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A heated religion

Poll says Christianity less environmental than other religions

By Shannon Daily Reporter

A poll recently conducted by the Barna Group explored the connection between religious affiliation and environmental concerns.

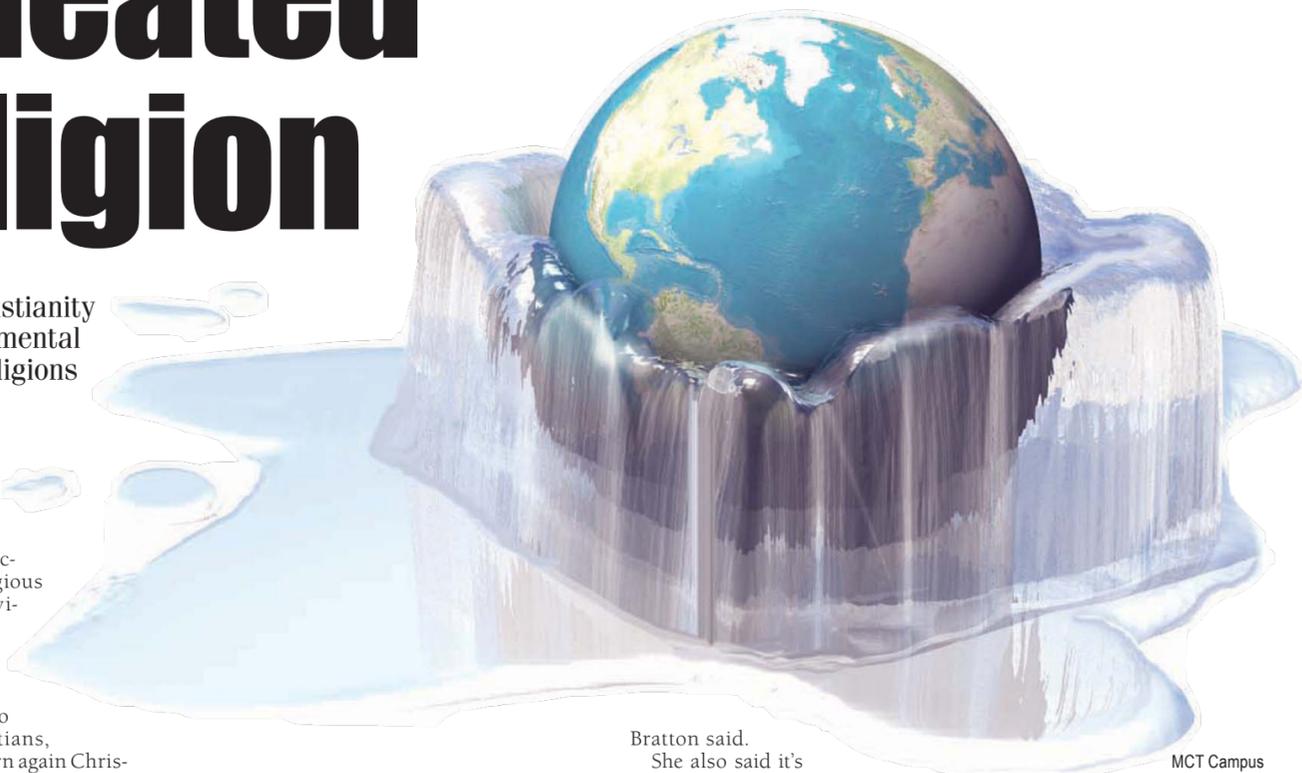
The poll divided the religious groups into evangelical Christians, non-evangelical born again Christians, notional Christians, other faiths and atheists and agnostics.

The Barna Group describes notional Christians as "individuals who identify as Christian but who do not embrace the perspectives of a born again Christian."

Non-evangelical born-again Christians was the group most likely to consider investing in "absolutely necessary" environmental protection with 65 percent.

Evangelical Christians fell at the bottom with 35 percent. "Other faiths" recycled the most with 90 percent, while non-evangelical born-again Christians recycled the least with 67 percent. Most of the Christian categories fell near the bottom of the polls, making some students question why this is the case.

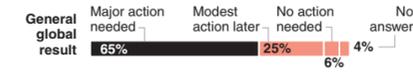
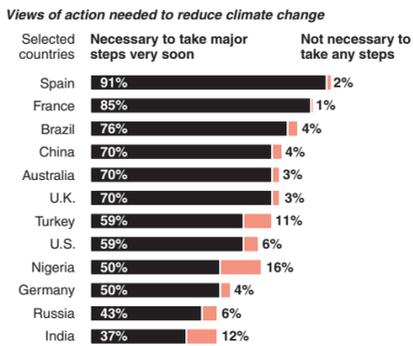
"I would think it should be the other way around, but atheists and agnostics, the world is all they have," said Trey Henry, Houston senior and religion minor. While the numbers are cut and dry, Dr. Susan Bratton, environmental studies chairwoman, said she believes more consideration should be put into what pre-



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Views on climate change

Large majorities in many countries now believe human activity is causing global warming, a global poll suggests:



NOTE: Around 1,000 people in each of the 21 participating countries surveyed May 29-July 26, 2007. Source: BBC, GlobeScan, PIPA. Graphic: Jutta Scheibe, Morten Lyhne © 2007 MCT

cisely each category consists of. "Most of the evangelicals I hang around with are pretty intense environmentalists, but they don't represent just one denomination,"

Bratton said.

She also said it's important to recognize that the "other faiths" group includes religions such as Judaism and Buddhism because these groups are going to rank higher in recycling, for example, because of their "greater environmental consciousness."

"The campus is going to fall somewhere in the middle because of its diverse denominational background," Bratton said.

Dr. Bob Kruschwitz, Center for Christian Ethics director and professor of philosophy, said he believes other lifestyle choices play a large role as well.

"It's pretty clear there's a connection with what people think about science and how involved they are in certain types of industries," he said, giving the oil and automobile industries as examples.

In relation to this, "there are polls that show that Texans have a tendency to discount global warming," Kruschwitz said.

In the study, atheists and agnostics scored the highest percentage for considering global warming a "major" problem, 69 percent, while evangelical

Christians scored the lowest with 33 percent.

Kruschwitz also said "environmentalism from the '60s and '70s has been colored with anti-Christian, anti-religious views."

Because of this, groups are moving toward using language such as "creation care" to encourage environmental views within the Christian community, Kruschwitz said.

In a publication released by the Center for Christian Ethics titled Moral Landscape of Creation, Teresa Howard states that the Christian ecological theology "recognizes that care for the environment is an intrinsically religious issue because all of the earth's community is valuable to God, who creates, sustains and redeems the whole."

Bratton said Baylor's Environmental Concern Organization has been working to help Baylor get up to a modern sustainability in areas such as recycling.

"They're trying to not let the Aggies show us up; (Texas A&M University has) an actual recycling center," Bratton said.

Senate talks tenure

Jeffrey's nomination to tenure committee concerns faculty

By Anita Pere Staff writer

The Faculty Senate passed a motion showing concern over President Lilley's recent nomination of Dr. David Jeffrey to the university tenure committee during its Sept. 11 meeting.

Matthew Cordon, chairman of the Faculty Senate, said the Faculty Senate believes Jeffrey, former Baylor provost, could potentially consider hiring information in his recommendations for faculty tenure.

By agreeing on concern, the Faculty Senate made "a statement to the President pointing out the potential conflict of interests caused by Davis Jeffrey serving on the tenure committee when he hired faculty who will be up for tenure during his term," according to the exact terms of the senate motion.

Cordon said tenure decisions should be based solely on recommendation letters from the faculty member's department dean and outside sources and a notebook composed of the faculty member's merits while at Baylor.

Cordon said the senate has a legitimate concern. Cordon, also the director or legal research and a law professor, attributed the senate's vote to a confusing conflict of interests.

He said the tenure committee is made up of representation of one tenured faculty member from each college at the university. The college of arts and sciences gets two seats in the committee. Half of the committee is selected by Lilley, and the Faculty Senate picks the other half. Lilley instated Jeffrey as his

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New SUB to start from scratch

By Anita Pere Staff writer

Construction on a new student union building might begin in two to four years.

President John Lilley said a new Bill Daniel Student Center would be more cost effective than remodeling the current SUB. The estimated cost to expand the SUB is \$60 million, versus approximately \$52 million to \$54 million to build a new facility.

President John Lilley commented on the potential for a new SUB at a student government meeting on Sept. 6.

"Starting from scratch, we can

do anything," said Dr. Dub Oliver, Vice President for Student Life. Oliver approximated the new building would be 150,000 square feet.

The current SUB has undergone many alterations, Oliver said, such as the formation of the SUB den from the former campus bookstore. But the old building may be better replaced than remodeled. The SUB is so old that its construction was stalled due to a lack of steel during World War II.

Oliver said construction funds might be derived from an increase in student fees.

"Students have expressed a willingness in the past to add or increase fees in order to have

an updated or new Union," said Oliver. "If we do not raise the funds to fully cover the cost of construction, any fee increase would not begin until students actually began using the facility."

Oliver said funding decisions for projects such as this ultimately comes from the Baylor Board of Regents.

Scott Wade, director of student activities, said a new SUB "would help address several major need areas not currently addressed by the SUB we now live in." He listed likely improvement such as increased space for dining, lounging and meetings.

He also said plans and construction of a SUB would take

so long current freshmen would never use the facility. He emphasized that these plans are preliminary and no master plan has yet been composed.

Before groundbreaking could start on the project, the master plan must be completed and submitted to the board of regents for approval and construction documents must be composed, Oliver said.

There are a few potential sites for a new SUB. Oliver said the university analyzes student traffic patterns and possible future building plans when considering the location of a new building.

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Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Work for the washing machine

Students let loose and throw paint at Alpha Chi Omega's "Paint your Crush" on South Russell Field.

Choosing on-campus housing preferences made easier online

By Caitlin Forehand Reporter

Applying to live on campus is now even easier for returning students.

Students who want to continue living on campus during the 2008-2009 school year will have an easier time registering for housing. Sign-up is now online and students will be able to choose their residence hall,

roommate and even the room they would prefer to live in.

"This has been a dream for a long time," said Rishi Sriram, associate director for housing administration. "We want to empower students. We want them to know they have options and that they matter."

Housing sign-up for next year started Monday and will have three phases. For the first two weeks, students who currently live in the residence halls

will only be able to reserve the same room to live in next year. Because of reorganization issues, such as the implementation of the Intercultural Community Living-Learning Center and the transformation of the East Arbors into a female only housing unit, not all rooms will be available for use next year. Sriram said Campus Living and Learning will help the students. Students can try to register for their same room after this phase

is over, but after Oct. 14, their room will no longer be protected.

The second phase of sign-up starts on Oct. 15 and will be for students who have committed to living on campus for two years and who want a room that is different from their current one.

Starting Nov. 1, except for incoming freshmen, all Baylor students will be able to sign up for housing.

Though there is no deposit

required to sign up, once students agree to the occupancy license no cancellations are allowed unless the student graduates, withdraws from the university, decides to study abroad or gets married.

Incoming freshmen will use a different registration process so current students will have first choice of residence halls.

"This seems like a really cool idea and signing up online would be a lot easier than doing

paperwork," Southlake senior Lynn Nottoli said.

Baylor's plan is similar to one at the University of Texas, where returning students can choose to keep their current room. But Brad Gray, a sophomore at Texas, said this is difficult to do in some dorms because administrators reserve a lot of rooms for incoming freshmen.

According to their housing

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Baylor should be more friendly to groups of disbelief

The United States has always been considered a religious country, at least in comparison to the rest of the Western world. The number of believers in a deity of one sort or another within the U.S. has generally hovered around 85-90 percent for nearly the last century.

As such, it can be a curious and sometimes frustrating experience for many atheists living in this country. This is especially true in regions of the country generally regarded as the "Bible Belt," where godlessness is often regarded at best with misunderstanding and at worst with open hostility.

Within the Atheist and Agnostic Society on campus (yes, there is one) nearly every member has told his or her "story" of their rejection of religious ideas, and

the oft-ensuing parental sobbing and family strife that unsurprisingly follows.

Some of these people have also been homosexuals, which can add another layer of duress with the conservative prejudices that can accompany religiosity.

As far as I know, very few atheists eat unbaptized babies. Nor do we have a higher propensity for kicking puppies, to my knowledge.

In spite of this, "coming out" as an atheist in this society is rarely a cause for celebration. A negative stigma seems to be inherently attached to the word itself, with an impressive number of negative traits being associated with it.

We have no crosses or official symbols, yet the display of a simple Darwin fish, or some

point of view



BY JUSTIN MUELLER

other celebration of science and reason is far more likely to receive the smashing in of a windshield with a baseball bat, or a personally delivered death threat (both of which I have had the pleasure of receiving during my tenure at this loving Christian community) than any sort of openly positive response.

I believe misunderstandings of atheism and a general scientific and philosophical illiteracy within this society contribute to such reactions.

As a final effort and plea to the religious community of Baylor before I graduate, I would like to make a few clarifications on what this distrusted minority in America is and is not.

Atheism is a disbelief in gods, whether they are the gods of the ancient Greeks, the Christians, the Muslims or the Wiccans. Atheism does not have an ethical dogma.

This does not mean atheists do not have personal ethics. It simply means that an atheist is unlikely to derive their ethical judgments from any of the myriad "sacred texts" that are the alleged revelations of gods.

I have many atheist friends who have views ranging from every possible combination of perspectives. The rejection of religion simply forces responsi-

bility upon the atheist to judge what is good or bad. No threats of hellfire are necessary to make these judgments.

"What keeps you from killing everyone if there is no hell?" every atheist has been asked.

Beyond the disturbing psychological implications this suggests for the person asking, such questions assume that one cannot care for others, find joy in life, or value the experience of living itself if life is only ephemeral or if no supernatural parent figure is monitoring your activities, keeping a list and checking it twice.

Finally, and perhaps most futile, a query for Baylor's religious establishment: Why are non-Christians not deserving of recognition and the right to organize on campus?

Yes, we non-Christians are fully aware that this is a private religious university, and that you can do what you wish. The question is whether you should.

It is hypocritical to portray Baylor as a university that respects diversity and seeks intellectual advancement while denying the aspirations for self-discovery and intelligent discussion that many students can only find in the sorts of groups and organizations that Baylor disallows.

Baylor will never achieve its long-term goals of academic maturity if it continues to ignore and treat non-Christian students as if they are undeserving of similar privileges.

Justin Mueller is a senior political science major from San Antonio.

Editorial

It's time for God's people to go green

The Barna Group, a Christian research organization, released a study last week revealing what most of America may already suspect: Global warming is not a concern for the majority of Christians. Turns out, only 33 percent of evangelicals called the threat "major."

Christianity as a whole is known for having a high regard for life. Typically, Christians choose positions on a variety of topics that support the sanctity of life with so-called "moral issues."

However, global warming and other environmental issues deal directly with moral issues of human survival and stewardship of the Earth, yet have been largely ignored by the evangelical community.

Some may argue that the apocalypse is coming and, in light of our own insignificance, we need not worry about the state of the earth. But as thinking, rational followers of Christ, we should worry about the state of the planet. The Bible gives a clear mandate for mankind to act as caretaker of the Earth (Genesis 1:26-28).

We cannot use the fact that "Jesus is a'comin'" to ignore our impact. After all, we can hardly expect Jesus to commend us as "good and faithful servants" when our planet is a polluted, melted ruin.

While historically the Church has had difficulty embracing scientific thought, progressive Christianity has discovered that science doesn't threaten faith. It strengthens it.

The more we can understand about the Earth and its processes, the better. The Bible is not a science book or a



history book — it's not a textbook at all. It's the story of salvation, and we needn't read it like an encyclopedia.

If that was God's intention, the Bible would have bullet points and bar graphs, not parables and allegories. We were created to be a thinking people.

In addition to skepticism about global warming, Barna summarizes evangelicals as having "a general lack of enthusiasm for investing in environmental priorities."

As Christians, our attitude toward environmental issues is shocking. We should be inextricably linked to the preservation and care of our planet. Instead, we treat it as a disposable plaything. We dump, we burn and we throw away anything we please.

In 2005, the National Association of Evangelicals issued its "Evangelical Call to Civic Responsibility," a position on the environment that affirmed Christians' responsibility as stewards of creation.

It was a good first step even if it was a bit late on the bandwagon. But much more needs to be done than merely signing a statement.

Out more than 50 population groups studied, atheists and agnostics claim the highest rate of concern for climate change, with 69 percent calling the threat of global warming major.

We should take a cue from our faith-free friends and recognize our own impact on the earth.

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Correction

The Sept. 26 article "Minority student numbers increase," misquoted Dr. Liz Palacios, dean for Student Development. The quote should have read: "students of color like to stay close to home and are very family-oriented." The Lariat regrets the error.

Letters to the editor

Evidence clear for evolution

After the Sept. 25 issue of the Lariat, which was flooded with letters bashing evolution, I thought it was time to weigh in.

I scanned the names after the letters, and every single anti-evolutionist was either a philosophy major, a political science major, a religion major or some combination thereof.

Not one single science major offered an opinion.

So, as a student who has actually studied evolution and as a devout Roman Catholic, I can affirm that there is in fact such a thing as evolution.

I offer to you this example: There is a particular type of

spiked fish that has these large dorsal spines to protect it from birds.

These spines have the disadvantage of being very easily exploited by parasitic fish. If we examine the fish from a lake with no birds but many parasitic fish, you will see very reduced spines. If the opposite is true, you see large spines. This is what biologists call a kern. This is also what I would call evolution. Granted this is microevolution and the debate is largely over macroevolution, but that's not the point.

The point is people are saying, "Nope, there can be no such thing as evolution because the Bible says so." As a man of faith,

I find that troubling.

Isn't it a far greater blasphemy to say that my God, the God of the entire universe, the almighty and the all-powerful can't have created a system by which his creations could evolve and improve? That's putting God into a box. It's no different than our friends in the 18th century who refused to believe God would create an Earth that was not the center of the universe.

The creator of this beautiful amazing world of ours had to have a plan for the future, for his beloved creations to grow and adapt so that they, and ultimately we, may survive.

In closing, let me say this to all of the political science, reli-

gion and philosophy majors who have feelings on this topic: Evolution is science.

Take BIO 1306 and then form your opinions.

Phillip Rudy
Biology, 2010

Religion has had its chance

Re: "Bible proven scientifically" letter to the editor:

Jesus H. on a crutch. "Let's hear another point of view for once"? How about this: For once, Christians and Muslims, let someone else talk. Take your mind off beating Galileo and focus on this: You had your chance for almost two millennia, now it is someone else's turn.

I don't think religions should

be silenced while evidence for evolution is gathered, but all the moaning about repression from one of the most powerful voting blocks in the country by playing the victim chord has been a fugue of repression.

Re: "Science just another religion,"

I think it was Loverboy that once crooned, "Science is not a religion." I'm sure there are more academic definitions, but science is the verification of statements through tangible evidence.

How are religions different? Religions make a number of claims about the world and often support those claims with a holy text or oral tradition. But

if every claim of Christianity is verifiable by tangible evidence, then why would you need faith?

Assume that science is a religion just like Christianity or Islam. A new kid rolls into town that has verifiable claims about the world. The smart pick out of those three is obviously science.

Do religious people really want to contend with that?

Christians' highest point in the battle for believers is on the hill of faith. To passively allow science to equal religion because one doesn't think science can hold water is to make a mole hill out of a mountain — one that will dwarf religion.

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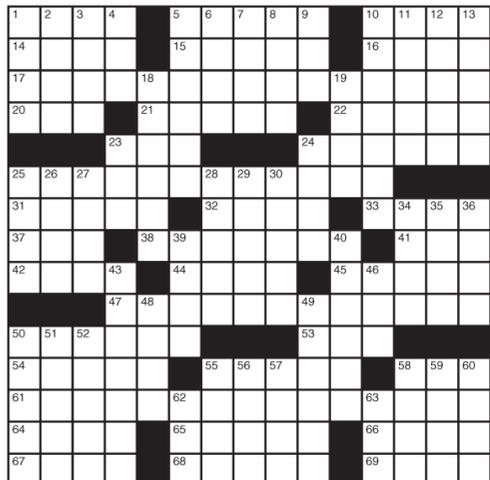
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Huntington Beach, CA
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Baylor buys \$1.25 million supercomputer

By Kathleen Williams
Reporter

Baylor purchased a \$1.25 million high-performance computing cluster from Hewlett-Packard last week which will be received in six to eight weeks.

The new supercomputer will strengthen Baylor's research capabilities by allowing more specialized research to be completed in-house.

Baylor's current computing cluster, purchased in 2003, is a 32-node cluster from Hewlett-Packard.

The new system, which will be used in addition to the current balanced cluster, is 35 times faster and will enable Baylor to participate in collaborative research with other universities.

Physics professor Dr. Walter Wilcox will be using the high-performance computer in his research of elementary particle physics.

Until now, Wilcox conducted his research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

and through the National Center of Super-computing Applications.

Baylor's purchase of a new high-performance computer is a cyclical upgrade, according to Wilcox.

"Every Big 12 school has their own local high-performance set-up, but Baylor's was lacking," he said.

According to June data from www.top500.org, a Web site that tracks super-computing trends, Baylor's new high-performance computing cluster is ranked the 304th fastest computing system in the world.

Wilcox said the new system provides a huge increase in the speed at which scientific calculations can be run.

The new computing cluster will be configured specifically for Baylor. Wilcox said he "hopes to hit the ground running when the machine arrives in six to eight weeks."

There will be, however, a time-consuming installation process of debugging and system integration.

President John Lilley and Hewlett-Packard CEO Mark Hurd, both Baylor alumni, were the two main figures involved in negotiations for the computing cluster.

Baylor began the process of purchasing the cluster in 2002 but purchased the balanced cluster instead allowing Mike Hutcheson, academic and research computing systems manger, time to understand users' needs and applications.

The new cluster is more specialized and can better meet the needs of its users.

Baylor's new cluster, which the university named Kodiak, will be housed in the ITS server room located in the Dutton Avenue Parking Facility, stored in a physically secure environment and run under standard network and system security practices.

Hutcheson said the \$1.25 million price tag includes three years of storage and hardware support from Hewlett-Packard.

The new computing cluster is 10-feet tall, 10-feet wide

40-inches deep and weighs over two tons.

Hutcheson said the cooling and electricity costs of the system will be substantial; the new system will require 17,000 tons of cooling.

Any academic program on campus can access the system because it's centralized for all researchers on campus.

In purchasing a new high-performance computing cluster, Baylor hopes to join High Performance Computing Across Texas, a consortium of Texas institutions that use advanced computing technologies to enhance research, development and educational activities.

Joining HiPCAT will give Baylor the opportunity to share computing and development resources with other universities.

Hutcheson said the new computing cluster is 1,000 times faster than a PC.

He also said it's computing power is equal to the power produced by each of the 6.7 billion people on earth completing

1,000 calculations in one second.

Pattie Orr, vice president for Information Technology, said the addition of a new cluster will be "tremendously helpful for researchers on campus."

She said the new cluster will "allow researchers who've had to go off-site to get computing power" the ability to "use our own computers here which will be more convenient."

Dr. Truell Hyde, vice provost for research and director of the Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research, said the cluster is not limited to faculty use.

"Grad students and undergrads can use it as well," he said.

Baylor is creating a new undergraduate research program, which will allow students to learn how to use top-end equipment.

Hyde said the new computing system will also attract faculty that might not have looked before because they weren't able to conduct research here.

BEAR BRIEFS

Professor Logan Whalen will present "Marie de France's Poetics of Memory and the Rhetorical Tradition" at 4 p.m. today in the Drawing Room at Memorial Residence Hall.

Alpha Delta Pi will hold its Rock Paper Scissors Championship Tournament from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at Fountain Mall. The tournament benefits the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Students may enter to win a \$300 grand prize with the purchase of a T-shirt, on sale for \$10 outside dining halls from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The 3rd Annual "A Night at the Oscars" Service Auction presented by The Hispanic Student Association will be at 7:30 p.m. today in Kayser Auditorium. For information or to be auctioned off, contact Kimberly_Silva@baylor.edu.

The 3rd annual ATO Bed Races presented by Alpha Tau Omega and Student Activities will be from 4 to 10 p.m. Friday at Fountain Mall. Live music, food and other entertainment will be included with this year's tournament.

Battle of the Bands registration is open until Monday for all Baylor student unsigned bands. Registration requires a demo submitted to the Student Activities office. For information, visit www.baylor.edu/student_activities and click on "Programs."

Baylor University Press is holding a two-minute film contest to promote a new book, "The Messiah Formerly Known as Jesus." The grand prize for the contest is \$1000. There will be an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Baylor Sciences Building, Room D109. For more information, contact Amanda_Toller@baylor.edu or call 710-3164.

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Lecturer talks about Plato, Jewish Talmud

By Susanne Gilkey
Reporter

What would sound like another language to most people captivated the attention of a classroom of Baylor students and faculty Wednesday.

Jacob Howland, Mc Farlin Endowed Professor of Philosophy from the University of Tulsa, shared parallels between the Talmud and the Platonic Dialogues.



Howland

The Talmud is an oral tradition applying the Torah to everyday life.

The Talmud exists in two forms: the Jerusalem Talmud and the Babylonian Talmud.

"He focused on some similarities between Plato's dialogue and how we're supposed to live our lives," said Anne Bowery, associate professor of philosophy and director of graduate studies.

"The relationship with Baylor students is that most Baylor students are Christians and Baylor students are often struggling to figure out what it means to be a practicing

Christian," she said. "You have (both) an appeal to revelations and appeal to biblical teachings as a source of truth, but are we going to understand what that source of truth means?"

Howland explained that even if you only look at the Bible as a source of truth, there are still issues about how you interpret what that truth is.

"A Christian might look to the New Testament as a source of truth, but it doesn't really solve the problem about how you're going to live your life. You still have to interpret what that truth means," Bowery said.

Howland said the same problem presented itself in the Platonic dialogues and also in the Jewish tradition.

Plato and the Jewish rabbis came up with different solutions to applying moral principles — solutions that Christians might learn from.

"He's drawing parallels between the nature of the Talmud text and the nature of the plutonic text as they're used in the way that we live our lives," said Texarkana senior Sean Lancaster.

"There are various arguments for the types of interpretation. He drew parallels between the two," said Waco senior Ezra Cook.

Lancaster and Cook said they were appreciative of his insight and said it challenged them to look at truth differently.

Disgraced quarterback positive for marijuana

By Hank Kurz Jr.
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick is now likely one misstep from jail.

The disgraced Atlanta Falcons quarterback tested positive for marijuana earlier this month, a violation of the conditions of his release as he awaits sentencing in federal court on a dogfighting charge that already jeopardizes his freedom and career.

Now, he's incurred the ire of

the judge who could sentence him to up to five years in prison in the dogfighting case.

On the day of Vick's guilty plea, U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson warned that he wouldn't be amused by any additional trouble.

Hudson, who will sentence Vick on Dec. 10, on Wednesday ordered him confined to his Virginia home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. with electronic monitoring. He also must submit to random drug testing.



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Leading the pack

Freshman find GPS coordinates on campus Wednesday as part of leadership training for Air Force ROTC.

Symposium brings host of technology experts

By Kathleen Williams
Reporter

Baylor will host the third annual Radio Frequency Identification Symposium today and Friday for students, faculty, staff and local businesses. The symposium will be held at the Cashin Academic Center in the Hankamer School of Business.

RFID is a business application that has evolved over the last few decades. It's an emerging technology used for tracking objects. Baylor's symposium focuses on the use of the technology in supply chains. Speakers will be addressing the benefits, challenges and security issues associated with the application.

Dr. Pedro Reyes, program chairman and management professor has been planning the symposium all year. He said he's "using the symposium as a platform to help evangelize RFID."

Baylor was the first university to organize a symposium specif-

ically for the application. There is now a symposium at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a western states symposium in Kansas. RFID symposiums will also be held next year in Europe and Japan. Baylor's first symposium consisted of just nine speakers; seven were affiliates of Sloan Industries Studies and MIT's Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. All presentations were purely academic.

This year's symposium will feature 20 speakers over two days ranging from experts in academia to industry practitioners to Baylor graduate students.

Reyes is also a member of the advisory board to the Senate caucus for RFID whose chairman, Sen. John Cornyn will deliver a pre-recorded video welcome and introduction for the symposium.

Registration for the symposium costs \$295, but admission is free for students. Attendees are encouraged to wear busi-

ness-professional attire. Reyes said Monday he had 106 confirmed guests. Among those in attendance will be senior management from L3 Communications, the president and CEO of Pan American Express Inc., representatives from AT&T and a recruiter from the Department of Homeland Security.

Baylor graduate student Chris Zane will be presenting his independent study project that examines the benefits of using the technology to manage baggage in airports. He conducted the research for his study at Waco Regional Airport. His paper is currently under review as an academic paper with *Business Horizons*.

Reyes said the application has "changed the landscape of supply chain management" and is a proven technology that's been around for decades.

Reyes' global supply chain management course introduces students to the technology. In

addition, other courses in the business school in the departments of management and management information systems discuss the benefits and various uses of the technology.

"RFID's proven itself to solve business problems," Reyes said.

Management professor Bradley Norris said the technology is a "leading-edge business application in the field of operations management" and the symposium is of great value.

"I like to emphasize in my classes the real-world application of operations principles," he said.

Tyler senior Dewhite Davis said he's most excited about the "RFID in the Food Industry" session given by Koel Ghosh of the University of Minnesota.

"I think it'll be interesting to learn about how RFID's being used in grocery stores and how the technology's going to advance in the next few years," Davis said.

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Texas A&M hands Lady Bears volleyball loss, 3-0

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

The Battle of the Brazos began four days earlier this year, and Baylor didn't fare too well.

The Baylor volleyball team lost their fourth straight conference game at home Wednesday night as the Texas A&M University Aggies swept the Lady Bears 3-0. Baylor kept the game close, staying less than six points from the Aggies throughout the match.

Anna Breyfogle and Taylor Barnes sparked several Baylor rallies, briefly taking the lead by as many as five points. The Lady Bears failed to ignite, however, and Texas A&M found ways back into the game.

"We were able to play at the same level, but we'd play well in the middle, get a lead and then lose it," head coach Jim Barnes

said.

The Lady Bears had a golden opportunity to tie the match late in the second game. Katie Sanders and Anna Breyfogle combined to bring the Lady Bears to a 21-21 tie.

After a long rally, Taylor Barnes tapped the ball over the net, but Texas A&M's defense responded with a diving dig that kept the Aggies alive. The strike kept them on the defensive, but the Bears would lose composure and the point on an unforced error.

"We were just disoriented with their defense. They played really well and kept their game alive," sophomore middle blocker Anna Breyfogle said.

Baylor allowed the Aggies three crucial six-point rallies at the end of each game.

"It's getting really frustrating," freshman outside hitter

Ashlie Christenson said.

Playing at home is supposed to be an advantage for athletes. But even with the spirit squad, Courtside Players and heckling fans in attendance Wednesday night, the Lady Bears couldn't find their second home win on the year.

"We knew how they were going to serve. I don't know what happened," Breyfogle said. "We'd get some rallies, but their rallies at the end of the games killed us."

But the loss had some stand-out performances. Freshman Sarah Grace, who is battling a thigh injury, made several impressive digs, helping keep the Lady Bears in the chase.

"She's a warrior, playing through pain," Barnes said, adding, "She's not afraid of this competition."

And with a trip to nation-

ally ranked No. 1 University of Nebraska on Saturday, all the Lady Bears will have to have that mentality if they hope to get a win in Lincoln.

"We definitely have to work much harder," Christenson said. "It's just playing like we know we can."

With Wednesday's loss, the Lady Bears fall to 1-4 in conference play and 8-7 on the year. And with Nebraska, the University of Missouri, and two games with the University of Kansas on Baylor's schedule through October, the Lady Bears' chance for a winning record begins to fade.

"It's just not going to fly. Until we (figure it out), this is what's going to happen," Breyfogle said.

Baylor will play Nebraska at 7 p.m. Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

Anna Breyfogle, 14, goes for a kill against an Aggie blocker. Saturday, volleyball will face No. 1 Nebraska at 7 p.m. in Lincoln, Neb.

Senior adds veteran touch

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Most people wouldn't consider Nick Moore, 23, an old man. Well, not unless you ask the young linebacker core that Moore is the leader of.

Moore, a fifth-year senior from Arlington, has had his fair share of experience on the football field, but that is a highly regarded asset for such a young Baylor team.

Moore transferred from Georgia Tech after helping Chan Gailey's team to a victory at the Humanitarian Bowl in 2003, and has made an impact for the Bears ever since.

"He is our senior leader out there," linebackers coach Gary Kinne said. "He has just done a great job leading us on the field and off the field. He has great speed, he is a good hitter, and he is a student of the game."

A vital part of the 4-2-5 defensive scheme the Bears employ, Moore is starting his second consecutive year at linebacker after finishing second on the team with 75 tackles in 2006.

"He definitely knows the ropes," sophomore linebacker Joe Pawelek said. "He's the old veteran of our group. But he



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat Staff

Baylor linebacker Nick Moore runs drills at practice Wednesday. Moore has been a vital part of the 4-2-5 defensive scheme.

works hard with everybody. He knows the defense real well and helps our team out."

After highly touted freshmen Chris Francis and Earl Patin arrived on campus this summer to join Moore and the Freshman All-American Pawelek, the linebacker position has become arguably the strongest point of the Bears' defense.

But with such an inexperienced squad especially at the linebacker position, Moore has been called upon by his coaches to help wean the younger players into the defense. After all, when Moore was starting his collegiate career, Francis and Patin were still playing junior high football.

"He has done a great job mentoring those guys and being

a great example," Kinne said. "During a game, I will play him and one of the younger guys to make sure that I get all our checks and all our movements so the younger guys can just turn loose and play and don't have to worry about the mental part of it."

He is a resource that they can ask questions to, Kinne said.

However, Moore can be a mentor to even the upperclassmen. Baylor's last appearance in a bowl game was the 1994 Alamo Bowl, something the fans at Baylor are obviously not proud of.

But with Moore's knowledge of what it takes to get there, this could be the year Baylor may finally be able to end its thirteen-year drought.

Students live on the edge rappelling on, off campus

By Amanda Allen
Reporter

You may have heard of a runner's high, but standing on the ledge of a rock or building gives a different kind of rush.

Rappelling involves the use of a harness and rope to scale down from high points.

The appeal? "It's extreme. And it makes you feel adventurous," Omaha, Nebraska, sophomore Courtney Kurylo said. "Plus, it's a good work out and you get to enjoy the scenery and serenity of a birds-eye-view."

Three of the four other students with Kurylo said they had also been rappelling.

Common destinations include Colorado and New Mexico.

In Texas, people can be found rappelling at the State of Texas state park in Austin, Texas A&M University's Morris Recreation Center and Baylor's own rock wall at the McLane Student Life Center.

Crawford, a YMCA ropes-course instructor, said if someone were to attempt rappelling on their own, it would commonly include fees for a dry-rope, harness, belaying equipment and equipment to lock it all together.

Crawford has rappelled off the abandoned tire factory in Waco once, but other anonymous students mentioned hearing about students who repelled

off the Tidwell Bible Building, the Baylor Science Building, all of the parking garages, Pat Neff Hall, Draper Academic Building and the Brooks Village construction cranes.

When DPS was asked about reports, however, Chief Doak said, "There have been some incidents in the past, but they're sent to student affairs. A lot of it is more talk than action, we haven't dealt with any reports this year."

He also said, "It's not safe, you're putting yourself in danger if you decide to do that."

"Rappelling is an adrenaline rush at any time and urban rappelling is a way to escape the corporate and city environment."

"You have to find a building, creatively evade the law, and creatively set up a safe rappel," said one student who wished to remain anonymous.

"If you know something and you can do it safely, I don't think it's wrong. I don't see why that should be a problem," the students said.

Fort Worth junior Eric Reeves, who has repelled legally, strongly opposes this view.

"People who do it illegally give us a bad name and create controversy. A negative light is shone on our outdoor enthusiasts who use rappelling as a way to connect with nature," he said.

He claims it appeals to students because it's an activity out of the ordinary and doesn't

require any exceptional athletic ability.

The downside is that often, people use faulty or improper equipment when they rappel.

"They often use bad judgment, fueled by mind-altering chemicals," Reeves said. "Added to this, most of the time these hooligans rappel at night when it is almost impossible to set-up safely and correctly."

"I think that this is one of the worst ways students on campus can express themselves. It should be left to those who are experienced and use good judgment."

Woodlands junior Kayla Ritter is a rock wall staff member and loves the element of control rappelling offers.

"Even though you descend really fast, you can stop it at any time. It's kind of like flying."

As a climber she said she loves the work that goes into climbing, "but rappelling is pretty simple. You just need to make sure you set it up correctly."

Ritter taught a kids climbing camp this summer with Eric Reeves. On the last day, they set up a rappel off of a rock. "It was a chance for the kids to experience something new," she said.

As for why people rappel illegally, Ritter said, "I think people love doing extreme things."

Since Texas is pretty flat, there are not many natural features that are safe to rappel off. I mean, limestone is crumbly. Buildings are the natural substitute."

Men's tennis fails to claim singles title for first time in five years

By Caroline Korsawo
Reporter

Chesham, England, junior Matt Brown fell Sunday to Texas' Allen Damico in the semifinals of the seventh annual HEB Intercollegiate Tournament at the Baylor Tennis Center.

Damico became the second non-Baylor player to win the singles championship in the tournament's history.

After a winning streak spanning five consecutive years, Baylor couldn't defend last year's title held by Baylor senior Michal Kokta.

Although Baylor couldn't repeat its success from previous years, assistant Coach Kyle Spencer said overall the tournament successfully gave the team a great starting position for the rest of the fall.

"It certainly showcased our depth," head coach Matt Knoll said. "Having five guys in the round of 16 was a good sign. We didn't play as well on the second day of the tournament."

"But I think we came with a lot of things to work on, and that was exactly what we were hoping for in the tournament."

Spencer said with 27 nationally ranked players in the tournament, the strength and level of this year's competition was especially high.

"The depth of the tournament was impressive. Every match was tough. The matches were all competitive," Knoll said.

Brown, who fell behind 5-0 in the first set, came back to a 5-5 tie but eventually lost in two sets.

Despite the loss, Brown was able to get more matches under

his belt and gained confidence.

"Unfortunately I came a little bit short in the semifinal," Brown said. "He (Wisconsin's Moritz Baumann) played some intelligent tennis to stop me from doing what I wanted to do. But I won some good matches, so I'm going to look at the positives and be happy that I revenged some of my losses of last year."

"We didn't really know how to play him (Baumann) until a little way into the match. It wasn't easy to stick with the

game plan. Overall he had a good tournament and had four tough matches," Knoll said.

Frankfurt, Germany, sophomore Dominik Mueller, afflicted by cramps, had to retire to Texas Christian University's Nicholas Zach on the tournament's second day in the round of 16.

Mueller said the first day of the tournament was unbelievable, with five out of six Baylor players continuing to the round of 16.

"Everybody won a couple

of matches. Some of the guys beat some ranked guys already," Mueller said. "So, I think we can build up on that. And, we'll do much better next week in Tulsa."

Knoll said he hopes the team will do better this week when they travel to Tulsa, Okla., to play the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American. The team will be facing some of the best collegiate competition in the country, including several of the highest ranked singles play-

ers in the NCAA.

The tournament starts Saturday and continues through Oct. 7.

Spencer said, "Anyone of those guys can make a really big impact in the tournament."

However, Knoll added, "It's September. So, we are not getting overexcited."

"It's part of the process. Tennis is a competition sport. You have to play a lot of matches. That's what helps you get better."

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Weekend festival to offer array of artistic activities

By Rea Corbin
Reporter

Get messy with sculpture, hear live music and discover art this weekend at the Waco Cultural Arts Fest.

The fourth annual festival in downtown Waco will showcase art, poetry, dance and music.

Robbie Barber, associate professor of art, will provide materials and guidance for the wood sculpture activity Saturday and Sunday.

From gluing scraps of wood together to painting the new creation, Barber and Baylor student volunteers will help participants create original sculptures.

"Sculpture experiences are very few and far between for kids these days," Barber said. "It's almost a duty to take that opportunity."

Because of the elaborate materials required for activities like sculpture, Barber said it's often an area of art that is neglected.

Wood for this activity will come from scraps left from Barber's various projects throughout the previous year.

Barber said when he was asked to help with the festival, his wood sculpture activity was a "ready-made idea" because he had done it with his kids.

Barber said mostly children will come to the activity, but parents and other adults usually watch the process.

"A lot of times I wish (the parents) would let their guard down and have fun," Barber said.

Barber said the levels of participation depend on age, even between younger and older children.

The younger the child, the less they worry about making a certain image with the scraps which is an element of creativity that can be lost with age.

"Younger kids aren't worried about making a thing," Barber said. "They're just playing with shapes and letting it evolve."

Mandeville, La., junior Sarah Satterlee will help with the sculptures this weekend, as she did last year at the festival.

She said she enjoys the activity because it lets her use her talents to help people and see creativity blossom in kids.

"It's always fun to watch the kids come back," Satterlee said. "They'll be really excited to pick (their sculpture) up and show their parents."

Barber's activity is one of the most popular activities, said festival producer Doreen Ravenscroft.

"Everyone can do the activities, not just children, so it truly attracts all ages," Ravenscroft said.

Baylor is largely involved with art activities, such as Barber's sculpture activity and also the pottery demonstration.

Paul McCoy, professor of art and ceramist-in-residence, will



Courtesy photo

Participants paint their own easel art during the Waco Cultural Arts Fest last year.

demonstrate ceramic wheel-throwing with a few other potters.

"They just get in there and have a good time," Ravenscroft said. "Baylor University truly supports the arts activities."

The festival involves music and dance as well as art.

The concert stage will open at noon Saturday, with music ranging from the Celtic sounds of the Tea Merchants to folk and blues. The stage will feature "an afternoon of jazz" Sunday, Ravenscroft said, as well as a local group, C.H.O.R.D.

Beatnix Coffeeshouse will partner with the festival to sponsor a new stage this year.

The Beatnix Stage will present the first-ever Waco Poetry Slam, in which visiting and local poets will compete on Saturday.

The Beatnix Stage will also host a "Young Singer-Songwriter Showcase" Sunday starting at noon.

Ravenscroft said this event gives young performers an opportunity to perform, which many of them have never done before.

The KWBU PBS Kids' Stage will also present music and dance performances.

Included in the performances are the Baylor Dance Company, traditional Indian dances and a dance-a-thon, Ravenscroft said.

In addition, more than 30 artists will be showing artwork, which will be available for sale.

Ravenscroft said the opportunity to buy direct from the artist allows the purchaser to learn about the way art is created.

The Woodlands senior Jacqueline Deavenport is helping as a volunteer coordinator for the festival. This is her second year working with the festival and she said she believes it is "exactly what Waco needs."

"The arts fest is not pretentious or elitist," Deavenport said. "Its goal is to bring people of our community together to enjoy and experience art in a way that is fun."

The festival is free and open to everyone. It will be from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, in Heritage Square across from the warehouse district downtown.

'Cavemen' undergoes pre-debut evolution

By Lynn Elber
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A new first episode of ABC's *Cavemen* with a new setting — San Diego instead of Atlanta — will air when the sitcom begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

ABC announced in July that the pilot didn't properly introduce the idea of Cro-Magnon buddies living in modern society and would be redone.

The producers, meanwhile, found it difficult to fake Atlanta in the production based in Los Angeles.

Acknowledging they already faced skepticism about how the Geico insurance company TV commercials would translate to a series, executive producers Will Speck and Josh Gordon said this week they're hopeful that *Cavemen* will attract viewers and make them laugh.

"It feels like its origin is somewhat polluted, like it's taking advantage of something that's popular in the culture," Speck said, referring to the commercials. "But there's places to go (with the series) and specific stories to tell and we feel really proud about the cast."

Cavemen stars Bill English, Nick Kroll and Sam Huntington. One of the original cavemen, Jeff Daniel Phillips, will appear as a recurring character.

The spots wittily depict shaggy-looking cavemen chafing at misconceptions about their sophistication and intelligence.

The series follows another trio of Cro-Magnons battling bias as they try to fit into a world that believes (wrongly, as the

show has it) they're extinct.

It's unusual for characters from an advertising campaign to move into shows of their own, but not unprecedented.

The short-lived CBS comedy *Baby Bob* featured a talking baby that had been used in several commercials.

Cavemen will have to strike a different tone than that of the drier, low-key Geico commercials, said Speck and Gordon, who directed the original campaign.

The pair, who teamed to direct the Will Ferrell big-screen comedy *Blades of Glory*, still get a kick out of the concept of modern cavemen with relationships and jobs.

One character works at an Ikea-like store called Norsbild.

The debut finds one of the cavemen hiding from his buddies that he's dating a Homo sapien woman.

"The cavemen playing squash is always really funny to us," Gordon said.

He also cited a bit in which one of the hirsute cavemen (the actors undergo extensive make-up) is offended by someone's offhand remark about *The Flintstones*.

While the show is about how people treat minorities it has nothing to do with any specific real-life group, he said.

"We're creating a new fake group and having fun with what people think about cavemen," Gordon said.

"For us, the primary focus is for people to think the show is funny and something different," he said.

Halo 3 greets gamers with great graphics, fresh features

By Bryant Clark
Reporter

Master Chief is back in action in the final installment of the Halo trilogy, and this time he has a score to settle.

Video game enthusiasts have been waiting three years to see what game developers Bungie Studios could add to the most successful trilogy in video game history.

The game isn't perfect, but it's close.

GAME REVIEW

Both casual gamers and Halo fanatics alike will love and appreciate this game.

It was the most pre-ordered game in history, reaching more than 1.5 million orders prior to its release Tuesday — and it doesn't disappoint.

In Halo 3, we pick up right where Halo 2 left off.

Unlike previous editions, the Arbiter and his Elites don't factor as much into the storyline.

This time it's all about Master Chief, which isn't necessarily a bad thing considering it sews up the story.

From the beginning of the game, the presentation is what sticks out the most.

The graphics in Halo 3 are beautiful and lifelike now that the game is offered for the Xbox 360.

Worlds are fully developed



Associated Press

Master Chief, the protagonist in Halo 3. In this third and final chapter in the series, Master Chief must save the galaxy from a host of evil aliens.

and the terrain is stunning.

Plant leaves react to wind and movement just as they would in real life, and the water looks so realistic that players may want to stop and take a dip. Players can even see their reflection in pools, as well as ripples when they enter the water.

The details are immaculate. Beads of sweat drip down characters' faces and smoke and dust flare up when players drive the

Warthog.

The cinematics are also fantastic. The graphics fall just short of a Pixar animated movie, which is an obvious improvement from the previous editions. At times, it felt like I was living the game instead of playing it.

The AI and difficulty are improved, but only if the user decides to change it off the default—normal. Unless gamers switch to legendary or heroic,

they won't notice much.

If gamers do change the status, they'll notice enemies take on skill ranks and act accordingly.

Unfortunately, enemy AI improved but ally AI still suffers. It's obvious you're the leader because your teammates act like it's the first time they've seen war.

The added tactical deployments, such as the bubble shield

and regeneration, add a new arena of battle.

The bubble shield was one of my favorite additions to Halo 3.

The bubble shield protects characters from outside fire while inside the bubble.

This results in close-quarter battle realms where top players can challenge each other face to face.

Just be careful of outsiders flying in vehicles that disrupt the bubble shield and plow through everyone in its path. And it'll happen, trust me.

The HUD and interface also received a facelift.

The stylish modifications add to the overall feel and expansion of development into what can be called Master Chief 3.0.

The lasting appeal of Halo 3 is one of the best features in the game.

The multiplayer and Xbox Live capabilities will leave gamers wanting to play for days on end.

Bungie Studios is great at adding little things that increase the game's longevity.

A player's metacore challenges the player to complete levels requiring amazing expertise and fuels the gamers' ego.

The 11 multiplayer levels offer both long-range and close-quarter combat, which is great depending on each user's skill.

And even though there are 11 maps, the addition of the Forge allows maps to change con-

stantly. Users can act as a monitor and alter the locations and goodies found in each map.

Halo 3 offers some new weapons that will please even the hardcore fanatics.

My personal favorite was the Gravity Hammer, which annihilates anyone in close-quarter combat.

That said, most players will still rely on the battle rifle to complete missions.

The audio in the game is powerful, impressive and at times, emotional.

The music can provide motivation and can push players to perform well in daunting circumstances.

The score in Halo 3 does exactly what scores in movies are supposed to do — fully encompass the viewer.

Those who are sad to see the Halo trilogy come to an end will be glad to hear that there has been discussion of creating Halo movies.

Bungie Studios has been in discussion with 20th Century Fox about developing a movie and have even talked to Peter Jackson about producing it.

As far as the Xbox 360 is concerned, this game is a must-have first-person shooter.

In my opinion, Halo 3 rivals Gears of War and BioShock as the best game for the 360.

Three years later, it was finally worth the wait.

Grade: A+

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selection as tenure committee member from the Honors College.

But according to Cordon, the president's original pick was Dr. Andrew Wisely, associate professor and director of German, Russian and Japanese and the director of the honors program.

The confusion lies in the distinction between the honors "program" and the honors "college."

Cordon explained that Wisely did not earn his tenure in the honors college.

To serve as committee representation from the honors college, Wisely would need tenure within the honors college.

"It's really confusing," said Cordon. "Most of this (issue) was based on misunderstanding."

Cordon also said that at the time of the vote, Faculty Senate members might not have realized how limited a group Lilley had to pick from.

In most cases, committee members may only serve one three-year term, as instructed in Baylor's Tenure Policy and Procedures, further limiting the applicant pool.

Jeffrey will replace Dr. Barry Harvey, a tenured professor in the Honors College.

Harvey was the first person to notify the senate of the problem with appointing Wisely, Cordon said. The senate then passed on the information to the president.

Harvey did not see the concern in appointing Jeffrey to the committee.

"We all have a hand in the initial hiring (of faculty), those of us who are tenured. I don't see why Dr. Jeffrey would not be objective," he said.

Other than expressing concern to the president, the senate cannot take action to block Jeffrey from the committee.

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Dr. Barry Harvey professor

Judge declares mistrial in Spector case



Associated Press

Music producer Phil Spector and his wife Rachele Spector leave the Los Angeles Superior Court in Los Angeles on Wed. The Phil Spector murder trial ended in a mistrial because of a deadlocked jury.

By Linda Deutsch The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES— A mistrial was declared Wednesday in the murder case against Phil Spector when the jury reported that it was deadlocked 10-2 in favor of convicting the music producer of killing actress Lana Clarkson more than four years ago.

The prosecutor's office announced it would seek to retry Spector, and the family of the actress also pledged to press on.

"We will not rest until justice is done," said John C. Taylor, a lawyer for the family.

Spector and his wife, Rachele, left the courthouse shortly after the mistrial. The producer's attorneys later met with the jury.

"We thank the people of Los Angeles for keeping an open mind and the jury for their very hard work and their willingness to share their thoughts with us," defense attorney Linda Kenney-Baden said after the meeting.

The mistrial came after months of a trial in which jurors had to decide who pulled the trigger of a revolver — leaving no fingerprints — that went off in Clarkson's mouth early Feb. 3, 2003. The jury had met for about

44 hours over 12 days since getting the case Sept. 10.

A week ago, the jury foreman had reported a 7-5 split. After that, Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler withdrew a jury instruction that he decided misstated the law and issued a new one giving examples of what panelists could draw from the evidence, including the possibility that Spector forced Clarkson to place the gun in her own mouth.

Fidler polled the jury, and each member agreed that a unanimous decision was not possible. Some jurors agreed to talk to reporters at the courthouse but did not give their names. The foreman would not say which way he voted; the other two said they voted for guilt.

One juror said that the holdouts argued over whether Clarkson was suicidal and that the entire jury would have liked to see a psychological profile of the actress. Another juror was troubled by what Spector, who did not call 911, did in the 40 minutes between the death and the time police arrived.

"He acted like a guilty man," the juror said.

The foreman noted that the "inability to reach a decision is controversial to most."

"Even on the jury there's deep regret that we were unable to reach a unanimous verdict," he said.

The mistrial also disappointed prosecutors. "We will seek the court's permission to retry the case and begin immediately to prepare for a retrial," prosecutor Steve Cooley said in a statement. A hearing was set for Oct. 3.

Prosecutors had charged Spector under a second-degree murder theory that did not require premeditation or intent.

They called women from his past who claimed he threatened them with guns when they tried to leave his presence, and a chauffeur who testified that on the fateful morning Spector came out of his home with a gun in hand and said, "I think I killed somebody," while Clarkson's body sat slumped in a foyer chair behind him.

The defense countered with a scientific case, suggesting Spector did not fire the gun and offering forensic evidence that she killed herself — either intentionally or by accident. Gunshot residue on her hands, blood spatter on his coat and the trajectory of the bullet were the subjects of weeks of testimony from experts.

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"We think, 'What does the future look like?'" he explained.

He commented on the campus' shift to the east with the construction of the McLane Student Life Center and the Baylor Sciences Building, saying traffic patterns in that area are growing.

Oliver said the university owns many off-campus apartments complexes, which could be demolished to expand campus.

"That's the reason Baylor acquires property, so we have land to expand when we need to expand," Oliver said.

The fabrication of a new SUB corresponds to Baylor 2012 goals.

Under the Community Excellence section, the text of the plan states, "The Bill Daniel Student Center, built in the 1940s, will undergo its first major renovation, focusing on the creation of common spaces for students, faculty and staff to interact."

Pittsburg, Pa. architecture firm WTW worked with Baylor on the prospect of remodeling the current SUB.

The university contacted the firm to seek its participation in the "Bill Daniel Student Center 2003 Design Competition."

The firm took the challenge

and won. But the firm "hinted to us that we could save a lot of money if we just started over," Oliver said.

No formal plans to revamp the SUB ever emerged.

Garland junior and student government external vice president Bryan Fonville heard Lilley speak at the Sept. 6 meeting.

"A new SUB is a great idea. When you look at other comparative universities, their union buildings are larger and more elaborate. This facility's been around for a long time. It was meant for a much smaller undergraduate enrollment," said Fonville.

But not all students are excited about the prospect of

a new SUB.

"I don't know why it's necessary. The only problem I can see is that it gets crowded in the food court," said Mansfield sophomore Sarah Wolf.

Senior Alicia Lofgren from San Antonio was concerned about the possible cost of such a project.

"I just think that the money could be spent on better things, like helping more with financial aid as opposed to building another building when we already have (a SUB) that's perfectly fine," she said.

No word has been given as to what may be housed in the current SUB if a new one is built.

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Web site, Texas students have to fill out an online application and pay a \$50 application fee starting Nov. 1 and will receive their room assignments on Feb. 29 of next year.

Texas A&M University also allows online housing registration, but in the Housing Application Booklet, it says not all students who apply will get a room because assignments are made on a first come, first serve basis.

Some students will receive temporary housing which means they will be given a space in the study room, lounge or will be a third person in a two person room.

Memorial golf tourney Friday

By Hayley Frank Reporter

The late Kyle Lake, former pastor of University Baptist Church, made an impact on the lives of Baylor students, and Friday students will have the chance to honor his legacy through a game of golf.

The Kyle Lake Foundation's 1st annual Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Cottonwood Creek golf course.

"The tournament is meant to celebrate Kyle's life," said Dr. Byron Weathersbee, committee member for the memorial tournament. "He always ended each UBC service with, 'Embrace beauty, love God and live life to the fullest.' It might not be beautiful; I have seen the list of golfers. But I promise those who participate will live life to the fullest."

The Kyle Lake Foundation was established in March in memory of Lake, who was electrocuted on

Oct. 30, 2005, while preparing to baptize a former Baylor student. Lake was also the author of two books on religious topics. Because of the effect he had on the community, Lake's family desires to carry on his ministry through the foundation that bears his name.

"Kyle had so many ministries he loved," committee member Susan Wommack said. "So we are having this (tournament) to continue the work he would have participated in and to keep his memory."

The foundation's mission statement says: KLF exists to assist Christians and Christian churches to be better equipped for making the presence and message of Christ both real and meaningful in an ever-changing world.

Committee members for the tournament are working hard to raise money for the cause.

"The foundation is brand new," Weathersbee said. "It takes funding to do ministry. People

can help continue the focus of Kyle's ministry by participating and making a financial contribution."

Team sponsorship is \$500 and includes a hole sign and team gifts. Hole sponsorships are priced at \$250. Individual players will also be accepted but are limited.

As of Wednesday afternoon, there were still a few slots available for this year's tournament, but Wommack said even if spots fill up, donations would still be accepted and appreciated.

"Being a part of the first annual tournament will give students and members of the community a sense of ownership and excitement of the work the foundation hopes to do for many years to come," committee member Craig Nash said.

Tea time for the four-man shotgun scramble is at 1:30 p.m. with a complimentary lunch prior to the kick-off of the tournament.

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