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## Crash foils float's parade

By Shannon Daily  
Reporter

After countless hours spent working on their float, the members of Kappa Alpha Theta and the men helping them were unable to see their float go through the parade due to two car accidents, only minutes after the other.

The accidents occurred when the float was being moved by three of the men down Orchard Lane from the float site to the parade route at around 1:30 a.m. Saturday. Caddo Mills senior Tyler McKamy then noticed a car coming down the road toward them. At his warning, Jasper senior Taylor Mathews pulled the float over to the side of the road to avoid the car.

The car then swerved and hit the float. Mathews said the driver continued to drive, leaving his driver's side

For the first year homecoming floats will be recycled. For more information, see story on page 3.



David Poe/Lariat Staff

The Kappa Alpha Theta float was unable to be in the homecoming parade after two Saturday morning collisions. No one has been arrested in connection to the hit-and-run collision, according to a Baylor Police Department spokesperson and no charges have been filed regarding the second collision.

door lodged into the side of the float.

"They wiped out probably at least 25 feet of the side of the float," Axtell junior Lauren Swaner said. "There was no way it could go through the parade. Half of it was gone."

The driver of the car following the float and acting as its brake lights checked to see that no one was hurt. He then followed the man who hit the float, Mathews said.

The hit-and-run driver continued down the road for about a mile before stopping, getting out of his car and run-

ning.

Mathews said the police didn't catch the man that night but later sent officers to his home.

A Waco Police Department spokesperson said no one was arrested in connection with the accident.

The Theta float chairs arrived three or four minutes after the first accident, said Swaner, one of the sorority's float chairs.

Mathews, who was still with the float, then crawled underneath the bus to check on the generator when another

car rapidly began to approach them.

McKamy tried unsuccessfully to flag down the car. When he saw it wasn't stopping, Swaner said McKamy yelled, "Taylor, watch out!"

Mathews said the car then hit the back of the float, pushing him and the bus back about 20 feet.

Mathews was only slightly scratched up, but a Waco Police Department spokesperson confirmed the driver of the car was sent to the hospital.

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## Regents approve 2 new academic centers

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

The Baylor University Board of Regents gathered Friday and approved motions which will add to Baylor's research portfolio. Two new academic centers and a joint doctoral degree program with the U.S. Navy were approved.

The Academy for Teaching and Learning, approved Friday, will provide a venue for professional development for faculty and staff.

"The Academy for Teaching and Learning plans to conduct some of its work through a number of strategic partnerships with other entities on campus, such as the Institute for Faith and Learning, the Electronic Libraries, Student Life and others," said Dr. Douglas W. Rogers, associate dean for student and information services. "Each partnership will create new opportunities for faculty to consider how their faith, their use of technology and their understandings of Baylor students impact their instructional practice."

Rogers, also the associate professor of curriculum and instruction in the School of Education, said the center has received widespread support from Faculty Senate, the Council of the Deans, Student Senate, the Graduate Student Association, department chairs and others.

The center should be up and running by next fall, Rogers said. The program will encompass innovative ways for faculty to integrate faith and learning.

Also approved Friday, the Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society will take shape under the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies at Baylor. Oxford's Kenston Institute, known for recording religious matters in the former U.S.S.R. during the Cold War, was released to Baylor this summer.

The Keston Center will establish Baylor as an authority on religious persecution in the name of Communism and the return back to religion after Communism's fall. Dr. Christopher Marsh, associate professor and interim director of the Dawson Institute, said in a news release.

The center will be located on the second floor of Carroll Library.

The other major motion approved, which will add to Baylor's research portfolio is the new doctor of science physician assistant emergency medicine residency degree will focus on clinical research in addition to emergency medicine. In a collaborative effort with the U.S. Army, students may pursue the degree at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Other programs offered

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## Lecture series features distinguished professors

Bradley to speak  
Wednesday on Baylor's  
Global Poverty Center

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff writer

Dr. Walter L. Bradley, distinguished professor of engineering, will deliver the inaugural lecture of the newly-established lecture series featuring distinguished professors at Baylor. The lecture series will begin at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Piper Great Hall at George W. Truett Theological Seminary.



Bradley

Each semester, a distinguished professor will be invited to speak at the series. Baylor currently has 15 distinguished professors who teach in specific areas, and this series will spotlight each professor's discoveries.

"This series came about as a result of our reflection upon the immense intellectual capital amassed in these positions compared to the low level of visibility and leadership we have inadvertently afforded these professors," Dr. Randall O'Brien said.

O'Brien, executive vice president and provost, said the distinguished profes-

sors should be introduced to the central Texas community since they lecture all over the world.

"Our distinguished professors publish leading tomes in their fields," he said. "So why shouldn't we provide them a larger forum for their ideas here at Baylor where we would all be the glad beneficiaries of their stimulating presentations?"

Bradley's lecture will focus on the Global Poverty Center at Baylor, a recently approved proposal developed by Bradley, along with four other faculty members from the George W. Truett Theological Seminary, engineering department and Hankamer School of Business.

"The idea is to try to put together a way in which we can use our engineering skills and entrepreneurship skills to help poor communities and villages create more jobs and businesses," Dr. Bill Jordan, professor and chair of mechanical engineering, said. "We included the seminary to try to approach this issue in the context of missions and will be working with churches, which seem to be the more stable non-profit organizations."

Bradley said the Global Poverty Center will focus on poverty from a different perspective and will supply the momentum and funding that will provide the means and opportunities to affect the physical, economic and social condi-

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Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

## Rushing Delta Delta Delta

Amarillo senior Kristin Fisher rushes as the quarterback of Delta Delta Delta Monday during their intermural flag football game against Kappa Kappa Gamma.

## Alum receives probation for 'maliciously conveying false information'

Cunningham gets  
three years for  
two felony counts

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

Baylor alumnus David Paul Cunningham, who in May threatened to destroy various buildings on Baylor's main campus, received three years of probation Thursday in a U.S. district court.

According to his attorney, Vik

Deivanayagam, Cunningham, 34, was able to avoid prison time due to mental instability stemming from a serious head injury incurred while playing rugby at Baylor.

Cunningham faced a total of 20 years in prison for two felony counts of "maliciously conveying false information."

On May 1, Cunningham called a Baylor switchboard operator and told her he planned to place diesel drums in the basements of every build-

ing at Baylor, according to court records.

Cunningham said he would take this action in response to his perceived involvement of Baylor in the Virginia Tech shootings.

The Baylor Police Department was able to trace the call to a hotel room in Tyler, Cunningham's hometown.

The next day, Cunningham called Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak, threatening bodily harm. Again, he mentioned the Virgin-

ia Tech incident.

The call was traced to the same hotel room. The Tyler Police Department arrested Cunningham later that day.

"The justice system worked as it is supposed to," Doak said of the sentencing.

According to an article appearing in the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, Deivanayagam was able to convince U.S. District Judge Walter J. Smith Jr. that Cunningham did not grasp the levity of these threats and did not plan

on carrying them out.

Deivanayagam said Cunningham was more or less "blowing off some steam."

Also in the article, Cunningham apologized to Judge Smith and said, "I just don't have a lot of tact in dealing with police enforcement."

Cunningham wrapped up his court statement by saying he wanted to see the elephants at the zoo in Tyler.

According to *Baylor Lariat* archives, Cunningham was

kneed in the head during a scrimmage against the University of Texas in 1995. Cunningham suffered a concussion, a broken nose and a skull fracture.

He missed two weeks of school and his injuries required cosmetic surgery.

Cunningham graduated the next spring with a degree in engineering.

He was expelled for undisclosed reasons as a graduate student in 2001.



# Plummer initiates motion to recycle floats

**Baylor Physical Plant able to recycle floats' metal materials**

By Kathleen Williams  
Reporter

Thousands of local residents and Baylor families crowd the streets of Waco during Homecoming each year to catch a glimpse of the enormous, creative floats passing by.

This year, for the first time, those gigantic homecoming floats will be made available for recycling.

Even though Baylor's homecoming parade has been a campus tradition since 1909, changes and updates occur every year.

While Baylor's first float that appeared in the 1915 parade was a modest one, today's homecoming floats are larger-than-life, moving pieces of artwork that grow in size and precision each year.

Student body president Travis Plummer suggested the new recycling initiative at Baylor's first sustainability meeting.

With floats being built on school buses and often multiple stories tall, the potential for recyclable material is huge.



Courtesy photo

Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Sigma's float gets a paint job before the homecoming parade. Made from papier-mache and wood, the float would not benefit from Travis Plummer's proposal to recycle metal materials at the Baylor Physical Plant.

Baylor hopes to improve its sustainability by increasing the amount of recycling it does on campus. Plummer notified float chairs that the Baylor Physical Plant, located at the corner of Daughtrey and South First Street, recycles metal materials.

He encouraged float chairs to recycle metal material from their

parade floats instead of tearing down the structures and wasting recyclable materials.

"Many of the paper products may not be able to be recycled since they're papier-mached," Plummer said.

However, "It's the groups' decision whether or not to recycle metal from their floats."

Tulsa, Okla., senior Andrew Morris, who served as Baylor Homecoming chair, said next year he'll include recycling information in the packets distributed to float chairs at the start of the float-building process.

Tyler senior and Pi Beta Phi float chair Frances Smith said she's excited about the new recycling initiative but, "No metal's welded to our float this year. It's all wood, papier-mache and Styrofoam."

"I think it's a really good idea," Smith, who helped build Pi Phi's float with Kappa Sigma, said. "If we had metal on our float, we'd definitely recycle it. We save our Styrofoam and reuse it whenever we can."

She said she's glad Baylor's becoming more responsible with recycling.

"You invest so much time and money in building a float. For people to tear it down and it to become waste is such a shame," Smith said.

But some already have deals with other recycling centers.

"If Baylor's going to pay us, we'll recycle on campus," Delta Tau Delta float chair Bryan Apgar said. Delt's float, built with Kappa Kappa Gamma this year, does contain metal material welded to the float.

Apgar said he typically takes used metal material to M. Lipsitz and Co., a metal recycling plant in Waco.

"Baylor's going to have to give an incentive to recycle on campus because you can get a decent amount of material for scrapping it elsewhere," Apgar said.

## BEAR BRIEFS

**Dave Barnes and Ben Rector** concert tickets will be on sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the ticket office in the Bill Daniel Student Center. The concert will be at 7 p.m. today in Waco Hall. Proceeds will go to the Baylor Religious Hour Choir mission trip. For more information, contact Shay\_Dixon@baylor.edu.

**Indian Subcontinent Student Association's Charity Masquerade Ball** tickets are on sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Tickets cost \$10 or \$12 at the door. Receive \$10 off for every preschool or kindergarten workbook or coloring book you donate. The ball will be Nov. 17 on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. For more information, contact issa@baylor.edu.

**Dr. Jimmy Dorrell**, pastor of Church Under the Bridge, will speak on leadership in the church. The lecture will be at 6 p.m. today on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. For more information go to www.baylor.edu/leadership/lecture.

**Fellow Program** interest meetings will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. today in the Blume Conference Center on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday in 314 McLane Student Life Center. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/leadership/fellow or contact Ramona\_Curtis@baylor.edu.

**Santa's Workshop Toy Drive** will go on through Nov. 19. Donate a gift that costs \$10 or less and is not battery operated for a child between the ages of 3 to 5. Donation boxes are located in residence halls and the McLane Student Life Center. For more information, contact Michelle\_Martinez2@baylor.edu.

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# Marshall speaks on community involvement at tea time

By Rea Corbin  
Reporter

Over afternoon tea at Brooks College today, Baylor alumnus Allan Marshall returns to speak as director of community development for the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

His talk will focus on his role in the Chamber, a non-profit hub for local businesses.

Marshall said in his position he focuses on community involvement, including a partnership for student leaders between Baylor, McLennan Community College and Texas State Technical College.

"Eventually we want to turn it into something where students from all the schools work together on one project," Marshall said.

One activity Marshall is working on is

a retreat for student leaders.

Other leadership projects include student leaders of local high schools shadowing current student government members, and a fair in the spring focused on local careers and internships.

"We want to try and get students to stay in Waco if they want to really get involved," Marshall said.

Because of his work involving Baylor in the wider community during his time as EVP Marshall said he is trying to continue to strengthen the relationship between Baylor and Waco.

Part of this means bringing back the One Book, One Waco program that "fizzled out" last year. This year, Allan and the Chamber have stepped in to bring the program back.

Garland junior Bryan Fonville is the current EVP and chair of the book

selection committee for One Book, One Waco.

Fonville sees it as a way to bring together the diversity of Waco through many people reading and discussing the same book.

"We want to build it into something that will stand the test of time," Fonville said.

Fonville has worked with Marshall in the past in student government, and describes their relationship now as "taking that partnership to a greater level."

"Anything Allan chooses to take on, he goes full speed," Fonville said. "He's really passionate about anything he does."

Doug Henry, director of the Institute of Faith and Learning, said he and his wife host the tea at 4 p.m. every Tuesday in their home in Brooks College.

Although anyone is free to come, it's

principally for residents of the college.

"The purpose is to provide an opportunity in an informal setting to think about our aims as a college," Henry said.

Henry said he ran into Marshall at the beginning of the year, as Marshall was on a "self-guided tour of the college." At that time, he extended an "open-ended invitation to the members of the community" to speak at the tea.

"We're very eager for Brooks College to be a good steward in the local community," Henry said.

Because Marshall is involved in community development, Henry said he'd like to see some projects for Brooks College to emerge from the tea.

In part, Marshall's talk will be a chance to learn about the needs of the local community and develop steps for the members of the college to pursue.

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# Football drops from bowl contention with loss

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

With Baylor's 38-7 homecoming loss against Texas Tech University Saturday, the Bears are mathematically eliminated from bowl contention for the 13th consecutive year.

To make matters worse, the Bears also lost the services of two of their defensive starters, Dwain Crawford and Brandon Stiggers, in Saturday's demoralizing loss.

The two defensive backs each broke their legs and while Crawford could be back for Baylor's final game against Oklahoma State University, Stiggers' career as a Bear is officially over.

"It doesn't help things," head coach Guy Morriss said in response to the veterans' injuries. "But you know that's something you can't control, so you've got to line up the next guy and go play."

Heading into the upcoming weekend, Baylor takes on a national title contender when it travels to Norman, Okla., to take on the University of Oklahoma Sooners. Baylor's unstable start



David Poe/Lariat staff

Texas Tech wide receiver Danny Amendola streaks down the sideline Saturday in the second quarter of Tech's 38-7 win over Baylor on homecoming. Amendola had eight catches for a game-high 108 yards.

ing quarterback position is up in the air once again after Blake Szymanski put on a less-than-stellar performance against the Red Raiders.

Morriss has thrown around redshirt freshman Tyler Beatty's name as a possible replacement,

but making his first career start in the stadium of the No. 5 team in the nation is no easy task.

Top all that off with offensive line coach Eric Schnupp's recent resignation and rumors flying about Morriss' job security, one would think that Baylor's morale

for the remainder of the season would be fairly low.

But the Bears say they still have reason to play their last two games.

"By no means are we going to give up on the season; we're not going to just throw our hands

up in the air," Houston sophomore Jordan Lake said. "We're not going to go to a bowl game; that's mathematically impossible now but we're still playing for Baylor and we're still playing for pride. We're not about to just roll over and die for anybody."

As frustrating as the season has become, Baylor will prepare for Bob Stoops' Sooners just as if they were any other team.

Oklahoma, which is led by freshman stand-out quarterback Sam Bradford, has breezed through its schedule by racking up 44 points per game.

Its only setback came in a crushing 27-24 upset against the University of Colorado. As hard as it may be to triumph over the No. 1 team in the Big 12 South, the Bears are adopting an attitude of playing with nothing to lose.

"We've just got to go out there and try to win these next two, and give it all we've got to try to make it roll over into next year on a positive note," said running back Jacoby Jones, a Bangs junior. "We don't have anything to lose right now, so we're just going to go out there and give

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Guy Morriss  
Head coach

it our all."

Judging by a deserted Floyd Casey Stadium in the middle of the fourth quarter Saturday, it seems as if the anticipation and energy of Baylor fans is now geared toward basketball season.

A decimated fan base can be tough on the Bears' ego, but Morriss wants his team to know that they should still take pride in how the remainder of its season plays out.

"Well it is important. It's kind of like the farmer comes home, and there are two crying babies waiting for him, and momma's run off with the milkman," Morriss said. "You've got to do something. We better go out and play. It is about personal pride and how you want to represent your

# Men's lacrosse team wins 1, loses 2 at Texas A&M tournament

By Jackie Hyland  
Reporter

The Baylor men's lacrosse team traveled to College Station last weekend, where they played in Texas A&M University's "Play Until You Die" tournament.

The Bears played against the University of North Texas, Texas State University and Tulane University. The team lost against North Texas, 8-7, and Texas State, 6-4, but beat Tulane 11-5.

"We came out hard and we played two good teams," The Woodlands junior Michael Magee said about the games they lost. "We were up in the beginning in both games, but lost in the final minute."

San Antonio senior and president of the team, Andrew Brochu, said the first two games were rough because it took some time for everyone to get with the

team "rhythm."

It also didn't help that the team was missing three starting players.

Despite the losses, head coach Jonathan Cofer said he thought the tournament went well.

"I got to play everyone and let everyone get some game experience," he said. According to Cofer, Brochu was the lead offensive player and scored the most goals.

Defensively, Houston freshman Carter Johnson, and Edina, Minn. sophomore goalie Matthew McPheeters "shut down" some of the top players in their league.

This is Cofer's third season as a coach for the team, but first as head coach. He played goalie at Wingate College in North Carolina.

"(Cofer) has a lot of experience," Brochu said. "He's strict, but he gets the job done while

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and let everyone get  
some game experience."*

Jonathan Cofer  
Head coach

at the same time he wants us to have fun because that's why we're out there."

After the tournament, the next step for the team is to prepare for its upcoming season in the spring.

"I definitely look forward to the spring because we have a lot of talent this year," Brochu said. "It's exciting to be able to compete against the other teams in the league with a full team, and with teams that, in the past, we haven't been able to compete with."

The main focus for next

semester is to be able to say they gave 100 percent, prepared well in practice and did "everything they could," Brochu said.

Denver freshman Ben Kessler said his first college tournament was "interesting" and said it showed some of the things the team needs to work on. He and Brochu both said that the team works well together because they are not just teammates, but also good friends on and off the field.

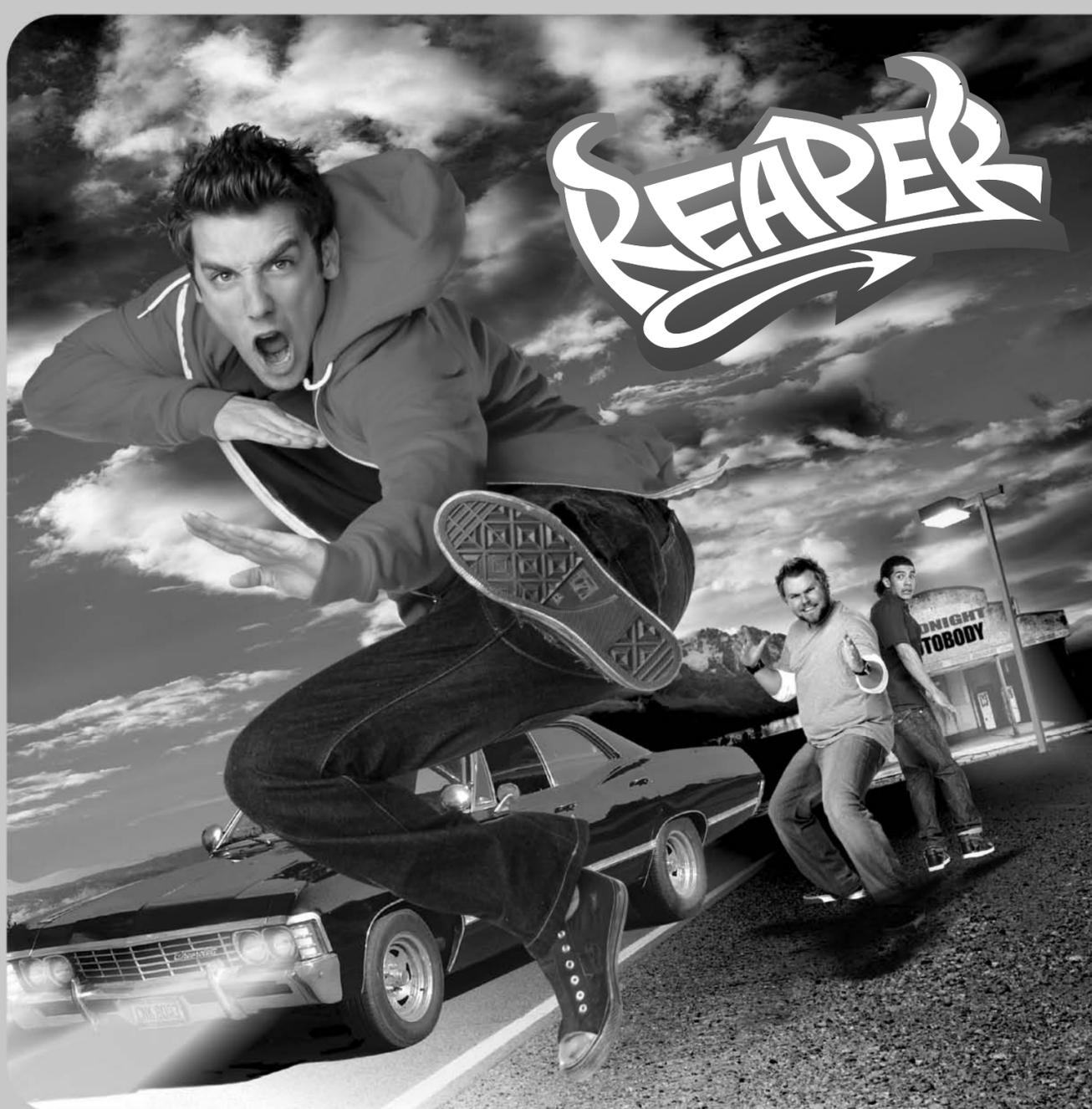
The team is part of the North Division of the Lone Star Alliance Lacrosse League. They play teams from all over Texas and Oklahoma. Cofer said some goals for the team are to "try to get up to the level of varsity play" as well as "get a lot more fans out the games."

Brochu, Magee and Cofer all agreed that winning the LSA conference is their biggest goal for the spring.



Courtesy photo

Baylor junior midfielder Adam Jaster fights off a Tulane defender in the Bears' 11-5 victory in College Station over the weekend. The team left the tournament with a 1-2 record but said they benefitted from the experience.



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# Grit, guns and great acting give 'Gangster' edge

By Amanda Robison  
Entertainment editor

Heroes and heroin take on brand new meaning as *American Gangster* paints criminal as the new cool.

*American Gangster* chronicles the life of Harlem heroin kingpin Frank Lucas, played brilliantly by Denzel Washington.

## MOVIE REVIEW

The highly anticipated film was released Friday after being in development for nearly seven years.

It takes place in the streets of Harlem in the mid-'70s and follows Lucas' drive to provide what the people of Harlem want: the purest product at the cheapest price. He did this while maintaining a reasonably ethical reputation and standards within an obviously unethical, yet extremely lucrative business.

Washington's convincing portrayal of the legendary gangster is matched and complemented by Russell Crowe's portrayal of Ritchie Roberts, one of the few straight officers in the

New York Police Department's thoroughly corrupt narcotics unit. Both actors demonstrated full commitment to their roles playing two very complex men.

Though Lucas and Roberts were complete opposites by profession, their characters showed similarities in a number of aspects. Both valued their families, but were addicted to work, and both had a rare passion for their respective callings that nearly cost them both their lives on numerous occasions. The struggle to balance the two sides of life was one battle both men fought throughout the film.

After his boss dies, Lucas sees opportunity knocking at his door and not only answers the call, but goes beyond filling the shoes of the deceased kingpin to become even more powerful than the mafia.

Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*) directed the film and did an excellent job showcasing both sides of this story. You watch as Roberts chased Lucas, who was chasing his dream of riches — which he got. It is rumored that at one point he was making up to \$1 million a day.

The set and costumes take



Associated Press

Denzel Washington portrays Frank Lucas, a legendary heroin kingpin in Harlem in the 1970s, in *American Gangster*.

you straight back to the drug-fueled '70s. And Scott leaves no detail spared, after shooting in more than 100 locations.

Washington and Crowe are both Academy Award winners and this film is evidence why. Though the story alone is intriguing, the performances are what makes this film truly shine. Both lead actors adapt accents and

mannerisms identical to their characters' true life personas.

But Washington and Crowe aren't the only big names in *American Gangster*. The cast also included Cuba Gooding Jr., Josh Brolin, Chiwetel Ejiofor and many other faces you might recognize from the big screen. There were also a few faces from the music industry who joined

the cast, including Common, Wu Tang Clan's RZA and T.I.

There was always something happening on screen to keep you on your toes. And though the film clocks in just under three hours, boredom won't be a problem. The constant action and curiosity about the exciting plot will definitely keep you entertained the entire time.

After viewing a special about the real Frank Lucas, it was even more evident how close the film sticks to the facts of Lucas' life and the outrageous ventures and adventures he experiences.

Even if drug and/or crime dramas typically aren't your thing, this film is worth seeing. Yes, there is some excessive violence and the language may not be as pure as the heroin Lucas sells, but for me, these elements added to the true gritty nature of the subject matter and made the film all the more realistic.

This film is the perfect combination of an exceptionally intriguing story and impeccable acting. *American Gangster* in its entirety stacks up to be exactly what everyone in the film wants: magic. Blue Magic.

Grade: A+



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# Hollywood writers begin first strike since 1988

By Gary Gentile  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Film and TV writers resolved to put down their pens and take up picket signs after last-ditch talks failed to avert a strike.

The first picket lines were appeared Monday morning at Rockefeller Center in New York, where NBC is headquartered.

In Los Angeles, writers were planning to picket 14 studio locations in four-hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day until a new deal is reached. The contract between the 12,000-member Writers Guild of America and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producer expired Wednesday.

Talks that began this summer failed to produce much progress on the writers' key demands for a bigger slice of DVD profits and revenue from the distribution of films and TV shows over the Internet.

Writers and producers gathered for negotiations Sunday at the request of a federal media-



Associated Press

Tina Fey and other members of the Writers Guild of America picket NBC headquarters Monday in New York.

The two sides met for nearly 11 hours before East Coast members of the writers union announced on their Web site that the strike had begun for their 4,000 members.

Producers said writers refused a request to "stop the clock" on the planned strike while talks continued.

"It is unfortunate that they choose to take this irrespons-

ble action," producers said in a statement. Producers said writers were not willing to compromise on their major demands.

Writers said they withdrew a proposal to increase their share of revenue from the sale of DVDs that had been a stumbling block for producers. They also said the proposals by producers in the area of Internet reuse of TV episodes and films were unacceptable.

"The AMPTP made no response to any of the other proposals that the WGA has made since July," writers said in a statement. The strike is the first walkout by writers since 1988. That work stoppage lasted 22 weeks and cost the industry more than \$500 million.

The first casualty of the strike would be late-night talk shows, which are dependent on current events to fuel monologues and other entertainment.

Daytime TV, including live talk shows such as *The View* and soap operas, which typically tape about a week's worth of shows in advance, would be

next to feel the impact.

The strike will not immediately impact production of movies or prime-time TV programs.

Most studios have stockpiled dozens of movie scripts, and TV shows have enough scripts or completed shows in hand to last until early next year.

The battle has broad implications for the way Hollywood does business, since whatever deal is struck by writers will likely be used as a template for talks with actors and directors, whose contracts expire next June.

"We'll get what they get," Screen Actors Guild president Alan Rosenberg told The Associated Press.

The guilds have been preparing for these negotiations for years, hiring staff with extensive labor union experience and developing joint strategies and a harder line than producers have seen in decades.

"We haven't shown particular resolve in past negotiations," said John Bowman, the WGA's chief negotiator.

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# Winfrey says scandal ultimately her responsibility

By Celean Jacobson  
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Oprah Winfrey said Monday she wept after hearing allegations that a dorm matron at her academy for disadvantaged girls had abused students. She accused school officials of telling the girls to “put on happy faces” when she visited.

Though she said she was not responsible for hiring at the school, Winfrey said the screening process was inadequate and “the buck always stops with

me.” She said the head mistress’ contract would not be renewed and promised a shake-up, indicating school officials had tried to keep the facts of the case from her.

“When I first heard about it I spent about a half-hour going around my house crying,” Winfrey said at a news conference by satellite hook-up. She said learning about the allegations was “one of most devastating experiences of my life.”

Tiny Virginia Makopo, 27, faces 13 charges of indecent assault, assault and criminal

injury committed against at least six students aged 13-15 and a 23-year-old at the school. Makopo, who said she was innocent, was freed on bail Monday.

Winfrey said she was initially told a girl who accused the matron of abuse had left the school because the girl’s mother wanted to spend more time with her. She said girls at the school, which she visited frequently, told her they were instructed “to put on happy faces” when she was there and not complain.

Winfrey, who has in the past spoken of the abuse she suf-

fered as a child and campaigned for laws in the United States to protect children from abusers, said that because of the high rates of rape and sexual abuse in South Africa, she had worked to ensure outsiders would not be able to reach students at the school.

But “as often is the case, child abuse, sexual abuse happens right within the family, right within the confines of people you know,” she said.

Winfrey has spoken in the past of being raped by a distant cousin at age 9 and then abused

by three other men, trusted family friends.

Winfrey said the school’s chief executive John Samuel told her in early October that a group of 15 girls had come forward with a list of complaints including the sexual assault of one of their classmates.

She then called for an independent investigation to determine the extent of the allegations. The investigation was headed by Richard Farley, a Chicago detective who works with child abuse cases.

“My experience with child

predators is that no one ever abuses just one child,” she said.

Winfrey said she flew to South Africa to speak with the pupils and encourage them to come forward with their complaints: “It was a chance to break the silence.”

The school announced Oct. 17 that a dormitory matron had been suspended amid allegations of serious misconduct. The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls said private U.S. and South African detectives were investigating, as well as South African police.

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jointly by Baylor and the U.S. Army include healthcare administration, physical therapy and nutrition and a doctoral degree in physical therapy at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Dr. Larry Lyon, dean of the graduate school, said Baylor now has seven highly-esteemed joint programs with the army.

“We anticipate the same level of quality with (this new) degree,” said Lyon, who is also the vice provost for institutional effectiveness.

The new program will start this calendar year, said Lori Fogleman, director of media relations.

The regents also discussed the alumni association’s formation of a committee to examine President Lilley’s request that the association formally

embrace Baylor 2012.

Lilley specifically asked the alumni association to officially join with the university in acknowledging the association’s independence, maintaining a proper relationship between the association and the board of regents, supporting the university’s mission, combining excellence in education with a religious worldview, and reaching the imperatives of Baylor 2012.

Board of regents chairman Harold Cunningham said he thought the regents made important decisions and commended all regents.

“Baylor is blessed to have access to the remarkable and diverse talents of this board, and I am appreciative of the unwavering dedication and hard work of this outstanding body of volunteers,” Cunningham said in a news release.

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tions of the poor using ‘bottom-up’ approaches.

“I think a lot of approaches to poverty are to give poor people hand outs,” Bradley said. “What people need is not charity, it’s opportunity. If we can do things to help provide real economic development and opportunity, then people won’t be in the position to need charity.”

An engineering research group has been working on several projects that relate to impoverished countries.

“The group is working now on a project to try to make a more efficient and durable cook stove for poor people,” Bradley said. “We are also using computer simulation to build a pedestrian bridge that would be in Africa. These projects have the potential to affect literally hundreds of thousands of people.”

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Mathews said he thought the driver had slight injuries. He said he estimated there was approximately \$2,000 worth of damage to the float.

He also said he is unsure as to whether anyone will press charges.

Within the two weeks leading up to the parade, the float chairs spent an average of eight hours a day on the float.

“I got one night of sleep last week,” Swaner said.

The members of the sorority were also required to work two hours a week.

“It was awful because we just worked so hard. We just wanted it to be in the parade,” said Duncannon junior Alyssa Mullins, another Theta float chair.

Swaner said everyone was sad they could not participate in the parade, but at that point, they were all just happy everyone was safe.

“Both of the drivers are very lucky” they weren’t hurt worse, she said.

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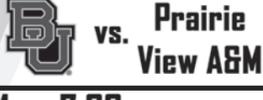
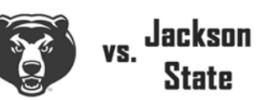
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