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Baptists dig a little deeper

By Claire St. Amant and Kate Boswell
City editor and Opinion editor

ATLANTA — The collection plate at the New Baptist Covenant might be a little heavier than expected tonight. Former President Jimmy Carter asked attendees at Thursday night's premier event to put more than money in the plate. He asked for their ideas.

"We want to make sure we tap the imagination and inspiration of all the attendees (of the covenant)," Carter said in an impromptu speech.

Emphasizing practicality has become second only to the theme of unity, with speakers looking for ways to empower individuals, congregations and communities to hold fast to the tenets of the covenant.

"We need to look beyond this day and beyond tomorrow," said Jimmy R. Allen, New Baptist Covenant program chair.

Legendary Baylor football coach Grant Teaff, who said he was "in the fourth quarter" of his life, attributed his success to a willingness to look to God for guidance in his life.

"Everything in life when God calls us is not always softly and tenderly," Teaff said.

He shared his life testimony, including his conversion at age 12, the tragic death of a player and a cataclysmic plane crash, which nearly cost him and his team their lives.

After the crash, Teaff prayed for every

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Claire St. Amant also covered a criminal justice discussion led by Baylor Law professor, Mark Osler. Find it online at, www.baylor.edu/lariat.



Former President Jimmy Carter, left, and Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue pray Wednesday during the opening session of the New Baptist Covenant in Atlanta.

Baylor dean talks poverty

By Kate Boswell
Opinion editor

ATLANTA — According to Dr. Diana Garland, dean of Baylor's School of Social Work, poverty affects everyone — and it ought to.

"Everybody that is breathing can participate" in fighting poverty, Garland said in a Thursday panel session entitled, "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty," which was held at the

Georgia World Congress Center.

She reminded listeners that Christ's injunctions to care for the poor are not to be taken lightly.

"(Helping those in need) is the responsibility of every Christian," Garland said. "We are called to respond to the needs of our neighbors. We are never exempt."

Garland offered suggestions for involving congregations in the fight against poverty, emphasizing that involvement begins by grounding

congregations in the commands of Scripture.

"Preach the whole Gospel," she said. "Teach it in Bible study."

She was joined by fellow Baptists and poverty activists Tom Prevost of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions and Christopher Gray of Family Consultation Service Urban Ministries.

All three of the panelists made a

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Baptist on the Street:

Dr. Burt Burleson,
Baylor University Chaplain

What brought you to the New Baptist Covenant?

Baptists are always evolving and I think Baylor will always be attentive to that and, hopefully, part of the evolution. Whether this is a one-time meeting or the beginning of something, Baylor needs to be engaged in it. So, part of my job description (as chaplain) is to be out among the churches and visible and representing Baylor.



Burleson

What do you think is the biggest barrier to unity among Baptists?

In a sense, it's the nature of what it means to be a Baptist. The norm, given our ecclesiology (how we run our churches), is schism.

In our lifetime, certain issues are so divisive within our culture and those very issues are the things that make it difficult to do things together. So people find themselves saying, 'can (we) worship together?'

So, in some sense, I think that may be it. There's a kind of spiritual maturity involved in recognizing that we can worship together.

Is there a particular issue or topic at the covenant that you feel passionate about? Why?

For me personally, the issue in terms of this meeting was: could there be a movement here? Could this be something that historians look back at in hundred years and say, 'this sparked a new movement of the church coming together for the sake of the world?'

Lady Bears look to seal the deal at Kansas State

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

The Lady Bears travel to Manhattan, Kan., this weekend to take on Kansas State University, a team that has quietly become one of the teams to beat in the Big 12 conference.

The first game of a two-game road trip for No. 6 Baylor (19-1, 7-0), Saturday's vital match-up between the Lady Bears and Wildcats will determine first place in the Big 12 at the halfway point of the conference season.

With key road victories against Texas A&M University, the University of Texas and Oklahoma State University, the No. 18 Wildcats (15-5, 7-0) are in the driver's seat for the rest of conference play.

After Saturday's game, Kansas State only has one remaining game against a ranked team (No. 11 Oklahoma). A win against the

Lady Bears on Saturday would make the Wildcats the clear favorite to win the Big 12 Championship.

"It will be big," Bay City junior Jhasmin Player said. "It's no secret that both teams are 7-0. They are going to give us their best shot. We're just going to go out there and try to come back with a 'W.'"

Baylor is 1-1 on the road this season against top-10 teams. The Lady Bears faced a hostile crowd Jan. 20 at the University of Oklahoma, when they easily defeated the then-No. 10 Sooners. But after its men's team upset the University of Kansas on Wednesday night at home, it's likely that Kansas State's environment will be just as rowdy, if not more than what the Lady Bears faced two weeks ago.

"They will have that place packed," head coach Kim Mulkey

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/Lariat staff

Bay Shore, N.Y., sophomore Danielle Wilson posts up against two University of Texas defenders Wednesday night in the Lady Bears' 61-60 victory.

Man charged with robbing bank

By Christina Kruse
Staff writer

Marvin Goodlow Washington, 27, was arrested Wednesday in connection with Tuesday's robbery of Bank of America located at 514 Austin Ave. He was charged with bank robbery, a federal offense that causes a penalty of up to 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and five years of supervised release.

A man entered the bank after 10 a.m. and approached one of the bank tellers about getting some money, Waco police said. The teller told the man to fill out paperwork in the lobby of the bank. He pretended to do so and then went to the end of the tellers' counter. He walked behind the counter and demanded money from the teller.

According to the affidavit on file at the U.S. Courthouse, the man said to the teller, "Don't make me stab you."

The robber never showed a knife, but the teller thought he

had one because of his actions, according to the police report.

The robber then left the bank on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. Officers later stopped Washington at Fourth Street and Austin Avenue, and detained him without incident. Bank personnel identified Washington as the robber, Waco police said.

Washington is being held at the McLennan County Jail where he is awaiting preliminary examination and a detention hearing set Tuesday. The judge will determine whether there is enough evidence to send the case to a grand jury. The judge will also determine whether Washington should be detained or released on bond.

The FBI placed a federal hold on Washington, which means that only the FBI has the ability to release him. Washington appeared before a federal magistrate Thursday morning, according to records

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Ramsower speaks to Student Senate about campus changes

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

Baylor administration is looking toward the future of the university and making long-term plans for its improvement. The Campus Master Plan, a long-range master facility plan projected to be completed within the next fifty years, has been drawn up. Dr. Regan Ramsower, vice president for finance and

administration, spoke to Student Senate about the plan during Thursday's meeting.

Ramsower began by comparing the campus today to the campus fifty-odd years ago, when there were only 4,000 students, no Marris McLean Building, no Interstate 35, and President Lilley was a junior.

"President Lilley is very visionary, precisely for that reason," Ramsower said. "He's

had the experience of walking this campus then and walking it now. He understands better than any of us how much things can change."

The master plan had its birth in the fall of 2006. The Faculty Senate, various deans, students, and regents have all collaborated to make this visionary plan for the university.

One of the major changes projected to take place involves

exiting I-35 and getting onto campus. Fourth, Fifth, and Eighth streets will no longer be options for exiting. Instead, the only exits will be 12th Street and University Parks. Ramsower said this will be done in order to define the boundaries of the university better, and to eliminate any confusion visitors may have when attempting to reach campus from the highway.

Along with these changes,

many of the streets on campus, such as Eighth and Ninth streets, will be closed off to vehicular traffic and designated for foot traffic only to create a more "pedestrian feel." Ramsower said this goes hand in hand with the need to have more definite boundaries for the campus, mainly for security purposes.

"Closing access to many of the streets into campus could potentially cause a traffic prob-

lem," said Beaumont sophomore Liz Foreman, a senator. "I understand the vision as far as making a more secure campus by closing it off, but I am just a little concerned about the traffic congestion that could result from there being fewer roads to drive on and everyone trying to exit or enter campus the same way."

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Grad school application brings worry, exasperation

I have become suspicious that getting into graduate school is less a matter of racking up perfect grades, great GRE scores and stellar recommendations than one of managing to jump through all the hoops the school puts you through. But I don't object to hoop-jumping, exactly.

Universities have to narrow down the applicants somehow, and it probably does make the job easier if you can go ahead and eliminate all the applicants who failed to double-space their personal statements, or send exactly three sealed, official copies of their transcripts.

I wouldn't mind the hoops... if I at least knew what they were, and how I'm supposed to jump

them. Unfortunately for my hoop-jumping aspirations, most of the schools I'm interested in haven't seen fit to include such information in their application instructions.

Initially, I didn't worry about the vague directions given for most applications. But once one school instructs you to present your writing sample (less than 20 pages) with a 1.5 inch top margin and a header with your name, social security number, desired program and page number, you start to worry that you have been doing everything incorrectly.

You start to panic when the directions simply say "send in a writing sample," and you spend an hour searching the applica-

point of view



BY AMANDA WEPLER

tion Web site — the site for the graduate school, the site for the department and anywhere else that might be helpful for the elusive instructions.

Sometimes there are directions hidden in some random place, and after completing them, you walk away vindicated, yet embittered that it took so much time to find them. It's even worse when the search is fruitless; you're even more bit-

ter, and you're still fearful there are instructions that everyone but you has found, and that this missing clue will keep you out of graduate school.

The application forms themselves are a mess, too. One question required that I describe "in detail" my preparation for graduate studies, "in 100 characters maximum."

"Characters" means letters and spaces. In this column so far, I'm approaching 3,000 characters. My phone will let me use 160 characters in a text message. So how can you describe anything in 100 characters, let alone something in detail?

Finally, you think you've done everything right. You sent in your transcripts, recommen-

dations and GRE scores months in advance, you've submitted your application form and you check all the pieces and pay the exorbitant application fee. But the computer has recorded your GRE scores as missing. Shock and horror! How can this be?

Then you notice the note at the bottom of the page: the graduate school may not acknowledge receipt of materials... ever. Some places can't even tell you if you call to ask. (And some schools won't answer your e-mails or phone calls, even when you call 12 times.)

Yes, they are busy, but surely it can't be that hard to record that materials were received.

Once you think that you've jumped all the hoops, you still

have to wait for the letter. Or at least, you hope you are waiting for a letter.

Some schools also claim they will only notify you if you are accepted. For the fortunate few: Congratulations. You can consider yourself an Olympian of hoop-jumping.

The more unfortunate applicants must wait until the middle of April before that missing letter definitely signifies a no, wondering if letters have been sent yet, if a letter was lost in the mail, if your entire life is meaningless, or if you should have double-spaced your personal statement.

Amanda Wepler is a senior University Scholars major from Houston.

Editorial

Churches should care instead of condemn

There has always been a heated debate about sex education, and everyone hears the story about the teenage girl giving birth at a school dance when no one knew she was pregnant.

Just last week, a woman from Lott was indicted on a capital murder when her full-term baby was found in the tank of a motel toilet.

Unfortunately, these stories are a dime a dozen. It's time for churches to open their eyes and their arms to embrace pregnant woman as they are, wed or not, and give them the support and encouragement they need to make positive choices and live a healthy lifestyle.

The birth rate for teenagers age 15 to 19 was 41.9 births per 1,000 in 2006, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This increased the total fertility rate (women age 15 to 44) by 2 percent to 2,101 births per 1,000 women, the highest rate since 1971.

This increase also marks the first time since then that the rate was above replacement, or the level at which a given generation can replace itself, according to the CDCP. That said, 22 percent of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion and 50 percent of those are obtained by women under 25. Twenty-two percent of all babies conceived are not being born.

Numbers such as these should not be taken lightly. Embracing these



young people could make all the difference. Many Catholic churches offer what's called Family Counseling and Family Life, where not only troubled marriages and families are counseled, but also wed and unwed women who are pregnant can go to receive education in parenting and crisis management.

Other churches have followed suit when it comes to publicly recognized support programs. The Lutheran Church of Missouri Synod has a pro-

gram specifically for young women called Get Real With Yourself, where teenagers not only receive services associated with healthy pregnancy and post-birth options, but also are offered a hot line for immediate counsel. If more churches offered support and counseling programs like these for women in need of crisis management and education in parenting, it could ease the worry and the fear that many women have when they find themselves pregnant and alone.

Even here at Baylor there is speculation that an unwed pregnant woman isn't welcome, but there are services available. Students are encouraged to go to University Ministries for support and can also go to the Counseling Center to seek help for with the issues of being a pregnant student.

It's time to change an America where it's not only taboo for an unwed woman to walk into a church pregnant, it's the last place that woman is going to for help.

Christians should follow Christ's lead, consider others' beliefs

All of us at Baylor University — students, faculty and staff — work, study and play together daily in a laboratory of learning where a hegemonic narrative from the Evangelical Christian tradition gives shape to the ways in which dialogue occurs or does not occur on campus.

While the theological/cultural language of the Baylor ethos is, in part, what makes us unique and interesting among major universities in the United States; it also presents us with peculiar challenges. For example, while we recognize an important and necessary first step in a liberal education is becoming aware that one has inherited certain assumptions about the way

things are, becoming aware of one's particular "truth" is more difficult when the majority of one's roommates, friends, colleagues or co-workers share the same worldview. As the saying goes "it was not the fish that discovered the existence of water."

Paradoxically, one remedy for intellectual cocooning is found within the Christian tradition itself. Jesus of Nazareth was criticized in the Gospels for "eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners," for a refusal, on his part, to insulate himself from those who were different. John Dominic Crossan describes Jesus' practice as "open commensality: the symbol and embodiment of radical

point of view



BY DR. BLAKE BURLESON

egalitarianism, of an absolute equality of people that denies the validity of any discrimination between them and negates the necessity of a hierarchy among them." Applying "open commensality" at the university would mean making room at the academic table for the plurality of "truths" known to humanity. Offering a seat to the "other" is not easy since this requires that

we relinquish some control over our intellectual furniture. If we imagine such an exercise as an act of Christian hospitality, inspired by Jesus' own example, we might just succeed in being both the wiser and the more Christian simultaneously.

Baylor's Evangelical Christian core has a greater responsibility to create an environment where "truths" from different and even opposing viewpoints are given space to exist. According to Jacques Derrida, in *Of Hospitality*, this is neither surrender to nor an imprisonment of the invited "other." True hospitality forces one to step aside momentarily, transforming one's home into a liminal space where

the "other" has the freedom to truly express himself. Faculty exercise Christian hospitality in the classroom when they model suspension of belief for their students so multiple political, religious, epistemological and moral perspectives are given weighted consideration, when they lecture "as if" the perspective of the "other" were true.

Christian students exercise hospitality in entering into conversation with fellow Muslims, Jews, Hindus and Buddhists on campus. Such dialogue is genuine when Christians imagine if the "other's" perspective were, in fact, true. Putting aside whether a belief is true or not long enough to inquire why one

might think it is true is an act of Christian hospitality. Staff at Baylor provide hospitality in the exercise of professional duties when they create inviting spaces where "others" are allowed to express themselves with confidence and without fear.

Exercises of this sort will help us to be smarter Christians, since this praxis has spiritual as well as educational value. The West African proverb, "You don't understand me because you don't love me," suggests that our capacity for gnosis is, in part, determined by our capacity for agape.

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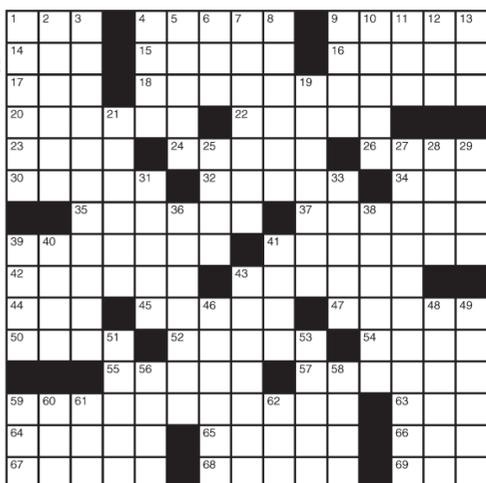
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Men's team to battle Longhorns

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

For junior guard Curtis Jerrells, Baylor's off-week came at the perfect time.

After completing a five-over-time, 65-minute marathon win at Texas A&M University Jan. 23, the Bears mounted a furious second-half comeback Saturday against the University of Oklahoma that fell just short in a 77-71 loss.

The team hasn't played since that loss to Oklahoma, and Jerrells said they are fully recovered from one of the most tiring weeks anybody on the team can remember.

"We had a pretty tough week last week," said Jerrells, who received his second Big 12 Player of the Week honor Monday. "I think our time was due for a break just to get everything back in order and to get rejuvenated."

Head coach Scott Drew said the week off was used for much more than just physical rehabilitation.

"We were definitely in a position where we needed some time off, needed to rest and regroup," Drew said. "So they did a good job scheduling the bye week this year for us."

When the men's basketball team travels to Austin tomorrow, its clash with No. 10 University of Texas will be against a team on the rebound.

The Longhorns are com-

ing off a crushing 80-63 loss Wednesday to archrival No. 23 Texas A&M University, a game that was never closer than 12 points in the second half.

Baylor has not beat Texas since Feb. 21, 1998, 20 meetings ago. Yet the Bears are 2-0 in Big 12 road games this year, which Drew said should bring some confidence to what is sure to be a hostile Frank Erwin Center.

"That confidence is very important, but at the same time every game is a war, a challenge and a battle in the Big 12," Drew said. "Wherever we're playing we have to be focused. We have to do a good job to give ourselves a chance down the stretch."

Statistically speaking, Baylor is one of the most efficient and opportunistic teams in the Big 12.

The Bears lead the conference in free throw percentage, scoring offense, blocked shots, rebounding, steals, defensive rebounds and 3-point field goals.

But those statistics will be put to the test against what Drew called one of the better 1-2 guard combinations in the country.

Point guard D.J. Augustin and shooting guard A.J. Abrams are both deadly efficient and represent the two highest-scoring guards Baylor has played at one time this year.

"Our guards, we love challenges," Jerrells said. "We're always up for a challenge, and that's going to make the game



David Poe/Lariat staff

Dayton junior Henry Dugat fights for the ball at the game against the University of Oklahoma Jan 26. The Bears lost 77-71.

much more spicy."

While most of the country knows about Abrams and Augustin, Texas' post players have largely ridden under the radar.

The Longhorns' biggest threat in the front court is 6-foot-7 forward Damion James, who is averaging more than 13 points and 10 rebounds per game this season. James has become Texas' go-to threat when Augustin or Abrams look to the post for a consistent scoring option.

Online coverage for the basketball game Saturday can be found at www.baylor.edu/lariat

Classrooms could be put on podcasts

By Shannon Daily
Staff Writer

Twenty years ago, having a television with a VCR in the classroom seemed to be the best form of information sharing.

Now, online innovators such as YouTube, iTunes and Big Think are bringing information sharing a step further.

These companies allow universities to post videos and podcasts of lectures for the entire Internet community to view.

Baylor has had BaylorTV, a similar service, since around 2001, said Stephen Rylander, online communications and special projects coordinator.

"In the past what we've done is KWBU has gone out and taped lectures, and we've posted them based on what people have requested," Rylander said.

These lectures, however, are generally limited to visiting speakers. Online companies allow professors to create and post videos of their own research and lectures.

"I think the biggest thing other universities have that Baylor doesn't is this open community where professors post videos and other things they've made," said Sandy Bennett, manager of online teaching and learning for the electronic library.

iTunes U, the university section of iTunes, is something Baylor officials are looking at, but haven't made a determination yet whether to go ahead

with an agreement with the group, Bennett said.

At the moment 37 schools are using the application, three of which are Texas schools.

Dr. Walter Wilcox, a professor of physics, is already taking his information to the Internet through the Open-Text Project.

"When I first got to Baylor I wanted to make sure I did something so my lectures didn't die a natural death," Wilcox said.

Wilcox has been at Baylor for 22 years and has had the site up for five or six years, he said.

"I'm trying to make the site attractive for other professors to post their lectures," Wilcox said.

He also said he believes open information sharing via the Internet is going to be something Baylor professors move to on an individual basis.

"I don't think Baylor itself is going to push one way or another," he said. "It's more an encouraging thing."

Wilcox has been working with Dohuk University, located in the northern part of Iraq. This relationship is another reason for developing the site, he said.

"The whole point of it was to give them another access point for learning materials to learn physics," Wilcox said. "My main emphasis is on countries where people can't afford the beautifully produced but expensive textbooks we take for granted."

However, he said at the moment communication with the people in Iraq is practically impossible.

BEAR BRIEFS

Career Services will hold a resume writing workshop Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. in Kayser Auditorium, located in the Hankamer School of Business. For more information call Career Services at 710-3771.

The Rock the Boat campaign will be in the Bill Daniel Student Center Monday and Tuesday with information regarding issues in the primaries, voter registration and the election.

Chi's Service Sorority will hold its spring 2008 casual rush Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Lipscomb Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For more information contact Briana_McClane@baylor.edu.

Baylor Counseling Center is sponsoring the FLOW Christian Rap Concert 7 p.m. Monday in the Den of the Bill Daniel Student Center. The first 75 students will receive free T-shirts. For more information contact Katie_Treadwell@baylor.edu.

Gamma Alpha Omega Latina sorority will be holding an informational meeting for spring 2008 Rush at 7 p.m. Monday in the Baines Room of the Bill Daniels Student Center. For more information contact gao_bu@yahoo.com.

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Professor writes new book focusing on nutrition, healthy habits for life

By Anna Taylor
Reporter

For anyone whose New Year's resolution was to lose those five extra pounds gained over the holidays, Dr. LuAnn Soliah, professor and director of nutrition sciences, may be able to help. Soliah recently finished writing her first book, "Good Things Happen to Healthy People."

The 166-page book, pub-

lished in September 2007, is divided into six sections, beginning with healthy habits for life. The book addresses many health issues, ranging from obesity to the benefits of vitamins. Soliah also included information on the effects of soft drinks and alcohol, and eating therapeutic foods such as dark chocolate and green tea.

"I am grateful to have a professor that is so up to date on the current nutrition topics and

issues, and her book proves that," said Waxahachie senior Kelley Ross, one of Soliah's students.

Dr. Suzy Weems, chair of the family and consumer sciences department, said she is also glad to have Soliah in the department.

"Dr. Soliah is a talented professor. She has a strong desire to help people, and this book is one way to make healthy nutrition choices a real and 'doable'

thing," Weems said.

Soliah has written many journal publications before and wanted to take her writing to the next level.

"In 2006 I wrote two chapters for someone else's book and thought to myself, 'I can take on writing an entire book,'" Soliah said. She said writing a book was her life-long dream.

"The book is written in a style that makes it easy to read and understand," Suter said. "Most

people living in the United States could benefit from learning more about health, nutrition and food. This book can help individuals achieve that goal," said Carol Suter, president of the Texas State Nutrition Council.

Though the book has received many compliments, Soliah said it took a lot of work to finish.

"It took five months to write the book. I would write it on weekends and at least one night every day. It takes disci-

pline to want to write a book," Soliah said. "When I first held the finished project I was very excited."

Soliah has been a registered dietitian since 1981 and a nutrition researcher since 1985, when she received her Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University.

Soliah's book is available in the Baylor Bookstore, from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. Soliah will be signing her books at Hastings on Valley Mills Drive.

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single player, then he fell to his knees, praying for God's will for his life. He said he was open to whatever he should do in life.

"I thank God that He left me in the coaching profession," Teaff said.

Julie Pennington-Russell, former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Waco and current pastor of First Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., challenged attendees to go beyond the evening's topic of Respecting Diversity.

"Is this really the gift we came so far to give each other this week? Respecting diversity?" she said.

She went on to explain that loving is a higher calling than just respecting.

Best-selling author and lifelong Baptist John Grisham spoke on religious and racial diversity on both sides of church walls.

"(Baptists) are diverse regionally, racially, and theologically," Grisham said. "You cannot stereotype or categorize or pigeon-hole a Baptist. We are diverse."

Growing up, Grisham didn't always belong to a congregation that embraced diversity. His church wasn't accepting of other races or of women in leadership positions.

"Sadly, in many ways, that church still exists today," he said.

He offered three suggestions to disprove that stereotype: respecting diversity, staying out of politics and getting involved in the community. By adopting these ideas, Grisham said we will honor Jesus' commands.

"His greatest commandment was simply to love our neighbors," he said. "All of them. We cannot pick and choose. We cannot exclude."

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said. "When you play at home, the crowd helps you — not that they need any help, but I sure wish I was playing in Waco instead of Manhattan."

Led my senior Kimberly Dietz's 18.9 points per game, Kansas State has the top offense in the Big 12 at 72.4 points per game.

Something will have to give in Saturday's battle. Baylor's defense is tops in the Big 12, allowing only 57.7 points per game.

"You will have to tune in and see," senior guard Angela Tisdale joked. "Hopefully, it will be the defense (that prevails)."

Wildcat's head coach Deb Patterson's reformation of the women's basketball program at Kansas State has been inspiring.

Patterson has turned a once less than stellar basketball team into a respectable program. Since 2000, the Wildcats have been to four NCAA Tournaments, including the Sweet 16 in 2001, as well as claiming a WNIT Championship in 2005.

"The job she has done this year, regardless of how they finish in the Big 12 Conference—she gets my vote for coach of the year," Mulkey said.

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at the U.S. Courthouse. No bond has been set.

Several students that hold accounts with Bank of America were not aware of the robbery. Bank of America refused to comment.

Houston freshman Christy Daily said, "I should have been notified about the incident."

However, not all students held the same sentiment.

"I haven't had any problems. I have banked with them for seven years," Dallas junior Kate Cockcroft said.

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distinction between charity, or simply giving things to others, and justice, or righting the wrongs that landed people in poverty.

"It's hard to read the synoptic Gospels and not come away with an incredible burden for the poor," Prevost said. "I've begun to wonder if we can even follow Jesus without attending to the poor."

He said the gospel should be the motivation for Christians to get involved in more than just casual ministry.

"We have to get from charity to transformation," he said. "Charity...is good, but it's not enough for transformation."

Garland also said that Christ requires more of his followers than occasional giving.

"We cannot say that we're only comfortable at the level of charity. We need to move to justice," Garland said. She stressed the importance of forging relationships with people, an emphasis

shared by Gray.

Gray's Atlanta-based program works in communities around the city to combat poverty through programs like school and senior ministry. They also target 'hot spots,' such as crack houses or brothels, and attempt to buy and repurpose them as community centers. He showed slides of one building, a liquor store now used as a facility for events such as weddings and community classes.

Gray said above all programs need to affirm the dignity of the poor and reach out in love.

"Jesus came from heaven to earth and dwelt among us," he said. "Classism is as big a problem as racism."

He said Christians should not minister at arms-length, but involve themselves as Christ did. Garland also addressed the issue of class prejudice.

"It is a flawed message to say that because someone is poor, they don't know Jesus," she said. "The face of Christ can be seen in the face of the poor."

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In the future, La Salle will become a major road for the university and become another boundary as well.

Though street options for vehicles may be decreasing, the university will be expanding the tram system and building bike lanes. Temporary parking outside of residential halls will remain in place.

Additional plans include expanding the music building, building a new business building, a potential on-campus track and field site, improvements to Fountain Mall and building a new Bill Daniel Student Center.

Ramsower said the student center could potentially be near the McLane

Student Life Center and the Baylor Sciences Building, and there is a very likely possibility that it will include a cafeteria large enough to feed the entire student body.

Though other cafeteria sites may remain on campus for convenience, they will be consolidated immensely.

"To have a cafeteria in the SUB would be more cost-efficient, offer more choice and build community," Ramsower said.

He continued, "I think it would make a lot of sense to close the other cafeterias on campus. On the other hand, it's very nice to be able to walk downstairs in your residence hall to eat. So we won't force everyone to eat there, but we do want it to be the main space."

Ramsower spoke of a desire to con-

nect Baylor more with the downtown area in hopes that this will stimulate growth in both areas.

"We want it to be connected to a point that when downtown grows, we grow and when we grow, downtown grows—kind of in a symbiotic fashion," he said.

In the master plan there is room for new residential halls to be built on the east side of campus.

Senator Seth Koster, Austin senior, brought up the concern that if the new dorms would be built in the same manner as Brooks Village and North Village, then they would probably be unaffordable for students.

"Since I've been on campus, I've seen some very nice facilities such as Brooks be built," Koster said. "But I know that

to live there, it costs considerably more than a normal dorm. If they do expand, just hope they would make some affordable, but still nice housing."

In the immediate future, however, the next priority as far as residential hall goes is to remodel what already exists.

Things like the old, rusting pipes need to be replaced, while still preserving the buildings, Ramsower said.

These plans are not set but the administration is hopeful as to the progress in academia as well as physical growth the campus will make in the years to come.

"I think growth in terms of our graduation program, research center and obtaining of government grants will be big drivers of change in our university," Ramsower said.



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