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New intelligent design conflict hits BU

By Claire St. Amant
City editor

Baylor has received the national spotlight once again for another controversy involving intelligent design research. Dr. Robert Marks, distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering, posted what university officials are calling "unapproved research" on his personal Web site hosted by Baylor's server. The research, which concerns informatic

computing and the evolutionary process, was conducted as part of Marks' Evolutionary Informatics Lab. Baylor shut down the site in early August, shortly before a scheduled meeting to discuss the issue with Marks; his attorney, John Gilmore; Baylor General Counsel Charles Beckenhauer; Provost Dr. Randall O'Brien; and dean of engineering Benjamin Kelley — whom Gilmore credited with shutting down the site. President John Lilley did not attend.

"(Kelley) did not give my client the benefit of a meeting or a phone call," Gilmore said.

Baylor officials say the site was removed from the server because Marks didn't follow either of the approved processes for posting research, and the subject matter is immaterial.

"There is a whole process every professor must go through to publish academic research," John Barry, vice president for marketing and communications, said. "He just needs to go

through the proper channels."

Barry said when publishing research on Baylor Web sites, professors can either have the backing of their department, school or dean, or decide to work independently of the university and identify it as such. Marks was working independently of the university.

Gilmore said he thinks other faculty Web sites without disclaimers are left alone because of their content and Marks is being discriminated against

because his site deals with intelligent design.

Despite university representatives' dismissal of this claim, many are calling the incident an infringement of academic freedom and discrimination against intelligent design.

The Baptist Press quoted former Baylor professor William Dembski, a research professor in philosophy at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, as saying this is "perhaps the biggest story yet of academic sup-

pression relating to ID."

Dembski is no stranger to the intelligent design debate. He served as the director of the Michael Polanyi Center for Complexity, Information and Design at Baylor, which was open from 1999 to 2000. Dembski left Baylor during the first intelligent design controversy in 2000, after he stood by his claim of Intelligent Design as a serious

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Ms. Scarlet, in the lounge, with the revolver

The Baylor Forensics Society holds a life-size game of Clue at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Barfield Drawing Room. Players rolled a giant dice to see who would go first. Baylor Forensics Society's next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 in 100 Marrs McLean Science Building.

Baylor reflects on Sept. 11 terrorist attack

Faculty and students remember tragedy on its sixth anniversary

By Star De La Cruz
Staff writer

Today, Patriot Day, marks the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. The affects of the national tragedy are still reflected in today's daily life.

Dr. Joe Kickasola, associate professor and director of the Baylor in New York program, has lived in New York City since fall 2002.

Kickasola said in many ways the tragedy is still very personal for people.

"It's never joked about or talked about casually," he said.

The most noticeable change in the people in New York City, Kickasola said, is that they took on a softer approach to people in need in the city. The stereotype that New Yorkers don't care has changed, and New Yorkers are very helpful to people new to the city, Kickasola said.

"I came to New York because I was called to be here, and God very specifically had a plan for me to be here. It involved Baylor and what God had planned for me to do with the city," Kickasola said. "I'm more likely to get hurt by a terrorist here (in New York City) than in Waco but I feel it's very protected, and between my faith and confidence in city authority, it doesn't bother me too much."

Every time something big happens like a power outage or a fire, Kickasola said the first thing that comes to mind is that it could be terrorist related.

"In the summer 2003 blackout, I worried that there was some kind of terrorist movement going on, but what was interesting is there was no crime in the city during that time because most people were in very different mindsets and there was an eerie calm," Kickasola said.

McLean senior Mike Muscenti was among the very first to be informed about the terrorist attacks.

"My dad is a director for flu epidemic for the U.S. Navy and works in the Pentagon. He was right there when it happened," Muscenti said. "I was in Atlanta at the time, and my mom was freaking out, but my dad called us right when the twin towers' disaster happened—even before the media got a hold of it."

Soon after Muscenti heard about the attack in New York City, he was watching TV in class and he found out what happened at the Pentagon.

"You have sense of, 'it couldn't happen to you,' so I knew my dad was fine," Muscenti said. "I walked out of class to call my dad and my mom actually went to my school hysterical to grab me and take me home."

People outside New York City were affected after the Sept. 11 attacks as well.

Nicky Neusatz, a senior from Rochester, said that Hilton High School tuned into TV news stations immediately after word of the attacks surfaced.

Neusatz said classes were canceled for the rest of the week and replaced by counseling. When classes were back in session, Neufatz said, there were a lot of restrictions, such as having to show school IDs.

"I have a half sister who lived in the city (New York City). I was worried about her and we couldn't get in contact with her but it turned out she was okay," Neusatz said.

Neusatz said that because Rochester was so close to New York City, she heard people were making comments about Rochester being the next target.

"I was frightened a little, especially since I had to travel by airplane a few months after," Neusatz said. "I think everyone has some kind of fear, but it's not as great as it use to be."

Hurst senior Aileen Wong is currently in New York City participating in the Baylor in New York program.

Wong said she feels very safe in the city despite its reputation for being a dangerous place to live because it was one of the sites of the terrorist attacks. Wong said there are police everywhere watching out for potential danger.

"With the sixth anniversary of 9/11 coming, I think everyone is aware of what could happen, but I don't feel a real threat," Wong said.

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Enrollment up from fall 2006

Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Baylor's 12th-day enrollment has increased by 134 students from last fall, according to statistics released by the Office of Institutional Research and Testing.

Enrollment is at 14,174 students, compared to 14,040 last fall. Undergraduate enrollment is at 11,902 students, while graduate students number 1,291.

There are 402 students enrolled in the George W. Truett Theological Seminary and 161 students enrolled in the Academy of Health Sciences in San Antonio, while five students are enrolled at West Point.

413 students are enrolled in Baylor Law school, compared to 400 last year.

According to Dr. Kathleen Morley, director of Institutional Research and Testing, these numbers only include students who are financially in the clear.

"Students who are not financially settled have their schedules canceled," Morley said.

The Office of Institutional Research and Testing also released its semiannual report on undergraduate retention rates from the fall of 2006 to the fall of 2007.

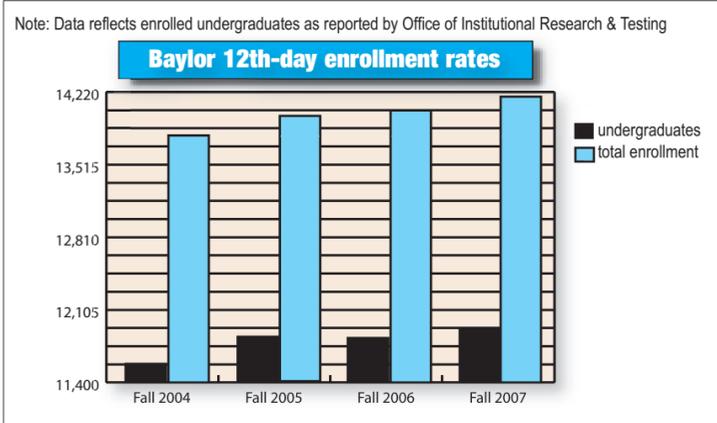
The undergraduate retention rate from the last year, fall 2005 to fall 2006, was 87.1 percent. Retention is up this fall, with 88 percent of undergraduates returning.

The freshman retention rate is also up, from 84.2 percent last term to 85.6 percent this year. According to Diane Ramey, assistant vice president for enrollment management, this brings Baylor back above 85 percent for the first time since 2001.

The fourth imperative of Baylor 2012, attracting and supporting a top-tier student body, demands an increase in freshman retention rate "from 83 percent to 93 percent."

"Moving from 83 to 93 percent retention rate is an aggressive goal, but we are working every day toward moving in that direction," Ramey said. "The last two years a student success task force has worked diligent-

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Transfer students reach highest numbers ever

By Kimi Willingham
Reporter

Hundreds of students, 452 to be exact, have traded in their loyalties to other colleges and placed their faith in the "good ol' Baylor line." Director of new student programs Elisa Dunman said this year Baylor celebrates one of its highest number of transfer students.

Since 2005, Baylor transfer student enrollment has steadily increased by

more than 30 students.

The new student programs department wants to make the campus living and learning experience for transfer students different from the experience most freshmen receive.

Since 1993, Baylor's new student program's has offered an organization, the Baylor Transfer Council, similar to that of the Freshman Class Council, but specifically geared toward transfer

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PawPrints to go green, save paper

By Christine Bolanos
Reporter

Beginning Monday, the Electronic Library will launch a new campaign, "PawPrints: Things are Looking Greener" by reconfiguring several campus printers to duplex print by default.

Duplex, or double-sided, printing has previously been available at some PawPrints stations, but soon stations at the Baylor Sciences Building atrium, Moody Memorial Library, Jesse H. Jones Library and the Bill Daniel Student Center will be set to duplex print automatically.

"We were inspired to do something by Pattie Orr, vice president for information technology and dean of libraries, who asked, what are we doing to help the environment," said information technology specialist Carl Flynn.

As of Monday, 53,191 fewer PawPrints pages had been printed than by the same time last year. Flynn expects this difference to skyrocket once the campaign launches.

Flynn said he will send an e-mail today to faculty, encouraging them to allow students to turn in their assignments on two-sided pages.

Flynn announced this new development to PawPrint users Monday.

"We want to conserve paper, and we are starting with students and moving to the faculty to make everyone more conscientious about the environment," he said.

Flynn said if students see the benefit of double-sided printing, then so will faculty and staff, and paper conservation could be a potentially huge success at Baylor.

The Electronic Library will cover the cost of the duplexing equipment being used.

Any money saved as an effect of the campaign will remain in the general fund to be used toward other things around the university information technology specialist Jeremy Langley said.

Flynn said he expects a balance between the money saved from purchasing toner and paper and the money spent on



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Dallas sophomore Tutu Adewuyi picks up her documents from Moody Computer Lab. PawPrints will begin setting printers to duplex printing by default in an effort to be more environmentally friendly.

duplexing equipment.

However, there could be long-term savings since duplex printing will allow current printers to last longer.

"These duplex printers actually have a life expectancy of one-and-a-half years. With this double-sided printing, it may result that these printers might live up to three years or even longer, so we'd be saving money from that angle too," Langley said.

"From a conservative standpoint, I would say we could save over 500,000 pages in a school year. Liberally speaking, I'd say about 1 million, but it depends on student use," Flynn said.

"If it's really easy to use, then most students will print double-sided," said graduate student Derek Rascon, vice president of the environmental concern organization.

ECO and the libraries are working together to get

"PawPrints: Things are Looking Greener" out to students.

Conflict between conservation of paper and how professors want assignments turned in is a possibility since some professors may prefer the traditional one-sided page.

"I believe if we communicate the change to them first, it will give them the opportunity to inform students about their policies concerning double-sided printing," Rascon said.

New book celebrates Pat Neff

Authors present Lilley with biography of former BU president

By Katherine Farlow
Reporter

To most students, Pat Neff is the building they walk by on the way to class, with bells chiming every 15 minutes and its tower lighting up after game victories. But not many students know anything about the man behind the building.

Monday, Terrell Blodgett and David L. Scott presented President John Lilley with their recently published biography, "The Land, the Law, and the Lord: The Life of Pat Neff." The book, which recounts Neff's life and accomplishments, was finished in early July and released Sept. 1.

"He saved the university from collapsing completely or moving to Dallas," said Dr. Rufus Spain, history professor emeritus and director of the Retired Professors and Administrators Program.

Baylor alumna Dorothy Jean Chapin Blodgett, Terrell Blodgett and David L. Scott wrote the biography of the former Texas governor and president of Baylor.

Neff served as governor of Texas for two terms and was president of Baylor for 15 years, 1932-1947.

"It is an objective look at the man," Blodgett said. "He had his faults and shortcomings but overall we come down on the fact that he was underrated as a governor."

During Neff's presidency he was able to save Baylor and keep it open during the Great Depres-



David Poe/Lariat staff

Terrell Blodgett, co-author of the new biography, "The Land, the Law, and the Lord: The Life of Pat Neff" will be signing copies of the book tomorrow at the Earle-Harrison House in Waco.

sion, Blodgett said.

"In order to appreciate Baylor and the history behind it, I think it's important to know who molded Baylor," Columbia senior Priscilla White said. "It makes you respect it more."

Dorothy worked for Neff doing public relations while in school and her ancestors owned property next to the Neff's, giving her incentive to write about him.

Dorothy began the book in 1985 and in 1990 Scott joined her. Her, husband, Blodgett joined the work on the book in 1998. The three made many trips to the Texas Collection at Baylor to look at documents and letters about Neff and his life.

After Blodgett's wife passed away in 2005, he and Scott were determined to finish the book for her.

Blodgett will also be at Baylor during Parents Weekend and homecoming for more signings. He will travel in the fall for other book signings around Texas.

A book signing will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Earle-Harrison House on 1901 N. 5th St. in Waco.

New group to offer legal aid programs to Waco community

By Jessica Belmares
Reporter

Baylor Public Interest Legal Society is a new student organization founded by law students hoping to provide an outreach to the Waco community through involvement in legal assistance programs.

"The fact that Baylor Law lacked a public interest organization was kind of troubling," Beaumont law student Brandon Kinard, co-founder of the organization, said.

Kinard, along with Waco law student Josh Borderu, talked about creating a public interest group last Christmas. They exchanged e-mails over the summer and founded the Baylor Public Interest Legal Society.

"The administration was really excited about this. This will really help the image and the public interest outreach of the law school," Borderu said.

The society's main goal this year is to become more involved with the Legal Assistance Proj-

ect sponsored by the Lutheran Ministries and Social Services of Waco.

"What they do is provide legal forms and paper work and direct people who can't afford representation. They help them navigate the court system and legal problems on their own," Borderu said.

The society's founders hope to facilitate Baylor law students and faculty in the involvement of legal assistance programs. They also hope to promote public interest issues on campus.

Assistant professor of law Bridget Fuselier, the organization's faculty sponsor, is excited about the newly chartered group.

"It's great that a couple of students came up with this idea and expressed their desire for public interest work. They are mindful of the fact that as lawyers we are public servants," Fuselier said.

Although Kinard and Borderu are excited about their upcoming community involvement, they realize their group

faces obstacles.

Baylor Law has a very demanding curriculum and *The Princeton Review* says it's the most competitive law school, Borderu said.

"I would say our biggest obstacle is that you're pulling at students' time and their other commitments. That's probably every organization's obstacle," Borderu said.

Kinard said he thinks law school at Baylor doesn't allow very much time outside of class.

"Classroom environment is very formal and the workload is burdensome," Kinard said.

Despite juggling school work and other commitments outside of class, the organization's founders are continuing to work toward their goals.

The Baylor Public Interest Legal Society will hold its next meeting at 4:00 p.m. Thursday in room 120 at Baylor Law.

They plan to elect three officers and invite all law students to attend.

Proposed initiative aims to reduce drunken driving

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

For the 2006-2007 school year, the Baylor Police Department issued 206 alcohol-related sanctions.

While students can't always stop their peers from drinking, they can help keep them out of trouble and off the roads.

Junior senator Abbie Rosen, of Boxford, Mass., and Adam Renz, a junior from Yorba Linda, Calif., revealed Baylor University Designated Drivers to do just that.

The initiative aims to dissuade students from driving while

intoxicated or on drugs. But the rides are not only for intoxicated students, Rosen said.

"This is just a safe way to get home. It's not safe to walk from downtown to Baylor's campus," Rosen said.

Any stranded student may call for a ride during operating hours. The two program designers hope to see the program up and running by Spring 2008 and said BUDD would be exclusively for Baylor students, but the entire community would benefit from fewer intoxicated drivers.

On Thursday, student government acknowledged the program's necessity with a support

vote in favor of the initiative, 22-5.

Rosen and Renz said they are not encouraging students to drink.

"Sometimes people aren't clear on the difference between promoting and condoning. There's a middle ground between the two," Renz said.

BUDD operating hours would be slightly different from the Ride, a Baylor shuttle service.

The Ride runs from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. BUDD will operate from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

The Ride transports students

BEAR BRIEFS

Voting for Freshman Student Government representatives is today. Go to bin.baylor.edu to cast your vote.

Sign up for Battle of the Bands in Student Activities. Drop off a demo CD now through Oct. 1 to enter the competition.

William J. Abraham will lecture at 3:30 p.m. today in Miller Chapel. Abraham will talk about "The End of Wesleyan Theology."

Baylor Students for Social Justice will have a general meeting at 8 p.m. today in the SUB food court. They will talk about ways to get involved in social justice issues around Waco and the world. For more information contact Lizet_Rivera@baylor.edu.

Habitat for Humanity will have an interest meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Kayser Auditorium. For additional information visit <http://www.baylorhabitat.org>.

Panhellenic open house will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Stacy Riddle Forum in the Panhellenic Building. For additional information, contact Tam_Dunn@baylor.edu.

Baylor Activities Council has extended its deadline for submitting applications to Wednesday at 5 p.m. For more information contact Lizet_Rivera@baylor.edu.

University Carillon Lynnette Geary will present a Sept. 11 Memorial Recital at 5:30 p.m. today on the McLane Carillon in the tower of Pat Neff Hall.

Acoustic Cafe, presented by B.R.A.A. will be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. For additional information, call Student Activities at 710-2371.

The Magellan Society will host an interest meeting at 5 p.m. today in the Cowden Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For additional information, contact Youssef_Ybarra@baylor.edu.

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Teamwide improvement guides BU rout of Rice

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

It seemed the Baylor offense was making up for lost time Saturday in its 42-17 win over the Rice University.

After being shut out the week before, the game appeared to be time well spent.

In a departure from last week, sophomore quarterback Blake Szymanski had little trouble marching Baylor up and down the field on Rice's overmatched defense. Baylor finished with 521 yards of total offense and scored on five of its six red zone opportunities.

The offense exploded for 28 first-half points, scored touchdowns on its first four possessions, and the team never trailed.

Five different players caught a touchdown pass while Szymanski was sacked once and threw no interceptions.

It's hard to point to anybody other than Szymanski, who broke two Baylor passing records Saturday, for answers as to why the Bears were so successful.

But according to head coach Guy Morriss, the Bears succeed-

ed in improving nearly every facet of their game this week.

"I thought our whole game was better," Morriss said. "More focused, more energy and people playing faster."

Morriss continued his insistence Saturday on utilizing a running game, which can't quite find a rhythm. After averaging a paltry two yards per carry on 25 touches last week in a shutout loss to Texas Christian University, the running game churned out 98 yards between six different runners against Rice.

An improvement from last week? Morriss thinks so, but its not quite the stable ground game the team envisioned before the season started.

"The pass is always going to help with the run, and the run is always going to help with the pass," Szymanski said. "We've got to run the ball better, though. I didn't think we ran the ball as good as we can. We have to pick that up a little next week."

The coaching staff cycled Brandon Whitaker, Jacoby Jones and Jay Finley in at running back and had limited success on their 21 combined carries.

But when the passing game works as well as it does against



Jade Hodges/Lariat staff

Junior running back Jacoby Jones rushes to the left side in Baylor's 42-14 win Saturday against Rice.

Rice — and Szymanski's 412 yards passing and six touchdowns can attest to that — the running game isn't nearly as important, Szymanski said.

"We liked our match-ups with their personnel," Morriss said. "We wanted to go deep.

That's something I think we need to do each week to loosen people up."

Szymanski mentioned that TCU's safeties played so deep in the season opener that Baylor's quick-strike passing attack was severely limited in its options.

Szymanski rewrites school records with historic performance

Quarterback burns Rice for school and personal bests

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

After Shawn Bell went down with a season-ending knee injury last year against Texas A&M University, Blake Szymanski was thrown into the fire when he took the helm at quarterback for Baylor.

Szymanski had a dismal end to the Bears' 2006 campaign, and going into summer practice he found himself third on the depth chart.

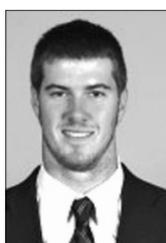
After earning the starting job over the summer, critics still gave the Wichita Falls red-shirt sophomore an earful after a subpar season-opening performance Sept. 1 against the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian University.

Nonetheless, Szymanski kept his head above water and ignored the voices of his critics.

"It was a good experience getting those three starts," Szymanski said of his play last year. "It was unfortunate for Shawn the way that happened, but I learned a ton from those three games, good and bad. I tried to carry that over to the off-season and into this season."

Then came Saturday's record-setting performance against Rice University. Szymanski completed 29 of 46 passes for 412 yards and six touchdowns to lead the Bears to a 42-17 victory over the Owls at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Szymanski needed only three quarters to become the



Szymanski

first quarterback in Baylor history to throw six touchdowns in a single game.

His 412 yards passing and three first-quarter touchdown passes were also Baylor records.

"It will certainly help his confidence," head coach Guy Morriss said of Szymanski's performance. "He has been through some rough games, and this will help people know the athlete he is and the quarterback he is going to be."

But more important than all the records he broke Saturday night, Szymanski may have finally silenced questions about his abilities in his fifth career start dating back to last season.

Against Rice, offensive coordinator Lee Hays demonstrated an appropriate mix of power and finesse in what could be his spread offense's finest hour at Baylor.

The 25-point win on Saturday was Baylor's largest margin of victory over a Division One opponent since a 32-point win over Oregon State University in 1996.

"We had to come out this week and really put the throttle down," junior receiver Thomas White said. "We weren't going to give up. We were just going to keep going and going and going."

The offense wasn't the only Baylor unit getting into the action Saturday. Rice went three-plays-and-out five times and put together just three drives that probed into Baylor territory all afternoon.

One series late in the second quarter personified the tenacity of the Baylor defense Saturday.

Joe Bennett muffed a punt return and turned possession over to the Rice offense at the Baylor 5-yard line, giving the Owls four chances at a touchdown from point blank range.

Four plays later, the Rice

offense trudged back to their sideline empty-handed. No touchdown, no field goal, no points.

"For our defense to go out there and throw up a wall like that was really good to see," Morriss said.

Morriss also said the special teams play was more focused and showed an overall improvement from last week.

After badly missing two field goals against TCU, freshman kicker Shea Brewster converted all of his extra point attempts and barely missed his one field goal attempt.

The 45-yard try mid way through the fourth quarter was on target but fell about three feet short of the crossbar.

In all, Morriss said, it was hard to be anything but pleased with Baylor's final effort Saturday.

And if the team was trying to put the TCU game behind them, consider it mission accomplished.

"It feels good," Morriss said. "It's fun to watch when the system is executed well and things happen the way they are supposed to happen. It was a fun night."

Yet his breakout performance didn't particularly shock Morriss.

"I don't think we were as surprised as some of the people in the stands," Morriss said. "We know what he can do; it's just a matter of everybody rallying around him doing their job."

"I think he did a good job of just relaxing and not feeling like he had to win the game by himself."

Some critics may still argue that the defense the Bears faced Saturday was nowhere near the caliber Baylor will face when Big 12 play starts. But it still seemed Szymanski, who Monday was named Big 12 Co-Offensive

Player of the Week, might have finally found his groove judging by the decisions he made and the strong pocket presence he displayed against Rice.

Senior running back Brandon Whitaker said the offense runs as a complete unit, and when Szymanski actually has time to throw the ball, he can do great things.

"We have a lot of confidence in Blake," Whitaker said. "The fans and media have been down on him a lot, but we stayed with him the whole time."

"There are some things we need to pick up as an offense to give Blake the time he needed and we did it today."



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BU alums successfully revamp Western '3:10 to Yuma'

By April Leman
Contributor

Baylor alumni Michael Brandt and Derek Haas shoot life back into the classic American Western with their script for the action-packed and wildly intriguing film *3:10 to Yuma*.

MOVIE REVIEW

The star-studded cast, including Russell Crowe, Christian Bale and Peter Fonda, is enough to initially draw in audiences and heighten expectations, but after seeing the film, viewers' high expectations will be met.

Directed by James Mangold (*Walk The Line*), the movie involves the captured outlaw Ben Wade and a small party of men chartered to safely escort Wade to Contention, Ariz.

The train is scheduled to arrive at 3:10 p.m., and Wade must be in the prison car, which is bound for Yuma.

Bale plays a struggling rancher, Dan Evans, determined to redeem his dignity and save

his ranch.

Promised \$200 when the transfer of the outlaw is complete, Evans joins up with a railroad man, a veterinarian and a few others committed to making the dangerous journey to Contention.

A good mixture of action and well-written dialogue keeps the film balanced and interesting.

The creators focused heavily on engaging audiences' senses with sounds of guns sliding in and out of leather holsters and bullets echoing off the sides of rugged ravines.

Even the subtleties of boots crunching in crusty dirt were not overlooked.

Set in a time when men established their own sense of lawfulness, this film gives a realistic depiction of the Wild West.

Any Baylor student may recognize elements learned in his or her American history class.

A mining town filled with Chinese workers creates a hauntingly vivid image of life as an immigrant during this historical time.

The writers chose not to ignore the presence of Native Americans during this time and the incessant struggle for land between the Indians and the white population.

Interestingly, it is Wade (Crowe's character) that comments on the brutal treatment Natives often received.

He recalls a time when a particular character, Byron McElroy, and some others gunned down Apache women and children and then kicked them all into a ditch.

McElroy defends himself by claiming the Apache were shooting at railway men. Needless to say, McElroy dies shortly after this conversation.

Despite surprising performances from the minor characters — including Logan Lerman who plays William Evans — Crowe steals the show.

He has a magical way of being cruel yet simultaneously sentimental.

His charm, rugged looks and sense of humor softened his character enough to make him

likable but not enough to make him unbelievable.

Beneath its rough exterior, the western reveals a message of morality.

Dan Evans faces the challenge of gaining his son's respect while earning an honest living when criminals' exciting lives seem more attractive.

Despite great opposition, Evans chooses honesty over corruption.

He looks his son in the face and says, "You remember it was your father who walked Ben Wade to that train station when no one else would."

Brandt and Haas even named a character after one of their former professors, Robert Darden, associate professor of journalism.

The duo also wrote the script for the 2003 film, *2 Fast 2 Furious*.

Overall, Brandt and Haas did an excellent job of reworking the script of the 1957 Western and representing Baylor in Hollywood.

Grade: A-



Courtesy of Lions Gate Films

Christian Bale and Russell Crowe star in the remake of the 1957 film *3:10 to Yuma*, which was rewritten by Baylor alumni Michael Brandt and Derek Haas.

Video Music Awards bounce back despite Britney bomb

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — As in most train wrecks, it was hard to focus on just one thing as the Britney Spears disaster unfolded on MTV's Video Music Awards Sunday night. There was just so much that went wrong.

Out-of-synch lip-synching. Lethargic movements that seemed choreographed by a dance instructor for a nursing home. The paunch in place of Spears' once-taut belly.

At times she just stopped singing, as if even she knew nothing could save her performance.

Designed to drum up excitement for her upcoming album, Spears' kickoff to the Video Music Awards became another example of how far she has fallen.

It would have been understandable if MTV's show had been crushed under the weight of the opening fiasco — yet

somehow it rebounded and even flourished.

The show banked heavily on its own reinvention. After poor reviews and a decline in ratings over the last few years, MTV moved the show to Vegas, shortened it from three hours to two, went to a hostless format and focused more on performances than awards.

Justin Timberlake and Timbaland, Kanye West, Fall Out Boy and the Foo Fighters hosted separate suite parties where most of the performances took place.

But the performance most people will be talking about was Spears'. And unlike her last appearance at the VMAs, when she locked lips with Madonna in 2003, this time it will be for all the wrong reasons.

After that, though, the changes to the show worked, leading to several exciting performances and some watercooler drama. An off-camera fight between

Pamela Anderson exes Kid Rock and Tommy Lee led Jamie Foxx to quip: "Stop all this white-on-white violence."

Before Timberlake accepted the Quadruple Threat of the Year award at his suite, the DJ summoned the partygoers to watch the monitor and go crazy if Timberlake won.

He did, they did, and Timberlake said: "I want to challenge MTV to play more videos!"

Rihanna won the coveted Video of the Year award, plus Monster Single of the Year for "Umbrella."

The Best Group was Fall Out Boy, and Gym Class Heroes won Best New Artist. Beyonce and Shakira won Most Earth shattering Collaboration for "Beautiful Liar."

Other performers appeared on the show's main stage, in front of an industry-only audience seated at tables, like at the Golden Globes.

Chris Brown gave one of the

evening's most extravagant performances — hopping from table to table in a dance spectacle that channeled Michael Jackson, right down to a brief "Billie Jean" imitation.

Alicia Keys had the evening's most rousing performance, debuting her new song, "No One," and then an inspired, choir-backed cover of George Michael's "Freedom."

While performances like Keys' and Spears' were delivered on the main stage, others came in snippets: Akon crooned a bit of his "Smack That" before an award was announced, while the cameras zoomed in on Fall Out Boy and the Foo Fighters mid-performance in their suites, giving viewers the sense that they had happened upon an intimate concert.

Cee-Lo delivered a rocking version of Prince's naughty classic "Darling Nikki" in the smoky Foo Fighters suite; Soulja Boy was showing Kanye West his

"Crank That" dance in West's suite.

Though the suites appeared to be chaotic parties, the MTV-cast revelers were carefully organized, strategically placed and encouraged to imbibe for the cameras.

Choreographed or not, Timberlake and Timbaland's suite looked the most exciting — T.I., buffeted by pole dancers, delivered a rousing version of "Big Things Poppin'" while 50 Cent stopped by to perform "Ayo Technology" with Timberlake and Timbaland.

Not to be outdone, T-Pain and West danced high atop Las Vegas in a balcony suite as they celebrated "The Good Life."

TV viewers never got full views of those shows, though MTV promised more via its Website and other "remixed" versions of the show.

Unlike in recent years, there was plenty reason to come back for more.

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ly on initiatives designed to improve student success—and as a result, improve retention.” Additionally, Ramey said the relocation of the Paul L. Foster Success Center to the Sid Richardson Science Building is “a major step in making their services accessible to all students.” The fourth imperative of

Baylor 2012 also calls for recruiting “students with strong academic records.” “Certainly improving the academic profile of incoming students is important,” Ramey said. “But it is also important (to) enroll new students who are a good fit for Baylor and to provide the tools they need to succeed and graduate.”

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Jane Koh
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Courtney Schoessow
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“I have a greater appreciation for our country. It made me more aware of what’s going on, and how what happens globally and nationally can affect everyone individually.”



McBrayer

Jonathan McBrayer
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students. The transfer council functions like any other organization on the Baylor campus. The members put together weekly meetings, planned get-togethers, a retreat, participate in Steppin’ Out and serve the community as a group.

Nathan Primrose, San Jose, Ca. senior and president of Baylor Transfer Council, said that being involved in the Baylor Transfer Council has helped him “feel engaged in Baylor and more plugged into the Baylor traditions.”

Although the transfer council has only been an established student organization for a little more than 10 years, this year the number of participants is expected to dramatically increase from eight students to about 30. As a result, the members have overgrown their normal meeting room and are currently searching for a larger meeting place that will provide more space for

their thriving organization. Most freshman students are overwhelmed when presented with the obstacle of ‘starting over’ and memorizing a new campus. This feeling does not subside for transfer students said Keane Tarbell, coordinator of new student programs.

Tarbell said the goal of new student programs is to provide transfer students a two-fold introduction to Baylor. He believes their experience is different from that of a freshman student. Tarbell said they want to be viewed differently because their experience is unique, but still want to get excited about Baylor tradition and involvement.

Along with helping students in a social and relational way, the transfer council creates a unique community where transfer students learn to rely on one another and build lasting friendships with others that identify with their experience.

Gen. Petraeus suggests partial withdrawal

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Gen. David Petraeus told Congress on Monday he envisions the withdrawal of roughly 30,000 U.S. troops by next summer, beginning with a Marine contingent later this month.

In long-awaited testimony, the commanding general of the war said last winter’s buildup in U.S. troops had met its military objectives “in large measure.”

As a result, he told a congressional hearing and a nationwide television audience, “I believe that we will be able to reduce our forces to the pre-surge level ... by next summer without jeopardizing the security gains we have fought so hard to achieve.”

Testifying in a military uniform bearing four general’s stars and a chestful of medals, Petraeus said he had already provided his views to the military chain of command.

Rebutting charges that he was merely doing the White House’s bidding, he said firmly, “I wrote this testimony myself. It has not been cleared by nor shared with anyone in the Pentagon, the White House or the Congress.”

His testimony came at a politically pivotal moment in the war, with the Democratic-controlled Congress pressing for a troop withdrawal deadline and the Bush administration hoping to prevent wholesale Republican defections on the issue.

Petraeus said that a unit of about 2,000 Marines will depart

Iraq later this month, beginning a drawdown that would be followed in mid-December with the departure of an Army brigade numbering 3,500 to 4,000 soldiers.

After that, another four brigades would be withdrawn by July 2008, he said.

That would leave the United States with about 130,000 troops in Iraq, roughly the number stationed there last winter when President Bush decided to dispatch additional forces.

He said he believes withdrawals could continue even after the 30,000 extra troops go home, but added that it would be premature to make any further recommendations. Initial reaction from Democrats was sour.

Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said it was a “token withdrawal,” and Petraeus rebutted him swiftly.

“A very substantial withdrawal,” he countered. Petraeus didn’t say so, but Ambassador Ryan Crocker strongly suggested the administration’s troop buildup had prevented a debacle.

Testifying alongside the general, Crocker said 2006 was a “bad year for Iraq.”

The country came close to unraveling politically, economically and in security terms. 2007 has brought improvement.”

The extent of any improvement has been a matter of debate.



Associated Press

Gen. David Petraeus testifies on the future course of the war in Iraq while appearing before a joint hearing of the House Armed Services Committee and House Foreign Relations Committee, yesterday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The Government Accountability Office, a congressional agency, recently reported that Iraq has partially achieved only four of 18 political and military goals.

An administration report earlier this summer showed mixed results, as well. While Petraeus focused his remarks mostly on military matters, he also noted the failure thus far of the Iraqi government to take the actions needed to stabilize the country for the long term.

“Lack of adequate governmental capacity, lingering sectarian mistrust, and various forms of corruption add to Iraq’s

challenges,” he said.

Using 13 pages of colorful charts, Petraeus conceded that the military gains have been uneven in the months since Bush ordered the buildup last winter. But he also said that there has been an overall decline in violence and said, “the level of security incidents has declined in eight of the past 12 weeks, with the level of incidents in the past two weeks the lowest since June of 2006.”

Petraeus also said the Iraqi military is slowly gaining competence and gradually “taking on more responsibility for their security.”

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research issue. Gilmore said his client “absolutely supports” Baylor’s initial request from the Aug. 9 meeting to post a disclaimer on his Web site. The problem is with subsequent demands, he said.

“We offered to put the disclaimer that is used at the (Association of American University Professors) Web site,” Gilmore said. “That doesn’t seem to be enough for Baylor.”

Gilmore said after the meeting on Aug 9, he believed the site would be back on up on the Baylor server once a disclaimer was added. But as Marks and the university have yet to reach an agreement on the proposed fixes to the Web site, that still hasn’t happened. Marks’ research is currently hosted on a third-party

site, evolutionaryinformatics.org. Casey Luskin, program officer in public policy and legal affairs for the Discovery Institute, a Seattle-based nonpartisan think tank supportive of intelligent design, interviewed Marks in a podcast posted on the institute’s Web site on July 20. Luskin said in an e-mail to The Baylor Lariat that he believes the interview led to Baylor’s removal of Marks’ research.

“In the academic world, if you question evolution, you come under attack,” Luskin said. “There’s been a pattern of discrimination against ID all over the nation in the past couple years.”

One week after Marks’ interview with Luskin, Kelley e-mailed Marks, citing anony-

mous complaints and asking for the removal of the Evolutionary Informatics Lab Web site. Gilmore and Marks set up a meeting with Baylor officials, including legal counsel, and felt the issue had been resolved successfully, Gilmore said. However, over a month later the site is still down.

Luskin said he agrees with Gilmore about Baylor’s demand for a disclaimer, calling the request “reasonable.” But Luskin qualified that the request is only valid if all professors are held to the same standard.

He said his understanding is that faculty in other fields of research haven’t been restricted like Marks has. Luskin said he worries intelligent design is becoming an academic target once again.

“There may be a bit of a double standard at play,” he said. Barry said while Baylor

doesn’t hire anyone to scour the server for instances of professors posting unofficial research and illegally invoking Baylor’s name, if they are out there, the university wants to know about it.

“Anything that comes to our attention, we will look into,” Barry said. “To the best of our knowledge, other labs and centers are directly linked to approved research in that department.”

Luskin said he would like to see this issue resolved by allowing Marks to post his research with a disclaimer on the Baylor server.

“Baylor should let Dr. Marks have the academic freedom to do research and talk about it on his Web site without any undue constraints,” he said. “It isn’t that complicated.”

Staff writer Kate Boswell contributed to this story.

BYU student found dead

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah - The body of a Brigham Young University student missing for more than a week was found in a canyon Sunday, authorities said, and investigators were trying to determine how she fell to her death.

The body of Camille Cleverley, 22, was found at the base of a 200-foot cliff east of Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon, said Utah County Sheriff James O. Tracy.

Cleverley’s father, Joel, identified her at the scene, Tracy said, and it appeared that she had been dead for several days. The Utah medical examiner’s office took the body from the canyon Sunday evening. The woman’s body had injuries consistent with a fall, but it was too early to rule out foul play, Provo police Capt. Cliff Argyle said.

“How she ended up there, we’re not sure,” Argyle said.

Her backpack and drink bottles were found with the body, Tracy said. Authorities had been searching mountain trails and the Provo River for Cleverley, believing she may have parked her bike and hiked one of the many trails leading into the Wasatch Mountains. A bicycle believed to be hers was stolen from a bike rack near the popular hiking spot last Sunday and turned over to police.

Search and rescue crews and hundreds of volunteers then focused on areas around the 607-foot waterfall. Searchers spotted the body Sunday afternoon, and Rice said the clothing matched the description Cleverley’s family had given investigators.

“The family was always determined to find Camille,” said Robert Grossman, a spokesman for the Cleverleys. “They had never wavered in their determination. There was never an iota or hint of giving up.”

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