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## Faculty pass motion to gain tenure information

A majority of denied candidates have already begun the appeals process, chairman of Faculty Senate said

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

Emotions ran high at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, the first time the senate reconvened since the infamous tenure decision last month, in which 12 of 30 tenure candidates were denied. Senators passed a motion requesting information from the

administration on how many candidates the faculty tenure committee recommended be denied, versus how many candidates were actually denied.

The motion reads, "The senate expresses its deep concern on what appears to be a failure of shared governance, and requests information on the number of candidates who were denied tenure in opposition to an affirmative vote by the tenure committee."

Matthew Cordon, chairman of Faculty Senate, said if the tenure committee and the administration disagree on whether or not a certain candidate should receive

### State of the University Address

President John Lilley will answer questions at the open meeting to be held at 3:30 p.m. April 21 in its tentative location, the Great Hall of George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

tenure, the administration should defer to the tenure guidelines of the candidate's department.

The senate fears this didn't happen and, in a violation of

"shared governance," the voice of the tenure committee and department deans was overlooked.

The senate isn't seeking information on reasons for denials or the names of those denied, Cordon said.

Cordon said the motion will go to the president and provost, but there is no specified timeline for them to respond.

The senate considered passing a resolution, a slightly more formal request or expression written prior to a senate meeting. But Cordon said the senate wanted to give the administration a chance to explain the tenure dispute.

"We don't want to act on false

information," Cordon said.

Provost Randall O'Brien attended the meeting and answered questions regarding tenure, while President John Lilley was out of town. Most of the inquiries regarded the decision-making process of tenure.

"Everything was done through the lens of (Baylor) 2012," Cordon said of O'Brien's remarks on the tenure proceedings.

Cordon's personal concern was that reforms won't help the teachers appealing a tenure denial or come soon enough for those up for tenure during the next academic year.

"I'm afraid we may have yet

another fiasco next spring like what happened this spring," Cordon said.

Cordon said the provost seems to "share compassion for those who were denied tenure."

Cordon said "the vast majority" of denied candidates have begun the appeal process, although he didn't know specifics.

Francis Beckwith, associate professor of philosophy, was denied tenure last year but gained it by appeal.

"I was given specific reasons that consisted of block quotes

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## Baylor drops the ball on Texas Christian

By Brian Bateman  
Sports writer

The Baylor baseball team fell to Texas Christian University 4-3, Tuesday night at Baylor Ballpark, their second loss to the Horned Frogs in a week's span.

Baylor (19-12) managed six hits, but couldn't manage to string many together.

"Breaks happened in both games for them," sophomore center fielder Raynor Campbell said. "Timely hitting for them has been the big difference. On the other hand, we have to come through and swing the bats."

TCU (20-12) hit well, delivering 11 hits on the night, including right fielder Chris Ellington's triple that turned into a in-park home run. A long fly ball at the center field wall fell behind Campbell, who subsequently mishandled the grounded ball, allowing three runs to score.

Campbell, who has only seen three full weeks at the center field position,

explained the costly error as both missing the spot of the ball and inexperience at the position.

"If I would have seen it off the bat, I would have played it off the wall," he said.

Baylor's other error, a throwing error by junior Beamer Weems, led to the other TCU run. Catcher Bryan Holaday reached base and moved to second as Weems' errant throw entered the visitor's dugout.

"Beamer's error was a pretty tough error, but probably whoever plays short stop next year won't even get to that ball to make a play," head coach Steve Smith said.

Baylor had chances to return, but Horned Frog Seth Garrison, who started for TCU April 1, kept the Bears at bay. After the first three pitches of the game - where third baseman Shaver Hansen tripled and then Weems singled for a

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Baylor first baseman and Lorena junior Adam Hornung covers the bag while Texas Christian University's junior infielder Ben Carruthers runs toward first during play Tuesday night at Baylor Ballpark.

## McLennan County awaiting plans for Trans Texas Corridor

### The Gulf Coast Strategic Highway



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Although under opposition in Austin, plans have not yet been finalized for Waco

By Victoria Mgbemena  
Staff writer

As the state's population continues to grow in its urban centers, expansion plans for the highway system continue to be the focus for transportation improvements.

The Trans Texas Corridor

proposal is aimed to alleviate traffic congestion, improve air quality and provide safer traveling for drivers, among other goals. In 2002, Texas Governor Rick Perry released the plan to create the passageway, which spans northeast from Laredo to Oklahoma and is set to total 4,000 miles in the next 50 years.

The \$140 billion project calls for the incorporation of new toll roads, commuter railways, power lines and gas pipelines, while promoting

economic development and movement.

The proposal, in its sixth year, received opposition in Austin this Saturday, as hundreds of voters marched in disapproval of the plan. The proposal has received a steady current of opposition over the years from homeowners who realize that the land and homes their families own may be potentially threatened through acquisition for construction of the corridor.

The corridor is planned for

two regions of the state, one of which will run through Laredo and potentially pass through Waco, has been called TTC 35. The other corridor, TTC 69, will run northeast from Brownsville, pass through Houston and proceed toward Texarkana.

Opponents of the project include city-based groups, who spoke against taking away from private rural and urban landowners at the Austin rally.

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## Struggle with cancer prepared her for her life now, student said

By Sarah Rafique  
Reporter

She was 15 going on 16, unaware that she would be tethered to an IV pole for the next 8 months; living off of a TV schedule, unable to move; unable to enjoy the normalcy of watching a movie and socializing with her best friends or cruising in her 1997 Honda CR-V.

Within the first month of her sophomore year in high school, Vicksburg, Miss., freshman Lindsay Smith was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia, a rare form of leukemia, after experiencing tiredness, noticing a string of bruises up and down her arms, and numerous visits to her pediatrician.

Lindsay's doctors predicted she would only have six weeks to live without immediate treatment.

The next eight months of Lindsay's life would be devastating, Lindsay's mother Joy Smith said. But Joy said Lindsay kept a positive attitude.

"If she had to do it again, she would probably not do anything different

because we grow, and we know that God has a purpose for the path our lives take," Joy said.

Lindsay said her experiences with cancer helped prepare her for the life she's living now, including those first couple of months she spent in Texas, struggling to handle her college course load and making new friends.

She said she always wanted to do something big with her life, like going to college.

"After being sick, I understood how valuable it was to do things that I dream," Lindsay said.

After battling cancer for two-thirds of a year and being stuck in a hospital, she said she and her parents learned that God could help them handle just about anything.

"It's like someone pulls the rug out from underneath you, and the world is

just kind of spinning and you're standing right there," Lindsay said. "It felt like I was an itty bitty thing in a huge world, and you can't control anything."

She said she remembers sitting on the couch and crying while waiting to see what kind of cancer she had and thinking that she needed someone that could control things. She said for her that was God.

Instead of being bogged down by negative thoughts about this disease, something washed over Lindsay to where she knew it would only be a matter of time before things would be OK again.

One of the first things that popped into Lindsay's head was hair loss, because she said people tend to think having chemo means not having hair.

"You never really realize how much hair is a good thing - it regulates your body temperature," Lindsay said. "I would be sitting there and be incredibly cold, so I would have to put on a wool hat; or I would be really hot, and then I

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Pictured are cancer survivors Jeff Walter, assistant director for Student Life facilities, Dr. Jean Boyd, professor of music history and chairwoman of the academic division of the School of Music, and Vicksburg, Miss., freshman Lindsey Smith. This series in anticipation of Relay For Life will take a profound look into the lives of three cancer survivors, each with a different story and experience about their struggles with the deadly disease.

# Cowboys' newer players may spell trouble for team

There are few things I favor from Bill Parcells' four-year stint as the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

His two playoff appearances in four years, both of which ended in disappointing first-round exits, didn't line up with the historic legacies of the coach or the franchise.

And a 34-30 four-year record certainly isn't going to help him nudge his way into the annals of Cowboys history. He simply didn't leave a lasting legacy in Dallas worthy of exalted reverence like coaches gone by. He was simply good. And in the end, good isn't enough in Dallas.

But one area in which Parcells excelled — and the area in which I miss him most — was

his exceptional eye for the talent without attitude. He might have been a relic, an old pro whose antiquated schemes had long been trampled underfoot by the shiny new NFL machine. But man, the guy had an eye for talent, and it was the kind of talent that didn't talk back, the kind of talent that can make a mark without leaving a black eye in its wake.

So it's with this skeptical and discerning lens — the one thing I'm happy to say Parcells did leave behind — that I approach the Cowboys' recent signing history.

And it worries me. Of note, of course, is the Cowboys' recent public courtship of mercurial Tennessee Titans cornerback Pacman Jones.

## sports take



BY WILL PARCHMAN

For those unfamiliar with Jones' antics, he's been arrested twice since 2005 and allegedly touched off a night club shooting at the 2007 NBA All-Star Game. And he even had the gall to recently state on a radio broadcast that he still "peeks his head" into strip clubs from time to time.

No wonder the Titans are desperately trying to unload him.

Jones, however, isn't the only

blight on the Cowboys' post-Parcells hiring history. Just last season, the Cowboys took a flier on defensive tackle Tank Johnson, who was arrested three times in the span of little over a year among numerous other nefarious convictions that led to his release from the Chicago Bears. And the Cowboys front office designed it necessary to throw that Molotov cocktail into a reasonably stable and happy Cowboys locker room.

And don't forget Terrell Owens. Sure, the controversial Owens was brought in on Parcells' watch, but does anybody honestly believe that Parcells was the principal driver in that acquisition? I'm not convinced.

Don't misunderstand me here. I'm fully aware that the

NFL is not a church bake sale. It's a business, and the Cowboys are a moneymaking machine. And yet Parcells was able to build a strong foundation with high-character guys like Jason Witten, Tony Romo, Terence Newman, Bradie James and DeMarcus Ware. The list goes on.

Never hear a peep out of those guys, and they were the foundation for a 13-4 team last year. Controversial players are pretty much a 50/50 bargain. Sure, you're paying on the cheap for castoffs and degenerates that other teams carelessly disregarded, but what is that doing to the fabric of the team?

I'd like to cite the Cowboys of the 1990's as much as anybody for proof that bad guys

can rule the NFL. But that was a different time, an era before the salary cap and before the NFL overtook Major League Baseball as America's new pastime. The egos are simply more fragile now.

Jones and Johnson themselves won't distract the Cowboys from a title chase. But if you keep cramming these low-character guys onto the pile as band-aids instead of full-on fixes, a symbiotic Cowboys locker room will be a thing of the past.

Even if he didn't bring the Cowboys much else, at least Parcells brought them that.

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## Editorial

# Troop increase realistic for Afghanistan fight

With the war in Iraq seemingly interminable and the Bush administration in perpetual denial about its failures and success, the worldwide attitude toward the fight in Afghanistan is somewhat refreshing. When the United States in 2001 called for military support in ousting the Taliban in the turbulent nation, countries were more willing to help than they would later be in Iraq.

Last week President Bush called on NATO to commit more troops to the fighting, and it is encouraging to see that France, Germany, Norway, Poland and several other countries have announced they would do so.

More countries should take their example, because while the fight in Afghanistan has faced some setbacks, the front is too important to ignore. This is not to say that the fighting in Iraq can be sidestepped, but since other countries are willing to provide added support in Afghanistan, there needs to be an increased focus on the feasible goal of success there. The struggle against the Taliban has made significant progress, and the country is still a stronghold for al-Qaida.

The NATO-led forces in Afghanistan number around 47,000, and the U.S. is the country with the most troops there — 17,000 as part of NATO's forces and 14,000 separate of it. The U.S. is preparing to increase the troop numbers by 3,500 Marines.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer pledged his commitment to Bush's plan, saying, "We should not forget that we are

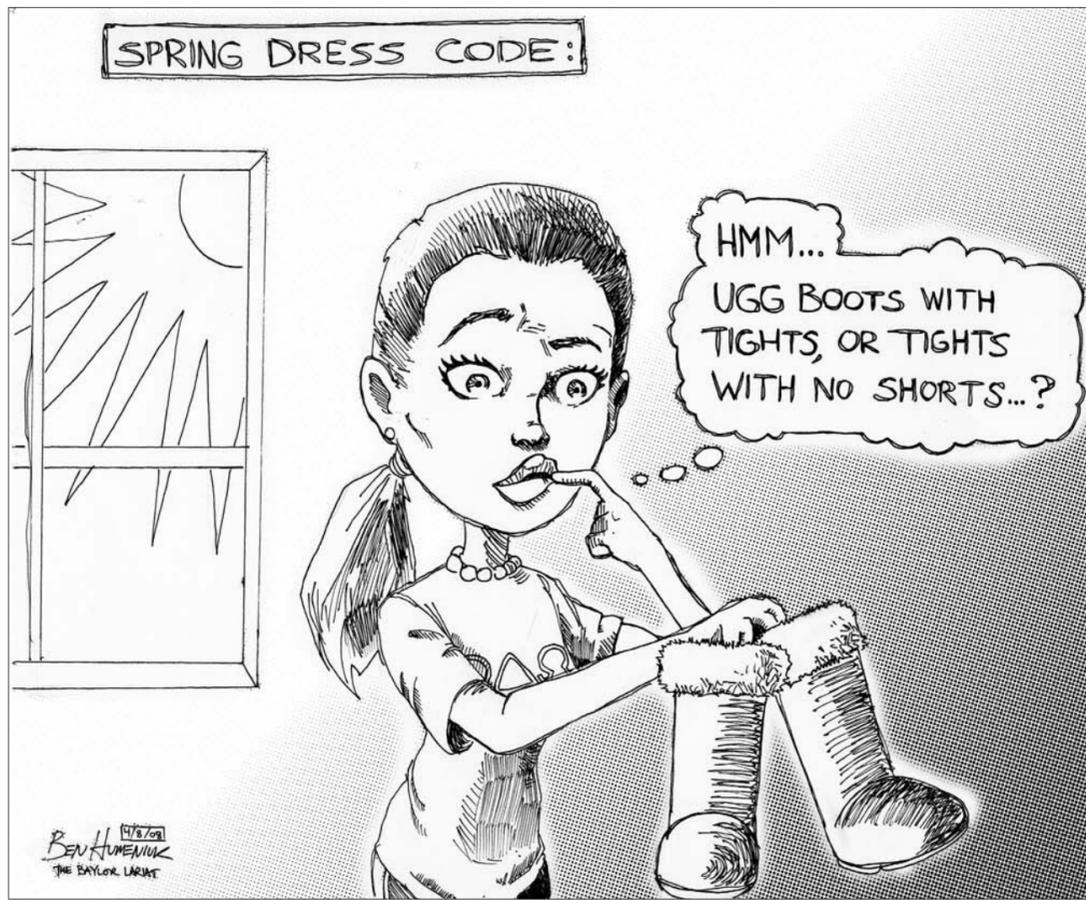
on one of the front lines in a fight against terrorism in Afghanistan," de Hoop Scheffer said.

This is a great sentiment from the organization's leader, but it's up to the member nations to add their troops to the coalition on the ground in numbers beyond just hundreds. The U.S. and Britain have shouldered most of the burden so far, and they need more flexibility from commanders on the ground unwilling to risk the lives of their troops by giving full control to the leaders.

While the efforts in Afghanistan have resulted in serious, measurable progress, there are still necessary developments and possible changes to be made in the strategies on the political level. Having freer elections, building schools and clinics, and giving more rights to women are exactly the kind of changes that the U.S. and NATO's coalition wanted to see take place. Hopefully the added troop support will help solidify that progress.

But not everything is going well, and finding a more practical approach to controlling the rampant opium trade should be high on the list of priorities.

Although Americans tend to see Afghanistan as the "other" war, it still needs attention from all areas of our society. The media should make sure the fight in Afghanistan is represented in its coverage, and Congress for its part needs to tone down cries of Afghanistan being an adequate rationale for withdrawing from Iraq. It isn't a talking point, it's a legitimate conflict that, thankfully, is still being taken seriously by most leaders.



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# 'Awkward' as catch phrase abets stilted social interaction

Warning: those of you who have a fear of awkwardness may not want to read this. I have to talk about something awkward. Actually, it is the word awkward. It has gone too far.

Until about my senior year in high school, I interpreted the word by only one of its many definitions: lacking dexterity or skill. When I thought of the word awkward, I pictured some gangly kid or a gimp duck without coordination. Just go with me here.

But suddenly, awkward evolved. I'm not sure when it happened, but it became cool to say it. Awkward is one of the "groovy's" of our generation.

And what do we predominantly use awkward to describe? Social situations — our social situations. And even worse, we use it to describe ourselves. I don't understand. Why is that cool? I think we would have been better off using groovy.

I must confess that writing this article makes me the biggest hypocrite of all. But I want to stop saying awkward, and I need you to hold me accountable.

Let us focus on the new picture of awkward. Because nowadays, when I say "I'm so awkward," I'm definitely not picturing myself as a gimp duck. However, my mental

## point of view



BY ALEX ABDALLAH

picture is almost as bad. It is a pained cringe, a grimace at my complete inadequacy in social situations. It is jumbled words, not knowing what to say, saying too much, saying nothing at all, simply standing and looking uncomfortable. And it is something I'm just going to have to get over. It is a cover up.

I just don't think there is

any possible way that all of the people who claim they are awkward were actually born with awkwardness flowing through their system. Maybe it is just me, but I feel like there is a larger underlying problem here. We are all hiding behind the excuse of awkwardness when in actuality, we just can't cope with social situations anymore.

Actual human face-to-face contact is now terrifying. We have gotten so used to artificial communication that we cannot handle the real deal.

Think about it. It is not really possible to write or receive an awkward text message. We allow ourselves to be comforted

by the impersonal and thrive in the distance that a text message provides. Why bother seeing someone's reaction when they can just send you a smiley face? Hey, don't even go through the hassle of listening to your girlfriend/boyfriend cry; just break up in a text message.

The spontaneity of actual conversation is killing us. We have become calculated in our responses and emotions. It takes us a good five minutes to think of something witty enough, cool enough and yet small enough to fit in a text box.

But it's okay because we don't have to admit our problems, our lack of social grace or our lack

of experience with talking to actual people because we have discovered the power of awkward.

Awkward has become a dismissive term: "Oh, I can't help it, I am genetically coded to be awkward."

It is not acceptable to excuse ourselves from uncomfortable situations and blame it on a personality defect. We don't have a personality defect. We need to become proactive; we cannot dismiss the problem any longer. Let's man up, get over our insecurities and start communicating.

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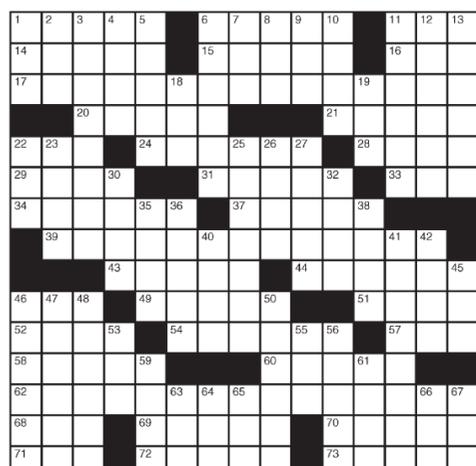
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# Negative politics prevalent, panel says

By Lori Cotton Reporter

The Baines Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center filled with students and faculty last night to discuss the effects of negativity in the presidential primaries.

The panel, "Not Ready to Play Nice: An Analysis of Negativity in the 2007-2008 Presidential Primaries," focused on each candidate and their use of negative attacks on the others.

"This is one of the strategies used to distract voters from the real issues," said Dr. Mia Moody, an assistant professor in the department of journalism.

The panel, comprised of three student researchers and two Baylor professors, began by explaining how the study was conducted.

Conroe senior Megan Malouf, a research assistant for the study, did a content analysis of press releases from each political campaign for two months. Based on these findings, it was possible to calculate how much each candidate used negativity in their campaigns.

Waco senior Lauren Anselmo presented background information about Sen. John McCain and former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani and about whether the two used or did not use negativity against other candidates to further their campaigns.

Because Mayor Giuliani was a runner-up, he focused his attacks on Democratic nominee Sen. Hillary Clinton's health care policies, Anselmo said.

Anselmo reported that Sen. John McCain did not need to make negative accusations against the other candidates because he is the front runner for the Republican Party.

Because Mitt Romney was not the front-runner for the Repub-



David Poe/Lariat Staff

Senior Lauren Anselmo gives a presentation Tuesday at the "Not Ready to Play Nice" panel discussion, in which panelists analyzed negativity in politics.

lican Party, his campaign produced 14 percent of the negativity in the study.

When attacking Democrats, Romney said they were "just plain wrong." He also spoke out against Sen. Clinton's health care and national security policies.

Dr. Moody spoke of the concept of the media framing an individual in a negative light.

Sen. Clinton has been framed badly for everything from her clothing choices to her "ice queen" exterior, Moody said.

The 2008 election differs from past ones because the issues of race and gender are present. For the first time, a black person and a woman are competing for the Democratic nominee position.

Dr. Joseph Brown, associate professor of political science, discussed the effects of the media's coverage of senators Obama and Clinton.

"Obama is using his non-threatening image, avoiding racial appeals and racially specific issues to transcend race and focus on other issues," Brown said.

The use of negative advertisements sometimes work to exploit the opponent's weaknesses and to instill doubt in voters. But by looking at how these are used, American citizens can "become astute in deciding what to take away," said Moody.

# New pitcher shows promise

By Justin Baer Sports writer

For many fans, Shaina Brock's recent performances have come as a pleasant surprise. No one expected before this spring that it would be an unseasoned freshman from Derby, Kan., that would be the centerpiece of a Baylor (20-13, 3-6) midseason turnaround.

Yet with Keller sophomore Kirsten Shortridge struggling in the circle after suffering a torn labrum, or shoulder joint, and Baylor's all-time winningest pitcher Lisa Ferguson graduating last season, the door of opportunity has creaked open for Brock.

To Brock's teammates, the 5 foot 6 inch right-hander is no diamond in the rough. Her performances in practice have proven that she is capable of embracing the overwhelming task of opposing Big 12 hitters.

"To the outsider, she has surprised a lot of people," Tomball senior Jordan Daniels said. "I haven't been surprised. When she came in here, she had a few mental blocks that she had to work through. But I have always seen the potential there. She is figuring it out now and showing how dominant she can be."

Brock silenced the bats of a flourishing University of Kansas team over the weekend, holding the Jayhawks to one run on four hits, allowing no walks while striking out a Baylor season-high seven batters in the Lady Bears' 8-1 victory Sunday afternoon at



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Pitcher Kirsten Shortridge throws the ball Saturday at the game against the University of Kansas in Waco. Shaina Brock may replace Shortridge as starting pitcher in the game against the University of Nebraska Saturday.

Gettman Stadium. The week before in her only other Big 12 start, Brock tossed another gem against the Oklahoma State University Cowgirls. But unlike Sunday's thrashing of the Jayhawks, Brock had minuscule run support in the 3-1 defeat suffered in Stillwater.

Preseason expectations had a Shortridge-led team lingering in fans' minds, but as head coach Glenn Moore said, "you don't have a crystal ball," and unexpected obstacles manage to nestle their way into a team. The Lady Bears' struggles in the circle are reflected by their worst conference record through nine games since 2003, when Baylor started at an abysmal 2-7.

Fortunately for Baylor, Brock

finding her niche came at just the right time. The Lady Bears have been urging for someone to assume the role of the ace of the staff.

"Shaina was definitely not in my top two going in," Moore said. "But kids improve and teams change. Some don't perform as high as you like. Some perform a lot better. That's the fun part of coaching: you never know who is going to step it up."

Although Brock has started a mere two out of the nine conference games the Lady Bears have played so far, Moore said Brock is earning her stripes and will likely start in the circle this weekend when Baylor travels to Lincoln, Neb., to face the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers.

## BEAR BRIEFS

Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement will play host to Dr. Juan Hernandez, speaker and former cabinet member for former Mexican president Vicente Fox, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday in Kayser Auditorium.

Chi's Service Sorority will be collecting children's vitamins, bandages and blister ointment through April 21 for Mission Nutrition, a charity drive benefiting orphans in Vietnam. Drop boxes will be placed in the Bill Daniel Student Center and dining halls. For more information contact Anita\_Aitwal@baylor.edu

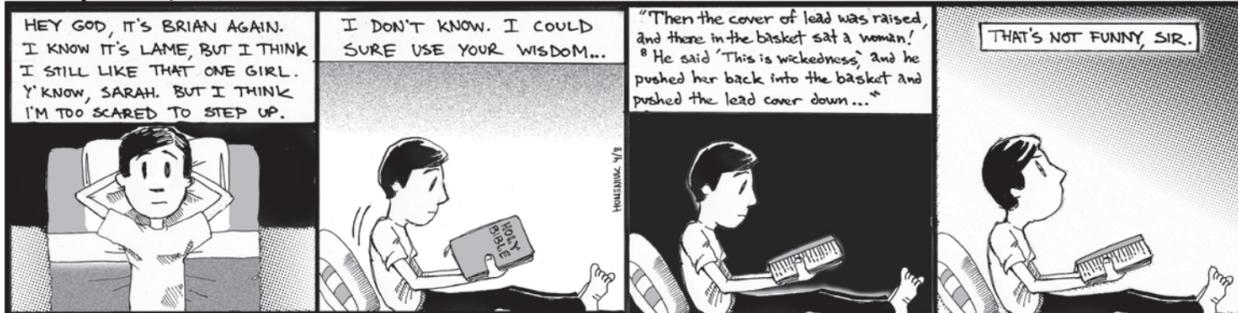
Alpha Phi Omega will be holding a spring blood drive through Friday. Carter Blood Care will be at Baptist Student Ministries from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fountain Mall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Penland Residence Hall from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donors will receive a free T-shirt.

Stomp Fest will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall, benefiting the Sickle Cell Anemia foundation. Tickets are available at the ticket office in the Bill Daniel Student Center, or online at [www.baylor.edu/special\\_performances](http://www.baylor.edu/special_performances).

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There is a concern for the loss of local property taxes, usually absorbed by the counties and their school districts, and a belief that the project is designed to increase transportation revenue more than improve transportation.

Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Chris Lippincott said that in response to the public disapproval, TxDot is keeping the issue of growth as a motivator for proceeding with the corridor and understands that private property rights are to be protected.

"We are faced with significant opportunities and challenges when it comes to population growth, the environment and air quality," Lippincott said. "Every time the legislation comes to Austin it addresses the expansion of private property rights and opportunities to private landowners. TxDot does not seize land — we purchase it at fair market value. The acquisition of land for the corridor will not be any different than acquiring land for any other type of state project."

Lippincott said that TxDot has received suggestions by the public to consider greatly expanding the current Interstate 35 as an alternative to constructing the corridor and in response released a strategic plan that outlined the

project requirements and cost to taxpayers.

The plan calls for wiping out businesses and historical markers in Waco, Austin and other cities.

Lippincott said that even Baylor's campus would be affected, as the Clifton Robinson Tower stands feet away from the highway.

Lippincott said that the public should understand the implications of taking this mode of action.

"In order to expand the footprint of I-35 in Waco, for example, we would essentially be taking out churches and moving schools," Lippincott said. "This would involve the acquisition of land from the Texas Ranger Museum as well as the First Street Cemetery. Our state uses I-35 as an artery road. We either have to expand I-35 or come up with a relief route."

Waco Metropolitan Transit Organization has been working with TxDot for the phase of the project to include McLennan County.

The organization's director Chris Evilia said that the organization is awaiting approval from the Federal Highway Administration to determine if Waco is still projected for inclusion on the corridor.

The transit organization is also waiting to hear the status of a two-tier plan for the project.

The first tier provides that the part of the corridor running through McLennan

County will be 10 miles wide. The second tier is a detailed study of exactly where within the county it will be.

"At this point we are not sure that it is coming through McLennan County," Evilia said. "There is a possibility that the corridor might be planned for as much as 20 miles west of our area or 50 to 70 miles east. If that happens, we would not have a say in it."

Evilia said that the response to the corridor in McLennan County have included different degrees of opposition.

"It depends on which (transit organization) policy board member you ask," Evilia said. "The rural areas are opposed and the urban areas are less opposed. In the urban areas there is still more of a latency approach that wants to see TxDot finish the improvements on I-35 and then see if there is an additional need for the Trans Texas Corridor."

Lippincott contends that inaction is the worst kind of action in light of the state's growing population and environmental concerns.

"I haven't encountered anyone who has looked at the future of this state and thinks we should do nothing," Lippincott said. "There is nothing more dangerous than doing nothing."

TxDot has projected that the population growth by the year 2060 in the Harris, Dallas, and Bexar counties will total more than 2 million.

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from two of my church-state department colleagues. I address those specific reasons in meticulous detail, providing to the provost a 24 page single-space rebuttal including seven attendant documents," Beckwith wrote of his appeal in an e-mail to *The Baylor Lariat*.

Cordon recommended anyone concerned with the tenure decisions attend the upcoming state of the university address.

The annual open meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on April 21. The tentative location is the Great Hall of George W. Truett Theological Seminary. The senate and the AAUP co-sponsor the event. President Lilley will take questions at the meeting.

The meeting is not associated with the tenure decision, but Lynn Tatum, president of the AAUP and senior lecturer in the Honors College, said he anticipates tenure issues will surface.

"There seems to have been a systemic failure here. The widespread shock among the faculty indicates that the process has not been orderly, transparent and rational," Tatum said. "The AAUP is beginning to engage in conversations with the administration and I am hopeful that good faith efforts will result in a proper professional outcome."

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would be sitting with a wet washcloth on my head."

After her first month in the hospital, Lindsay was told that she was technically cancer-free, but because she was taking a clinical trial drug, Myotarg, as one of her chemo treatments, she had to tough it out for the next seven months.

Lindsay spent the entire eight months of her treatment in the hospital, while sporadically going home for two-week periods, which played a number on her mentally and physically.

Throughout Lindsay's stay at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children in Jackson, Miss., she experienced multiple infections which prolonged her stay. One infection entered her blood stream and caused her to become infected with bacteria.

She also experienced an infection in her liver which caused her to bleed out and stay in the intensive care unit for seven days.

"With the infections, I would have fever, chills, achy muscles, nausea and was susceptible to migraines with my bone marrow and spinal taps," Lindsay said.

Occasionally Lindsay thought about what life outside the hospital was like.

"I remember very vividly looking into cars of other people and thinking, 'It's not fair that they get to have their life, and I'm stuck here, tethered to this pole,'" Lindsey said.

She had her class work brought to her, though school

was often a struggle. Because she was at a children's hospital, teachers were designed to help students in grade school. But chemo made comprehension hard, and sitting up in bed was a struggle.

"Lindsay just loves studying. She loves learning. She always has," Joy said, so not being able to learn like everyone else was difficult.

She also had to struggle with the school district to be able to stay in her regular advanced classes, but after overcoming her fight against cancer, she graduated on time as salutatorian of her class.

In the hospital, Lindsay didn't get to socialize with her friends, drive the car that her parents bought her the week of her diagnosis or do simple everyday things that teenagers often take for granted.

When the eight months were finally over, Smith was able to leave the hospital. Her experiences made her more comfortable with who she is and how people perceive her.

After finally cutting loose from the IV pole which injected her chemo drugs into her veins from a bag, Smith began to enjoy life as a normal teenager.

"Once I got out of the hospital, I drove around in my car with the windows down, and I was happy and free," she said. "I would go days without thinking that I was any different."

Lindsay said her life-changing experience at such a young age has only helped make her the person she is today.

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one-run lead — Garrison gave up just one hit.

Hansen would be one of four lead-off batters to reach base.

Hansen and Ware reached on walks, while Hornung singled in the eighth.

"Everybody knew what he had and what he would throw," first baseman Adam Hornung said of their previous experience with Garrison.

However, Garrison did walk five batters.

"I thought early in the game

we had lots of opportunities," Smith said. "They walked us many times, but we could never get a quality hit."

That inning ended when Lorena junior Ben Booker came to the batter's box with the bases loaded.

On an early pitch, Booker grounded to first, leaving three runners on base.

Baylor made it interesting in the ninth, as three straight batters faced 0-2 counts but reached base.

Two runs were scored on Hornung's single, but Channelview sophomore Aaron Miller

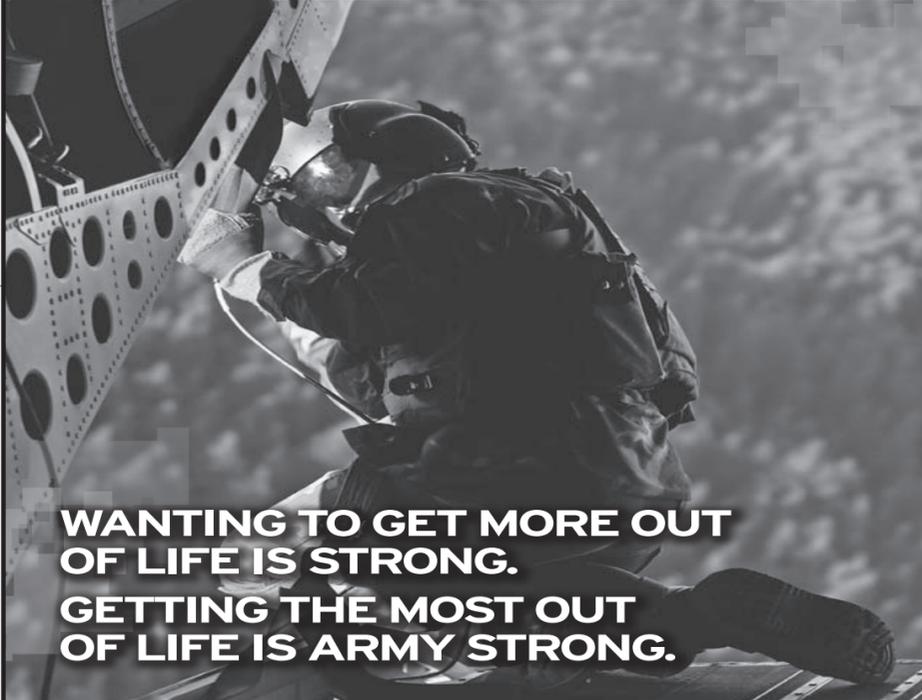
struck out looking to end the game.

Garrison (3-2) picked up the win in 4.2 innings of work, allowing just three hits and one run. Senior Tim Matthews (2-1) took the loss.

"I had that rough top of the fifth," Matthews said. "I hadn't started a game in a while."

The Bears will return to Baylor Ballpark at 6:30 p.m. today to face the University of Texas at Arlington.

"I think we need to come back out more focused for the midweek games," Campbell said.



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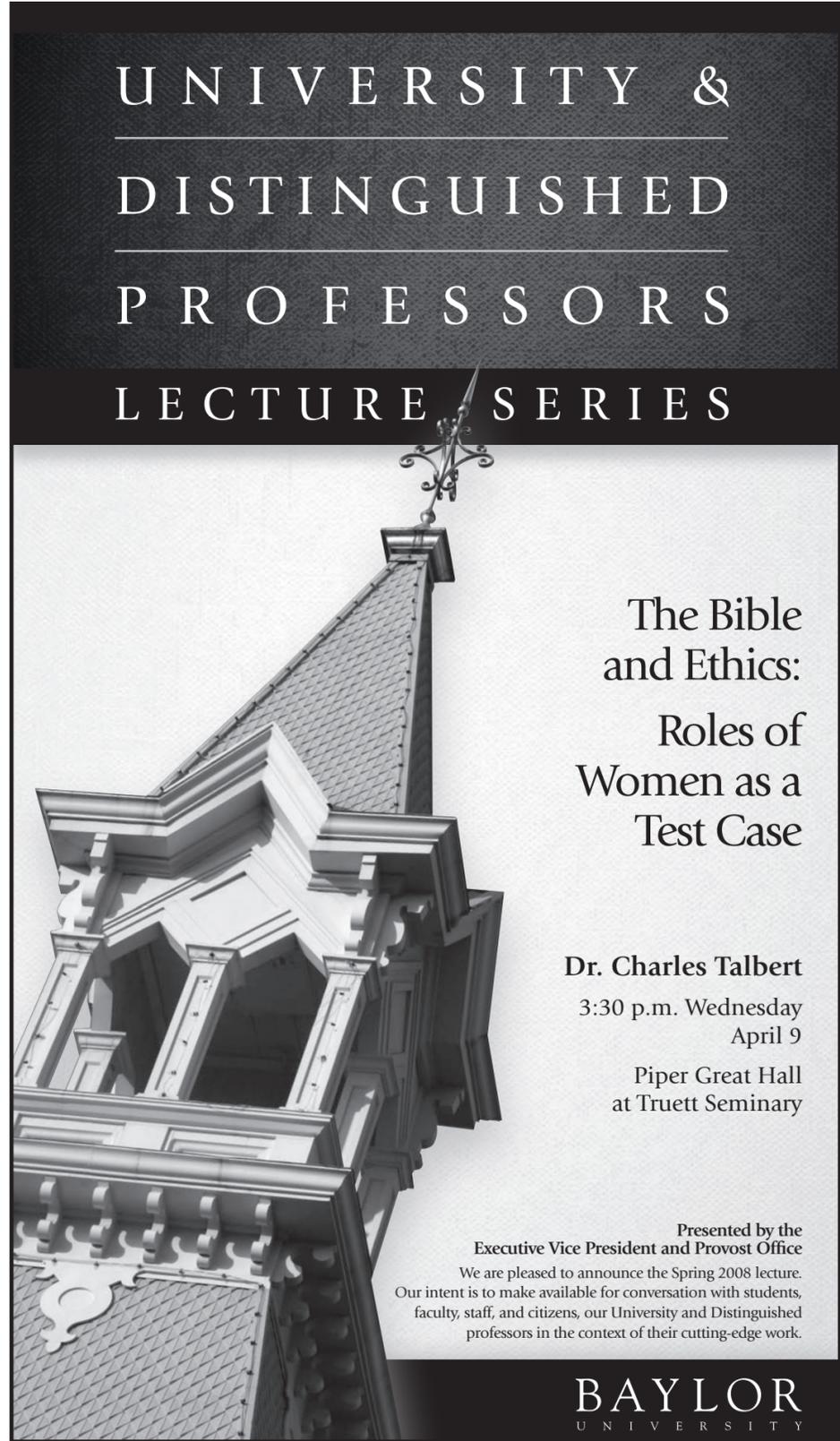
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