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Bears look to keep momentum going

After upsetting Aggies, Baylor shoots for win Saturday against Oklahoma Sooners

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

With the level and severity of the sanctions handed down to the Baylor men's basketball program in 2003, head coach Scott Drew admitted that there was no traveled path to follow to get the Bears back to respectability.

Nobody would dare question now whether he took the right road.

A Big 12 record-breaking 116-110, five-overtime win Wednesday night in College Station against Texas A&M University was the latest domino to fall in a burgeoning string of successes for Drew and the Bears.

The win came just two days after receiving a No. 25 ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 poll, Baylor's first such ranking in nearly 40 years. Two days before that, Baylor won its first Big 12 road game since Feb. 25, 2004, in Lincoln, Neb., against the University of Nebraska.

"A huge smile on my face, but at the same time I was really sore, so I know my players have got to be hurting," said Drew, who orchestrated Baylor's first win over a ranked opponent in 29 tries.

When the team returned home Thursday at around 2 a.m., a throng of an estimated 200 Baylor students was waiting for them. Chants of "B-U" and "Baylor" filled the nearly empty Ferrell Center parking lot, ending a tiring but fruitful night for the team.

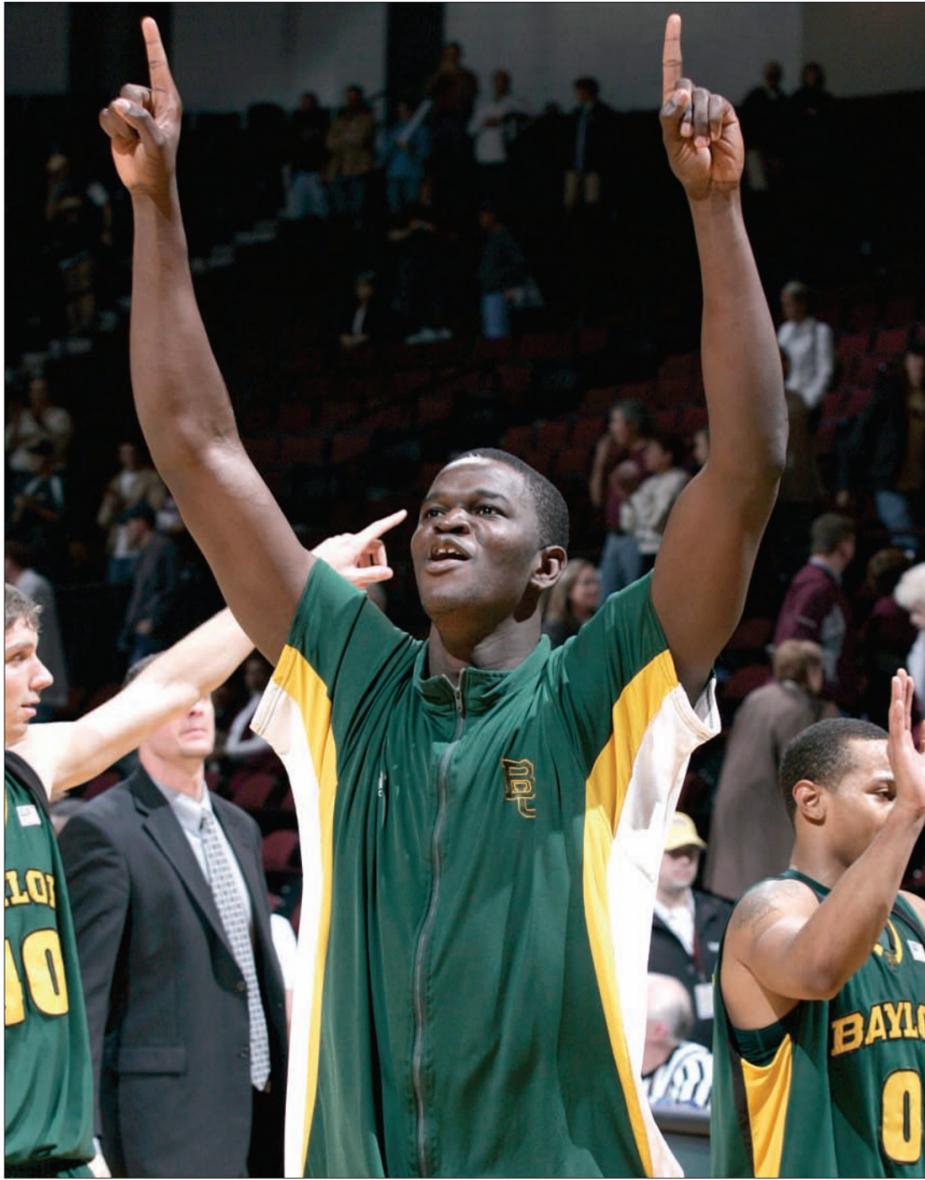
"It really meant a lot to our guys when it's raining out and it's 2 a.m.," Drew said. "And I think it just showed them how appreciative everybody was."

Drew and his players spent much of Thursday tending to the media circus blowing through Waco. Radio stations, newspapers and television programs lined up to join the feeding frenzy and get a piece of the new biggest story in college basketball.

"We've just got to keep it up," said junior center Mamadou Diene, one of five Baylor players to foul out of the Texas A&M game. "I couldn't sleep last night."

The team went through light drills Thursday, but "no sprints," according to Drew. A number of players cramped up during the marathon game Wednesday night, and so the Bears will be taking

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Associated Press

Baylor's Mamadou Diene signals to the fans Wednesday after beating Texas A&M in the fifth overtime of their basketball game at Reed Arena in College Station. Baylor defeated Texas A&M 116-110.

Noteworthy numbers

Five overtimes sets a Big 12 record

29 consecutive Baylor losses

to ranked teams before Wednesday night

38 years

since Baylor had played a game as a ranked team

64-6 Texas A&M home record

over the last four seasons until Wednesday night

I-35 may add more lanes, tolls

By Victoria Mgbemena
Staff writer

Interstate 35 may be slated for heavy-duty construction changes in the next five years. The highway is projected to have additional lanes constructed as part of an expansion project that will extend from the Falls County line to the Hill County line.

The City of Waco plans to widen the highway to six lanes from Falls County ending at West Loop 340 and at another point from North Loop 340 to Hill County. The part of the highway that runs through Waco between South Loop 340 and Elm Mott will widen from six to eight lanes.

"It will be a complicated process," said Larry Groth, city manager for the City of Waco. "The decision to expand lanes

and make improvements to additional lanes has been a subject of the city for 20 years. Unfortunately, funding for projects has decreased while costs have increased."

The proposal comes partially in light of the heavy traffic that routinely clogs the highway, making it harder for drivers to navigate at busy times such as rush hour.

"We have seen that traffic on I-35 continues to increase dramatically each decade," Groth said. "If we do nothing, it will keep getting congested and traffic volumes will continue to increase over time."

The nation's Congressional Budget Offices project a 20 to 30 percent decrease in federal funds to be allotted for federal highway spending. The Texas Department of Transportation estimates that by the 2009



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Interstate 35 may undergo drastic changes with lane extensions possibly in the works. In order to gain needed funding the interstate may also have in install tolls.

fiscal year there will be an exhaustion of surplus funding and subsequently scarce funding available for Texas highway projects.

Additional funds typically come from other sources and the city, leading City Management and Waco's Metropoli-

tan Planning Organization to consider realizing their goal of generating revenue by adding tollways to the two new lanes. If made a reality, drivers will have the choice to continue on the other free access lanes or

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Movement to 'open' doors for homeless

By Heather Fogt
Reporter

The screen showed a photo of a homeless man and a shopping cart filled with stuffed trash bags and the title "From Homeless to Wholeness."

John Katov, co-founder of the Open Table movement, presented this picture along with a way to help bring homeless people back into the community and leave poverty behind.

The movement started at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., when the youth group went on a mission trip to San Francisco.

The Open Table is a model for supporting homeless people one at a time through a board of people specializing in areas such as finance, health care and housing over a period of eight to 12 months.

Katov, a youth mentor, said the youth group helped out local churches that were giving out food and clothing to thousands of homeless people. He began to wonder how many people got out of poverty.

The group returned to Arizona and helped with the local homeless shelter on a monthly basis. This regular service project drastically changed when one homeless man, Edward Clark, stepped out of the line and asked if he could come to church to worship with them.

Katov got to know Clark over the coming weeks and wanted to help him get back on his feet. After researching the different programs available, he realized how hard it was for homeless people to return to the community and remain stable.

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Regents approve changes to faculty, staff retirement benefits

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

This year, the university will step up efforts to improve faculty and staff retirement benefits, a measure that will cost the university \$2 million annually.

The Baylor Board of Regents approved the increased spending at last spring's board meeting.

The funds will be derived from tuition, fees, gifts, endow-

ment and investment income, and other venues, according to Wilson McGregor, associate vice president for budget and human resources.

In addition to increasing the percentage of contribution, these funds will immediately become the property of the employee.

Besides wages, faculty and staff members receive university funding to aid in saving for retirement.

Faculty and staff members

choose from three external outside vendors (Guidestone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, Vanguard, or TIAA-CREF) for assistance in selecting and managing retirement funds.

This way, faculty and staff members build an investment portfolio while planning ahead for retirement.

Participants are not required to make out-of-pocket contributions to get the benefits from

the university, although faculty are encouraged to bulk up their retirement portfolios with personal contributions, said Richard Amos, assistant vice president and director of contributions and benefits.

The new system of university retirement apportionments will simplify the contribution of the funds, investing a flat 10.8 percent of each faculty or staff member's monthly pay.

The percentage will be fig-

ured from each employee's salary on an individual basis. This percentage equates to an 0.8-4.8 percent increase in university contributions, depending on previous contribution amounts.

This means a professor earning \$75,000 a year would see an increase of \$600-\$3,600 in annual contributions, Amos said.

Before Jan. 1, university allotments varied by job and age. Lecturers younger than 39 received

a 6 percent contribution, while lecturers 40 or older were given an extra percent.

Senior lecturers were provided the same amount, except those 40 and older received 8 percent contributions.

Faculty members 40 and above were appropriated a 10 percent contribution.

The other benefit of the new format is the immediate owner-

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Baylor's unpredictable triumph shuts critics' mouths

Baylor's historical 116-110 five-overtime victory Wednesday night had a number of storylines.

It was the first time since 1969 that the Bears played a game as a ranked team and the first time in 196 meetings between Baylor and Texas A&M University that both teams were ranked simultaneously.

The Aggies, with new head coach Mark Turgeon, were hyped in the preseason and have been ranked as high as No. 9 this season.

However, the Aggies lost two games by a combined 36 points in last week's meltdown of a road trip that dipped Texas A&M to 18th in the rankings.

But on Wednesday, the diminishing Aggie team headed home to the warmth of a "whited out" Reed Arena, where they were

13-0 this season.

Add the factor of Baylor's failure to beat a ranked team on the road since a 74-72 victory at Oklahoma State in 2003, and this game was going to be a piece of cake — right? Yeah, about that.

Critics said the only way the Bears could compete with the Aggies in College Station was to have lights-out 3-point shooting.

The Aggies' bigs were going to be too much to handle for an inferior Josh Lomers and Mamadou Diene. Baylor needed to stay out of foul trouble to have a chance.

The critics, including myself, were wrong once again. No one would have imagined Baylor shooting an embarrassing 20 percent from beyond the arc and actually winning. And Baylor out-rebounding a bigger and stronger

sports take



BY JUSTIN BAER

A&M frontline? Yeah right.

With five players fouled out entering the fifth overtime, the Bears were two fouls away from having to burn freshman Fred Ellis's redshirt. Delbert Simpson and Richard Hurd, two players who had combined for 14 minutes in the three previous conference games, took the floor late in the game at Reed Arena and contributed to the emphatic win.

Who knows what head coach Scott Drew would have done if Mark Shepherd and Aaron Bruce

had picked up their fifth foul?

"We were running out of bodies and (BU assistant) coach (Jerome) Tang got excited next to me and said, 'Can I go in if everybody fouls out,'" Drew joked after the game.

It should come as no surprise that Drew and company continue to amaze Bear fans. The Bears started to turn heads when they won the Paradise Jam Tournament in November. Two weeks later, Baylor was one minute away from shocking the then No. 6 Washington State Cougars before collapsing in a 67-64 defeat.

A recruiting mastermind, the 38-year-old Drew has already become a favorite among the Baylor faithful. The resurrected men's basketball program has instilled the Baylor campus with passion and school spirit that has not been felt since the women's bas-

ketball team won the National Championship in 2005.

Last night at 2 a.m. in 35-degree weather, hundreds of screaming Baylor students welcomed home the Bears. As soon as the Bears stepped foot off the bus, they were swarmed by their peers, their classmates and their No. 1 fans.

Drew's magical season has now spread across the nation and engulfed the media as the feel-good story of the year.

The Bears were the headline of Wednesday night's SportsCenter, and Scott Drew even did an on-air interview with anchor Scott Van Pelt.

Drew jokingly harassed ESPN for showing the University of Missouri vs. Texas Tech University game instead, only to be rewarded with a Van Pelt laugh.

Out of all the heart-warming

subplots that emerged from Wednesday night's game, the most important may be the fact that the Bears, picked in the preseason to finish ninth in the Big 12 by coaches, are currently sitting on top of the conference standings with the No. 2 in the nation University of Kansas.

Granted that there is still a lot of season left to be played, Wednesday night's victory proved to the rest of the Big 12 that the Bears are for real.

Baylor might never encounter a game as physically and emotionally draining as Wednesday's battle.

However, now is not the time to turn away Bear country. The best is yet to come for the Baylor men's basketball program.

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Editorial

Border fence cuts too close

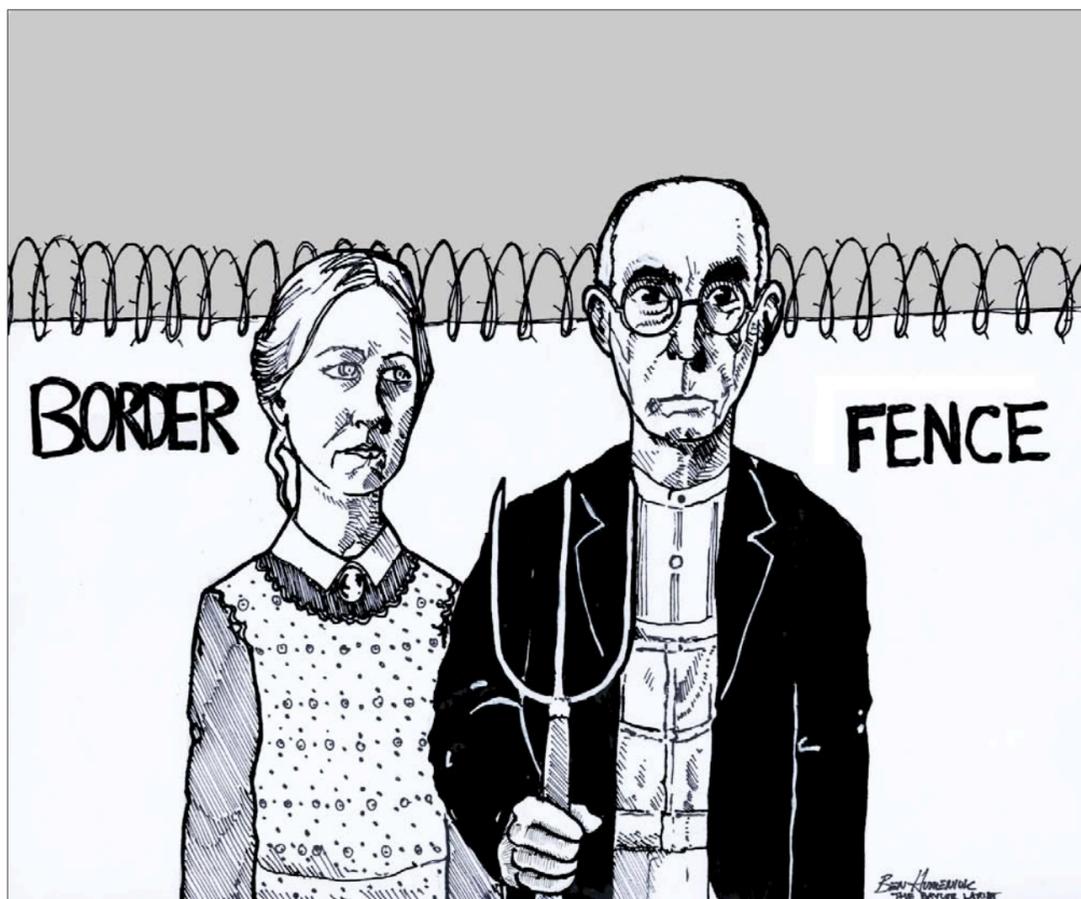
When the federal government decided to step up its fight against illegal immigration and insecure borders, the Senate passed a bill in the hope that a fence along the United States-Mexico border would be the best way to keep people out.

This may have sounded good in theory on Capitol Hill, but in making preparations to implement this plan in Texas, the federal government is running into both logistical and ideological problems. Landowners on the border here aren't ready to give up their land to the government without a fight — and really, who can blame them?

Although they'll be paid what federal evaluators deem their property is worth, many of them disagree with not just the concept but also the implementation of the barrier. In many cases the fence may separate landowners from access to the Rio Grande, which in the case of farmland could separate them from needed water.

Proponents of the fence often point to San Diego as a location where border fences have been useful. Construction began in 1993 on a 14-mile fence along the city's California-Mexico border, and the Border Patrol says apprehensions have decreased twenty-fold since then.

But crossing patterns have shifted to more dangerous Arizona border areas, and crossing deaths have tripled. According to analysts, since crossing the border fence has become more difficult, the crossing has



become more expensive for illegal immigrants. As a result, they are less likely to return to their home country and instead are more likely to bring their families with them.

Even if the fence is built, it will be a stopgap measure at best. Until would-be immigrants can find opportunities for work at home, they will keep coming. And until there is comprehensive reform that makes finding legal work here a viable option, they will keep coming illegally.

McAllen mayor Richard Cortez

recently told *The New York Times* he thought "the government should deepen the river, clear the land for better surveillance and create a legal Mexican worker program."

Cortez is on to something, and the border-town mayors of the Texas Border Coalition agree with him. They paid a visit last week to Congress, which is planning to look at the fence issue again, and said they feel like there is a "new mood" in the legislature.

It's good that legislators are listen-

ing to local leaders directly affected by the issue. Between cutting off access to irrigation and forcing the sale of farmland for less than the market price, the fence has a potential to cause financial hardship to citizens.

Added to this is the fact that building it could cost taxpayers more than \$3 million a mile, no small price for a solution directed less toward the cause of the problem than to its visible effects. Texans opposed to the fence should continue to give the government a reason to rethink its position.

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New Apple technology just front for Big Brother's evil plan

When my older sister called me frantically last week asking if I was anywhere near a computer, I assumed the worst.

Another political assassination, perhaps, or a natural disaster I desperately needed to read about. I shouldn't have been worried.

The news I was supposed to share the excitement about was something you'll only have missed if you've been living under a virus-infested PC lately: Apple has come out with a computer barely thicker than the headline on top of this page.

Which is great, really, for those of you who love technology and all things Apple with every

optical fiber of your being. You'll head over to the nearest Mac store as soon as you can and rejoice in purchasing a laptop that is exactly 0.32 inches thinner than your current MacBook.

The rest of us will open up Safari, take one look at our home page and feel worthless all over again.

The relentless onward march of techno-hipster toys, is, I am convinced, all a conspiracy. By the time they take away our free will and all our distinguishable human rights, no one will really care. Because it'll look so awesome and come with a glossy display, two gigabytes of memory and a 13.3-inch backlit LED

point of view



BY GRACE MAALOUF

display.

If the government ever wanted to develop technology to track our thoughts and make some of them crimes, I'd give the contract to Apple. Because they'd really sell it to the public.

Steve Jobs would do the presentation himself, straight from the White House garden, and

every brand-new feature of the iReadYourMind would be described in painstaking detail to hordes of drooling media.

The device would be sleek and tiny (and white, of course), and it would be developed only after the people at Intel were wrangled into creating some special chip thing exclusively for Apple.

It would track more thoughts than ever before, at greater speeds than anyone imagined possible, with a better battery life span than anything on the market. And, bonus: It would look cooler than Bill Gates even dares to look in his dreams.

A handful of naysayers would

point out a few flaws, they would be widely ignored, someone would find a way to hack it, the price would drop \$200, and then everyone and their mother would get it for Christmas.

I would make fun of them for caving in and then eventually hop on the bandwagon too.

So would you. We all would. Apple stock would soar.

Time would name it the invention of the year and rumors would swirl about a newer, better version being developed for the future.

But there would really be no-where left to go. Skeptics and technology-haters and baby boomers would buy it anyway.

We would unwittingly be tricked into purchasing the tools to our own destruction, but we would all be thrilled because everyone else at work and in our classes would know that we too are members of the elite cultural subset devoted to Apple.

We wouldn't just think trackable thoughts into our new technology — we would do it more efficiently and look great on the Bear Trail.

And then the iReadYourMind would replace NorthFace fleeces as the ubiquitous product on Baylor's campus.

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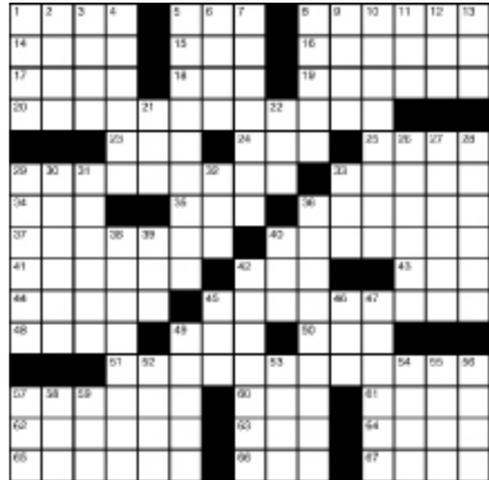
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Organ donation unites BU students

By Lori Cotton
Reporter

Today there are 97,984 people in the United States awaiting organ transplants.

After experiencing a personal tragedy, San Antonio junior Laura Oei said she searched for "something that could prevent other families from knowing that pain."

Oei said she noticed there was not an organization at Baylor that was dedicated to organ donation awareness, so with support from her friends, Oei started Students for Organ Donation.

She said she began SOD to increase the number of donors in the Baylor community.

In October 2007, Oei began commissioning a charter to bring SOD to Baylor.

By working with Michelle Segovia, senior community relations coordinator of the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance, she applied to lead an SOD charter on campus.

"I was thrilled to get the phone call from Laura," Segovia said. She said she thought it was a great way to educate the public about organ donation.

The SOD chapter at Baylor was chartered January 24. Oei, the president of SOD, and her team of officers have been working hard to increase awareness about the organization and its purposes.

By setting up a booth in the Baylor Sciences Building and putting up posters in residence halls, Oei said the new group hopes to boost interest in students who may not know what organ donation is all about.

"Organ donation is something young college students should be aware of," Dr. Jacquelyn Duke, biology professor, said.

She offered to be a faculty adviser for the group along with Dr. Terri Schmidt, another biology professor.

SOD is "a way to give hope for survivors to find something beyond tragedy," Schmidt said.

At Baylor, the goal of the SOD is to spread awareness and correct misconceptions about organ donation.

According to Donate Life Texas, an organization that facilitates organ donations, one person can donate multiple organs and tissue.

With every donation, the body is always treated with care, respect and dignity.

Organs donated are given to recipients after matching blood type, tissue type and body size through the United Network for Organ Sharing.

Organs are given to recipients based on critical need and the best medical match.

Segovia said becoming a donor is an easy thing to do that can make a huge difference.

"The most important thing to do is have the conversation with your family," Segovia said.

All organ donations require permission from the next of kin before transplantation. Putting a sticker on your driver's license is not enough.

Those interested in becoming an organ donor should go to www.DonateLifeTexas.org to sign up for the official state registry.

Students who want to become a member of SOD can attend the interest meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 31 in the Baylor Sciences Building.



AP photo

New Year squeaks in

Children learn how to make radish dim sum in the shape of a mouse to celebrate the Chinese Lunar Year, celebrated this year as the Year of the Mouse in Hong Kong Thursday.

VP to speak on faster lab-to-market development

Dow exec to explain methods of speeding products to shelves

By Shannon Daily
Staff writer

Taking a discovery from the lab to the market can be a long and frustrating process. This afternoon the Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research will hold a seminar to explain how developers can speed up that process.

Kurt Swogger, vice president of performance plastics & chemicals business devel-

opment for the Dow Chemical Company, developed the speed-based process.

The method outlines a fast-track for commercializing newly developed products, said Dr. David Pennington, interim chairman for the department of chemistry and biochemistry.

"What we're talking about here is an issue of technology transfer. How do you take something made in a lab and turn it into a product? You know you sometimes hear people talking about some new discovery and then you wonder, 'Well, what happened to that?'" said Dr. Kenneth Busch, a professor in the chemistry department.

The process that Swogger has developed explains how to go about taking the product to the market in the fastest and most efficient way possible.

It "relies on people in the right roles doing the right things with the right information using the right tools to get the right results."

The further utility of this philosophy in any part can be used or adapted depending on the need," according to the information on the CASPER Web site.

"This is important because most of the graduate students in our program go on to work in the industry. For them to understand how to go on in the busi-

ness world is extremely valuable information," Pennington said.

Jose Boquin, a fourth-year graduate student in chemistry, agreed the information would be helpful.

"First you just try to find something that works," Boquin said. "But one goes with the other, you develop a product to market a product."

While the information being presented is scientific in nature, the seminar is open to everyone.

"It's particularly interesting for people in business, or just anyone interested in how products are taken to market," Busch said. "And he's been pretty suc-

cessful with this."

Swogger's visit is also important because of the company's relationship with the chemistry department.

Nancy Briggs Tiner, a former Baylor student and current Dow employee, is responsible for beginning an endowed scholarship for students in the chemistry department.

All of the money that Tiner and her husband donate to Baylor is matched by the company.

The scholarship is now around \$20,000.

The presentation will be given at 3:15 p.m. today in room D109 of the Baylor Sciences Building.

No-class Fridays just a rumor, Lilley says

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

President John Lilley opened Thursday's Student Senate meeting with a statements about the men's basketball team win over Texas A&M University on Wednesday night.

He then answered questions from senators. Topics included new sustainability efforts on campus, the BIN security breach and future building plans for expanding the university.

Planning has already been happening for 2008 and years to come, Lilley said.

Plans include a possible expansion of the university beyond the other side of the Brazos River, to where La Salle Avenue, Interstate 35 and Highway 6 meet. He said the university already owns some of that land but is looking to acquire more in that area.

According to one senator, there has been alleged talk of the university eliminating Fri-

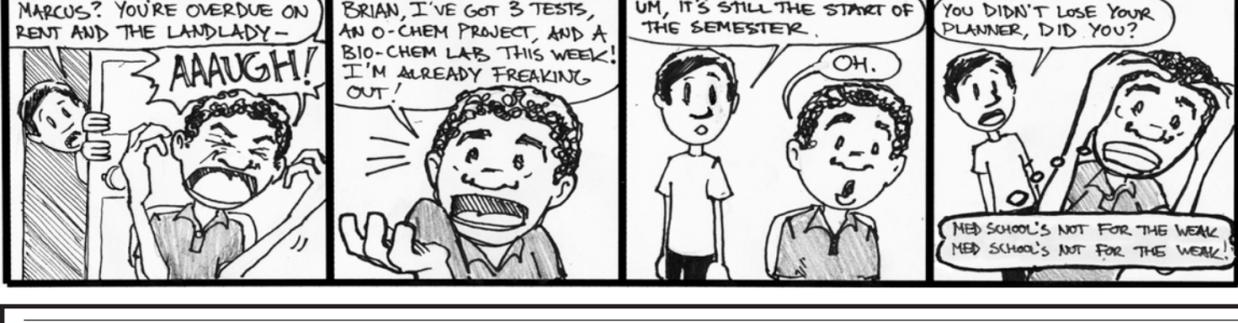
day classes. But Lilley said this couldn't be further from the truth, and there is even a possibility that more Friday classes will be added. He said he doesn't believe that a four-day week is healthy.

Lilley also addressed the recycling and sustainability efforts being put forth by the university. While he couldn't give specific details, he said there will be efforts to educate students about sustainability issues and encourage them to re-

cycle more.

Student government voted unanimously to allocate \$5683.68 to Baylor University Medical Ethics Discussion Society, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Phi Omega to host the university's first Relay for Life event. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's national event designed to celebrate the life of cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to the disease and bring communities together.

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CHI's Service Sorority is hosting its spring 2008 Orientation Rush at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the North Village Community Center. For more information, contact Malan_Shiralker@baylor.edu.

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Associated Press

Jhasmin Player shoots two of her game-high 18 points Wednesday during the first half of Baylor's 72-57 victory over Missouri in Columbia, Mo. The Lady Bears are off to their best start in Big 12 history at 5-0 in conference play.

Lady Bears, Mulkey provide historic backdrop for Saturday home game

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

While the men's basketball team is off to its best start in 60 years after a five-overtime victory over the rival Texas A&M University Aggies Wednesday, the women's team is putting together an impressive season of its own.

The Lady Bears are 17-1 and tied with Kansas State University for first place in the Big 12 at 5-0.

Following the men's game versus Oklahoma, the Lady Bears (17-1, 5-0) will host Nebraska (15-4, 4-1) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

The team even forwent a speedy flight back to Waco in hopes of discovering the outcome in College Station. Waiting on the tarmac, the Lady Bears agonized for the first two overtimes.

"We were just excited. We would have been there all night. We just sat out there and waited," junior guard Jhasmin Player said.

But when the third overtime

came, head coach Kim Mulkey called for takeoff.

"Finally I said, 'We gotta get out of here; it's about to snow outside,'" she said.

Not to mention a weekend date with Nebraska.

In Baylor's championship year, the Huskers knocked off the Lady Bears 103-99, just one of their three losses on the year.

"I started that game," senior point guard Angela Tisdale said. As a freshman, she substituted for an injured Chelsea Whitaker. "I was incredibly tired."

Fortunately for the Lady Bears, the last game gave them some rest.

Although the Tigers stunned Baylor in 2006, handing the Lady Bears their first loss following a national championship season, the most recent meeting was not much of a contest for the Lady Bears.

"We got out front early, so we rested some players," Mulkey said. "The next two games we've got opponents who will pressure you. (Nebraska) will guard you for 40 minutes and defend

you for even longer."

It was also victory No. 200 for Mulkey.

"As excited as we are about it and being 5-0, we just got to keep working," she said.

But the upcoming game might cause problems for Baylor.

Just like the men did with the Aggies, that 2005 Baylor-Nebraska game went into multiple overtimes.

"We played three overtimes at Nebraska. I can't imagine what five must have felt like," she said.

But the 2008 Nebraska team has an improved 15-4 record.

Forwards Kelsey Griffin and Danielle Page lead the team with more than 12 points per game each, with Cory Montgomery contributing 11 points per game off the bench.

"Their inside-outside game is really big," Player said.

Even though they're scoring well, defense is the Huskers' meat and potatoes.

Nebraska leads the Big 12 in steals with 10.6 per game, has an assist-to-turnover ratio of 0.78 and has held all opponents

to 19 3-pointers.

"They're very quick and defensive-minded," Mulkey said. "They have three post players that lead their team in scoring. They have speed and quickness all over on the perimeter."

Fortunately for Baylor, the Lady Bears can adapt to different types of defense in their game.

Against the University of Oklahoma, Tisdale took over the game, scoring a career-high 35 points.

However, against the University of Missouri, the Lady Bears passed the ball around, leaving Tisdale just seven points.

"You really can't judge (Tisdale) by her numbers. When the game's on the line, we know that Tizzy needs the ball," Player said.

But the Lady Bears aren't taking any chances, especially when it comes to protecting their important spot tied atop the Big 12.

"I've told them you only get one shot at the north teams. There's no 'we'll get them next time' talk," Mulkey said.

Experienced BU tennis eyeing title with new pieces in place

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Baylor won the tennis national championship in 2004. Last spring, the Bears came close to another.

Very, very close.

Leading 3-2, the Bears dropped the final two sets to then-No. 10-ranked University of Illinois in NCAA Tournament semifinals.

But the Bears are back with a chance to reclaim the title.

"We are really talented," team member Denes Lukacs said. "We are gelling as a team much better. We are much closer."

The No. 4 Bears' season started Friday in Los Angeles, with head coach Matt Knoll's squad

winning both the singles and doubles titles against tough competition.

Meanwhile, the Bears lost several key players from a team that won its sixth consecutive Big 12 title and eighth overall.

Michal Kokta, who held the No. 2 spot last season, and Matija Zgaga, one of the final remaining pieces to the 2004 national championship.

Several new faces replace the displaced seniors. Kerrville freshman Jordan Rux arrives as the No. 1 player in the nation under the age of 18.

"We were lucky with him. He's a talented player and will be playing in matches this year," Lukacs said.

Munich, Germany senior

"We are really talented. We are gelling as a team much better."

Denes Lukacs
Eder, Hungary sophomore

Gwen Corches, a junior college transfer, is in his final year of eligibility.

"I chose Baylor because of the tennis team, of course," Corches said. "UT-Arlington wanted me to go there. Harvard wanted me to go there."

Jonathan Fry, a walk-on senior from Irvine, Calif., rounds out the incoming class.

"You hate to lose seniors,

but at the same time you give the younger guys some room to blossom," head coach Matt Knoll said. "Denes (Lukacs) is an obvious example of someone who was down in the lineup last year and is now No. 10 in the country."

However, the eight-time Big 12 champions return several key players. Junior Matt Brown, sophomore lefty Attila Bucko, junior lefty David Galic and sophomore Dominik Mueller all return to fill out the lower seeds.

"You really learn a lot over a year," said Bucko, who admitted to missing a match-clenching serve in his first match last year due to nerves.

"I'm getting used to the

crowd, getting used to the audience," he said.

Lukacs, who is ranked No. 10 nationally in singles, will compete with senior Lars Poerschke, who held Baylor's top seed last season.

The Bears feature one of the nation's toughest — and most wide-ranging — schedules.

Baylor's travel account will take a hit as the Bears visit Los Angeles, Columbus, Ohio, Seattle and Malibu, Calif. All told, they will travel 12,117 miles before post-season play begins.

"When you travel you miss a lot of school, so it makes it hard. Our professors really try to help," Bucko said.

Half of the top 10 and nine of the top 25 nationally ranked

players will oppose Baylor at some point during the season.

And three schools — No. 7 University of Texas, No. 11 Oklahoma State University and No. 25 Texas A&M University — all are on the Bears' conference schedule.

However, the Big 12 is always tough, and the Bears still managed to win eight straight Big 12 titles. But if the Bears are to make it back to the national championship, they will be well tested.

"We're not big on setting big goals like that. We're more about working hard and getting better all year," Knoll said. "We expect to be in the hunt for the national title, and in May we will find out where we are."

Dalai Lama, Olympic critics face Chinese disapproval

By Christopher Bodeen
The Associated Press

BEIJING — In a blast of harsh rhetoric, China lashed out Thursday at the Dalai Lama and critics of Beijing's support for Sudan, saying attempts to link political issues to the Beijing Summer Olympics betrayed the spirit of the games.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said China could "definitely not accept" rights groups that say China's support for Sudan's government is prolonging the humanitarian crisis in Darfur.

"To link the Darfur issue to the Olympics is a move to politicize the Olympics and this is inconsistent with the Olympics spirit and will bear no fruit," Jiang told reporters at a news conference.

She also attacked the Dalai Lama as a religious phony seeking to split China, a response

to the exiled Tibetan leader's reported support for peaceful protests during the Olympics.

Beijing's tough approach illustrates its extreme sensitivity toward anything that might tarnish its staging of the Aug. 8-24 Olympic Games. Beijing has invested billions of dollars and national prestige in what it hopes will be a glorious showcase of China's rapid development from impoverished agrarian nation to rising industrial power.

A tide of criticism from rights groups, celebrities and international media threatens to dampen the mood surrounding the games. On Sunday, actress Mia Farrow received widespread publicity with an attempt to stage a protest at a former Khmer Rouge prison in Cambodia over Chinese support for Sudan. Farrow has been working with the U.S.-based advocacy group Dream for Darfur, which has

held mock Olympic-style torch-lighting ceremonies in places around the globe that have suffered mass killings to call attention to the Darfur violence.

China has sold weapons to the Sudanese government and defended Khartoum in the U.N. Security Council. Resource-hungry China buys two-thirds of Sudan's oil exports and observers say Sudan's military receives up to 70 percent of oil royalties.

China last year began deploying 315 non-combat troops to Darfur to prepare for a proposed 26,000-member African Union-U.N. peacekeeping force that has been delayed in part by the Sudanese president's insistence that participating troops be predominantly African.

"Some organizations are trying to make some sensations," Jiang said. "This is to undermine the preparation work of the Olympics and we are firmly against that."

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Matt Wertz concert to connect with kids in Kenya

By Lori Cotton
Reporter

Do something. This is the main idea behind the Matt Wertz and Jon McLaughlin concert tonight, which will be presented by Omega Kids.

Since the concert is a benefit show, all proceeds will be donated to Boniface, a pastor in Nairobi, Kenya.

Omega Kids raised \$12,000 last year from a concert featuring Dave Barnes and Andy Davis.

The funds from last year's show were given to Boniface to build a housing complex for young boys with addictions to huffing glue.

He took the boys in after they were turned away from other churches, but still needs money to finish the construction of the complex.

Hoffman Estates, Ill., senior

Lisa Nicholson said that 100 percent of the proceeds are going directly to Boniface's building project.

Once built, the complex will serve as a rehabilitation and vocational training center.

"The mission of the show is to give financial empowerment, creatively expose people to what's going on, and to empower people," Allen junior Seth Hale said.

Hale worked on the music production of the show this year as well as last year.

Hale said he wanted students to know that the show is about empowering oneself and showing people that it is not hard to make a difference.

By using resources from Baylor's Student Activities Board and student government, Hale said it was easy to take this idea and put it into "practical action."

If someone is passionate

about something, he or she should try and find a way to turn that talent into something that can help others, he said.

The show was made possible with the help of Baylor students, faculty and organizations, Hale said.

He said interest and funding for the concert has grown since last year.

San Juan Capistrano, Calif., junior Jenne Blackburn, president of Omega Kids, said she is thankful for all the support Baylor students and administrators have shown since last year's concert.

"Baylor University Ministries, Student Life and Student Activities have been an integral part of the concert and its success," Blackburn said in an e-mail to *The Baylor Lariat*.

"Our passion is giving back to the kids and people that we met in Kenya," Blackburn said. "We saw our resources, and it

snowballed from there."

Attending the concert is not the only way to donate to Boniface and the construction of housing for the Kenyan children.

Omega Kids sells compact discs, posters, T-shirts and other merchandise through its Web site, www.omegakids.com.

Nicholson said people could buy a ticket even if they can't make it to the concert, considering the money will be donated.

A silent auction will also be held prior to the concert in the lobby at Waco Hall.

Hale said he hopes other students will be encouraged to pursue something they are passionate about and create more events like this one.

He said people who attend the show will be impressed, but he said he hopes it will get "bigger and bigger" with every year.

The show starts at 7 p.m. in Waco Hall.



Courtesy photo

Musicians Matt Wertz and Jon McLaughlin will perform at 7 p.m. today in Waco Hall at a benefit concert for Omega Kids.



Associated Press

Honoring Heath

Henry Caban, 35, places flowers in front of a makeshift memorial for actor Heath Ledger outside his apartment building Thursday in the SoHo neighborhood of New York. Funeral arrangements for Ledger have been completed and his relatives are expected to arrive in New York on Friday, according to a funeral home spokesman. Ledger, 28, died on Tuesday.

Winehouse checks into rehab for drugs, record company says

By David Stringer
The Associated Press

LONDON — More rehab for Amy Winehouse? Yes, yes, yes.

The jazz-pop diva best known for refusing to enter drug rehab in her hit song entered a treatment facility Thursday.

The announcement came just days after the 24-year-old was pictured in British tabloid *The Sun* inhaling fumes from a small pipe. Police are investigating.

"Amy decided to enter the facility today after talks with her record label, management, family and doctors," Universal Music Group said in a statement. The statement also indicated Winehouse still planned to attend and perform at the Grammys, to be held Feb. 10 in Los Angeles.

"She has come to understand

that she requires specialist treatment to continue her ongoing recovery from drug addiction," the statement said.

Winehouse, who is nominated for six Grammy Awards for her acclaimed *Back to Black* album, seems to be as famous for her drug problems as for her music.

Since the album's U.S. release last year, she has canceled a slew of appearances amid reports of drug use.

In the album's most popular song, "Rehab," she references



Winehouse

her struggles, singing: "They tried to make me go to rehab/ I said no, no, no."

Universal said it hoped Winehouse would "come back to full health and fulfill her incredible potential with the label."

Winehouse spent time in rehab in August, when she also pulled out of a series of dates in Britain, the United States and Canada.

The following month she was arrested with husband Blake Fielder-Civil in Norway and fined \$715 for possession of marijuana.

According to *The Sun*, video of Winehouse apparently using drugs was shot just prior to when she attended a court hearing to see Fielder-Civil appear on charges of assault and lying to police.

'Radio Days' to take audience on trip through time tonight

By Jade Ortego
Reporter

If you want to be transported back to a time when people eagerly waited at their console radio for music and their favorite show, audiences can get a taste of those times in a World War II-era musical.

Radio Days, showing tonight at the Waco Hippodrome Theatre, is a nostalgic, upbeat look at the early 1940's and its most popular entertainment.

Five By Design, the vocal quintet that developed the production, will be performing with a 13-piece big band arrangement.

The show also features narration to set the era and feel.

"We don't go much into story line," said Sheridan Zuther, one of the performers in *Radio Days*. "We're bringing the audience back to that time period."

The theater will be recreated into an old radio studio.

The vocalists stand at microphones in front of a band, just as it was done in the '40s.

The cast will wear vintage costumes, read from scripts and act out their parts as well as break into song.

And though the show features 30 songs, it is much more than just a music show, said Scott Baker, executive director of the Hippodrome.

The play recreates radio dramas, game shows, children's programming and commercials of the era, as well.

The performers make sound effects to accompany the simulated programs, including making exaggerated kissing noises for the soap operas.

"The first time I saw it, I thought it was a really cool concept," Zuther said. "They really try to stay true to the era."

Baker said he was very excited about the performance.

"This is a lot of fun," he said. "I can't wait to do (a) recording. Brassy, jazzy music sounds really good on our stage."

The songs included in the show were classics from that era, for example "The Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and "I'll Be Seeing You," will be performed.

The show will also feature the patriotic music which was popular during the time, as well.

"It takes you back to a simple time, Zuther said. "This music was really music."

Baker said *Radio Days* is following a trend of shows at the Hippodrome targeted more towards younger, college-aged audiences.

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it easy until Saturday's 3 p.m. match-up with the University of Oklahoma at the Ferrell Center.

That doesn't, however, mean they'll be taking it lightly.

"That's the great thing about sports," Drew said. "No matter if it's a great moment or a bad

moment, you always have the next moment. And today, obviously, our challenge would be to focus on Oklahoma."

The team now has to turn around, forget one of the most memorable basketball games in Baylor history and focus on Oklahoma. No easy task.

Still, 65 minutes of fast-paced Big 12 basketball, which amounted to more than three

halves, can take its toll on a team that relies so heavily on high-octane, guard-driven play.

"We're definitely worried about that, but at the same time our players are emotionally on a high right now," Drew said. "And I think our fans, who have been great all year, will really come out and give us a big lift on Saturday."

A key to the Bears' sudden

explosion onto the national scene is their ability to convert free-throw opportunities into points.

Baylor improved from 10th in the conference in free throw shooting percentage last season to first this year, which has kept games close in the waning minutes.

Drew cited experience and an increased focus on coach-

ing free throws as keys to Baylor's improvement in that area.

When junior guard Curtis Jerrells missed all four of his free-throw attempts in Nebraska last weekend, he studied the tape and proceeded to make 20-of-24 against Texas A&M, including a number of clutch shots in several of the overtime periods.

Even without star Sooner freshman Blake Griffin, who

is doubtful for Saturday with a sprained ligament in his left knee, Oklahoma didn't play this week and certainly wasn't involved in a five-overtime thriller three days before their Saturday match-up.

"It was a marathon," senior guard Aaron Bruce said. "Oklahoma's a great team. We've got to be ready for another five-overtime game Saturday."

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Katov began to gather people in his church who had expertise in areas of living. They met weekly with Clark to help provide him with a job, a home and a place in the community. After eight months, Clark announced that he no longer needed help, and the group has been addressing the needs of other homeless people ever since.

But the people from church got even more out of it than the people they were helping.

"Everybody falls in love," Katov said. "We thought the greatest transformation was these guys, but it's us."

Katov spoke Thursday to faculty, students and Waco community leaders at a meeting for the Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative.

Originally the Shepherd Poverty Program, the initiative changed its name to distinguish from the programs it was modeled after at Washington and Lee University.

The initiative began in 2007 to involve students with projects, internships and research related to their field of study and poverty.

Lizet Rivera, a member of Baylor Students for Social Justice, said she liked that the program was a temporary aid for people in need until they could manage to live on their own.

"I like that it's not a hand-out or a band-aid," Rivera, an El Paso senior, said. "It's something where they actually try to go the root of the problem and work from there."

Joe Panter, an Open Table representative, said Baylor is an important place to implement

the Open Table.

"I've always thought that Waco and Baylor (are) the center of evangelic thought," said Panter, also a Baylor Department of Student Life advisory board member.

Panter said Baylor is a good sending place for the Open Table movement because students might not be here long, but they will be in a place of influence after they graduate.

The initiative hosted the Open Table representatives to create awareness among students and faculty of various forms of poverty and aid programs.

Rosemary Townsend, project coordinator for the initiative and director of business affairs and community partnerships, said students can take theories they learn in class and apply them in the real world. They also have the chance to do research with professors and have their work published.

Rivera said the initiative is beneficial because it combines students and faculty.

"I like that it's both students and faculty working together to address this issue," Rivera said. "It will be that much more effective because both parties are involved."

Townsend also said students can benefit morally as well as academically.

"I think it will benefit students in a number of ways," Townsend said. "I think for Baylor students in particular because of the mission of our university - that it gives everyone an opportunity to understand that the needs of the larger community in the world are the business of all of us."



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Weathering the winter

The Woodlands senior Audrey Lecker tries to keep warm in between classes Thursday. Meteorologists predicted a 50 percent chance of ice for overnight Thursday.

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ship of the retirement allocations.

Before, university contributions were vested at 60 percent after three years of service, 80 percent after four years of service, and 100 percent after five years of service.

"This change has helped with recruiting faculty," Amos said. "The university's strategy is to recruit and retain the best faculty. Reviewing and considering total compensation, which includes salary and benefits, is a very important aspect of that strategy. The university's strong benefit programs have helped the university offer a competitive total compensation package."

Baylor "is lagging in pay and mostly leading with benefits," compared to other universities,

Amos said.

Professor salaries at Baylor fit into The American Association of University Professors' third and fourth quintiles ranking faculty pay.

Faculty members are pleased with the changes.

"I applaud the efforts of President Lilley, Dr. Ramsower, and the board of regents to make this change to the retirement contributions," Matthew Cordon, chairman of Faculty Senate, said. "It adds to the attractiveness of the packages that we offer when we recruit faculty members and hopefully will provide additional encouragement for younger faculty and staff to remain at Baylor long-term."

Dr. Amanda Sturgill, assistant professor of journalism, called the university's efforts "a nice gesture."

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buy time to use the speedier toll lanes.

MPO director Chris Evilia said ideally an estimated 40 percent of construction funds not provided federally would come out of the revenues generated by the toll roads. Another source must provide 60 percent of the needed funds. In this case, the MPO is looking into the transportation department strategic priority, which are funds set aside for special projects provided by state through the transportation department. In order get strategic priority funds from the state, toll roads are a prerequisite.

"Most of the city's revenues for road and highway improvements come from motor vehicle tax dollars," Evilia said. "If there is an increase in construction costs, the city must come up with a way to generate funds without the help of the state. The MPO believes this could be realized with the toll option."

The solution will not be so simple. The option to implement toll roads has been met with opposition from members of the city council and Waco residents. According to Evilia, out of 57 formal comments open to the public over the past 45 days, two-thirds have been against the decision to construct the toll roads. Waco District III Representative Randy Riggs feels that the addition of toll ways would be detrimental to the city.

"There is a philosophical view that tolls are not a good idea

because they would allow people to completely bypass Waco all together and not only miss the attractions that generate revenue for the city, such as restaurants and shopping, but also historic landmarks that make the city unique," Riggs said. "The issue has to be dealt with by the state because it is unfair to local residents."

Grapevine junior Rebecca Jordan supports a solution to a traffic problem that does not endorse unreasonable tollway costs for patrons traveling on them.

"It will depend on how much time the project will take and how much the toll will be," Jordan said. "I know some places where the toll is over a dollar and I think that is too expensive. I would support the decision if it makes travel efficient and quicker."

Groth said the decision to create tollways would only benefit the city in the long run.

"Texas's economy has kept growing. We have especially noticed the trend over the past 10 years," Groth said. "Waco wants to continue to draw workers and people. I-35 is the main artery of Texas, and as the state grows, changes should be made in proportion to that growth."

More than 200 million dollars of federal money is currently set to go into the project.

The MPO Policy board will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Waco Convention Center to vote on whether to include the project in their transportation plan. The meeting will be open to the public.

Combat troops would be sent to Pakistan if asked, official says

By Robert Burns
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration is willing to send a small number of U.S. combat troops to Pakistan to help fight the insurgency there if Pakistani authorities ask for such help, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday.

"We remain ready, willing and able to assist the Pakistanis and to partner with them to provide additional training, to conduct joint operations, should they desire to do so," Gates told a news conference.

Gates said the Pakistani government has not requested any additional assistance in the weeks since al-Qaida and affiliated extremists have intensified their fighting inside Pakistan. And he stressed that the United States would respect the Pakistanis' judgment on the utility of American military assistance.

"We're not aware of any proposals that the Pakistanis have made to us at this point," he said. "This is clearly an evolving issue. And what we have tried to communicate to the Pakistanis and essentially what we are saying here is we are prepared to look at a range of cooperation with

them in a number of different areas, but at this point it's their nickel, and we await proposals or suggestions from them."

Gates made his remarks not as an announcement but in response to questions from reporters at a regularly scheduled news conference in which he also declined to say whether U.S. combat troops have previously crossed the border from Afghanistan into Pakistan to conduct combat operations.

The question of a U.S. troop presence in Pakistan is highly sensitive, although at times senior U.S. officials have acknowledged various arrangements. In an

Associated Press interview in January 2002, for example, Gen. Tommy Franks, who headed the U.S. Central Command at the time, disclosed a deal with Pakistan allowing U.S. troops in Afghanistan to cross the border in pursuit of fugitive extremist leaders.

Gates said Pakistani authorities were understandably taking their time in deciding whether to request more military assistance from the United States. He noted the assassination in Dec. 27 of former prime minister and opposition leader Benazir Bhutto and subsequent fears of increased unrest.

Wiretapping documents open to House members

By Pamela Hess
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Ending months of resistance, the White House has agreed to give House members access to secret documents about its warrantless wiretapping program, a congressional official said Thursday.

The Bush administration is

trying to convince the House to protect from civil lawsuits the telecommunications companies that helped the government eavesdrop on Americans without the approval of a court. Congress created the court 30 years ago to oversee such activities.

House Intelligence and Judiciary committee members and staff will begin reading the docu-

ments at the White House Thursday, said an aide to Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas.

Reyes and ranking Republican Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Michigan requested the documents in May, saying they would not support telecom immunity without them. The Senate committees were given the documents last

fall.

The documents include the president's authorization of warrantless wiretapping, White House legal opinions going back to 2001, and the requests sent to the telecommunications companies asking for their assistance, said the official, who declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the classified program.

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