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One Book to unite Waco

Community wide reading program to get underway with Spring read *Same Kind of Different as Me*

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

The power of a good story to stretch across the boundaries of race, gender and background to unite people together in an appreciation of diversity withstands the test of time.

One Book, One Waco, a community wide reading program, has been reinstated this year after a three-year hiatus. The program is a branch of a national project created to promote education, literacy and thoughtful discussion.

Two external vice presidents in Student Government engineered the project in 2002, but after they served their term the project wasn't given much attention, said current external vice president Bryan Fonville. To ensure the program's return every year, the community development department of the Waco Chamber of Commerce has taken control, he said.

"One Book, One Waco is an educational movement that is a part of a larger national project designed to bring knowledge about education and reading," said Allan Marshall, director of community development. "Its goal is to encourage thoughtful discussion through a series of books chosen to be read."

A book is chosen every spring, summer and fall for the program. The book for this spring, *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, is a story about the unlikely friendship between an upscale art dealer and a modern-day slave, chronicling their encounters and lessons learned along the way.

"The themes in this book are relative not only on a local level, but national and worldwide," Fonville said. "It is a very engaging story in the fact that it deals with homelessness, race relations, life after death, development of friendships and much more. This is everything a good book

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Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., makes remarks Wednesday during a town hall rally in Waukesha, Wis. Obama is setting up a national campaign office in Waco.

Sen. Obama to set up Waco campaign office

By Christina Kruse
Staff writer

In the state where President George W. Bush currently owns a ranch and was once governor, democratic presidential nominees are ardently campaigning for 228 Texas delegates.

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., is even bringing his campaign efforts to central Texas by setting up office in Waco. This is only one of ten campaign offices that the Obama campaign plans

to establish statewide.

"People are uniting and wanting to get the word out in Waco," Boerne senior and Baylor Democrats president Alexandra Neville said.

National headquarters noticed Waco because of the numerous Obama groups that have formed on Baylor, McLennan Community College, and Texas State Technical College campuses as well as the city of Waco.

"We are trying to pull the disparate groups together," alum-

nus Ryan Young, creator of the Baylor for Obama group, said.

Fifteen staff members from Obama's national campaign headquarters arrived in Waco Tuesday afternoon to seek out and establish a physical location for the campaign office.

The Obama staffers plan on setting up the office within 48 to 72 hours, according to Young. "Once the office is open, it will generate more of a buzz."

The staffers also spoke to

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Belle of the ball asked to leave

Riverboat owners receive notice to remove boat within 30 days

By Victoria Mgbenema
Staff writer

The Brazos Belle Riverboat off Interstate 35 continues to sink into the Brazos River.

The riverboat is sinking in more ways than one. The City of Waco posted a notice Saturday in the *Waco Tribune-Herald* asking the owner of the private property to remove the boat within 30 days, or the city will be forced to take action.

"The city has given an additional legal notice to the registered owner or anyone who has ownership interest in the property to remove the boat from its location," Waco City Attorney Leah Hayes said. "If the owner does not comply with the request, the city will have to appropriate its own funds to take care of it."



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Photographed Tuesday the Brazos Belle Riverboat sinks into the Brazos River. The City of Waco has sent out notice to the riverboat's owners that the boat must be removed within 30 days or the city will do so.

Ownership interest entails any additional owners of the riverboat that may be signed on its contract for ownership. The corporation that owns the boat, Brazos Leisure Inc., has failed to respond to the city since the city mailed out notices to the company in November.

"The city sent out the notice on Saturday as part of a last ditch effort to reach the people with ownership interest," Waco Assistant City Attorney John Patterson said. "We will take legal action against the company to recover the funds should the owners not comply with the city's request."

Hayes said the city has not finalized a financial report entailing the expenses to dispose of the boat. The city's options are to move the boat, destroy it, or sell it to public bidders.

"The city is trying to have it claimed and moved according to the orders that have been sent since

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Environmental concerns stand out in presidential election

By Sarah Rafique
and Charly Edsitty
Reporters

Environmental issues are among the several topics of concern with the upcoming primary election on March 4. With Baylor's recent strides to become a more sustainable campus, decisions about environmental issues are coming to the forefront.

"We are in a position in the United States where environmen-

tal issues are starting to seriously affect the standard of living," said Dr. Larry Lehr, senior lecturer of environmental studies.

Dr. Joseph Brown, associate professor of political science, explained that the primary elections are used by each party in order to select the best candidate.

"If students want to play a role in the selection process they must vote in the primary so that in the general election, their

party will have a good chance of competing effectively," Brown said. "Students should want to register their opinion and should be a part of the democratic process because they are going to be affected by the policies made by the government."

Democratic party candidates Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and

Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., both have statements on environmental issues, with Clinton promising to transform the economy from carbon-based to clean and energy efficient.

Obama is promising to invest \$150 billion over 10 years in clean energy. Both candidates set a goal of eliminating carbon dioxide emissions by 80 percent by 2050.

The plan for achieving this goal is through a market-based

cap and trade system.

"When you burn gas, coal or oil you produce carbon dioxide. The idea is to limit companies to a certain amount of carbon dioxide, measured in tons, that they can emit," Lehr said. "I've got mixed emotions about that."

Lehr explained that if a company doesn't fully use its granted allotment, it could sell the remaining tonnage to another company to use.

According to Obama's cam-

aign Web site, this system will ensure that all polluters will pay for every ton of emissions they release, rather than giving these emission rights away to coal and oil companies.

"It's almost allowing some people to be irresponsible. It's encouraging people to be more efficient in their process, but people who aren't efficient are allowed to avoid the whole thing

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Associated Press

President Bush smiles Wednesday as he signs the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.



Tax rebate checks will be in the mail by Spring

By Jeannine Aversa
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The checks aren't in the mail, but they will be soon.

President Bush signed legislation Wednesday to rush rebates ranging from \$300 to \$1,200 to millions of people, the centerpiece of government efforts to brace the wobbly economy. First, though, you must file your 2007 tax return.

More than 130 million people are expected to get the rebates,

starting around May. Congress, Bush, the Federal Reserve and Wall Street are hoping the money will burn such a hole in people's pockets that they won't be able to resist spending it. And the spending is supposed to give an energizing jolt to a national economy that is in danger of toppling into a recession if it hasn't already.

Whether people actually spend the money remains to be seen. A recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll indicates most people have other plans. Forty-five percent said they planned to pay off bills, while 32

percent said they would save or invest it. Only 19 percent said they would spend their rebates.

The measure Bush signed — a \$168 billion rescue package passed with lightning speed by Congress last week — includes not only rebates for individuals but also tax breaks for businesses to spur investment in new plants and equipment. That, too, would help bolster U.S. economic activity. The package also contains provisions aimed at helping struggling homeowners clobbered by the housing collapse and the credit crunch

refinance into more affordable mortgages.

The emergency plan marked a rare moment of cooperation among political rivals fearful that an ailing economy during an election year would invite voter retaliation.

Bush, who called the measure "a booster shot for our economy," praised the bipartisan cooperation. "We have come together on a single mission — and that is to put the people's interests first," he

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Not too late to make Valentine's Day memorable

Rethink that trip to Wal-Mart. If you haven't already noticed, you're a little behind: today is Valentine's Day.

Don't panic. This column is for those of you without plans, or those with plans that may need some tweaking.

To the Baylor men: if you're trying to score a date for tonight, be sure to specify whether it is just as friends, or if you're looking for something more. You may make it through the date with minimal awkwardness, but there is no turning back when you go to drop her off.

point of view

BY LORI COTTON



Nothing is worse than going in for the kiss when she's expecting a high five.

If it turns out you're going as just friends, but you still want to get her something, steer clear of anything with the words kiss, love or forever emblazoned on them. You may think it's a nice gesture, but it will definitely

creep her out.

For those already in a relationship, don't blow your entire work-study paycheck. Women appreciate heart-felt gifts more than pre-packaged gift bags full of things we won't use.

While we are on the subject of gifts, women, this is for you. Although this day is centered on you, there is no rule saying that romance is one-sided.

A simple gift will suffice. Even though most moms send valentines, it will be more special coming from you.

What isn't special is the expected hook-up. If you think

point of view

BY EMILY MONTI



Valentine's Day is going to give you bragging rights, think again.

So for all of you pick-up artists in training, you may as well burn your copy of *The Game* now. It's a guarantee of disaster.

We've all heard the horror stories of past Valentine's Days. Whether it was your own or a

friend's, almost everyone has one. One of the worst feelings for women is not having a valentine. However, the worst feeling is thinking you have a valentine and then realizing you don't.

Guys, we know you have friends who are girls, but don't pull a secret admirer unless you actually secretly admire her.

Getting flowers or candy from a special someone is exciting until she finds out it's from a friend. Your intentions may be good, but it only serves to get her hopes up.

And women, in the same respect, don't accept a date

because you don't want to be alone. Guys have feelings, too, even if they aren't quick to show them.

So if you're single, looking for love or have already found it, make this Valentine's Day count. Best case scenario, you'll find true love.

But you definitely don't want to read about your Valentine's Day disaster tomorrow on JuicyCampus.com.

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Editorial

'One Book' step toward one Waco

Sometimes, a book really can make a difference. One Book One Waco is a program proposed by the Waco Chamber of Commerce aimed at community unification and education. Students should get involved — if only to disprove the notion that college students are apathetic.

The Waco and Baylor communities have long been divided (hence the infamous Baylor Bubble), but we think it's about time to break out of our bubble and embrace the community.

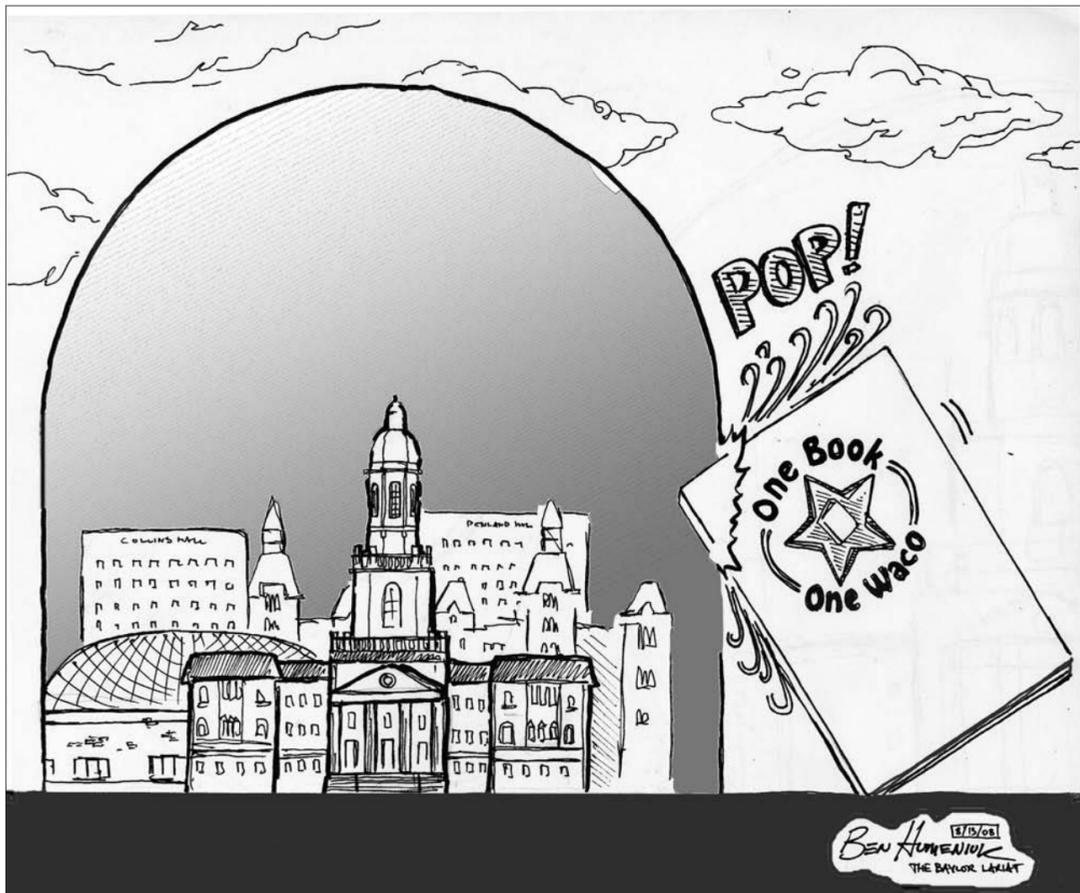
One Book One Waco offers the opportunity for Baylor to strengthen its connection with the Waco community — just by reading a book.

Though Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce held the program from 2002 to 2004, this is the first year it has been revived since then.

This year's book, *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, and its theme of overcoming differences coincides perfectly with the vision of One Book One Waco. It tells the story of two men from opposite walks of life (one is a wealthy art dealer, the other is a former share-cropper) who develop an unlikely friendship and ultimately learn from each other.

As the book is read by citizens throughout the community, there will be opportunities for people to gather together and discuss the book and other related topics.

Through these discussion groups, the book becomes a common ground and a object of unification for people



across Waco from students to senior citizens.

This program is an excellent way to foster true communication in the community and open up discussion on many other topics.

The same kind of "one book" programs are currently being held in hundreds of cities across the nation. One Book One Waco offers a unique opportunity to get involved in the community and not just benefit Waco and Baylor, but yourself. Constantly

learning and educating ourselves is an important part of growing and changing as an adult, and reading is one of the best ways to cultivate the mind.

Baylor will be holding events in the coming weeks that we encourage students to attend, including a discussion of the elements of faith in the book. It will be held at 4 p.m. next Tuesday in Miller Chapel of the Tidwell Bible Building.

In March, Baylor will also hold an

event where community members are invited to meet the authors of the book.

The Student Life Office on the 1st floor of the McLane Student Life Center is offering free copies of *Same Kind of Different As Me*, so the "poor college student" excuse won't apply this time.

Grab your copy while supplies last and take this step toward bursting the Baylor Bubble and helping our city truly become one Waco.

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In a Feb. 12 photo, a member of the equestrian team was incorrectly identified. The photo was of Albuquerque, N.M. junior Michelle Reynolds.

Political passion, action should run deeper than just a crush

I've got a crush on Barack Obama.

And I'm not alone. This middle-aged, African-American father of two has caused many a woman to swoon since announcing his candidacy for president in February 2007.

Sadly, his most vocal fan, "Obama Girl" did not cast a vote on Super Tuesday. Amber Lee Ettinger of Barelypolitical.com gained internet-fame from the YouTube video "I've got a crush on Obama."

Unfortunately for Barack, she doesn't have an updated voter registration card. While Ettinger currently resides in New York, she is registered to vote in New Jersey. The concept of an absentee ballot eluding her, Ettinger forfeited her opportunity to take

part in the political process on either side of the Hudson River.

Sen. Hillary Clinton (D. New York) won the primary in both states. Despite claims in her video, apparently Ettinger can wait for 2008.

I'm here today to announce that I will not let my man down. My pink Obama T-shirt is not simply a fashion statement. Unlike Ettinger, I am a registered voter at my current residence.

After Obama's sweep of the last eight contests, Texas has entered the campaign spotlight. Before the latest results were announced, I heard many-a-student exclaim that their Texas vote "wouldn't matter."

It is exactly this type of apathy that is destroying the politi-

point of view

BY CLAIRE ST. AMANT



cal process. Even though one vote can't very well change a nomination, it is exactly what starts one.

We can't vote any other way than one at a time. I know it's not the instant-gratification we've come to know and love, but it's a process. As one vote is counted with the next and the next, pretty soon we've got a winner.

While my voting record isn't

perfect, I can honestly say I've never been more excited about a candidate before. And it's not because of his strapping good looks.

That's merely a bonus.

Obama represents a new kind of politics. One that an idealistic, 20-something can actually take part in.

I've watched as Clinton has squirmed, squealed and even squeezed out a few tears to try and engender a hint of the passion that Obama naturally exudes.

As Clinton's campaign message has ebbed and flowed with the tides of a nation, Obama has stood firm. His message has always been one of change and transformation.

A couple of weeks ago, after

touting her experience, Clinton started using the word "change." Granted, Obama doesn't own it, but at least he means it.

This authenticity is rarely seen in politics, and it only makes Ettinger's offense all the more egregious.

Ettinger really let Obama and the American people down.

If she had the foresight and vision to concoct such a clever video, one could surmise that she is also capable of planning a trip to New Jersey to cast a ballot for the apple of her eye.

I'd like to think Ettinger is the exception. I'd like to think the nearly half a million supporters of Obama on Facebook will actually go out and vote. But I'm not too sure.

After all, we college students

have a pretty busy schedule.

The two to three hours we spend in class everyday coupled with a handful of study dates in the library leaves us with a little under an eternity for leisure each week.

OK, maybe some of us are busier than others. We can't all be English majors.

But whatever the demands of our schedules may be, suffice it to say that we spend a fair amount of our time doing next to nothing.

My hope is that in between road-tripping and coffee-drinking, face-booking and day-dreaming, the youth of American can find the time to vote.

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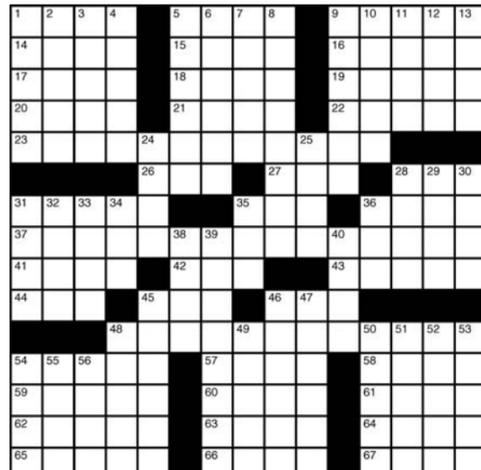
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Battle: Apple versus PC

By Lee Ann Marcel
Reporter

We've all seen the commercials. The casual yet stylish Mac taunts a nerdy and business-like PC. Mac manages to get all the ladies, while poor PC is left in the dust.

It seems poor PC just can't catch a break.

"Anything your PC can do my Apple can do better!" a Facebook group declares, though PC users counter back with "I don't hate Macs, just arrogant Mac users." It's a war that has been going on in our generation, but who is the superior system: Mac or PC?

Apple fanatics aren't hard to find with their stickers plastered on their cars at the local coffee shop.

Their glowing apples on the front of the computers stare down all other non-Mac computers in the room.

There is even a group fully devoted to the computers, Baylor Apple Students.

Waco sophomore Lauren Woodruff, Baylor Apple Students campus representative, said the meeting is for everyone who owns an Apple product.

The group meets every three weeks to discuss the new updates that Apple offers.

They also teach members tips and tricks and help each other smooth out kinks.

Baylor Apple Students president Dallas sophomore Ben Worley said, "There isn't that much wrong with PCs. Macs are just more efficient and better looking."

Little Rock, Ark. freshman Jordan Wilson, vice president of the group, mentioned that uninstalling an application is much easier with a Mac than in Windows.

Macs also tend to get fewer viruses than PCs, Worley said.

"I think its fun, just different. I hope to get a Mac later because I use iTunes a lot." Dallas sophomore Katy Evans said.

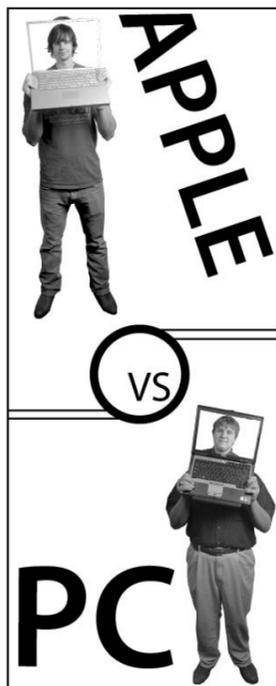
PC users don't put stickers on their car.

They hide deep within the library. Their blocky computers aren't made to make a style statement.

They don't flaunt their computers, they simply use them.

PC user and Waco senior Justin Tepe said, "PCs are more versatile ... a Mac does what it does well but a PC has more business applications." Tepe said.

He said PCs are more compatible with more software than



Macs. He also said that he just feels that he has had more control over PCs than Macs.

"The right click was insane. It's just easier to right click and have a menu right there. Tepe said. "My reason is based on use and not looks."

There is a darker side to the Macs though.

Many students using Mac OS X Leopard, the newest Mac operating system for personal computers, are having issues with Air Bear.

Because of Apple's constant updates, library computers are having hard time programming to AirBear.

"Only specialists can help us," Richmond senior Funtio Syodele said.

When Macs have problems they can't just be solved with a quick scan.

Most issues with Macs are internal problems that only official Mac technicians can fix.

But the main complaint against Macs are that people on campus just aren't familiar with them.

"I'm just PC familiar. As a journalism major I was taught to use Mac, but personally I prefer PC," Dallas senior Phillip Earl said.

At the end of November, Macbook Pros were offered to be checked out of the library.

San Antonio senior Sarah Rocha said people tend to check Macs more frequently because of their trendy looks and not necessarily because of the benefits they afford.

But many are frustrated because they are unfamiliar with Mac's operating systems.

Though people still continue to check out the Macs from the library, many tend to use the Windows software offered on the computer.

"I'm not familiar with the Mac symbols. I have to play around with a lot of the icons and things," Earl said.

Fundraising overhaul to departmentalize donations

By Shannon Daily
Staff Writer

Fundraising at Baylor has come back to campus.

There are two models for fundraising in higher education, said Mark Minor, associate vice president for major gifts.

One is organized geographically, raising money from parents and alumni based on the region they're from. The other is organized by academic departments raising money based on what department the potential donor graduated from.

While at one point in time funds were raised using the geographic model, the academic model is what Baylor officials currently use, Minor said.

Each academic department has development officers it specifically works with, he said.

With development officers working with specific departments, "we do have a more focused fundraising effort now," Minor said.

"This fiscal year compared

to last fiscal year we're 13 percent ahead of where we were for fundraising," Minor said.

Karen Martin, executive director of development for the Honors College and the College of Arts and Sciences, has had a chance to work with both models.

"What I think is better about this model is that each unit, each school, will have a better chance to raise money," Martin said. "It's more purposeful, more intentional if say, the law school or the music school, are all out recruiting to raise their own dollars."

This model also allows for more flexibility in donations, she said.

For example, a graduate from the English department can donate to the chemistry department if they'd like.

"People tend to give because people want to help those who had an influence in their lives," Martin said.

Another big advantage of this model is the work environment, she said.

"When I worked in a regional office, there wasn't a lot of fellowship with the faculty and staff," Martin said. "We would come here for meetings and then have to go back to Dallas or Houston. Now it's a partnership - we have that expectation of working together."

Along with Martin, Eric Abercrombie is one of three development officers for the college of arts and sciences.

Within the college, each development officer works with specific areas of study, Abercrombie said.

"In my case it's a lot of mass spectrometers," Abercrombie said, since his area covers the sciences.

As a development officer, Abercrombie works with the department chairs in assessing the needs of that department, he said.

Each department has what's called an Excellence Fund, Abercrombie said. This fund is used at the discretion of the department chair to meet the department's needs.



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Lilley in the limelight

President John Lilley and a colleague cross Bureson Quadrangle as a student backs away from the sprinkler system.

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Born-again vote may shift

Barna Group reports Christian vote may lean more Democratic

By Stephen Jablonski
Reporter

A recent study released by the Barna Group reported a shift in the born-again Christian constituency toward Democratic candidates. Of those surveyed, 40 percent of all born-again adults who are likely to vote in November would choose the Democratic candidate. Only 29 percent would choose the Republican candidate and 28 percent remain undecided.

The report surveyed 1,006 adults randomly selected from across the continental United States, including 649 registered voters who were deemed to be likely to vote in this year's general election on the basis of their past voting behavior and their inclinations to vote this year.

The study claims a notable shift in support, considering that in 2004, the born again segment sided with George W. Bush with a 62 to 48 percent preference over Democratic candidate John Kerry. It remains to be seen how the remaining 28

percent will vote, but Dr. Barry Hankins, professor of history and church-state studies and director of graduate studies, said he will believe a shift in the born again Christian constituency when he sees it.

"I'll be surprised if fewer than 65 percent of evangelicals vote Republican," Hankins said. "But that's still significant because if the evangelical Republican vote drops from 78 percent to 65 percent or less, that just might be enough to swing the election to the Democratic candidate."

The reported shift could be due to a growing concern over social issues that differ from established political issues such as divorce, same sex marriage, abortion and the death penalty.

"I think many Christians would have a good deal of disappointment with the current administration on a number of issues," said Dr. Kruschwitz, director and professor of the Center for Christian Ethics. "This administration has avoided progress towards things like medical insurance and protection of the environment, so I could imagine a bunch of things adding up."

The study makes a distinction between "born again Chris-

tians" and "evangelicals," but states that respondents were not asked to describe themselves as either "born-again Christians" or "evangelical."

The distinction is important because the criteria for defining a person as a "born again Christian" only includes saying one has made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important in their life today, and indicating they believe that when they die they will go to heaven because they had confessed their sins and had accepted Jesus Christ as their savior.

"It appears that many evangelicals, especially younger ones, are not wedded to either the Christian right or the Republican Party," Hankins said. "They are interested in issues of poverty, war and economic justice — things the Christian right has rarely considered."

Still, voters may remain loyal to political parties considering the established political issues.

"The question is whether such social justice evangelicals can vote anything but Republican," Hankins said. "Especially considering that once again the presidential race will pit a pro-choice Democrat against a pro-life Republican."

Ethics panel reprimands Craig

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate Ethics Committee said Wednesday that Idaho Sen. Larry Craig acted improperly in connection with a men's room sex sting last year and had brought discredit on the Senate.

In a letter to the Republican senator, the ethics panel said Craig's attempt to withdraw his guilty plea after his arrest at a Minneapolis airport was an effort to evade legal consequences of his own actions.

Craig's actions constitute "improper conduct which has reflected discreditably on the Senate," the letter said.

In an e-mailed statement, Craig told The Associated Press he disagreed with the ethics

panel's action.

"While I am disappointed and strongly disagree with the conclusions reached by the Senate Ethics Committee, from the outset I have encouraged the committee to act in a timely fashion and they have done so. I will continue to serve the people of Idaho," he said.

The six members of the committee — three Democrats and three Republicans — told Craig they believed he "committed the offense to which you pled guilty" and that "you entered your plea knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently."

The panel said Craig only tried to remove his guilty plea after his attempts to avoid public disclosure had failed.

"Your claims to the court ... to the effect that your guilty plea

resulted from improper pressure or coercion, or that you did not, as a legal matter, know what you were doing when you pled guilty do not appear credible," the letter said.

The panel also said Craig should have received permission from the ethics panel before using campaign funds to pay his legal bills. Craig, who is not running for re-election, has spent more than \$213,000 in campaign money for legal expense and public relations work.

The committee said it had reached no conclusion about whether use of campaign funds was proper, but it said "it is clear that you never sought the committee's approval, as required," to use the money for legal expenses.



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Roses are red

Adel, Ga., freshman Marcus Keck offers roses by the Bill Daniel Student Center as part of Pi Kappa Phi's Push America fundraiser. All the proceeds from rose sales will go toward projects such as wheelchair ramps to help the disabled.

Mock trial sees genuine win

By Elizabeth Herring
Reporter

Over the weekend, the Baylor Mock Trial Teams won at the American College of Trial Lawyers' Regional Tournament in Lubbock.

Baylor sent two law teams composed of third year law students to the competition. The team of Joe Rivera from Bowie and Casie Rivas from Sherman took third place, and the team of Matt Cole from San Antonio and Cameron Weldon from Arlington will advance to the national tournament after becoming co-champions with a team from St. Mary's Law School.

The team's evidence coaches, also third year law students, are Mandy Jenkins from Blooming Grove and Aaron Mutnik from El Paso. Dr. Gerald Powell, director of the practice court program and the Abner V. McCall professor of evidence, coaches the teams.

The ACTL is one of the old-

est national mock trial tournaments consisting of 13 regional tournaments whose winners compete in the national tournament in Austin on March 26-30.

Mock trial requires that each team know both sides of the case because they defend each side in different rounds.

Team members must have a firm grasp on all the evidence available for the case and about evidence law, or how to use evidence in a case. Each competition is designed to test different skills like knowledge of the facts, a grasp on law and style, or how the case is presented.

Style is important, Cole said, because you do not want a jury to be bored; you want them to be interested in the arguments that are being presented.

The trial Baylor's team presented was a fictional lawsuit from a car wreck involving an individual and a company. They do not know yet what case they will be presenting in March at nationals.

The team will have about a

month and a half to prepare for the national competition. The evidence coaches try to anticipate how a jury will react to certain pieces of evidence. They also have to determine how to get certain pieces of evidence into a case and how to keep other pieces out, said Jenkins.

"It's nerve-wracking to sit on the sidelines and not be able to do anything," said Jenkins, because once the case has started the evidence coaches must sit and wait for the rest of their team to present their case before the judge.

Weldon also said the experience is nerve-wracking because "there might be that one thing you missed" and your opponent did not. The team members said they are thankful for the help given to them by their coach.

Mock trial, Cole said, helps Baylor Law School reach its goal of having their students ready to take a case to court when they graduate, because the competition's cases are tried like an actual law case.

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Student union pubs hit-or-miss tradition at universities

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

The campus pub: on some university campuses it's as much a part of the culture and legacy as the beloved fight song or mascot. At other schools, it's a skeleton of a hangout, losing business and facing closure.

On-campus bars have gathered some attention in central Texas after a task force at Southern Methodist University in Dallas recommended the university establish a bar.

The task force, comprised of students, faculty and staff, was put in motion to address alcohol concerns. Three SMU students died last year due to alcohol poisoning.

The task force said it hopes the proposed bar, which would only serve beer and wine, would enable students to drink respon-

sibly and develop healthy relationships with alcohol, all while establishing the campus as an option for entertainment.

Trinity University in San Antonio has had a tavern on campus for five years, but David Tuttle, dean of students and director for residential life at Trinity, said the pub hasn't succeeded in bringing students to campus for entertainment.

The Tiger's Den, located in the university center, has been struggling for the last few years, he said.

He attributes the lag in business to several factors: underage students don't know they can enter the bar-area to mingle and play pool, no food is served, and the pub lacks entertainment attractions.

The university is considering closing the bar.

"We're going to do it right or use the space for something

else," Tuttle said.

But Tuttle hopes the bar survives.

"I think it makes an important positive statement to have a pub. It shows that we know students drink. It is well-monitored and lawful so it is a place where we can see responsible alcohol use," Tuttle wrote in an e-mail.

The University of Texas-Arlington had to close its bar.

According to an article published in the *Dallas Morning News*, this bar also suffered from a lack of student customers.

One bar that has thrived through the years is the Der Stiftskeller on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The bar opened in 1933, the same year prohibition ended.

"It's always been very much in the fabric of student life here," said John Lucas, university spokesman at the University of Wisconsin.

Lucas said bars are part of the state culture. Community pubs in the state have historically served as a meeting place, more for social interaction than drunkenness.

"Having a tavern environment isn't just about getting drunk," Lucas said.

He also said they're, "trying to be the model bar" in terms of preventing underage drinking. Students drinking at the bar must scan their driver's license and present their student ID.

Trinity University has imposed similar safeguards.

Neither the University of Wisconsin nor Trinity University could provide data showing how their campus bar has affected the number of alcohol-related injuries or deaths among students.

The Association of College Unions International published an in-depth report titled "Col-

lege Union Pubs: Community on Tap." The report didn't cite any evidence of a more responsible student body after a pub was introduced.

Dub Oliver, vice president for Student Life, doesn't anticipate that the Baylor campus will ever include a bar.

"I think the thing that's important is for the university to help students make healthy choices. The reality is alcohol is the number one problem on college campuses across the country," he said.

Students offered mixed opinions on the wisdom in recommending an on-campus bar to combat an alcohol problem.

"I think it could be a good idea just because it could prevent students from getting into trouble, than they could off campus, driving around," said Odessa sophomore Jack Shene-man.

University bars in Texas:

- Rice University: Valhalla and Willy's Pub
- Trinity University: The Tiger's Den
- Austin College: The Pouch Club
- Texas State University: George's

Source: Trinity and Rice universities

Plano freshman Adam Abderrahman disagreed, and questioned the safety aspect of on-campus drinking.

"I don't think it's going to make a difference. They're just going to make it more convenient and possibly more safe but that's just a cop-out."

Senate prohibits waterboarding, some other forms of torture

By Pamela Hess
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Wednesday to prohibit the CIA from using waterboarding and other harsh interrogation methods on terror suspects despite President Bush's threat to veto any measure that limits the agency's interrogation techniques.

The prohibition was contained in a bill authorizing intelligence activities for the current year. The bill would restrict the CIA to the 19 interrogation techniques outlined in the Army field manual. That manual prohibits waterboarding, a method that makes an interrogation subject feel he is drowning. The bill passed on a 51-45 vote.

The House had approved the measure in December, so Wednesday's Senate vote set up a confrontation with the White House, where Bush has promised to veto any bill that restricts

CIA questioning.

Arguing for such restrictions, Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W. Va., said the use of harsh tactics would boomerang on the United States.

"Retaliation is the way of the world. What we do to others, they will do to us — but worse," Rockefeller said. "This debate is about more than legality. It is also about morality, the way we see ourselves ... and what we represent to the world."

The legislation bars the CIA from using waterboarding, sensory deprivation or other harsh coercive methods to break a prisoner who refuses to answer questions. Those practices were banned by the military in 2006.

CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden said last week that current law and court decisions, including the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005, cast doubt on whether waterboarding would be legal now. Hayden prohibited

its use in CIA interrogations in 2006; it has not been used since 2003, he said.

The Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 prohibited cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment for all detainees in U.S. custody, including CIA prisoners.

In comments last week to the House Intelligence Committee, Hayden acknowledged for the first time publicly that the CIA has used waterboarding against three prisoners.

The technique is still officially in the CIA tool kit but it requires the consent of the attorney general and president on a case-by-case basis.

Hayden warned Congress that if the CIA were limited to military techniques, it would adhere to them without wavering, even if it meant failing to get urgent and crucial information. He contends the CIA has different interrogation needs than the military and requires more latitude.



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Studying in the sun

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Baylor's Danielle Wilson defends Texas forward Ashley Lindsey, right, during the first half of the game on Wednesday in Austin. The Longhorns defeated Baylor 61-51.

Unranked Texas upsets Baylor, 61-51

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

AUSTIN — Baylor might not want to schedule Wednesday games anymore — or at least not against teams wearing orange. The Lady Bears (21-3, 9-2) fell to the University of Texas Longhorns (16-8, 4-6) 61-51, Wednesday.

Last week's 77-67 loss to Oklahoma State University and the men's loss in Stillwater, Okla., makes this the third consecutive loss for Baylor.

"They played more man-to-man than they did in Waco," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "Their traps hurt us."

Last time, Baylor staved off the Longhorns with senior guard Angela Tisdale's 3-point shot, putting the Lady Bears up 61-60. Tisdale tried her heroics again, but came up short.

"They were just bumping, being very physical," Tisdale said.

It was the first time the Lady

Bears lost to an unranked team since 2003, when the University of Auburn collected one more point than the Lady Bears, defeating them 64-63.

The Longhorns forced 19 Lady Bear turnovers, primarily due to traps and strong defense.

"I thought their defense was great," Mulkey said. "They trapped Tisdale a lot, and we weren't able to make right throws."

Humble junior forward Jessica Morrow kept the Lady Bears in the game, hitting eight shots for a team-high 19 points. However, it took her 20 shots to accomplish it.

"They were really aggressive with their trap defense," she said.

Morrow wasn't the only Lady Bear in shooting trouble. No Baylor player shot better than 44 percent.

Junior forward Rachel Allison led all post players with eight points, a sore point for Mulkey.

"Our post play was non-existent," Mulkey said.

The first half was a battle of the fewest mistakes, and the Lady Longhorns were the victors. Shooting 31 percent from the field, Texas took advantage of 14 Baylor turnovers, five less than their score at halftime.

The score stayed within four until the Longhorns hit a 7-0 run, jumping ahead 21-17. Traps and double-teams put Rachel Allison and Baylor's guards in tough positions, forcing uncharacteristic turnovers, including a three-second violation.

Texas freshman guard Kat Nash helped open up the Baylor defense, hitting two 3-pointers. Sophomore guard Brittainey Raven added her name to the box score with a last second lay-up, accentuating a 12-2 Texas run to end the half.

At halftime, Mulkey talked to her team about the situation.

"I just talked about the post being non-existent," she said. "We couldn't score. We just missed too many shots."

Raven would add five field goals, including two 3-pointers

that kept Baylor from coming back.

"If she can hit them, she can shoot 'em," Texas head coach Gail Goestenkors said about her play.

The Lady Bears made their way back into the game with a 7-0 run to start the second half, but couldn't keep momentum as they produced their lowest point total of the season.

Tisdale contributed at the line with seven made free-throws, but waited until only 6:11 remained in the game before she hit her first field goal.

However, the Lady Bears kept it within four until Erneisha Bailey picked off a pass and raced down the court for a lay-up, putting the Longhorns up 57-51.

No. 8 Baylor will face the No. 10 University of Oklahoma Sooners (18-4, 8-2) at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Ferrell Special Events Center in Waco, while Texas will face the University of Colorado at Boulder (13-11, 2-9) at 8 p.m. Saturday in Boulder, Colo.

Softball to start season at Getterman

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

The Baylor softball team begins its arduous journey back to the top of the Big 12 heap this weekend as it opens its season at the Getterman Classic.

The Lady Bears will play six games this weekend at Getterman Stadium. They'll face Syracuse University, Purdue University and Centenary College each twice from Friday to Sunday.

And for junior third baseman Brette Reagan, it's finally time to put last year's College World Series loss on the back burner.

"I'll be in class sometimes thinking about it," said Reagan, who was named Wednesday to the Amateur Softball Association's preseason Player of the Year watch-list along with Baylor sophomore pitcher Kirsten Shortridge. "I think it's going to be very exciting for the freshmen when they get the chance to

play, and when they step on the field it's going to be really a new look. I can probably only imagine how many nerves are jumping up and down for them."

Purdue, 33-32-1 last season, is the only team to enter the tournament with a winning record in its previous season. The Boilermakers are 2-2 this season with both losses coming against the University of Alabama.

"I think (the Getterman Classic) is a good start for us because this team is still young," said Moore, whose roster has 11 underclassmen. "We need to get our feet on the ground before we go against the best teams in the country."

The weekend will likely serve as a primer before the team hits the road to play in the Palm Springs Invitational next weekend.

While the competition this weekend is relatively soft, the field next weekend consists of

powerhouse teams like the University of California-Los Angeles and Oregon University.

That means that the Lady Bears are stressing wins this weekend before the competition picks up.

And as is typically the case when youth abounds, Moore said he will be shuffling his line-ups this weekend to find the right combinations.

"You'll see a lot of different line-ups throughout the course of our pre-Big 12 (schedule) anyway, but especially with this team, we have four or five positions on the team where kids are neck-and-neck at," Moore said.

In Moore's eyes, the positions in contention this weekend are first and second base, shortstop and right field. And Moore said that with a few practices left before Friday's contest, the roster could shuffle even more.

"It gives you an idea of how we're raising the level of our pro-

gram when we have a freshman that's not going to be our starting catcher but probably technically is a better catcher than Chelsi Lake was," Moore said of freshman Jordan Vannatta.

Lake was a two-time First-Team All-Big 12 catcher during her career and graduated after last season.

Reagan, who earned First-Team All-Big 12 honors as a sophomore last season, said these early-season tournaments are good opportunities to build a rapport with new players and get back into a groove with familiar teammates.

"You get a feel for your teammates, how well you know each other, and as soon as we get to conference play we'll be better and a little more relaxed," Reagan said. "We're going to be real aggressive and ready to play. It's going to be jittery this weekend, but we'll make our way through it."



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Keller sophomore Kirsten Shortridge practices at Getterman Classic. Shortridge is one of two Lady Bears selected to the initial "Watch List" for the seventh annual USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year Award.

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Fans ready to take on Longhorns

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

In preparation for Saturday afternoon's game against the No. 11 University of Texas Longhorns, the Baylor Bear Pit has coordinated a pep rally for Friday night.

And you're invited. The pep rally, which is called Rock the Pit, will be held at 9 p.m. inside the Ferrell Special Events Center and is being put on by the Bear Pit, the Friends of Baylor and the Baylor Alumni Association.

"We're really excited about the students becoming so engaged in Baylor basketball," said Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw. "We have had great support for the past few games. This is just a signal that the fans are rallying behind (head) coach

(Scott) Drew and his basketball team."

Rock the Pit will feature appearances from Drew, members of the basketball team, the Baylor Cheer Squad and the Courtside Players, Baylor's courtside band. After the pep rally, a local band will play, but Bear Pit president Chase McVicker said one has not yet been determined.

McVicker said the event will be similar to the Yell Practice that is held the evening before football games at Texas A&M University. The Bear Pit plans to orchestrate cheers that all fans, not just students, can use for Saturday's game.

"Obviously we hate to use the name they do, but it's the same idea," the Vancouver, Wash., junior said. "We are trying to come up with cheers that we

can use specifically for UT. That has a greater effect then hearing some more of the stereotypical cheers you hear. We are trying to come up with something intelligent, creative and clean."

Those who traveled to Austin for the Bears' Feb. 2, 80-74 defeat against the Longhorns were commended by television commentators for the noise they created during the game as well as by other Baylor fans who watched the broadcast.

"Our goal is to redefine home-court advantage by organizing cheers and raising the noise inside the Ferrell Center," McVicker said. "We showed the UT fans how much noise 200 or 300 Baylor fans can make down in Austin. Now we want to show them what 10,000 fans can do."

As if there wasn't enough incentive to attend the festivi-

ties Friday night, the Friends of Baylor and Alumni Association are providing free hot dogs and drinks for first 1,000 people to show up.

And because Saturday's 5 p.m. game will be televised nationally on ESPN, ESPN producers and cameramen will be at the pep rally to tape footage for usage during timeouts and halftime.

The Ferrell Center's largest men's basketball crowd in its 20-year history was Jan. 26, 2002, against the then-No. 24 Longhorns when 10,496 fans filled the stands of the Ferrell Center. But there is a strong possibility that record could be broken on Saturday. All public tickets were declared sold out as of Monday, with student tickets becoming available Friday at 11:30 a.m.



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Bear Pit cheering for the men's basketball team on Jan. 26 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears lost against the University of Oklahoma Sooners 77-71.

Bears fall to OSU, 93-83

By Jeff Latzke
The Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Byron Eaton matched his career high with 25 points and added a season-best eight assists as Oklahoma State held off a second-half push by Baylor for a 93-83 win Wednesday night.

Eaton scored 16 points before halftime as the Cowboys surged to a 20-point lead on the strength of 55 percent shooting before Baylor started a comeback.

The Bears scored the first six points of the second half to get back in the game and got within single digits when Henry Dugat capped an eight-point surge with a three-point play that made it 58-49 with 11:53 remaining.

Baylor had a chance to get even closer. After Kevin Rogers' layup got the Bears within 71-62 with 5:41 left, Curtis Jerrells picked off an outlet pass at midcourt but was unable to connect on a 3-pointer from the right wing.



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Oklahoma State's Byron Eaton (00) drives past Baylor's Tweety Carter (45). Baylor lost to Oklahoma State 93-83 Wednesday at Gallagher-Iba Arena in Stillwater, Okla.

James Anderson answered with a three-point play at the other end for Oklahoma State, and that started a run of eight straight points that extended the Cowboys' lead to 17.

Tweety Carter scored nine quick points in under a minute to get Baylor (17-6, 5-4) back within nine in the final minute, and Rogers got the deficit down to 91-83 with a putback with 15.8 seconds left but it was too late then for a real rally.

Anderson ended up with 17 points, Terrel Harris scored 15 and Marcus Dove and Obi Muonelo added 13 apiece for Oklahoma State (12-12, 3-7), which has won its last two home

games.

Freshman LaceDarius Dunn led Baylor with 26 points, Carter scored 18, Jerrells added 13, and Dugat had 10. The Bears, who got into the Top 25 earlier this season for the first time since 1969, have lost four of their last five games.

After the teams traded baskets to start the game, Oklahoma State reeled of 14 points in a row to take a 16-2 lead on Martavius Adams' jumper from the right side with 14:08 left in the first half. The turnover-prone Bears didn't make their second basket until Mamadou Diene converted a hook shot in the lane 7:22 into the game.

Clemens denies accusations

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under oath and sometimes blistering questioning, Roger Clemens stuck to his story Wednesday. So did his chief accuser and former personal trainer, Brian McNamee.

And after a 4½-hour hearing, Congress settled for a draw in the he-said, he-said between the two men over whether the seven-time Cy Young Award winner used performance-enhancing drugs.

Ultimately, the matter may be referred to the Justice Department for a resolution — and, possibly, criminal charges.

"I haven't reached any conclusions at this point," said California Democrat Henry Waxman, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

But, as ranking Republican Tom Davis of Virginia, put it: "Both can't be telling the truth."

Clemens and McNamee, once employer and employee, and by all accounts once friends, sat at the same witness table and rarely, if ever, looked at the other.

His reputation and legacy on the line, Clemens gestured

toward McNamee with his right arm and said, "I have strong disagreements with what this man says about me."

At times, Clemens struggled to find the right words as he was pressed by lawmakers about McNamee's allegations — told to federal prosecutors and then baseball investigator George Mitchell — that he injected the pitcher with steroids and human growth hormone from 1998 to 2001.

Using words like "misremembered" and even mispronouncing McNamee's name at one point, Clemens raised his voice toward the end to interrupt Waxman's closing remarks. Waxman pounded his gavel and said, "Excuse me, but this is not your time to argue with me."

It seemed clear nearly from the start that the committee would not treat Clemens with kid gloves, despite all the face-to-face sit-downs he did with representatives in recent days.

Later, the committee appeared split along party lines, with the Democrats reserving their most pointed queries for Clemens, and the Republicans giving McNamee a rougher time. Chris Shays, a Connecticut Republican, likened the hearing

to a "Roman Circus" featuring gladiators.

"I have never taken steroids or HGH," Clemens said after rising with McNamee to swear to tell the truth. "No matter what we discuss here today, I am never going to have my name restored."

For many, his denials rang hollow.

"It's hard to believe you, sir," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat. "I hate to say that. You're one of my heroes. But it's hard to believe."

McNamee's answers were generally quick and concise. His credibility also came under scrutiny.

"You're here under oath, and yet we have lie after lie after lie after lie," said Rep. Dan Burton, an Indiana Republican.

When it was over, Clemens left the hearing room through a back door. Just before exiting, he paused to shake hands with Davis. Clemens later spoke briefly to reporters, saying: "I'm very thankful and very grateful for this day to come. I'm glad for the opportunity finally. And, you know, I hope I get — and I know I will have — the opportunity to come here to Washington again under different terms."

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Alumni band Addison Road rises from ashes to iTunes

By Emily Monti
Reporter

"Just give up," was definitely a thought that crossed the minds of members of Addison Road more than once.

Addison Road, a Christian band made up of mostly Baylor alumni, hasn't always been topping the charts or getting invitations to play shows.

The band is composed of lead vocalist Jenny Simmons, guitarist Ryan Simmons, guitarist Ryan Gregg, bassist Travis Lawrence and drummer Jeff Sutton.

The band, with an inspirational pop-rock sound, didn't have an easy road to success.

It all started when Jenny and Ryan Simmons decided to play at an open mic night at Common Grounds.

"After we got done playing a man approached us about playing events for students," Jenny said.

Now her husband, Ryan, nudged her when she said yes

because they didn't have a band to accompany them, she said.

Since they both attended Calvary Baptist Church, they decided to search for a potential band there.

"We tried to lure a member of a different band to ours by using our student loans," Jenny said. "We were trying to steal him away."

Simmons eventually prevailed and convinced Ryan Gregg to join the band.

"Playing shows at Baylor before we graduated were the fun times," Jenny said. "Those were the shows where only someone's grandparents would show up, or we would only have a few people in the entire place."

At the end of senior year, the members of Addison Road made a decision to take on the "real world" as a band.

"We headed straight for Nashville and used our student loans to get ourselves a van," Jenny said.

When they returned to



Courtesy photo
Members of Addison Road recall their days of playing at Common Grounds as the band is now featured as this week's "Discovery Download" on iTunes.

Texas, the struggling members of Addison Road all moved into an apartment together in Dallas

to save money. "We lived in a duplex in the middle of the ghetto and finally

raised money through a garage sale to help us put a deposit on a house," Simmons said.

While in Dallas, after returning from Nashville, Addison Road led different worship services.

But after a couple of years of living in close proximity together, and with no prospects of a break in the industry, the members were ready to call it quits.

"We are all members of faith and believed God had given us this gift for a reason," Jenny said.

One night, the members of Addison Road said a specific prayer asking God to send them a sign, if this is what God wanted them to do.

Almost immediately after that prayer in late 2007 everything changed, and Addison Road was suddenly being pursued by four record labels.

Since then, Addison Road has risen to the top of the Christian charts and their song, "All That Matters," is even being featured

this week as the iTunes "Discovery Download."

"It would be so easy to get a big head, but it has been such a hard process that it's actually humbling," Jenny said.

Even with rising popularity and recognition, members of Addison Road look beyond themselves and get involved.

"I am a huge supporter of Addison Road," said Humble junior Taylor Payne. "Even though they have become popular they haven't lost touch with who they are and what their mission is."

Jenny said that it is their "commandment as Christians and human beings to help those less fortunate."

"I will definitely be downloading their single," said Baylor alumna Cheryl Mathis. "They send such a positive message with their music."

More information about Addison Road can be found on its Web site: www.addisonroad.com.

'Free Somehow' sticks to rock roots

By Clarissa Nash
Contributor

Roaring guitar riffs and soulful lyrics can be heard throughout Widespread Panic's tenth studio album, *Free Somehow*.

Panic's sound is reminiscent of blues musicians like B.B. King and Southern rockers like Lynyrd Skynyrd.



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ALBUMREVIEW

Hailing from Athens, Ga., Widespread Panic has had a committed fan base for almost two decades, selling out concert tours and 3 million records to date.

While it's not common to find many musicians who stick to the roots of rock music with electric guitar and soulful harmonies, this group does.

However, listening to five out of 11 tracks made me look twice as to whether I was listening to the same song on repeat.

The album starts with an upbeat track, "Boom Boom Boom," and then sinks into a deeper, darker sound with the tracks "Walk on the Flood" and "Dark Day Program."

When they perform at the 2008 NOLA Jazzfest later this spring, the band will hopefully consider the retro R&B sound of "Angels on High," which provides an unparalleled guitar riff in the middle of the track, adding the jazzy and colorful sound.

Fans' response to *Free Somehow* was mixed. On the band's Web site, one fan stated, "(John Hermann) is a talented guitarist, but I'm not so sure about his songwriting/improv ... yawn."

Others praise the new album, with one fan commenting, "Can't wait for 'Boom Boom Boom' and 'Walk on the Flood' live."

The band's success has come without major promotion from television or prominent radio airplay, something most bands are unable to do.

As a new addition to the band, Jimmy Herring makes his first appearance on the record, adding his guitar talent.

The album also features guest performances by the Compass Point Orchestra, which adds strings and woodwind arrange-

Stand-Out Tracks:

"Walk on the Flood,"
"Angels on High"

ments.

The band took a new approach in writing lyrics for their tenth album.

"Some of the songs are more straightforward and less metaphorically cloaked," guitarist/vocalist John Bell said on the band's Web site. "Although there's still plenty of that going on."

According to the band, "Walk on the Flood" is the most direct song the band has written," dealing with current-day issues, such as Hurricane Katrina, in a way they've rarely approached.

Bell, overcome with emotion, wrote and recorded the song in a single day.

"There's so much stuff coming up right now that it didn't feel wrong to address it somewhat directly," Bell stated on the site.

The current lineup includes Bell, bassist Dave Schools, drummer Todd Nance, percussionist Domingo "Sunny" Ortiz, keyboardist John "JoJo" Hermann, and guitarist Jimmy Herring.

Widespread Panic didn't play any new material from *Free Somehow* while on tour before recording the album.

Widespread Panic experiments with a new sound and approach to *Free Somehow* all while trying to stick to the sound that's kept them together for two decades.

Though fans are split in reviews, *Free Somehow* takes a step in a new direction, and that's one thing that can't go unnoticed.

Grade: C+

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Heavenly Voices to fill GospelFest Saturday

By Elizabeth Herring
Reporter

Many voices of college students have sung the heartfelt chords of gospel music on campus for two decades with Heavenly Voices. Heavenly Voices, a gospel choir at Baylor which has had members for 20 years now, will hold the 19th Annual GospelFest Saturday with six other colleges from around Texas.

"A main reason (for GospelFest) is truly Christian fellowship," said Houston junior Tenece Williams, president of Heavenly Voices.

A morning worship service and choir practice with a clinician will help bring the various choirs together.

Conroe junior Deandre' Upshaw, Heavenly Voices' public relations manager, said he enjoys how rival schools can get together and sing without the competition associated with athletics.

"(GospelFest) is a lot of getting together with other men and women of God you don't



Courtesy photo

The Heavenly Voices gospel choir will hold the 19th Annual GospelFest concert at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall.

normally get to see," Upshaw said.

Williams said she is glad to be sharing GospelFest with students from other universities.

She said she feels God has shown his favor on Heavenly Voices and is excited to be able to tell others about what God can do. Heavenly Voices recorded a CD called *Covenant*, which was released this fall, and she hopes it will let other choirs know it is possible to be able to

do something like that.

"We're taking the covenant God has for all believers and we're bringing it to the community," Upshaw said.

He said the concert is for the communities of Baylor, Waco and Texas.

"It is a way for Heavenly Voices to say thank you for all those who helped us along," said Upshaw.

San Bernardino, Calif., sophomore Kayla Woodbridge,

co-chair for GospelFest, is also excited about the community aspect of Gospel Fest.

One downfall she said she sees in the connection with Baylor and the Waco community is the "Baylor Bubble."

Woodbridge said she "hopes Gospel Fest can burst it in a positive way."

She said she wants the concert to help bridge the gap between Baylor and the surrounding community by allowing everyone to come together and worship.

Students from Waco High School will also be singing with Heavenly Voices, and Woodbridge said she hopes this will be a way to invite the Waco community onto Baylor's campus.

Williams said audiences can expect to not just sit and listen. She said gospel music is not "a stagnant genre," but that participants are active and the audience should participate as well.

The concert will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall. GospelFest is free and open to the public.

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November," Hayes said. "Other options would be to have it broken down and moved or auctioned off and sold. We are hoping that we will not have to take action and the owners will come forward."

The boat is close in proximity to Baylor, located within a mile from Robinson Tower off of I-35. Travelers can see that the front hull of the Brazos Belle is partially submerged below the water line. In April 2007, heavy rains broke out windows and flooded the first floor of the event hall. TXU Energy eventually cut off

power to the boat and it has not reopened, amid attempts by its owners to restore it, according to local media outlets. Patterson listed violations of the lease agreement by the owners.

"The owners have failed to pay rent payments and provide proof of insurance as required by the city police," Patterson said. "They have also neglected to pay taxes and received unfavorable scores from city public health officials last year."

Buzzard Billy's owner Tracy Maugham recently moved his business from its location in downtown Waco to South University Parks Drive, across from the boat.

"We have been across from the Brazos Belle since January 5," Maugham said. "I would hate to see the boat go because of the attraction it draws for Waco. It's the first boat you see coming across the highway."

Maugham said that destroying the boat would take away from the appeal that it brings to the city.

"I'm not worried about competition," Maugham said. "I'm more worried about the city not drawing activity from visitors who want to come and enjoy the sights along the river."

The 160-foot long riverboat hosted banquets and wedding receptions.

OBAMA from page 1

Waco area Obama supporters Wednesday night in order to train the supporters for canvassing planned for this Saturday.

Obama supporters will go door-to-door to inform citizens of Obama's ideology. This grassroots practice is especially associated with the Obama campaign.

Waco is appealing to the Obama campaign because the city populated with college students and lower income families, two groups that are likely to support the Illinois senator,

according to Katy sophomore Jeff Fralick, a member of the Baylor for Obama group.

Since Baylor is a closed campus, the university's policy does not allow for on-campus campaigning until March 7.

"It is interesting getting through loopholes and getting the word out," Fralick said.

"I'm really excited. Obama is my favorite candidate," Neville said. "This is such a big deal because Texas is a key state."

The *San Antonio Press*, *Dallas Morning News*, the *Houston Chronicle* and the *Burnt Orange Report*, a popular student web log, are Texas publications endorsing Obama.



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Andrew Zucker leads a meeting Wednesday night at the Bear Crib leasing office to discuss local campaigning and the new campaign office that will be located in Waco.

BOOK from page 1

should be."

A book selection committee composed of a wide range of people including community leaders, city leaders and even high school students chose the book from an initial pool of 25.

"We picked the book that would appeal to as many people as possible," said Fonville, committee chair. "This book encour-

ages diversity on so many levels."

Since statistics nationwide have shown a decline in literacy, part of the mission of One Book, One Waco is to encourage literacy by bringing diverse groups together for discussion.

"For me, it's not only political, cultural or educational," Marshall said. "It's a personal crusade. Education and reading were always the common denominator in my life, and they helped me

get where I am. They help people find common ground and get out of any situation you may be in."

A series of events has already been held to promote One Book, One Waco, including a book review/discussion, teacher appreciation reception and a book discussion for local high schools.

The next event will be 4 p.m. Tuesday in Miller Chapel. Baylor faculty and students will host a panel discussion dealing with the role of faith in the book.

"When the committee read this book, we found it to be a very moving and transformative story in the fact that it also gives the reader a glimpse of the spiritual journey the authors went through," Fonville said. "I hope students will come out to participate in this event."

Fonville said the committee and Chamber hope the book will unite the Waco community, as well as the Baylor community together on common ground.

"There's just something that sets a book apart from a movie," he said. "When you read and experience a story then talk about it with other people, you bond on a different level."

Yukon, Okla., junior Ben Collins said he looks forward to reading the book.

"I am already a fan of One Book, One Waco, even though I haven't read the book yet," he said. "If Baylor students read this book it will bond us together as a

campus as well as bring us closer to the community."

The authors of Same Kind of Different as Me will be speaking in at 7 p.m. March 3 in Waco Hall. The event will be free and open to the community.

"This book speaks to the heart of our community," Marshall said. "It deals with some issues we are facing right here in Waco, and it has united this community in a way that nothing else has in a long time."

ELECT from page 1

by buying someone else's carbon," Lehr said. "It's better than what we've got now, but it's subject to abuse."

Clinton's plan is for an aggressive comprehensive energy efficiency agenda to reduce electricity consumption by 20 percent from the projected levels in 2020, according to her Web site. One aspect of this plan is to phase out incandescent light bulbs, which are commonly used in homes and have high-energy usage.

"It's an achievable goal. There is a new technology out called

fluorescent bulbs, it's very effective and produces as much light (as an incandescent light bulb), but with a different type of bulb," Lehr said. "It's a very possible thing to do and a lot of places including Baylor have gone toward using those bulbs."

Republican hopefuls former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., focus on different aspects concerning environmental issues. McCain focuses on environmental stewardship and Huckabee supports energy independence.

Huckabee believes that "achieving energy independence is vital to achieving success both in the war on terror and in glo-

balization," according to his Web site.

He believes we have to explore all of the alternatives to energy including nuclear, wind, solar, hydrogen, clean coal, biodiesel and biomass.

"I would say that all of those (alternatives) are reasonable," Lehr said. "There is some concern about clean coal, but it's practical and the technology is here."

Huckabee states that the economy is not the only issue concerning the war on terror, but that energy independence is a big factor.

"None of us would write a check to Osama bin Laden, slip

it in a Hallmark card and send it off to him," Huckabee said on his Web site. "But that's what we're doing every time we pull into a gas station. We're paying for both sides in the war on terror - our side with our tax dollars, the terrorists' side with our gas dollars."

Lehr said that immigration, along with energy, is the leading problem concerning environmental issues.

"It affects all of our infrastructure," Lehr said. "It affects housing and food supply and energy use ... Our whole economy runs on cheap energy."

McCain is concerned with being stewards of our nation,

committed to clean air and water, conserving open space and being a leader on the issue of global warming.

Dr. Richard Riley, professor of political science, explained that what sets McCain apart from the other candidates is that he is supporting important changes, and he has introduced some bills.

Obama and McCain joined together in 2007 to re-introduce the Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act. The bill is aimed toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the United States.

"The environment affects all of us, and we should be good stewards of the environment," Brown said. "To be good stew-

ards of the environment means that we must be informed."

The solution McCain presents on his Web site is limiting carbon emissions. It states that a "common sense approach to limit carbon emissions by harnessing market forces that will bring advanced technologies, such as nuclear energy, to the market faster, reduce our dependence on foreign supplies of energy."

"In the combustion process, when any fuel is burned it produces carbon dioxide," Lehr said. "We can't eliminate carbon dioxide but we can reduce it and be more efficient."

TAX from page 1

said.

Who gets a rebate? Most people who pay taxes or earn at least \$3,000, including through Social Security or veterans' disability benefits. Singles making more than \$75,000 and couples with income topping \$150,000, however, will get smaller checks, up to the top limits for any rebate: incomes of \$87,000 for individuals and \$174,000 for couples.

To get any rebate, you must file a 2007 tax return and have a valid Social Security number. If you already filed your 2007 return, the IRS says you don't need to do anything extra.

Most taxpayers will receive a check of up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples, with an additional \$300 for each child.

People earning too little to pay taxes but at least \$3,000 - including elderly people whose only income is from Social Security and veterans who live on disability payments - will get \$300 if single, or \$600 if a couple.

The IRS will send out rebates - by mail or by direct deposit into your bank account - through the late spring and the summer. The rebates come in addition to any regular tax

refund.

To pay for the rebates - which are estimated to cost about \$117 billion over the next two years - the government will have to borrow more money, enlarging the budget deficit.

The Bush administration and some private economists are hopeful the rebates, tax breaks and aggressive interest rate reductions by the Federal Reserve will help the country narrowly dodge a recession. An increasing number of economists, however, believe the country has already fallen into its first recession since 2001, and they are simply hopeful the rescue package will limit the damage. Most people - 61 percent - say the economy is now in a recession, according to the AP-Ipsos poll.

"I do think this will give the economy a shot of adrenaline," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

The National Bureau of Economic Research, a private research organization, looked at what people did with their 2001 rebates. The study found that "households spent about 20 to 40 percent of their rebates on nondurable goods" - which can include things like food and clothing - in the first three months. They spent roughly another third in the following three months.

With the current stimulus, the economy will log growth in the range of 2.25 percent to 2.50 percent in the second half of this year - roughly one full percentage point higher than without the bracing tonic, Hoffman estimated. That would be closer to a more normal rate of around 3 percent, he said.

That in turn should encourage businesses to step up hiring. Nervous employers cut 17,000 jobs in January, the first nationwide loss of jobs in more than four years.

Edward Lazear, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, predicted, "The stimulus will have the effect of increasing jobs by about half a million above the number that would have been the case in the absence of that."

Still, even with the rescue efforts, some analysts fear the economy could backslide and flirt with recession again in 2009.

To help the severely depressed housing market, the stimulus package would raise temporarily to as high as \$729,750 the limit on Federal Housing Administration loans and also raise the cap on loans that mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac can buy.

Raising those limits, should provide relief in the market for "jumbo" mortgages - those exceeding \$417,000.

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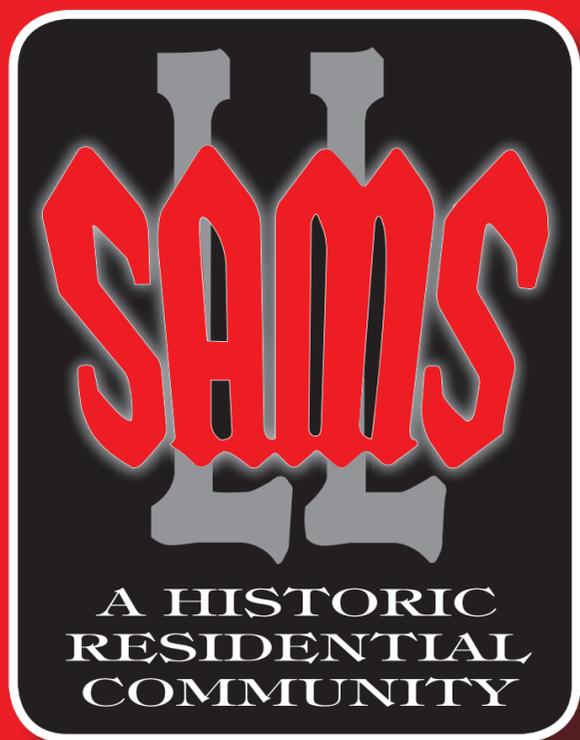
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