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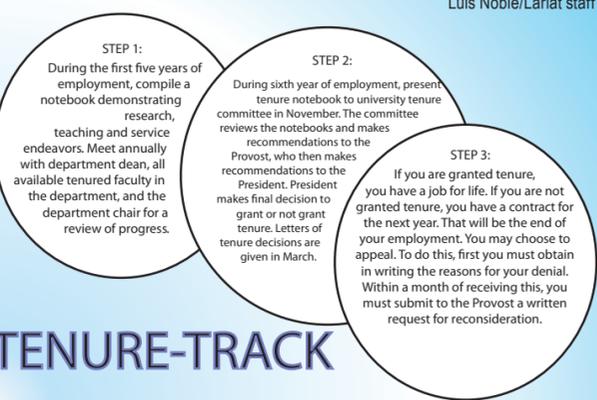
THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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12 of 30 teachers up for tenure denied

Luis Noble/Lariat staff

By Anita Pere
Staff writer



Frustration with the changing tides of tenure and promotion requirements at Baylor University resurfaced this month with the university's rejection of 12 of 30 tenure candidates.

At a meeting of the university's Executive Council Tuesday, the council discussed the tenure issue, said Lori Fogleman, director of media relations. Provost Randall O'Brien said he couldn't comment on the meeting.

There has also been speculation of sexual discrimination in

the tenure decision. Six of the nine women up for tenure were denied, while six of the 21 men were denied.

"There is a significant disparity in those numbers and that warrants explanation from the university," said Rene Mas-sengale, assistant professor of biology.

O'Brien said gender wasn't a factor in awarding tenure.

"There's absolutely no sexual discrimination (or) racial discrimination. This is just not a place where we discriminate," O'Brien said. The names of the 12 rejected, which represent 40 percent of the tenure candi-

dates, have not been released.

Dr. Lori Baker, assistant professor of anthropology, brought national attention to the university with her DNA research to identify the remains of immigrants found in the Sonora Desert. According to off-the-record sources, Baker did not receive tenure. She was not available to confirm or deny her tenure status.

O'Brien said tenure applicants were examined in four categories: record of teaching, research and creative endeavors, interpersonal relationships within the academic community and service. These four

categories, however, are not spelled out in the Tenure Policy and Procedures of Baylor University.

Matt Cordon, chair of the faculty senate, said the criteria for awarding tenure "needs to be explained more clearly."

O'Brien said many people play a role in university tenure decisions, including tenured professors, the tenure committee and deans, but the president has final say in approval.

O'Brien said he feels the four categories should have been known by applicants this year.

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BIN still offline following breach

By Christina Kruse
Staff writer

The office of Judicial Affairs is scheduled to meet with the student employee who breached the Baylor Information Network.

Over Christmas break, a student employee breached the security of the Baylor Information Network and obtained access to the Bear ID and passwords of those logging on to the BIN.

Federal authorities are still investigating the incident said Lori Fogleman, director of media communications.

Currently, the BIN is unavailable. The network has been down since the incident in December. According to the BIN Web site, "Staff members from the Division of Student Life and Information Technology Services are working with representatives of Student Government to review and evaluate the services provided by the BIN in order to provide the best functionality and the greatest security."

In an interview by e-mail, Fogleman said that students who held jobs with BIN were offered continued employment with Information Technology Services.

Also, Patti Orr, vice president for Information Technology, has met with Student Senate, Student Life and former BIN student staff to discuss the concern for student government's spring elections. ITS has allocated resources to accomplish that goal this spring, Fogleman said.

In a step toward a more secure network, the university purchased PGP Whole Disk Encryption in order to protect sensitive information and students' privacy, according to the PGP Web site.

With access to Bear IDs and passwords, it is possible to attain personal information through Bearweb. On the home page of Bearweb, there is the option of attaining a student's ID as long as the student's Bear ID and password is known. The PIN may also be reset, and the new PIN will be sent to the student's e-mail account. Once a student's ID number and PIN are known, anyone may access their information on Bearweb. Employee

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Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athletics Complex expected to be completed in October

The first vertical beams for the \$34 million Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athletics Complex went up last week as the facility creeps closer to completion. Athletic director Ian McCaw said Monday he's expecting an October completion date for the complex. Baylor athletics set an optimistic date for early fall completion, but obtaining the requisite permits and the realities of construction tempered those thoughts. The football team would then move its offices and academic center into the facility at the end of the season. "This is really another very important step in overall development of Baylor's campus, certainly the riverfront area," McCaw said. "It makes dramatic impression on University Parks. It's just going to add that much more."

Gas prices guzzle dollar value down

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

The dollar is falling. And for many Americans, the sky seems to be falling with it.

With the decline in the dollar's value triggering increased oil prices, and as a rumored recession draws near, an economic headache can be felt across the country.

Bridgeport freshman Jon Green is one of many students learning to economize his gasoline usage.

"Since we only had four days last week between two back-to-back holidays, my sister Lauren, a junior, and I decided to take just one car back to Baylor after spring break to share until Easter," Green said. "It saved our family two tanks of gas."

Good news came this week, however, as oil prices fell Tuesday to \$99.35 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, breaking a streak of record-setting gas prices that lasted for weeks.

According to the United States Department of Energy, the retail average of regular gasoline prices increased five weeks in a row from \$2.96 on Feb. 11 to \$3.28 (the highest price ever recorded) on March 17. The AAA and the Oil Price Information Service reported Tuesday that the national unleaded average fell to \$3.25 a gallon.

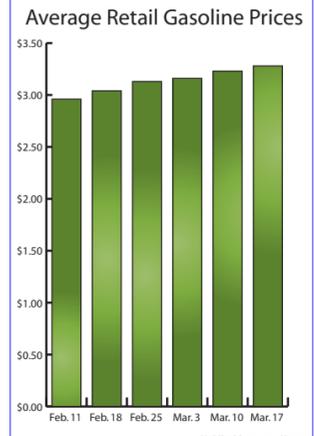
As prime spring break season comes to an end, gas prices seem to be slowly easing their way back down due to a slight dip in demand after an alarming string of unprec-

edented high prices.

While one relation of the dollar to gas prices involves an array of complex details, the key explanation lies in the classic economic principle of supply and demand. According to theory, when the supply of a product, such as the dollar, increases and its demand decreases, the price of that product (or currency) declines.

"We're in a situation now where both supply and demand are working against the value of the dollar," said Dr. Kent Gilbreath, professor of economics.

On the supply side, the Federal Reserve System is increasing the money supply by reducing interest rates and pumping up dollar circula-



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Followers of a radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr stage a sit in protest Tuesday in the mainly Shiite neighborhood of al-Amil in Baghdad, Iraq.



Associated Press

Shiite militia fight U.S., Iraqi troops

By Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's leaders faced their gravest challenge in months Tuesday as Shiite militiamen loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr battled for control of the southern oil capital, fought U.S. and Iraqi troops in Baghdad and unleashed rockets on the Green Zone.

Armed Mahdi Army militiamen appeared on some Baghdad streets for the first time in more than six months, as al-Sadr's fol-

lowers announced a nationwide campaign of strikes and demonstrations to protest a government crackdown on their movement. Merchants shuttered their shops in commercial districts in several Baghdad neighborhoods.

U.S. and Iraqi troops backed by helicopters fought Shiite militiamen in Baghdad's Sadr City district after the local office of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Dawa Party came under attack, the U.S. said. Residents of the area reported intermittent explosions and gunfire in the area late

Tuesday.

An American soldier was killed in fighting Tuesday afternoon in Baghdad, the U.S. military said. No further details were released, and it was unclear whether Shiite militiamen were responsible.

Although all sides appeared reluctant to trigger a conflagration, Brig. Gen. Ed Cardon, assistant commander of the U.S. task force operating south of Baghdad, said the situation in the south was "very complicated" and "the potential for miscalcu-

lation is high."

The burgeoning crisis — part of an intense power struggle among Shiite political factions — has major implications for the United States. An escalation could unravel the cease-fire which al-Sadr proclaimed last August.

A resumption of fighting by his militia could kill more U.S. soldiers and threaten — at least in the short run — the security gains Washington has hailed as a sign that Iraq is on the road to recovery.

Fan behavior shows different sides to the stands

Attending the Big 12 and NCAA tournaments in the past weeks, I couldn't help but notice that most of the fans behaved in ways different from the average fan who attends regular season games.

What kind of fan are you? Are you a Season Ticket Holder (STH) or an Average Joe Fan (AJF)? Attending the Big 12 and NCAA tournaments, I couldn't help but notice that most of the fans acted more like STHs than AJFs.

What are the differences? First, do you sit or stand? STHs like to sit, believing that the reason fans pay for seats is

to sit in them.

AJF, on the other hand, rejects this concept and embraces the true fan philosophy of seating: "I paid for my ticket and I can stand up in front of you whenever I can't process the fact that others are also in attendance." Inherent in this view is that standing is a right, even an obligation, of true fans. STHs, perhaps due to holding college degrees, believe standing to be highly overrated.

Second, what kind of food do you like? STHs like to eat food that will not lead unto death. AJFs like to eat food existing in forms found only inside

sports humor



BY KIRK WAKEFIELD

sports venues and other captive environs. The apparent rule of AJFs is to ingest items exceeding 50 percent fat calories, led by hot dogs (81 percent), bratz (68 percent), cheeseburgers (60 percent), nachos (60 percent), Dippin' Dots (56 percent) and funnel cakes (53 percent). We're no nutrition scientists,

but we can't help but wonder if this tendency and the fact that the average seat width in sports venues ranges from 18 to 21 inches has something to do with our first point.

Third, how do you express yourself? STHs are under the impression that the likelihood of refs, players or coaches responding to their specific instructions is low.

AJFs believe that if these instructions are screamed at the top of their collective lungs that the outcome can be altered. This was the apparent reasoning of the AJF that sat behind me at the last home game, who repeat-

edly tried to reach the ears of the refs by screaming directly into mine at levels exceeding their household arguments over who gets the last corn dog at Sunday lunch.

To be sure, STHs do believe that enthusiastic clapping and choreographed cheering provide a home court advantage.

When one side is instructed by large signage to yell the home school's name and the other side yells the mascot name, STHs know that the opponent begins to tremble in his respective sneakers.

Finally, although other differences such as income and

seat location exist, we must acknowledge the perceived role of pom squads.

While AJF evaluates the quality of dance and gymnastic skills, the STH wonders who would want their daughter parading around the center of the floor wearing clothing too tight for comfortable breathing and otherwise insufficient for any other public appearance.

Hopefully we have helped each side understand each other better. Odds are we just confirmed how old I am.

Dr. Kirk Wakefield is chairman of the marketing department in the Hankamer School of Business.

Editorial

Reflections on Iraq war lack depth

President Bush's day of reflection came and went Monday after the Iraq War's death toll reached 4,000. In a brief news conference, Bush said the deaths have laid a "foundation of peace." But aside from Saddam Hussein's capture and execution, what real milestones have been reported? Surely the number of deaths is news, but had Bush not made a statement, would the death toll have made front pages?

As a society, we have largely become numb to the war. Our day-to-day lives have scarcely changed.

What difference does a 4,000 death toll make? Would 5,000 matter? 6,000? What would it take for the American people to stand up and say "enough"?

We have sacrificed more than just our men and women on the front lines. We've sacrificed our international image, our economy and our morale. True, this isn't the 58,000 troops we lost in the Vietnam War, but this is 4,000 of our troops lost for a war that a majority of the American public does not agree with.

And unfortunately, the numbness to numbers from Iraq has overtaken the public.

Bush made a vow "to make sure that those lives were not lost in vain," but most American citizens are having trouble seeing the meaning behind the deaths. The disconnect is present not only between the Bush administration's presentation of the situation in Iraq and public sentiment, but also between public sentiment and the war itself.



The administration has made numerous statements that have demonstrated a disconnect with the public by insisting that the war is on track to accomplish the overall plan, which still remains unclear to much of the American public.

The public's disillusionment with the war has been exacerbated by the administration's sweeping statements that suggest the death toll in Iraq fits neatly in the classic war narrative of sacrifice before security. While "Peace

in the Middle East" makes a nice bumper sticker, it is a far more complicated and multifaceted situation than the administration's sound bytes suggest.

The victory that "will merit the sacrifice" was supposed to be swift. Now with no end in sight and the beginning of the sixth year, all we have shown for ourselves is a so-called more "secure" Iraq due largely to last year's troop surge and a more dangerous Afghanistan. All the while bringing democracy to Iraq has been less

than successful.

Early next month, Bush and Gen. David Petraeus are expected to announce the next steps for the war. The U.S. has about 158,000 troops in Iraq. That number is expected to drop to 140,000 by summer.

While a decrease in troops is definitely a step in the right direction, a more prudent one would be for the administration to level with the American people about uncertain future of path we have chosen.

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Fault for financial disaster rests in forgotten details

Here we are, ignorant peasants in our mud huts at the base of the volcano of finance, begging the gods to spare us as the ground shakes beneath our feet and economists examine the entrails of pigeons and the shamans of the Federal Reserve fling handfuls of sacred powder into the steaming crater. We live with a system rejiggered by Republicans — freedom from regulation, but when the manure hits the ventilator, the Fed's step in with a few hundred billion to rescue the players — and nobody can tell us ignorant savages how rough the upheaval might be. Nobody knows.

Meanwhile, there were rumors of spring but then it snowed nine inches here on the windswept tundra so there were no crocuses for us on the way to

Easter, just snow and ice, and we went to celebrate the risen Lord with a certain dread of slipping and falling. You fall on ice, you could hit your head and suddenly your command of English is gone. This happens.

The fear of disaster does not slow us down much, however. We are cockeyed American optimists. We go to the Good Shepherd Home to take Uncle Gene his lily and we see old people slip-sliding along with their walkers, enduring the extreme tedium of decrepitude, and we honestly don't expect this to ever happen to us. We expect to continue singing and tap-dancing right up to The End and the roll of the credits.

The Puritans who I am descended from were not cockeyed optimists. That was one

point of view



BY GARRISON KEILLOR

reason they came to Minnesota. Living here is like being in a difficult marriage, a true test of one's mettle, and the reality is that spring is going to be a little late again and love is not all you need and to dream the impossible dream and fight the unbeatable foe does not exempt you from the laws of physics when your car hits glare ice.

We used to have a potluck culture in Minnesota — the sharing of food as a way of life, you do your best for me, I do my best for you. But it easily breaks

down: If some folks bring homemade pies and others bring a gallon of factory-made potato salad, forget it, the potluck is over. If other people don't care to make something good, then why should we? And so Aunt Elsie's excellent fried chicken passes from the scene and we settle for a Barrel O' Breasts from KFC and meanwhile standards slip in the public schools and bankers hand out high-risk mortgages.

I know a woman who at age 34 inherited a potful of cash and found a financial adviser who seemed smart enough until one day, referring to a partner in the firm, he said, "Me and him think you should stick with stocks."

"Should I accept financial advice from someone who uses Me as a subject?" she asked me.

No.

And now I am wondering if the upheaval in finance may not be the result of the raging epidemic of poor spelling we see all around us. A college graduate just sent me an e-mail asking about a band that "one" a contest, wishing she had been "their" to see it. Misspelling drives me nuts. You young people learned spelling by the Close Enough method. As long as we know what you mean, you think it's OK. And nobody corrects you. And you go along on your merry way, and the dark clouds of Error build up in the rain forest and the ground shakes.

People accuse us liberals of permissiveness — no no no no. We liberals are oppressive, not permissive, working day and night to take your guns away

and make you apply for a permit every time you spit. In my heart, I belong to the Correctness Party, the party of good spellers, of people who pay attention to details. The Current Occupant is not one of us. He is not a man who puts pen to paper with any confidence. Intellectually he has been a charity case all his life. He is one of those men who are lucky that their fathers were born before they were.

I vote to send him up to talk to the volcano. Let him climb up to the crater in his loincloth and crouch in the billowing steam and tell the volcano to stop shaking and stay there until it does. Him and Greenspan could do it together.

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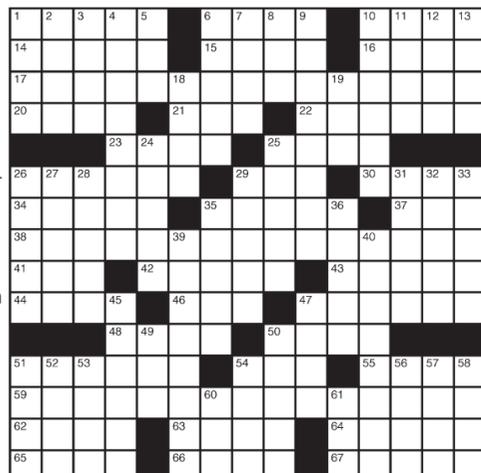
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By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR 3/26/08

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Associated Press

Maple leaf mayhem

Supporters for a free Tibet shout slogans as they march along a street in Toronto Sunday. More than 1,000 protesters took to the streets of Toronto to denounce the Chinese occupation of Tibet.

Designer jeans half-off today

By Crystal Hernandez
Reporter

Kappa Alpha Theta is pairing up with Charity Denim to bring the first "Denim Dash" to Baylor today.

Jacqueline Alvarenga, Theta's philanthropy chair, said she first heard about Charity Denim on a newscast.

Alvarenga said Texas Christian University made more than \$4,000 in less than 3 hours.

"They were buying jeans like they were going out of style," she said. "Charity Denim has hit every large school in Texas except Baylor. I wanted to change that."

Lauren Swaner, an Axtel junior and vice president of public relations for the Theta chapter, said Charity Denim is a traveling fund-raising company that will transform any location into a shopping outlet.

"They provide the jeans, the dressing rooms. All we have to

do is provide the location and the people," Swaner said.

Swaner said Charity Denim will bring last season's unsold jeans directly from the manufacturer to our doorstep at discounted prices.

Swaner said the event will feature both men's and women's sizes in all cuts, colors and sizes.

The jeans will range from the lowest priced Elvis jeans for \$45 to the most expensive pair of Rock & Republic jeans for \$100.

Other brands will include Seven For All Mankind, True Religion, Paper Denim, Hudson, Diesel, Citizens of Humanity, Joe's Jeans and more.

"It's not going to be like a garage sale," Alvarenga said.

Theta will transform their meeting room into a jean store, equipped with tables, signs and portable fitting rooms with mirrors.

Ten percent of the proceeds will go to Court Appointed Special Advocates, Theta's national

philanthropy.

"The more we sell, the more money goes back to the philanthropy," Swaner said.

Alvarenga said she wants to sell more than 400 pairs of jeans to beat TCU's record.

"Not only are you getting designer jeans for a hefty discount, but you're also helping a child have a voice in court through our philanthropy CASA," said Laura Barth, the Theta public relations and panhellenic alumnae adviser. "Great jeans and a worthy cause."

The Charity Denim drive will be held in the Stacy Riddle Forum, in the Kappa Alpha Theta room on the first floor.

Doors will open to the public at 11 a.m. today and close at 7 p.m.

Charity Denim will only accept cash and credit payments.

"Designer jeans for dirt cheap, that you can't find in Waco. Just try them on to see how you look in cheap, expensive jeans," Alvarenga said.

Alumni construct Web site, use converging media to reach users

By Lori Cotton
Reporter

If you've ever been deep-sea diving with a shark, played a prank on your roommate or taken a picture of a modern-day mullet, there is a new Web site for you.

YawpBox.com was created by Baylor alumni Jay Powers and Anthony Bruster, who graduated in 1994. Paired with radio and television, the site is part of a new interactive networking community.

"It is a simple way for people to share their life experiences," Powers said.

Bruster and Powers first thought of creating a Web site after hearing about friends' unusual vacation experiences.

They wanted to build a community where people who had similar interesting stories could share and compare them.

From this idea, YawpBox.com was developed.

The site is based on different topics that users, or "Yawpers," can blog about and upload vid-

eos of to their profiles.

After they are viewed by other Yawpers, they are voted on by the viewers and content reviewers of the site.

Those with the most votes will be shown on YawpBox TV, the television component of YawpBox.

The television show will be a thirty-minute program consisting of Yawpers' videos and segments filmed in front of a live audience in Dallas, where YawpBox is based. Radio personalities Lex Staley and Terry Jaymes

of the Lex & Terry Morning Radio Network will host the show that will begin filming later this month.

"YawpBox TV will be the first television show where the subject matter is completely generated by the users of a social networking site," Bruster said.

Using stunts and pranks posed through Lex and Terry's morning show, Yawpers' videos can be seen online via their profiles and possibly on YawpBox TV.

With Yawpers logging on

from as far as the Philippines, there are many videos and stories being displayed daily on the site.

"The best videos are the 'Show us your best pranks,'" said Dallas junior Alexandra Kupres, who does marketing for YawpBox.

But don't mistake YawpBox for another Facebook or MySpace. The site has a "more personal base and is more secure," Powers said.

"Parents will be happier for their kids to be on this site

because it is also more filtered," said Kupres.

While YawpBox has the same content regulations as YouTube, the "rules are more strictly enforced," said Powers, who also reviews the videos and stories that go onto the site.

The three components of YawpBox join together through the Internet application.

It is the first network of its kind to combine these different types of media. YawpBox is also the first "user-powered" site to be founded in Texas.

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Kirsten Shortridge gets ready to pitch a ball to a Texas State University batter on Tuesday night at Gettnerman Stadium. The Lady Bears lost, 5-2.

Softball loses to Texas State, 5-2

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

The No. 18 Lady Bears' woes continued Tuesday night at Gettnerman Stadium as Baylor suffered a 5-2 setback at the mercy of the Texas State University Bobcats.

Baylor (18-9, 1-2) has lost five of its last nine contests dating back to the USF Under Armour Classic at the beginning of March, and with No. 7 Texas A&M coming into town tonight, the mission to get out of a slump does not get any easier.

"The challenge we're up against right now is figuring out why things have gone south," head coach Glenn Moore said. "We are a talented team but we are playing as individuals. We don't have great team chemistry, and I mean that in the sense of being comfortable with the per-

son next to you."

The miscommunication and mental mistakes Moore referenced were painfully displayed throughout Tuesday's match up.

Whether it was the Lady Bears' base running faults, which led to a triple play in the bottom of the second inning, or no one covering second base on a Taylor Hall stolen base attempt in the top of the fourth resulting in a Courtney Oberg throw to center field, it was excruciatingly evident that Baylor is not playing typical Lady Bear softball.

"The effort is there; the passion is there, but things are just going against us," Tomball junior Brette Reagan said. "We have to fight back, but not everything is going to be perfect. I have a really good feeling, though, about the next couple of weeks about

Baylor softball."

The Bobcats took a 3-0 advantage in the top of the second inning when second baseman Ryan Kos slapped a bases-loaded double off the right field fence against freshman pitcher Shaina Brock.

The Lady Bears appeared to be piecing together a rally in the bottom half of the inning after Oberg led off with a screaming single to left field.

Jordan Daniels then reached on a fielder's choice, but both runners were cleared off the base paths when K.J. Freeland popped up a bunt to third base leaving both runners stranded to be thrown out.

The Lady Bears did scrape together a run in the bottom of the third inning when Meagan Weldon scored on Kirsten Shortridge's fly ball to left field that was mismanaged by Kelsey

Cammarata.

However, McKenzie Baack would retaliate in top of the fifth inning when she led off with a home run over the center field fence despite 20 mile-per-hour winds gusting straight against the plate.

Oberg brought in Nicole Wesley on a base hit up the middle to bring the game to a 4-2 score, but Texas State pitcher Ragan Blake refused to allow another runner past first base the rest of the night, much less score.

The Lady Bears resume conference play 6:30 p.m. today at Gettnerman Stadium, as they play host to archrival Texas A&M University, who defeated Baylor 7-0 last week in College Station.

Fans are encouraged to get to the game early, as 800 tickets had already been bought for the game by Tuesday night.

Bears pound Houston, 12-4

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

It was a battle of big swings in the Baylor Ballpark Tuesday. Aaron Miller and Adam Hornung connected three times total, pushing Baseball America's No. 20 Baylor (14-7) past Houston Baptist University (11-13) 12-4.

Channelview sophomore Aaron Miller, who only had one hit in the last six games, ended his hitting drought, connecting on 3-of-5, including two home runs.

"I just let him come to me," Miller said. "The trouble I've had the past couple of weekends has been pitch selection. I just made him throw strikes before I started swinging."

It was his third multi-home run game of his career and the second this season. His last shot came during the QBI Baylor Classic, when he crushed three fastballs against the University of Illinois.

Against the University of Missouri Tigers Miller and the rest of the team struggled, but found

Houston Baptist to be a willing host for a 13-hit game.

"It was good to see that early," Hornung said, who went 3-for-4 on the night with three RBIs. "At Missouri twice we had a chance to score early and we didn't."

After retiring the Huskies in order in the first, Baylor scored four runs. It would prove to be all the cushion the Bears would need. They would add three more in the third.

Houston Baptist's best hitter, Andrew Taccolini, kept the Huskies in the game, hitting a two-run home run in the fourth inning. His .424 batting average afforded him two hits.

The Bears held a 7-4 lead until the fifth, when Gregg Glime's sacrifice fly allowed Shaver Hansen to tag and score from third base.

Baylor would convert eight extra-base hits throughout the game and add four more for the 12-4 victory.

"Our slugging percentage went down, so it was good to see us hitting some gaps," Hornung said, Tim Matthews (1-0) picked

up the win, allowing two hits in three-and-two-thirds innings of work.

"I wanted to split the game up between him and Craig (Fritsch)," head coach Steve Smith said. "I wanted Craig to get to start, get his feet wet."

The wind caused trouble for Fritsch and the Houston Baptist bullpen, but not for Matthews.

"I'm pretty much a ground ball pitcher," Matthews said. "If you get it up, it can be dangerous."

Senior Nick Cassevechia saw action, replacing Tim Matthews in the eighth. His early-season struggles didn't appear, as he retired five batters with just one hit.

"I thought he was better — His stuff was better," head coach Steve Smith said. "This would have been a tough night if we had come out here and the wind blowing in our face. At least the wind didn't work against the (batters)."

Baylor will face Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (5-17) at 4 p.m. today in the Baylor Ballpark.



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

Aaron Miller waits for the ball to bat against Houston Baptist University Tuesday at the Baylor Ballpark. Baylor defeated Houston with 12-4.

French president raises pressure on China

By Jenny Barchfield
The Associated Press

PARIS — French President Nicolas Sarkozy suggested Tuesday that a boycott of the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics was a possibility.

The United States, Britain and Germany all condemned China for using force against Tibetan protesters, but they stopped short of threatening to boycott the games or the Aug. 8 opening ceremony.

China, meanwhile, showed no sign of letting up on its crackdown. At least two people were killed in a clash between protesters and police in an area of western China that borders on Tibet, state media and human rights groups reported Tuesday.

The clashes were the latest in most sustained uprising against Chinese rule in almost two decades — a challenge that has put China's human rights record in the international spotlight, embarrassing and frustrating a Communist leadership that had hoped for a smooth run-up to the Olympic Games.

China's response has also pushed human rights campaigners and governments to re-examine their approach to the Olympics.

Sarkozy, who had faced rising criticism in France for his relative silence on the issue, couched his comments cautiously. He made it clear that skipping the ceremony was one of several possible French responses to the violence in Tibet.

"Our Chinese friends must understand the worldwide concern that there is about the question of Tibet, and I will adapt my response to the evolutions in the situation that will come, I hope, as rapidly as possible," he said in southwest France.

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'Much Ado' to be presented in Armstrong Browning

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

Shakespeare's classic comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*, is far from being about nothing. It is the melodramatic story of two bitter antagonists falling in love against all odds, and it's being performed at the Armstrong Browning Library through Saturday.

"Everything that happens in the play is based on false reports," said Dr. Stephen Prickett, director of the Armstrong Browning Library and professor of English.

Set in Messina, Italy, the story features two principal characters, Beatrice and Benedict, who strongly dislike each other from a hinted previous relationship. In an effort to rekindle their love, their friends decide to stage

two overheard conversations in which she is told that Benedict is madly in love with her, and he is told that Beatrice is madly in love with him.

But is love real when it's based on lies? Prickett said that's for the audience to decide.

Mount Vernon, Mo., graduate student Sarah Freeland plays the character Hero and said she was excited when she first heard about the production.

"This is one of my favorite comedies. The interplay between Beatrice and Benedict is so much fun because of the wit, the way they fight with each other and ultimately the way they fall in love," Freeland said. "I hope people walk away with an appreciation for Shakespeare and the great literature that the play is."

Prickett and David J. White,

classics lecturer, will co-direct the play, and the cast, composed of both faculty and students, has been rehearsing since January. White will play the role of Dogberry as well. The play also features Professor Bill Hair, associate dean of university libraries; Dr. Sarah-Jane Murray, assistant professor of Great Texts; Jonathan Sands-Wise, doctoral candidate of philosophy; and Dr. Avery Sharp, professor and research librarian of university libraries.

Prickett said there was no deep, philosophical message that he hopes the audience will divulge from the play, but that they will simply experience "a good evening's entertainment."

"I think Shakespeare is very entertaining," Prickett said. "There's a certain mystique about him."

This is the library's third year to host a Shakespearean play. The library showcased *Twelfth Night* in 2006 and *Midsummer Night's Dream* in 2007, with a sold-out audience at each performance.

"It's great fun putting together something that involves deans, students, staff, faculty and administrators," Prickett said. "There aren't many things where all these individuals can mix on equal terms."

The play will be in the library's Foyer of Meditation, a room with high windows, a golden ceiling and profound acoustics. Without a stage, the actors will perform on the marble steps leading into the room with characters breaching out around the audience.

Christine Flannery, a friend of Prickett, planned a trip from



Johnathan Sans-Wise and Dr. Sarah Jane Murray perform in Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* on Monday night in Armstrong Browning Library.

Kent, England, specifically to coincide with the dates of the play.

"I can't remember the last time I read *Much Ado About Nothing*, but I am absolutely delighted

to be here," Flannery said. "I'm very much so looking forward to the performance tonight."

The play will be performed at 7 p.m. every day this week through Saturday.

'The Bank Job' banks on new perspective in heist film genre



Terry Leather (Jason Statham) recruits his friends to help him rob a bank in *The Bank Job*, but it doesn't turn out quite as planned.

By Alex Le
Contributor

After *Ocean's Eleven* and other popular heist movies, I expected Roger Donaldson's *The Bank Job* to be a conventional film of the genre, with characters planning the robbery for three-quarters of the movie and then executing the perfect plan at the end. Fortunately, Donaldson's movie stands apart and brings originality to a tired genre.

MOVIE REVIEW

Based on real events that took place in London in 1971, *The Bank Job* stars Jason Statham as Terry Leather, a car dealer with a shady past and deeply in debt. After one of his old acquaintances, Martine (Saffron Burrows), mentions the idea of a bank robbery, Terry forms a team with his friends and makes a plan. However, the robbery doesn't go

as smoothly as he expected.

Donaldson, who is well known for adventures such as *Dante's Peak*, doesn't reinvent the heist movie. Instead he takes a risk other movies haven't by focusing on the failures and mistakes involved in the robbery. To do so, the director displayed a multitude of subplots that are linked to the robbery through the contents of the safety deposit boxes.

In fact, the weakness of the movie comes from this element. Since the only link between the subplots and the plot draws upon what is robbed rather than who robs, the movie ends up disconnected, with some recurrent secondary characters who are never even associated with the protagonist. As a result, the audience is left confused by the juxtaposition of subplots until an hour into the film.

However, the main story is the strongest point of the movie.

Terry's character and his relationship with Martine and his wife are developed as the story progresses, allowing the audience to follow the plot from the protagonist's point of view.

The whole story of a penniless protagonist looking for a robbery to start a new life with a woman is similar to *Ocean's Eleven's* plot involving George Clooney and Julia Roberts' characters. Still, the movie is worth sitting through for its second half, because that's when all the subplots start to make sense. The last half of the plot is punctuated by hostage situations, bribery and other twists that certainly keep the audience riveted until the end.

Moreover, although the subplots are poorly connected to each other and to the main story, it is worth mentioning that all of them are well concluded and in a timely manner.

Overall, *The Bank Job* resem-

bles a choral movie (like *Traffic* or *Magnolia*) more than a heist movie. This is especially true considering the lack of special effects or an all-star cast, but more importantly because of the lack of strong connections between the secondary and main characters. But the absence of these elements combined with natural dialogue leads to a believable movie that stays close to the idea that it is based on real events.

With *The Bank Job*, Donaldson delivers an alternative version of a heist movie with a cast of unknown actors, a plot that takes too long to unfold and too many subplots for the audience to connect the dots.

Nonetheless, *The Bank Job*, with its fast-paced second half, brings a load of entertainment that the audience is desperately looking for this season. There is no doubt that in this department, nobody will get robbed.

XM-Sirius satellite radio deal approved

By John Dunbar
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department on Monday approved Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.'s proposed \$5 billion buyout of rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., saying the deal was unlikely to lessen competition or harm consumers.

The transaction was approved without conditions, despite opposition from consumer groups and an intense lobbying campaign by the land-based radio industry. The combination still requires approval from the Federal Communications Commission, which prohibited a merger when it first granted satellite radio operating licenses in 1997.

The Justice Department, in a statement explaining its decision, said the combination of the companies won't hurt competition because the companies are not competing today. Customers must buy equipment that is exclusive to either XM or Sirius, and subscribers rarely switch providers.

"People just don't do that," Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division Thomas Barnett said in a conference call with reporters.

The government also appeared to endorse a central argument the companies used in pushing for the merger: that ample competition is provided by other forms of audio entertainment, including "high-definition" radio, Internet-based radio stations and even devices like Apple Inc.'s iPod.

"The likely evolution of technology in the future, including the expected introduction in the next several years of mobile broadband Internet devices, made it even more unlikely that the transaction would harm consumers in the longer term," the Justice Department said.

The buyout received shareholder approval in November. The companies said the merger will save hundreds of millions of dollars in operating costs — savings that will ultimately benefit their customers.

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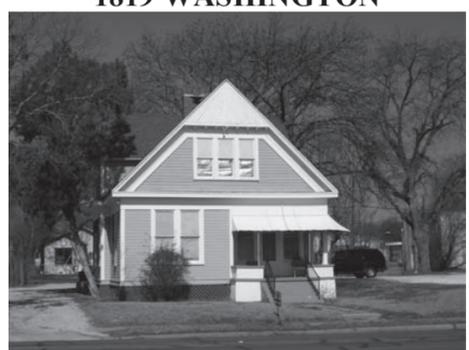
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tion in an effort to confront the financial crisis and impending recession.

"This action is on top of the dollars that have been flooding into world markets as a result of the balance of trade deficits that we have been running for decades," Gilbreath said.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. imported \$206.4 billion and exported \$148.2 billion in January, resulting in a goods and service deficit of \$58.2 billion.

Gilbreath said historically, the dollar has served as the main international currency for trade between third party nations.

"For example, if India were trading with Kenya, the transaction would usually be done in dollars because neither nation trusts the other nation's currency," Gilbreath explained.

However, a decrease in demand for dollars worldwide leaves an ample supply of the currency floating around the global economy.

"The world outside the U.S. today is awash in dollars, and there's not much need for more dollars to carry on trade between nations," Gilbreath said. "The supply of dollars is so great that it's putting downward pressure on the value of the dollar relative to other currencies."

Due to decreased interest rates and market instability, diminished foreign investor confidence in the American economy also has caused a drop in dollar demand.

"As we head into a recession, the growth in revenues for American firms is not as promising here as the growth opportunities for investments in other parts of the world," Gilbreath said. "The money that might have flowed into the United States is now flowing elsewhere."

On a positive note, American exports benefit from a weak dollar. As the dollar depreciates, American goods become cheaper to foreign buyers. According to theory, currency fluctuation is part of a self-regulating system, and the dollar tends to appreciate after more dollars are used to buy products from the U.S., thus reducing the supply of

dollars worldwide and narrowing the trade deficit.

Regarding gas prices, oil exporting nations sell their oil in dollars.

"Since the dollar is declining in value, oil-producing nations demand more dollars to make up for the lost value," said Dr. David Clinton, professor of political science. "This causes upward pressure on the price of oil, and the costs are passed along to American consumers."

After purchasing oil from OPEC, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, oil companies charge what they believe consumers are willing to pay for gasoline.

"It turns out American consumers are willing to pay a good deal for a gallon of gas," Clinton said. "As gas has gone up two, three, four dollars a gallon, Americans have not reduced consumption the way you might think they would. Presumably there will come some point at which people can't afford to buy as much as they could. But nobody knows just where that point is."

Clinton said another threat of the dollar's depreciation is the possibility of it being replaced as the international trading currency by another currency, such as the euro. As of Tuesday, one U.S. dollar could only buy .64 euros, signaling how European goods are almost twice as expensive for Americans.

Currently, nations purchase dollars to buy oil, but if the dollar were no longer the world's leading currency, oil producing nations would switch to only accepting euros rather than dollars.

"It would mean that no one who buys oil would want the dollar anymore," Clinton said. "It would accelerate inflation here in the U.S., because the lack of demand for dollars overseas means more dollars sloshing around in the world economy that nobody wants."

He said while the supply would go up, demand would not, meaning the value of the dollar would go down.

"It would take more dollars to buy one thing, which is another word for inflation," Clinton said.

While high gas prices aren't resulting from a shortage of oil,

like they did in the 70s, Clinton said a similar situation where the flow of oil could be disrupted by political conflicts in the Middle East or Persian Gulf is always possible.

"Right now, though, I think that the disappointment from the point of view of oil-consuming states is that we haven't been able to persuade the oil-exporting states to increase production," Clinton said. "The oil producers argue that there is not actually a shortage of petroleum in the world market, but that the problem is the decline in the value of the dollar. So they have not been willing to pump more."

Gas prices are widely expected to climb higher this summer, as the amount of driving tends to increase in summer months. However, Gilbreath hopes that by later this year, oil prices might drop down to a range of \$90 to \$100 a barrel.

"The price of oil may come down if the U.S. moves deeper into a recession because the demand for oil and gasoline should decline somewhat," Gilbreath said. "When you have lower economic growth, industries produce less and use less energy. Higher prices of gasoline and gloomy economic times will encourage people to purchase more fuel efficient cars and conserve energy."

Gilbreath said the absolute answer for many of the economic problems in the U.S. would be to eliminate energy dependency on foreign sources.

"I just hope whoever is the next president will make that one of the highest economic priorities of their administration, because it is just so apparent that we are slaves to oil," he said.

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as they were hired after the introduction of Baylor 2012. Confusion about expectations for tenure and promotion has been prevalent since the introduction of Baylor 2012 and its emphasis on academic research among faculty. Imperative three of Baylor 2012 is to "develop a world-class faculty" primarily by encouraging scholastic publication.

But exact guidelines for the number of publications and length of publications are vague. The Tenure Policy and Procedures of Baylor University states that "a bibliography of published articles" is required in the tenure notebook — a compilation of the professor's merits for tenure during their time at Baylor. The policy requires the tenure applicant supply "three or four representative samples" of refereed or non-refereed publications.

Massengale said she has written six scholarly articles, one of which is a chapter of a book she co-wrote. She feels that her service was not given due credit. University departments have their own tenure policies with publication guidelines, but these tend to be just as indefinite, such as

the tenure policy of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, which doesn't provide a set number of articles or article length needed for tenure consideration. Massengale's departmental tenure policy could not be located.

Cordon said those seeking tenure should shoot to exceed any minimum requirements on publications. The faculty senate has focused this academic year on revamping the protocol for tenure and promotion by splitting the Tenure and Promotion Policy into two policies.

"My understanding is that it's a good idea to aim for doubling or tripling the number of articles the tenure guidelines specify ... where it gets confusing is (how much) tenure candidates need to exceed expectations," Cordon said. Cordon didn't say whether or not this notion of surpassing research expectations was communicated to tenure applicants, but said, "if it wasn't before, it will be now."

Although the current tenure and promotion policy confirms Lilley approved a revision to the document two years ago, Cordon said the president's office is working on a new tenure policy. The policy has "been in influx," Cordon said. The new policy is expected to

set the bar higher.

"The standards are going to continue to (get harder) at a break-neck speed," Cordon said. Cordon also said there was confusion among faculty members as to who was qualified to write external peer reviews attesting to an applicant's research quality.

"I'm not sure we've clearly defined our aspirant universities versus our peer universities," Cordon said.

Cordon also said he wondered if the reviews from distinguished faculty at peer institutions were given the same consideration as reviews from faculty at top-tier schools. He said the reviews are "something new President Lilley was accustomed to." The tenure policy states that external reviews are optional.

One denied professor said the constant heightening of subjective tenure guidelines isn't fair. "If you start running in a race, you'd like to know where the finish line is before you begin," the professor said. The professor also said the news of the rejection came as "incredible shock...I had no clue my job was in jeopardy."

Another denied professor said, "I am perfectly sure I will find a good position elsewhere."

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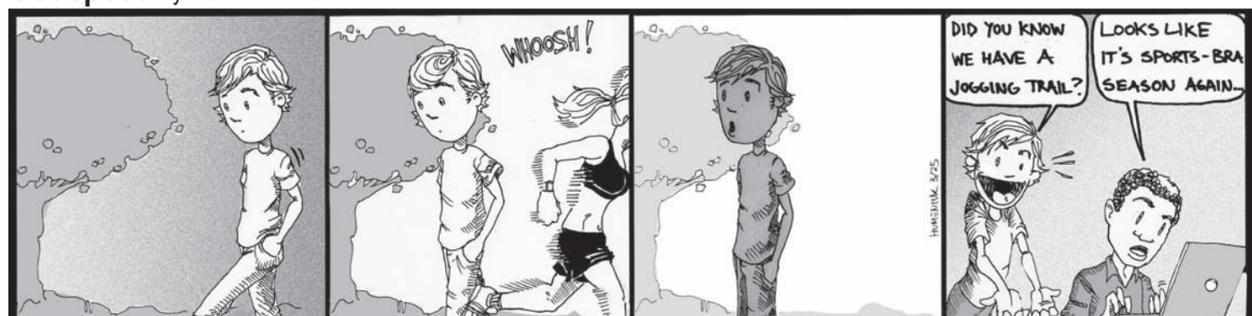
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