed professors and classmates with his twisted, violence-drenched creative writing and left a rambling note in his dorm room raging against women and rich kids.

A chilling picture emerged Tuesday of Cho Seung-Hui, a 23-year-old senior majoring in English, a day after the bloodbath that left 33 people dead, including Cho, who killed himself as police closed in.

News reports said he may have been taking medication for

depression and that he was becoming increasingly violent and erratic.

Despite the many warning signs that came to light in the bloody aftermath, police and university officials offered no clues as to exactly what set Cho off on the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

"He was a loner, and we're having difficulty finding information about him," school spokesman Larry Hincker said. A student who attended Virginia Tech last fall provided obscenity- and violence-laced screenplays that he said Cho wrote as part of a playwriting class they both took.

One was about a fight between a stepson and his stepfather and involved the throwing of hammers and attacks with a chainsaw.

Another was about students fantasizing about stalking and killing a teacher who sexually molested them.

"When we read Cho's plays, it was like something out of a nightmare. The plays had really twisted, macabre violence that used weapons I wouldn't have even thought of," former classmate Ian McFarlane, now an AOL employee, wrote in a blog posted on an AOL Web site. He said he and other students "were talking to each other with serious worry about whether he could be a school shooter."

"We always joked we were just waiting for him to do something, waiting to hear about something he did," said another classmate, Stephanie Derry. "But when I got the call it was Cho who had done this, I started

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Senior doesn't let success go to head

By Sapna Prasad
Reporter

A preacher who doesn't preach. A believer in confident humility.

Samreen Hooda's life is full of paradoxes, but she has never felt so complete.

At 22, the Fort Worth senior was chosen for the International Waezeen Training Program in London. Hooda is only the second person to enter the program, akin to a graduate program, before completing an undergraduate degree.

The average age of a Waezeen trainee is between 35 and 40.

Hooda spent three and a half weeks at the Institute of Ismaili Studies in London last

summer. She said she learned about the role of the imam and closely examined the teachings of the Quran. She also was trained to give speeches and presentations on the history of Islam.

"It's a passion for me," Hooda said. "It's teaching me to become a good articulator because the Ismaili denomination of Islam has been misarticulated in the past."

Hooda said Ismaili-ism is a liberal, Shia denomination of Islam. She said there are no strict guidelines for when or how to pray, and the focus is on spiritual living.

Hooda said Ismaili-ism is "taking what we believe and living it spiritually."



Fort Worth senior Samreen Hooda (right) was chosen for the International Waezeen Training Program in London. The program's goal is to create a global perspective on Islam by inviting people from all over the world to participate.

Courtesy photo

The Waezeen program selects 10 to 15 people from hundreds of countries, creating a unique global perspective on Islam. Hooda said the international interaction allows the

trainees to connect with diverse audiences.

She said the program is also beginning to see the importance

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Baylor dumps program that shares loan money

By Melissa Limmer
Staff Writer

Amid ongoing controversy regarding student loan companies, Baylor has decided to no longer take part in the revenue-sharing program of the student loan group Education Finance Partners.

Baylor officials released a statement Friday regarding the decision and the university's relationship with the loan group.

The company is a revenue-sharing student loan organization that returns some of its profits to the universities it is contracted with.

According to a Baylor press release, since the university became affiliated with Education Finance Partners in March 2006,

the university has received a total of \$4,207.48 in shared revenue. Baylor's policy was to put this money exclusively toward need-based scholarship aid.

According to Jackie Diaz, assistant vice president for financial services, 262 students had received loans from the group. The \$4,207.48 in revenue Baylor received will be distributed evenly between the 262 students who took out the loans, and \$16.06 will be placed in each student's account.

Diaz said despite the fact that Baylor will no longer participate in the revenue-sharing program, it will remain on Baylor's preferred lender list.

Education Finance Partners'

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Plummer, Hay, Fonville make strong government trio

Election season is under way for student government. Students can vote for their favorite candidates starting today at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday at bin.baylor.edu. Each year, the *Lariat* editorial board is given a special opportunity to sit down with the candidates for the top three student government positions.

After comparing their goals, experience, personality and vision, we select those we believe will do the best job. These endorsements are solely the opinions of the majority of the editorial board and should serve only as a guide to understanding the student body's options when choosing leaders for next year.

Audio files of the interviews can be found on our Web site at www.baylor.edu/Lariat.

Here's our recommendations:

Student body president

Being the leader of student government is no easy task. And each year, students choose someone among them who not only provides leadership to student government but also serves as the spokesperson for the entire Baylor student body.



Travis Plummer

Even if San Antonio junior Travis Plummer were running against someone, we wouldn't endorse anyone but him.

For the past year Plummer served as the internal vice president and was always willing to work openly and truthfully with students and the *Lariat*.

Plummer values the voice of the students he serves; he's worked all year to create a student regent position. This assures us that he will continue fighting for the students' voice in all areas of Baylor. His ideas are also well constructed and achievable.

For the next year, two of Plummer's goals include the establishment of a Web site where students could review the spending of student fees and make it possible for students to buy more space for their electronic mailboxes.

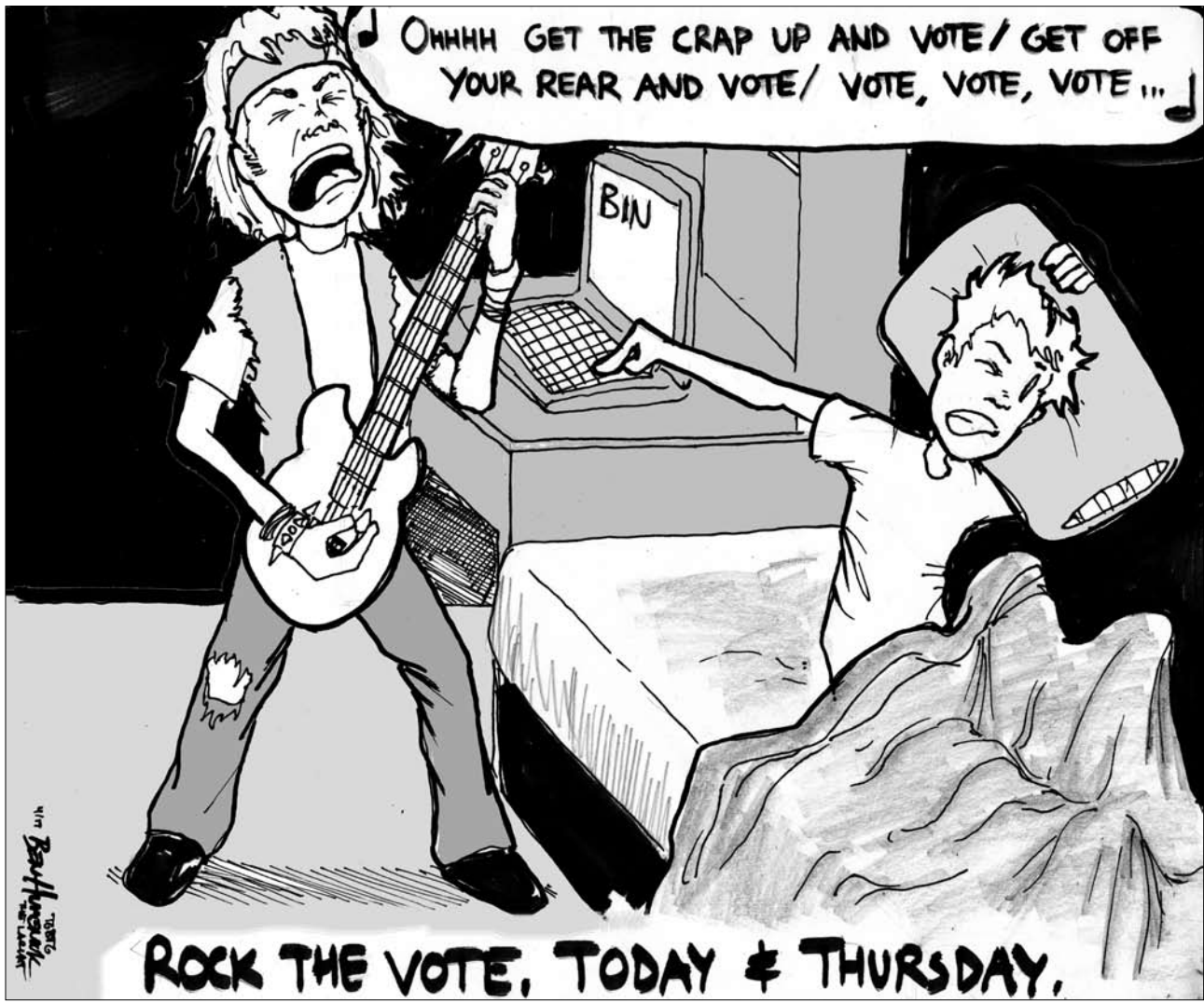
Plummer is articulate when speaking, but doesn't come across as being pretentious. He has the ability to get his thoughts and opinions across to his audience clearly and concisely, and he tops all that off with great ideas and the ability to follow through with them.

External vice president

Serving alongside the student body president is the external vice president. His job focuses on building relationships between Baylor and the outside community.

This includes the Waco community, other schools in the Big 12 and the Alumni Association.

When Cuney senior Allan Marshall took the office of external vice presi-



dent in the fall, he performed his duties like few members of student government ever have before. He was known for his innovative ideas as well as his transparency.

In Garland sophomore Bryan Fonville, we think we've found someone who has the experience and foresight to continue Marshall's vision and further his agenda.

While working closely with Marshall, Fonville developed relationships with area leaders, including Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy. Fonville's leadership skills were evident through the leadership summit and implementation of the alumni mentor program that paired students with local professionals.



Bryan Fonville

To help students become more active in the Baylor and Waco communities, Fonville suggested a community service fair that would inform students of the opportunities available to them, which was an idea we thought was original and interesting.

As an upperclassman living in Allen Residence Hall, Fonville has a finger on the pulse of students, and his organi-

zational skills and motivation are attributes that would make him a strong external vice president.

Whitehouse junior Kevin Giddens would make a fine external vice president, too, but in the end, we believe Fonville's experience as Marshall's chief of staff is too overwhelming.

Giddens has fresh, innovative ideas to get students more involved in both on and off-campus events; these ideas included partnering campus organizations to work closely and combining efforts to give events more impact and involvement.

It's obvious he understands the problems facing our university, such as a lack of diversity at school events, and would still make a fine representative in student government.

Like Giddens, Lincoln, Neb., sophomore Britney Wekesser has interesting ideas, but we believe she just isn't quite experienced enough to hold a position as important as external vice president.

Her idea to present students with all the different student activities, especially at Welcome Week, is a great approach to increasing student involvement.

Her participation in March to College Day is encouraging, and she seemed very intent on making student government more accessible and transparent to the student body.

We believe the immense accom-

plishments that Marshall has made can best be preserved and strengthened through Fonville. Wekesser may be a great candidate for EVP in the future, just not this year.

Internal vice president

Completing the trio of leaders in student government is the internal vice president.

Not only does he preside over Student Senate meetings, but he also coordinates the workings of the legislative branch and internal affairs.

Travis Plummer held this post with fairness and efficiency, creating the standard by which we judged this year's candidates.

Sikeston, Mo., junior Jeff Hay had a lot of hurdles to jump during his campaign. He was ruled ineligible at one point and has had to mount much of his campaign from Austin, where he is working as an intern at the state capitol.

But his experience in both the state and student government, as well as his solid relationships with the administration make him the best candidate for internal vice president. He appears



Jeff Hay

MTV's 'Sweet 16' offers nothing but mindless entertainment

Wherever the terrorists are hiding and plotting, let's all hope, for the sake of America, that they don't have cable or MTV. If they ever happen to catch an episode of *My Super Sweet 16*, our country might be in more trouble than we realize.

You see, *My Super Sweet 16* represents everything terrorists hate about America. To another extent, it also represents everything I'm afraid my generation is turning into.

Why the cause for concern? It's the selfish attitudes and the glorification of obscene wealth. It's the kids with the sense of entitlement who control their parents. It's the princes and goddesses, the rock stars

and divas.

And these are the ones who will run our country some day? I fear the day banks close for National Pink and Sparkly Day.

For those who have been lucky enough to avoid the show, MTV describes the characters as kids who "expect and will only accept the absolute best. Now, it's up to them to make sure jealous siblings, stressed-out parents and school rivals don't get in the way."

Status is all that matters to the kids on that show. They wear their biases and dislike for classmates and so-called friends on their sleeve. They revel in the disappointment of those who won't get into their party.



BY NATHAN MCCOY

They don't brag that their dad can beat up your dad; they brag that their dad can, like, totally buy them another car right now if he wanted to. The characters on the show would argue that if you've got it, flaunt it.

If your parents can afford to throw you an extravagant party with a six-figure bill, than you might as well go all out.

I agree that families should

provide for their children. But I also remember a man named Jesus saying that it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

In other words, if wealth is a person's only concern in life, that person should re-evaluate their mindset.

The A.V. Club, the entertainment section of the satirical magazine *The Onion*, once called *My Super Sweet 16* "The Most Offensive Show On Television." The label certainly was not given because of lack of competition from other shows. Trash television has taken over the airwaves as an excuse for entertainment.

Ever since a certain hotel

fortune heiress made a name for herself by doing absolutely nothing, people have been infatuated with the rich and ridiculous rather than the talented and typical.

Suddenly, entertainment is watching a washed-up, clock-wearing rapper pick his girlfriend from a bevy of hopefuls looking for their 15 seconds in the spotlight.

Unfortunately, I can be counted among the victims of trash television.

I, too, have watched an episode of *My Super Sweet 16*. The entire way through, I kept telling myself to change the channel. I kept complaining about annoying, spoiled kids. I kept

feeling like I needed to vomit; but like a car crash, I couldn't keep from craning my neck to watch what was wrong.

So if it's so disgusting and absurd, why do we watch trash television?

It's a lot like eating cotton candy. It looks like you're getting a lot of substance. It tastes good and satisfies your sweet tooth. And hey, look at the pretty colors!

But in the end, it just dissolves and you're left hungry for something that will actually fill you up.

Here's a suggestion: Go outside. Live your own life.

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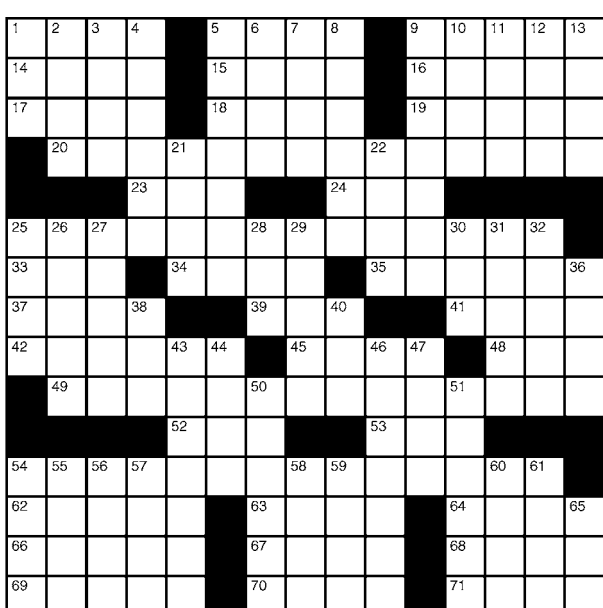
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Portland, OR

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Committee meets to discuss BU’s accreditation status

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

Baylor’s on-campus visit from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools began Tuesday. The visit, along with several reports submitted to SACS, will eventually determine Baylor’s accreditation status, but Baylor officials say they expect a smooth visit. After visiting Baylor’s executive MBA program in Austin on Monday morning, a group of seven SACS representatives arrived Monday evening in Waco and began on-campus meetings Tuesday. Their visit will end at 11 a.m. Thursday. Assistant Provost Tiffany Hogue said the visit will differ from past visits of Southern

Association of Colleges and Schools representatives. Ten and 20 years ago, the visit comprised the bulk of the process, and SACS representatives made decisions largely based on their on-campus visit. In contrast, this year SACS representatives already had most of the information before they arrived on campus – in the form of a 411-page report, not including documentation, which was sent to them online in September. Baylor’s Quality Enhancement Plan, one of SACS’ requirements, was sent to the representatives March 2 along with responses to other specific queries. “What they’ve done with the change in the rules is to make a one-step process with a huge visit into a two-step process,”

Hogue said. She said she doesn’t know what sort of questions the SACS representatives will ask during their visit but said Baylor was “very transparent” in its Quality Enhancement Plan. The group will “give us some ideas about things to do and things to avoid,” said Dr. Patricia Tolbert, director of assessment and compliance. The on-campus visit will focus on Baylor’s Enhancement Plan, not on accreditation as a whole, Tolbert said, calling it a “helpful” process. As the SACS representatives meet with students, faculty, regents and administrators, they’ll be able to give a different perspective to Baylor’s plan, she said. The plan originally included

three proposals for new programming: an undergraduate research plan, engaged learning groups and University 1100. The undergraduate research portion of the plan includes the Small Grant Program, which will “provide research-related funding for undergraduates and their research mentors,” according to the plan’s documentation. It also includes a revamped version of Scholar’s Day with a greater focus on undergraduate research. The day traditionally has showcased Baylor lecturers and researchers. A Web site and awards for undergraduates are also part of the plan. The engaged learning group section of the plan, which will

make its debut in the fall, will admit 180 incoming students into three learning groups: Film and global cultures, Hispanic families in transition and energy and society. Each of these interdisciplinary groups will last for at least three semesters and will count toward a degree requirement. An optional fourth-semester “capstone” program also will be available. University 1100, the plan proposal originally slated to replace Chapel Fridays, was dropped after concerns were brought up on behalf of the university curriculum committee. An online update from Dr. Larry Lyon, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, said he’s hopeful that “at some time in the future administrative de-

tails can be worked out across campus to the satisfaction of all the faculty, administrators and students who would be affected by this new class.” Completion of University 1100, unlike either of the other two initiatives, would have become a universitywide requirement had it remained a part of the Enhancement Plan. Hogue and Tolbert each said they didn’t feel they could comment on any possible effect the change could have on Baylor’s accreditation process, but they said there’s no reason to think SACS’ on-campus visit will be anything but positive. “This accreditation process is a valuable one because it offers us the opportunity to improve,” Tolbert said. “We’re hoping for smooth sailing.”

Model Arab League earns top award at competition

By Star De La Cruz
Reporter

Baylor’s Model Arab League received the Overall Outstanding Delegation award at the Model Arab League competition, which was held from Thursday to Saturday at Texas Wesleyan University. “In the five years I have been associated with Baylor’s Model Arab League program, this is clearly the strongest team we have had at competition,” said Dr. Mark Long, director for Middle East Studies and associate professor in the Honors College. “The team won four individual and group awards, to include the highest award for the overall best delegation.” Baylor had not won the Overall Outstanding Delegation since 2002. This award is given to only one school that does the best overall in every aspect of the competition. Katy sophomore Eric Headstream and Fort Worth freshman Meagan Raley were awarded outstanding delegates for political affairs committee. Flower Mound junior Joji Su-

zuki won the outstanding delegate award for environmental affairs committee. Euless senior Shan Ali Molidena and Sugar Land senior Samssa Ali won the honorable mention delegates award for the social affairs committee. Long said the team did extraordinarily well, which was an indication of how diligently the members worked throughout the semester to prepare. “They could not have given better representation for Baylor University,” Long said. Samer Baransi, a Plano junior and head delegate for Iraq, said the competition is comparable to Model UN. “We split up into five different committees and are given conflicts, which we are to write resolutions for,” he said. Prior to the competition, members of the Model Arab League had to research the countries they would be representing and study the county’s position on every political aspect. Baransi said it consisted of a lot of intense research and memorization. He also said they had to

come up with a resolution just as the Arab League would in given situations. One of the situations given to the delegates was, how to establish a protocol in the withdrawal of U.S. troops from a Iraq. “Part of our competition is graded on how much knowledge we have acquired about the country we represent, as well as team work, writing and speaking skills,” Baransi said. Humble senior Taleen Khalaf, president of Model Arab League, said the league won more awards than in previous years. “This was the first time we won outstanding delegation in a long time,” Khalaf said. Khalaf said along with the hard studying, the league did so well because they were “blessed to have people who think well on their feet and are poised at speaking.” “We had a lot of mock simulations in committees,” Khalaf said. “We had weekly assignments that ranged from topic researches, brainstorming and writing resolutions and we were exposed to different exercises that helped us prepare.”



Courtesy photo
Baylor’s Model Arab League displays awards received last weekend at the Model Arab League competition at Texas Wesleyan University.

Baransi said this competition gave him experience to develop conflict resolutions. “More importantly I was able to see how countries in the Middle East combat these issues every day and I could distinguish the comparisons between how Americans view the Middle East and what in reality is going on,” he said.

Ali said the best part of the competition was the anticipation of seeing the other participants’ preparation. “I learned a lot through the debates because after research alone there is only so much knowledge one can attain, but after debating, you use that knowledge and learn a lot more,” Suzuki said.

BEAR BRIEFS

Run for a cause
Pi Beta Phi sorority will hold Run to Reveal at 8 a.m. Saturday on the Bear Trail to support the nonprofit organization Invisible Children. All proceeds will go to the organization. Registration will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the circle by Hankamer School of Business and costs \$10. For additional information, contact Dana_Hamann@baylor.edu.

BeneFIT Bash at the SLC
Bearobics BeneFIT Bash will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the McLane Student Life Center. Registration will be from 9 to 10 a.m. The Bash will include trophies, prizes and aerobics classes. A \$5 donation is requested, and all proceeds will go to the American Heart Association. For additional information, contact Ember_Strand@baylor.edu or call 710-7529.

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Seminar recalls Holocaust’s impact

Professors, students discuss Christianity, politics of hate
By Kirsten Horne
Reporter

What would it be like if there were no more Jews? This will be one of the discussion topics today at the Holocaust Remembrance seminar held by the Baylor Center for Jewish Studies. The seminar will be from noon to 1 p.m. in 107 George W. Truett Theological Seminary. During the seminar, clips will be shown from **Final Solution**, a film about the politics of hate. After the movie, Dr. Marc Ellis, director of the Center for Jewish Studies; Dr. Hulitt Gloer, professor of preaching and Christian scripture at George W. Truett Theological Seminary; and Dr. Lai Ling Ngan, associate professor of Christian scripture at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, will participate in a

discussion with students about various topics related to the content of the movie. “The movie shows the meeting with German officers that laid out the plan for the ‘final solution,’” Gloer said. He said 12 men hatched the “final solution” plan that ultimately resulted in the deaths of 6 million Jews. “I plan on relating to the idea that this was just a business-like act for the Germans,” Gloer said. “There was no emotion shown, no sense of something tragic.” Ellis said he plans to speak about a world without Jews. “That was the ultimate plan of the Nazis: to eliminate the Jews,” he said. “I just want them to think, what would every day be like?” Ellis said these questions are not just for Jews, but for Christians as well. “What would it mean to be a Christian if there were no Jews?” he said. “What does that mean for Baylor?” He said he plans on discussing the topic from more than just one viewpoint.

“When I ask about Jews, it really means more than that,” he said. “I want them to think about what it would be like if there were no African-Americans or Muslims. I want the students to think, ‘Are we better off in a world where there is no one different than we are?’” Ellis explained why the history of the Holocaust is important for all students, including Christians, to know. “Both Christians and Nazis share disturbing similarities in their understanding of Jews,” he said. “The difference is that Christians felt the Jews had killed Christ and had rejected the new covenant.” He said that because of this, Christians believed that the Jews were condemned to wander and suffer until they saw the light. Ngan said she thinks it is important that Christians are made aware of the events that took place during the Holocaust. “If we don’t, it will happen again,” she said. The seminar is open to everyone and pizza will be provided.

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I have become an experienced leader as the current sophomore class president and social chairman of my sorority. Additionally, I have been a Welcome Week leader and a chairperson in the Freshman Leadership Organization. I have served the Baylor student body and the Waco community through my participation in King's Club, Humane Society, student government and Steppin' Out. All of these activities have made me aware of our need to reach out and give back to those around us. I am an extrovert by nature who has a passion for interacting with people and hearing what is on their hearts and minds.

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[STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2007]

Candidates are vying for class officer and Student Senate positions. How well do you know these students? Check out their platforms below.



Lloyd Franklin • Grand Prairie junior • Accounting major
Desired position: Senior class president

If elected, I would focus on the senior class gift for the class of 2008. I would like to see the restoration of a fountain on Fountain Mall. This gift would enhance the beauty of the Baylor campus and leave a proud legacy for the class of 2008.

My previous experiences make me a good candidate for senior class president. I have been an active member of student government the last two years.

My sophomore year, I served as a student senator and was on the operations and procedures committee. This year I have served as external relations representative on the cabinet of the external vice president, served as the director of Learning English Among Friends, co-founded the Alumni Mentorship Program and co-founded COALition.

David Hao • Albuquerque, N.M., senior • Economics major
Desired position: Senior class president



My passion is creating more unity and cohesion at Baylor. I plan to help create an incentive-based structure to further encourage both student organization collaboration and increase communication between students and their representatives in student government. My participation in the financial affairs committee of Student Foundation has given me hands-on

experience asking for donations and has helped me develop effective practical strategies for raising support.

Most importantly, I love Baylor and want to be a resource to all students. One resource I have to offer is my extensive network. If I do not have the answer, I will find you the person who does.



Caleb Gallifant • Phoenix sophomore • Finance major
Desired position: Junior class vice president

I'm most passionate about faculty and student mentorships because I believe it is invaluable to pour into a new student's life. Having faculty members and upperclassmen mentor younger students not only allows new students to work through inevitable college struggles with an experienced individual, but also forms deep, intentional friendships with them.

I like to be committed to the work I am involved in. It doesn't make any sense to do anything half-hearted. I am personable and enjoy challenges. I am enthusiastic about new ventures and initiatives as well as getting done what needs to get done. I like to dream big but also lay out an action plan for practical measures.

Chelsea Saylor • Garland sophomore • University Scholars major
Desired position: Junior class vice president



My heart for Baylor lies in two issues: building student organizations and strengthening the Baylor name. Thriving student organizations help bring the student body together during their time on campus, and a strong Baylor name is a legacy to carry into graduate school and the job market.

While serving as the sophomore class secretary/treasurer this semester, I found my place in student government. I have a passion for the student body, a heart for Baylor and an understanding of the ways to bring about change.



Jordan Hannah • Cleburne freshman • Political science major
Desired position: Sophomore class president

Whatever my class decides, they want something changed in next year. We don't know what will need to be addressed the quickest yet, but when that is known I will do my best to advocate on behalf of my class. I feel like a better relationship is needed between the legislative and executive branches. We were not on the same page most of the year and I

would like to change that by working with the sophomore Senate on issues on campus.

I am very passionate about serving students and Baylor. I have a year of student government experience in the Student Senate so I believe I have the knowledge to serve my class to the best of my ability.

Jenevieve Discar • San Diego, Calif., freshman • International studies major
Desired position: Sophomore class vice president

I would like to promote increased communication between student government and students. If a student has a concern or suggestion, he/she should feel comfortable approaching me with it.

I feel I have the ability to communicate effectively with students and members of the administration and faculty. I am currently participating in organizations which have introduced me to diverse

groups of people. From Pi Beta Phi, Model United Nations and participation at Highland Baptist Church, I have been exposed to many people with diverse opinions. For this reason, when making a decision or suggestion, I would truly be representing Baylor as a whole rather than as a single person or group's opinion.

Tracey Broussard • Bridge City freshman • Marketing, public relations major
Desired position: Sophomore class secretary/treasurer

I really feel that it is very important to get students involved in campus life at Baylor through organizations, service events and sports. By promoting these events to all classifications of students and not just freshmen, I think that the Baylor community would feel more connected.

In high school, I was the secretary for student council and the president of En Croix, a group for Christian dancers. These positions

taught me how to be a good example for others and ultimately, a stronger leader. One quote that has always strengthened me is: "Leadership is understanding people and involving them to help you do a job. That takes all of the good characteristics, like integrity, dedication of purpose, selflessness, knowledge, skill, implacability, as well as determination not to accept failure." ~ Admiral Arleigh A. Burke

Nekpen Osuan • Houston junior • University Scholars major
Desired position: Senior class vice president

I am most passionate about improving student relations with Baylor faculty, staff and administrators because a healthy sense of inclusion and cooperation are vital to the progress and continued success of our beloved university.

I have been a member of student government for three years this fall and have thoroughly enjoyed serving with students, faculty and

administrators in building a better Baylor. I look forward to hearing and sharing ideas with the class of 2008 as to how our class can reach and even exceed its goals in fundraising for the senior class gift, preparing for graduation and sustaining ties to the university afterward.

Erica Mooney • Baytown sophomore • Political science major
Desired position: Junior class president

The past two months, we have gathered the leaders of student organizations to spend an hour together praying for our campus and organizations. I think that it is very important that the students are leading their organizations with character and are striving to glorify God. I want student government to aid in bringing those leaders to that common goal.

I am passionate about students' issues being heard and brought to the attention of the faculty and staff. Through the past two years in student government, we have worked on many projects, and I would like to see them through to completion, enabling the best to be accomplished for Baylor.



Mooney

Megan Forbes • Edmond, Okla., junior • Forensic science major
Desired position: Junior class secretary/treasurer



I believe the students should have input in the decisions that run this campus. By getting involved and working together we can improve many different aspects that could contribute to a improved community.

I am a responsible and passionate student. I always give 100 percent to what I am involved in. I am involved in many different campus programs and groups. I would love to represent the junior class.

Felicia Sasser • Bethalto, Ill., sophomore • International studies, religion major
Desired position: Junior class secretary/treasurer

Student involvement and equality among the different social/service groups are key issues that need to be addressed. The image of Baylor is often mistaken and many students compete against each other when it is unity we should be seeking.

If we want to make a difference in this university, state and an even more ambitious difference in our world, then we need to realize we are all standing and

striving for the same goals.

Desiring and passionately seeking out a united class of 2009, an involved student body and pride for Baylor's authentic foundation is the ambition this university needs and is the prominent asset I offer — passionately doing so, being the key. As poet D.H. Lawrence said, "When genuine passion moves you, say what you've got to say, and say it hot!"



Sasser

Cory Dickman • Portland freshman • Business major
Desired position: Sophomore class president



I think we should not be so quick to judge others just because of their Greek affiliation, race or dorm they live in, but instead we as students at Baylor should strive for unity. I think students should leave Baylor having a better personal understanding of all types of people. I think it is good from time to time for students to step out of their comfort zones.

My senior year of high school, I was the all-school student body president. I learned how to work with others and solve challenging problems that would arise. This semester, I'm involved in LEAD LCC, which taught me to strengthen my leadership skills, become a better team player and understand the different issues that students at Baylor face.

Ben Sojka • Overland Park, Kan., freshman • Speech communication major
Desired position: Sophomore class vice president

The student issue I am most passionate about is campus safety. I would like to get security cameras installed around campus, especially in and around parking areas. Security cameras would be a reasonable preventative measure to vehicle break-ins. Also, mirrors in the parking garage would be beneficial daily when rounding corners of the parking garage.

Wrecks happen often.

I believe I am an excellent candidate for sophomore class vice president because of my leadership and communication abilities. I want the class of 2010 to remember their time at Baylor as some of the best years of their lives. I will do whatever I can to serve the class and make next year as enjoyable as possible.



Sojka

Save me a spot...
in the Senate

Candidates for Student Senate arranged by classification:

Sophomores

Suzy Azzam
Colt "Tex" Currie
Liz Foreman
Jessie Graf
Vincent R. Harris
Christine Hersh
Jessica Kim
John Kitch
Jason Lawrence
Jessica Liu
Holly Maddox
Daisy Marchena
Morgan Mooers
Luisa Muskus
Chelle Nipper
Chris Paxton
Rebecca Scott
Jose Mauricio Valles
Kathy Wilson
Nicole Yeakley

Juniors

Adam Arrington
Alberto Barraza
Andy Beall
Amanda Beattie
Alex Dubois
Stephanie Formas
Zach Krohn
Chase McVicker
Whitney Petty
Jordan Powell
Abbie Rosen
Parker Short
Kathleen Simpson
Tommy Takyi-Micah
Zack Taylor
Sarah Thompson

Seniors

Erin Bolivar
Brad Doherty
Mallory Driggers
Justin Farr
Rosie Gregg
Jared Grigg
Paul Hamilton
Thomas Herndon
Seth Koster
Alia Mohammed
Jeremy Paxton
Matt Russell
Cori Simpson
Jacqueline Simpson
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Matt Tadlock
Kira Taniguchi
Ryan Tatum
Star Tiko-Okoye
Jennifer Trammell

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and student friendly," he said.

One problem Giddens identified was lack of communication between groups on campus and between students and the Waco community. He said he believes action, not dialogue, is the best way of overcoming this problem as well as increasing diversity.

"This semester, I've seen a lot of similar events at the same time. If people worked together it could be so much more effective," he said.

"I think we can make a bigger impact in the community and on campus. In doing that, instead of just dialoguing about diversity, this would actually get groups to work together. They would see that they had common interests and goals. That's going to knock down walls, not sitting in Baylor tea rooms having bad cookies and orange punch."

Giddens said he believes his experience in numerous organizations, including membership in Kappa Sigma and serving as a senator in Student Senate, qualify him for the position as external vice president.

"I have a great knowledge of what needs to be done, and I know how to get people excited

about events," he said.

Giddens' current project is an event called Kickin' it with Kappa Sig, a kickball tournament at the end of April the fraternity is putting on to raise money for a new playground for Doris Miller Elementary School.

Giddens said he came up with the idea for the event and organized everything, including co-authoring a bill asking for funds from the Student Life Fund, which was passed Thursday.

Britney Wekesser

"I'm not a superstar or someone who wants to change the world, but I really feel that I can make a difference here on campus and my passion is Baylor students," Wekesser said.

Wekesser said she wanted to make sure students recognized her and felt comfortable approaching her on campus, so she and her campaign manager decided to put her photo on all of her campaign signs.

"I want to make sure they aren't afraid to come up to me and ask questions," she said.

Wekesser said her involvement in on-campus activities (she is currently president of the sophomore class) and her people skills make her a good candidate for the position.

She outlined three parts to her platform: promoting March to College Day, attendance at statewide university conferences and raising scholarship awareness.

She said March to College Day, which is hosted by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, is an event that will help to draw the community to Baylor's campus and promote Baylor.

Another issue Wekesser is passionate about is scholarship endowments and awareness.

She said she believes the creation of an online service that lists all scholarships available to students would help alleviate this problem.

"I would like to set up one Web site where (students) could go and check out all scholarships offered," she said. "It would be a collaboration of every organization's scholarships that they offer throughout the year."

Wekesser also said she wants to hold a statewide university conference at Baylor for students from all over the state to meet with one another.

"It's just a place where student can start a network of like-minded students, and students can build off each other's ideas for their own campuses," she said.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

The Baylor softball team huddles with senior pitcher Lisa Ferguson during the Lady Bears' 4-3 win over Oklahoma State University on Saturday. Baylor begins a two-game series with the No. 2 University of Oklahoma at 5 p.m. today in Norman, Okla.

BU ready for clash of Big 12 titans

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

Progressing deeper and deeper into its conference schedule, the No. 9 Baylor softball team is discovering more about itself with each passing week.

Perhaps the biggest resounding truth embedded within the Lady Bears' current nine-game conference winning streak is a team cohesiveness that has the entire team excited.

"I think we expect to win. Our team unity is amazing right now," said freshman pitcher Kirsten Shortridge, who's posted a 13-3 record with a 2.00 ERA this season. "That's the thing about our team. We always play the team that's on our jersey. We play Baylor."

Baylor's greatest struggles this season have come at neutral sites, but the team doesn't have any more of those games scheduled until the post-season.

The softball team was slated to begin a six-game road trip with a game against the University of North Texas Tuesday

night in Denton, but the game was canceled due to rain. The team's road swing will be its second of at least five games this month.

In addition to their nine-game winning streak in conference, the Lady Bears have built up a 13-game winning streak overall. They haven't lost a game since March 17, and they've won several close games during that stretch.

On Saturday, Baylor entered the final inning down 3-1 to Oklahoma State University but scored three seventh-inning runs to take the game.

"I don't think this team ever doubts themselves," head Coach Glenn Moore said. "They're a little more patient than I'd like them to be sometimes, but they believe it can happen at any time. When you get to the middle of our lineup, it's a murderers row there."

The middle of the lineup for Moore features seniors Chelsi Lake and Ashley Monceaux and sophomore stand-out Brette Reagan, all of whom have a significant amount of power from the plate.

The three have combined to hit 31 of the team's 45 home runs and account for over half of the team's RBI production.

Even so, by the time the team returns home to face the University of Missouri on April 28, they will have played 10 of their last 12 games on the road, where they have a 6-1 record at non-neutral sites this season.

Moore said he sees the danger in letting road weariness dictate the course of a promising season.

"We've gotten used to the road, we've been on it so much lately," Moore said. "But we've played pretty well on the road, so we'll take this one just like the others and hopefully have some success up there."

By "up there," Moore is referring to a mid-week, two-game series with No. 2 University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., beginning today.

Oklahoma represents one of the final, and perhaps biggest, hurdles Baylor has yet to cross in the Big 12.

"I think this team has adapted to going anywhere and playing our game and not so much

that we're in another team's backyard," Monceaux said. "It hasn't been a concern lately that we're on the road, as long as we keep being successful on it."

If Baylor can sweep Oklahoma and keep its slim lead on Missouri in the Big 12, it will be one step closer to winning a Big 12 and perhaps even NCAA Championship, which Monceaux said is within the team's grasp.

"We saw in the beginning that this was a different team than any other," she said. "And because we're doing so well right now we expect to carry it on through the end of the year."

Moore agreed that winning in Oklahoma could mean an even easier road to a No. 1 seed in the Big 12 tournament in May.

"We've built a little bit of a cushion, but it's a big, big game," Moore said of his team's two-game lead over Missouri in the Big 12. "Every game we've played against the top teams becomes our biggest to date. It would send a huge message if we'd go up there and win a couple games."

Bears drop to 3rd at Big 12 tournament

By Justin Baer
Sports Writer

Going into the final day of the Big 12 Championship at the Ridge-wood Country Club in Waco, the Lady Bears' find themselves tied for third place, eight strokes behind Oklahoma State University.

The Bears shot a second-round 311 amid tough weather conditions to bring their two-day total up to 619.

Freshman Hannah Burke and junior Sian Reddick are currently atop the Lady Bears' leader board at 10-over-par (154) to place them tied for ninth overall.

Freshman Natalie Hocott is right behind them at 11-over-par (155), and she will head into the third and final day tied for 13th overall.

"We played well today," Burke said. "I just had one bad hole, but I came back from it and played pretty solid. The weather conditions were pretty tough, so you just had to hang in there."

And while Burke said it would be great for the team to overtake Texas A&M University, which is currently four strokes ahead of Baylor, Burke realizes that the Bears' destiny is in their own hands.

"It would be nice to beat A&M because of the big rivalry, but they shot pretty well today," the Hertfordshire, England, native said. "I think we are just trying to finish as high as possible. We need to go out there Wednesday and play a good game really. We have got it in us. We just have to go out there and focus on our own game and

see what scores we can post."

During the first round of play, the Lady Bears posted an overall score of 308, which was good enough to tie for second with Oklahoma State. But after battling rainy weather the second day, Baylor finished three strokes worse than day one of action.

"Today the conditions were a lot tougher," said Hocott, who dropped eight spots in the leader board after finishing fifth place on day one. "I didn't play that bad; it could have been a lot worse. I missed a couple of shots, and it turned into more shots. It was just a tough day today."

Although Hocott did drop in the standings, she believes not only can she personally bounce back from yesterday, but so can the team as a whole.

"I need to play my own game," the Houston native said. "I just need to stay focused on what I need to do right then and there, and I think we will be alright."

Meanwhile, senior Anna Rehnholm finds herself in a position she is not used to — at the bottom of the standings for the Lady Bears with a score of 16-over-par. Although she did admit the course is not so easy this week, she knows it is not an excuse for her play so far.

"Personally I am not happy with my performance at all," Rehnholm said. "The course is playing really hard, but it's kind of hard to accept a high score."

Rehnholm and the Lady Bears will continue their quest for the Big 12 title when they tee off at 8:30 a.m. today.



Freshman golfer Hannah Burke puts during one of Baylor's spring tournaments. Heading into the final day of the Baylor-hosted Big 12 tournament Burke and junior teammate Sian Reddick are leading the Bears at 10-over-par. The pair is tied for ninth overall.

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NBA suspends veteran referee

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joey Crawford is done ejecting players and coaches this season. On Tuesday, he was the one getting tossed.

The veteran NBA referee was suspended indefinitely by commissioner David Stern for his conduct toward Tim Duncan, who contends the official challenged him to a fight during a game in Dallas.

Crawford has worked more postseason games than any active ref. His suspension will last at least through the NBA finals, and he will have to meet with Stern to discuss reinstatement.

"Especially in light of similar prior acts by this official, a significant suspension is warranted," Stern said in a statement. "Although Joey is consistently rated as one of our top referees, he must be held accountable for his actions on the floor."

Crawford ejected Duncan from San Antonio's loss after calling a second technical foul

on the Spurs star while he was laughing on the bench.

"He looked at me and said, 'Do you want to fight? Do you want to fight?'" Duncan said. "If he wants to fight, we can fight. I don't have any problem with him, but we can do it if he wants to. I have no reason why in the middle of a game he would yell at me, 'Do you want to fight?'"

Crawford was cited for "improper conduct" and "inappropriate comments made to Duncan during the game." Stern said Crawford's actions "failed to meet the standards of professionalism and game management we expect of NBA referees."

The NBA also fined Duncan \$25,000 for verbal abuse of an official. Crawford said Duncan referred to him with an expletive.

Crawford was the first referee suspended since Rodney Mott was banned three games on Jan. 12 for an obscene gesture toward a fan and using inappropriate language in Portland.

Joey Crawford is in his 31st

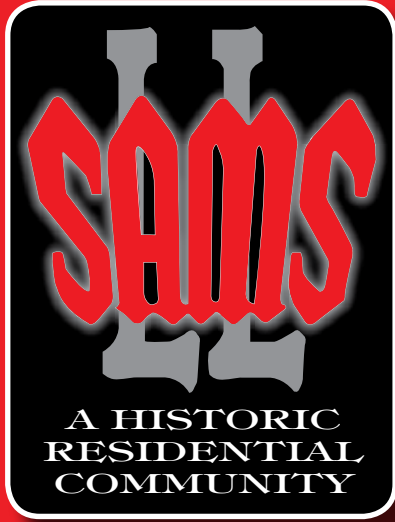
season as an NBA referee. He has officiated more than 2,000 games during the regular season and 266 in the playoffs, including 38 in the NBA finals.

But his temper has gotten him noticed before, especially in Game 2 of the 2003 Western Conference finals, a matchup involving the same teams as in Sunday's game. Crawford called four technical fouls in the first 10-plus minutes, leading to ejections of then-Mavs coach Don Nelson and assistant Del Harris.

Crawford also called a technical in a recent game against Duncan, who said Sunday that Crawford has a "personal vendetta against me."

Duncan was called for his first technical foul Sunday with 2:20 remaining in the third quarter for arguing about an offensive foul. Crawford hit him with the second technical 1:16 later.

With Duncan gone, the Mavericks rallied to beat the Spurs, ending San Antonio's chance of earning the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.



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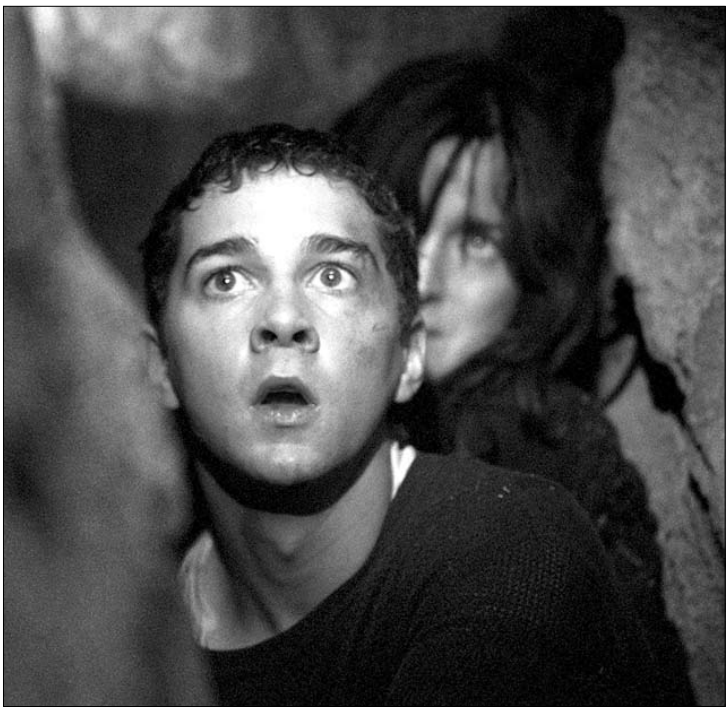
Perhaps it was because of my low expectations for *Disturbia*, but I was pleasantly surprised by the updated retelling of *Rear Window*, starring “it boy” Shia LaBeouf.

MOVIE REVIEW

While *Disturbia* is no cinematic masterpiece, it is a tightly constructed and entertaining teen thriller with a leading actor whose star is deservedly on the rise.

The worst thing about *Disturbia* is definitely that silly title, which, along with the words “updated retelling of *Rear Window*” seem designed to keep grown-ups far away from any theater showing this movie. Modernizing one of Hitchcock’s classics into a high-tech teen flick sounds like an absolutely terrible idea, but the imaginative update actually works quite well.

Kale Brecht (LaBeouf) is a happy, nice teenager with a healthy home life, until his father is killed in a horrific car accident. After his father’s death, Kale becomes sullen and withdrawn. One aggressive outburst at school later, he’s been sentenced to three months house arrest. Therefore, it isn’t a broken leg keeping our hero from



McClatchy

Shia LaBeouf and Sarah Roemer star in the new DreamWorks Pictures movie *Disturbia*. The film opened in theaters Friday. It topped box office sales this weekend, bringing in \$22.2 million.

leaving his house, as in *Rear Window*; it’s an electronic monitoring bracelet.

After his mom (Carrie-Ann Moss) takes away his TV and video game console, Kale has to find creative ways to entertain himself.

Kale enlists the help of his buddy Ronnie (Aaron Yoo) in spying on the neighbors, including the scantily clad new girl in

town, Ashley (Sarah Roemer). When Kale begins to suspect another neighbor, Mr. Taylor (David Morse), of kidnapping and murder, Ashley and Ronnie act as Kale’s eyes and ears in the outside world as he begins to do a little electronic monitoring of his own.

Despite the predictable plot, director D. J. Caruso (whose credits are mostly in television

directing, including *The Shield*) never lets the movie meander. The trio of friends stalks the bad guy, sexual tension builds between Kale and Ashley and the goofy, girl-crazed Ronnie serves as comic relief.

Caruso uses humor well, inserting it where needed to break tense moments or round out characters’ personalities.

Disturbia has several laugh-out-loud funny scenes. Morse is appropriately sinister and the teenagers appropriately likeable.

The film’s wobbliest point is its treatment of Ashley. She is a shallowly written character, with corny dialogue in forced, pseudo-sultry situations. Some of her scenes are reminiscent of an ’80s teen sex comedy unsuccessfully trying to pay homage to *Lolita*.

Disturbia is definitely geared to the younger set: Characters’ cell phone ringtones are used for punches of drama or humor; the movie is chock-full of product placements of things like sugary snacks, portable music systems and video games; and LaBeouf is best-known for his work in Disney offerings (*Even Stevens*, *Holes*, *The Greatest Game Ever Played*).

But LaBeouf’s talent and charisma, along with a healthy dose of suspense and just a little bit of gore, make *Disturbia* a fun, guilty pleasure.

Grade: B+



File photo

Progressive indie rock band Ethan Durrelle prides itself on lyrics that are full of symbolism, hidden meaning and a Christian message.

Concert to benefit Invisible Children

By Ashlie Young
Reporter

Ethan Durrelle, Whitney Whyte, James Callihan and Austin Pitzer will perform at 8:30 p.m. today at Common Grounds to benefit Invisible Children, an organization dedicated to helping Ugandan citizens.

Baylor grad student Jeff Weathers, Ethan Durrelle’s drummer, encouraged students to come to the concert, especially those who haven’t been exposed to social issues like this tragedy.

“Many people have been sheltered and don’t see the horrible things going on,” Weathers said. “People talk about helping, but when it comes down to really doing something, many don’t. We can begin right here, right now.”

Along with the concert, attendees can bring clothing to paint to support Invisible Children and Displace Me.

Displace Me is a nationwide event that will begin April 28. Participants sign up on the Invisible Children Web site to be displaced in one of 15 cities in the United States, including Austin.

Kingwood sophomore Kaley Eggers is a student who plans to participate.

“We as Baylor students are

blessed with so much,” Eggers said. “We have endless opportunities to give back — chances to make a positive impact. Participating in Displace Me is a chance to help our brothers and sisters on the other side of the globe. We are telling our government we are concerned about Uganda. They deserve to know they are cared for.”

Kerrville senior Brice Crozier travels around Texas in a van promoting Invisible Children and recruiting people for Displace Me.

“People that want to be involved don’t have to do anything drastic,” Crozier said. “Locally is the best way to get involved, donating money and time. They can help organize transportation to Displace Me locations or raise money for schools in Uganda.”

Crozier also said the best way to make a difference right now is to participate in Displace Me because the organization needs as many people as possible to show the government that it wants something done about Uganda.

Tonight’s show is free and open to everyone. Donations are encouraged and will benefit Invisible Children and Displace Me.

For more information, go to www.invisiblechildren.com.

Concert band to play diverse repertoire

By Brian Bateman
Reporter

The Baylor Concert Band will perform at 6:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall in the Glen-nis McCrary Music Building.

With classes canceled Thursday for Diadeloso, the concert will be the first campus activity of the mid-week break, showcasing the organization’s work for the majority of the spring.

“It’s the end goal for the whole semester,” Colin McKenzie, assistant director of bands,

said. “It’s a harder repertoire than most other universities.”

The repertoire includes a song reminiscent of a slow-moving liquid, selections from a comedic musical and Irish tunes.

The 100-member ensemble will begin with Henry Filmore’s “Lassus Trombone,” a ragtime piece. Barry Kraus, associate director of bands, will be the guest conductor.

“One of the unique things is its usage of trombone smears and glissandos,” Kraus said. “It’s representative of molasses.”

After lulling the audience, the ensemble will switch gears, shifting to a medley of tunes from the popular Broadway musical *Wicked*. A spoof of *The Wizard of Oz* based on a book by Gregory Maguire, *Wicked* tells the witch’s saga as a political dissenter in the wizard’s corrupt autocracy, McKenzie said.

“It’s really quite clever,” he said.

After the comical medley, the concert shifts to an Irish composition by Percy Grainger and then to one of the Deep South’s

anthems, “Ol’ Man River,” from the 1927 musical *Show Boat*.

Keron Jackson, a former Baylor student and a current understudy for the Dallas Opera Co., will perform the baritone solo.

“He’s received an offer to appear on a PBS series of great performances,” McKenzie said, adding, “We’re excited to have a vocal soloist sing with the Concert Band.”

The concert will conclude with selections from *Carmina Burana*.

Thinking About Drinking?

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is in Guatemala, a country that's known for corruption and poverty," he said. "That's a pretty sobering reality."

Offit said while we have had a great increase of wealth in our country as a whole, equality has decreased.

"When adjusted for inflation, minimum wage now is at its lowest level since 1955," he said.

Offit said he believes that while increasing wages for service workers is a matter of justice, it also makes economic sense.

"The Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., has done research that says raising wages would alleviate poverty and not cause job loss," he said. "Many say otherwise, but that's

the beauty of economics — it isn't an entirely predictable science or we'd all be happy and rich."

Odegaard said while the final outcome cannot be projected with perfect accuracy, previous instances with contract-controlled employees — like Baylor — showed a "zero net effect on poverty," meaning that nothing was lost or gained in terms of the level of poverty, and people actually lost jobs.

In other universities where a "living wage" has been established, such as Harvard, the employees were not paid by a private contractor, but the university itself, Odegaard said. Staff in Dining Facilities, Housekeeping and Facility Services are technically employees of Aramark and Crothall, not Baylor.

Dr. Jonathan Tran, assistant professor of Christian ethics, spoke about the role of Baylor and Christendom in general as "seeing and showing others how to see." Tran emphasized the issue of invisibility of service workers on campus.

"I've been here a year and I still don't know who cleans Tidwell," he said. "As Christians we need to train ourselves to see the people that societal conventions have rendered invisible," he added.

Dr. Tony Talbert, associate dean and associate professor in the School of Education, also spoke on the panel.

"The adequate wage is actually inadequate," he said. "And even though the term 'living wage' offends people, that's really what we're talking about."

Speaking from an educational perspective, Talbert said, the entire family is affected by low wages.

"Poverty deeply impacts the success of students in our public and private school systems," he said. Dr. Suzy Weems, professor and chair in family and consumer sciences, spoke on the health plight of poverty.

"Children who go to school hungry perform poorly," she said.

Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, was scheduled to speak but was in New Mexico for the funeral of Court Franklin, a senior who died last week.

Dr. Marc Ellis, director of the Center for Jewish Studies, was also on the panel but had a scheduling conflict.

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crying, bawling."

Professor Carolyn Rude, chairwoman of the university's English department, said Cho's writing was so disturbing that he had been referred to the university's counseling service.

"Sometimes, in creative writing, people reveal things and you never know if it's creative or if they're describing things, if they're imagining things or just how real it might be," Rude said.

"But we're all alert to not ignore things like this."

She said she did not know when he was referred for counseling, or what the outcome was.

Rude refused to release any of his writings or his grades, citing privacy laws. The counseling service refused to comment.

Cho, who arrived in the

United States as boy from South Korea in 1992 and was raised in suburban Washington, D.C., where his parents worked at a dry cleaners, left a note in his dorm room that was found after the bloodbath.

A government official, who spoke of condition of anonymity because he had not been authorized to discuss details of the case, said the note had been described to him as "anti-woman, anti-rich kid."

The **Chicago Tribune** reported on its Web site that the note railed against "rich kids," "debauchery" and "deceitful charlatans" on campus.

ABC, citing law enforcement sources, said that the note, several pages long, explains Cho's actions and says, "You caused me to do this."

Citing unidentified sources, the **Tribune** also said Cho had recently set a fire in a dorm room and had stalked some women.

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of accepting younger trainees because religion can be a huge struggle for undergraduate and graduate students.

Hooda said her Muslim friends were defensive at first and many of them felt they had to act differently around her.

Friends characterize Hooda as a lifelong learner and coffee connoisseur.

Rozmin Ladha, a Eulesse senior, has known Hooda since elementary school. Ladha said she goes straight to Hooda when she has questions about Islamism.

Ladha said she loves talking to Hooda even though she is at such a high spiritual level, because Hooda doesn't lose the human element that makes her approachable.

"She has blind faith, but it's not blind because she knows it's the truth," Ladha said.

Hooda can often be found immersed in a **Harry Potter** book while sipping a drink from Starbucks.

As a middle child, Hooda said, she often felt misunderstood, so she turned to writing as her cure-all.

"I get enlightened through writing," Hooda said.

"I have to see it to believe it."

Hooda is a member of Baylor Women's League, the Waco chapter of Amnesty International and is a BIC student.

Dr. Andrew Christian Van Gorder, professor of world religions, described his interactions with Hooda as delightful.

"She was an energetic and engaged student who contributed so much to the class with her thoughtful comments and questions," he said.

Van Gorder said Hooda often stopped by after class to continue discussions that had begun in class.

"She validated the opinions of others, but was not afraid to confidently state her own views about issues, even when they were controversial," Van Gorder said.

Hooda will go back to London this summer, after which she will apply to be a mentor for the next year's participants. She said the program has given her perspective on being Muslim at Baylor, and said she welcomes the conservative balance because it keeps her questioning her faith.

"I've never felt that I've had so much purpose in life," Hooda said.

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practices "may be fine and legal," said Lori Scott Fogleman, director of media relations, but if there is ever a "perpetuation of anything illegal, Baylor doesn't want to be a part of it."

The loan group is one of 27 on Baylor's preferred lender list, eight of which are alternative or private loans and 19 of which are government subsidized loans. The group is the only lender on this list that shared revenue with Baylor. Students are not required to select a lender from this list.

Education Finance Partners approached Baylor to be on the preferred lenders list, Diaz said. In order to do so, the company first had to complete Baylor's Request for Proposal survey and be reviewed by a nine-member committee.

After a three-month process in which the loan group scored "very well, because of their strong customer service," Diaz said, the loan group was placed on the list.

Other factors included in the survey were borrower benefits and pricing, default aversion, loan delivery flexibility, diversification, value added products and life of loan servicing.

Diaz said Education Finance Partners is on the alternative or private loan list. Diaz said these loans are a "last resort" if students still need money to supplement their Baylor tuition. Private loans in general have higher interest rates and usually require a co-signer and credit check.

"It was a good program to start with," Diaz said, because instead of investing in direct marketing campaigns, it used some of its revenue to go back to students.

Diaz said the problem in the investigations and controversy surrounding student loan programs is dedicated and conscientious administrators "have been placed in a bad light."

"Those (financial aid administrators) are the people that most passionately help our students," she said.

In an e-mail statement to faculty and staff, President John Lilley said, "The financial aid professionals at Baylor maintain a consistently high level of personal and professional integrity ... we are proud of all of our financial aid staff and are committed to helping students from all financial backgrounds achieve their dream of gaining a Baylor education."

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then you haven't seen anything yet."

In Rapid City, S.D., schools were locked down after receiving reports of a man with a gun in a parking lot at Central High.

No shots were fired and no injuries were reported, police said.

The high school students were taken to the nearby Rush-

more Plaza Civic Center, where parents were allowed to pick up their children.

In Austin, authorities evacuated buildings at St. Edward's University after a threatening note was found, a school official said.

Police secured the campus perimeter and were searching the buildings, St. Edward's University spokeswoman Mischelle Amador said. She declined to say where the note was found

and said its contents were "non-specific."

Amador said the university's reaction was not influenced by Monday's attack at Virginia Tech.

"No matter what day or when this would have happened, we will always take the necessary precautions to protect our students, our faculty, our staff, the entire university community," she said.

Seven North Dakota State

University buildings were evacuated after a duffel bag was found outside a bus shelter in the main part of the campus. NDSU spokesman Dave Wahlberg said the shootings in Virginia reinforced the need to "err on the side of safety."

In Bloomfield Hills, Mich., police attributed a 30-minute lock-down at the exclusive Cranbrook Schools complex in response to jittery nerves following the Virginia slayings.

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