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Disputes arise over Student Life Fund

Money given to NAACP weeks after senate denies event funding

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Members of Student Senate were in an uproar Thursday when they learned that the NAACP received money from the Student Life Fund for its Block Party despite the fact that Senate voted two weeks ago not to allocate funds to the group.

Dr. Dub Oliver, vice presi-

dent for student life, stressed that the funds given to the group were not from the Student Life Fund.

"Student Senate is the only one who allocates Student Life Fund money," Oliver said. "NAACP has not received any Student Life Fund money. I helped them individually from the funds that are available from Student Life more generally, as I do for a number of organizations and events, such as Island Party."

The NAACP Block Party will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. today

in Fountain Mall.

Student senator Vincent Harris, a Fairfax, Va., freshman, said he was aware of the distinction between the kinds of funding but still found the funding of the NAACP event upsetting.

"My complaint was that this money from Student Life, because Baylor is so tuition driven, is still essentially student money," he said. "What's the point of groups coming to (Senate) when the organization can go to one individual and get funding?"

Harris added that he and the other senators found out about the funding in a conversation and that no announcement of it was made.

"I wish we were told about this instead of it being a behind-the-scenes thing," he said.

Senator Jordan Powell, a Greenville sophomore, agreed with Harris. He said the NAACP allocation had not passed because of the high cost of the event and because many senate members believe the event, which featured a motivational speaker as well as children's

activities, was targeted more toward the community than Baylor students.

"It was a very heated bill and I think there is a tendency to maybe make this about race and that's why they were given funding, but for most of us it was just a money issue," Powell said. "It was just a huge allocation of money percentage-wise."

Powell said the cost per person is minimal for most allocations Student Senate passes,

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Courtesy photo

Adjunct instructor Julee Guinn crosses the finish line at the 2006 Boston marathon.

Runner sets lofty goals

Adjunct instructor pounds the pavement as marathon athlete

By Kirsten Horne
Reporter

Determined. Dedicated. Motivated.

This is Julee Guinn.

An adjunct faculty running instructor at Baylor, Guinn has worked hard at setting high goals for herself and achieving them.

On the morning of April 16, Guinn rolled out of bed at 5 a.m. ready to run in the Boston Marathon. A marathon reserved for only the elite runners in the world, and she was one of them.

Back in November 2006, Guinn ran in the San Antonio Marathon and finished in second place with a time of 3 hours, 7 minutes. This was fast enough to qualify her to run in Boston.

"I was so excited at that point," Guinn said. "My husband and I decided to use the money I won from that race to go to Boston."

At that point, Guinn set a new goal for herself: She was going to finish the Boston Marathon in less than three hours. That meant she would need to maintain a pace of six minutes and 45 seconds per mile.

"I realized I was going to have to really train for this run," Guinn said. "So I put myself on a 18-week training plan."

Guinn admits it was hard sometimes.

"I did lots and lots and lots of Bear Trails," Guinn said. "It wasn't ideal, but it was safe, and I knew I had to run and get so many miles in each day."

Guinn said the training was difficult sometimes, but the support helped her through it.

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Trabajando para la reforma

May 1 protest march could mark turning point in border reform

By Star De La Cruz
Reporter

All across the nation, especially in cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago and Dallas, protest marches for immigrant rights will be held on May 1.

Ernesto Fraga, publisher of **Tiempo** newspaper, organized a Waco protest in April 2006 where about 4,000 people participated.

"We had to unite all the organizations, schools, churches, public officials in eight days," Fraga said.

But he said this year will be a very tough year to organize a march since a lot of organizations are having their own activities.

He said May 1, which coincides with International Work Day, was chosen as a day for a national boycott "since it's mainly immigrants who (are) working."

Fraga said the League of United Latin American Citizens, the Community of Race and Religion Coalition and many church ministers have held and will hold educational forums.

"So there's many things going on, but it's mainly educating people," Fraga said.

He said last year the march was urgent because Congress had already passed a law making illegal immigrants be considered as felons.

"We had to reverse something that was already passed, and even our own congressman had voted on it," Fraga said.

Fraga said that on May 1, 2006, there were several Waco plants and businesses that had to be shut down, and many students were absent from school.

"The march was very successful because it allowed people to be informed, and since then we have had dialogue concerning the issue, which that has caused people to talk about it," Fraga said.

Belinda Colunga, a Waco sophomore at McLennan Community College, participated in the march because she said immigration is something that affects her.

"It's part of my family's background," Colunga said. "I think we showed everyone we're a powerful group of people."

Fraga said the march also caused unification within Waco and all of



Associated press

Margaret Koenig, a California native, chants Sunday with other anti-immigrant demonstrators across from the White House in Lafayette Square in Washington. Several hundred protesters gathered to kick off a week of lobbying against illegal immigration in Congress.

Central Texas because both Waco and University high schools' principals attended, and students from McLennan Community College and Baylor were also there to give speeches.

Fraga said he thinks since then, teachers have taught more about the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

"If we did nothing else, we got people talking about a matter that before, people didn't even talk about. We were successful in getting public officials to look up and see what they can do to help," Fraga said. "On top of that, we're hoping that people have talked to their congressman or written letters."

Robert Gamboa, director for the

League of United Latin American Citizens, said on May 1 they will not be participating in any marches or protests, but they have made efforts to assist the Hispanic community. They have helped employees who have been discriminated against or exploited. He said they have created educational forums and found areas where families need the most assistance to be legalized, also finding ways to help those who have applied with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services speed up the process.

Gamboa added that what's important is that they have been able to identify certain dilemmas and made special efforts with Rep. Chet Ed-

wards, D-Waco, to vote for the immigration reforms.

Even though there won't be a march in Waco, Gamboa said for the most part America sees immigration marches as having a negative impact because they heighten the negative perception people have about immigrants going on ranting and raving about the issue.

"But it's important for this issue to stay on the front burner, and there's a lot to be gained with these public demonstrations," he said. "Congress is now looking at the time frame that it takes and how families who are

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Poverty in U.S. raises more questions about social reform

By Claire St. Amant
Staff writer

Grab seven of your friends and take a look around. If you weren't standing in the Baylor Bubble, then one of you would probably be living below the poverty line.

According to a the Center for American Progress, a non-partisan research and educational institute, nearly 37 million Americans — one out of every eight — are living in poverty. The numbers are up nearly 5 million since 2000, and the gap between the rich and poor is at the highest level since 1929.

On Wednesday, the center published a report titled "From

Poverty to Prosperity: A National Strategy to Cut Poverty in Half," calling for strategic reforms to reach their goal over the next 10 years.

"The reduction of poverty can happen," said Elisa Minoss, a member of the center's Task Force on Poverty. "It's happened in the past when good policies were combined with a strong economy."

Minoss is referring to two periods in American history: 1959-1973 and 1993-2000, when poverty experienced 50 and 25 percent reductions, respectively.

Thomas Odegaard, senior lecturer in economics, said millions of poor Americans out

of work or not producing very much in their jobs contribute to a loss of output for the current economy.

"Not only would it benefit the economy to empower the poor, but it's a moral issue," Odegaard said.

"If you're looking at arguably the richest country ever, and well over 10 percent of the population is in poverty, it raises questions of justice."

Austin junior Caroline Nelson, who is in a Christian ethics class this semester, said she is passionate about the importance of the "social gospel."

"As Christians we are called to serve others," Nelson said. "Jesus lived his life serving the

poor. It's not enough just to be aware. We have to take action."

Odegaard added that the rise of poverty is "a bit puzzling" considering the current economic recession.

"Overall, unemployment is down and the economy is on the way up and has been for several years," he said. "The poverty levels point to something going on in the low-skilled end of the labor market."

With 12.6 percent of the nation's population considered impoverished (meaning when a family of four makes an income of less than \$19,971), poverty in America is a bigger problem than in most industrialized countries.

"The United States ranked 24th among 25 countries when measuring the share of the population below 50 percent of the median income," reports from the center's Task Force on Poverty said.

The center's 12 key steps to cut poverty in half are guided by four principles: promote decent work, provide opportunity for all, ensure economic security and help people build wealth. One of the key steps includes raising and indexing the minimum wage, which is currently 30 percent of the average hourly wage, to half of the average wage. The report projects this increase would help nearly 15 million poor and low-income workers.

Besides proposing social, economic and political reforms to combat poverty, the center recommends tax reforms to shoulder the \$90 billion annual cost of their principle recommendations.

Both the center and Odegaard agree the economy is capable of taking this action, and that the ultimate roadblock comes down to politics.

"Clearly there's the capacity in the economy to do it, but is there a political will to do it?" he asked. "We're basically talking about doubling the amount of money going into programs for the poor, excluding Medicaid."

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Outgoing editor leaves newsroom with ideals intact

It took five semesters for me to transition from an idealist to a realist.

I started as a copy editor hoping to gain a few clips for my portfolio. I leave the newsroom as its leader, an editor who never expected to be in charge. I never imagined I'd devote so much time and effort to the process of getting type on newsprint.

Looking at the numbers, it's staggering: I played a part in making more than 250 issues of the **Lariat**. My time here has taught me more things than I could ever learn in a classroom.

Rarely do normal students wake up in the morning expecting to be fired over an edito-

rial they wrote that said exactly what needed to be heard. Most students don't field angry phone calls from family members of students charged with felonies who are upset that their child's school printed a story about the ongoing trial. It might be a bit awkward for regular students to have to hire and fire employees with whom they share two classes. Typical students don't have to notify the authorities when their workplace is repeatedly harassed.

But let's face it: I didn't take this job because I wanted to fade into the background. I took this job because I knew it was important. I knew I could make

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BY KELLY COLEMAN

a difference by devoting myself to things like educating, investigating, questioning and answering. I'm not saying I got it right all the time. But I did put my heart and soul into improving the **Lariat**.

During my tenure I have seen the ever-interesting transformation of Baylor. The transition of the presidency from Robert B.

Sloan Jr. to interim president William Underwood to current president John Lilley picked at the scabs of old wounds, but also led to healing.

My freshman year marked the inauguration of Baylor 2012. Five years later, I worry about future generations of students who, like me, desire a quality education.

Not everyone who enrolls in Baylor is from a family of alums and not everyone wants to live in Brooks Village.

I can only hope this plan to usher our school into top-tier status doesn't ignore our day-to-day needs because everyone's too busy looking for coming

attractions.

While it might seem that late nights in the **Lariat** newsroom have broken my spirit and stolen my soul, it's quite the contrary. I appreciate that I've learned the harsh reality of human nature and can now deal with these realities accordingly.

People I respected have attempted to intimidate me and proven generally unhelpful. Others think that just because students work for the newspaper, they don't deserve the same respect as everyone else. We pay the same tuition dollars they do.

That idealistic copy editor from two and a half years ago

now knows that things are never as rosy as most would like us to believe. I've learned to question everything, especially the things said and done by those in authority.

To the readers: I've done everything within my power to provide a quality newspaper each day. I urge you to continue reading, write plenty of letters to the editor and hold the **Lariat** accountable.

To my Lariateers: Continue to fight for what's right, and, of course, make good choices. I'm very proud of all of you.

Kelly Coleman is a graduate student in international journalism from Waco.

Editorial

End-of-year assessment reveals disappointments, satisfaction

Over the course of the past year, there have been a lot of happenings at Baylor the editorial board liked and a lot we didn't like. Here's a rundown of the good, the bad and the ugly from the last two semesters.

Likes:

— Last spring, all we really knew about Allan Marshall was that he wore a fedora and really wanted to be external vice president in student government.

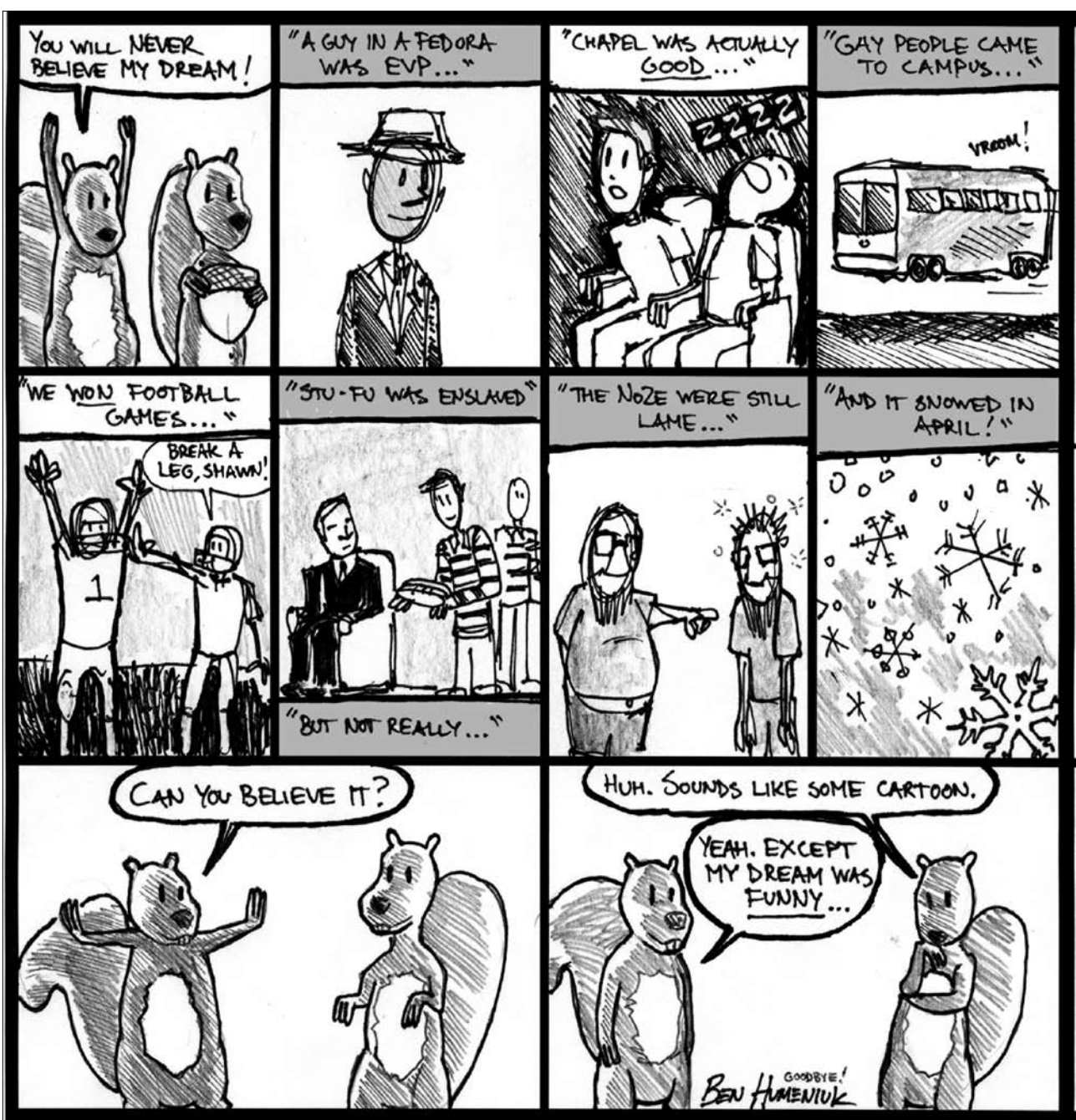
One year later, we can't say enough about the job he has done. He's been everything you would expect in an EVP and even more, and we only hope his protégé, Bryan Fonville, will be able to follow in his footsteps.

— This year had one of the best homecomings in a while. Not because the parade was extra spectacular or Pigskin Review was great, but because of what our football team did against the University of Kansas. Down 19 points in the fourth quarter, teams of the past would have laid down and taken the rest of their beating. But this team rose to the occasion, scoring 20 unanswered points in the final 15 minutes and winning 36-35.

— Although some would disagree, we think giving head Coach Kim Mulkey a 10-year extension was one of the smartest things Baylor athletics has done in a long time. Sometimes the price of excellence is worth \$10 million, and we hope Mulkey stays here for as long as possible.

— On Jan. 18, Regent Minette Drumwright Pratt attended a Student Senate meeting and reaffirmed to the student body that we still are the No. 1 priority of the Baylor Board of Regents. We'd like to see more interaction between the regents and the student body.

— Interim Chaplain Byron Weathersbee has been exactly what Baylor needed the past two years. He's made consistently made Chapel bearable and led student ministries to new heights. He was also there for the student body when we lost several students this year.



Dislikes:

— The way our administration treated Weathersbee was just flat wrong. After performing every duty asked of him as chaplain and receiving praise from students and faculty members alike, Weathersbee wasn't hired to be the permanent chaplain. He'll have plenty of opportunities elsewhere, but we'd rather have him back here.

— On March 19, the Soulforce Equality Ride came to Baylor in hopes of sparking a dialogue about the role of homosexuals in the church. Instead, the administration decided it would be in our best interest to muzzle the group and arrest them for writing on our sidewalks with chalk.

— As annoying as it is to forget a password, having to change one you've had forever is even more annoying. If Baylor Information Technology Services suggests we change our passwords, that is one thing, but making us change them is another.

— Anyone objectively observing our football program can see that the product on the field has gotten better every year — anyone but the administration, that is.

That head Coach Guy Morriss hasn't been offered a contract extension is absurd. Even worse is the turnover that has taken place from within his coaching staff.

— With 50,000 people screaming at him on Oct. 28, quarterback Shawn Bell knew he had to get that first down if we were going to drive down the field and score the go-ahead touchdown against Texas A&M.

When he lay on the ground after the play, short of the first down, holding his knee, all the air went out of the fans and players. With the way our players limped through the rest of the season, it was clear they were missing their leader, but we'll always be grateful to Bell for what he's done.

Late nights, lack of sleep won't stop new 'Lariat' editor

People have been asking me lately if I know what I'm getting myself into. As if my desire to be the next editor of the **Lariat** stems from some perverse journalistic death wish, and I've chosen editing as the way to go. (The photographer, in the newsroom, with the red Sharpie.)

I understand and appreciate the concern of people convinced I'm going to hate life and not sleep or be happy next year or ever again. It's sweet.

I have to admit, the thought crosses my mind occasionally.

I've seen our current editor, Kelly Coleman, deal gracefully with conflict and lead our paper with insight and judgment that makes me well aware of the fact that I have big shoes to fill.

I'm reminded of a cartoon I love, in which a downcast boy

standing in the corner is told, "And you STAY in that corner, young man, until you agree that youthful idealism is a BAD IDEA."

Well, against all odds, I'm still in that corner, and it keeps me going even when I realize exactly what I'm getting myself into.

I'm looking forward to next year because for some reason, I still hold on to the idea that it's possible to change things and make a difference.

I hold no illusions about limits; I realize reality often tempers our grandest schemes. But you can't stop trying to make a difference — you just have to take smaller steps or come up with another plan, and you have to use all your resources to do so.

point of view



BY GRACE MAALOUF

We live in a country with freedom of the press that journalists in some parts of the world only dream of. We get awarded for our investigative, hard-hitting stories. They get car bombs.

Here at the **Lariat**, we have a forum to report what happens, find out things that matter and share our opinions.

Although we get our fair share of criticism, there are times when people appreciate the job we do and the chance

we have to shed light on important issues. (Soulforce saga, anyone?)

Sometimes our readers don't realize the part they can play in this.

Have a strong opinion on something? By all means, write us a column or a letter to the editor. Think something needs to be covered in the community? Then let us know.

At the **Lariat**, we appreciate hearing from our readers, and their interaction with the paper is a fundamental part of what keeps us going.

We've worked hard this past year to bring readers stories that matter, and as editor next year I promise I'll dedicate my time and energy to ensuring we continue to do so and keep improving.

My door — or its modern counterpart, e-mail — will always be open to our readers and community — whether it be administrators, professors, student government members or other students.

I know the road ahead will have its detours and surprises, but I expect that.

I don't do things halfway, and I will give everything I have to make sure the reins turned over to me by our great current editor will be in good hands.

To Kelly: Thanks for your many semesters of hard work and dedication to this paper.

And to everyone warning me I won't sleep anymore: Don't worry. I already don't.

Grace Maalouf is a sophomore University Scholars major from Fort Worth.

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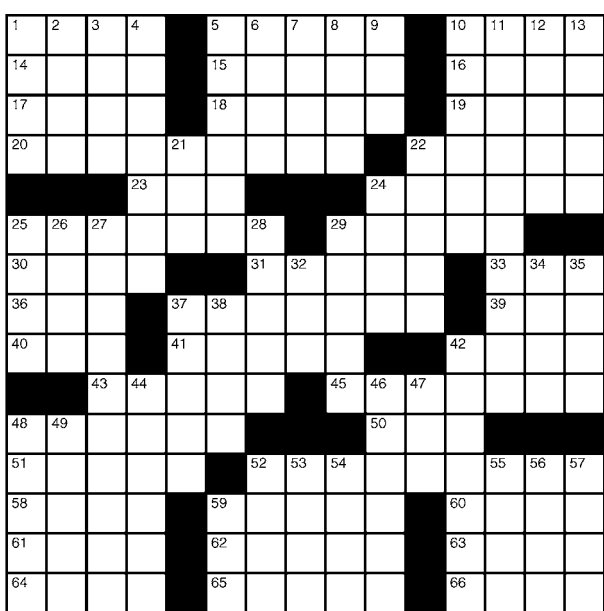
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For today's crossword and sudoku answers, visit www.baylor.edu/Lariat

Student gets prestigious Russian scholarship

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

While other students are catching up on their sleep and reruns of their favorite TV shows, Arlington junior Gary Guadagnolo will spend his summer vacation mastering the intricacies of Russian conversation.

Guadagnolo is the recipient of a United States Department of State Critical Language Scholarship, which will fund his study in St. Petersburg, Russia, from June 20 to Aug. 12.

"When I saw later that 550 people had applied, I was shocked," Guadagnolo said. "I had no idea that there was going to be that much competition. It's the first year that Russian has been offered by the program."

Guadagnolo has studied Russian for three years at Baylor.

Elizabeth Vardaman, associate dean of arts and sciences and special academic projects,

said Guadagnolo's achievement was proof of his skills.

"I think it is an extraordinary validation of Gary's abilities that he was chosen from over 500 applicants for this opportunity to study language in Russia," she said.

Dr. Scott Moore, associate professor of philosophy and director of the Great Texts program, said Guadagnolo was a diligent and gifted student in philosophy and literature in addition to language.

"In a class on Christian spirituality, Gary did interesting and very innovative work on Russian Orthodoxy," he said. "It's clear to me that his time in St.



Guadagnolo

Petersburg will only enhance his ability."

The scholarships are offered as part of the National Security Language Initiative, a governmentwide effort that aims to increase the number of Americans who speak "critical need foreign languages," such as Arabic, Chinese or Russian, according to the Department of State Web site. Scholarships are offered for 13 countries, including Russia, and fund travel to and from the location as well as housing costs and program fees.

Guadagnolo said the program is a "very intensive" language study program and that participants will be in class at St. Petersburg University from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 30 participants will also take part in weekly trips that highlight aspects of Russian culture.

"The whole idea of it is that the best way to learn a language is through immersion, which is

the goal of the critical language initiative as a whole," Guadagnolo said.

He added that the scholarship was targeted at students who plan to use the language in their future careers and not just as another study abroad opportunity.

Guadagnolo plans to attend graduate school and pursue a doctorate in Russian literature.

This will be his second summer to stay in St. Petersburg.

He spent last summer living with a host family and taking classes at Gerzen University. He said that trip inspired him to return to Russia.

"Part of my realization was that I learned so much more just being there and being immersed in the culture than only being in the classroom," Guadagnolo said.

"My goal is to be fully proficient (in Russian) before entering graduate school and the best way to make that happen is to

be there," he said.

He said living with a Russian family was one of the most important parts of his experience last summer and he is looking forward to doing so again.

"That, to me, is one of the parts of the program that is so important," Guadagnolo said. "When interacting with Russians, you have the most opportunity for practice and growth because you're interacting with people in reality instead of in a simulated classroom environment."

Vardaman said students who are interested in pursuing this or other scholarship programs should check with their department chairperson to learn about department-specific opportunities.

She said she welcomed the opportunity to speak with students herself, adding if she could not help them directly, she could direct them to the person best able to assist them.

BEAR BRIEFS

FCS fashion show Saturday
The Family and Consumer Sciences "Design Studio" Fashion Show will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For additional information, contact Jaylie_Beckenbauer@baylor.edu.

Black Glasses film festival
Baylor film and digital media is holding Black Glasses, a festival showcasing student films. It will begin at 7 p.m. today in 101 Castellow Communications Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Take a pancake break
Baylor Activities Council and Student Activities will hold the semi-annual Pancake Break, "Fuel for your Finals," from 9 to 11 p.m. Wednesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center food court. Free pancakes, biscuits and eggs will be served. This event is open to everyone on campus.

Vatican curator brings St. Paul's tomb discovery presentation to BU

Filippi gives lecture for first time in English and the United States

By Nathan McCoy
Reporter

Even though the scientific community gave him credit for the discovery, Dr. Giorgio Filippi, curator of the epigraphic collection of the Vatican Museums, is quick to point out that he's not the first to find the tomb believed to contain the remains of St. Paul.

Filippi gave his presentation, "Through the Grating: Lights and Shadows on St. Paul's Tomb in Rome," on Thursday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"I rediscovered the tomb," Filippi said. "Everyone since the time of Constantine knew the tomb was there exactly where I found it."

Thursday's lecture marked the first time Filippi presented

his findings in English and outside of Europe. It also was the only presentation Filippi will give about St. Paul's tomb during his time in the United States.

Antonios Augoustakis, assistant classics professor, said Filippi came to Baylor because of his connection with the classics department's Baylor in Italy program, which Augoustakis coordinates every July.

After receiving his doctorate in epigraphic studies from the University of Bologna in 1987, Filippi began his career as a curator at the Vatican Museum in 1993. He began looking through the museum's collection of Greek and Latin inscriptions and published a catalog in 1998 of all 2,000 of the inscriptions.

Between 1998 and 2000, Filippi and his team made five different excavation points inside St. Paul's Outside the Walls, Rome's second largest basilica.

"The Church of St. Paul is still used as a church, not as a ground for excavation, so they

let us make a special search for the tomb," Filippi said.

The intensive search for St. Paul's tomb officially began in 2002 under the Papal altar, or main altar, of the church.

Filippi, who served as director of excavations at the basilica, wrapped up the search in December 2006, and the announcement of his findings sparked international interest.

"The discovery is important for religious uses so that we can see and touch the sarcophagus," Filippi said. "No one could answer exactly where it was or what it was shaped like, but now we can."

Filippi said he "doesn't know if the bones are actually in there," but stressed it's more about what the sarcophagus represents, not necessarily what it contains.

"People ask me, 'Are you curious?'" Filippi said. "But I don't But Filippi said he didn't have need to see inside the sarcophagus.

"The aim was not scientific research, but research for making the pilgrims more sure of the existence of the tomb of St. Paul, and making the tomb available for veneration," he said.

Dr. Alden Smith, classics professor and interim department chairman, has known Filippi since 1994 when they met at the Vatican Museum.

Smith said he visits Filippi every summer with the Baylor in Italy program.

"He introduces our students to epigraphy and takes us through the epigraphic wing of the museum, which is not always open," Smith said. "We are very grateful to him."

Filippi said he had never been outside of Europe before coming to Baylor.

"I had only seen America from television, but when I got here, I could confirm that my positive idea of America coincides with reality," Filippi said. "I feel very honored to come to this university and share here."



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Dr. Giorgio Filippi, curator of the epigraphic collection of the Vatican Museums, presented his findings on the discovery of St. Paul's tomb, for the first time in English and outside of Europe, Thursday in the Barfield Drawing Room.

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Event to benefit 'Invisible Children'

By Melissa Limmer
Staff writer

On Saturday afternoon, a large group of Baylor students will make a trip down to Austin.

However, this is no typical weekend getaway — these students are going to Austin hoping to make a difference.

They will attend "Displace Me," held by Invisible Children from 3 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday. The purpose of this nationwide event, being held in 15 cities from Orlando to Seattle, is to draw attention to the civil war in Uganda.

Baylor students who are interested in attending will meet at the Ferrell Special Events Center parking lot at 12:45 p.m. and can carpool to Austin.

"We are expecting hopefully at least a couple hundred (students)," Waco coordinator and Kingwood sophomore Kaley Eggers said.

Eggers also said anyone could attend, not just students.

In Austin, participants will camp out overnight at the Travis County Expo Center in a simulation of the conditions of the displaced Ugandans who are forced to live in makeshift camps because of the civil war that continues to ravage the country.

Everyone attending the event is asked to bring a cardboard box, saltines and water.

The water and saltines will be taken up and redistributed, just like food in the camps in Uganda.

"(Invisible Children) wanted to bring people together to get more attention and simulate the displacement camps that are the focus of the event," said Russell Millican, Austin coordinator for "Displace Me."

Millican said the displacement camps are "one of the worst effects of the war."

Besides camping out, Invis-

ible Children movies will be shown, and one of the young Ugandan boys from the original Invisible Children video will be speaking. There also will be a letter writing campaign to United States government officials on behalf of the people of Uganda.

Russell said the event will be similar to the Global Night Commute that Invisible Children hosted last year.

This year they wanted to have the event in fewer locations in larger cities to create "a stronger voice and experience."

"We want to show our government that we care about the people in Uganda, and show the people in Uganda that we care about them," Eggers said.

Overall, Eggers expressed hope that the event would "give people a perspective" and bring awareness to the plight of the Ugandan people.

Russell said so far, 58,000 people nationwide are signed up

nationwide to attend the event.

As of Thursday afternoon, Austin had the fourth-largest number of participants with 4,043 people signed up to attend.

Nacogdoches freshman Hunter Chambers is one of the many Baylor students planning to attend.

"I think it is really important because, especially in America and in the youth culture of America, we are not encouraged necessarily to think outside ourselves," he said. "Whenever you can be involved in something that is greater than you, I think it can be a really great experience."

Eggers agreed that students especially have a special voice in bringing awareness about the situation in Uganda.

"We, especially at Baylor, have been blessed so much," she said. "This is just one opportunity to help people who are less fortunate than we are."



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (center) speaks at a news conference Thursday on Capitol Hill.

Bill passed to pull troops out of Iraq

By David Espo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a bold wartime challenge to President Bush, the Democratic-controlled Congress voted Thursday to begin withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq by Oct. 1 with a goal of a complete pullout six months later.

The White House dismissed the legislation as "dead before arrival."

The 51-46 vote in the Senate was largely along party lines, and like House passage a day earlier it underscored that the war's congressional opponents are far short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a Bush veto.

Democrats marked Thursday's passage with a news

conference during which they repeatedly urged Bush to reconsider his veto threat. The legislation is "in keeping with what the American people want," added Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

The White House was unmoved. "The president's determined to win in Iraq. I think the bill that they sent us today is mission defeated," said deputy press secretary Dana Perino. "This bill is dead before arrival."

Given that standoff, Republicans and Democrats alike already were maneuvering for position on a follow-up bill. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell dismissed the just-passed legislation as "political posturing" by Democrats that deserves the veto it will receive. "The so-

ATO receives prominent fraternal award

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

Of 5,500 chapters nationwide, two were chosen.

Baylor's Theta Nu chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity received the Award of Distinction from the North-American Interfraternity Council.

The NIC includes 68 member organizations with about 350,000 undergraduate members living on more than 800 campuses across the U.S. and Canada.

To receive the award, national fraternities nominate their top chapters, then the winners are picked from that pool.

"The NIC Award of Distinction is arguably the most prominent award given to a local chapter of a national fraternity," said San Antonio junior Preston Edwards, president of Baylor Interfraternity Council and Baylor ATO member.

"To be nominated by your national fraternity for the award is an honor in itself, and to actually receive the award after such

heavy scrutinizing and deliberation during the selection process is truly telling about the caliber of Baylor ATO and greek life in general here at Baylor University."

The award, which is given annually, recognizes campus chapters that "are motivated by the success of others, value service to and for others, represent the diversity of their campus and stand firm in the face of adversity," according to an NIC release.

According to award documentation, "These men advance the ideals of fraternity in their daily lives. They are committed to brightening the future of fraternity and ensuring that fraternities are living to their espoused mission and values."

The Kansas University chapter of Delta Chi fraternity also received the award this year, along with seven individuals from around the country.

Both fraternities that received the accolade sent representatives to Washington, D.C., to receive the award.

When NIC representatives received the application from Alpha Tau Omega National Fraternity, they probably saw that Baylor's Theta Nu chapter is involved in many different aspects of campus life, including student organizations, service projects and major campus events, Edwards said.

ATO currently includes members involved in 75 different organizations on campus, not counting the fraternity itself, said Alex Knight, Lubbock junior and president of ATO. He said members are active in "everything from the Steppin' Out committee to student government to the Bear Pit."

"It's a great reflection on Baylor University," Knight said.

Baylor ATO members are involved in service activities, including one project the fraternity started on behalf of Better World Books, which collects textbooks to give to college students who need them.

"You know when you go to the bookstore, and they'll give you a dollar for it?" Edwards

said. "By not getting that dollar, and giving that book to this charity, you've just helped someone out in a major way."

ATO also has ongoing service projects at Mission Waco and at a Waco nursing home.

South Lake senior Matt Tadlock said the award is a good one, but that awards ultimately aren't the objective.

"It's a great award to get, and I think we recognize that and we're thankful for that," he said. "At the same time, we're not going to leave it at that. We're going to continue to strive for excellence, and we'll continue to be as involved as possible. That's the goal. It's not really whether or not we get awards."

Nevertheless, the Award of Distinction has been a reaffirmation for the group, Knight said.

"Hard work doesn't always pay off like you thought it would, but sometimes it pays off in ways you never expected," Knight said.

"It means we're doing something right."

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Group seeks changes to college ranking systems

By Amanda Coleman
Washington Square News

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — A nonprofit organization is asking universities to help eliminate or at least alter the ways magazines rank colleges.

A letter citing problems with the ranking systems was sent to 16 liberal arts college presidents by the Education Conservancy, an Oregon-based nonprofit organization. Eleven of the college presidents have already signed the letter, and once 12 have signed it, it will be sent to numerous universities, including NYU.

The executive director of the Education Conservancy, Lloyd Thacker, said the current college ranking systems influence students, parents and especially colleges in a negative way. He calls it “Rank Steering: Driving under the Influence.”

“The ranking systems degrade the service to education by overestimating the importance of a college’s rank and underestimating the role that the student plays in making education happen,” Thacker said.

University spokesman John Beckman said NYU knows high school students look at the rankings, “but we hope students in-

terested in NYU won’t buy into” them.

Thacker and a small group of college presidents wrote the letter, which asks university presidents and their institutions to adopt a new approach to college ranking systems — different from the way reviews are conducted by companies like the U.S. News & World Report and the Princeton Review.

The letter said rankings lead to false ideas about colleges and that they say nothing, or very little, about whether students are learning at the school. It also said rankings put too much emphasis on schools’ prestige.

“We believe these rankings are misleading and do not serve well the interests of prospective students in finding a college or university that is well-suited to their education beyond high school,” the letter says.

The Education Conservancy has three requests. It asks universities to find alternative forms of ranking, and to no longer participate in surveys from the U.S. News & World Report and other ranking systems or college surveys that help determine rankings. It also asks that schools not use their rankings to promote themselves. Associate Provost for Enrollment Man-

agement Barbara Hall said NYU does not promote its ranking.

“We don’t care,” Hall said. “We’re all about, Is NYU the right place for a student — not that they’re choosing this school based on where we are in the rankings.”

Thacker said colleges have begun giving more merit aid and less need-based aid, partially because of rank steering. He said colleges “use money to buy students” with high GPAs and SAT scores in order to boost their rankings.

“The college admissions process has become radically commercialized in the past 20

years,” Thacker said.

Ann Marcus, director of the Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy, has held a number of forums and discussions about competitive admissions and access to higher education.

“One of the negative things that colleges do is try to keep increasing the applications to a college, sometimes among students who don’t have a good chance of getting accepted,” Marcus said. She said they do this by sending letters to prospective students, trying to get them to apply and making them think they can get in.

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but that the cost per person at the NAACP event was much higher.

Based on the number of people who were there, the BYX Island Party cost was minimal,” Powell said.

“The NAACP event was going to be almost \$17.50 per person, based on how many they thought were going to be there, and they weren’t even targeting Baylor students.”

Powell said he and others felt that this undermined the purpose of Student Senate.

“I go around and tell my constituents that main thing we do is look over their money and it’s being spent wisely,” he said. “What am I supposed to tell them now? People can just go over our head and it doesn’t matter.”

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“She was so dedicated, it was as if she was like a machine,” McAllen senior Sonny Garza said. “Watching her train helped motivate me to start running more and being more active.”

Garza, a running student of Guinn’s, said he took her class to get back into shape and admitted that her determination helped him.

Guinn started an aerobic running class at Baylor in fall 2006. As a graduate student here, she always thought there should be a running class, and after pushing and pushing for it, the class was finally approved.

“That is when I decided to start running and training,” Guinn said. “I figured since I was going to teach running to students, I needed to be actually running. So that was why I first signed up for the San Antonio Marathon.”

Now in its second semester on campus, some students said the aerobics running class has been beneficial.

“I took this class to get back into running,” Nottingham, N.H., senior Kate

“Watching her train helped motivate me to start running more and being more active.”

Sonny Garza
McAllen senior

ing the race.

“It was so cold,” Guinn said. “I knew I wasn’t going to be able to run the way I wanted to. I realized that because of the weather I was going to have to jog my way to the finish line,” Guinn said.

But a “jog” for Guinn can be a full-out sprint for others.

“I finished in three hours and thirty minutes,” she said. “Not the time I wanted, but it did allow me go a little slower and really enjoy the scenery around me.”

Garza couldn’t believe how well she did for the conditions she was in.

“Even with all the problems with the weather, I was very impressed with her outcome,” Garza said. “Just the fact that she ran it and didn’t wait another year is impressive.”

Guinn looks at this as just another challenge. She said she plans on running it again next year and beating her own time.

“I guess I am just really competitive with myself,” Guinn said. “But you know what? I don’t regret anything. I ran amongst the best runners in the world. It was awesome.”

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making the effort to legalize are not being taken into consideration. The movement is a positive indicator for awareness and for the urgency to address the topic.”

Gamboa said many interested in the process that addresses the immigration situation would like to see there be a plan that can be enforced within a reasonable time factor.

“There will be a downside with whatever the given solution is because there will be individuals who have violated the law and will be picked up and deported,” Gamboa said. “But I think the factor I would like to see is a new citizenship process that doesn’t drag out over a period of eight to nine years.”

Both Fraga and Gamboa stressed the importance of being informed and acting on the question at hand.

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Through another report published in January, “The Economic Cost of Poverty,” the center found childhood poverty costs an estimated \$500 billion in lost productivity, Minoss said. Upon entering adulthood, children who’ve been raised in poverty are less likely to contribute positively to the economy through participation in the work force, she said.

Another proposal would “guarantee child care assistance to low-income families and promote early education for all,” which, according to the center, would raise employment among low-income parents and thereby assist around 3 million impoverished families.

The Urban Institute found that the combination of the proposed reforms in minimum wage and child care, along with an expansion of the earned tax credit and child tax credit, would by themselves reduce poverty by 26 percent.

Odegaard said he believes the break in earned tax credit and child tax credit is one of the more promising proposals because it appeals to both the right and left of the political spectrum.

“This has been enormously productive in helping people in poverty,” he said.

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Senior first baseman Tim Jackson slides into the plate during the Bears' 4-2 victory over Prairie View A&M University on Wednesday. The Baylor team begins a three-game series with Texas A&M University at 6:30 p.m. today.

Bears ready for A&M rivalry series

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

If improving upon its 7-11 Big 12 mark wasn't motivation enough for the Baylor baseball team heading into its last three conference series, the Bears will be given an added incentive to win this weekend when they take on conference rival Texas A&M University.

And unlike in years past, the Bears will be distinct underdogs when they host the No. 18 Aggies at 6:30 p.m. today and play them in College Station on Saturday and Sunday.

Sophomore shortstop Beamer Weems said it wouldn't take any pep talks this weekend to get the Bears ready for this matchup.

"Any game between Baylor and A&M is always a big game," he said. "Whether here or at their place, the teams will be ready to play and the atmosphere will

take care of itself."

The Aggies (33-10, 9-8) are one of the most well-rounded teams in the Big 12. They enter Friday's game ranked second in the conference in team ERA (3.62) and batting average (.322).

Weems said the Aggies' pitching will be tough on the Bears, who are eighth in the Big 12 with a .281 batting average.

"The Aggies have a great pitching staff," he said. "It should be three tough games for our hitters. But our guys are coming around, and we expect to be able to put up runs."

Head Coach Steve Smith said he's been most impressed by A&M starters Kyle Nicholson and David Newman. Nicholson is 9-1 on the season with a 1.24 ERA, while Newman is 6-1 with an ERA of 3.45.

"They've got a couple of starting pitchers who have really put up some special numbers," he

said. "Nicholson and Newman are really something else. You couldn't ask for anything more than those two guys have given them."

And as good as Aggie pitching has been, Smith said it may not even be the most impressive aspect of the team.

The Aggies have four hitters with batting averages over .380, and the team has stolen 107 bases as a team.

"They have a lot of impressive averages and a lot of impressive speed," Smith said. "It's been a long time since any team's stolen over 100 bases, and that just speaks to the athleticism of their team."

With the home-and-home format, the Bears will play the series opener at home before traveling to College Station for the final two games of the series.

Junior closer Nick Cas-savchia said because of the

way the series is set up, it's im-portant for the Bears to pick up a win in game one.

"Getting off to a good start and winning game one is huge," he said. "If we win the first game, it will take some of their momentum from going back home away."

Senior starter Jeff Mandel will make the start for the Bears today. Junior Randall Linebaugh will take the hill Saturday and freshman Kendall Volz will throw in the finale.

With the way the team start-ed, Smith said it would likely take a 7-2 record in the team's final nine games to reach the NCAA tournament.

That may sound tough, but senior first baseman Tim Jack-son said the Bears aren't inter-ested in playing spoiler yet.

"We're only worried about ourselves and bettering our-selves regardless of what it does to someone else," he said.

Volleyball limps into final spring tournament

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

Baylor volleyball head Coach Jim Barnes learned late Wednesday night that he'll be without his top setter, Taylor Barnes, for at least a month.

Barnes has multiple stress frac-tures in her leg, which should take most of the offseason to heal.

With Baylor's final tournament of the spring coming up this week-end, Barnes has to take a backseat and rest, which is not an easy sell for one of the team's most energetic players.

"I don't want to sit out at all, but I'm going to have to in order to play in the fall," said Barnes, whose in-jury turned from stress reactions to fractures thanks to more than a de-cade of hard use. "But it'll be good to see everything from the outside. I can concentrate on the mental aspect of the game and watch the team and see how the players react to everything."

Watching may be a valuable tool for a player like Barnes, who figures

to be one of the team leaders next fall, even as a sophomore.

Coach Barnes said Taylor's in-jury was partly caused by her nonstop work ethic; she rarely took breaks and has played through almost ev-ery offseason since she began play-ing competitively.

Katie Sanders, another impact freshman from last fall, said keep-ing everybody healthy this spring has been a bit of a chore.

"It seems like in the last couple weeks we've all had a couple bad accidents," Sanders said. "We'll pull a muscle, we'll turn an ankle. It's kind of hard to keep the team together when everybody keeps get-ting hurt, but we're all trying to get healthy now."

Along with Barnes, freshman middle blocker Ashlee Cooper is nursing a broken hand that will keep her out of action until the sea-son starts.

Beat up and looking to slink into the offseason without any more se-rious injuries, the team will play its final competition until the fall this Saturday at the McLane Student

Life Center.

The official schedules were re-leased this week, and Coach Barnes seems to have a tough slate ahead of him.

The Bears play 17 matches against NCAA Tournament teams from last year, and the schedule in-cludes invitationals in both Buffalo and Dallas.

"Nonconference-wise we've got some real competitive tournaments that we're in that are going to get us ready for conference play," coach Barnes said. "And that was our goal, match after match to play tough teams. Because in the Big 12, you don't really play any teams tougher than that."

The Bears will conclude a pro-ductive spring this weekend on what they hope is a good note. The team won its last three matches at the Texas Tornado Tournament earlier this month, which Taylor Barnes believes is a good omen for the fall.

"I think we've been doing a good job this spring at working hard and coming closer together as a team,"

said Barnes, who helped Baylor to its best finish since 2001 last sea-son. "I think all the work we're do-ing now is definitely going to show and help in the fall."

Coach Barnes agreed, saying nothing sets up a successful fall like a good spring.

"It's been a great spring for our team," Coach Barnes said. "We've really developed over the spring, and our last tournament in Hous-ton was a big success."

Sanders said the spring has been a good one because the team is young and the players seem to be falling in step with one another. Given a few years to mature, she said, Baylor's ceiling on success could be almost limitless.

"We have a really great group of core girls who are going to be here for the next four years," San-ders said. "We all love playing with each other and we love seeing how we're going to play with each other the next couple years. It's been re-ally nice to get on the court and get used to playing with the girls before the season starts."



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Sophomore middle blocker Anna Breyfogle celebrates after the Bears take a point during Baylor's 3-1 loss to top-ranked University of Nebraska last season. Breyfogle and the Bears host their final spring tournament this Saturday.

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By Lequalan McDonald
Reporter

It is 10:22 a.m. on a Tuesday. There is hardly anyone working out to “This Is Why I’m Hot.” There is no yelling or grunting to get the last rep. There are no whistles signaling for a change in exercise or the end of the work out. The weight room’s almost empty. There’s a small group of older guys trying to workout in between the sport teams’ workout times. Of the four or five guys working out on these days, one is big. Not the sloppy, fat kind of big, but the muscled-without-definition big. “It’s not 12:30 yet,” the big man says with a big voice. “Get some cardio for the next eight minutes.” The man with so many bigs describing him can only be “Big” John Williams, director of

strength and conditioning for Baylor University. Williams oversees the training and conditioning of all the student-athletes at Baylor University. But he’s hands-on with the football team, or “my baby,” as he would call it. But despite his nickname and his imposing stature, Williams is not a big mean grizzly bear or a cruel taskmaster. Former quarterback Shawn Bell said he’s a coach who cares about his players on and off the field. “He is a very strong coach that works all the athletes very hard,” Bell said. “Over time he has come to know each athlete individually and relates his methods of coaching to everyone’s benefit.” Former Baylor defensive tackle M.T. Robinson said Williams has a unique style that most players take to. “There are few who were not

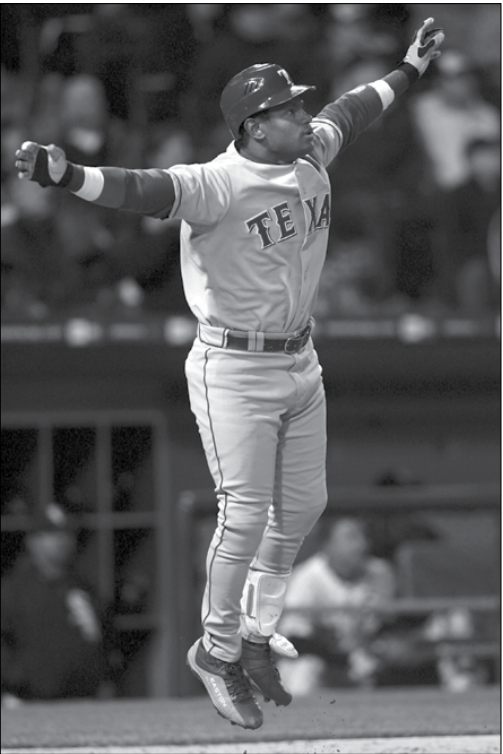
able to relate to him,” Robinson said. “Most do well with his style of training. I felt like I flourished under him.” Williams breaks up his staff to provide each varsity team with a trainer to maximize every athletes’ training. “We all oversee a sport or two,” strength and conditioning Coach Milton Leal said. “But Big John has total control over the whole program.” Leal said there’s a mutual respect between Williams and his staff. “He is loyal to the athlete and our staff, and in turn we are loyal to him,” he said. Motivational quotes adorn the weight room’s walls. “Big John is a philosopher,” Leal said. “He is a motivational force. He is all about sharing pride, and he can make athletes believe they can.” One sign reads, “The pride and tradition of Baylor football

will not be entrusted to the timid and the weak.” Other quotes are strewn throughout Williams’ office or handed out when he speaks with players. But Williams said he’s preaching a message that’s not always well-received. “My staff and I have the difficult job of trying to get people to do what they don’t want to do, which is to put in hard work,” Williams said. “Very few want to just wake up and sweat, be sore and ache. They would rather chill under the air conditioner than go play the game they love to play.” While his job is to strengthen players physically, Williams said he wants to make them stronger in other areas as well. “Everything I teach them, I want it to apply to the guys to help them obtain their goals and be successful in life,” Williams said.



Baylor photography

“Big John” Williams, the Baylor director of strength and conditioning instructs players prior to one of the football team’s games last fall. Williams is the head of a strength program that works with all of Baylor’s athletes.



Associated Press

Rangers slugger Sammy Sosa hops after hitting the first of two home runs in his team’s 9-4 loss to the Cleveland Indians.

Sosa slams two in Rangers’ 9-4 loss to Indians

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Sammy Sosa is “Slammin’ Sammy” once again. Sosa hit two homers to reach 594 for his career, but Paul Byrd and the Cleveland Indians beat the Texas Rangers 9-4 Thursday for their fifth straight win. Sosa’s 439-foot drive leading off the sixth inning against Byrd (2-1) made Jacobs Field the 44th major league ballpark in which he has homered. That broke a tie with Ken Griffey Jr. and Fred McGriff for the most in a big league career. “It’s nice to have that record, but if we had won I would have enjoyed it more,” Sosa said. He obtained the record-setting ball by signing two baseballs for the fan who got it in the left-field bleachers. Sosa has six homers and 18 RBIs, but he’s hitting only .239 in 19 games since sitting out all of 2006. He said he still hasn’t got his timing back after the long layoff.

“The more I play, the more adjustments I can make,” he said. “If you talk about getting hot, I’m not there yet.” Byrd was wary of pitching to Sosa with or without runners on base. “You still don’t want to elevate a fastball to him,” Byrd said. “On the homer, I was trying to go inside, left it up and away and knew where it was headed as soon as he swung.” The only stadiums currently in use that the 38-year-old outfielder has not hit a homer in are RFK Stadium in Washington and the new Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Sosa went deep again in the eighth against Tom Mastny to move closer to joining Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays in the 600 homers club. It was his 69th career game with more than one home run. Byrd left after yielding a leadoff single in the seventh to Gerald Laird. The right-hander allowed three runs and eight hits, walked one and struck out three. The Rangers twice put a runner at

third base with none out and failed to score against Byrd. Texas loaded the bases in the first, but left fielder Shin-Soo Choo caught a fly ball from Mark Teixeira and made a perfect no-hop throw to get Kenny Lofton trying to tag up from third. Sosa then grounded out to end the threat. “That play picked us up,” Byrd said. “Three minutes in, I’ve got the bases loaded and it had disaster written all over it.” Choo said he wasn’t really trying to get Lofton and wanted to make a strong, low throw that would keep the other runners from moving up. “I was very surprised,” he said with a wide-eyed look. Lofton tripled to open the fifth, but Byrd got three quick outs to strand him. “Pretty soon this has to stop,” Rangers manager Ron Washington said after his team went 2-for-16 with runners in scoring position and dropped to 2-9 on the road. “These guys have a track record. You have to believe that pretty soon we’ll get

it done.” Trot Nixon’s two-run homer, his first, capped Cleveland’s three-run first off Kameron Loe (1-1). Choo opened the bottom half of the second with a single and scored on Kelly Shoppach’s double. Shoppach later scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-1. Hank Blalock doubled and scored in the second and fourth innings and Sosa’s first homer of the game cut it to 5-3 in the sixth. But Cleveland extended its lead in the bottom half on an RBI single by Grady Sizemore and bases-loaded walks by Casey Blake and Travis Hafner. Jhonny Peralta hit his third homer in the seventh to make it 9-3. Loe allowed seven runs and six hits with three walks over 5 1-3 innings in his second start of the season. The right-hander made five relief appearances before being into the starting rotation when Jamey Wright went on the disabled list with right shoulder inflammation on April 13.

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Tyler James, Amparan bring tunes to Common Grounds

Musician follows his passion to TV, movies and a crazy tour

By Matt Kennedy
Reporter

Tyler James, 25, has been a busy man lately. His songs recently appeared on the television show **Brothers and Sisters** and the soundtrack for the movie **Bridge to Terabithia**. He is currently working on his debut album and will take the stage at 9 p.m. today at Common Grounds. After graduating from Belmont University in 2004, James was left with a decision: to get a "real" job or to follow his passion — music. He decided to pick everything up and start touring across the country. But James hasn't followed a traditional touring schedule. For the last three years, he has served as his own boss.

He said he will tour for a month and then take a few days off. He added he often drives to events by himself, or carpools with a few musicians. James said that's just the way he likes it. "I enjoy meeting new people and getting to see the country," he said. "The great thing is that I get to tour around my schedule, which gives me the flexibility to play where and when I want." It may seem like it now, but life on the road hasn't always been easy for James. He said it's really hard to get tours when starting out. It took him almost a full year to get a steady booking schedule. "When I was starting out, I met a lot of people who promised me the world and it just didn't happen," James said. "I learned not to expect anything and to be happy with the venues I currently get because I never want to change my style in order to get more," he said.

The inclusion of one of James' songs on an episode of **Brothers and Sisters**, which was watched by more than 15 million people, served as great exposure for James and his music. But don't count on him becoming a fan of the show any time soon. "Personally I thought the show was terrible, but it was really cool and really weird hearing my song played on it," James said. James said he has no interest in getting his songs played on mainstream radio because he doesn't want to be a one-hit wonder. He wants to follow in the example of his idols Neil Young, Bob Dylan and Paul Simon. He said his musical idols were able to make music they were proud of for a long period of time. Fort Worth senior Colby Amparan will open for James at 8 p.m. Amparan has played at Common Grounds before, but today

he will debut his own material. Members of The September Project, the praise and worship band Amparan traveled the country with over the last few years, will help him debut the new songs. Amparan said the songs will be a type of "acoustically-driven pop." He said the lyrics focus on the grace of God. "I would invite anyone to come out for a night of fun," Amparan said. "Be ready to be encouraged by the grace of the Lord." Seth Philpott, a recent Baylor graduate and musician in Nashville, has a connection to both artists. He used to play with Amparan in a band and he recently attended one of James' shows. "Tyler is a great pianist and a classic songwriter who writes powerful lyrics," Philpott said. "Colby sings more acoustic-type songs that have a good sound and really say something as well."



Courtesy photo

Tyler James will play at 9 p.m. today in the backyard of Common Grounds. Colby Amparan will open for him. James' songs recently appeared on the television show *Brothers and Sisters* as well as the movie *The Bridge to Terabithia*.

Gere gets in trouble in India

Arrest warrants issued for actor, Indian actress after kissing at public event

The Associated Press



Associated Press

Hollywood actor Richard Gere hugs and kisses Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty on March 15 during an event for HIV-AIDS awareness in New Delhi, India. Thursday an Indian court issued arrest warrants against the duo for their public kiss, which had evoked strong protests in several cities, according to a news report.

town of Dharmasala. Under Indian law a person convicted of public obscenity faces up to three months in prison, a fine, or both. Last week, crowds in several Indian cities burned effigies of the 57-year-old star of "An Officer and a Gentleman," "American Gigolo" and "Pretty Woman." This was after he embraced Shetty and kissed her several times on her cheeks during an HIV/AIDS awareness event in the Indian capital. Photographs of the clinch were then splashed across front pages in India — where public displays of affection are largely taboo. The judge lambasted Shetty for not resisting Gere's kisses and ordered her to appear in his court May 5, the Press Trust of India said. Shetty, who is on a religious pilgrimage in southern India, was upset by the news, said her spokesman, Dale Bhagwagar. "She does hurt, she does feel low," Bhagwagar told The Associated Press. "She feels she is being constantly targeted." Bhagwagar said anyone who knows her well would know she can't be put down.

"Shilpa wishes that people would focus on the real issue, AIDS awareness, and not three pecks on her cheek," he said. Although the press reports that Shetty has been asked to appear in court, Bhagwagar said she had not yet received any court summons. Shetty, 31, has said the embrace was not obscene and that the media should instead focus on HIV/AIDS awareness. "I understand this is his culture, not ours," she told PTI last week. "But this was not such a big thing or so obscene for people to overreact in such manner. I understand people's sentiments, but I don't want a foreigner to take bad memories from here." Shetty, already well-known in India, became an international star after her appearance on the British reality show **Celebrity Big Brother**. The show was another controversial public appearance. A fellow contestant, Jade Goody, sparked international headlines by making allegedly racist comments to Shetty. Mobs took to the streets of India to denounce Goody, and Shetty went on to win the competition.

'Rolling Stone' to celebrate 40-year anniversary in print

By Jim Farber
McClatchy Newspapers

The echoes of the boomer generation reached a new crescendo last week as **Rolling Stone** published an issue celebrating 40 loud years of life. So long a run surprises no one more than owner/founder Jann Wenner. "I had no vision for what the magazine would become," he said. "It was just a slow build." The climb began back on Nov. 9, 1967, with an issue that splashed John Lennon on its cover. Other magazines had tried to nail the sounds and sights of the boomer generation's rise to power before, including **Crawdaddy**, which preceded **Rolling Stone** in the marketplace by more than a year. But only Wenner's publication found the right tone and image for the era. Everything from Annie Leibovitz's iconic photographs to the probing writings of critics like Paul Nelson and Greil Marcus reflected the shifting values of the emerging culture. As staid and established as the magazine has become since it moved from San Francisco to New York at the end of the 1970s, before that it glided on pop culture's cutting edge with unerring grace. Early on, **Rolling Stone** became what Wenner calls "a tribal telegraph. We were the ones covering one of the biggest stories

of the 20th century — the baby boomers and the emergence of rock n' roll and technology — from the inside. We were it." If the magazine is no longer quite "it" — as no print magazine can be in the age of the Internet — **Rolling Stone** has still managed to shake off enough of the moss of time to remain culturally on-point and commercially potent. According to Wenner, that's because "popular culture is ever-changing and renewing. So long as you cover the beat, it's going to continue to be fresh." Yet to mark the mag's anniversary, there's enough looking back to give some readers whiplash. The new issue, titled "Where We've Been," offers new interviews with all the biggest rock war-horses of the 1960s and 1970s, from Dylan to Paul McCartney to Mick Jagger. Wenner argues "these artists are still putting out some of their best work. Dylan just put out a brilliant album, and the Stones are still the world's best performing act." Come this summer, **Rolling Stone** will offer more rear-view ruminations, starting with a second anniversary issue that commemorates 40 years since the Summer of Love. A DVD box set arrives in September, featuring the first digital archive of everything ever published in the magazine. That will be chased on Nov. 2 by a third anniversary issue that looks to the future to examine "Where We're Going." If **Rolling Stone** has to remain committed to the future of pop to retain its audience, Wenner isn't self-conscious about declaring the boomers as the defining influence, and reference point, for everything that happens today. "The changes (this generation) made to society are permanent," he said, "even if there are some reversals during the Bush administration." As a result, Wenner said, certain core aspects of the magazine's philosophy will never change. "We have a sensibility that stands," he said. "We have very liberal politics, in terms of social justice and sexual freedom and the idea that peace is better than war." "Peace and love," he said. "What's wrong with that?"

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crime scene INVESTIGATION

Henry Chan's ride-along with the Waco Police Crime Scene Unit did more than give him a subject for a photo essay project. It opened his eyes to the unseen crime life in our city.

By Henry Chan
Contributor

It's 6:30 a.m. and most Baylor students are snuggled up in their beds dreaming of the last day of finals. However, not everyone is still sleeping peacefully in Waco.

A crisp morning breeze rushes by as Waco Police Crime Scene Unit technician Brian Ficke leaves the police station. He has a 10-hour shift ahead of him. But today will be different. Today, I follow him as he makes his runs around Waco.

The Waco Police Crime Scene Unit, or CSU, was established seven years ago. Headed up by police Sgt. Keith Vaughan, the unit consists of six other civilian technicians. Before the unit was formed, collecting evidence had been the responsibility of police officers.

Unlike the popular TV show *CSI*, the CSU in Waco does not focus on the investigation side of cases. Instead, it functions solely to collect and process evidence.

"We process a lot of evidence for the state," Vaughan said. "We process quite a bit for the Secret Service, the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms), FBI and Texas Highway Patrol."

Vaughan said the Waco CSU is designed mainly to collect and test evidence as well as to process fingerprints. Other evidence such as blood, hair and bullets are sent off to other labs for further analysis.

With Vaughan's approval, I spent time over a series of three days with his unit to learn about their jobs and the unseen side of Waco. Vaughan paired me up with Brian Ficke, a crime scene technician who has been with the unit for six and a half years.

After a brief introduction, Ficke and I left the office for the CSU vehicle and an eye-opening day in the field.

Technicians working on this unit usually spend 90 percent of their time in the field. When they are not working on a case, they wait. Time crawls by as they patrol the Waco streets until their expertise is needed.

"There'll be days you don't do anything," Ficke said. "And then there'll be days where you get your butt run down."

Soon enough, the first call of the day came through. There had been a burglary of a motor vehicle at the Atmos Energy facility. Multiple vehicles had been broken into the night before.

As soon as we arrived, Ficke thoroughly dusted the trucks for fingerprints and photographed any evidence that might help find the criminal.

Ficke explained how fingerprints are much harder to lift than the *CSI* actors make it out to be.

"They're all wet. That's no good," Ficke explained. If a surface is not clean and dry, fingerprints cannot be lifted successfully.

After dusting a few more trucks for fingerprints, Ficke concluded that the burglars had been smart enough to wear gloves.

After we left the crime scene, we drove toward East Waco. As we closed in on one of the Waco projects, Ficke started to point out "sights" I never would have noticed on my own.

One woman Ficke pointed out was a prostitute who had recently been beaten and raped by a truck driver and his wife, yet there she was on the street. Ficke also pointed out a group of crack dealers walking away from the CSU vehicle. But that wasn't everything.

"That's where a guy locked himself in last week and threatened to shoot people in the streets. The SWAT team was there too," Ficke said.

For the next hour, I was exposed to a side of Waco that I, as well as most Baylor students, have been ignorant of.

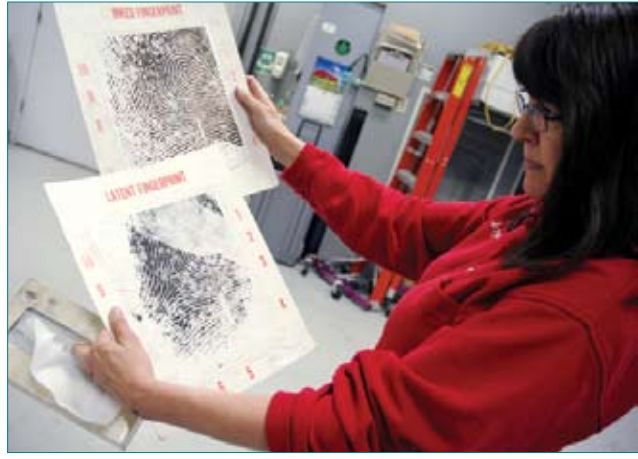
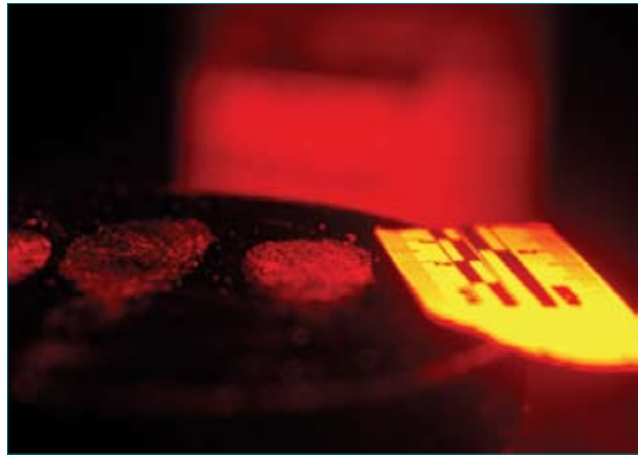
As it reached late morning, we returned to the office. Ficke worked on some paperwork as he waited for calls to come in. I left for the next adventure of the day: the crime lab.

Crime lab technician Joyce Marek was on duty as I arrived. Marek demonstrated the tests they complete to analyze collected evidence. Aside from fingerprint dusting, Marek performed a tetramethyl benzadine blood test and ran an alternate light source machine. The alternate light source machine is used to detect bodily fluids and fingerprints on hard-to-see objects, finding every spec of evidence.

By the time Marek finished the tetramethyl benzadine blood test Ficke had arrived at the crime lab to tell me that it was time for another run.

We arrived at a house in a neighborhood I had never even been to. Uniformed police officers and detectives in tactical gear were already on the scene searching for evidence.

As Ficke assisted the detectives with evidence collection, I asked around and learned that detectives from the nar-



Photos by Henry Chan

These photos were taken in a 10-hour period of shadowing Waco Police's Crime Scene Unit. Henry Chan observed ballistic testing, fingerprint dusting and analysis, a tetramethyl benzadine blood test and an alternate light source machine test on hard-to-find evidence.

cotics division had just seized a bag of heroin and arrested a suspected drug dealer.

Soon after 1 p.m., Ficke received another call. This time we were headed to a recovery home on Washington Avenue for a "questionable death" case. The victim had a rare case of bile duct cancer and had piles of medication to assist in his daily routine. His roommates said he had been in a great deal of pain recently and were told to expect his death any day.

Ficke, two crime scene techs and a police officer began scurrying around the home digging for evidence and taking photos in an attempt to get to the bottom of the situation.

Though police officers were aware of the victim's condition, they had to be certain foul play was not involved in the death. The three crime scene techs searched the living area for the possible prescription drugs the victim had been on and called the narcotics unit for confirmation.

When asked about murders, Ficke said you never know. "Sometimes you'd

go for a month without a murder, and then you'll get three to four a week.

"It's not like you'd get murdered somewhere randomly. Most of it's about drugs, dope. Sometimes it's family related," Ficke said.

Soon Justice of Peace Kristi DeCuit appeared at the scene and declared the case a natural death. Their work here was complete.

The next day, I returned to watch Vaughan do something just as fascinating as working in the field: shooting firearms. But it wasn't just for fun. Vaughan was completing ballistic comparison tests.

We walked down into the basement of the police station to a small room where the gun tank is housed. Vaughan opened a gun safe in the corner of the room and brought out a few pistols to fire into the gun tank. When firing firearms into the tank, there is enough water to stop most high-powered rifles. Experts can then retrieve the bullet from a particular firearm to obtain an accurate analysis of the patterns imprinted on the bullet from the gun

barrel. This process helps link firearms to bullets that have been collected from crime scenes.

"Before, the only time we would test a gun would be when there's a major crime, like a homicide. We'd send it to Dallas where the analyzing was done. Now it's a whole lot more cost effective," Vaughan said.

"After the cases are completely done ... where there is no way for appeal, we destroy them," the sergeant explained.

"We used to sell them, but that's not the policy now. We grind them up now," Vaughan said.

A CSUs job is full of excitement and intrigue. However, it was not widely popularized until the TV series *CSI* appeared. When Vaughan had been asked if the hit TV series had any effects on his job, he just chuckled.

"There are lots of pros and cons from that show," he said. "The show has an effect of making people think that we can lift fingerprints off anything. Sometimes we have to go in to talk to juries as a case is testified, and explain why we didn't do certain things, such

as explaining why we didn't get the fingerprint off the bag of dope," Vaughan said.

However, Vaughan also stated that with the increase in popularity, it has been easier for them to hire applicants.

"When we started the unit, I would put up ads and get 15 to 20 applicants. Now, we get around 50 to 100 applicants," Vaughan said.

Baylor students also intern for the CSU. "We get interns every year. There are four this semester," Ficke said.

Amarillo junior Chandler Bassett is a forensics student who has been an intern at the CSU this past semester.

"It really gives us an edge over others. We get to see and do all that the other guys never get to do. The experience will really help me find a job," Bassett said.

As it neared 4:30 p.m. Ficke drove the CSU vehicle back to one of the two designated parking spots.

After 10 hours of burglaries, drugs, deaths, chemicals and guns, he is ready to return home to his 3-year-old son.