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## Baylor breaks recycling record

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff Writer

Baylor set a new record for recycling in 2007 by sending 160 tons of paper and cardboard to the recycling center.

Recycling is part of the new effort to increase awareness about sustainability issues around campus. Pattie Orr, head chair of the recently formed University Sustainability Committee and vice president of Information Technology, said the committee is working toward a complete recycling program for the entire campus.

"All these areas have been working to increase recycling, and it is

beginning to yield a lot of good fruit," Orr said. "The idea behind the committee is that we work together to see what's going on around campus now and what we want to endeavor to improve."

Baylor hasn't had much of a focus on sustainability issues in the past, which radiation safety specialist Alan Stover said the university is working to change.

"We've never had very much of an emphasis on recycling, though we have tried several times in the past," Stover said. "In 1998 we only sent 18 tons to the recycling center, and last year we sent 160 tons, which was about 30 tons more than 2006, so we are making great strides."

But the amount of recycling material sent to the center in 2004 was close to the record set in 2007. There were 154 tons sent, just six less than this past year. Toby Tull, coordinator for housing information systems and ITS analyst, said that from his understand-



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Recycling bins are used on a regular basis outside of Martin Residence Hall. Sunday a 10-week national recycling competition will begin to further encourage green efforts.

ing, in 2004 recycling was a part of a job designated for a specific person, but in the years following, it was no longer a task delegated to anyone.

The sustainability committee's job is to get people to work together to make recycling a priority campus-wide.

"I think the committee has raised awareness and done a lot of educational things," Orr said. "A big part of it all is about education because people can't succeed if they don't understand what they can do."

Beginning in February, the university will launch a residence hall recycling program, which will consist of the distribution of 145 recycling bins throughout the halls,

where students will be able to recycle paper, cardboard, plastic wrap, plastic bottles and aluminum and tin cans.

"With the new recycling initiative, recycled tonnage is expected to rise by several hundred," Tull said. "It is possible for us to double the amount of recycling currently happening at Baylor. Once this phase is complete we are planning on rolling out a similar program in the libraries, SUB and SLC."

Tull said he thinks the new fervor for sustainability is something that has been embedded within everyone for some time, and now is the right

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## RecycleMania to kick off on Sunday

By Sarah Rafique  
Reporter

Whether it's buying bottled water or printing out mounds of PowerPoint slides for your next biology exam, college students consume paper and plastic daily.

Baylor's University Sustainability Committee is encouraging student participation in a nationwide recycling competition called RecycleMania, which kicks off Sunday.

Carl Flynn, computer support specialist and sustainability committee member, said RecycleMania is a 10-week competition in which schools all around the nation can compete in four different categories to see who recycles the most.

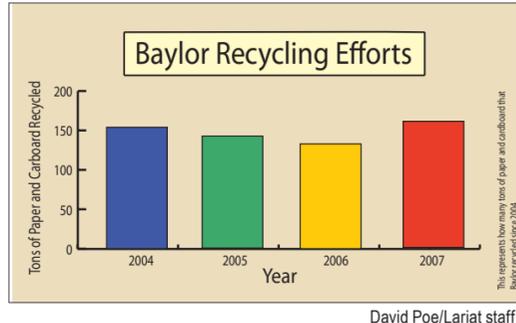
Dave Thiel, Memorial's Real Food on Campus manager, said though many people may not know, this is Baylor's second year participating in RecycleMania.

He said the competition was not really pushed last year, but this year will be different.

"Last year Baylor ranked 137 out of 201 participants, and recycled 6.77 pounds per person," Thiel said. This year, Baylor hopes to recycle about 10 pounds per person to make it more of a competition.

In addition, last year Baylor delivered more than 160 tons of paper and cardboard to the recycling center, said Alan Stover, radiation

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## One-third of young women get degrees

Men 25 to 29 years old fall behind 7 percent, according to study

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

The prevalence of female students in higher education isn't a new trend, but a study recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau revealed some interesting facts about the dwindling education gap between men and women.

The study, titled "One-Third of Young Women Have Bachelor's Degrees," surveyed women and men ages 25-29 and found that 33 percent of women in this age range possess bachelor's degrees or higher, as compared with 26 percent of males.

The same educational comparison, when broadened to examine women and men ages 25 and older, showed the sexes almost even, with 30 percent of men versus 28 percent of women in this group holding bachelor's degrees.

Baylor awarded many women with bachelor's degrees last spring, according to the Statistics on Enrollment and Degrees Awarded, a report compiled by the department of Institutional Research and Testing. Three-hundred nineteen women obtained a bachelor of arts degree, while only 169 men received degrees in this department. Only 60 males earned bachelor's degrees in science, compared

to 134 females. However, the Hanmaker School of Business awarded 188 degrees to females and 212 degrees to males.

Carson Mencken, associate professor of sociology, said these shifting educational patterns can be attributed to two factors: socialization and the job market.

"What we've seen for that cohort of people is more job opportunities for males that don't require degrees," Mencken said. "Graduation rates are going down among men. Something's pulling them out. It's jobs."

But women are now more apt to stay in school.

"There's been a big push among women to socialize their daughters to finish college," Mencken said.

Mencken said the pressure on women to finish college stems from parents urging their children to become financially independent, which wasn't the case for young women 50 years ago. As a former undergraduate adviser at Baylor and West Virginia University, Mencken said financial independence and stability is of the utmost concern to parents of daughters.

Men, on the other hand, can earn a living in fields such as manufacturing and construction, vocational areas almost exclusively for men due to the hard-labor aspect of the work. Women usually opt for more flexible jobs, like education, said Mencken.

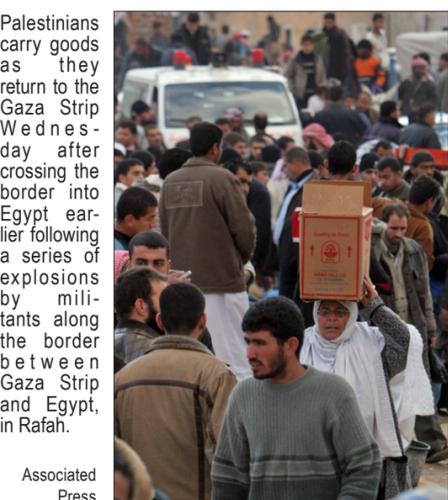
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## Lady in red

Performance studies master's candidate Nanako Urase performs during a graduate piano recital Wednesday in Roxy Grove Hall.



Associated Press

## Thousands of Palestinians flood Egyptian border

By Ibrahim Barazak  
The Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — On foot, in cars and in donkey carts, tens of thousands of Gazans flooded into Egypt on Wednesday through a border fence blown up by militants — puncturing a gaping hole in Israel's airtight closure of the Gaza Strip and giving a boost to Hamas.

In a shopping spree that was both festive and frenzied, Gazans cleared out stores in an Egyptian border town, buying up everything from TV sets to soft drinks to cigarettes.

As waves of people swarmed

through the destroyed barrier — some estimated the crowd in the hundreds of thousands — Egyptian security forces lined up on one side of the border and Hamas forces lined up on the other side. None of them interfered in any way, and it appeared Hamas militants actively participated in the border breach.

That breach, though likely temporary, seemed certain to strengthen Hamas in its showdown with Israel, the West and its Fatah rivals — relieving some of the pain of an international blockade of the Gaza Strip following Hamas' violent takeover of the coastal territory in June.

It also raised Israeli fears of an

influx of weapons and militants to Gaza and threatened to undermine crucial Egyptian participation in a Mideast peace push by President Bush.

Official reaction to the day's events ranged from dismay to embarrassment to outright anger.

The United States expressed concern about the border breach. Israel demanded that Egypt take control of its border. Hamas called on its rivals to help come up with new arrangements for Gaza's crossings.

Egypt's leader said he had no choice but to let in the beleaguered Palestinians. But Arab and U.S. officials in Washington said the Egypt-

tian government assured the United States the border would be closed quickly.

For ordinary Gazans, it was a day of joy and plenty.

Osama Hassan, 25, said the border opening will enable him to marry his 17-year-old fiancée next week, because they were able to get items they need to set up a household. He bought a special mattress for his injured back and she assembled kitchen supplies.

Hassan said he belongs to Fatah, not Hamas, but still wants to "kiss the forehead" of Gaza's Hamas prime

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# Elections in America mean effort, not bloodshed

Unless you went to Mars for the holidays, you've become well aware of the national obsession over the presidential race.

Obama. Clinton. Huckabee. Change. Experience. Those who pay even the slightest attention to the media are flooded with these words on an almost hourly basis.

Irritation toward the sluggish economy and the questionable war in Iraq have driven flocks of voters to fresh faces and new ideas. People want to know who's going to be the next president, and now!

American culture is crammed with daily front-page headlines about candidates, countless political Facebook groups, millions

of activist Web sites, enthusiastic campaign rallies, incessant polling and endless streaming of political coverage by the media.

Our nation is inflamed with political excitement.

However, I heard an Iowa complain on the news about how miserable his life was during the caucuses because he couldn't escape the constant campaigning.

A little annoying, I understand, but miserable? Was this man's life so hard during December that the exercise of democracy drove him to absolute misery?

Maybe he should talk to the families of the nearly 1,000 Kenyans who have been killed by ethnic violence that erupted after

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BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH

corrupted election results.

Maybe he should talk to the Russian oppositionists who were silenced swiftly and brutally by Vladimir Putin during the 2007 executive and legislative elections.

Maybe they can tell him what the word miserable means.

People forget how blessed we are. As far as I know, no one has

died or been displaced because of this campaign.

Ethnic conflict hasn't ripped apart society, and journalists haven't been muzzled by any authoritarian leader.

While Republicans and Democrats may battle it out in the rhetorical realm, American politics isn't scarred by violent competition.

Sure, the presidential race will be intense, since a lot depends on it.

For the social and religious activists, 2008 will be a year of fighting for a moral victory. For the campaigners, it will be a year of disappointments and achievements.

For the apathetic, it will be

just another year, and for the young it will be a year of figuring out ideologies. For all, it should be a year of responsibility.

As champions of freedom and heralds of democracy, we American citizens have the essential duty to follow our nation's politics.

We must not shrink away with apathy from our civic duties in America while our soldiers stand up for them with pride overseas.

What greater opportunity exists than the chance to participate in the most influential election in the world?

This year may be frustrating because our favorite candidate might not get the party nomination or because the bombard-

ment of political jargon might become overwhelming at times.

However, we can't give up out of annoyance or disappointment. We must keep paying attention to the debates and discussions, so that we can vote with informed minds.

Most importantly, we must never consider ourselves "miserable" to be caught in the midst of such a vital election.

Let this year be a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in a civil society where elections don't ignite chaos, violence or corruption, but where freedom lives so democracy may flourish.

Ashley Killough is a junior international studies and journalism major from Plano.

## Editorial

# Facebook finally grows up

At the start of a new year (especially an election year), there's always a lot of talk about change.

And even though it won't solve the health care crisis or prevent the economy from entering into recession, Facebook is changing online communities for the better.

Somehow, a site that was originally launched to be a social network for the elite Harvard University has now expanded to include the entire globe in charitable causes and political and social activism.

Somehow, in this post-post modern era of ours, we can discuss the impact of the Iraq war, purchase a well for a family in Africa and find out what Harry Potter character is most like us, all from the same Web site.

Ironic as it is, we don't even flinch. Why shouldn't we get a healthy dose of social responsibility alongside shameless self-indulgence?

As much as people like to rag on social networking sites, recent additions are elevating the status beyond mindless entertainment.

Entering into the ripe old age of 4, Facebook grew up a bit.

This idea may be hard to stomach in the midst of an onslaught of applications that allow users to rate each other on hotness and engage in zombie attacks, but Facebook really is making a positive difference in society.

Just in time for Christmas gift-giving, on Dec. 16 Facebook partnered with the Case Foundation to offer charitable gifts that were both virtual and material in nature.

Organizations like Unicef and the American National Red Cross are competing until Feb. 1 to win a grand prize of \$50,000 from the Case Foundation, which will also award \$25,000 for the



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second and third place winners and \$10,000 for the next top 10 causes.

Facebook is chipping in its own cash to the tune of \$1,000 a day to the charity with the most contributors in a 24-hour period.

Capitalizing on an audience predominantly consisting of idealistic college students, charities are wisely jumping on the Facebook bandwagon.

Another sector of society previously unincorporated online was politics. Now Facebook is working with ABC to sponsor debates and take polls. Users can be "friends" with their favorite candidate and take stances on a variety of issues.

While the political purist might

prefer a more formal engagement, the convenience of Facebook is reaching a previously inactive political demographic. The fact that users can participate in debates while doing a number of other things adds to the allure.

While users might not go to a strictly political Web site, but while they're posting pictures on someone's superwall, they might as well take a stance on immigration.

The so-called youth vote could actually show up in 2008, and Facebook might be partly responsible.

In Iowa, more than any other age group, 18- to 24-year-olds helped Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) win the Democratic Caucus. Obama is also the lead-

ing candidate on Facebook, with 63 percent of politically active users backing him.

Even if half the users on Facebook never enter a polling station in November, at least they'll know who is running.

It may not be a political revolution, but even in our fast-paced society change takes time.

While Facebook has made remarkable social strides in the past, there's a potential for even greater social and political action to take place in the virtual marketplace of ideas.

And the beauty of it is, we don't even have to stop poking each other to do it.

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# Community reading project puts new spin on book clubs

Over the Christmas break, a 3-year-old community reading program called One Book, One Waco experienced a resurrection of sorts.

News of the program's rebirth is already buzzing all over the city and it is my hope that you and every other Baylor student, faculty and staff member will join us as we read, converse and come together as a community.

I, former student body external vice president Allan Marshall and others in the community have been working over the past few months to bring back One Book, One Waco.

It has been one of the most successful programs and ideas

ever to emerge from the EVP office.

One Book, One Waco is a program that promotes reading and thoughtful discussion and includes activities and events focused on encouraging community participation.

It's a great program with an amazing mission to promote education, literacy and unity in our community.

The book selected for the spring 2008 One Book, One Waco program is *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore.

It is the true story of an international art dealer from Fort Worth and a homeless sharecrop-

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BY BRYAN FONVILLE

per from Red River Parish, La.

*Same Kind of Different As Me* speaks to the power of unlikely friendships and the transforming bond of love within all of us. It's a powerful and moving story.

As a member of the One Book, One Waco steering committee, I was asked to serve as chairman of the book selection committee.

It was a responsibility I did not take lightly.

It was important to me and to everyone else on the committee that we choose a book that would engage a majority of Waco residents, provoke good discussion and appeal to younger audiences.

*Same Kind of Different As Me* meets and exceeds those criteria.

If you're even remotely interested in the program, I would encourage you to pick up a copy sometime in the next week or so. You won't regret it.

Now, I know what some of you are thinking: When do I have time to read outside of my nor-

mal homework, assigned readings, work schedule, extra-curricular activities and study time? However, this book is such a fast read that I don't think you'll have a problem squeezing it into your daily routine.

The chapters are short, and you can read 10 pages or so in the blink of an eye.

It's an engaging and uplifting story. I know that I had a hard time putting it down.

In addition to the selected reading, part of One Book, One Waco's mission is to arrange city-wide events where community members can discuss and reflect on the book.

Two events in particular will

be conveniently located on Baylor's campus for students engaging in the program.

On Feb. 19, a panel featuring student leaders and well-known faculty members will discuss the role of faith in the book's story.

And on March 3, the book's authors will be featured at a lecture-style event in Waco Hall.

These are exciting times for the Baylor-Waco relationship, and it's my hope that you'll jump on the bandwagon and participate in this great and worthwhile program.

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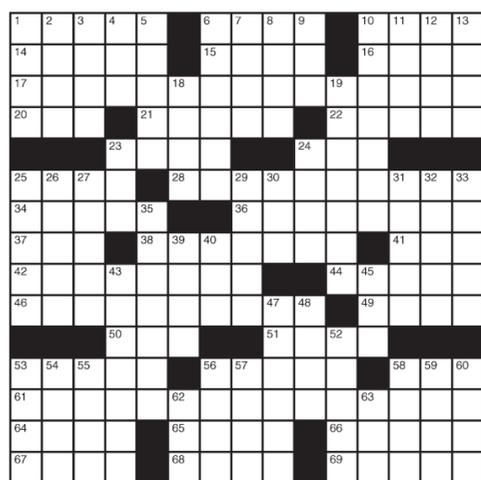
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By Alan P. Olschwang, Huntington Beach, CA 1/24/08

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# Four eco-friendly trolleys drive into BU

By Chris Bloom  
Reporter

Students may receive any relief this semester from the lack of parking spaces on campus. The Waco Transit, however, introduced four new trolleys that will make the commute to school more enjoyable and relaxed.

"I think the upgrades make them look more appealing," said Lago Vista senior Brittany Bippus.

The four trolleys each come equipped with two 17-inch televisions. The televisions will mainly broadcast advertising and public services.

Additionally, Waco Transit installed four video cameras in front and around the trolley.

These cameras relay live video feed to the televisions, allowing riders to see individuals approaching the trolley. The video is accom-

panied by a state-of-the-art sound system that plays music and 1660 AM Baylor sports broadcasts, inside and outside the vehicle.

The trolley seats 24 passengers and is equipped with a new machine-operated ADA handicap ramp, which eases entrance into the trolley for disabled passengers.

Cloth seats with seat belts have replaced the old oak grain seating.

"The shuttles lose a bit of the old nostalgic feel without the oak grain, but what you gain in seating comfort far exceeds that," Allen Hunter, Waco Transit assistant manager, said.

South Africa senior Brent Jakubec said, "I'd prefer the modern ones because the other ones would depress me on the way to school because they look outdated."

The engine from the old trolley was upgraded to an ultra-low sulfur diesel

engine, now located in the back of the new trolleys. This makes the ride cleaner and quieter, Hunter said.

Moreover, new weather seals and improved climate control help relieve students from Texas weather.

"The trolleys are not just green for Baylor, but for the environment," Hunter said.

Currently the shuttle runs on four color-coded routes.

The Red Route passes through Daughtrey and La Salle avenues, taking students to the Baylor Sciences Building. The Yellow Route travels along Bagby and Daughtrey avenues towards Robinson Tower. The Blue Route runs a circuit along the perimeter around campus.

For shuttle departure times and route maps for Baylor University, visit: [www.waco-texas.com/bus/baylorexpress.htm](http://www.waco-texas.com/bus/baylorexpress.htm) or call (254) 750-1900.



Alex Song / Lariat staff

A student boards a Baylor Trolley. More environmentally-friendly engines were put in the four new trolleys introduced. Trolleys are expected to be cleaner, quieter and to have better climate control – and TVs.

## BEAR BRIEFS

**The Leadership Lecture Series** is hosting guest speaker James G. Vaughan, Jr., President and CEO of Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, from 6-7 p.m. today in the Blume Conference Center, on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. He will be speaking on leadership in private enterprise. For more information visit [www.baylor.edu/leadership/lecture](http://www.baylor.edu/leadership/lecture).

**Tu Segundo Hogar**, a Hispanic ministry, is hosting Latin Coffee Night at 9 p.m. today in the Bobo Baptist Student Ministries Building. For more information contact [bsm@baylor.edu](mailto:bsm@baylor.edu).

Baylor Model Organization of American States will be having interest meetings from 4-5:30 p.m. Mondays and 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays in 205 Tidwell. There are available team positions for the spring semester. For information, contact Cassidy\_Ford@baylor.edu.

**The Pulse and Phi Beta Kappa** are looking for student essays running between 14 and 20 pages to be considered for publication and a \$200 reward given from the Wallace Daniel Award for Undergraduate Writing. The submission deadline is February 5. Submissions can be made at *The Pulse* drop-box on the second floor of Morrison Hall in the Honors Suite. For more information go to [www.baylor.edu/pulse](http://www.baylor.edu/pulse).

**Baylor Opera Theater** will present *The Merry Wives of Windsor* at 7:30 p.m. today at the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Performances will continue through Sunday. For more information go to [www.baylor.edu/music](http://www.baylor.edu/music). For ticket information, call the Theater Department box office at 254-710-1865.

**The Honors College Lecture Series** will host Matthieu Boyd, of the Department of Celtic Languages and Literatures at Harvard University, at 4 p.m. today at Memorial Drawing Room in Memorial Residence Hall. The lecture will discuss a sunken island off the coast of Brittany. For more information, go to [www.baylor.edu/honors](http://www.baylor.edu/honors)

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# Chapel changes start this semester

By Belinda Colunga  
Reporter

Chapel will undergo changes this semester as coordinators seek to better challenge and engage students.

"We needed something fresh," said Ryan Richardson, associate chaplain and director for worship. "We needed to organize Chapel so that students are actually able to grasp what it means to be a part of the bigger kingdom of God."

Although some aspects of Chapel will continue – hosting speakers from the Christian tradition, listening to Christian songs and worshipping – a set of changes will also take place.

"We're establishing a rhythm that students can count on," University Chaplain Dr. Burt Burleson said.

The changes will occur in two different ways, Burleson said.

Mondays, students will listen to what God is doing in the lives of speakers.

Wednesdays, they'll worship to learn what God is doing in their own lives, Richardson said.

"Monday is topical and Wednesday is worship," Richardson said, with Mondays incorporating music and performances, and Wednesday Chapels including sermons much like those students would hear in a Sunday church service.

Eagle Pass freshman Oscar Garcia said he enjoys this change the most.

"It's more organized," Garcia said. "It's really interesting and comforting to go."

"It's formal and casual," said

Amanda Horton, assistant to the university chaplain. "It will make the students more comfortable because it's something they are used to experiencing."

There will be more student involvement, including performances from "students who are extremely gifted in the arts," Richardson said.

In terms of worship, students are now participating by reading scriptures from the Bible and praying, Richardson said.

"This approach is intended to both engage students where they are and also engage them with other forms of worship and prayer that connect them with the church at large," Burleson said.

"Everyone will be stretched a little bit, hopefully, and they'll also get to worship in ways that are familiar."

"A sense of awakening, deepening and spiritual renewal" are only a few aspects that students will encounter, Burleson said.

After just one week of attending Chapel, students in their second semester have already begun to feel the difference from previous sessions.

"I like Chapel much more now. It's more structured and unified," Phoenix, Ariz., freshman Angeli Gumar said. "It's better balanced in helping students find a more spiritual journey to God."

Not only do students consider Chapel an educational process, but it has also been a time for reflection as well.

"It's a nice quiet time. It's given me more momentum and focus on what I need to do," Gumar said.

# Engineering students to plan, build window-washing robot

By Lee Ann Marcel  
Reporter

The Baylor American Society of Mechanical Engineering plans to design and build a window-washing robot, or the "winrobo," which will be designed to aid in window-washing for homeowners with mobility problems.

Students from nine different states, as well as the country of Mexico, will accept the challenge of the Student Design Competition, hosted by the national ASME.

This year's challenge is to build and demonstrate an invention that is able to wash a residential window automatically without human interference.

The robots must be able to clean the dirty windows without falling off, as well as climb up to the upper panel of the window.

Meanwhile the robots will be judged on how fast they clean and how clean the window is.

Teams are stressed with a deadline between Jan. 25 and Feb. 1. Baylor ASME president Melanie Hawkins, a Forth Worth junior, said.

Some are approaching the deadline with confidence.

"Ours is going to be finished in like a week," San Juan, Wash., junior Thomas Guard said.

Baylor ASME has broken up into four teams to compete in the competition.

The teams are looking to design a simple robot with a microchip processor that will act as the "brain." The microchip will have specific commands written on it to instruct the winrobo to move back and forth on the window.

There will also be a sensor on each side to signal to the microchip processor when the robot has come to the end of the window frame, which then the microchip processor will then order the robot to move up and continue washing, Houston junior and treasurer of ASME Alex Keller said.

"We aren't going for flashy or elaborate, just something to get it done quickly. The problem is deciding how to move the robot to the top pane," San Antonio sophomore Josh Kinnaird said.

Students will have to design a way for the robots to climb over the protruding bar that separates the two panes, without falling off.

"We are looking into gecko technology," Keller said, "We can design something to clean the window ... but the middle bar is the issue," Keller said.

Keller also said that teams hope to accomplish this with retractable arms and suction cups. The designed robot will look similar to a gecko.

Winners of the Student Design Competition will get \$3,000 plus a trip to compete internationally.

"This is the first time that the involvement is this big," Dr. Kenneth Van Treuren, Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, said.

Though they say judges are strict and the competition is tough, the Baylor teams believe they are more likely to win due to the amount of teams participating.

"We are trying to put Baylor engineering on the map," Keller said.

Competing in the SDC would not have been possible in previous years, and that money and interest has come recently, Stamford, Conn., senior Yasaman Shirazi said.

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# CEO to state importance of leadership, growth

By Christina Kruse  
Staff writer

The president and CEO of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce will speak to students at 6 p.m. today in Cashion Academic Center.

James G. Vaughan Jr. is the first featured speaker on the Spring Leadership Lecture Series sponsored by the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement.

The purpose of the lecture series is to provide students with the chance to gain inside perspective from experienced individuals.

Vaughan will deal with issues regarding leadership in private enterprise as well as the expansion of the downtown Waco area.

"I'm going speak about some of the experiences I've had," Vaughan said.

After Vaughan graduated from Florida State University, he said, he "was looking to make a mark on the world." After working for the South Carolina state government for a few years, Vaughan decided to get involved in his city's chamber of commerce.

"When you go to the chamber you get a map, right?" Vaughan said.

But when Vaughan became involved in the Chamber of Commerce in South Carolina, he realized that there was more to the chamber than getting tourist information. In addition to Waco, Vaughan has worked for the chambers of commerce in Greenville, S.C., Chattanooga Tenn. and Jacksonville, Fla.

Vaughn has held his current position as CEO and president of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce since 2004. During his time in Waco, Vaughan has focused on the economic improvement of the city.

The "Challenge Greater Waco" economic development plan is one example of improvements Vaughan has brought to the city. Because of this plan, over 1,300 jobs became available to Waco through Sanderson farms in 2005.

Vaughan's civic duties have not gone unnoticed. The *Waco-Tribune Herald* honored the Chamber president with the title of "Difference Maker" in 2006.

Through his speech, Vaughan would like students to know that "any person can provide leadership for a community."

Regardless of monetary wealth, Vaughan believes there are other ways to make an impact on society.

"Go to work for chamber and change the world," he said.

Bossier City, La., freshman Thomas Reed will introduce Vaughan. However, as a member of the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement, Reed said he is attending the lecture to "gain personal insight" and "to be able to grow as a leader."

In addition to Vaughan's topic of business leadership, the upcoming speakers will address such issues as leadership in contemporary and social issues, the church and public life.

Other speakers will include Dr. Roy Jones, lecturer and project director for the Eugene T. Moore School of Education's Call Me MISTER Program at Clemson University; Kelly Shushok, minister of life groups at Calvary Baptist Church; and Juan Hernandez, former cabinet member for Mexican president Vicente Fox.

Students will be given the opportunity to ask Vaughan questions in the question-and-answer session immediately following his lecture.



The Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speaks during a town hall meeting on the campus of Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., Wednesday.

# Obama campaign, Clinton clash over questions of truthfulness

By Charles Babington  
The Associated Press

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Democrat Barack Obama questioned Hillary Rodham Clinton's candor and trustworthiness Wednesday, saying she has indulged in double-talk on bankruptcy laws, trade and other issues.

Politicians "don't always say what they mean, or mean what they say," the Illinois senator told about 900 people at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. "That is what this debate in this party is all about."

Extending a theme he has stressed in recent days, Obama mocked the New York senator for saying she voted for a 2001 bankruptcy bill but was happy that it did not become law.

"Senator Clinton said, 'Well, I voted for it, but I hoped the bill would die,'" he said, drawing hoots from the crowd.

In a similar vein, Obama said Clinton originally praised the North American Free Trade Agreement — which was enacted during her husband's presidency — but now criticizes aspects of it.

"You can't always tell what Senator Clinton's position on trade has been," Obama said. Obama promised to provide "the kind of straight talk and clear thinking we need in this campaign."

Obama and Clinton clashed bitterly over questions of truth-

fulness and consistency in a televised debate Monday, giving the campaign a personal edge it largely lacked before.

Obama sees South Carolina's primary on Saturday as a must-win race, and he continued to spend all his time in the state even though Clinton has visited other states this week.

Former President Clinton, who has been campaigning in South Carolina this week, said Obama and the media had stirred up the tensions over race in response to criticism from some Democrats about the couples' strategy.

"I never heard a word of public complaint when Mr. Obama said Hillary was not truthful, no character, was poll-driven. He had more pollsters than she did," Bill Clinton said in an exchange with a CNN reporter. "When he put out a hit job on me at the same time he called her the senator from Punjab, I never said a word."

The former president has accused Obama of exaggerating his anti-war record and handing out undeserved praise to Republicans. Clinton said he personally witnessed Obama's union forces intimidating Nevada caucus voters and said an Obama radio ad suggested how Democrats could keep votes from his wife.

Last year, the Obama campaign circulated a memo that described Hillary Clinton as

"D-Punjab," a reference to her Indian-American donors.

Bill Clinton said civil rights leaders Andrew Young and John Lewis have defended his wife. "They both said that Hillary was right and the people who attacked her were wrong and that she did not play the race card, but they did," he said. "Let him go get in an argument with them about it."

Clinton also told a crowd of about 100 people in Charleston he was proud of the Democratic Party for having a woman and a black candidate and he understands why Obama is drawing support among blacks, who are expected to comprise at least half the primary turnout.

"As far as I can tell, neither Senator Obama nor Hillary have lost votes because of their race or gender. They are getting votes, to be sure, because of their race or gender — that's why people tell me Hillary doesn't have a chance of winning here," Clinton said.

"But that's understandable because people are proud when someone who they identify with emerges for the first time."

Hillary Clinton's campaign has struck back at Obama on the honesty issue. It provided TV outlets with video of Obama saying recently that he opposes a single-payer health care system, and a 2003 clip in which he appeared to endorse such a plan.

# Students experience culture shock in reverse after returning home

By Lynn Ngo  
Reporter

Each semester many students who studied abroad return home with reverse culture shock.

Reverse culture shock can be compared to the culture shock that one may experience as a foreigner in another country. Except this time the culture shock applies to one's home country.

Reverse culture shock can affect anyone who has lived for an extended period of time in another culture and has adapted to that cultural environment, such as study abroad students.

Phoenix, Ariz., junior Cassidy Ford knows what it's like to experience reverse culture shock. In the summer of 2007, Ford studied abroad in Argentina. After returning, she found herself having to try hard to re-adjust to life back home.

"It took me a few weeks to stop thinking in Spanish," Ford said. "Speaking Spanish all the time was just so natural."

It also became natural for Ford to search for a cup of tea when she wasn't feeling well. While in Argentina, Ford's host mother would make her drink hot tea with lemon instead of orange juice when she was ill. To this day, Ford drinks tea with lemon instead of orange juice.

Two months after returning from Argentina, Ford also studied abroad with the Baylor in Maastricht program.

Traveling through Europe for three months, she said she gained an independence that was hard to let go after coming home. Ford said she had been traversing Europe solo and was responsible for her own basic survival and safety.

"At home, my parents wanted to take care of everything. As much as I appreciated their help, they didn't really understand that I was perfectly capable of doing things on my own," she said.

Katy junior Christopher Dunn studied abroad in France. He said that culture shock is a true phenomenon and occurs both ways.

Dunn studied French while abroad and said he loved the challenges that came with speaking a foreign language. He said there were always new problems to solve or obstacles to overcome.

"I was in a language school, so I was speaking French day in and day out. The weirdest thing for me was speaking English again in public," Dunn said.

Gentry, Ark., junior Keri Bowman studied abroad in Maastricht and noticed herself judging everything in America by European standards. For example, she said it was difficult to re-adjust to the idea that she needed a car to go everywhere.

"I couldn't really walk anywhere. It was so strange for the first few weeks trying to adjust to never walking anymore. We used to walk like 10 miles a day," she said.

She attributes her reverse culture shock to having adjusted to life in Europe. She said initially she compared everything in Europe to home, but then Europe became familiar.

"When back home, your standards of what seems normal as to dress, convenience and transportation all seem foreign and strange," Bowman said.

Reverse culture shock can be stressful, but there are steps students can take to alleviate such

feelings.

Maastricht program coordinator Karen Connors said one way to deal with the culture shock students may experience is to talk about their experience abroad. Students can volunteer to speak at study abroad information sessions to other students who are interested in attending the same program.

She also suggested that students get involved with Baylor's international programs.

"We love having students come man our tables at the study abroad fair," Connors said.

Connors said that getting involved with international programs provides students with an outlet to talk about their experiences abroad with other students who are eager to listen.

The People Around the World Sharing Program, or PAWS, pairs an international student with a Baylor student who has studied abroad.

Connors said the PAWS program gives Baylor students an opportunity to help international students adjust to life abroad. They can share their experiences since they've been in a similar situation.

"Studying abroad increases awareness of other cultures. Students become more independent," she said.

She added that being immersed in another culture enables students to take a closer look at their own beliefs and goals for the future.

"Students come to understand that the learning process is global and not restricted to the Baylor experience, which helps them when they return as a motivation to experience everything available to them," Connors said.

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# Bears take down Aggies, 116-110, in fifth OT

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

The feel-good stories keep on coming for the Bears. Baylor's first game as a Top 25 team in nearly 40 years could not have been more exhilarating if the Bears had asked for it. It was historical, it was testing and it was without a doubt the greatest game in Baylor basketball history.

It took a Big 12-record five overtimes for Baylor (16-2, 4-0) to defeat the Aggies 116-110 Wednesday night at Reed Arena. After losing their last two games on the road, the Aggies had everything to prove coming into their 196th battle with the Bears. Yet as each overtime eclipsed, Baylor looked to have the advantage in passion.

The Bears out-rebounded a bigger and stronger Aggie team, 70-64. The Bears, No. 1 in the Big 12 in 3-point shooting,

were held to 20.6 percent from beyond the stripe. Who would have guessed numbers like that would have come out of a Bear-Aggie game?

"You didn't want to see anyone lose a game like this," head coach Scott Drew said. "I am very pleased with the effort and togetherness of our team."

Curtis Jerrells went 20-24 from the free-throw line, finishing with 36 points for the night. Ironically, Jerrells was taken out in Saturday's game against the University of Nebraska because of poor free-throw shooting. Wednesday was not a similar story however; free-throw shooting proved to be the difference in the game.

"It was two determined teams going out there giving everything they had," Jerrells said. "That just shows the ability, dedication and the will that this team has."

Texas A&M had the opportunity to close out the game twice

at the free-throw line in the overtime periods. But the Aggies shot 61 percent (36-59) from the charity stripe, allowing Baylor to pull out with the win.

"It's really satisfying," Aaron Bruce said. "If we had put in that much work and lost, it would have been pretty tough. At the end of the day, all the numbers and being ranked, it doesn't matter."

Bruce has been under scrutiny all season for his subpar numbers. Some say he has been on the decline since his Freshman All-American season. Note to the critics, Bruce still has the same ability to make huge contributions during a game that he did during his freshman campaign.

Bruce finished with 20 points, second on the team. As tired as Bruce was when the game was over, he said he would not give up until the Bears won.

"People ask me how much longer I could have gone," the Horsham, Australia, native said.

"The answer is as long as it takes."

Going into the fifth overtime, five Bears had already fouled out and Baylor was down to its final five players with the exception of Fred Ellis, who is being redshirted this season.

With the score tied at 103, Curtis Jerrells made two consecutive free-throws to give the Bears their final lead of the game. With Baylor fans cheering "BU" over a dejected Aggie crowd, Scott Drew and company walked off the floor with wide grins across their face. The Bears, No. 1 in the Big 12, deserve all the applause they get, Drew said after the game on a live SportsCenter interview.

"We feel like we can compete (with) anybody," Jerrells said. "It just shows how much heart we have to come in on the road and win in five overtimes."



Associated Press  
Texas A&M's Josh Carter (23) dribbles past Baylor's Aaron Bruce, middle, and Josh Lomers during the first half of their basketball game Wednesday at Reed Arena in College Station.

## BU track goes to Arkansas for weekend

By Joe Holloway  
Reporter

The No. 10 ranked Baylor Bears and Lady Bears Track and Field teams return to indoor action Friday, traveling to Fayetteville, Ark. to compete in the Arkansas Open.

Both teams look to build on the success they had earlier this month at the Arkansas Invitational where Baylor took seven first-place finishes.

"It was a good solid opener," head coach Todd Harbour said. "We'll get some more this week."

The Baylor teams now face stiffer competition, as both No. 21 Texas A&M University and No. 5 Louisiana State University will be attending the meet.

"It's a little better field. It should be a good meet," Harbour said. "Our men are ranked 10th but that's probably a little bit conservative."

Harbour cited the psychological aspects as a main area of focus heading into the meet.

"If something does go bad, it's up to someone to say 'I'm going to turn this around,'" he said.

It's good if a teammate can see someone "go out there and maybe going

above and beyond," he said.

Senior Lauren Hagans looks to do just that.

After coming up with a big first-place finish in the women's 800 meter at the Arkansas Invitational, narrowly edging out teammate Nichole Jones, Hagans hopes to duplicate her success in the one-mile run this week.

"I've only run the mile once before in college, and that was my freshman year," she said. "I feel good. I feel pretty strong right now."

Junior Quentin Iglehart-Summers also hopes to be a large factor in this week's meet after placing first in the men's 400 meter dash the last time Baylor traveled to Fayetteville.

Iglehart-Summers said that he simply looks forward to competing indoors.

"I'm going to love it," he said before the team practiced outside Wednesday in close to freezing temperatures. "It's cold out here."

Both Hagans and Iglehart-Summers received Big 12 Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week honors for their performances two weeks ago. It was the first time either had received the award.

"Both of them are very representing of what Baylor



David Poe/Lariat staff

Cleburne redshirt freshman Katie Shaw trains Wednesday in the cold at the Hart-Patterson Track and Field Complex for the upcoming Arkansas Open this weekend.

Track and Field athletes are all about," Harbour said. "It's an honor for both of them."

The Bears also hope to do well in the men's 4x400 meter relay race, an event that they placed first in at the Arkansas Invitational, and in which they won the 2007 NCAA Championships.

Though the Bears are ranked No. 1 in this event, the LSU Tigers, who will be in attendance, are ranked No. 2.

This will mark the second time this year that the Bears have traveled to Fayetteville, but it won't be the

## Improvement in air as tennis preps for weekend

By Brian Bateman  
Sports writer

The Baylor men's tennis team claimed two titles at the Sherwood Cup in Thousand Oaks, Calif., Monday.

And for several key members, it was a chance to make a mark on a young and ever-important spring tennis season.

"It's my last year. I've made it to the final four for the past two years. I think we can win it all this year," senior Lars Poerschke said.

Poerschke won the singles title, defeating No. 9 Robert Farah of the University of Southern California, while the tandem of Attila Bucko and Denes Lukacs were crowned doubles champions.

It was the first match the Bears have played in almost three months.

"It was kind of surprising," Poerschke said. "I had just started back from an injury and it had been five months since my last match."

Poerschke had a foot injury in the fall that limited his playing time and cut out competitive intercollegiate matches altogether.

It's the second year in a row that a Baylor player has won the Los Angeles-area singles title among top talent. The Bears faced competition from the Trojans, UCLA and Stanford University during the quarterfinals.

The Bears, ranked No. 4 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, used the tournament as training for their upcoming grueling schedule. According to Knoll, it's a good time of year to schedule quality teams because it's an easier time to catch them off-guard.

"That tournament is about getting people playing tennis at a time when most teams are on break," head tennis coach Matt Knoll said.

Poerschke won in two sets, 7-5, 7-5, while Bucko and Lukacs won 9-7.

"Energy was the key to the match, you know, chest bumping and pounding our

fists," Bucko said.

Lukacs agreed, saying that the team benefitted from the close wins Baylor received from both the singles and doubles sides.

"We were really pumped up," Lukacs said. "(Bucko) impressed me with his serves. (Winning doubles) gave me a lot of confidence; I'm not a doubles player."

While he didn't fare as well in singles, Lukacs advanced to the round of 16.

"I didn't start very well. I hadn't played in, like, three months."

But his teammates filled in.

Dominik Mueller advanced to the Semifinals before following to runner-up Farah 6-2, 6-2.

But not every Bear could advance.

Newcomers to the Baylor scene Gwen Corches and Jordan Rux also competed, but fell to Trojans Jason McNaughton and Daniel Gilner.

"It was nice going over there," Munich native Corches said. "I've only been to Miami."

Corches used the experience to bond with the team.

"I'm the new guy; they've got their groups already, and I had to find a way to fit in," he said.

Rux defeated USC's Andrew Piotrowski before he found himself opposing Poerschke, falling to the senior Bear 6-2, 6-1.

David Galic also participated, falling to Pepperdine's Omar Altmann 6-4, 6-4 in the round of 32.

"It was a little different playing against him. I had played against others earlier, but I wasn't sure of his style," Rux said.

Baylor will return to action Saturday, as the Bears host Prairie View A&M University, Southeast Louisiana and the University of Texas at Arlington for a rare tripleheader.

They are the first of six straight home matches for the Bears. Knoll and the Bears will be looking to follow up on their sixth consecutive Big 12 regular season title from 2007.

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# New BU soccer coach hunkers down for long haul

Jobson is looking to bring Baylor back to national prominence

By Will Parchman  
Sports editor

The cupboards lay bare, save for a few unsupported books and a soccer ball proudly mounted on a small pedestal. Sheets of paper and stacks of three-ring binders collect in heaps around a spare coffee table piled with notes.

Moving boxes are half-unpacked, and the new placard marking Marci Miller Jobson's new place of work hasn't yet been mounted on the door.

Former All-Big 12 goalkeeper Ashley Noah filters in among the rubble, looking for cleats.

Happy to comply, Jobson disappears into the bowels of the soccer building, telling Noah about the acclimation process and how some of the players are adjusting to the strenuous new training regimen, which until now has included copious amounts of running in the crisp winter air.

In a minute she's back, ready to sift through what she is hoping is the continuation of her meteoric career rise.

"The first thing we did was made sure that this building was a building that we could bring recruits into," said Jobson, who officially took over the soccer head coaching vacancy on Dec. 6. "We spent a week just cleaning and painting and kind of changing it a little bit so that it's a place that recruits come into and are proud and feel good about."

The small office overlooking Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field and the new coat of paint on the walls represent a program in transition, one which is entering a new era under the direction of Jobson.

She took over for former head coach George Van Linder, who compiled a five-year record of 31-52-9 and resigned immediately following the end of the 2007 season.

Gone with him are the echoes of a poor sense of discipline and a five-year period without a post-



Scott Walstrom/NIU Media Services

Marci Miller Jobson, pictured above during her time with the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, took over the Baylor soccer program on Dec. 6. She spent three years as the head coach at Northern Illinois University and compiled a 23-27-8 record there.

season win and only one Big 12 tournament appearance.

Enter Jobson, fresh off a two-year stint on the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team that ended just last summer. She also just wrapped up a three-year run as the head coach at Northern Illi-

nois University. Jobson guided the school to its best finish in nine years last season and took the school to a pair of Midwestern Athletic Conference Tournament appearances in her time there. That included a trip to the tournament championship

game as the No. 7 seed in 2005.

Jobson and her newly formed coaching staff, including husband Paul, are currently courting new recruits and putting together a stratagem for the upcoming season. She brought her three-person team with her

from Northern Illinois, all of whom she said she's known for years.

Paul's role in particular will be one of importance. As the team's associate head coach, he is tasked with the team's finances, putting together recruiting visits, booking travel and managing office organization.

Having a wife with national team experience doesn't hurt the resume either.

And yet the two still have to bat away criticism charged toward a husband-wife duo coaching on the same staff.

"I'm sure there are some people that are skeptical at first," Jobson said. "It's definitely not for everybody, but you're going to get the same work ethic. Sometimes we have to take a step back, but other than that, we've coached together before and I think it works really well."

By her own admonition, Jobson was never the quickest or most athletic player on the field. It was her dedicated work ethic and a desire to contribute that fueled her rise to the pinnacle of US women's soccer.

That attitude, coupled with an increased focus on conditioning, discipline and organization, will guide a Lady Bears squad that hasn't had a winning record since 2000.

"I definitely know the hard work that it takes to succeed," Jobson said. "One thing I'm trying to teach them is that there are no shortcuts to becoming great, so anyone who expects Baylor to be turned around in a couple months are crazy."

Adding to her workmanlike reputation, Jobson split her time between the national team and her gig at Northern Illinois, where she rebuilt that program from ashes to a 10-5-5 squad last season.

The search committee did its best to keep the team involved in the direction of the inquiry. They polled the players on qualities they look for in a coaching staff, not the least of which was more discipline, and gave the players updates when possible.

"Touching on the characteristics we talked about (in a desired head coach), a lot of them were discipline and some-

one who is going to hold us to higher expectations," said junior forward Amanda McGrath, who tore a ligament in her right knee on Sept. 16 and is targeting an early fall comeback after undergoing her second surgery two weeks ago. "And they definitely, definitely do that."

Still, being in the dark on such an important decision was not an easy transition.

Even more so because the team loses eight players to graduation this year, including Noah.

"It was just kind of weird because we didn't have a coach for a month," said junior midfielder Andi Fagan, one of just three returning seniors next season. "There was a question of what was going to happen to us because we had to lead the team."

Jobson doesn't see these concerns as odd or even out of place.

"They're probably a little bit nervous and a little intimidated," said Jobson, who became the second-oldest US women's soccer player to earn her first appearance in 2005. "We have very high expectations in terms of how we train. We're just trying to teach them a culture of what it means to get to the next level."

Jobson said she expects it to take a year to lay the foundation of her program from a recruiting and coaching angle. And she won't be getting any help from a roster that sports only enough healthy players to field a team with one player in reserve.

"I think we have, right now, 12 healthy players," Jobson said. "The challenge is that when you start this job, you're starting at an odd time of the year in terms of recruiting, but I feel good about the recruits that George (Van Linder) got for me. The challenge is always going to be laying your foundation to improve your program."

For Jobson and company, they don't expect that foundation to be solidified for another year.

But given enough time, she is defiantly confident that those boxes will remain unpacked for a very long time.

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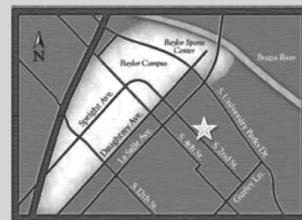


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# Bedingfield brings predictable pop

By Amanda Robison  
Entertainment editor

If you're not already tired of hearing her every time a re-run of *The Hills* comes on, you definitely will be after a few spins of her new album.

## ALBUMREVIEW

For her sophomore effort, *Pocketful of Sunshine*, British songstress Natasha Bedingfield indeed managed to muster up an overflowing pocketful of sunshine, plus a few rainbows and unicorns with a big overly cheesy bow on top. But there is definitely one thing the album is not lacking: predictable, clichéd pop.

The album's main theme is love (and lots of it). If you didn't catch enough cheese and cheer from the album's title, just take a look at some of the other track names that echo the same sentiments of saccharine love songs: "Happy", "Soulmate", "Angel" and "Piece of Your Heart."

Obviously, this is not the album to look to for originality. That said, it isn't all bad. After all, there is a reason why it's called pop ... because it's popular. The first single from *Pocketful of Sunshine*, "Love Like This", features Sean Kingston and has experienced success, peaking at No. 17 on the *Billboard* Hot 100. Her vocal sound is somewhat raspy and surprisingly better

**Where you've heard her:**  
Her song "Unwritten" is the theme for MTV's *The Hills*.

**Standout Tracks:**  
"Who Knows", "Angel", "Love Like This" feat. Sean Kingston

than many of her pop counterparts. But the bubble gum pop sound of the production on most of the tracks seems to lower her demographic to giddy middle school girls eager to gab about their new crush (or according to them, the love of their life).

The lyrics leave something to be desired, with overused rhymes about love dominating most tracks. There are a few tracks that will probably find some love on the radio, though.

"Angel" and "Not Givin' Up" seem like the most radio-friendly candidates, as both display a difference in pace, with more solid beats and synthesized vocals and backgrounds. While "Freckles" offers young girls a self-esteem boosting slumber party anthem, as Bedingfield sings, "a face without freckles is like a sky without stars / why waste a second not loving who you are?"

Overall, the album is not terrible (if you are a tween with braces and a hairbrush microphone), but the same old sappy love songs might not do the trick if you're above the age of 15.

Grade: C

# Baylor Opera Theatre to present witty new spin on Shakespeare

McCall Parrish  
Reporter

"To be or not to be?" That's not the question for this Shakespeare play: *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, which the Baylor Opera Theatre will present beginning tonight.

Harker Heights sophomore Mary Glennon said she thinks of this play as definitely different than other Shakespeare plays.

"Who wouldn't want to see a fat, drunk knight try to seduce two respectful wives?" Glennon said.

*Die Lustige Weiber von Windsor* is the opera written by Otto Nicolai that is based on Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

The play is about a man who is down on his luck and decides to seduce two married women for their respective fortunes. The women become aware of his intentions and subsequently lead him through a humiliating process as he attempts to obtain their husbands' money.

"The (opera) is going to be in German, which is for the benefit of the students," said Michael Johnson, director of Baylor Opera Theatre.

Though the opera is sung in German, there will be English speaking parts and subtitles throughout the performance.

"This is an opera for someone who has never seen one," said Helotes, Tex., junior Kat Reimer, who will play the part of Frau



Baylor Photography

Members of Baylor Opera Theatre portray the outlandish characters in the production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, which starts at 7:30 p.m. today.

Fluth (Mistress Ford) in Friday and Sunday's performances.

"This would make a great first opera. Although it's in German, it's a comedy that has a relatable plot with pranks, tricks and disguises," Reimer said.

Some of the performers shared how their participation in the opera has been a learning experience.

"Being a part of this opera

has been such a blessing," Glennon said. "Not only is it preparing me for the 'real world' of opera, but it has also helped me develop deep friendships with my fellow cast mates."

Glennon will play the part of Frau Reich (Mistress Page) on Thursday and Saturday.

"Mary was a good addition to the cast," Michael Johnson said. "It's amazing she was able to

# Police say rolled-up bill found by Ledger's body

By Tom Hays  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A rolled-up \$20 bill was found near Heath Ledger's body, though no illegal drugs were found in his apartment, police said Wednesday — the same day an autopsy on the *Brokeback Mountain* actor came back inconclusive.

The bill would be taken to a lab for testing, though no visible drug residue was found on it,

police said.

NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly said at a Manhattan news conference, but did not elaborate on whether police think the bill may have been used to snort



Ledger

drugs.

The Australian-born actor was found dead Tuesday by his housekeeper and a massage therapist — lying naked and face-down on the floor at the foot of his bed, police said.

Prescription sleeping pills and anti-anxiety pills were found in bottles in Ledger's bedroom and bathroom, and police said the death was caused by a possible drug overdose and appeared to be accidental.

learn the music that fast. That's hard to do even professionally."

Johnson said the operas Baylor chooses to perform are based on what project would feature the most number of students singing.

"It also needs to be something appropriate for the orchestra to play, too," Johnson said.

The Baylor Symphony Orchestra and Opera Chorus will be conducted by Stephen Heyde, director of orchestral activities.

The program was specifically set up in order to have the most number of students involved as possible.

"The opera is double cast, which means some students will be performing in one role one night, and another student will be performing in that role the next night," Johnson said.

He said this isn't the typical opera and that it's entertaining for all ages.

"It will be a fun and funny evening — it's entertaining," Johnson said. "For those who know students in it, it will be fun for them to watch. And it's not an overly long opera."

The opera will be performed at 7:30 p.m. today through Saturday, with a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

All performance will take place in the Jesse H. Jones Theater of the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students.

Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office, said the autopsy on the 28-year-old actor was inconclusive and that more would be known after more thorough tests can be completed. That process was expected to take about 10 days.

Fans left flowers and candles outside his Manhattan apartment on Wednesday. News of the death stunned family, fans and colleagues.

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The focus group will be conducted on Thursday, February 7, 2008 in the evening at a location near campus. **The students who are selected will receive \$50 for participation and dinner will be provided.**



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time for it to all come together. "The new initiative reflects a desire of leadership that has always been there, but just how to make it happen has been the real obstacle," he said. "Something like this involves so many departments across the whole campus, so to get it all kind of streamlined into one focus is hard. But under the leadership ... I believe that everyone will have a renewed sense of passion that will really make this happen."

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safety specialist and sustainability committee member. "There are no prizes, but the winner has bragging rights over 300-plus other universities," Thiel said. "Our challenge is to increase recycled amounts over last year, but most importantly, to create recycling awareness." After bringing awareness to students, Baylor's participation in RecycleMania this year will become more competitive, Thiel said.

"Although RecycleMania is a three-month effort, it is not limited to three months," said Whitney Petty, president of the Environmental Concern Organization and member of the sustainability committee. "It's about giving flare to what's going on." To make recycling more convenient during RecycleMania, Flynn said that by Monday, 145 recycling bins will be added to all of the residence halls. Though there are no actual prizes for recycling the most, Flynn said he encourages com-

petition among individual residence halls. By February, there will be additional bins distributed in major public areas, such as the Bill Daniel Student Center and libraries. Students do not need to worry about sorting the different types of plastics and papers, Thiel said. Waco's local recycling and processing company, Sunbright Paper Recycling, Inc., will take care of separating the recycled goods. "I think it's a great opportunity for us to have a 10-week

period of time to help educate our community about the importance of recycling," Pattie Orr, head of the sustainability committee, said. Orr is also vice president for Information Technology. "It's not just one day of recycling," Orr said, but a long period of time "to help people understand why it's important to develop a good habit, and become good stewards of the environment." Baylor has decided to participate in the Per Capita Classic subdivision, Orr said. The Per Capita division of

the competition measures the number of pounds recycled and divides it by the number of people. RecycleMania will end its 10-week period April 5, and the University Sustainability Committee members are excited and optimistic that through participation in this nationwide event, awareness about recycling and efforts to do so among Baylor students will rise. "It starts soon," Stover said. "What a great opportunity for Baylor University to make a statement."

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Mencken thinks men should stay in college to maximize career options, "but try telling that to a 19 or 20-year-old that wants to buy a new car," he said. Kurt Bauman, chief of the education branch of the census bureau, read various studies to get some background information on gender differences in college graduation rates. While his job deals primarily with hard numbers and not their social dissection, he noted the plausible reasons he's heard for the shift in higher education.

"There are theories about the labor market, families, divorces, school set-up in favor of the advancement of women," Bauman said.

He said male graduation rates spiked from the depression era through the 1970s. At the latter end of that spectrum, one perk of staying in school was protection from the draft.

Data for the study was collected from the 2007 Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement. The survey was sent to 100,000 households, and, according to Bauman, the bureau sees a high return rate on home surveys.

Bauman said the bureau is committed to seeking timely figures and is now focusing on the on going American Community Survey, as opposed to the traditional method of sending surveys at the beginning of each decade.

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minister. Hamas did not take responsibility for a series of explosions that destroyed the fence, but it seemed unlikely the systematic operation could have happened without its approval, if not active involvement. Residents said Hamas-linked militants cut through the metal wall with blow torches a month ago — weakening the structure so that it could fall easily when the blasts went off.

The appearance of the fallen wall backed up that assertion. It was neatly sliced at knee-level, with the bottom section still standing and the rest toppled over. Hamas police quickly took control of the shopping exodus, channeling the crowds through two sections of the frontier. "Freedom is good. We need no border after today," said Mohammed Abu Ghazal, a 29-year-old out-of-work Gazan. Children bought soft drinks and chocolate, women scooped up cheese and cleaning prod-

ucts, and men stocked up on cigarettes — all expensive or simply unavailable in Gaza because of Israel's shutdown of cargo crossings. Other Palestinians staggered over toppled metal plates that once made up the border fence, carrying TV sets, cell phones, tires and plastic bottles filled with fuel. Some brought in goats and chickens. Four Palestinians in wheelchairs were pushed over the border, where ambulances picked them up for treatment in Egypt. At one point, a dozen

people crowded around a motorcycle to lift it over a low border wall in Egypt. Shoppers depleted stores in the border town of Rafah, prompting Ashraf el-Sayyid, an Egyptian, to ride his motorbike into the Gaza Strip — going against both traffic and logic. "I need to buy bread for my children," he said. "The Palestinians left us with nothing. It's true, they are dear to us, but today, they were like locusts." Masked gunmen used 17 explosive charges before dawn to tear down the border fence —

erected in 2001 by Israel when it controlled Gaza. After news of the breach spread, people across Gaza boarded buses and piled into rickety pickup trucks heading for Egypt. It was a rare chance to escape Gaza's isolation. Moussa Zuroub, 28, carried his young daughter, Aseel, on his shoulders through the muddy streets of Rafah, which is divided by a wall into Egyptian and Gazan segments. "I'm coming just to break that ice — that all my life, I'd never left Gaza before," he said.

**Economy rescue pact nearer as negotiations take place**

By Andrew Taylor  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pushing deficit concerns aside, Democratic and Republican leaders moved closer to agreement with the White House Wednesday night on emergency tax cuts and benefit increases to jolt the economy out of its slump, including opening new financing windows for some home loans.

Congressional leaders were to negotiate into the evening with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, underscoring the urgency of the effort. Lawmakers learned during the day that the

government's deficit already would swell to \$250 billion this year because of falling corporate tax revenues — then they signaled they were willing to balloon it higher by more than \$100 billion with a stimulus package.

As they met behind closed doors, Wall Street defined volatility, dropping again for most of the day before soaring to a big gain just before closing. The Dow Jones industrials ended the day up just under 300 points.

The federal deficit, which has been dropping in recent years, could reach \$379 billion for 2008 — more than twice last year's red ink — once the costs of the economic rescue measures are factored in, said House Budget Committee Chairman John

Spratt Jr., D-S.C. "We should act, and act now, to strengthen the economy ... mindful, however, of the long-term budget challenges, the structural deficits that we face unless we act and act seriously," Spratt said.

President Bush expressed optimism about quick action. "I'm confident that we can get something done," Bush said in brief comments to reporters. "There's a spirit that says we need to take a fundamentally strong economy and help it."

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