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Professors to discuss war issues

An open dialogue led by Baylor alum and Dr. Ellis to talk about Christian perspectives

By Stephen Jablonski
Reporter

When Dr. Marc Ellis, director of the Center for Jewish Studies and universtiy professor, mentioned a lack of discussion on the moral dilemma of war in Christianity last semester, the notion rang true with Baylor alumnus Adam Urrutia. This proposal culminated a presentation and discussion of topics relevant to Christians in a world at war.

Baylor professors will discuss “Being Christian in a Nation at War ... What Are We to Say?” at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Heschel Room of the Marrs McLean Science Building. Co-sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies and the Institute for Faith and Learning, the event was first conceived by Urrutia, who, Ellis said, took the initiative to organize the discussion.

“This issue is particularly close to what I’m interested in,” Urrutia said. “I’m personally a pacifist and I thought this would be a good opportunity to discuss this with people.”

The presentation will be pertinent to Baylor University as a Christian institution established in a country at war.

“The war is an extremely important issue,

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Associated Press

Year of the Rat

People celebrate the Lunar New Year Thursday, in Chinatown in New York, ushering in the Year of the Rat. The rat is the first of 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac, each representing a lunar year, and many Chinese consider it an honor to be born under the rodent’s sign.

Keston Institute unveils religious abuse

A collection of communist memorabilia put on display in Carroll Library

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

Oppression resonates through history as a bruise on the face of humanity.

Many of the world’s citizens, grappling with constantly changing political regimes and civil unrest, have never known civil liberties.

But one cornerstone of all societies has survived the test of oppression: religion.

The Keston Institute holds more than 8,000 books, 100 journal titles, 3,000 photos and 450 copies of official secret-police documents chronicling religious persecution under Communism. The institute is now located at Baylor University under the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, occupying a space on the second floor of the Carroll Library.

The collection contains works in many languages, from many countries, including the former U.S.S.R., Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria and China. Materials date back to the 1920s, the early days of Communism, according to Dr. Wallace Daniel, Ralph L. and Bessie Mae Lynn Professor of History, who played a central role in bringing the Keston Institute to Baylor.

Daniel emphasized the grandeur of the assemblage of documents, books and publications.

“It is an extremely rich collection on religious liberty in a key part of the world. It is a vast collection that deals with this extremely important subject over the last 50 years. Anyone

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David Poe/Lariat staff

Dr. Les Roberts speaks Thursday at Poppa Rollos Pizza. His controversial studies on the death toll in Iraq, drew close to 100 people to the restaurant to hear him discuss his findings.

Roberts: Iraqi death toll significant

Lynn Ngo
Reporter

“Our leaders have not been adequately contrite about what has been going on in Iraq,” Dr. Les Roberts, lead researcher in *The Lancet Journal* studies of Iraqi death tolls since the invasion, said Thursday at a Waco Friends of Peace event.

In the Outback room at Poppa Rollo’s Pizza, a crowd of about 100 people attended the event to hear the Colombia University associate professor and epidemiologist Roberts talk about the controversial studies.

Roberts, with teams of American and Iraqi researchers, conducted two surveys in Iraq using cluster samples of random households taken throughout the country. From the information gathered, the researchers concluded that there have been about 655,000 Iraqi deaths since the start of the war.

The high death toll results of the studies were initially met with criticism in the US.

“It was amazing how this study that came out in *The Lancet* received different attention in Europe than in the US,” Roberts said. In the US, the studies “got almost no coverage.”

Kansas City, Kan. senior Thomas Herndon expressed that US culture has stopped demanding news from the media.

“I don’t think we demand that. I think the market demands it,” Roberts said.

“The numbers were dismissed by President Bush who said that it was not credible,” Alan Northcutt, event organizer for Waco Friends of Peace, said.

They predicted that their second survey would yield a number four times greater than the 2004 survey, but the numbers of the 2006 study surprised the researchers, Roberts said.

“It turned out that we ended up with a lot more deaths and a lot more statistical power,” he said.

The death count in *The Lancet* study differed from that of the “Iraqi Body Count.” There’s a reason for this Roberts said.

“The vast majority of deaths that we encounter weren’t on the ‘Iraqi Body Count,’” he said.

The numbers of Iraqi deaths are significant Roberts said.

“It matters a lot in terms of resentment, in terms of this culture where revenge is

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Romney drops out of race for White House

By Liz Sidoti
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John McCain sought to mend his tattered relationship with conservatives and unify a splintered GOP as he all but clinched the party’s presidential nomination Thursday. Mitt Romney, his former chief rival, dropped out, and a parade of prominent Republicans swung behind the Arizona senator.

“We’re continuing campaigning and not taking anything for granted,” McCain said in an Associated Press interview, still reluctant

to call himself anything more than the front-runner. “I certainly think that we have enhanced our chances.”

Only Mike Huckabee and Ron Paul remained in what has been a crowded and wide-open nomination fight for the past year. Both have narrow voting constituencies and are far behind in the hunt for delegates to the GOP’s nominating convention this summer.

Romney’s departure left McCain, whose independent streak rankles many in the Republican rank-and-file, poised to assume President Bush’s position as the party standard-bearer.

It was a remarkable turnaround for McCain, whose campaign was barely alive last summer, out of cash and losing staff.

“It is my sincere hope that even if you believe I have occasionally erred in my reasoning as a fellow conservative, you will still allow that I have, in many ways important to all of us, maintained the record of a conservative,” McCain told a gathering of the party’s influential right flank on Thursday a few hours after Romney appeared before the same group to announce he was suspending his faltering bid.

Said Romney, “I must now stand

aside, for our party and our country.

“If I fight on in my campaign, all the way to the convention, I would forestall the launch of a national campaign and make it more likely that Senator (Hillary Rodham) Clinton or (Barack) Obama would win.”

Romney’s fate had been virtually sealed earlier this week when he failed to stop McCain’s coast-to-coast Super Tuesday rout in presidential primaries; McCain and Romney spoke by phone Thursday but no endorsement was sought nor offered.



Associated Press

Republican presidential hopeful and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney waves to the crowd Thursday after making a speech to the Conservative Political Action Conference to announce that he’s dropping out of the presidential race.

Senate approves economic aid plan with rebates for most taxpayers

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed an economic rescue plan Thursday that would speed \$600 to \$1,200 in rebates to most taxpayers and \$300 checks to low-income people, including disabled veterans and the elderly.

The 81-16 vote capped more than a week of political maneuvering that ended only when majority Democrats dropped their demand that the proposal offer jobless benefits, heating aid for the poor and tax breaks for certain industries.

GOP senators blocked those ideas, but agreed to add the rebates for older people and disabled veterans to a \$161 billion

measure the House passed last month.

House leaders said they would act as early as Thursday night to send the measure to President Bush.

Bush indicated he would sign the measure and said the Senate made changes “in ways I can support.”

“This plan is robust, broad-based, timely, and it will be

effective,” Bush said in a statement. The compromise, he said, was “an example of bipartisan cooperation at a time when the American people most expect it.”

The Senate plan would rush rebates — \$600 for individuals, \$1,200 for couples — to most taxpayers and cut business taxes in hopes of reviving the economy. Individuals making

up to \$75,000 a year and couples earning up to \$150,000 would get rebates.

People who paid no income taxes but earned at least \$3,000 — including through Social Security or veterans’ disability benefits — would get a \$300 rebate.

If the House follows suit as expected and Bush shortly thereafter signs the measure, the rebate checks would be expected

to begin arriving in May. The rebates would be based on 2007 tax returns, which are not due until April 15.

The bill had stalled for more than a week in the Senate. The turnaround came after Democrats fell just one vote short Wednesday of overcoming a GOP filibuster and pressing ahead with their \$205 billion plan.

Ducklings teach new perspective on vital issues

I've spent the last six summers with ducks.

I've worked as the head life-guard at a neighborhood pool that is located right next to a creek, and we always have a small duck population that flies over the fence and hangs out on the property.

These feathery friends are the delight of the neighborhood. The kids get excited whenever the quacking birds waddle close enough within arms reach. The parents love watching their children feed them their leftover bread.

And the lifeguards use them as entertainment; we name them, we watch them and we talk about their drama. Believe it or not, ducks are quite the scandalous species.

For example, one day we found Big Steve getting it on with Anita — formerly known as

Arnold (that is until we found "him" messing around with Big Steve) — but Big Steve was with Queen Elizabeth behind the tennis courts the week before. It didn't take us long to figure out that monogamy was not their strongest suit.

The most exciting duck drama happened this last summer when we opened the pool one day to find that Mamma Duck had laid 24 eggs by the Magnolia tree.

For weeks, all the kids would check the nest daily, asking us when they were going to hatch. The soon-to-become ducklings became the talk of the neighborhood, and the anticipation was building.

Everyone was excited except for Old Man Herman.

Herman was a senile man in his late 70s who loved nothing better than to get up every

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BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH

morning at 6 a.m. to chase the ducks back over the fence and into the creek. He even taught his 4-year old grandson to throw rocks at the poor creatures and poke them with sticks.

Herman equally hated the eggs, and one morning they were gone — not hatched, but completely missing.

We checked the security videos, and sure enough, Herman was the culprit. At the crack of dawn, he snuck in with a crinkly, plastic grocery bag and stuffed all the eggs inside. As he scurried away, one dropped and

cracked open by the side of the pool, splattering like an egg on the skillet.

The whole neighborhood was horrified and enraged. Parents had to make up lies when their kids asked them with the saddest of eyes, "Where did the eggs go, Mommy?"

Rumors spread that Herman threw them in the creek. Others claimed that he ate them for breakfast.

The ducklings never had a chance to see the light of day, and their sorrow was shared with every kid who looked at the nest in the days afterward, eagerly hoping the eggs would return. The ducklings had been robbed of life, and the neighborhood had been robbed a blessing.

The incident got me thinking. If this was how people reacted when 24 baby ducks were killed,

where is the outrage for the 70 million human babies that have been killed since 1973?

I told my best friend, who happens to be extremely pro-choice, the duck story on the day that it happened, and she was livid. Then, I related it to abortion, and she was silent.

I don't understand how a tolerance has been built up that accepts the degradation of human life to that of below animals.

From the same political party that typically supports abortion comes unrelenting lobbying for the protection of animal and plant life.

Obviously, I'm not saying that people would sacrifice their brother to save a cow. But do you ever wonder how many people sponsor an animal at the SPCA through monthly donations rather than sponsor an

orphaned child in Africa?

Don't get me wrong — I am an Animal Planet junkie. But God tells us in Matthew that we are more valuable than the birds of the air.

We cannot let ourselves become more emotionally attached to innocent little animals than to innocent human babies. It is a distorted way of thinking and counterproductive to God's creation.

We need to put things into perspective regarding human life. I'm not just talking about liberals here, either. Conservative who support the death-penalty should apply their pro-life concepts to that issue, as well.

We can't play God, anymore. We must live to live, and let the Creator take care of the rest.

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Editorial

Internet gossip can ruin lives

Baylor University is like any other college campus in the sense that we love to be social, online and off. But lately, online socializing has gotten more and more invasive. From Facebook and MySpace to juicycampus.com, more information than we would like is getting out.

Sure we like to post photos online to share with our friends or blog about our last exam, but these innocent activities have turned into a kind of *Entertainment Tonight* for anyone anywhere online. Privacy and social networking sites just don't mix.

Not only is it important to keep that information off of the Internet for your own safety, it's important for your future. Employers have gotten network savvy, and Facebook has made it even easier for them to search profiles to help weed through prospective employees. A bad profile picture or a few raunchy comments could ruin a golden opportunity.

And as far as gossip goes, one Web site has been more "Page Six" than juicycampus.com, which allows users to comment on the goings-on on their campus anonymously.

The Web site has become controversial on college campuses across the country, so much so Pepperdine University's Student Government Association voted Jan. 23 to ban access to the Web site on the campus network.

The site has also forced people to raise questions about online libel laws.



But section 230 of the Communication Decency Act of 1996 protects Web site operators from being held liable for defamatory statements posted by participants on message boards.

But because juicycampus.com allows users to post anonymously, if a lawsuit is filed the only way a perpetrator's identity can be accessed is via IP address. This makes the site's users more difficult to prosecute. Until the

law catches up with technology, Internet users have to protect themselves.

Students need to get smarter about how they use the Internet. One way to protect yourself — and your future job opportunities — is by adjusting your privacy settings on social network sites. Also, be smart about what you post. Last night's crazy party pictures may send next year's internship opportunity down the drain.

The real solution, of course, would be for everyone to boycott sites like juicycampus.com. Not only is this kind of anonymous gossip immature, it's malicious. Your "juicy" tidbit could cost someone else a job or cause emotional damage.

Maybe we should take a page from the Pepperdine playbook and protect not just our privacy, but also our futures.

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Futuristic technology offers users more hassle than help

"Play artist: Savage Garden." With a few little words, the guys in the Ford Sync commercial can listen to any music in their mp3 player.

That would be terribly convenient, wouldn't it? Four little words while driving, and suddenly I could be listening to *Abbey Road*.

On the other hand, it throws the "my car, my tunes" rule out the window. Anyone in the car could decide they want to listen to Beck when I'm having a Ryan Adams day.

But at the same time, speech recognition software, like that

offered by Ford, seems too good to be true. Ford is providing it as an option with some vehicles, powered by Microsoft technology.

Maybe it's my inherent distrust of Microsoft. Surely one day I'd ask to call Lindsay and I'd get a blue screen of death, with worse consequences than losing data.

Okay, that could be an exaggeration. Getting the wrong song won't cause a car wreck.

But the last time I played with speech recognition software, it took hours of training to my voice before I could get it to

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BY REA CORBIN

type out "There's a bathroom on the right" when I said "There's a bad moon on the rise."

The software's improved, but still I shudder to think that I might request Ryan Adams and a stray Bryan Adams song could stream over my speakers.

You can imagine how long

it was before even I figured out how to pronounce Sondre Lerche's name. Don't get me started on Meshell Ndegeocello.

Even if it takes some practice, this technology is awesome. Sure, it encourages our basic laziness.

Why push some buttons when you can speak into the air? But the convenience doesn't hurt anything. In fact, it's probably safer.

A study by the University of Utah suggested that talking on a cell phone while driving can impair drivers as much as driving drunk. And driving while

fiddling with the radio or CD player takes the eyes off the road too.

But if I could just talk (which I do plenty as it is) then my hands would stay on the wheel and my eyes on traffic.

Ford cars aren't the only product using the technology, and it may not be the best.

On phones, there's Vlingo. It's a newer service based in Massachusetts that eliminates the need to use set phrases — like "play artist" before a band name.

Users can verbally request directions or information

through the application, handy when lost or arguing about a fact. I'd use it, but Vlingo's only available to certain AT&T and Sprint users.

We live in the future now. Phones and cars can understand when we speak. When we need to check e-mail, we just pull out our all-in-one phone and go at it.

I just have one question: Where's my hovercraft?

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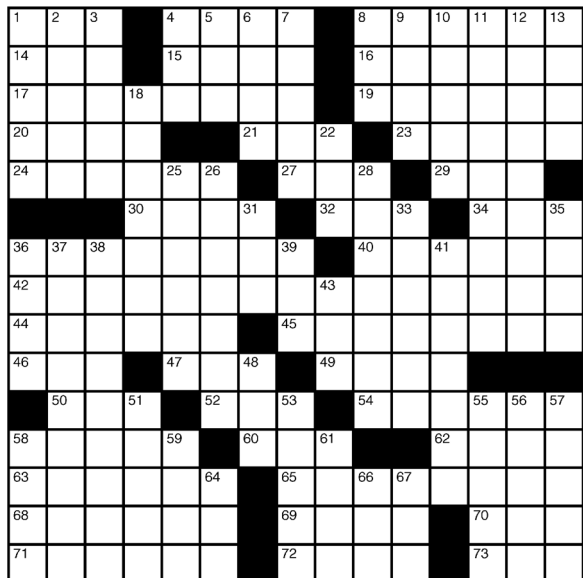
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Database to track dead illegal immigrants

By Belinda Colunga
Reporter

Dehydrated and with blistered feet, the man stopped and looked at the border patrol officer who was interviewing him and said, "You would have done it for your family too."

Dr. Lori E. Baker, assistant professor of physical anthropology, said that illegal immigrants nationwide are tracked down through the use of science, directly from a laboratory at Baylor.

Baker devised a database containing forensic information and DNA samples that are matched to family members who report them missing in Mexico

after months of not hearing from them.

"People come across to work and to earn money for their families back home," Baker said. "Since people don't want to be away from their families, now they're bringing their whole family."

Baker addressed the issue of illegal immigration at 4 p.m. Thursday in Draper Academic Building and spoke on the strategy she devised to help identify deceased illegal immigrants.

"It's a wonderful application of anthropology knowledge to have a tremendous effect on improving people's lives," Dr. Tom Offit, assistant professor of anthropology, said. "Lori's work is a way of giving them and their

families peace."

According to statistics Baker presented to the audience, 750,000 immigrants cross the borders illegally per year since 2005 and over half are natives from Mexico.

"During the last two years, the U.S. border has been 12 times deadlier to migrants than the Berlin Wall was to East Germany during its 28 years of existence," Baker said.

A visit to a pauper cemetery in Del Rio, Texas, for fact checking and information gathering of unidentified immigrants, led her to designing the database.

There weren't any grave-stones, only cards labeled John Doe 1, John Doe 26 and John Doe 29.

Some graves contained up to seven bodies.

At first, the database was maintained as a partnership with her husband, but they didn't have the technology necessary for carrying out the task, Baker said.

Baylor University provided a fully equipped laboratory for her.

"I came here and the administration was very supporting in doing this work," Baker said.

After getting publicity from National Geographic, which published an article about her work and mission, Mexico soon heard about her. In November 2005, she entered into an agreement with the country.

Mexico created a database

similar to hers called Sistema de Identificacion de Restos y Localizacion de Individuos (SIRLI), which has facial recognition.

The people can enter information on their missing relative, which she in turn can access.

"She really exposed the broken system we have in this country and how we need to implement a new one," Waco senior Ariana Hernandez said. "I really liked that she put that human touch into it."

Her excitement came at the end.

"My goal in the first five years was to make one match," Baker said. "I'm extremely proud because I only hoped to have one," and now with over 325 cases, 63 have been identified.

BEAR BRIEFS

Omega Delta Phi's "Make a Stride" fundraising for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Stride & Ride" campaign ends today. Make your final donations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the SUB Lobby. For more information contact Jose_Valles@baylor.edu.

Baylor's Symphonic Band will perform at 7:30 today in the Jones Concert Hall, in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Baylor School of Music at (254)710-3991.

Baylor Ambassador applications are due today. Applications are available online or in Pat Neff, Room 207. For more information contact Jared_Wood@baylor.edu.

Alpha Phi Omega is holding Informal Rush at 4 p.m. today at Bearpark. For more information contact Gilbert_Gonzales@baylor.edu or Aly_Slack@baylor.edu.

Bear Backers, an organization working to promote Baylor athletics, will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Fentress Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center to discuss plans for the semester. For more information contact Claire_Darnell@baylor.edu.

Alpha Phi Alpha is holding "Battle on the Burning Sands," a step show, at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Waco Hall. Tickets are \$15 at the Ticket Office. For more information contact Taryn_Ozuna@baylor.edu.

CHI's Service Sorority is holding spring Formal Rush at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For more information contact Brianna_McClane@baylor.edu.

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Local station KWBU receives funding

By Anna Taylor
Reporter

KWBU TV and FM, the public broadcasting stations for Central Texas, received a \$50,000 grant Thursday from the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation.

Polly Anderson, president and CEO of KWBU, submitted a proposal to the foundation requesting funding for the station's education outreach department.

The foundation decided to accept Anderson's proposal and provide funding to KWBU.

"It is a good opportunity to support KWBU and their incentive," said Tom Stanton, executive director for the foundation.

Some of the funding will be used for a national program called Ready To Learn.

The program is also funded by the United States Department of Education and creates electronic programs, games, Web sites and learning resources designed to prepare children ages 2 to 8 to learn to read.


Anderson said in a press release that this program helps caregivers become more effective "by helping small children arrive at school ready to learn (with) a strong background in basic literacy skills."

Bernard Rapoport said public broadcasting is important because the public owns it.

"Whatever you hear on public broadcasting assures that no political or financial group controls what is said," he said. "It is essential for democracy. Those who are totally committed to democracy have an opportunity to support this valuable institution financially and spiritually."

The foundation has donated over \$32 million in grants since its launch in 1989 and donated \$100,000 to the Waco Mammoth Foundation.

"Bernard and Audre Rapoport and the Rapoport Foundation have done so much for Central Texas and our nation over the years, especially in support of our children, our teachers and our schools," Anderson said.



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

Heave, Ho

Houston junior Albert Ho and his friends set up stage for this weekend's celebration of the Chinese New Year. They are putting up a half circle in front of Draper Academic Building.

Police: Penland terrorist threat not serious

By Christina Kruse
Staff writer

A terroristic threat reportedly occurred at the Penland Hall at 10:35 p.m. Thursday. The caller threatened to blow up the cafeteria.

Baylor police responded to the incident and searched the cafeteria for suspicious items.

"We cannot disclose specifically what they looked for during looking around," said Baylor

police chief, Jim Doak.

However, after searching the premises, the situation was not deemed a significant threat.

"This did not reach the threshold of a major concern," Doak said.

Since the threat was considered not serious, Penland students were not notified and the building was not evacuated.

"If it was a concern the students would have been the first to know," Doak said.

Campus police are currently investigating the situation. No suspects have been named, and there are no evident motives.

"I guess he had a bad meal," Doak said.

In the event that the threatening call posed a sizeable threat, the campus police would take decisive action, Doak said.

A terrorism response plan is posted on the Baylor Police Department's Web site in the event that a terrorist attack

that is radiological, chemical or nuclear.

Doak also said that similar calls are a rare occurrence.

The last significant threatening call that was made against the campus occurred last May. Baylor alumnus David Paul Cunningham threatened to place diesel drums in the basements of every building.

Penland Hall Director Peter Smart declined comment on the situation.

Board of Regents approve new construction

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

The Baylor Board of Regents will meet today for its first meeting of 2008. The board, which meets four times each year, has addressed issues such as building projects and academics.

"The February meeting historically is (about) facilities, academic programs, those kinds

of things," said Lori Fogleman, director of media relations.

At the February 2007 meeting, regents approved the Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athletics and Academic Complex and the Simpson Athletics and Academic Center, a facility with a price tag of \$34 million.

"Construction is on-going and we anticipate it will be complete by this fall," said Nicholas

Joos, associate athletics director for external affairs.

Besides functioning as a practice facility, the center will contain athletics offices that are currently housed at Floyd Casey

Stadium, making this resource "more integrated with campus life," Joos said. At this year's meeting, regents may discuss potential building projects.

When asked in an interview Monday to comment on the status of the Campus Master Plan, President John Lilley said he would comment on the plan's progress after the regents' meeting.




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Junior guard Curtis Jerrells dribbles around Texas Tech No. 42 Charlie Burgess Wednesday night. The Bears beat the Raiders 80-74 at the Ferrell Center.

Bears gear up for Kansas fight

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Junior guard Curtis Jerrells remembers the Allen Fieldhouse for all the wrong reasons.

"I remember it being real loud, a big crowd and they beat us pretty bad too," said Jerrells, referencing a 61-76 loss at the University of Kansas' home arena during his freshman season.

Of course, that was also the year in which the Bears suffered through a sanction-shortened season and played just a 16-game conference schedule.

So when Baylor travels up to face the Kansas Jayhawks Saturday for the first time since that crushing loss, the Jayhawks may be surprised when confronted with a starkly different Baylor team in contrast to the last version they saw.

Still, Kansas is the No. 4 team in the country and has lost just one game to date. In head coach Scott Drew's eyes, Baylor needs to play a nearly flawless game to leave Lawrence, Kan. with a win.

"Bottom line is that we have to play a great game. We have to definitely bring our A-game," said Drew, who has played Kansas three times and lost by at least 15 in each of those games.

Baylor has become noticeably more up-tempo, consistently relying on transition offense to push opposing defenses into costly mistakes.

That has also led to a number of mistakes from the Bears themselves. Drew said Thursday that the team's 18 turnovers against Texas Tech would likely be enough to hand Kansas a win on Saturday.

"We've tried to push it all year long," Drew said. "The big thing we try to key on now is that if we don't get the transition basket, to try and key on an open shot. The better teams you play, the less transition you play and then you have to work

a half-court offense."

In that regard, favor might swing to Kansas. The Jayhawks sport an athletic backcourt that should be able to match up favorably with Baylor's deep cadre of guards. The Jayhawks lead the Big 12 in scoring offense, scoring margin and field goal percentage.

"We need to up our level," said senior guard Aaron Bruce, who is averaging 10.7 points per game this year. "I don't think there is any one thing we are lacking, or any one thing that you can specifically concentrate on. You just have to up everything."

One reason for concern could center around Baylor's inability to hold leads in the second half. Against the University of Texas last weekend, the team blew a 14-point first-half lead and consequently lost its first Big 12 game.

The Bears once again were up by 14 against the Red Raiders on Wednesday before allowing them to creep within three points with three minutes remaining.

"That's pretty much any game, you just have runs," Drew said. "With the 3-point shot nowadays, that's just one trip you make a three, you get a steal and make another three and that's a six point swing right there."

While the Allen Fieldhouse stands as an imposing monument to basketball's past with rafters adorned with banners paying tribute to men like Wilt Chamberlain and Paul Pierce, Bruce doesn't see it as an overwhelming venue. The type of basketball played on Saturday and not the surrounding elements will determine the outcome, he said.

"It's not intimidating at all," said Bruce, who added that the colors and atmosphere of the arena remind him of his home court back in Australia. "People talk about that, but I welcome it. I enjoy that situation."

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Competition just took on a whole new meaning for Baylor's quarterbacks. Four returning veterans will have to stave off five new players for the starting job.

It's the largest number of quarterbacks on any Texas FBS school's roster, but last year's squad isn't planning on leaving.

"I wouldn't transfer for anything," Pflugerville sophomore Tyler Beatty said. "We have a great class coming in. It's going to get us back on the track."

Baylor's stable of signal-callers claims one more than Southern Methodist University, three more than Texas Tech University

and five more than Art Briles' old team at the University of Houston.

Not everyone will play right away. Incoming freshman Nick Florence has announced his plans to redshirt, but a six-way battle for starter will begin once off-season ends in August.

University of Miami, Florida transfer Kirby Freeman, senior John Weed, Ryan Roberts and freshman Robert Griffin will all compete with last season's top quarterback, Blake Szymanski for the starting position. Navarro Junior College transfer Jeremy Sanders is also a candidate to play quarterback in the fall.

"Right now we've just started learning the offense a little bit and working our butt off in

the weight room," Roberts said. "Last year we had five of us, so it's just four more. (Briles) is probably going to cut it down to a few guys."

Some players will have to change positions to get playing time — a move not many are willing to do.

"It's going to be a lot of competition," Weed said. "I kind of see two or three guys changing position."

Beatty, who attempted 18 passes in three games last season, is reluctantly willing to move.

"I'll do anything to help the team out," he said. "I would love to play quarterback, but I may not be able to."

Roberts would have to think

long and hard, he said, but concedes he is a "quarterback through and through."

"No, I won't move. I want to compete," Weed said. "I'm not worried at all. I've been a competitor all my life."

On any account, no quarterback is expecting to transfer, partially because of the distance from fall practice and their ability to work into the starting lineup. Either way, Baylor will have a strong quarterback leading the team.

"We've got three more guys, two of them will be young, which doesn't say that they won't compete, but coach Briles will put the best quarterback on the field that will help us win," Weed said.

Lady Bears prep for Texas Tech match

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

With a 77-67 defeat to the Oklahoma State University Cowgirls Tuesday night in Stillwater, Okla., the No. 5 Lady Bears (20-2, 8-1) 13-game winning streak came to a halt.

Baylor has the opportunity to get back on track when they play host to the Texas Tech University Red Raiders Saturday at the Ferrell Center. A win won't come easy, however, as the Red Raiders are just as determined as Kim Mulkey's team is to get

back into the win column.

"It will be another great Big 12 game," Mulkey, the newest member of the 200-win club, said. "With seven games remaining, I am sure wins are just as important to Tech as they are to us."

Baylor's first conference game of the season came against the Red Raiders on Jan. 9. The

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Lady Bears were able to escape Lubbock with a 72-67 victory against Texas Tech with the help of 19 points from Jhasmin Player.

But this time around, Baylor is sans Player. The junior who was averaging 12.2 points and 3.5 assists per game is out for the season after tearing her anterior cruciate ligament Saturday in a 63-49 victory against Kansas State University.

"We will just keep doing what we are doing," Mulkey said. "We just understand that we are doing it with a shorter

bench. We got in foul trouble for the first time this season against Oklahoma State, so we have to avoid that."

Texas Tech (14-4, 2-6) is led by Dallas junior Dominic Seals, who is averaging 14.1 points per game. But as Mulkey believes, the tandem of Jonesboro, Ark., junior Rachel Allison and Bay Shore, N.Y., sophomore Danielle Wilson provide one of the most potent interior defenses in the Big 12 conference.

Tip-off for Saturday's game is scheduled for 1 p.m. and will be aired on Fox Sports Net.

Equestrian team to face A&M at Baylor

by Chris Bloom
Reporter

Assistant coach Trista Armstrong talked about taking on the equestrian team at Texas A&M University, current national champions, with a smile on her face.

"They are hungry for it. They are excited," Armstrong said of the team.

The team is new, only three years old, and eager to create a name for themselves within the new sport.

Already, the Baylor equestri-

an team remains the only first year varsity team to have been invited to compete in the Equestrian National Championship, two years ago. The English team placed eighth and the Western team placed fifth.

"We will be ready to win. There are no excuses," head coach Ellen White said.

The competition tomorrow involves two different types of riding techniques.

The Western style of horseback riding ideally involves using the particular equipment and harnessing the skills of the

horses to meet the demands of the American Western cowboy working on a ranch.

English style riders focus the horse's skills more on glamour and presentation.

Some of Baylor's talent includes Indianapolis junior Nicole Brown, holding 7 MVP's this season for overall discipline.

Freshman starters Kendra Vicary of Whitehouse, Ohio, and Lauren Purkey of Redmond, Wash., plan to perform at their best.

The team focuses on not only

being well-balanced as far as their performance in different styles, but on being unified as a team, Armstrong said.

The players do not stand out for certain attributes, but for how they represent the team.

"If we ride well, we will hold our own and beat A&M," White said. "Just because we know how to make it happen doesn't mean a 1,500 pound horse does."

The game against A&M takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Equestrian Fields on University Parks Dr., past the Ferrell Center.

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The Waco Civic Theatre will present *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday. For more information, call the box office at 776-1591.

Langston Hughes Project

Ron McCurdy and the Ron McCurdy quartet will present "Ask Your Mama: Twelve Moods for Jazz" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Roxy Grove Hall. It will be a multimedia concert featuring poetry readings of Langston Hughes' material, accompanied by music and video to form an encompassing experience. For more information, contact the Baylor School of Music at 710-3991.

BU boasts 'best step show in Texas' Saturday

By Emily Monti
Reporter

Alpha Phi Alpha's fourth annual Battle on the Burning Sands step show will be held Saturday in Waco Hall.

The show be from 6 to 10 p.m. and will feature step teams from across Texas.

Battle on the Burning Sands was named in honor of an initiation ritual into a black fraternity or sorority.

Katy junior Jeremy Miller said it is symbolic because the Greek organizations will "battle it out on the sands that are burning because their moves are hot."

Alpha Phi Alpha, which has been at Baylor since 1993, will award \$5,000 to the winner of the show.

There will also be door prizes given away throughout the night.

"Alpha Phi Alpha has purchased an HDTV and gift cards to various places to give away as door prizes at the show," Miller said.

The prizes were purchased from money raised from last year's show.

A total of eight sororities and fraternities will perform at this year's contest.



Courtesy photo

Previous performances of the Battle on the Burning Sands step show have drawn nearly sell-out crowds, and participants expect this year's show, at 6 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall, to be no different.

"They will all be Greek groups that mostly come from 'The Divine Nine' and historically black sororities and fraternities," said Campus Relations Coordinator J. T. Snipes, who is a faculty adviser of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Snipes said for this year's show, there will be people trav-

eling from as far as Mississippi and Arkansas to support their fraternities and sororities.

"Each group prepares their own show and spends lots of time preparing for the contest," Snipes said.

But traditional film interpretations of step shows may not be representative of Battle on the

Burning Sands.

"It isn't like *Stomp the Yard*," he said.

The teams compete in two separate categories: one for fraternities and one for sororities. Last year's winners were Alpha Phi Alpha (University of Houston) and Baylor's Alpha Kappa Alpha (graduate chapter).

Alpha Phi Alpha hired special guest Shawty Shawty, a comedian from Atlanta, to be the host at the event.

He is best known as a member of MTV's *Wild 'N Out* and also for interviewing celebrities at BET's Hip-Hop Awards.

"We had narrowed it down to two people, and Alpha Phi Alpha decided that Shawty was the best person to attract the most people," Miller said.

In addition to Shawty, DJ Candlestick will be spinning live music for the show.

Baylor alumna Taryn Ozuna, a member of Multicultural Activities, helped plan this year's show.

"Alpha Phi Alpha has worked very hard to put this show together and they are hoping for a good turnout," Ozuna said.

She said the show was nearly sold out last year and hopes this year it will be completely sold out.

"It's by far the best step show in Texas," Miller said. "Anyone is welcome, and if you've never been to a step show it's definitely something you don't want to miss."

Tickets can be purchased at the Bill Daniel Student Center for \$15 or at the door for \$20.

Sunday's Grammy Awards: Who will win, who should win and who got snubbed

By Greg Kot
McClatchy Newspapers

More than 18,000 members of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences vote on the Grammy Awards each year. The academy says it's out to reward "artistic excellence," but history shows us that sales and chart position often matter just as much, if not more. If you're looking for up-and-coming talent, or under-recognized veterans, the Grammys are not for you. That's where these predictions come in. Sunday, when Grammys will be handed out in a record 110 categories and you're wondering if there's anything better out there, here's a guide to the music you really ought to hear:

Album of the Year

Nominees: *Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace*, Foo Fighters; *These Days*, Vince Gill; *River: The Joni Letters*, Herbie Hancock; *Graduation*, Kanye West; *Back to Black*, Amy Winehouse.

Who will win: The third time's the charm for West, who was denied in this category on his first two albums.

Who should win: West is overdue.

Who got shafted: How did Bruce Springsteen's *Magic* get overlooked in favor of Gill and Hancock?

Record of the Year

(Award to the artist and the producer, recording engineer and/or mixer)

Nominees: "Irreplaceable," Beyonce; "The Pretender," Foo

Fighters; "Umbrella," Rihanna featuring Jay-Z; "What Goes Around ... Comes Around," Justin Timberlake; "Rehab," Amy Winehouse.

Who will win: Winehouse's "Rehab" is a new song with a retro feel, just what the Grammys love.

Who should win: Beyonce's "Irreplaceable"

Who got shafted: LCD Sound-system's "All My Friends"

Song of the Year

(A songwriters award)

Nominees: "Before He Cheats," songwriters Josh Kear and Chris Tompkins (performed by Carrie Underwood); "Hey There Delilah," Tom Higgenson (Plain White T's); "Like A Star," Corinne Bailey Rae; "Rehab," Amy Winehouse; "Umbrella," Shawn Carter, Kuk Harrell, Terius "Dream" Nash and Christopher Stewart (Rihanna featuring Jay-Z).

Who will win: "Rehab," again.

Who should win: Even though "Umbrella" was everywhere, "Rehab" gets the nod

Who got shafted: Peter Bjorn and John's "Young Folks"

Best New Artist

(For an artist who releases the first recording that establishes the artist's public identity)

Nominees: Feist, Ledisi, Paramore, Taylor Swift, Amy Winehouse.

Who will win: Feist's squeaky clean reputation should get her the win over Winehouse.

Who should win: Feist, even

though she's on her second album

Who got shafted: Peter Bjorn and John

Best Pop Vocal Album

Nominees: "Lost Highway," Bon Jovi; "The Reminder," Feist; "It Won't Be Soon Before Long," Maroon 5; "Memory Almost Full," Paul McCartney; "Back to Black," Amy Winehouse.

Who will win: Feist's album is more consistent than Winehouse's.

Who should win: McCartney for his most personal album yet, *Memory Almost Full*.

Who got shafted: M.I.A.'s *Kala* is terrific multi-cultural pop.

Best Rock Album

Nominees: *Daughtry*, Daughtry; *Revival*, John Fogerty; *Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace*, Foo Fighters; *Magic*, Bruce Springsteen; *Sky Blue Sky*, Wilco.

Who will win: The academy throws Springsteen a bone.

Who should win: *Sky Blue Sky*

Who got shafted: Spoon's *Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga*

Best Alternative Music Album

Nominees: *Alright, Still ...*, Lily Allen; *Neon Bible*, Arcade Fire; *Volta*, Bjork; *Wincing the Night Away*, The Shins; *Icky Thump*, The White Stripes.

Who will win: Arcade Fire's *Neon Bible*

Who should win: The White Stripes' *Icky Thump*

Who got shafted: Battles' *Mirrored*.

Best R&B Album

Nominees: *Funk This*, Chaka Khan; *Lost & Found*, Ledisi; *Luvannusiq*, Musiq Soulchild; *The Real Thing*, Jill Scott; *Sex, Love & Pain*, Tank.

Who will win: Ledisi, nominated for best new artist, should take this consolation prize.

Who should win: Scott, though *The Real Thing* is not her best work.

Who got shafted: The fiery Betty LaVette and *Scene of the Crime*.

Best Rap Album

Nominees: *Finding Forever*, Common; *Kingdom Come*, Jay-Z; *Hip Hop is Dead*, Nas; *T.I. vs T.I.P.*, T.I.; *Graduation*, Kanye West.

Who will win: West has won this award each time he's released an album.

Who should win: Jay-Z defines rap; West is more of a pop artist.

Who got shafted: El-P's *I'll Sleep When You Dead*

Best Compilation Soundtrack Album

Across The Universe, various artists; *Dreamgirls*, Beyonce Knowles, Jennifer Hudson and Anika Noni Rose; *Hairspray*, various artists; *Love*, the Beatles; *Once*, Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova.

Will win: *Dreamgirls* as Beyonce bests the Beatles (*Love, Across the Universe*)

Who should win: Indie hit *Once*

Who got shafted: *The Future is Unwritten*

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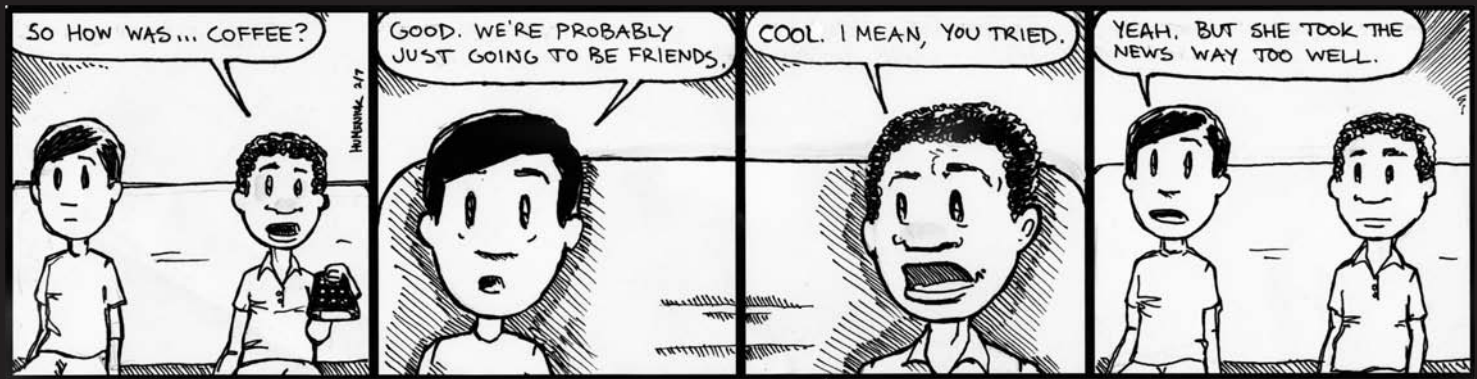


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who studies the story of religion or religious belief in Russia and Eastern Europe will find (this collection) extremely important,” Daniel, also the interim editor of *The Journal of Church and State*, said.

Arlington senior Gary Guadagnolo, a university scholars major, has taken a special interest in the Keston Institute.

“First, it is an incredible resource with documents and materials from many countries and in many languages. Given Baylor’s historically important contribution to the church-state conversation, the center will undoubtedly only prove to be beneficial,” Guadagnolo said. “Secondly, it will attract scholars from around the world who are interested in the kind of research and scholarship that the center will facilitate.”

The Keston Institute was previously housed in Oxford, England. Michael Bourdeaux, a minister, author and historian, began gathering the works while studying abroad in Moscow in the 1950s as a Ph.D. student at the University of Oxford. His interest in religious persecution piqued as he lived in the midst of a massive war on religion.

“It was the time of Nikita Khrushchev’s rule. One of the main themes of Khrushchev’s administration was to obliterate religion. Religion represented a superstition to him, an older, peasant-Russia,” Daniel, who has authored books on religion in Russian, said.

The collection grew as word spread of a library of Communism and religion.

“(The Keston Institute) became the place to send materials dealing with religious freedoms,” Daniel said.

Bourdeaux named his compilation Keston after the British town that first housed the library in the late 1950s. The documents moved to a large house in Parktown, England before settling in a large building in the heart of Oxford.

But the dust was shaken off the archives again when the books and journals made the long journey across the Atlantic to finally arrive at Baylor University.

The university found out about the opportunity to obtain these materials in the fall of 2006, when the Keston Board of Management sent an announcement to various universities and libraries, notifying them that the institute needed a good home because Bourdeaux, the collection’s primary caretaker, planned to retire.

The Dawson Institute jumped at the chance to get the Keston materials and sent a proposal to the board. Dr. Christopher Marsh, interim chair of the department of church-state studies; Dr. Bill Hair, associate

dean and director of university libraries; and Daniel traveled to Oxford in December of that year to present a case to the board. The presentation addressed why Baylor would be a good location for the Keston Institute, why the Keston Institute would be a fitting subset of the Dawson Institute and what the Baylor Library System has to offer.

The Keston board met the next spring and decided to hand the works over to the Dawson Institute. Daniel returned to Oxford in June 2007 with a contract drafted by the Keston board and amended and approved by general counsel and provost Randall O’Brien.

Shipping costs were the only expenses to the university.

The archives were transported in watertight containers for their trip across the pond. Four employees and one graduate student in the department of church-state studies went to Oxford to pack the collection, Daniel said.

Larisa Seago, administrative archivist for the department of church-state studies, began unpacking the archives in September. Right now, the center is cluttered with boxes and packing materials. Seago said she hopes to have the collection unpacked and cataloged within a year.

Many journals in the collection are labeled “samizdat,” or “self-published.” Underground churches and other Christian groups hand-wrote these journals or reproduced them on mimeograph machines and secretly distributed them. Each person who received a copy of a samizdat work was asked to make copies of the chronicle and pass on the duplications to others.

But journals weren’t the only materials written by hand. Seago took a tiny book out of the display case. A book, so small it looked like a key-chain notepad, was a hand-written Bible, written by a Baptist while in a prison camp. The next book she removed was a copy of *Maria gelbiki mus* (*Mary Save Us*), a prayer book written by three Lithuanian school girls. The girls were sentenced to a prison in Siberia for writing the book, Seago said.

Reports from The Committee for State Security, also known as the KGB or the secret police, are also filed in the Keston Institute. Seago doesn’t know how these documents, which prove the persecution of Christianity and other religions, were obtained.

In the post Cold-War era with a Russia struggling for democracy and stability, Daniel said church-state studies in the former U.S.S.R are still relevant, citing the re-establishment of churches in post-Communist countries. Daniel’s most recent book, *The Orthodox Church and Civil Society in Russia*, tells of the changing face of religion and society in Russia.

for Christian Ethics; Dr. Paul Martens, assistant professor of religion; Dr. Jon Singletary, assistant professor and director of the Center for Family and Community Ministries; and Dr. Jonathan Tran, assistant professor of religion.

Urrutia said Tran and Harvey will discuss pacifism and Just War.

Singletary, Kruschwitz and Martens will offer their individual perspectives on understanding our responsibility as Christians.

Kruschwitz plans to discuss “Christians and Patriotism,” specifically in reference to C.S. Lewis’ view of patriotism presented in his book *The Four Loves*.

“When the topic came up Adam (Urrutia) was interested in what love had to do with war,” Kruschwitz said. “I thought there is another form of love, and that’s patriotism.”

Ellis said the topic is something rarely discussed on Baylor campus.

“It’s interesting what issues are discussed and what issues aren’t discussed,” Ellis said. “We need a broader understanding on the Christian perspective and (Urrutia) didn’t see it represented at Baylor.”

Student Senate fills vacant positions

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

Student Senate approved seven nominations for vacant positions in student government at Thursday’s meeting. Omaha, Neb., Abby Byrd was appointed vice president of the freshman class, and the secretary/treasurer position was filled by Sioux Falls freshman Mary Katherine Leslie.

“Since I’ve joined student government in the middle of the year, I am very passionate about making up for lost time,” Leslie said. “I

hope to bring to the table lots of compassion for the student body, as well as lots of new ideas and events for students to participate in.”

The senate also confirmed appointments to the Supreme Court. Juniors Lauren Eggers of Kingwood and Zach Page of Granite Shoals will serve as Supreme Court Justices. Fort Hood sophomore Ray Panneton will be the court clerk.

Two fresh faces will also be joining the ranks of Student Senate: Oklahoma City freshman

Anna Imose and Woodlands sophomore Ryan Renke.

“I’ve been looking to get into student government for awhile,” Renke said. “I just switched from biochemistry major so I have a lot more free time. I thought I’d invest it back in the school.”

Imose expressed her hopes for what her new position in student government will hold.

“I’ve always had a passion for government and its ability to enforce positive change,” she said. “I’m really looking forward to being a part of such a dedi-

cated body that cares about the Baylor community. I’m going to do my best to uphold the honest reputation of the Baylor Student Congress.”

Current members of student government said they look forward to working with new members this semester.

“We’re really excited by the enthusiasm of these new members,” external vice president Bryan Fonville said. “We feel that they will help take our organization and our university to the next level.”

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really important,” he said.

Mark Long, director of Middle East studies, has studied the area for more than 20 years. He came to the event wanting to learn more about Roberts’

methodology in conducting the survey.

“I like to know more about his methodology in order to determine how accurate his estimates are,” Long said.

Long said he is concerned about the large number of Iraqi deaths claimed by the studies.

“If the numbers are correct,

that represents a humanitarian crisis of huge proportion in a country whose population is 25 to 26 million,” Long said. “It represents a moral crisis with respect to just war doctrines, for a loss of this sort calls into question whether we have observed the principle of proportionality.”

If the study is accurate, it could put US foreign policy in a predicament, Long said.

“It represents a crisis for US foreign policy. For our aim is to secure the good will of the people of the region and to do all we can to de-legitimate the claims of our foes such as Al Qaida,” Long said.

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and as Christians we need to think about what a Christian perspective means,” Urrutia said. “The fact that we live in a war just provides an occasion.”

Even though the Iraq War remains a prevalent topic, the purpose of the discussion, Urrutia said, is not just to question the contemporary Christian perspective of war, but also the moral dilemma that war presents to Christians.

“It’s not only about the Iraq War. Obviously there is a war, but Christians have been at war for most of Christian history,” Ellis said. “So it raises the question: What should Christians do about the perspective of war?”

Urrutia said the title was constructed specifically to address the moral complexity of the topic.

“The intention behind the title is to acknowledge the ambiguity,” Urrutia said. “When we as Christians reflect on our responsibility in the face of war, we are confronted by a great deal of ambiguity.”

Those presenting will be Dr. Barry Harvey, professor in the Great Texts department; Dr. Robert Kruschwitz, director and professor of the Center

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