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Hierarchy of



**Renovation plans** to include offices, shops, apartments

#### By Melissa Limmer Staff Writer

Students looking to live downtown soon will have a new option. SWB Heritage Square Partners L.P. recently announced the construction of a 17-acre complex downtown between South Third and Fourth streets.

The project, Waco Town

Square, will include upscale retail shopping, restaurants, office space and a student housing development geared toward Baylor and other local college students.

SWB Heritage Square partner David Wallace said in addition to the loft-style apartments, one-, two- and four-bedroom apartments will be available in the 145-unit complex, totaling 408 beds.

Leases will be offered on an individual basis, not per apartment.

"We find that is the most

appealing approach from the student perspective," Wallace said. He also added that the proximity to Baylor definitely influenced the decision to build Waco Town Square with student living options.

Wallace said Waco Town Square apartments will "add something that is not available in the Baylor market," and it will be a "community-oriented, pedestrian-friendly area," with weekly events like concerts and movie nights hosted in the center of the square.

Wallace presented the idea

Tuesday to the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees, which includes President John Lilley. Wallace said he had spoken with Lilley and other Baylor administrators about the project, and he was looking forward to working with them on future projects that could benefit Baylor students and Waco's downtown.

There is a "wonderful opportunity for development to continue," he said. "The town square concept is not just an

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# Study: Many professors alienated

Researchers say women feel isolated, frustrated on campuses

#### By Alan Wheeler Daily Nebraskan

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. - Some studies have shown that women faculty members generally feel less job satisfaction throughout their careers than men do.

Typically, the reasons given are frustrations with salaries, workloads and spouses not carrying their share of the domestic work, such as child care and household chores.

A study released last week at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Asso-ciation, however, presented a different cause: isolation and alienation on the job.

According to the study, 48 percent of male fac-ulty members said they were "very happy" with their jobs, but only 35 percent of women agreed. The researchers found that many female faculty nembers felt less integrated into the university.

Ali Moeller, president of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Faculty Senate, said she understands how alienation could take place.

"Often men golf together, play cards or have sports in common that creates a sense of community among men that women do not typically share," Moeller wrote in an e-mail.



#### By Claire St. Amant Staff writer

Courtesy illustration

ven in the Garden of Eden, questions of evil abounded. Thousands of years later, we are still wrestling with the issue of depravity and the nature of evil.

The tragedy at Virginia Tech University is the latest reminder of the human capacity to

act in ways that harm others. Two psychiatrists, Dr. Michael Stone of Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Dr. Michael Welner, a forensic psychiatrist at New York School of Medicine, are developing systems to rank evil deeds according to degrees of heinousness.

Both scales have implications for the legal system. Welner hopes his scale on depravity will be used as a guideline in criminal sentencing, and Stone's 22-level hierarchy of evil is based on biographies of violent offenders.

Dr. Daryl Koehn, author of The Nature of Evil and chairwoman of business ethics at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, said she believes it's dangerous to rank evil behavior. "It seems to me that the ranking system would say that the people themselves are more evil and not the acts they are committing," Koehn said. "I think it will make us see some people as monsters and completely unlike us.



#### Jacquel Haywood Houston freshman



"God lets people suf-fer to strengthen us and puts us through tests and trials to see how far our faith will go."

### Why does a loving God allow people to suffer?

Ryan Tatum Burleson junior



"A loving God would let people suffer in order to ensure the balance of good and evil in the world."

**Charis Wacker** 

She said women have a tendency to form communities surrounding the workplace rather than outside activities like sports.

"This does lead to the perception that the men hang together, and women are not invited, which can lead to isolation," she wrote.

Administrators and other faculty members might be unaware of the ways women faculty might feel excluded, said Margaret Jacobs, director women's and gender studies at Nebraska.

"When a woman faculty joins a new department or unit or committee, is she properly introduced? When faculty elect members of their department to serve on special committees, are women routinely passed over?" Jacobs said.

Moeller said she has had similar experiences on the Faculty Senate.

"As president of the (Faculty) Senate at UNL who attended the Board of Regents meetings regularly, I was the only woman in the room," Moeller said. "I did not feel 'isolated,' but it did make me aware of the lack of women in these roles."

Jacobs said the university could take steps to reduce these feelings.

"Hiring more women faculty and others from under-represented groups would be one significant step in reducing this sense of isolation," she said.

"I don't believe Cho (Seung-Hui) was a monster," she said. "I think it's a mistake to see him as motivated by malice."

Koehn said we're all "caught up in the same dynamics" of good and evil and are guilty of "identifying with a false self and trying to transfer our pain to others."

When we suffer in some way – physically, emotionally or otherwise - we become frustrated and react in different ways, she said. Koehn offered the example of road rage as one modern expression of frustration.

"The false self tells us we are a nobody," she said. "In some ways we are all trying to transfer that pain."

Becky Robertson, a George W. Truett Theological Seminary student from the Ivo-

**Thomas Herndon** Kansas City, Kan., junior



"I'd say because we have the choice whether or not to do evil, it gives us a chance to love God more freely, but with that choice comes the opportunity to choose evil."

#### Sherman junior



"There is Satan and evil was brought upon us by sinning in the garden of Eden."

Compiled by Brittany Mihalcin

ry Coast, said the universal guilt of humankind manifests itself in different ways.

We have a natural tendency to say, 'I told a white lie. I didn't kill anybody," she said. "We always want to justify our actions, but in the end we are all sinners.

Even though Robertson said distinctions for criminal actions are necessary, she believes the Christian outlook needs a component of grace.

"If we were really caught doing every evil thing we did, what would our consequences be?" she said.

Koehn identified another trouble spot

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President Bush has threatened to veto a warfunding bill that calls for the withdrawal of troops in Iraq starting Oct.1. Democrats continued to push the bill despite the president's threats.



# Dems, Bush butt heads over timeline

#### By Anne Flaherty The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Democrats brushed off a White House veto threat and pleas for patience from the top U.S. commander in Iraq Wednesday and pushed toward a vote demanding that troops begin coming home this fall.

Their insistence guaranteed a historic showdown with President Bush, the first on the war since Democrats took control of Congress in January.

'Õur troops are mired in a civil war with no clear enemy and no clear strategy for success," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer.

Yesterday, the House was expected to pass a \$124.2 billion war-funding bill that would require troop withdrawals to begin Oct. 1 with the goal of completing the pullout six months later. Bush has promised to veto the bill and has enough Republican votes to sustain his objection

Bush dispatched his Iraq general, David Petraeus, and other top officials to Capitol Hill to make his case: Additional forces recently sent to Iraq are yielding mixed results and the strategy needs more time to work.

Lawmakers ducked into the briefing as protesters shouted, "Troops home now!" Republicans and Democrats alike later emerged to say Petraeus confirmed their positions.

Republicans said Petraeus told them al-Qaida was a primary threat in Iraq and a withdrawal timetable would hurt U.S. efforts. Democrats said the general made clear that sectarian violence had made progress difficult and that he couldn't give a complete assessment of the security situation until September.

"This briefing reinforced our view that the solution in Iraq is a political solution," Hoyer, D-Md., told reporters. Also confirmed, he said, was "our belief that we must hold the Iraqis accountable for achieving real progress.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, his party's leader, said Petraeus acknowledged there were challenges. "But considering where we are, I think the general feels good about the progress thus far," Boehner said.

The bill, already negotiated with Senate leaders, is expected to reach the president's desk by early next week following a final

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### **OPINION**

# After graduation, thoughts turn to what comes next

One of Baylor's most overrun commercials focuses on students from different backgrounds talking about how they found themselves at Baylor.

I didn't find myself at Baylor, which is really disappointing because all those students in the commercial seem really happy and know exactly where they're heading in life.

What does that even mean, anyway? To say that you found yourself implies that you were lost before you got here.

Should Baylor be accepting so many people with such a



All that aside, as I approach graduation on May 12 – assum-ing I pass Italian – I'm not sure that I've ever felt less sure of what I want to do.

Don't get me wrong, this isn't an identity crisis, and I'm not anguishing in my indecision. I just don't know what to do.

I've kind of devoted the past two years of my life to the Lariat. I've stayed in the newsroom long past 1 a.m. trying to fix various problems, which inevitably led to more problems, which inevi-



tably led to someone declaring that our paper stinks.

Like every paper, sometimes we do. There's no need to deny that, but at least we're trying to get better.

The problem with all this is that while I've been working toward getting my degree in journalism and gaining valuable experience in a newsroom setting, I've come to realize that this isn't something that I want to do for the rest of my life.

That's a strange feeling knowing that your degree isn't really in the field you're very interested in anymore.

However, I won't fret over it. Plenty of people have gone on to lead successful lives in fields completely unrelated to their majors in college. I just can't seem to find any of them.

So I was sitting in my room

late one night a couple of weeks ago thinking about how much I don't want to live back at home with my parents, and it struck me that maybe I could be a teacher.

I asked around to some friends who already are teachers. I asked what they thought of the idea, and they all told me the same thing. They get no respect, no recognition and they work long hours.

Precisely why I don't want to work at a newspaper.

My dad won't even let me

work under him at his contract-

ing office here in Waco.

He claims he's saving me from myself. He says that the hours are too long, and he gets no recognition and no respect.

I guess maybe it isn't about getting respect.

Maybe what life after graduation is really about is finding yourself in a situation where you will respect yourself and at least gain recognition from your friends or co-workers.

Apparently, those jobs are few and far between.

Jordan Daniel is a senior journalism major from Waco.

### Editorial Growth of 2012 not up to par

Halfway to the end of Baylor's ambitious 10-year vision, Baylor 2012, we've stopped to evaluate the progress made in the first five years.

Our special section of the paper today takes a closer look at every one of the 12 imperatives that were laid out back in 2002 and checks in to see if the goals Baylor has made for itself are well on their way to being accomplished.

On the whole, progress on the imperatives has been satisfactory, but much work remains to be done. Many of the imperatives that have been completed or undertaken have materialized in the form of the construction of new buildings.

The raising of the Baylor Sciences Building, the continued construction on Brooks Residential Village and the renovations to Sid Richardson Science Building are all obvious advances to meeting the desires of Imperatives VII and II, which seek to provide outstanding academic facilities and a truly residential campus.

Ćonstruction crews seem to be a permanent fixture on campus. What started around the edges of campus, like the science building and Mayborn Museum, has now progressed into more central locations like Sid Richardson. These are daily reminders of the work being done to catapult Baylor into top-tier university status.

But other imperatives have been left only half completed or even ignored altogether. The Baylor Alumni Association continues to work on connecting the university with alumni, but all work done by the association is on



its own initiative. No plan has been established specifically within Baylor 2012 to provide additional support to the association.

The university has made no specific plans to meet Imperative IX (enhancing involvement of the entire Baylor family) but leaves the wording on these goals vague and without much direction.

The alumni association's private achievements will no doubt be claimed as the goals of 2012, so some accomplishments can be observed.

Other imperatives leave readers questioning how development and construction of major projects could possibly take place in the short period of time left until the timeline for 2012 is up

Imperative VIII calls for construction of a building that most 2012 observers haven't even heard of - a retirement community. No talk of a retirement community has even entered to the public conversation of 2012. The description of the building follows the proposal to develop academic and leisure use of the corridors of the Brazos River in the outlined descriptions of the imperative that calls for useful and aesthetically pleasing places on campus.

Since many of the imperatives are worded to achieve "enhancement" or "guide" students to a certain area, it will remain difficult to accurately nail down whether the goal has been met or not.

One thing is for sure: There's quite a bit of work to do before 2012 can be declared a success.

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# Overhyping of prospects contributes to drama of NFL draft

A man sporting a sleek black tailored suit and a yellow tie purposefully strides to the podium and firmly grips the sides as he looks out assuredly at the cameras

Close to 16 million Americans are watching an event that has become a holiday for some and a religious experience for others.

This isn't a presidential address, and it isn't the diatribe of a celebrated religious or political leader.

This is the NFL Draft, t-minus two days and counting.

For those who don't follow the NFL - a completely understandable malady - the NFL Draft is the only dot that matters on the league's spring calandar.

While we wait until September for the regular season, we pore over statistics, 40-yard dash times, shuttle drills, Wonderlic tests and combine workouts.

The stats mean everything right now, and not necessarily the ones that matter.

Take the battle for top quarterback. Chris Leak won a national title with the Florida Gators a couple months ago, but he's too small and his arm is too weak to matter in the NFL. Just like that, he's a second-day pick.

Ohio State quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith is suffering from the same ailments.

Seemingly just as fast, Louisianna State University signal caller JaMarcus Russell, who had a solid but not outstanding junior season, has become the



BY WILL PARCHMAN

next big thing because he looks like the next big thing.

Take wide receiver for instance. University of Southern California wide out Dwayne Jarrett's 6-foot-5 frame and sticky hands put him in the top 10 players in the entire draft after the season ended.

He was a valued commodity and figured to be one of the next great red zone threats in the NFL.

The guy had a monster game against Michigan in January's

Rose Bowl, catching 11 balls for 205 yards and two touchdowns. That was the last time we saw him on the playing field, so you'd figure the good vibes would linger, right?

Combine stats say otherwise, and therefore, the nation's draft boards say otherwise. Thanks to an uninspiring 4.62 40-yard dash time, which probably beats a majority of 6-foot-5 NFL players, along with some other workout numbers that didn't impress, Jarrett might fall completely out of the first round.

For me to discount the pundits completely would be illadvised.

Russell has shot up draft charts because he's a great prospect and could most certainly be something special.

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because, it's true, he doesn't ee Skylar Green, one of the most have a typical NFL body.

But this freakish obssession with combine and workout stats has got to stop.

The players run in air-conditioned indoor facilities without pads to heighten their effect on scouts in February's NFL Combine.

They prepare for weeks and then let themselves go after the onlookers and media-obssessed have had their fill.

The Cowboys drafted defensive lineman Marcus Spears in 2005 after he tore up his workout sessions, and he showed up to rookie mini-camp in May at 11 pounds overweight.

Bill Parcells called him "Chubby Checker" during that first summer.

Cowboys fourth round draft-

tantilizing return men in last year's draft thanks to a great workout, showed up to camp 15 pounds overweight.

Parcells called him "Fats Domino." He was cut before the season started

I'd be remiss if I didn't tell you that I love the draft.

It's as close to the NFL as we'll come for another five months, so I'll drink it in like all the others and remain parked on my couch for an unhealthy amount of time this weekend.

But as for that non-windaided 40-yard dash time that "can't miss" wide receiver prospect recorded months ago - I think I'll let their game performances do the talking.

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## **NEWS**

# New system to offer parking decals online



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A Baylor student's car displays five years' worth of parking decals. Beginning June 1, parking services will be more convenient when students will be able to purchase decals online.

#### By Ida Jamshidi Reporter

That sticker on the back of your car will expire soon.

When the time comes for students to replace their parking decals, Baylor Parking Services will implement a new online service called PermitDirect.

Beginning June 1, the system will give students the option to purchase a decal on the Park-ing Service Web site and have it mailed to their home.

Around 9,800 decals were purchased during the 2006-2007 school year, plus about 450 replacement decals.

The online system should help eliminate long lines at the beginning of the school year when thousands of students want to purchase a decal. Shelley Deats, parking services manager, said the new service is a result of the department's dedication to serving students. 'Our sole purpose is basically parking and how we can provide better customer service to our constituents," she said.

Until June 1 of last year, Deats said, fulfilling this task was difficult because Parking Services was a part of the Baylor Department of Public Safety. After the split, Parking Services became its own entity under Campus Services.

"Part of the effort to split us out was to create a more customer-oriented service," Deats said. "We can address a lot of things that came as a second priority to the police department.'

Deats said Parking Services has been working on Permit-Direct for a couple of years. But several issues, such as sorting out technical difficulties and securing finances, delayed the online system. Deats said she hopes PermitDirect will make purchasing a decal more convenient. But Tyler graduate student Brandy Brewster doesn't believe convenience is the issue.

"Easy access of the parking decals isn't the problem," she said. "It's just expensive, and there's not a whole lot of spots to park anyway."

Brewster doesn't own a parking decal for her vehicle, and she said various purchasing options wouldn't change her mind.

But some students feel indifferent about the new system.

Houston sophomore Claudia Orozco has a decal on her car. and she doesn't think buying decals online will make much of a difference

"You can buy anything on-line," she said. "I don't think it would be very beneficial, nor will it give us a disadvantage."

Deats recommended that students print their online receipts to ensure they receive their decal. Students who need temporary or replacement decals will still need to apply in person at the Parking Services office on the first floor of Clifton Robinson Tower.

### **BEAR BRIEFS**

#### Free medical seminar

The American Medical Student Association and The Princeton Review will sponsor Medical School 101 at 7 p.m. today in 110 Baylor Sciences Building. The seminar will include topics about the medical school admission process and the MCAT. For more information, contact amsabaylor@gmail.com.

#### Sign up for skeet shoot

Tau Kappa Epsilon will hold its second annual All-University Skeet Shoot from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at the Waco Gun Club. Teams can consist of three to five members. This event will be catered by George's and costs \$125 per team. For more information, contact Ryan\_Valdez@ baylor.edu.

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# Deadly tornadoes hit Texas, Mexico

#### By Michelle Roberts The Associated Press

EAGLE PASS - Dozens of search and rescue crews completed Wednesday their examination of the mangled remains of houses and trailer homes ripped by tornadoes that killed at least 10 people in this border community and its Mexican neighbor.

Maverick County Judge Jose Aranda said all residents of the storm-struck areas just outside Eagle Pass were accounted for. But between 50 and 200 families were left homeless, he said.

Tornadoes Tuesday night cut across a nearly 4-square-mile area, destroying two empty elementary schools, a church, businesses and homes. And although all the people had been

found, several mobile homes were still missing Wednesday. About 80 people on each side of the border were injured. The dead included a family of five: a young girl, her parents and two other family members, all killed when the wind tumbled their mobile home across the street and slammed it into Rosita Valley Elementary School.

"It was a whole family, and they were all together, probably like they were huddling," said police Ófficer Ezekiel Navjas, who arrived at the scene Tuesday evening just as crews were pulling from the wreckage the bloody body of the girl, believed to be between 4 and 6 years old.

"I've never seen nothing like this," he said, shaking his head as walked down a dirt road be-

tween homes cut open like doll time. They probably don't have houses, twisted metal sheeting and mesquite treetops twisted from their trunks.

Neither Eagle Pass, nor its twin Mexican city, Piedras Negras, had a siren warning system like those used to help people evacuate ahead of the storm when it hit North Texas.

Aranda said the damage estimate would be in the millions of dollars in the community whose economy depends on border-crossing and the Kickapoo tribe's Lucky Eagle casino. The elementary school alone was worth between \$6 million and \$7 million, he said. Aranda said Eagle Pass is a workingclass town so the loss of a home is particularly difficult.

"These are people that have built their homes a little at a a mortgage but they don't have insurance either," he said.

the U.S. side of the storm were

with minor injuries.

condition Wednesday. Across the Rio Grande in Piedras Negras, three people were killed and 300 homes were damaged.

About 1,000 people sought refuge in shelters in Piedras Negras, where 32 people were killed by a storm three years ago. Search teams made up of

The other two deaths on

caused by a house collapsing, authorities said. One was found dead in the wreckage of the house, the other died after arriving at a San Antonio hospital.

In all, 81 people were taken to Eagle Pass's only hospital, though most were discharged

Four remained in critical

police, firefighters, Border Patrol agents and National Guard soldiers were picking their way through homes, knocking on doors, calling out to residents

on Tuesday.

and marking searched buildings with spray-painted "X's" like those used by searchers in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Search and Rescue team members look through debris at an elementary

school in Eagle Pass, on Wednesday after a tornado swept through the area



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### **NEWS**

# EVP, cabinet recognized with their own day in Waco

#### By Kate Boswell Staff writer

Baylor students have stepped out into the Waco community, and now Waco is returning the favor

Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy will present a proclamation recognizing the work of the office of the student body external vice president at 5 p.m. today at the Student Senate meeting in Cashion Academic Center.

The proclamation declares today a day of recognition for the office's work "in strengthening the relationship between the Baylor and Waco<sup>\*</sup> community" and calls it "a valuable asset to Baylor University and the city of Waco."

In addition to recognizing external vice president and Cuney senior Allan Marshall, it also recognizes the cabinet members: Garland sophomore Bryan Fonville, Grand Prairie junior Lloyd Franklin, Beaumont sophomore Amanda Beattie, Killeen senior Latoya Butler, Phoenix sophomore Caleb Gal-



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Student Body External Vice President Allan Marshall, a Cuney senior, sits in his office Wednesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

lifant, Splendora junior Amanda Mitchell, Houston senior Whitney Staton and Tulsa, Okla., junior Ian McCracken.

"We, as cabinet members, are really excited," Franklin said of the proclamation.

"It was especially gratifying

to see Baylor students take an interest in an issue that didn't necessarily affect them directly at Baylor."

He said he was especially proud of the community summit that occurred earlier this year, as well as the founding of the group COALition, a student group that started in response to concerns about possible coalpower plants that may be built in Central Texas.

Marshall said he's impressed by what his cabinet has done.

"I'm so humbled by what we've accomplished this year," he said. "I think we've elevated student government. I think Bryan (Fonville) will take that to the next level next year."

Fonville was elected to fill Marshall's position as student body external vice president for next year.

Brandon Moseley, a recent Baylor graduate who works as community liaison for the mayor's office, said it was his work with the external vice president's office during his time at Baylor that led him to stay and work in Waco.

"Allan's office really is what got me into the community myself," Moseley said. "It was my springboard into Waco. While I was working with him as a student I really got to know people in the city.

Moseley said he initiated the proclamation because he felt it was a good gesture on the city's part to give back to Marshall's office. Moseley said he hopes the office continues to impact the community under different leadership.

"In this time I've really seen what students of Baylor can do in the community and the difference they can make," he said. "I think students have so many opportunities to make a difference in the community, and the community needs them so much. Having them in a position like EVP or a cabinet member is so important.'

For Marshall, as for Moseley, the experience proved to be more than a resume filler: Marshall will be working for the Greater Waco Chamber of Com-

merce after graduation as director of community development.

"This is so funny because Baylor has given me so much and this office has given me so much," Marshall said. "In some ways, director of community development is the EVP. The jobs are very similar."

Marshall said he will be working closely with his successor, as well as with other area schools.

"I'm going to be working on getting high school students to go to college," he said. "My job is really wide open. They left it open, but I know one thing the chamber is really involved with is education."

Marshall said he also will be researching issues concerning higher education around the na-

Though he doesn't know exactly what to expect, he said he's ready for whatever comes.

"This office has prepared me for anything," he said. "I'm forever grateful for all Baylor's done in my life. Now I'm taking it to the next level."

# Abandoned pets more likely among college students

#### By Jon Schroeder Staff writer

Shiner the dog has something new to chase after. It isn't the cat next door – it's a home

A little more than six months after she first found shelter, Shiner is still being bounced between temporary owners.

Since she was picked up off the side of the road in December, Shiner has moved more than 10 times.

With the summer fast approaching and her current owners vacating their duplex, she'll soon move again.

While her owner, Houston unior Chris Weeks, found new lodging for her, many other animals in Waco could soon end up in animal shelters.

The Waco Humane Society is the only shelter in town that will take any animal.

In fact, interim director Pat Seesing said they've recently housed a snake, goat, pig and blue jay, as well as many others, from cows to mice.

Fuzzy Friends and Happy Endings are the other two major shelters in Waco, and each guarantees homes for the animals they take in. Both shelters are currently at capacity, so they have some choice about which animals to take, said Carrie Kuehl, director of the Animal Birth Control Clinic. Seesing said the Waco Humane Society starts taking in more animals as students are

leaving Baylor and going home for the summer. Kuehl agreed.

"Summer and spring are breeding season anyway, so we have a huge influx," Seesing added.

She said dogs like Shiner are probably better off having interim owners – as long as they take good care of them – than being placed in animal shelters.

"We are probably the Taj Mahal of shelters," she said. "But this is not where they belong ... This is a last resort."

When students get a pet from the Waco Humane Society, they fill out a questionnaire which asks how they'll take care of pets over the summer.

Seesing said keeping a pet is a better option than handing it off to another owner.

"I think they miss you," she said. "I wish (students) would take them home. If they have to leave town, find a suitable owner and just make sure it's someone who has the means to take care of them."

Both Seesing and Kuehl said taking care of an animal is a big responsibility.

they go home for the summer is that they didn't understand the "I didn't realize how much difficulties owning a pet. Many times a student may not realize the commitment it takes to take care of a pet," said Kuehl. "If something does go wrong ... those bills can get pretty high pretty fast." Seesing said the society spends about \$10 daily on each dog it keeps. The Animal Birth Control Clinic offers spaying and neutering services for between \$25

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students leave their pets when and \$65, depending on the gender and size of the animal. "The decision to own a pet is

a lifetime commitment," Seesing

By Robert H. Reid The Associated Press

BAGHDAD – U.N. officials accused Iraq on Wednesday of withholding civilian death figures to try to deflect attention from escalating violence and a worsening humanitarian crisis despite the U.S.-led Baghdad security crackdown.

Those conclusions by the U.N. Assistance Mission for Iraq drew a sharp rebuke from Iraq's political leadership, which called the report "unbalanced" and said it raised questions about the credibility of the U.N. staff in Iraq.

The clashing views over the document – which covered three months ending March 31 – reflect a wider debate that goes beyond attempts to tally the bloodshed: whether the Baghdad security operation has made any lasting progress since the crackdown was launched in mid-February.

U.N. complains Iraq

withheld death totals

While some measures suggest the capital is less violent - such as apparent Shiite death squad killings reportedly on the decline - bombings blamed on Sunni insurgents have continued with deadly frequency.

"Armed groups from all sides continued to target the civilian population," the 30-page report said. The report's critical tone could embolden calls by the Democratic-controlled Congress to begin withdrawing U.S. troops by Oct. 1.

The report was unable to provide official, comprehensive death figures because the Iraqi government refused to release them.

In a statement, the Iraqi government said the report was "inaccurate" and lacking "credibility in many of its points." No explanation for withholding casualty figures was offered, nor did they provide any numbers.

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Houston senior Dave Jeans offers Shiner a treat Wednesday at his duplex in

Waco. Jeans served as one of the many temporary owners Shiner has had.

responsibility owning a pet was. especially while being in college," said Dave Jeans, a Houston senior who has served as one of Shiner's temporary owners.

Regardless, he said the love and attention Shiner has received from her many caretakers has been good for her.

"She's gotten a lot sweeter," he said.

Kuehl said one of the reasons

added. "It's only fair."

She said if people believed that and decided not to get a pet as a result, that might mean fewer pets have owners in the short term.

Still, she said, that's the commitment pet ownership takes.

"If you don't yet have a pet and are considering it in future semesters, don't let it be an im-

pulse decision," Seesing said. \$ SECURITY SELF STORAGE Let your stuff spend the summer with us! Free Move-In Month with a 3-Month Rental & Student ID Open 6 Days a week Monday – Saturday 254-420-2323 **On-site Management** Handicapped Accessible Minutes from Campus Alarms/Cameras We Sell Boxes **Climate Control Available** No Deposit NISSAN On the Corner of 6th & Franklin www.waconissan.com in Downtown Waco (254)714-2504 present: State Health Licensed & **Inspected for Both Tattooing & Body Piercing**  'No-Pressure' Attitude Mature, Professional & **Dependable Service** • 7 Full-Time Artists to serve you

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## **NEWS**

#### Thursday, April 26, 2007

# Dems have busy day on Capitol Hill

#### House panels vote on subpoenas, immunity

### By Laurie Kellman The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Putting their congressional control to work, Democrats approved new subpoenas Wednesday – and a grant of immunity – for probes ranging from the prosecutor firings and White House political activities to President Bush's justification for the war in Iraq.

Democrats said the broad array of investigations represents a revival of Congress' role after six years of little oversight of the Bush administration by Republican lawmakers.

The White House is pushing back, refusing to allow officials to testify under oath about the firings and arguing that top officials - including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, subject of one of the subpoenas – already have answered questions about the administration's now-discredited claim that Iraq was seeking uranium for a bomb.

"I am beginning to wonder whether the White House has any interest in the American people learning the truth about these matters," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Congress' effort isn't driven solely by Democrats. Republicans have barely concealed their disdain for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' accounting of the firings of federal prosecutors, including his claims of a faulty memory.



Associated Press

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif. (right) and Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., take part Wednesday in a House markup hearing on the issuing of subpoenas in the fired prosecutors investigation.

Sen. Arlen Specter, ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee, co-signed a letter with Leahy Wednesday urging Gonzales to freshen his memory and provide answers within a week.

"We are reviewing this request," said Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd.

Congress was ramping up investigations of the White House on several fronts:

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee voted 21-10 to issue a subpoena to Rice to compel her testimony on the Bush administration's prewar claims about Saddam Hussein seeking weapons of mass destruction.

Next door, the House Judi-

documents about White House e-mails on RNC accounts said to be missing. The RNC released a letter to the panel listing 37 White House officials who have RNC e-mail accounts, including Rove.

Gonzales, meanwhile, was trying to mend fences in his first visit to Capitol Hill since his punishing appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week.

He met privately with Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., who has said Gonzales wasn't truthful with him about the dismissal of the U.S. attorney in Little Rock. The outreach didn't take.

"I reiterated with the attorney general, face-to-face, that I think he should resign," Pryor told reporters after the meeting. "I think it's the best thing for the Department of Justice and it's probably the best thing for him personally and the administration."

Lawmakers say they want to uncover the story of why the eight U.S. attorneys were fired.

Pryor's harsh words on Gonzales were echoed by lawmakers in both parties, though Republicans tended to leave out the actual call for his resignation. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, noted a pragmatic concern: The waning months of the Bush administration complicate prospects for confirming a new attorney general.

"I'll be as vigilant as ever in overseeing the Justice Department and working with other senators, both Republicans and Democrats, for accountability from the attorney general and the department he leads," Grassley said.



European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana (left) and Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani meet Wednesday in Ankara.

Associated

# Iran, EU negotiators progress in talks

#### By George Jahn The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey - Senior Iranian and Western envoys signaled Wednesday that they may have made progress in trying to break a deadlock over Tehran's defiance of a U.N. demand to suspend uranium enrichment, saying they planned to meet

again in two weeks. In announcing the additional talks, neither European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana nor Ali Larijani, Iran's top international negotiator, gave details of their two meetings Wednesday, including a previously unscheduled dinner session.

But an official based in a European capital said the two touched on having discussions of what would constitute a suspension. A more flexible definition of a freeze acceptable to both sides is "the key issue," said the official, who was briefed on the day's talks.

There was also mention of a

"double time out" – a simultaneous freeze of Iranian atomic activities in exchange for a commitment not to impose new U.N. sanctions, said the official, who agreed to tell The Associated Press about the private talks only if not quoted by name.

Both Solana and Larijani were upbeat after their meetings.

"We will have some talks tomorrow and in two weeks," Larijani told reporters. He described the discussions as "pleasant."

Solana spoke of a "very con-structive dinner," adding that talks "will continue tomorrow and in the coming weeks also."

Government officials outside Turkey had told AP before the meeting in Ankara that the six powers negotiating with Iran - the United States, China, Russia, France, Britain and Germany - might be willing to allow Iran to keep some of its uranium enrichment program intact, instead of demanding it be dismantled.

# McCain tries to revive campaign

#### By Liz Sidoti The Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. - It wasn't supposed to be this way. John McCain was the presumptive Republican frontrunner, the next in line for the nomination in a party that historically respects hierarchy.

Now, he's trying to revive his troubled campaign. He is making the case for his candidacy by stressing his decades of experience in wartime and Washing ton and claiming he has the will to make tough, and sometimes unpopular, choices to heal the nation's woes. "I am qualified. I am ready to serve. I need no on-the-job training. And I have the vision and capability," the four-term Arizona senator, ex-Navy pilot and former Vietnam prisoner of war, said Wednesday after formally declaring his second attempt to win the White House. A loser in 2000 to George W. Bush, McCain chose to officially enter the presidential race in New Hampshire – the state's primary was the political high point of his last bid. "I know how to fight and how to make peace. I know who I am and what I want to do," he said in his speech. "I'm not running for president to be somebody, but to do something; to do the hard but necessary things not the easy and needless things." He repeated his pitch later in Mancĥester, N.H., standing under an umbrella as rain pelted a crowd of a few hundred. When a protester interrupted, McCain diverted from the script. "This is what free speech is all about!" he shouted, drawing cheers when he invoked the state's motto: "Live free or die!" Simply a formality, the events did, however, give McCain an opportunity to lay out his vision for the country's future and jump start his campaign after months of struggle. He had spent years building an unrivaled national organization and positioning himself as the inevitable GOP nominee – only to see his campaign falter. "It's John's last chance to make a first impression again," said Ken Duberstein, a White House chief of staff under President Reagan. "He has to wipe the slate clean from the last several months. That's easier said than done, but I think he has the chance to do it.'



ciary Committee voted 32-6 to grant immunity from prosecution to Monica Goodling, Gonzales' White House liaison, for testimony on why the administration fired eight federal prosecutors. The panel also unanimously approved - but did not issue - a subpoena to compel her to testify. The committee scheduled a May 10 hearing for

Gonzales. On the Senate side, Leahy's panel approved - but did not issue – a subpoena in the firings matter for Sara Taylor, deputy to Bush political adviser Karl Rove.

The House oversight committee also issued subpoenas for the Republican National

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# **SPORTS**

# NFL's new rules change teams' draft mentality

#### By Alex Marvez and Omar Kelly McClatchy Newspapers

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - Defending his name has been as challenging as covering opposing receivers for the University of Miami's Brandon Meriweather.

One of the NFL draft's top safety prospects, Meriweather said the first thing teams have wanted to discuss in interviews wasn't his on-field performance but his role in two well-publicized incidents. Almost three months after shooting his registered handgun three times while defending himself during a suspected robbery attempt at his South Miami residence, Meriweather was suspended for one game after kicking a downed player during a brawl that erupted in Miami's 35-0 victory over Florida International.

Those incidents have cast a black cloud over Meriweather, who said he is being forced to dispel "the myth that I'm a bad person" and who could potentially join the growing list of problem NFL players.

"I understand why they are so concerned," Meriweather said. "Every team wants a good dude on their squad so they are going to ask you about it, how you respond from it and what you learned. I told them I regret it and have changed in every way possible.'

But the NFL has, too. And that may cause Meriweather to slide in next weekend's draft.

The stronger personal-conduct policy unveiled last month by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is making teams think more before picking a prospect with a questionable background. The league announced lengthy suspensions for two players who have repeatedly run

into trouble - Tennessee cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones and Cincinnati wide receiver Chris Henry – and is expected to impose stronger penalties against others involved in future offfield incidents.

"There were a lot of owners, coaches and (general managers) talking about this issue and what we can do maybe to help head things off at the pass," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said when the issue was broached last month at the NFL owners' meeting in Phoenix. "If you have real stringent requirements in the draft, you're not going to take a chance on somebody

There also is a financial reason why some suspect prospects with early to mid-round talent may slip into the draft's later rounds or not even get chosen at all.

With all rookies, franchises worry whether the financial windfall that comes with being in the NFL will negatively affect a player, especially those receiving huge signing bonuses. Those concerns grew deeper last year when rules added to the Collective Bargaining Agreement made it harder to recoup signing bonuses from players suspended for violating the steroid or substance-abuse policies.

When it comes to researching a player's background, Dolphins General Manager Randy Mueller admitted, "Every little thing you find is going to be magnified right now."

"From our own scouts, we're leaning on them more to tap more sources and find out more information,"Mueller said. "They become investigative reporters. Part of their deal is doing background checks. We really have to know all the fine points of it. We probably spend more time on it than ever before."



McClatchy Newspapers

University of Miami's Brandon Meriweather celebrates the 14-13 Miami victory over the University of Houston on Sept. 30, 2006, at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

in the past two Dolphins drafts by then-coach Nick Saban, five of them – linebacker Channing Crowder, guard Joe Toledo and defensive linemen Matt Roth, Kevin Vickerson and Manny Wright - were charged with misdemeanors while in college. Although none of the five has been in legal trouble while with the Dolphins, it appears Mueller and new coach Cam Cameron will shy from selecting players with checkered pasts in this year's draft.

"There will be a couple of guys who have issues that may not come off the board logistically, but they'll have red flags on them and we probably won't go down that road," Mueller said. "Both Cam and I agree on the type of people we want, and I don't think we'll stray from that.

"Everybody deserves a second chance. But when you're going to get hammered on the personal-conduct policy and can't recoup any signing bonus money, is the risk/reward really worth it?"

That's the same debate interested teams are waging about Of the 13 players selected Meriweather, whose coverage

skills make him especially appealing as a safety. Two of the NFL's top draft analysts disagree whether Meriweather will be adversely affected by character concerns.

ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. said Meriweather's history is a "factor" and projects he will get chosen by Carolina with the No. 45 overall pick in the second round. NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock said he expects Meriweather will get selected between Nos. 17 and 27 and doesn't "sense that people think the significance of what he has done warrants taking him off their boards." Mayock also pointed out that Meriweather was a team captain as a senior and has never failed a drug test.

"I talked to a team this morning who was highly impressed with him, and they've spent a lot of time with him," Mayock said last Wednesday in a conference call. "He's doing a really good job looking people in the eye, saying, `Yes, I messed up a little bit, but talk to my teachers, my coaches. I'm OK. I'm going to be a good citizen.""

In today's NFL, he had better

# Pacers fire Carlisle after 4 tough years

#### By Cliff Brunt Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Rick Carlisle was fired Wednesday after four tumultuous years as coach of the Indiana Pacers, who failed to make the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

Carlisle said he understood it was time for the Pacers to hear a "new voice." Team president Larry Bird said Carlisle has an option to return to the team in another capacity. Carlisle was appointed vice president in October and has until June 15 to decide if he wants to keep that title.

The Pacers finished the season 35-47, their worst since 1988-89. Indiana was 29-24 shortly after the All-Star break. but lost its next 11 games to fall out of playoff contention. A loss to Detroit on April 3 clinched the Pacers' first losing season since 1996-97.

Carlisle struggled to manage talented but volatile players. Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson were the two most prominent players in the 2004 brawl between Pacers players and Detroit Pistons fans. That brawl started the unraveling of a team that was expected to make several title runs.

"This came down to what was in the best interests of the franchise going forward," Carlisle said. "Coaching is something that gets in your blood. But then again, when you know it's time, you know it's time."

Carlisle acknowledged his struggles to connect with the players.

"It's a people business, and communication is really important," Carlisle said. "You can never be too good a communicator. It's something I want to continue to work on.

Carlisle isn't sure if he wants to coach again, retain the Pacers management position or take time off to be with his family.

Seattle has fired its coach, as has Sacramento – where Artest

"Ĥe's got an opportunity to stay here," Bird said. "But you know Rick. He'll be out there networking and if he gets another job, he gets another job."

Carlisle and Bird said the coaching search will include candidates within the organization. Carlisle said Pacers assistants Johnny Davis and Chuck Person are ready to make the move.

Davis has made head coaching stops in Orlando and Philadelphia. Bird said he's not interested in taking on a coaching role for the team he led to the NBA finals in 2000.

In the Pacers' first year under Carlisle in 2003-04, they went 61-21 for the best record in the NBA, and the club reached the Eastern Conference finals. Indiana started the 2004-05 season in similar fashion, winning six of its first eight games.

Then came Nov. 19, 2004.

Artest went into the stands after a Detroit Pistons fan he thought doused him with a beverage, and some of his teammates joined in the melee.

Artest was suspended for 73 games and the playoffs for his part in the altercation, and teammates Jermaine O'Neal, Jackson and Anthony Johnson were given shorter suspensions.

The remaining Pacers clawed their way to a 44-38 record and the second round of the playoffs, but Pacers fans were upset that Miller's final season ended that way.

Even with the brawl year, Carlisle said this season was the toughest he's had in coaching, the situation made more difficult because of his close friendship with Bird.

Carlisle said he spoke with Bird on Tuesday and they decided that whichever of them dies first, the other will read the eulogy.

"I've seen other friends part ways and never speak again," Bird said, "but that's not the way it's going to be with us."

# Jazz need to work on offense to avoid sweep by Rockets

#### By Doug Alden The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - The Utah Jazz need to discover an inside scoring presence against Yao Ming and the Houston Rockets, we worked hard to get what we wanted, we got some shots inside."

Game 3 is tonight in Salt Lake City, where the Jazz haven't played a playoff game since 2003. The series opened in limited role in Utah's offense.

but had little help. The Rockets held Mehmet Okur to four points and completely shut out forward Andrei Kirilenko, who broke down in tears at practice Sunday after complaining of his



and they need to find it fast.

After losing the first two games in Houston, the Jazz are desperate to win one at home tonight. With another loss, they would be in jeopardy of being swept out of the playoffs for the first time since 1989.

With the 7-foot-6 Yao in the middle for the Rockets, the Jazz have been reluctant to take the ball inside and have shot erratically from the outside in both games.

Utah also hasn't been very patient trying to break down the Rockets' defense.

"It's difficult. We have to take what they give us and they're not going to give us much," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "When

Houston because of Utan's late season slump and the Rockets' surge that gave them a one-game advantage in the final standings

But playing on the road didn't seem to affect the Jazz nearly as much as who they were playing. Utah has struggled to keep Tracy McGrady and Yao in check - both have scored more than 20 in each game - and has been stifled by Houston's defense.

"We still didn't get the result that we wanted, but we are playing better," Utah forward Carlos Boozer said after practice Wednesday. "We've just got to win, man. We've got to win."

Boozer scored 41 Monday night in Houston's 98-90 win

Kirilenko said his head was clear again Wednesday.

"I don't want to blame anybody. It's not a blame situation. I don't think it's somebody's fault. It's just how it goes this season," he said. "If we lose two games we're out. We're done for the season. We go to vacation. I don't want to go to vacation right now."

The Jazz haven't been swept in a playoff series since Golden State beat them 3-0 in the opening round in 1989. That was Sloan's first playoff series with the Jazz, and he's not ready to start talking about another sweep. Sloan said the Jazz improved from the series opener to the second game.



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# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# Theater produces witty British play

#### By Tamara Parker Contributor

The Importance of Being Earnest, performed by the Baylor Theatre, has begun its five-day run in the Mabee Theatre this week. An array of talent, including lead actors Austin Terrell, a Lubbock senior, and Atlanta sophomore Justin Locklear, bring to life Oscar Wilde's famous and satirical comedy of manners

#### THEATREREVIEW

The Importance of Being Earnest is set in England during the late Victorian era, and its primary source of humor is based upon the main character John, played by Locklear, and his fictitious younger brother Ernest, a name which becomes the source of all confusion. But it's when John's best friend Algernon, played by Terrell, joins in on the charade that things begin to go astray.

The two are then left to scheme together and contrive a way to win back their fiancées while discovering hidden truths along the way. The chemistry between Terrell and Locklear is nothing short of comedic bliss. They bounce off each other so well that the audience often feels as if they are watching a pair of real-life friends, not actors reading from script. Whether it's Terrell's hilarious portrayal of the bored and mischievous Algernon or Locklear's interpretation of the cunning and clever "Earnest," they both possess that special touch of humor paired with a pinch of helpless romantic.

Homa, La., junior Meredith Owens and Houston junior Mary Laws also shine as the witty, yet naïve love interests of the devious men. They, too, exhibit

a great amount of chemistry, which leads me to applaud the casting director as well. Laws particularly stood out as the immature and flirtatious Cecily Cardew, who became an instant favorite among the younger members of the audience.

Another fun addition to the cast is Huntsville senior Haley Phillips, who plays the role of the stuffy and trivial Lady Bracknell. Though her scenes were much shorter than in Baylor's production of Annie Get Your Gun earlier this semester, they were nonetheless entertaining and riveting to watch.

Without a doubt Phillips possesses a certain amount of stage presence that quite literally steals the show no matter how short her lines may be. Her rendering of Lady Bracknell was not only fun to watch but fitting. Each detail of the era, along with particular attention to the original script, was carefully constructed and performed with a certain amount of allegiance to the writer and time period. It is even more evident in this production that everyone played an important part.

From the choreographed strike of the set, to the exquisite costumes, to the well-designed props on stage, all the way down to the well-rehearsed British accents, it is pretty clear that Oscar Wilde would be proud. The Importance of Being Ear-

The Importance of Being Earnest continues at 7:30 p.m. today through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in Mabee Theatre.

For more information, call the Baylor Theatre Box Office at 710-1865. Regular tickets cost \$15. However, students can purchase tickets for \$10 with a Baylor ID. All of the remaining performances are now sold out, but standing-room-only tickets will be sold an hour before each performance. Grade: A+



Courtesy photo

Atlanta sophomore Justin Locklear and Lubbock senior Austin Terrell star in Baylor Theatre's production of The Importance of Being Earnest.

# Fashion show to display students' collaborative work



David Poe/Lariat staff Walta Staggers (left). a senior design student, coaches Tampa, Fla., freshman Amy Van Valkenburg on her runway walk for the Family and Consumer Sciences Fashion Show Saturday.

#### By Whitney Farr Reporter

Fight the felony of a fashion faux pas and get the inside scoop on next season's fads.

The work of 30 fashion design students, who have produced more than 125 garments total, will be showcased in a presentation of original apparel at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"Not only are they looking good now, but they are projecting what the fashion forecast will be and designing for that," said Dr. Jaylie L. Beckenhauer, professor of family and consumer sciences.

This year's theme will focus on the creation of a garment. It will allow students to show the audience the process from design inspiration to the completed garment on the runway, Beckenhauer said.

"Throughout the show, the audience can experience the first sketches, fitting, garment production, detailing and finally, the runway show," Beckenhauer said.

Seniors are required to design five garments for their senior collection – one piece of outerwear, a cocktail dress, one item of professional or day wear, one article of sportswear and one article of manipulated fabric, like smocked or pleated, said Dr. Judith Lusk, professor of family and consumer sciences.

Awards will be given for all categories in the show, including best garment and most marketable garment.

""I really like the designs this year because dresses are back in

style now, so we are seeing more designs that the general public would be wearing," Beckenhauer said "They are learning how to produce garments that are cutting edge in fashion, as well as well-constructed and marketable."

Preparations for the show started last semester as design students began working on garments.

The basic design students draft their own patterns from which to produce their original apparel, Beckenhauer said.

In the fall visual merchandising and promotion class, the students came up with a theme for the event. This semester, the visual class has promoted the event, designed the set, written commentary and produced the show.

Twenty Baylor students will and at the door for \$10.

model the garments Saturday. "It's like a theater produc-

tion," Dr. Rita Purdy, professor of family and consumer sciences, said. "Theater students work around the clock to get their sets ready, and fashion shows are like that, too."

Fashion design professors Patricia Hassell, Jaynie Fader, Mary Simpson and Lusk instructed the fashion design majors throughout their studies. Beckenhauer supervised the visual merchandising students.

"My job is to guide. The students plan and execute it. By the time the show gets here I am confident in their ability to pull it off and do it well," said Beckenhauer. "So I just sit back and enjoy it."

Tickets will be sold in advance in the Bill Daniel Student Center and at the door for \$10.

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### NEWS

# Texas Legislature shoots down Perry's HPV order

#### By LIZ AUSTIN PETERSON The Associated Press

AUSTIN – Texas lawmakers officially rejected Gov. Rick Perry's anti-cancer vaccine order Wednesday, sending him a bill that blocks state officials from requiring the shots for at least four years.

Perry has said he is disappointed with the Legislature's actions but has not indicated whether he will veto the bill. He has 10 days to sign or veto it, or the proposal will become law without his signature.

Lawmakers can override a

veto with a two-thirds vote of both chambers. The legislation passed by well over that margin in both chambers.

Republican Rep. Dennis Bonnen, the bill's House sponsor, said he believes the bill is fair and reasonable.

"I think the governor should see this as the Legislature making a very clear and respectful statement, and I hope he'll accept our wishes," said Bonnen, of Angleton.

It's hard to predict what Perry might do, particularly since no one expected the socially conservative governor to embrace a

vaccine against a sexually transmitted disease, said Southern Methodist University political scientist Cal Jillson.

Letting the bill become law, even without his signature, would demonstrate the Legislature's power at a time when Perry is trying to assert more control over state government. But a veto almost certainly would be overridden, a slap that a Texas governor hasn't experienced since 1979.

'It's an unusual thing and he's got himself in a difficult situation," Jillson said, echoing comments lawmakers made privately but declined to share on the record. Perry was visiting the Texas-

Mexico border, where tornadoes killed at least 10 people Tuesday night. His spokeswoman, Krista Moody, said the governor's stance has not changed since the day he issued the order.

"The governor looks forward to a day when cervical cancer is eradicated and Texas women no longer have to cope with the devastating effects of this disease," she said, adding that the Legislature's actions will "delay that day for another four years.<sup>3</sup>

Wednesday's House vote to accept changes made by the Senate is one of the final steps in a fight that began in February, when Perry made national headlines with an executive order requiring the human papillomavirus vaccine for girls starting in sixth grade in September 2008.

The vaccine protects girls and women against strains of the sexually transmitted virus that cause most cases of cervical cancer and genital warts.

Merck & Co.'s Gardasil is the only HPV vaccine on the market.

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Bush said he stands firm

on his latest strategy for win-

ning the war and dismisses as

counterproductive the Demo-

ers in the middle of a combat

zone would have to take fight-

'That means our command-

cratic call for withdrawal.

Senate vote today.

The Legislature was outraged that Perry acted without consulting them. Just days after the governor issued the order, prominent legislators promised to do whatever it took to overturn the order, saying the vaccine is too new to force on Texas families.

"I just think it's important that parents and physicians are making this decision," Bonnen said.

After an emotional six-hour public hearing, the House approved a bill last month barring state officials from requiring the vaccine for school attendance.

anything to help the morale of our troops in harm's way."

Republicans also criticized Pelosi for what they said was a snub of Petraeus' briefing. She opted for a 30-minute phone call with him Tuesday.

Pelosi responded in a statement that she received from Petraeus the same information he planned to deliver Wednes-

day. "We share a conviction that the war in Iraq will not be resolved militarily, and I look

"Our troops are mired

in a civil war with no

clear enemy and no clear

strategy for success."

Steny Hoyer

forward to future reports from him on the effects of President Bush's escalation plan," she said.

Just hours

House Majority Leader before debate on the bill was to begin, House Majority Whip Roy Blunt told re-

porters he was not concerned about GOP defections despite the unpopularity of the war. But Blunt, R-Mo., said progress must be made soon or that could change.

Blunt also said Republicans would be open to legislation that would condition foreign aid for Iraq on the government's ability to meet certain standards, such as reaching a political compromise on sharing oil revenues.

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economic benefit, but a community benefit."

External Vice President Allan Marshall, a Cuney senior, said he has had discussions with Waco Mayor Virginia Du-Puy about downtown revitalization projects and increasing student living options in the area

"I think that Baylor students offer a good perspective on issues concerning the city," he said.

"It will be so important economically since we bring so much to Waco.

Marshall said students can benefit from living downtown, especially when it comes to internships.

"It would be really neat for students to get involved with internships downtown," he said. "If you live downtown you really experience it well. It is a win-win for Waco.'

Marshall said while he knew it was important for students to live on campus, it is more important for them to live "outside the bubble" and experience Waco.

He said living downtown could inspire some students to stay in Waco after they gradu-

"I think it is great that future students have an opportunity to live downtown and take advantage of what Waco is trying

to do downtown," said Garland sophomore Bryan Fonville, the incoming external vice presi-

"Waco is making an effort to cater to Baylor students, but also to get them involved in the community."

Part of Fonville's responsibility as external vice president will be to work with the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce and other Waco officials.

"I hope to work alongside the chamber and the mayor to help attract new businesses to develop initiatives such as this," he said.

In the square will be 61,800 square feet of retail space and restaurants, 68,680 square feet of "Class A" office space and approximately 35,000 square feet of "loft-style" residential space.

Heritage Square Partners is slated to break ground on the project this fall, with apartments open for lease starting in fall 2008.

Waco Town Square is just one of the many upcoming downtown revitalization projects, which includes the \$18 million renovation of the Hilton and the new \$17 million Chamber of Commerce building, Wallace said.

SWB Heritage Square Partners has also recently purchased the River Square Center, which includes the shops and restaurants at Second Street and Franklin Avenue.

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with a ranking system. "Intent can be a hard thing to establish and rank," she said. "We have to be extremely careful telling people what their intentions are."

Koehn said she believes the current system works well at separating legal levels of offenses, such as distinctions between murder and assault, and doesn't need remodeling.

"I believe it's better to keep focus on the acts themselves rather than the evilness of the individual," she said.

Dr. Dennis Tucker. associate professor of Christian Scriptures at Truett, said while Christianity has not historically had a hierarchy of evil, the issue can be explored outside of a theological context.

"Creating a new way to distinguish levels of crime is entirely different than ranking sins," Tucker said. "It's not an issue of making one sin worse when it's serving the judicial system.

Both Tucker and Kohen highlighted the difference in the understanding of evil in the Old Testament and current culture.

"Today, we talk about someone doing something evil, but in the Old Testament the lines are a little more blurred," Tucker said.

The word evil in Hebrew

#### "It's not an issue of making one sin worse when it's serving the judicial system."

Dr. Dennis Tucker associate professor

has a wide range of meanings, he said. In addition to what we commonly understand evil to be, it can also mean "disaster" or "destruction."

"Older ideas of evil in the Hebrew and Greek traditions didn't identify evil with malicious intent, but with suffering," Koehn said.

She said the question as to why God allows evil to exist is becoming of less interest as people begin to question the nature of evil itself.

Tucker echoed Koehn's

"In the Old Testament the idea is that humans create or

have to learn to live with that tension."







greater danger for our

"In the Old Testament, they of the universe," he said. "We

thoughts, and added that our contemporary culture could learn from the perception of evil in the Old Testament.

troops." In recent days,

debate has turned personal, with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-

the

Nev., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., receiving the brunt of GOP criticism. Republicans on Wednes-

day focused on Reid's comment that the war was lost. He said last week that he believed strides in Iraq could be made only on the political and diplomatic fronts.

"It is fairly irresponsible rhetoric at a time of war to make such a sweeping declaration," said Rep. Adam Putnam, R-Fla. "It certainly doesn't do

make evil," he said. Tucker said he believes the Old Testament wasn't as preoccupied with "the riddle of evil" as Christianity is today. understood that evil things happen, and God is still God

ing directions from legislators 6,000 miles away on Capitol Hill," Bush said this week. "The result would be a marked advantage for our enemies and a

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# Involvement ties BU to alumni, community

Partnerships give students, staff outlets for service

#### By Kate Boswell Staff writer

For the university to be truly successful, it needs to involve the entire community as a family.

That's the underlying premise of Baylor 2012's Imperative IX, which is "enhancing involvement of the entire Baylor family."



other Baptists and the Waco community – as well as a promise to "strengthen and focus its recruiting efforts to introduce a wider audience to the university at a younger age."

It also stipulates that Baylor will increase on- and off-campus events to help reach this heightened sense of community.

However, the university's midpoint assessment of Baylor

2012 stated "There is no centralized organizational entity responsible for the tasks associated with this imperative. Further, the

performance of this task does not produce reliable objective indicators." Todd Copeland, director of

operations at the Baylor Alumni Association and editor of **Baylor Line**, said reader surveys conducted through **Baylor Line** provide a way to measure success. Many readers respond in saying they feel increased pride and a

2012 stated "There is desire to give back to the unino centralized orga- versity.

However, he recognizes there is room to grow. "You're never going to reach perfect communication," Copeland said. "It's not easy to quantify."

As for communication with Baylor itself, Copeland said despite some past controversy, the alumni association is now partnered with Baylor's Office of Publications. "It's a healthy conversation," Jeff Kilgore, executive vice president of the Baylor Alumni Association, said.

President John Lilley said

he thinks Baylor has had and continues to have a strong relationship with the Baptist community.

"The Baptist General Convention elects a quarter of our regents, and I think we have a very good relationship with them," he said. "Since I've been here ... I've had close working relations with the executive director of the BGCT and others there, and I think there's a very positive, very strong relationship between the BGCT and

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# **Brooks room with a view**



Endowment lags behind projection

Lilley fundraising has pumped life into university's nest egg

#### By Jon Schroeder Staff writer

Some have called Imperative XII the most ambitious part of Baylor 2012. The objective calls for a \$2 billion endowment by 2012, a substantial increase from the \$561.8 million endowed in 2002.

Baylor's endowment was \$966.8 million at the end of March, according to an e-mail interview with Jonathan Hook, chief investment officer.

Endowment returns provide about 10 percent of Baylor's operating budget. In 2007, the endowment will provide more than \$40 million to the university.



But is it growing fast enough?

"We are making progress," according to Baylor's official midpoint analysis of 2012.

The document says two major measures of the endowment have been steadily improving: Baylor's 2006 per-student endowment, at \$62,280, achieved a National Association of College and University Business Officers ranking of 188.

That's the highest mark Baylor has ever set in that category. In addition, Baylor ranked 73rd for its total endowment value, its highest ranking in

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Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Construction continues on the Brooks Residential Village, which is scheduled for opening before the fall semester begins. The view from a second-floor window will look out over campus and especially highlight Pat Neff Hall.

### Officials want upper classmen to live on campus

#### By Melissa Limmer Staff writer

Until the creation of the North Village Residential Community, which opened in 2004, a new residential facility had not been built on campus since 1967.

Imperative II aspires to have 50 percent of the undergraduate student population living on campus by 2012 by building new facilities.

Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, said for the 2007-2008 academic year, the total number of undergraduate students living on campus will be 38 percent, up 8 percent from the 30 percent living on campus in 2002.

Shushok said Baylor was beginning to see some evidence of a cultural shift among upper-level students.

He also said the number of upper-level students living on campus has "essentially doubled" since 2012 began. Shushok said approximately 1,600 upperclassmen are contracted to live on campus next year.

"Our goal with 2012 has never

been to recruit students back to campus, but to keep them on campus longer," he said.

Campus housing for the 2006-2007 school year was at capacity, Shush-

ok said, and he anticipates the same response for the 2007-2008 school year.

Shushok said a residential campus is important because research shows it is the ideal learning environment.

"Everybody benefits," he said. Students remain "very engaged in the campus culture and campus dialogue. They remain more engaged and connected to their faculty members and are more satisfied with their university experience ... and they persist to graduate at a higher rate."

According to Shushok, creating a more residential campus is not just about building another Penland or North Russell, but creating diverse living environments. "The idea is not a one-size-fits-all kind of residential facility," he said.

The newest residential building project, Brooks Village, will open



in fall 2007. It will include Brooks Residential College and Brooks Flats. While some have ex-

pressed skepticism regarding Brooks Village's \$42 million cost, Shushok

said residential facilities "largely support themselves."

"North Village pays for itself after a very short period of time two years. Brooks Village will pay for itself and start to generate revenue," he said. "Tuition dollars don't pay for residence halls, the people who live in residence halls do."

Shushok said new residence contributions will continue on campus.

At the March 5 strategic planning council meeting, he presented a proposal calling for two more residential facilities and several renovations of existing residence halls.

The plan asks for another residential college and a more "traditional" living facility for upperclassmen.

One example of Baylor's ef-

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nve years.

"Although lagging behind the projection line, the market value (of the endowment) has been steadily increasing over the past three years," the assessment reads. According to the projection, Baylor's endowment should have topped \$1 billion at the end of 2006.

Hook said reaching these goals will require more than just good investing. "To get to \$2 billion we need to have good investment performance as well as strong giving from our donor base."

Over the past three years, Baylor has ranked seventh for its investment return rate out of more than 750 colleges and universities. In 2004 Baylor had the top investment performance of all schools nationwide.

"The goal of a \$2 billion endowment was just that: a goal. If we are not there by that date it does not cause any problems nor does it mean we have not been successful," Hook said. "We set an aggressive goal for ourselves that included some large contributions by donors in the early years of the 10-year time frame. Those contributions have not come to pass."

Each of the last five years, Baylor has averaged \$13 million in new gifts, an amount Hook said needs to be raised "considerably."

"Dr. Lilley has stated that he spends about 50 percent of his time on fundraising, which is a higher percentage than any past Baylor president that I am aware of," Hook said. "His work along with our entire development staff includes a lot of 'planting seeds.' Many gifts are the product of years and years of work with a donor. ...It is my belief that there has been a greater collaborative effort this year by all involved."

Lilley said endowment growth is based on fundraising, investing and spending investment returns.

"I think we have strengthened all three of those over the past few years," he said. "(Fundraising is) very important. But how you invest it and how you spend it, those are also very important."

Lilley said the Baylor Board of Regents also began cutting Baylor's spending relative to its income at a meeting this year. "We have cut back on our spending so that we get greater compounding. I believe we were spending too much of the returns we made, and so one of the ways in which you grow that endowment is be more disciplined about what you spend," he said.

"I think our biggest challenge (of Baylor 2012), frankly, is Imperative XII, but I think we're going to make the maximum effort to get there, and if we didn't make \$2 billion exactly by 2012, we'll just keep going," Lilley said.

# **BAYLOR 2012**

# Turning students to stewards

#### By Brian Bateman Reporter

Stewardship can be a frightening word. But Director of University Missions Rebecca Kennedy doesn't think it has to be.

"Your whole life encompasses a mission," Kennedy said.

Baylor 2012 addresses this idea of stewardship in Imperative VI, which lists "living a life of stewardship" and finding a vocation as opposed to a job as its main focus. Part of Imperative VI requires the expansion of Baylor's Chapel services.

"We originally started a program called Chapel Fridays," Kennedy said. "Last year, we pushed academic excellence and then turned (the program) over to the Provost's Office."

Chapel guests are asked to interact with students on a larger scale. Creating post-Chapel meetings with the speaker over lunch or outside Waco Hall are a few ways University Ministries has expanded Chapel, Kennedy said. "We would like students to have further, deeper discussions with our Chapel guests."

But University Ministries didn't stop at improving Chapel: They created a new process known as "discipline specific missions in 2002.

It's an opportunity for students to serve others through

their academic discipline, Kennedy said, adding that "it allows them to reflect on how God might use them to make a difference in the world." The missions plan has already sent Baylor stu-

dents to foreign lands, helping people in Armenia, Honduras and Kenva.

But while sending missionaries and aid workers overseas can be seen as a noble cause, Imperative VI recognizes that most of the university students will serve locally.

Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, has been working with Campus Living and Learning to get students on track early for a vocational career.

"Stewardship is built around your gifts in the way God created you to," Shushok said.

Fostering stewardship early begins with one-on-one communication, he said. Community leaders and resident chaplains are designed to meet this goal. Formerly staffed by residential assistants, Baylor's residential halls now employ relationally driven students. But Baylor's plan to improve stewardship by encouraging students to stay in Waco. According to Imperative VI, The Place to BU allows Baylor to retain students, create a "greater sense of community" and continue involvement in

community service.

"Community Leaders cheer (students) on to explore things they would never think to pursue," Shushok said.

But sometimes students need more than what a CL can provide, and that's where the resident chaplains begin.

According to Penland Residence Hall's resident chaplain, Christopher Mack, creating interpersonal relationships can lead to stewardship. "We live in a culture saturated with materialism," Mack said. "We try to take a holistic approach ... whether it's one-on-one or just hanging out."

But while resident chaplains continue working diligently, the university chaplain position remains to be filled. Three candidates, former Baylor graduate Maxie B. Burch, Harvard graduate Allen D. Callahan and Yale graduate Frederick J. Streets, are being considered for the post.

The creation of living-learning centers around campus has contributed to the development of Imperative VI, as well. Alexander, Memorial and Allen residential halls, along with part of North Village, incorporate the idea of a living-learning center.

"A living-learning center is really used to exploit that potential," Shushok said. "Peer mentoring is one of the most powerful and fundamental tools in what (Baylor) is trying to do,"



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

A class meets April 18 outside the Bill Daniel Student Center. Goals have been set within Imperative I to have only 10 percent of classes with more than 50 students.

### Learning boosts mean class tweaks

#### By Claire St. Amant Staff writer

Whether you're talking about the first meal of the day or a first impression, beginnings are always important. The first imperative

of Baylor 2012 is no exception. Imperative I seeks to "establish

an environment where learning can flourish" through a reduced student-faculty ratio, the development of additional courses in new fields and the creation of an academic success center.

Elizabeth Vardaman, associate dean for special projects in the College of Arts and Sciences, said new courses are always being added to the freshman

'Freshman academic seminars and honors seminars are very neat, writing-intensive courses," she said. "None of the current courses have been taught more than three or four years, and some are brand-new

The first-year seminars substia typical freshman-level class

"Most of our students give high marks to the freshman seminar experience," she said. "It's unique because the class looks specifically at one topic,

does, she said.

but with an interdisciplinary methodology.

Vardaman said the classes are limited to 20 students in order to allow a high level of interaction between students and faculty. Students are usually "very affirming of these programs," she said.

The imperative seeks to reduce all class sizes, with the final goal of 45 percent of classes with fewer than 20 students and only 10 percent of classes with more than 50 students. According to the 2012 midpoint evaluation, in 2006 the goal had been met, but in 2007, the percentage of students in classes with more than 50 students increased to around 11 percent. Dr. Larry Lyon, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, wrote in an e-mail interview that "Generally, Baylor remains 'on track' for fewer large classes and we are close to being 'on track' for in-

creasing the proportion of small classes. We have recently visited with some departments to see if we can provide more small classes next year. I think we will improve on all these class-size measures next year, unless we have a very large incoming class of first-year students."

An additional class-size goal is to have only 2.5 percent of undergraduate classes with 100 or more students. The evaluations showed numbers to be ontrack in 2005 with 2.8 percent of classes meeting the criteria, but the percentage rose to 3 percent in 2007.

Another aspect of the imperative is to "create facilities that will enable learning, research and teaching." While the new sciences building meets that criterion, it's not limited to the traditional classroom.

Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, said Brooks Village, set to open in the fall, will be one more way students can "feel a part of Baylor," find "their sense of community and belonging," and grow as a human being, all of which contribute to a positive learning environment.

# Tutoring, SI up retention rate

#### By Kirsten Horne Reporter

As Baylor's campus and faculty continue to grow, there are hopes

that the student body will follow in those footsteps. Imperative IV says the university will seek out students of "high academic merit, Christian character, commitment to service and potential for leadership." In addition, these students should enrich the Baylor community through a range of backgrounds

and scholarships at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Jennifer Carron, director of admission services, explained what's being done to help attract a top-tier student body to

Baylor. "As Baylor University continues to promote its vision for the future, the number of prospec-

tive students interested in the kind of education Baylor offers continues to rise," Carron said. She said this high demand for a Baylor education gives the uni-

versity the chance to be more se-

backgrounds has not been as successful. Baylor is currently making progress on attracting minority students to its campus. After a steady increase,

there was a slight fall in percentage in Fall 2006.

Similar statistics show for scholarships and academic support for Baylor student.

While the number of scholarships for undergraduate students has increased, those for the graduate students have decreased. However, the decrease corresponds with the decrease in student enrollment.

"In addition to the students' academic qualifications, we look at extracurricular activities, leadership roles and community service," Carron said.

Carron said admissions considers the extent to which the student's unique personal qualities suggest potential to contribute to the academic mission of the university and the student's ability to benefit specifically from an education and experience at Bavlor. "We will also be taking into account whether the student will be able to compete and succeed in this environment," Carron said. "We will take into account his or her willingness to take advantage of opportunities offered and the likelihood of achieving beyond the life of the university. Once students have been accepted and enrolled in Baylor, the hopes of maintaining and supporting their high academic merit remains strong.

The current freshman retention rate is 83 percent, and the goal is to increase that to 93 percent.

There are steps that are being taken to help improve this statistic," Sally Firmin, director of academic support programs, said.

"We currently offer supplemental instruction programs here at Baylor for some of the pre-med classes, as well as classes such as history and religion classes."

These supplemental instruction programs, or SI, target highrisk courses freshmen take.

"In addition to the SI sessions, we are starting to offer private tutoring for the students as well," Firmin said.

She added that the tutoring stems from a direct attempt to help increase the freshman retention rate.

'But the main thing that has been done is to better organize and promote the technology for the early alert faculty," Firmin said. "When a student was struggling in a class, we usually received a call from the professor. Now the professor can alert us electronically to let us know more efficiently." The Paul L. Foster Success Center, which is currently being consolidated into one location, is designed to support the academic merit of the student body. Miller said there is no specific way to measure if the success center is the direct cause of increased retention rates, but "we hope that the Foster Center has contributed to the rising of retention rates on campus.'

curriculum.

for the fall."

tute for a core curriculum class and offer "a more concentrated look at a specific topic" than



lective in its admissions process. "While we will continue to re-

cruit academically qualified students, Baylor's admissions policies will focus more on shaping the class," Carron said.

According to the Baylor 2012 Mid-Point Assessment, Baylor is right on track. With the projected goal of raising the average SAT score for first-year students to 1250, Baylor is not far behind with a current SAT average around 1210.

However, Baylor's desire to seek out students from a range of

### Baylor athletic rankings climbing

#### By Brian Bateman Reporter

Baylor 2012 is not ust a document for improvement in a classroom – it also encompasses the 50,000-seat classroom at Floyd Casey Stadium.

One emphasis of Imperative X is "creating a winning tradition." Since 2002, Baylor football has won 20 percent of Big 12 games, coming as a vast improvement over not winning any in the previous three years.

"I think we've made enormous progress," President John Lilley said. "Our two previous years ... were the best two years in athletics Baylor's ever had."

While Baylor struggles to bring the flagship sports into consistent winning seasons, its major athletic success can be found along University Parks Drive. National championships in men's tennis and women's basketball are the standard bearers for smaller-marketed Baylor sports.

But baseball, softball and women's tennis all have left legacies of winning traditions. The Bears baseball team made the College World Series for the first time in 27 years in 2005 while the softball team has rector of athletics. found itself ranked in the top 25 every year since 2002.

Even while the baseball team is on course to hold a losing record for the 2007 season, the Bears' youth will not be a hindrance next year.

Both tennis teams have clinched Big 12 regular season titles and have eyes on both conference and national championships.

The men's team is ranked No. 4 nationally while the women's team pulls in at No. 15. Only three other Big 12 schools have teams in the top 25: No. 24 Texas A&M University's women's squad and the men's teams from the No. 11 University of Texas and No. 12 Oklahoma State University.

'Optimism and direction are big parts of recruiting," women's tennis head Coach Joey Scrivano said. "We've set some pretty lofty goals."

Baylor's recent sports successes have garnered the university national attention.

"We have finished No. 25 and No. 32 in the U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup in the past two years," said Ian McCaw, di-

And while athletes "finish the job" on the field, they're also finishing the job in the classroom. Baylor's graduation rates among athletes has led the conference six times in the 10-year history of the Big 12.

While numbers determine winners and losers, they don't tell the whole story of Baylor 2012. Imperative X lists not just winning as a priority, but winning "with complete integrity." Since the 2003 murder of

Patrick Dennehy, Baylor has had to work harder than ever to improve its image. Baylor has increased compliance staffing, McCaw said, and this is a sign of commitment to Baylor 2012.

"Having athletes fully integrated into the Baylor campus life experience is important to us," Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, said.

One way to accomplish integration is to negotiate between coaches' wishes and players' desires, Shushok said.

And while the quest of Baylor 2012 will take the full resources of the university, McCaw is looking for Baylor to become a "pre-eminent, intercollegiate program with great integrity."

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# **BAYLOR 2012**

# Pleasing **spaces** making impact

#### By Jon Schroeder Staff writer

Just past the halfway mark in the Baylor 2012 process, Baylor's looking good. And that's the point of Imperative VIII, which calls for the construction of 'useful and aesthetically pleasng spaces" on campus.

Baylor has created some green spaces on campus, built the Stacy Riddle Forum, constructed parking facilities on the outskirts of campus, built a new intramural complex, built and approved athletic venues like the Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athletics and Academic Complex.

One of the major components of Imperative VIII, the renovation of the Bill Daniel Student Center, has taken the form of one of about 60 major strategic proposals working their way through the Baylor admin-

istration. If the proposal is ultimately approved, it will be announced after the July meet-ing of the board of regents.

"It was originally planned, in terms of se-

quencing, a little bit later in (Baylor) 2012," said Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life. "I'm hopeful that within the next five years we'll have that project." The proposed renovation of the center would demolish about 15,200 square feet of the first floor, replacing it with about 79,000 square feet of new construction.

Several projects under Initiative VIII have not yet been started. The initiative calls for renovation of building facades, a new retirement village and the development of the "leisure and academic corridors" along both



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Sugar Land junior Amir Mollaei and Clearlake senior Viraj Patel talk April 18 outside the Baylor Sciences Building. The sciences building meets the description set out by Imperative VIII to create "useful and aesthetically pleasing spaces."

sides of the Brazos River.

Oliver said constructing aesthetically pleasing buildings has tangible results.

"How people interact with buildings and spaces is very important in terms of what kind of environment is created and how that contributes to learning," he said.

Oliver cited the central atrium of the Baylor Sciences Building, with its open space and natural lighting, as an example of design which promotes congregating of students.

Since Baylor 2012's inception, North Village Residential Community, The Stacy Riddle Forum, the Bill and Eva Williams Bear Habitat and the Baugh-Reynolds Campus of George W. Truett Theological Seminary have all been built. Students and faculty impacted North Village's design, and they'll have just as much input into upcoming projects, said Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement.

"I remember a student focus group where a student in the focus group etched out the design for the light fixtures that now hang in the North Village Community Center," Shushok said, adding that students have even created names for the North Village buildings and designed stained-glass windows and

coats of arms for Brooks.

"The value of a vision is that it can energize people. It can focus people, and it can cause you to be more intentional about what you pursue and how you pursue it," he said. "There has been some division on campus, really about the implementation of 2012. I think a good bit of that is because it didn't really honor all of the great things that have happened at Baylor and were happening at Baylor.'

Oliver said some people have the "crass" idea that Baylor provided a poor education before 2012 and is becoming better.

"That's false. Baylor was great. I was here before then, I know it was great," he said.

"But what 2012 did was to say, 'Let's all really work together to make it even better' because our students deserve that, and it honors who we are as an institution.'

President John Lilley said Baylor is already a beautiful place, but that there's still room for improvement.

"I think we have some extraordinarily beautiful places on campus, and then we have some, frankly, that look a little run-down at the heels," he said. "I want this campus to inspire people. I want it to set a standard of beauty for the rest of their lives. Now, that's a very high calling, but that's my objective."

# Study abroad participation remains on consistent level

#### By Ida Jamshidi Reporter

As the diversity of the world's cultures continues to influence our generation, Baylor has recognized the advantages of expanding students' horizons on an international level.

Imperative XI of Baylor 2012 stresses the importance of emphasizing global education.

One goal under this imperative is to increase participation in study abroad programs so 30 percent of each graduating class will have had the opportunity to study abroad.

Also, Baylor hopes to place a stronger focus on the study of the modern foreign languages and to build an ethnically diverse student body and faculty.

Cathleen Catlin, exchange program and study abroad adviser, said participation in study abroad programs began to increase after Imperative XI was established, but numbers have remained consistent in recent years, with roughly 800 students studying abroad this school year.

The estimated 20 percent of graduating seniors who studied abroad this year falls about 1,400 students short of Baylor's 30 percent goal. "We're not seeing too much of an increase, but I do think that this coming year there will be a definite increase for the number of students going abroad," Catlin said.

She attributes her prediction to the interest she's noticed from students at biweekly study abroad information sessions.

"I think that the meetings are more attended now since studying abroad has become so much more popular as a whole across

the U.S.," Catlin said. "Students are realizing how important it is for them to have

study abroad programs to complement their education." According to a survey conducted in 2005 by the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program, 75 percent of college undergraduate students believe it's important to study abroad, but only a little more than 1 percent actually do. Beth Walker, adviser for

campus and community involvement for the Center for International Education, said that in addition to studying abroad, students can learn from international students on campus.

"We often think the international students need help, and they do, in many cases, need a lot of assistance with adjust-

ment," Walker said. "But we also feel it's very important that our U.S. students meet international students."

Walker said U.S. students are more prepared to face diversity outside of Baylor when

they form relationships with international students. In 1998 Walker started the

program People Around the World Sharing, which aims to make international students feel more welcome at Baylor by pairing them with U.S. students to share cultures and form friendships.

Since Baylor 2012 was announced, involvement in PAWS has been "steadily rising," Walker said, with about 45 partnerships set up and several U.S. students waiting to be matched with an international student.

Despite the growth of PAWS, international student enrollment numbers have remained around 400 with no major increase in the past five years.

The 2012 goal for international students on campus is 4.25 percent of undergraduate students from outside of the United States.

Mike Morrison, director of the Center for International Education, said international undergraduates currently make up 1.64 percent of the total undergraduate population.

Morrison said visa issues may be the reason for "the flattening of the international student enrollment at Baylor during recent years."

But he also said U.S. schools in general experienced a decline in international enrollment after Sept. 11 "due to the initial increased difficulty in obtaining a visa and later the perceived difficulty in obtaining a visa."

Morrison is now making changes in hopes of increasing numbers.

'We are redesigning our Web presence, seeking scholarship funding and planning to exert more effort and money in foreign recruiting, all toward increasing the number of international students on campus," Morrison said.

Dr. Michael Long, interim chairman of the department of modern foreign languages, said Baylor's goal to enrich the quality and application of the study of modern foreign languages by 2012 is right on track.

"We have put in a major strategic proposal, a proposal in implementing a major for more languages," Long said. "If our (major strategic proposal) were funded by the university, this would represent huge progress toward meeting the goals of 2012.

Besides implementing majors for languages like Chinese, Japanese, Arabic and Swahili, Long said that the department is working to develop a local living and learning center so students could have a "semi-im-mersion experience" with the language they're studying.

Although numbers and percentages do not suggest fulfillment of Imperative XI, Catlin remains hopeful and dedicated to Baylor's efforts.

"I don't know how much emphasis has been put on attaining the goal of Imperative XI, but I know that the university is realizing the importance of this goal," Catlin said.

### Great Texts, quality of grad students spearhead new academic programs

#### By Melissa Limmer Staff writer

Imperative V calls for Baylor to "initiate outstanding new academic programs." A major focus of the imperative is not only

Imperative V has also seen a rise in the number of doctoral programs offered.

Doctoral degrees created since the beginning of Baylor and preventive health; math-

cially classes which reflect the changing face of technology in the media.

'The time is right from our perspective. We continue to 2012 include exercise, nutrition grow and we need to respond to changes within the media envi-



new undergraduate programs but graduate as well.

The imperative specifically calls for a 25-percent increase in the number of graduate students. Since the inception of 2012, the graduate school enrollment has increased 4.8 percent.

"We are not growing as rap-idly as 2012 calls for," Dr. Larry Lyon, dean of the graduate school, said. However, Lyon said the graduate school is focusing more on the quality of students rather than quantity.

The increased quality of students can be seen in the increase in GRE scores, Lyon said, which have been growing at a 50 percent higher rate than Baylor's already increasing SAT scores.

More students are also presenting at various academic professional meetings. This year 170 students will present, almost triple the number in 2002.

The graduate school has been focusing on attracting brighter students and giving them more opportunities to work closely with faculty and do individual research.

Lyon also said he is optimistic about the future for graduate programs like chemistry and biology, which can "come together around environmental issues in ways that we can really make a name for ourself," Lyon said.

The biggest reason for his optimism is "the tremendous science building." The Baylor Sciences Building allows students to stay on campus to do research, instead of traveling to Houston or Austin.

"There are lots of reasons to have great expectations for future success in sciences," he said.

The graduate school also gained prestige this year when Baylor was officially named a research university by the Carnegie Foundation, the highest ranking a university can accomplish.

ematics; philosophy and sociology

New doctoral degrees in the process of being approved include church music; comparative literature; economics; ecological, earth and environmental sciences; history; information systems; and social work.

The imperative also states that at the graduate level there should be a focus on faith and ethics in the various

graduate programs. Lyon said that be-

cause Baylor says "faith matters," the sociology and religion program is the largest in the country, and the

focus on ethics in the MBA program "helps students to find jobs," especially in the wake of corporate scandals in American business.

This imperative also calls for the creation of a School of Communications. While this has not yet been accomplished, Dr. Clark Baker, interim chairman of the journalism department, is optimistic about the possibility.

Baker said a proposal was submitted in December to the strategic planning committee, who will advise the administration and provosts on whether to establish the school. Baker said a decision from the administration is expected to come in July.

Baker said the school would begin as a part of the College of Arts and Sciences and would be composed of three departments: journalism, film and digital media and speech communication. The plan also eventually calls

for the construction of a new communications building.

Baker said creating a school of communication "opens up many possibilities for us," including more fundraising opportunities, greater faculty re-sources and better recruitment. Baker also said creating the school will "allow us to teach a greater variety of classes," esperonment." he said

"We need to respond to the continual changes (in the media), technologically or otherwise.

Another focus of the initiative was the creation of an Honors College, including a Great Texts program. Both of these goals have been met.

Dr. Scott Moore, director of the Great Texts program, said

the idea of creating an honors college at Baylor had been discussed vears before Baylor 2012 was created.

In 2002, the Great Texts program was born as one of the four

branches of the Honors College

The desire for the program, Moore said, was "to create opportunities for students to read primary source material in an environment where they would have extended conversations with students and faculty.'

Moore said Great Texts programs are popular, especially at schools with strong medical programs like Baylor because pre-med students are "people who are interested in the human condition and questions of suffering. ... They complement well scientific preparation."

'Great texts are almost invariably texts which reflect on the human condition," he said, and force students to question what is happiness, success and suffering. "Those are all things we all need to think about," he said.

Since its creation in 2001, the Great Texts program has grown from offering three sections with 40 students enrolled to offering 25 sections to more than 400 students.

Moore said "the best sign that we are successful is how often I see students hanging around after class ... conversations spill out after class into the hallways and into coffee shops.'

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# Campus peppered with new construction projects

#### By Kate Boswell Staff writer

We all know that learning takes place in the mind, but Baylor understands that having great classrooms helps the process. This is the logic behind Imperative VII's goal, which is to "provide outstanding academic facilities" for students, faculty and staff.

Specifically, the imperative outlines six steps: construction of a new life sciences building, construction of the Jeanes Discovery Center and Mayborn Natural Sciences and Cultural History Museum, construction of an academic success center, renovation of Morrison Constitution Hall, renovation of the engineering and computer science facilities and augmenting the fine arts facilities. The Baylor Sciences

Building was completed in fall 2004. The Mayborn Museum Complex, which is the home of the Jeanes Discovery Center and Natural History Museum, was completed in May 2004 and opened the same month.

The academic success center, which will be called the Paul L. Foster Success Center, is already under construction and scheduled to be finished before the 2012 deadline.

Brandon Miller, assistant



vice president of student success, said the "idea of the success center has been in operation since 2002," but added the physical center will

open in August. The facility will be housed in the basement and first floor of Sid Richardson Science Building.

There are five components to the success center: academic advisement, academic support programs, access and learning accommodation, career counseling and career services. Currently, they are housed in several different locations, such as Morrison Constitution Hall,

Clifton Robinson Tower and the Speight Plaza Parking Garage.

"Sid Richardson is undergoing \$6.5 million in renovations in order to have all five units located on the first floor and basement level," Miller said. "We're very excited about all being together under one roof."

The imperative also states that the academic success center will "house a program aimed at increasing both student retention and graduation rates by 10 percent by the year 2012."

Miller said there is not a way to measure if the Paul L. Foster Success Center is the direct cause of increased retention rates, but "we would hope that the Foster Center has contributed to the rising retention rates." The 2006-2007 undergraduate retention rate was 94.6 percent, which is one-tenth of a percentage point higher than in 2005-2006.

He added that the goal of the center is academic success and "all units of the center work toward the common goal of ensuring academic success."

Brian Nicholson, director of design and construction services, said Morrison Constitution Hall underwent minor renovations, such as repainting and replacing carpet, from 2001 to 2002.

The Rogers Engineering and Computer Sciences Building was renovated from 2003 to

"This renovation consisted of enlarging a student lounge on the first floor and computer science administrative offices on the second floor," Nicholson said.

"This was a complete demolition and remodel," he said.

Augmenting the fine arts facilities will consist of complet-ing phase two of the McCrary Music Building.

Two performance halls will be added onto the building, as well as additional offices.

Nicholson said the order that projects are completed in depends on the decision of the administration, and that funding is also a factor.



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Houston sophomore Candice Clarke, left, and Dallas junior Brittney Donahue talk with biology teaching assistant Nick Green in their anatomy and physiology lab April 18.

# **Research goals key to Imperative III**

#### By Claire St. Amant Staff writer

When most people think of 2012, images of towering buildings and national championships come to mind. In the shadow of fancy architecture and athletic achievement, one cannot overlook the conduits of education itself: professors.

The third imperative of Baylor 2012 is to "develop a world-class faculty" with an emphasis on research and publication

Jan Nimmo, assistant vice provost for research, said recruiting faculty who are committed to research as part of the teaching process is an important distinction for 2012.

"One of the mistakes people make is to create a dichotomy between research and teaching," she said. "We believe the two go hand-in-hand."

Nimmo said students benefit greatly when faculty members are involved in cutting-edge research because they can impart knowledge to students.

One of the goals of the imperative is to have total research and development expenditures at \$20 million by 2012. According to the midterm evaluation, research spending dropped \$1 million from 2005 to 2006.

While the imperative is focused on the quality of faculty, a key point revolves around increased participation in undergraduate and graduate research. "It's about faculty, but faculty are about teaching," she said. "It makes sense that student research is included in the imperative."

When faculty are active in their respective disciplines in ways that are recognizable to

their colleagues throughout the country and the world, everyone in the university benefits from the conversation, Nimmo said

According to the midterm 2012 evaluation, Baylor has surpassed both Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University in total number of faculty publications. Baylor has practically doubled its publications between 2001 and 2006, with final numbers around 400.

Figures provided by Baylor's Institute for Research and Testing from fall 2006 show that 404 of the 804 faculty members are already tenured, with 155 more on tenure-track.

Tenure-track faculty are expected to not only perform well in the classroom, but with research and community service as well. The tenure process occurs during a professor's first six years at Baylor.

Additionally, the imperative seeks to establish new endowed faculty positions, including more chairs and professorships.

According to the Institute for Research and Testing, Baylor had 223 tenured full professors in fall 2006. In 2005, endowed chairs were established



At the Hankamer School of

Business, a single department holds five endowed chairs by itself. The finance, insurance and real estate department received the funds for a fifth endowed chair in the fall 2005.

Ohio senior Mary Snyder, a business major, said she has found her professors to be quite knowledgeable in their fields.

"My professors are really good about bringing real-life applications to the classroom," she said. "Their commitment to research is obvious by their knowledge of the business world beyond the classroom."

President John Lilley said attracting a "world-class faculty" is a multifaceted issue

'When you're looking at a faculty appointment - not unlike a marriage you're looking for a fit. You want someone to come here and say, 'Wow, Baylor is a great place.'"

In efforts to appeal to potential staff, Baylor has strengthened its retirement plans, vesting and salaries in the past several years, he said.

"Bright, able people have lots of choices, and so we want to make sure we're competitive in salaries and benefits," he said.

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fort to provide more diverse living options is the Honors College Living & Learning Center in the Memorial and Alexander residence halls.

The center was created in the fall of 2004, and since then the program has received "remarkably positive" feedback, Honors College assistant director Dustin Stewart said as can be seen in the number of students who return to live in Memorial or Alexander for a second year. Stewart said between 38 and 40 percent of the center will be occupied by returning sophomores for the 2007-2008 school year.

Stewart said the center is "making inroads in generating student enthusiasm," especially among upper-level male students who didn't have many on-campus living options previously.

Stewart said students who live in living-learning centers and on campus after their first

ence is primary among the goals (of Baylor)," Stewart said.

Part of creating a residential campus, according to the imperative, is to "create robust student life programming to enrich the life of the University.'

Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, said 83 percent of Baylor students are involved year "feel more closely tied to in at least one student organithe Baylor experience and their zation. "While (organizations) are not a physical home," Oliver said, "they create relationships with people that are a home for them. Oliver said Baylor student life is unique because "all of what you experience at Baylor is a learning experience; it is not divided into classroom experience and everything else."





particular area of study

Stewart also said living on campus allows students to have "more intentional" relationships with faculty and their peers.

"I think that especially with the advent of Brooks and more living-learning centers that sense an overlap between academic and residential experi-



Baylor. That's historic and very important.'

Lilley also said he thinks Baylor provides a powerful resource to the Waco community.

"We tend not to notice it and to really think about it, but when you think about what Baylor provides to the community, there's a huge value," Lilley said. "Whether it's the fine arts, athletics, it ranges from entertainment to very serious lectures and discussions. I'm constantly saying I want people in Central Texas to see Baylor as a major resource for all kinds of good purposes. I can't imagine living in a city that didn't have a major university in it." Lilley added that the indi-

vidual contribution between the two is important and should not be underestimated.

"Virtually everyone I know is on a variety of boards, providing leadership for nonprofit agencies," he said.

"There are lots of different ways. It gets played out in lots of individual ways, and I don't even know all the ways. For example, I sit on the board of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce. I'm on the mayor's visioning effort."

Allan Marshall, student body external vice president and Cuney senior, said he thinks the university has made great strides in bettering Baylor's relationship with the Waco community.

"Since I've been in this job I've realized how important relationships are," Marshall said. He cited the growth of service learning, where classes take part in service activities, and other service opportunities in the community as one of the steps toward a better relation-

ship. "If we're trying to be a top- tier institution we really have to be engaged with the community," he said. "The town and gown relationship needs to be breached. If you don't have a community behind you, it's fatal."

Kilgore said Baylor's connection with its alumni has been, and continues to be, a strong one. "Baylor has historically done a highly effective job in communicating with the Baylor family," Kilgore said.

He added that the alumni magazine, the Baylor Line, is one of the primary ways the alumni association helps alumni stay in touch with Baylor.

'We are blessed as an association because the **Baylor Line** has, and continues to be, perceived as the cornerstone of the Baylor community, and we realize what a responsibility that entrusts," Kilgore said.

Copeland said alumni also receive an e-mail newsletter called **Between the Lines**, which reaches about 75,000, and email updates twice a month. He said communication with the student body is important because "students are alumni in the making."

Abby Martin, who serves as

the coordinator of student and alumni outreach, said she works to educate students about traditions and ensures recent graduates receive a free subscription to the **Baylor Line**.

"A degree is only as good as the alumni who support the university," she said.

Kilgore calls this idea the "major mind shift" that has occurred within the alumni association over the past years.

He said students and alumni have come to understand they have a responsibility to Baylor. Copeland also said Baylor's name remains prominent and respected through the professional contributions of alumni.

"Baylor alumni have been outstanding ... it speaks to the character of Baylor students and how well they're educated," he said

Frisco junior Will Simmons has experienced Baylor's recruitment efforts firsthand. As a member of Student Foundation, Simmons has been involved in several Baylor rallies and trips to different high schools.

"(Student Foundation) works closely with the admissions people at Baylor. We follow their program," he said. "We go all over Texas and even outside the state – I went to Little Rock, Ark. - doing Baylor rallies."

Simmons said, in his experience, Baylor 2012 itself has been a good recruitment tool.

'It has been a great thing in encouraging students as to what Baylor's focus is and how we're improving," he said.

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