

ROUNDING UP CAMPUS NEWS SINCE 1900

THE BAYLOR LARIAT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007

Culture crash course

International students learn the ropes of life in the U.S.



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

By Tessa Shockey
Reporter

International students come to Baylor from a variety of locales and for many different reasons. Adjusting to a new culture is a hurdle they must clear.

“Everything is so much more material and fast-paced in the States,” said Mildenhall, England, junior Brittany Watkins. “People go to dinner for two hours and sit around and chat. (In the U.S.) it is a fast-food nation — people want their food in five minutes because they have another thing going on the next 10.”

Watkins’ father’s job as an F-16 fighter pilot and colonel in the United States Air Force led them from base to base in six states and two countries. Watkins attended primarily Department of Defense schools in Germany and England as well as the United States. Watkins calls England home although she is an American citizen.

Watkins said she is closer to her brothers than most siblings because of how much her family moved. “When we moved from place to place the only people we had was each other, so it kind of forced us to be close,” Watkins said. Watkins and her family had to cope with the absence of their father.

“He’s missed Christmases, birthdays, anniversaries. He’s been gone for a year at a time,” Watkins said. Watkins’ father was deployed many times and her family was not able to know where he was for security reasons.

“Moving was hard. I hated moving,” Watkins said. “You get used to it the longer your parents are in the military. You learn to make friends quicker and keep in touch.”

Because of all the moving, Watkins said, she is really close to her family and the other Air Force families.

Watkins said the Air Force community rallied around the wife of a

pilot whose plane crashed.

Watkins hopes to serve in the Air Force in Italy as a physical therapist.

Mendoza, Argentina, sophomore Jolie Shelton can also relate to having surrogate family.

“I feel like friends are family. In the missionary family you call them aunts and uncles,” Shelton said. “Life there revolves around family; here it is the individual.”

Shelton is an American citizen but grew up speaking Spanish and going to national schools in Argentina. Shelton had trouble relating her identity with Argentinians and her native culture.

“Even though there is a huge part of me that is Argentinean, I’m not,” Shelton said. “I’ve learned to accept that part of me is American, and I’m learning to love the American in me.”

Shelton struggled with learning the dos and don’ts of American culture. “It’s like there is a system for everything, and everyone knows it but you don’t,” Shelton said.

In Argentina, Shelton said, transportation is primarily public transportation, and the education system is completely different. If she had stayed in Argentina to go to college she would have lived at home and gone to school until she got married.

However, Shelton said, she enjoyed how her classes are more individualized here. Classes in an Argentinean college would be general, Shelton said.

“It has been really hard — I had to leave a lot of things at home,” Shelton said. “I felt like God told

Please see LIFE, page 3



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Komen On the Go is travelling nationwide to raise breast cancer awareness. The campaign features a tour involving Komen affiliates, university healthcare centers, sororities and other service-oriented groups.

Komen raises cancer awareness

Interactive campaign comes to Baylor to inform on breast cancer

By Christine Bolanos
Reporter

Susan G. Komen from Race for the Cure’s Komen On the Go stopped at Baylor Tuesday to raise breast cancer awareness.

Komen On the Go is an interactive campaign and travels in two mobile educational vehicles that serve as interactive learning stations. The campaign features information about the breast cancer awareness movement, an instructional

guide to breast self-examination and opportunities for local involvement.

The tour involves Komen affiliates, university health centers, sororities and other service-oriented groups to enhance and encourage student participation.

Kim Kirchhoff, a Komen On the Go full-time staff member, said a representative from the organization called Baylor to ask if their team could make a stop on campus while in Texas. The Medical Service Organization, Health Center and Zeta Tau Alpha helped set up the event.

“We’ve been doing this for four years now and this is our

first time to come to Baylor. October is breast cancer awareness month, and that’s why we are doing this now,” Kirchhoff said. “We started in Florida and will end up in Seattle. We have made eight stops in Texas.”

“We try to go to new schools that way we can reach out to different people every time instead of the same group of people every year. We also try to go to schools that have a large female population,” Kirchhoff said.

Lisa MacMaster, nurse practitioner at the Baylor Health Center, answered questions from students interested in learning more about the campaign.

According to MacMaster, breast cancer is the most common female cancer in the U.S.

“The main thing about breast cancer is knowing how to detect and prevent it,” MacMaster said.

Carlene Jensen, a nurse at the Health Center, is also available to answer students’ questions.

“Women exams are available at the clinic where we show young women how to perform correct breast cancer examinations as well,” Jensen said.

Jensen also said Students don’t need to have medical insurance, but recommend that students call the Health Center to set up an appointment.

Business school ranks in Top 50

Hankamer earns 23rd slot from Princeton Review

By Bryant Clark
Reporter

The Hankamer School of Business learned Tuesday the Entrepreneurship Program earned the 23rd slot in The Princeton Review & Entrepreneur’s 5th Annual Top 50 Entrepreneurial Colleges.

The survey included 900 schools evaluated on criteria from the areas of academics and requirements, students and faculty and outside-the-classroom experiences.

The questions were refined and the results were validated with the help of an advisory board composed of professionals in the area of entrepreneurship education.

David Allen, director of the

John F. Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship, teaches Entrepreneurship 3315. He said he believes Baylor’s early presence in entrepreneurship education has helped them maintain their ranking.

“We’re one of the pioneers in entrepreneurship. We started in 1977, and we were one of the first three universities that offered a major in entrepreneurship. We’ve been a leader all along the way,” Allen said.

Allen said it has become harder to maintain that status.

“Entrepreneurship has become really popular everywhere. There are a lot of wonderful programs. We continue to stay cutting edge as much as we can with what’s happening in the entrepreneurship field,” he said.

Dr. Kendal Artz, chairman of the management and entrepreneurship education.

Please see RANK, page 6



David Poe/Lariat staff

Wonder about Weed

Junior John David Weed, a candidate for the starting quarterback position, throws a pass during football practice Tuesday. See page 4 for the full story.

West Dr Pepper Maze offers outdoor escape

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

What’s the only thing better than sinking your teeth into a sweet cob of corn? Walking into a field of cornstalks ... in the shape of a Dr Pepper logo.

The Kaska family farm in West recently opened the first annual Heart of Texas Corn Maize and haunted trail.

There’s also a corn-husk shoot and hayride.

A portion of the farms’ 5-foot tall cornstalks have been strategically plucked to replicate a 1940s Dr Pepper logo, provided to the Kaskas by the Dr Pepper Museum & Free Enterprise Institute.

Other cornstalks were crafted into the haunted trail, which directs participants through cornstalks spruced up with flashing lights, scary sounds and kids in ski masks.

Toni Kaska said the average customer drives an hour or more to get lost in the Dr Pepper maze.

She said she thinks it’s the

escape from concrete and the breath of fresh air that attracts Texans from afar. She can recount instances of small children asking her where her “backyard” ends and telling her the farm is their favorite place in the world.

Even children perceived the escape from the hustle and bustle of school, extracurricular activities and other responsibilities as the best part of visiting the farm.

Tulsa, Okla. freshman Cody Haynes enjoyed spending a fall evening on the farm for similar reasons.

“The farm has a serene feel. It reminds me of the country in Arkansas and Oklahoma where I spent a lot of time as a kid,” he said.

Toni said her husband and their four children came up with the idea of recreating a Dr Pepper emblem in their corn.

Brett Herbst helped turn their crazy dream into a reality.

Please see MAZE, page 6

Knicks coach used weak defense in harassment case

Isaiah Thomas has been under a lot of pressure lately. Most of Isaiah's problems originate from his inability to judge how personnel will respond under pressure. According to Thomas' bio on the Knicks' Web site, which I am not making up, Isaiah's "impact upon the Knicks has been swift and dramatic, as he has engineered trades to bring the likes of Stephon Marbury, Jamal Crawford, Steve Francis, Eddy Curry, Jalen Rose, and Quentin Richardson to New York."

For those that don't follow the NBA, that's like saying Sanjaya brought joy to *American Idol*, at least inasmuch Americans final-

ly realized that he (Sanjaya) was actually Paula Abdul's son and voted him off. It's a good thing America voted, because some of us were considering developing something symbolizing a life instead of obsessing over reality shows. As we were saying, Isaiah has been under a great deal of stress. New Yorkers have had to watch the Knicks get so bad that it drove Isaiah to make unwelcome advances to a female marketing executive. I think we all agree that someone has sunk pretty low when he is willing to seek personal fulfillment in a relationship with a known marketing

point of view
BY DR KIRK WAKEFIELD

practitioner. Upset fans immediately initiated Web sites calling for Thomas ouster (www.firethomas.com). We're just glad Thomas didn't take up with an accountant. While known to be good with figures, accountants are notoriously bad basketball players. Before I hear from all of the accountants who believe they



have tremendous hoops skills, may I point out that I did not say you are boring. The reason I know this is because of this actual entry on www.accountancy.com.pk: "Accountants are definitely not the boring bean counters they are often portrayed as. As with lawyers, they have acquired a range of useful skills through formal education, specific training, and subsequent experience that places them in an incredibly wide range of jobs — jobs that are not only well-paying, but definitely not boring. Forensic accounting, for example, is so absorbingly interesting and even exciting, that it makes

Sherlock Holmes being chased around by the Hound of the Baskervilles seem mundane by comparison." I know I'm convinced. Anyone that is compared favorably with lawyers is OK in my book. For those unfamiliar, forensic accountants perform audits on the deceased. Anyway, Isaiah's stress has been building up. The civil courts found the Knicks liable for \$11 million in damages because Anucha Browne Sanders, the aforementioned marketer, did not appreciate Isaiah's use of his favorite pet names for her that we cannot reprint in this family newspaper.

The Knicks' defense was that Sanders was dismissed for not doing her job. Unfortunately, Sanders thought her job was to market the Knicks. Also unfortunate was that Sanders, in fact, actually had nothing to market since 2004 — hence, proving the Knicks' point. In summary, the counsel we offer Isaiah is to remember the words of Sanjaya, "I just didn't focus on the negative. I think it is important to stay positive." And, next time, avoid marketers. I'm thinking maybe an exciting forensic accountant. Dr. Kirk Wakefield is chairman of the marketing department in the Hankamer School of Business.

Editorial

Armenian resolution not in current interests

The notion of "too little, too late," is appropriate to an issue that has risen in regard to the Armenian genocide resolution that was sent to Congress last week. The resolution, which would officially declare the Turkish killing and relocation of up to as many as 1.5 million Armenians as genocide, could not come at a worse time. Sadly, the resolution has raised a fire storm of controversy in Washington. The U.S. and Turkey are NATO allies, and we currently use the Incirlik Air Base in eastern Turkey as a strategic center for military operations in Iraq. Turkish trucks are also used to transport crucial supplies for American military operations in Iraq. Though it seems we have probably gotten ourselves into enough trouble in Iraq, it is becoming more and more obvious that we just can't resist digging the hole (that we already can't seem to get out of) even deeper. Turkish officials have been quick to warn that the passage of this resolution could be fatal to the alliance we currently have with them. Gen. Yasar Buyukanit, chief of Turkey's armed forces, said "our military relations with the U.S. would never be as they were in the past ... the U.S., in that respect, has shot itself in the foot." The resolution is based on the killing of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians by the Ottoman empire between 1915 and 1923. The Turkish government receives much of the blame for planning and administering the attempted annihilation of the entire Armenian population — which included massacres, torture, deportation and starvation — but they refuse to label it a genocide. Genocide is defined as the deliberate extermination of a national, racial, political or culture group. The events

involving the Armenians have long been considered genocide by many human rights advocates around the world. The only difference now, more than 80 years after the events took place, is that it would be symbolically declared as such by the U.S. government. From a human rights standpoint, this is a significant acknowledgement and is long overdue. But the fact is, the U.S. picked the wrong time to bring up the issue. The Bush administration is actively trying to keep the resolution from being passed, but Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the resolution will be voted on by Congress. We obviously condemn the acts of mass killings and torture, but at this time, the passage of this resolution is not a necessity and may do more harm than good. For once, the Bush administration may be on to something. If the House of Representatives passes the resolution, our objectives in Iraq (whatever they are these days) may be put in jeopardy due to the stubbornness of the Turkish government. Faced with the potential loss of a key ally in Turkey, we cannot afford to risk prolonging the war in any way. It is unfortunate that we are in this position, but we may face more obstacles as we struggle to find more allies among a pool of ever-decreasing countries who support our efforts in Iraq. It is sad that we find ourselves in the position of having to choose between calling a genocide a genocide and protecting our troops, but such is the course of U.S. foreign policy as of late. While the House may be trying to do something positive in the midst of abounding negativity, the consequences of this action prove too damaging to actually bring about the desired outcome.



Opinion policy

The Baylor Lariat welcomes reader viewpoints through letters to the editor and guest columns. Opinions expressed in the Lariat are not necessarily those of the Baylor administration, the Baylor Board of Regents or the Student Publications Board. Letters to the editor should include the writer's name, major, graduation year, phone number and student identification number. All submissions become the property of The Baylor Lariat. The Lariat reserves the right to edit letters for grammar, length, libel and style. Letters should be e-mailed to Lariat_Letters@baylor.edu or mailed to The Baylor Lariat, One Bear Place #97330, Waco, TX 76798-7330.

Corrections policy

The Baylor Lariat is committed to ensuring fair and accurate reporting and will correct errors of substance on Page 2. Corrections can be submitted to the editor by sending an e-mail to Lariat_letters@baylor.edu or by calling 254-710-4099. A subscription to the Lariat costs \$45 for two semesters. Send check or money order to One Bear Place #97330, Waco, TX, 76798-7330 or e-mail Lariat_ads@baylor.edu. Visa and MasterCard payments may be phoned to 254-710-2662. Postmaster: Please send address changes to above address.

Atheism's moral philosophy not consistent with Baylor's mission

I feel sorry for atheists. They are so much in the minority in American society and they are bound to feel some marginalization if not persecution. Christians should be the last people to persecute anyone — including atheists. But that doesn't mean Christians have to accommodate atheism as they tolerate and love atheists. We have to recognize atheists' full freedom to believe God does not exist, but we don't have to embrace atheism as a social good. In fact, I would argue that atheism has no redeeming social value. Atheism undermines values. How? Let's look at care for others. Yes, an individual atheist might care for other people. But

when have you heard of an entire atheist organization serving the poor, the sick or the hungry? So far, at least, atheists haven't demonstrated their concern for others in any organized way. But more importantly, atheism undermines values such as care for others because it cannot explain why anyone should care for others. If there is no God or anything at all above nature, then nature is all there is. The law of nature is survival of the fittest. Why help the less fit survive unless there is a God who loves them because they are created in his image? What argument can atheism marshal against "might makes right"? Many atheists argue that car-

point of view
BY DR ROGER OLSON

ing for others can be encouraged based on self-interest. But what answer can an atheist give (that is consistent with atheism) to the question, "What if I figure out a way to be personally happy and fulfilled while oppressing other people?" There is no answer to that without appeal to someone transcendent to whom we are all accountable.

And atheism has no answer to social Darwinism — the idea that society should not help the weak because it's nature's way to weed out the less fit. Helping the weak goes against nature and if nature is all there is, well, why should we fight it? A person might choose to, but not because of any transcendent, objective obligation (such as that all persons are created in God's image). Not only does atheism undermine values; it also undermines meaning. I'm talking about meaningful reality — life with meaning and purpose. German theologian Hans Küng wrote *Does God Exist? An Answer for Today*. In it, the maverick Catholic thinker argued that

atheism can provide no basis for "basic trust" in the meaningfulness of reality. The only logical option for the atheist is nihilism — belief that nothing has any objective meaning or purpose. Küng admitted that atheism is a rational "basic choice" and it cannot be proven wrong in any kind of absolute way. But most atheists demonstrate their basic trust in the meaningfulness of reality by being outraged at evil and injustice, thereby demonstrating that atheism cannot be lived out consistently. What makes something evil or unjust if nothing like God exists — if nature is all there is? Only subjective choice either by

an individual or a society. But that can change and it often does. Without God, the social prophet has no way out of relativism. Baylor and universities like it exist to promote objective values and meaningful existence. For them atheism is not benign, but the enemy — even if atheists themselves are not. Finally, let me repeat that I have nothing against atheists as persons and neither does Baylor University. But in my opinion, they are people of character and virtue in spite of their philosophy of life — not because of it. Dr. Roger Olson is a professor of theology in George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

The Baylor Lariat

Editor in chief: Grace Maalouf
City editor: Claire St. Amant
Opinion editor: Brad Briggs
Copy desk chief: Rachel Wakefield
Entertainment editor: Amanda Robison
Asst. city editor: Ida Jamshidi
Editorial cartoonist: Cody Lee
Sports editor: Will Parchman
Staff writers: Justin Baer, Brian Bateman, Anita Pare, Stephen Jablonski, Chris Stone, David Poe
Photo editor: Stephanie Jeter
Photographers: Laurisa Lopez, Abbie Rosen
Advertising sales: Elizabeth Bayer, Rachel McGinness, Mariano Mercado, Ashleigh Schmitz
Delivery: Ashley Richard, Sarah Viesca
Webmaster: Josh Matz

su | do | ku

© Puzzles by Pappocorn

6			2		4				8
	8	4	1		7	3	5		
		3	8	2	9	6			
	7								1
			5	7	1	3	8		
	1	2	6		5	9	8		
	7			4		2			6

EASY #8
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.

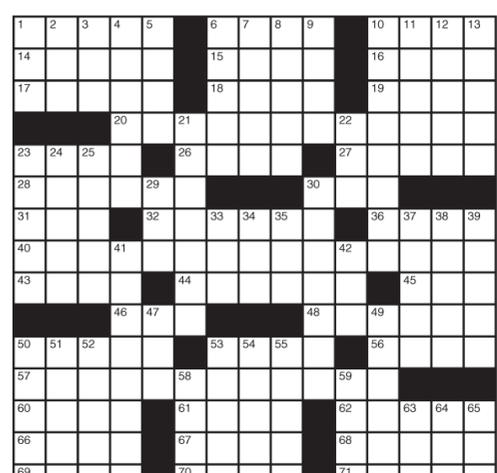
THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Violent explosion
 - 6 Shapely fruit
 - 10 Dean Martin's detective Matt
 - 14 Speed checker
 - 15 Austen novel
 - 16 Nobelist Wiesel
 - 17 Muscat resident
 - 18 Niagara noise
 - 19 Cacophonies
 - 20 Tough task for a chef
 - 23 Tree house?
 - 26 Manipulates
 - 27 Fidgety
 - 28 Primitive conveyance
 - 30 Greek letter
 - 31 Spanish river
 - 32 Former French colony in Canada
 - 36 Yemen's capital
 - 40 Tough task for a taxidermist
 - 43 Como ___ Usted?
 - 44 Upolu resident
 - 45 Japanese novelist Kobo
 - 46 Director's shout
 - 48 Large craft
 - 50 Babysitter's nemeses
 - 53 Berne's river

- 56 Morays
 - 57 Tough task for a gourmet
 - 60 Coup d'__
 - 61 Attack with a shiv
 - 62 Of service
 - 66 Neighbor of Brazil
 - 67 Foal's father
 - 68 Potvin or Leary
 - 69 Actor Pickens
 - 70 Mining products
 - 71 Kitchen appliance
- DOWN**
- 1 One sib
 - 2 Fugitive's escape
 - 3 Oklahoma city
 - 4 Holy places
 - 5 Small combo
 - 6 Fringe benefits
 - 7 Ham it up
 - 8 Delhi nannies
 - 9 Infrequent
 - 10 Pleasure seeker
 - 11 "Middlemarch" author
 - 12 Chain elements
 - 13 Disorderly
 - 21 Pariah
 - 22 ___-relief
 - 23 Scandinavian
 - 24 Leaves the building

- 25 Tonto's horse
- 29 Brit. flyboys
- 30 Idle chatter
- 33 Arab garment
- 34 Beavers' barrier
- 35 Worldwide worker's grp.
- 37 Humiliate
- 38 Dynamite inventor
- 39 Jumps on the ice
- 41 Do-all assistant
- 42 Noon follower
- 47 Mil. branch
- 49 Stanza of six lines
- 50 Pages
- 51 Honey badger
- 52 Arcade pioneer
- 53 Up and about
- 54 Cognizant
- 55 Judicial garb
- 58 Exxon, once
- 59 Clothing, casually
- 63 Daughter of Cadmus
- 64 Actress Ullmann
- 65 Compass dir.



By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR 10/17/07

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

eChug part of 'preventative' alcohol program

Victoria Marie S. Bongat
Reporter

Alcohol Awareness and Education Week may not be a national event, but at Baylor several programs are raising awareness and educating students this week.

The schedule of activities can be found in the weekly *On the Baylor Horizon* e-mail.

Student Life's alcohol work team meets regularly, and this weeklong series of events is one of its two big events of the year.

"In the past, there were smaller things, but not as big a university push," said Tim Powers, coordinator for safety and citizenship education.

One event, E-Chug, is an on-line assessment about alcohol use, which translates the calories from alcohol consumption into the equivalent number of cheeseburgers consumed. Student organizations and residence halls are encouraged to complete the assessment at the McLane Student Life Center. The group with the highest rate of member participation will win a movie and cheeseburger party.

In addition, students have the chance to remember friends and loved ones injured or killed in alcohol-related accidents by writing their names on memorial walls, located in the Waco Hall lobby and in the SLC.

"It's moving to see students pick up pens and write on the

wall," David Murdock, coordinator of judicial affairs, said. "There were 194 signatures last year."

Several speakers are lined up to talk about alcohol related issues at 5 p.m. Thursday in Bennett Auditorium. The presentation is sponsored by the Baylor Activities Council.

A Texas Department of Public Safety state trooper and Ann Ellis, full-time lecturer and attorney, will discuss the legal aspects of alcohol and the cost of hiring an attorney. A Baylor student will give her testimony about alcohol and the life-threatening situation she experienced. Murdock will speak about Baylor's internal policies, and then there will be time for questions.

"More than anything, we want our students to be healthy," said Katie Treadwell, graduate assistant for student outreach.

A D.W.I. fatal crashed car display will be at Fountain Mall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Fountain Mall will also feature a golf cart/intoxication obstacle course from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two students will wear fatal vision goggles, which simulate the varying degrees of intoxication, and then attempt to navigate the golf cart through the obstacle course. A D.W.I. poster with Baylor statistics from the past three years will also be on site.

The last event that will be open to the public is the "Lolla-



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

El Paso freshman Arianne Bejarano and Kingwood sophomore Kathryn Benvegna completed an online eChug survey during Alcohol Awareness Week at the McLane Student Life Center.

No-Booza," which will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the den of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

When students attend the luncheon, they will watch a short documentary, get a chance to look at the fatal vision goggles and receive a free nalgene bottle.

"There will be free food and different bands and musicians coming through," Murdock said. "We'll have some fellowship and

light conversation."

On Sunday, community leaders will attend a presentation about alcohol's impact given by Dr. Jaime Diaz-Grenados, chairman of the psychology and neuroscience department.

Powers said the weeklong series of events as well as Baylor's stance on alcohol are primarily preventative measures.

"It really is an educational opportunity," Powers said. "We will also be educating at-risk

students about why drinking is dangerous and how to change."

"Baylor is very clear about 21 meaning 21," Treadwell said. "Regardless of how old you are, we want you to live a healthy life."

Treadwell said Baylor officials are aware students drink, despite the restrictions.

"We're not endorsing drinking, but we want students to be equipped to handle that choice," Treadwell said.

BEAR BRIEFS

Teach for America will have an information session from 7 to 8 p.m. today in the Baines Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Free drinks and pizza will be available. For information, visit www.teachforamerica.org.

Baylor Trombone Choir Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. today in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The concert will feature the debut of the Bear Bones trombone quartet. The event is free and open to public. For information, visit www.baylortrombones.com

Panhellenic Recruitment information meeting will be at 8:30 p.m. today at Collins Residence Hall. For information, contact Tam_Dunn@baylor.edu.

Battle of the Bands, hosted by Kappa Delta will be Friday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl. Free food, drinks and games will be available for visitors. For information, visit www.baylor.edu/student_activities.

To submit a bear brief, e-mail Lariat@baylor.edu.

CONTACT US

Editor	710-4099
Newsroom	710-1712
Sports	710-6357
Entertainment	710-7228
Advertising	710-3407

Debate team sweeps Vegas tournament

Jessica Reynolds
Reporter

What happened in Las Vegas isn't staying there.

Baylor's nationally ranked debate team brought home various awards from a tournament at the University of Nevada Oct. 6 through Oct. 8 and hopes to continue its success.

"We're in a good position right now, as long as we continue to do well the next tournament," Kearny, Neb., senior Halli Tripe said. "We think we can maybe get three teams to the National Debate Tournament."

Members of Baylor's top debate team, Tripe and Sherman senior Obie Lansford, went 11-0, winning first place out of 88 debate teams. Lansford and Tripe defeated teams from the University of Oklahoma, the University of Kansas and Emory University to take the championship.

The duo is ranked in the top 10 debate teams nationwide. Lansford said the reason he and Tripe compete well together is because of their dedication and their ability to cover two diverse spectrums of debate.

"She's more political, while I'm more philosophical," Lansford said. "We're able to talk about a variety of arguments depending on our judge."

Lansford was also awarded the first-place speaker award with Tripe receiving fifth. He said the speaker award was a reflection of the team's hard work.

The team meets twice a week to practice debates and critique each other. Lansford said he was able to use critiques from his teammates to help his performance.

"Obie's persuasive, and he knows a lot about a lot of different philosophies," Tripe said. "He's always informed of what we're arguing about according to different philosophies."

Lansford began debating nine years ago in high school. He said he initially began debate for "stupid kid reasons." He wanted to be able to argue with his brother and his parents. At

Baylor, Lansford walked onto the team because it was a place allowing philosophical discussion. Debate gave Lansford the opportunity to learn about the practical understanding of what philosophy means and post-modern philosophers, including Frederick Ferré.

"I can study the way Frederick Ferré impacts politics, which is a rare discussion in every day," Lansford said. "But in debate, you can talk about it all the time."

Lansford and Tripe have set examples for team members to follow. San Diego sophomore Mike Butera has been inspired by Tripe's work ethic.

"Halli has one of the best work ethics I've ever seen," Butera said. "No two to three people combined put out as much research as she does."

Through Lansford, Butera has learned to keep an open mind and question things that are assumed true.

"He takes things that can't be done and won't work and makes them work in his own way," Butera said.

Members of Baylor's "B" team, Round Rock junior Chris Rooney and Kansas City, Kan., junior Alex McVey, placed fifth, defeating Bard College and Central Oklahoma.

The debate team will host a public debate against the British National Debating Team at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 in 101 Castellaw Communications Center. Lansford said the purpose is to publicize different styles of debate.

This debate will be a different style than their typical competitions, but it is more audience oriented.

"It's supposed to be a cultural dialogue about argument, but really it's just fun," Tripe said. "This is the one time we can do something and be watched by our peers."

The debate team will also host its own college debate tournament this weekend. Then they travel to Harvard in two weeks. Lansford said he hopes to see improvement from the previous seasons.

LIFE from page 1

me to come. If I had chosen on my own I probably would have stayed."

Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, senior Iva Mihaylova came to the United States on a tennis scholarship.

Mihaylova said it was hard for her and the other international teammates to adjust.

"We were all like, 'Oh my god, as soon as we graduate, we are going home,'" she said. "And now, when it is coming close to the end, we are like, 'OK, well, I think we're going to stay.'"

It was especially hard for Mihaylova because she missed the first three days of class and had to find the buildings where her classes were located. In Europe, Mihaylova could choose whether or not to go to class.

Food can be another hurdle for international students. Mihaylova is a vegetarian, which makes her stick out in a meat-eating region.

"In Texas, everything is with meat," Mihaylova said. Going home to Bulgaria wasn't the same for Mihaylova. She found that friends had changed and moved on.

"Every time I would go back

to home, I would find more and more things that I would be a little disappointed about things in Bulgaria," Mihaylova said. She said she bonded so well with her teammates because they all were homesick and experiencing a new culture.

"They were going through the same thing," Mihaylova said. "If they can do it, I can do it too."

Despite the rocky start, Mihaylova plans to stay in the United States. She will be moving in with a teammate and giving private tennis lessons in Dallas.

Keeping a foot in the past is important for international

students. Staying in touch with friends from home is important to Okinawa, Japan, junior Cherriza Plott to feel connected with her past.

"I know I can always go back and know I have friends," Plott said. Plott spent the first portion of her life in the Philippines and then was adopted by her aunt and uncle in Japan. She was recruited by Baylor's Air Force ROTC.

"There is so much more to see over here, so much more people to meet and things to do," Plott said. "Plus the schooling is better."

Convenience and proximity were an issue for Plott.

Outdoor Adventure offers unusual challenges

By Hayley Frank
Reporter

Coordinators of Open Night are planning to have all the usual elements at the event, plus some new additions.

"We will have a lot of the high elements set up, along with the zip lines," McMahan said.

"We have a new element called the Flying Squirrel, which is a lot of fun."

One student is hooked up to a rope and stands directly under the anchor. Everyone else runs from the other end of the rope, resulting in the lone student being lifted into the air.

Other elements offered at the course include walking across cables and wires, requiring participants to use balancing skills.

"This is a time students can go out and try new things to challenge themselves," said Cody Schrank, an Outdoor Adventure graduate assistant.

Outdoor Adventure graduate assistant Tori Watson said the event as a great way to introduce



Courtesy Photo

Open Night at the Challenge Course will feature activities Tuesday such as tight rope walking, pictured above, and a zip line ride.

people to the course.

"I think a lot of people aren't familiar with the course, or they have only been with a group and only done a couple things," Watson said. "It's a good time for people to come out and see what it is, first of all, and then have the chance to do even more than they've done in the past."

The event will end with a night zip line ride across East-

land Lakes.

"I hope students will take advantage of this opportunity to come out and have some fun," McMahan said.

The event takes place from 4:30 to 9 p.m. and costs \$15 per person. Pizza will also be served to all participants.

Pre-registration deadline is Friday. To register, students can contact McMahan at 710-7615.

★★ CALL about our FEBRUARY Specials! ★★

LL SAMS HISTORIC LOFTS

** SPECIAL on 2 bedroom 2 bath lofts designed for 4 people **

Saltwater Pool • Hot Tub • Full Appliance Package
Gated Community within Walking Distance to Baylor

www.illsamslofts.com | EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

CORNER OF 1ST & LASALLE 755-7267

University Rentals

754-1436 * 1111 Speight * 752-5691

ALL BILLS PAID! FURNISHED!

1 BR FROM \$430 * 2 BR FROM \$700

GREAT SELECTIONS!

Baylor Arms * Casa Linda
Casa Royale * Tree House
University Plaza
University Terrace
Houses * Duplex Apts

MON-FRI 9-6, SAT 10-4, SUN 2-4

Baylor Wendy's is now serving BREAKFAST!

SELF-SERVE DRINKS. PLASMA TVs. DRIVE-THRU 'TIL 3AM.
Breakfast Served From 6:30-10:30 AM

Large Breakfast Sandwich at Baylor Wendy's

Redeemable at BAYLOR Wendy's store on 5th Street.
Offer expires December 31, 2007

any Large Sandwich or GARDEN SENSATIONS Salad

Redeemable at all Waco stores.
Offer expires December 31, 2007

Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover and checks accepted.
BearBucks accepted at Baylor store only.
Cheese and tax extra.

CLASSIFIEDS CALL (254) 710-3407

HOUSING

Large one bedroom. Washer, dryer included. \$400 month. 1924 S. 11th. 717-3981.

EMPLOYMENT

U.B. Ski's 20th Annual "College Ski & Board Week" Breckenridge, Colorado
www.ubski.com Sales Rep Needed! Call 1-800-SKI-WILD

Outgoing, Love to talk, Want to make a difference in the world, Great Pay, Paid Vacations, Flexible Hours, Help make the world a better place, Renewable Energy Company, Great on a Resume, Waco Office 1-800-737-1244

GYMNASTIC COACHES NEEDED. Part time hrs. FLIPS GYMNAS-TICS (254) 776-2150.

Wanted: Part-time student leasing agent. Must have real estate license. Call Noel Williams at Brothers Management 753-5355.

Earn \$800-\$3200 a month to drive brand new cars with ads placed on them.
www.AdCarReps.com

BU quarterback in limbo this week

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Head coach Guy Morriss is finding out the hard way that Big 12-caliber quarterbacks are hard to come by.

Morriss said Tuesday that quarterback Blake Szymanski suffered a concussion in last Saturday's loss and is questionable for this Saturday's home game against the University of Texas.

Morriss said he wasn't sure how Szymanski felt, but the Wichita Falls sophomore didn't realize he might have a concussion until Monday.

Offensive coordinator Lee Hays said that while Szymanski is not being ruled out for Saturday's game, he probably won't go through contact drills in practice this week.

After appearing to be the heir-apparent to Shawn Bell earlier this year, Szymanski has bottomed out since Big 12 play began.

Since defeating the University of Buffalo on Sept. 22, Szymanski has completed just over 51 percent of his passes, has thrown one touchdown to six interceptions, and perhaps most importantly is 0-3.

Morriss said Tuesday that the coaching staff will take a hard look at "the two older guys," junior John David Weed and 25-year old senior Michael Machen, this week in practice.

While three quarterbacks played in Saturday's 58-10 loss at the University of Kansas, neither Weed nor Machen took snaps.

Hays said that despite the available options, a healthy Szymanski is still the team's best choice.

"Blake gives us the best opportunity to win, but to be honest Blake has had a mild concussion and that is going to open things up for us," Hays said. "And Blake understands we cannot throw interceptions. When that happens we have look at other avenues."

A possible search for those avenues halfway through the season isn't quite what Morriss envisioned during August practice.

"It is not the ideal situation, but it is the situation we are experiencing at this time," Morriss said. "We will evaluate those guys and try to make a determination to who gives us the best chance to go in the football game with, and that is what we will do."

While Szymanski did enjoy a measure of success at the helm of the Baylor offense, Morriss said that the new options at quarterback each provide something different.

"They are big guys," Morriss said. "Mike is a little taller and I think John probably has the better arm, no disrespect to Mike because he throws the ball well himself, and in our system you don't have to have a cannon you just have to know where to go with the football."

Morriss added that time during each practice session is devoted to each quarterback, allowing all of them a chance to walk through drills against a mock defense.

Morriss said that should help from at least one standpoint Saturday should any of them play.

"It's not like they have just been sitting on the shelf. They've been throwing the football," Morriss said. "And their arms are still live and I think they have a good sense of timing with the receivers, and they have been involved since day one with that so I don't think it is going to be much of a problem."

Machen has attempted one pass this season, an interception off a fake punt in a loss to Texas A&M earlier

this year. Weed has yet to see the field as a quarterback, but the coaching staff has tried him at different positions in practice to utilize his natural athletic talents.

Even with a new quarterback, other aspects of Baylor's performance were suspect against Kansas, and it might take more than a change at one position to stop the bleeding.

Even still, defensive coordinator Larry Hoefler said there was more silver lining in last Saturday's loss than might be readily obvious.

"I don't think the score indicates how well we played at times," Hoefler said. "We got four sacks. We tried to put some good pressure on him. We were able to record six tackles for a loss. We didn't have a penalty for the game on defense, which we are still working at that area. I thought that was good."

Good might be a relative term following a 48-point loss. But linebacker Nick Moore said it might not take much to turn the ship around.

"We have got to keep something on our minds to keep our heads up and give ourselves a fighting chance to still get to our goal, and this week a win against Texas could change things all around," Moore said.



David Poe/Lariat staff

Michael Machen, one of the two quarterbacks possibly starting Saturday against the University of Texas, runs drills against a mock defense at practice Tuesday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Accomplished junior seasons men's tennis roster

By Caroline Korsaw
Reporter

He started playing short-tennis at the age of 3 with a sponge ball. Since age 12, he has represented Great Britain in international competitions, playing tennis stars such as Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal.

Today, Chesham, England, junior Matt Brown is representing Baylor men's tennis. Brown was a 3-year-old boy when he was watching his brother playing tennis. Brown said his mother described him as a "nuisance, always fidgeting and never sitting still."

Thus, she told him to go and play.

"I liked it and was pretty good from the beginning," Brown said.

He said he especially values tennis because it's a one-on-one competition between yourself and the opponent.

"In tennis, it's all about you. If you do really well, you give yourself a great chance to win," Brown said. "I like the fact that

there is always a winner and a loser."

In August of 2005, Brown decided to come to the United States because he didn't want to give up his dream of trying to be a professional tennis player and athlete.

"I decided that I wanted to further my education and get a degree. But at the same time, I wanted to keep playing a good level of tennis," Brown said.

He said if he had stayed in England he would've had to choose between education and sports.

Moreover, Brown said colleges in England don't have the same level of financial support, facilities and level of competition as do colleges in the U.S.

"I knew (Baylor men's tennis) was a prestigious program making good tennis players," Brown said. "They had good academics, too. It had a perfect mixture of both things."

Brown said he had difficulty managing his time wisely when he arrived at Baylor.

He said he was trying to do

well in school, in tennis and having a social life as well.

"I struggled with that a lot in the beginning because I wanted to do well in all three," Brown said.

"Now, I am a lot more focused and prioritizing my time: when to train, when to study and when to party. My freshman year was a great learning year for me."

Tennis head coach Matt Knoll said Brown did a great job adjusting and "eliminating some of the distractions that were keeping him from performing both in the classroom and on the tennis court."

Prior to Baylor, Brown had enjoyed a measure of success. He achieved a Junior International Tennis Federation World Ranking of No. 70 and an Association of Tennis Professionals ranking of No. 950.

Brown played in the European Team Championship in the Under-16 category.

He and his team finished as runners-up, losing to Spain in the final.

Individually, Brown lost to

current ATP No. 2, Rafael Nadal. "I was playing a great match. I had 4-4 and break point and ended up losing," Brown said.

However, he said he took a lot of confidence from that match. One week later he became the Under-16 British National Champion, beating Murray, the current ATP No. 18, in the final.

Brown said his passion for tennis urges him to strive for a professional tennis career upon graduation.

However, he said, "I am realistic. I know it's a very difficult challenge that lies ahead."

Brown said he is considering taking the next fall semester off and playing professional tournaments for six months to lay a foundation for his career after college.

Knoll said, "I don't think that there is any reason for him to close the door on that. He came here with that in mind."

Knoll said he believes in Brown's potential to play on the tour if he continues developing mentally and is willing to approach himself on his oppo-



Courtesy photo

Chesham, England, junior Matt Brown, left, poses with five-time Wimbledon winner Roger Federer, center, and Mixed Doubles Champion Jamie Murray at the Wimbledon Champions Ball.

nent.

In case Brown can't fulfill his dream of having a successful tennis career, he said he would like to work in the business industry.

"His skill of being good with people helps him a lot in creating business contacts, which is very important," Frankfurt, Germany, sophomore Dominik Mueller said.

Unbeatens try to stave off losses

By Andrew Bagnato
The Associated Press

Kansas, Hawaii, Arizona State, Ohio State, Boston College, South Florida. Sounds like the field at the Maui Invitational. They are, in reality, the remaining unbeatens in major college football.

It's mid-October, and six of 119 teams have navigated their way to a perfect record in this stormiest of college football seasons. They're a combined 40-0.

Hang on, Sloopy. It's too early for any of these teams to put down a nonrefundable deposit on a block of rooms in New Orleans, site of the Bowl Championship Series title game.

We expect perfection from the top-ranked Buckeyes, who have become a monotonous victory machine under Jim Tressel, notwithstanding their embarrassing loss to Florida in the Bowl Championship Series title game last January.

That's twice-beaten Florida this season, by the way. But what do the six unbeatens have in common, aside from unbeaten records?

Time zones ... no. Tradition ... no. South Florida moved to college football's top level in 2001. Rankings ... no. They range from No. 1 (Ohio State) to No. 17 (Hawaii).

"They've all traveled different paths," Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese said this week from Connecticut, where he was making a campus visit.

Chalk their records up to a combination of talent, coaching, parity and forgiving schedules. Or maybe "forgiving" is too kind. The NCAA ranks schedules in a variety of ways, but the most telling is based on a team's previous opponents.

By that measure, South



Associated Press

Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel leads his team to the field Sept. 22, after the halftime of a game against Northwestern in Columbus, Ohio. The Buckeyes are one of six remaining unbeaten teams.

Florida's schedule ranks 12th. Among the other unbeatens, the next-toughest schedule belongs to Ohio State at No. 72.

Arizona State ranks 84th, Boston College 92nd, Kansas 100th.

Hawaii has played the easiest schedule so far, according to the NCAA — and the Warriors had to go into overtime to beat Louisiana Tech and San Jose State.

No. 2 South Florida can hang its hat on wins over Auburn (on the Plains) and West Virginia.

The other five don't have a suitable-for-framing victory among them.

The Buckeyes may or may not win the national title. After whipping Youngstown State, Akron and Kent State, they're a lock for state honors. But we shouldn't mock perfection. Salute these half-dozen teams for what they've achieved so far — bowl eligibility, or close to it.

Southern California, LSU and Oklahoma would gladly swap records with any one of them. Tressel knows how hard it is to go unbeaten across a season. His 2002 team went 14-0, surviving numerous scares on its way to the Fiesta Bowl, where it had still more scares before defeating Miami for the national title.

"It's extremely hard," Tressel said Tuesday on the Big Ten coaches teleconference. "It

doesn't happen very often. Sometimes the ball bounces your way and sometimes it doesn't."

Sometimes the official calls pass interference in the end zone, and sometimes he doesn't. That one went the Buckeyes' way in the Fiesta.

"To go through with winning all your games obviously is the most difficult thing there is," Tressel said.

In this loony autumn, just winning is difficult. Every team in The Associated Press pre-season Top 10 has lost. (Ohio State opened at No. 11).

So congratulations to the Buckeyes, Jayhawks, Sun Devils, Eagles, Bulls and Warriors. And take a good look at them now, because their ranks may thin in the next few weeks.

Five of the unbeatens are about to face rugged road tests. Only Hawaii gets a hall pass — and the way Colt Brennan has been going lately, it might be intercepted.

South Florida visits Rutgers on Thursday night.

On Saturday, Kansas plays at Colorado, where Oklahoma went down a few weeks ago.

Boston College goes to Blacksburg to take on No. 11 Virginia Tech on Oct. 25.

Ohio State visits Penn State on Oct. 27.

Arizona State plays at No. 7 Oregon on Nov. 3.

Coach suspended indefinitely after citation

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Baylor offensive line coach Eric Schnupp was suspended indefinitely after being issued a citation for allegedly urinating on a bar at Scruffy Murphy's bar. The citation occurred early Sunday, hours after returning from the Bears' dismal 58-10 defeat against the University of Kansas.

Head coach Guy Morriss addressed the media Tuesday and said he is well aware of the issue.

"I have decided to suspend

him indefinitely until this situation is resolved and that is basically all I have to say about that at this particular time," Morriss said.

This is the third incident involving Baylor athletics and Waco police in three months.

In September, Latara Darrett, a former guard for the Baylor women's basketball team as well as Ashlee Cooper, a right-side hitter for the volleyball team were charged with assault stemming from an incident that occurred Aug. 7 at Cameron Park. Since then, Darrett is no longer with

the basketball team while Cooper, who is still listed on the volleyball team's roster, has yet to see action on the court since the incident occurred.

Two weeks ago, senior relief pitchers Nick Cassavechia and Erik Forestiere and co-captain Tim Jackson were charged with distributing alcohol to minors, a Class A misdemeanor.

Forestiere pitched two innings against the University of Texas Sunday, and associate media director Larry Little said the players are being dealt with internally.

Be A Professional Peacemaker.

The Center For Dispute Resolution And
Conflict Management At SMU's Location In Plano

Pursue a Master of Arts Degree in Dispute Resolution and open up new career possibilities. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, dispute resolution is "one of the fastest-growing academic disciplines in the country." Improve your marketability while studying topics such as negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and organizational conflict. Make a resolution to further your career potential and create new job opportunities. Make your move to SMU.

214.768.9032 or www.smu.edu/resolution



SMU | SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
& HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

SMU will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. SMU's commitment to equal opportunity includes nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.



BU, local musicians find worth in Waco music scene

By Kelli Boesel
Reporter

The music scene around Waco may seem small, but there are talented students recording, singing live and doing whatever they can to make a name for themselves in the music industry.

Local artists use the resources available to share their talent with those around the Baylor and Waco community in a variety of different ways.

Andrew Hannig

Chadham, N.J. junior Andrew Hannig has been playing the guitar since middle school and through some failed opportunities has learned not to automatically expect anything.

"Big opportunities that I was so sure of and prayed about fell through," he said. "The only thing that you can do is develop your talents and somewhere along the line God will have a use for it."

Hannig has been working on recording in his home studio. He said his album is more of a personal development, whether or not something comes out of it.

"For me, it's all about keeping trying and developing my singing and guitar playing," he said.

Through Hannig's guitar teacher back home he made contacts in Nashville and said he hopes something will develop.

"If you have a good demo CD and a few fans, that is really all you need to make it," he said.

Being at Baylor has helped Hannig discover who he is personally and spiritually, he said.

"I think what Baylor has done is help me find where I am at," Hannig said. "And it's given me an outlet and tools to do that."

Hannig said he finds a lot of support from friends at Baylor and the people here create a good music scene because they like to listen to music.

Ultimately, Hannig's goal is to start a church and pursue music in that way.

Whitney Whyte

Denver senior Whitney Whyte said she wants to use her musical talents to create a platform for social justice.

"I think my biggest dream would be to get a band together and tour, not only in the U.S. but in other countries as well," Whyte said.

She said the power of music can really raise awareness for social issues.

She demonstrated her desire to raise social awareness by playing at a rally for Darfur in Boston.

"It was a 10-day tour around the area," she said. "We played at schools and churches and other music venues."



Courtesy photo

Faith Dies Last combines a unique sound with faith to provide a message of love through its music.

Whyte also had the opportunity to open for Dave Barnes at the Hippodrome last year in a benefit concert for the Omega kids.

She has played at several other venues around town as well, including Common Grounds and Nelson's.

"There are a lot of people (at Baylor) that care about the things I care about," Whyte said. "People are always excited for me or for what is going on," Whyte said.

Whyte and Hannig both attend Baylor for degrees other than music, but have decided to



Courtesy photo

Whitney Whyte uses her music to raise awareness for social issues.

pursue music on the side.

Chad Christopher

Houston junior Chad Christopher is attending Baylor with the intention of pursuing a career as an orchestral musician.

"I am in school basically to learn how to play my instrument, the bassoon," Christopher said.

He said he hopes to get into a good graduate program and then get a job playing in an orchestra.

"There are only 10 jobs open each year in major symphony orchestras," he said.

Job security is not a luxury Christopher can count on.

"Due to the limited field of career opportunities, you can't say for sure what you will be doing after graduate school," he said.

"It takes a lot more than talent. It takes patience and a lot of therapy."

Christopher said he dedicates most of his time to getting better, practicing at least four hours a day.

He said Baylor is helping him audition better and giving him the opportunity to play.

"Ensemble playing is really important," he said. "Baylor, since it's smaller, gives you a lot of playing opportunity."

Whether it's being a worship leader, touring the world or playing in an orchestra, Baylor musicians are developing their talents and pursuing their dreams while at Baylor.

Several former Baylor students have continued to pursue music after their time at Baylor as well.

Many stay in Waco to try and make it in the local music scene.

Waco produced country music legend Pat Green and also the popular Christian rock group the David Crowder Band.

But along with these success stories come stories of the hard work of many other musicians in Waco trying to break into the music industry.

Faith Dies Last

The piano-based rock band

Faith Dies Last is no stranger to Baylor.

The band opened for Switchfoot at the Island Party concert last spring and also played at Alpha Tau Omega's Bed Races in September.

They are also scheduled to perform at Kappa Delta's Battle of the Bands on Friday.

It has been a long process for the band to bring all the pieces together.

Faith Dies Last currently consists of five members: Joshua Brown, piano and lead vocals; Jordan McCurry, bass; Brian Morris, guitar; Carter Stark, guitar; and Ryan Williams, drums.

"It has been over about a year and a half, as far as piecing together the band and getting things rolling," Brown said.

The band's songs are filled with emotion and feeling.

"There are just so many different things going on within our band (musically), that we bring all those together and we have a sound that we want it to sound like," Brown said.

"It all mixes together and makes something completely different," Brown said.

Faith Dies Last recorded a full-length album in August, which is tentatively titled *Clarity and Aftermath*.

"The whole CD is pretty much about struggle," Morris said. "You're in the struggle, but then you start to see where you need to get."

The band is also working on a tour scheduled for January.

A common goal of the band is to get signed to a record label, McCurry said.

McCurry is currently a sophomore at Baylor from Colleyville.

As Faith Dies Last pursues its musical goals, the members share some advice to other artists in similar positions.

"Write toward the style you're good at and don't try to copycat

other bands," Stark said.

He said as a band they try to write in a style that compliments Brown's unique voice.

The most important aspect of Faith Dies Last, though, is its focus on ministry, Stark said.

"As a band, we feel like the two most important things to do in life are to love God and love people," McCurry said.

Kimberly Kelly

Waco native Kimberly Kelly is another artist trying to jumpstart her career by playing at several locations in town, including George's Restaurant, the Hog Creek Icehouse and most recently, the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo.

Kelly's first album, a project two years in the making, was released in July. The album's sound is traditional country.

For Kelly, meeting Billy Joe Shaver and "him becoming a huge supporter in my song writing" was an important step in her journey, she said.

"He has pushed me a lot. And he has taken me to play gigs with him."

Kelly said she is always striving to make herself and her music better.

"I guess it's the gigs that push me," she said. "You have to continue bettering yourself."

She said the best thing musicians can do is learn about their style and other people's music in the same genre.

"Gather up as many resources as you can about it and learn as much as you can," she said.



Courtesy Photo

Kimberly Kelly plays traditional country music in local music venues.

Kelly said Baylor students should come listen to her and her band with an open mind.

"Don't come out with any particular expectations — just come out to have a good time," she said.

Mark Waldrop

Another player from the Waco music scene is former Baylor student Mark Waldrop.

Waldrop is using his talent on guitar as the newest member of the David Crowder Band.

Waldrop said he attended University Baptist Church while at Baylor, and ended up playing electric guitar for the HUB, an intimate night of worship and teaching at UBC.

When the band's former guitarist left, Waldrop was the first name that came into David Crowder's mind to replace him.

"They pulled me from the Wednesday night group to join," Waldrop said. "It was a dream come true."

Previously, Waldrop let school take priority over his dream because it wasn't "safe and secure." But when this opportunity came along, he said he had to pursue it.

"It was really hard to leave Baylor, because I loved it there," Waldrop said.

The David Crowder Band is currently on tour, another "dream come true" for Waldrop, he said. He said he has always wanted to see and experience a tour.

"Traveling and music are my two favorite things, so when you combine them — it's incredible," he said.

Waldrop said his learning curve after joining the band was steep because he had to "step up his game" to play with Jack Parker, the band's other guitarist.

"For a while it was frustrating — in a good way," he said.

Waldrop said he has also experienced things beyond music on the tour.

The band asks everyone who comes to its concerts to bring towels and socks as donations to give to local homeless shelters in the town where the band is playing.

He said the biggest concert and donation was in Houston, where men from the shelter came to collect the donations, and were deeply moved by the gift.

"Even a little rock band can do something to make grown men cry," he said.

Waldrop said he is fortunate to be where he is now, because he's never played with an agenda other than loving it.

He said it is ultimately not about you.

"It's not about me, it's about offering myself, and my talents," Waldrop said. "Just do it because you love to."

Waco and Baylor may not seem like hot spots for up-and-coming artists, but several musicians and bands are working hard to get their name out in the music industry in Texas and around the country.

Regardless of what local musicians are doing or how they are doing it, they are above all pursuing their dreams.

Madonna left label for Live Nation

By Alex Veiga
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Madonna's landmark deal with concert promoter Live Nation Inc. marks the latest move by the music industry to find new ways to profit from artists as CD sales slip and the Internet changes the way music is delivered.

The deal, officially announced Tuesday in a joint statement by Live Nation and the Material Girl, gives the company an all-encompassing stake in her music. Financial terms were not disclosed. But the 10-year deal is worth about \$120 million, a person who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the confidential nature of the matter previously told The Associated Press.

For Live Nation, the signing of Madonna was part of a push to forge similar deals with a range of artists, from superstars to emerging talent, under its new Artist Nation division.

"Madonna is the first step to making Live Nation into the next-generation music company," Live Nation CEO Michael Rapino said during an investor conference call. "We believe it should help attract additional artists."

The strategy has been adopted by other recording companies. Britain's EMI Group PLC signed a similar all-encompassing rights deal with Robbie Williams in 2002. Madonna made her move after her longtime

record company, Warner Music Group Corp., refused to match the terms of the Live Nation offer.

Madonna said in the statement that she was drawn to the deal with Live Nation because of the changes the music business has undergone in recent years.

"The paradigm in the music business has shifted and as an artist and a business woman, I have to move with that shift," Madonna said. "For the first time in my career, the way that my music can reach my fans is unlimited. I've never wanted to think in a limited way and with this new partnership, the possibilities are endless."

The singer still owes Warner Bros. Records another studio album and a greatest hits album. In its own statement, Warner Music congratulated Madonna.

"She is one of the most remarkable artists of our time," the company said, reminding her fans that Warner Music will still issue her next album and owns her catalog of recordings from the past 25 years.

The deal with Live Nation encompasses future music and music-related businesses, including the Madonna brand, albums, touring, merchandising, fan club and Web site, DVDs, music-related television and film projects, and associated sponsorship agreements, the company said.

Under terms of the deal,

Madonna, 49, would receive a signing bonus of about \$18 million and a roughly \$17 million advance for each of three albums, the person said. A portion of the compensation would involve stock.

Madonna could also benefit significantly from the touring component of the agreement, which gives Live Nation the exclusive right to promote her tours, the person said. The company said it could release its first Madonna album in two to three years and stage a tour within two years.

The Material Girl's age has also led some to suggest she may not be as bankable she was in the past. Arthur Fogel, the head of global touring at Live Nation who has produced Madonna's past three tours, shrugged off the criticism, blaming "ageism" for doubts about her ability to sell CDs and fill arenas.

"Madonna is an incredibly talented and vital artist and will continue to be," Fogel said. "Clearly, we would not have done this deal if we didn't have a great expectation of great returns."

Madonna's last tour generated nearly \$200 million globally, and her last album, "Confessions on a Dance Floor," sold nearly 8 million copies worldwide. Madonna would have to stage several successful tours, release a few albums and pull in significant other revenue for Live Nation to recover the money it must pay the singer.

WANTING TO GET MORE OUT OF LIFE IS STRONG. GETTING THE MOST OUT OF LIFE IS ARMY STRONG.

There's strong. Then there's Army Strong. The strength that comes from expert training in one of over 150 different career fields—as well as money for college. Find out how to get it at goarmy.com/strong.

U.S. ARMY
ARMY STRONG™

Make a Difference. Answer the Call to Duty. Qualify for a Cash Bonus up to \$40,000.

Waco Army Recruiting Station, 1200 Richland Drive
Stop by or call 254-776-1546 today to learn more. GOARMY.COM.

©2007. Paid for by the United States Army. All rights reserved.

Brigades in Iraq to reduce to 19

By Robert Burns
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Commanders in Iraq have decided to begin the drawdown of U.S. forces in volatile Diyala province, marking a turning point in the U.S. military mission, The Associated Press has learned.

Instead of replacing the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, which is returning to its home base at Fort Hood, Texas, in December, soldiers from another brigade in Salahuddin province next door will expand into Diyala, thereby broadening its area of responsibility, several officials said Tuesday.

In this way, the number of Army ground combat brigades in Iraq will fall from 20 to 19.

This reflects President Bush's bid to begin reducing the American military force and shifting its role away from fighting the insurgency toward more support functions like training and advising Iraqi security forces.

The December move, which has not yet been announced by the Pentagon, was described to the AP by Col. Stephen Twitty, commander of the 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry, in a telephone interview Tuesday. It was confirmed by three other officials in Iraq, including Lt.

Col. Michael Donnelly, chief spokesman for the commanding general of U.S. forces in northern Iraq, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon.

The idea is to avoid vacating a contested area, like Diyala, which is northeast of Baghdad, while beginning Bush's announced reduction of at least 21,500 troops, of which 17,000 were sent to the Baghdad area last spring.

The shift in Diyala in December could be a model for follow-on reductions next year, with a redrawing of the U.S. lines of responsibility so that a departing brigade has its battle space consumed by a remaining brigade.

At the same time, Iraqi security forces would assume greater responsibility. Diyala province is a battered landscape of warring tribes, fertile valleys and pockets of al-Qaida fighters. The sectarian and tribal chasms are wide.

Commanders cited signs of substantial progress in the months since thousands of U.S. and Iraqi forces stormed the provincial capital of Baqouba in June.

The unit leaving in December, the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry, has been in Iraq since October 2006. When it leaves, the 4th Stryker Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division will add Diyala to its area of responsibility.



Associated Press

It's going... going... gone!

Cleveland Indians' Jhonny Peralta slugs a three-run home run off Boston Red Sox pitcher Manny Delcarmen in the fifth inning of Game 4 of the American League Championship baseball series Tuesday in Cleveland. The Indians beat the Red Sox 7-3, boosting the Indians series lead to 3-1. Game 5 of the series will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Cleveland.

MAZE from page 1

Herbst is the founder of the Maize, the largest maze consulting firm in the world.

Since his start in 1996, Herbst has created over 1,200 cornfield labyrinths.

The Kaskas contacted Herbst earlier this year, Toni said.

Herbst then traveled to West to examine the farm, his potential canvas and hear the Kaskas' ideas.

He returned to the farm in September to actually shape the corn in the likeness of the Dr Pepper logo.

The Kaskas are not allowed to reveal Herbst's methods for systematically and artfully extracting the corn.

"It's actually a bit of a trade secret," Toni said.

Brett Herbst provided a little more information.

"It's all done on computers. We take a blueprint off the computer and take it to the field.

It's very difficult but simple," he said.

Herbst doesn't go out to orchestrate the maze creation at each farm.

"It depends on the farm and what their needs are," Herbst said.

The Kaskas planned a maze last year, but a drought scorched the corn before autumn.

But due to this year's wet summer, "the conditions were actually perfect for raising the crop," she said.

Mother Nature willing, the Kaskas will have the festivities on their farm for many Octobers to come.

If you're looking for a scare from the haunted trail, you may want to look elsewhere.

It's not gory, and the scarieness is limited to kids in ski masks weaving in and out of the tall corn.

Toni admitted that inciting fear "really isn't our thing."

The family decided to create a haunted trail for preteens, as all

other scary fare in Waco appeals to small children or adults.

The Heart of Texas Corn Maize and haunted trail provide a unique and cheap date idea, something refreshingly different from the standard dinner-and-a-movie.

Don't write off the Kaska farm if you're looking for grub too — they sell roasted corn, hot dogs, Frito chili pies, and you can even roast marshmallows and enjoy s'mores.

Tickets are \$6 with a college

I.D. and regular adult tickets are \$8.

The Kaska farm is located at 15893 County Line Road North in West.

The festivities run from 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays, through Nov. 4.

For directions or more information, log on to www.kaskafamilyfarm.com

GREAT TASTES! GREAT SAVINGS!

COMBINATION NACHOS

Only \$2.99

plus tax with college student i.d. (Reg. \$3.99)

- SAVE \$1.00!
- BIG enough to share!
- Offer good through December 15, 2007

TORTILLA FACTORY

AUTHENTIC IS OUR SPECIAL INGREDIENT®

WACO
Valley Mills Dr
New Rd
Franklin Ave
ROSA'S CAFE
4200 Franklin Ave.

Offer not good with other special offers including 10% student discount.

Alpha Delta Pi

FIRST. FINEST. FOREVER. SINCE 1851.™

The Ladies of

Alpha Delta Pi

Sorority

Proudly Congratulate

Our Sister

Miss Olivia Hernandez

On her Selection as

ΛΧΑ Fraternity Sweetheart

&

Lambda Chi Alpha

Baylor Homecoming Queen Nominee!

WWW3.BAYLOR.EDU/ALPHA_DELTA_PI