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Faculty salaries lag behind average

Baylor uses merit system to determine raises in wage instead of inflation

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

A study released Monday by the American Association of University Professors revealed a need echoed among Baylor faculty members: faculty pay increases should accommodate for inflation.

John Curtis, AAUP director of research and public policy, said he found the downward shift in hiring tenure-track professors at universities around the nation also disheartening.

Matt Cordon, chairman of faculty senate, and provost Randall O'Brien agreed that this isn't a huge concern at Baylor. But as professors nationwide obtain lighter class loads to free up time for publishing, the hire of lecturers is growing in appeal.

Faculty wages

Salaries for Baylor faculty are lacking, Cordon said.

"If you're going to have world-class faculty, you have to pay for world-class faculty," he said. "Our salaries lag behind schools we aspire to be."

The AAUP study cites average annual salary for full professors, associate professors and assistant professors at \$102,867, \$72,961 and \$61,103, respectively. At Baylor, the average annual salary for full professors

is \$97,241, with \$74,681 for associate professors and \$69,536 for assistant professors.

But the AAUP presents even higher average figures for faculty at private, independent institutions – \$144,256 for full professor, \$92,148 for associate professors and \$78,840 for assistant professors.

The Faculty Senate formed a committee in 2005 to address the issue of faculty pay. Robert Cloud, professor of education,

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ANNUAL FACULTY SALARIES		
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Fallen soldier's story retold on SLC light post

By Victoria Mgbemena
Staff writer

On a Wednesday afternoon in June of 1955, a jet pilot in the 67th Fighter Bomber squadron of the United States Air Force gave his life to save a Japanese village as his aircraft plummeted one thousand, five hundred feet to the ground.

First Lieutenant Joshua C. Harris Jr.'s memorial light post stands in front of the McLane Student Life Center, along the sidewalk that runs down Speight Avenue. The plaque currently reads that Harris was killed in service in Okinawa.

Stan Bradford, a DeSoto engineering forecast developer and '78 Baylor alum, has made it his mission to change Harris' memorial plate to more accurately reflect Harris' actions. Bradford has raised \$500 in donations from his home church and other alumni to have Harris' memorial plaque recast in time to present it to Harris' family before Memorial Day. Bradford is also supporting the efforts of Frank Jasek, a staff member in the preservation department in University Libraries, in his efforts to raise funds for a compilation of personal essays and memoirs of Baylor's fallen soldiers.

The project strikes a personal chord with Bradford, whose own son is a 2005 Baylor alum and a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

"Josh acted to spare folks he

didn't even know," Bradford said. "In effect, his decision to stay with his jet to save those people on the ground cost him his life. That is what motivated me to find out more about this. He deserves to be recognized."

Harris was a jet fighter pilot in the Air Force during the reassignment of the 18th Fighter Bomber squadron to the Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. Harris, a '51 Baylor alum, was flying a jet fighter that afternoon as part of a training mission to practice formations and air tactics. The engine in Harris' F-86 jet had begun to surge, and he radioed in to communicate that he would return to land at the base. He radioed a second time to indicate that the engine had smoothed out a bit and that he would continue to land. His engine later stopped six miles away from the base, and he was instructed to eject himself and parachute out of his aircraft. Realizing that his jet would hit a village below, Harris stayed in the jet to maneuver it away from the village. He died instantaneously upon impact as he attempted to parachute out of the jet moments later.

Harris' commanding officer Captain Conrad L. Johnson had written in the letter to the Harris family informing them of their son's death that he had never encountered a student or pilot more receptive to instruc-

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Stan Bradford, a '78 Baylor alum, stands next to Joshua C. Harris Jr.'s light post in front of the McLane Student Life Center. Bradford raised \$500 to get the plaque recast to more accurately tell the story of Harris' brave service.

Juicy Campus site will not be blocked

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

Despite Student Senate backing a proposal to block JuicyCampus.com from campus computers, Baylor will not be Juicy-free.

According to a statement released by Information Technology Services, Baylor's policy on Juicy Campus states that the university is "not the content publisher for JuicyCampus.com. Any questions concerning content on the site should be directed to the publisher. Baylor does not filter web content other than pornography, and all other institutions in the Big 12 do not filter content at all."

Travis Plummer, Baylor's student body president, acknowledged the difficulty of Baylor's decision and said the proposal was even highly debated within Student Senate.

"I don't think Baylor is comfortable with arbitrarily making the decision to block the site because it involves a lot of gray issues," Plummer said. "It's hard to regulate what is true and what is freedom of speech. It also poses the question of whether other sites like BUBooks.com should be regulated as well."

Plummer said Student Government has been quiet about the administration's policy in an effort to avoid pumping up publicity for Juicy Campus and directing more hits to the site.

Thomas Herndon, a Kansas City, Kan... senior, agrees with Baylor's policy.

"I feel like it is the right response from Baylor because if we ban Juicy Campus, then there are a lot of other sites we would need to block," Herndon said. "It would be a question of how far we are willing to take it, and it involves a lot more time and energy than Baylor needs to spend."

The idea of banning Juicy Campus has been discussed among student governments at schools across the country, including Pepperdine University, Columbia University and Yale University. So far, however, school administrators have granted none of the proposals.

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Pope hopes visit will bring spiritual renewal

By Lori Cotton
Reporter

The papal plane landed 10 minutes ahead of schedule Tuesday when Pope Benedict XVI made his first papal visit to the United States.

President George W. Bush was at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland to greet him along with his wife, First Lady Laura Bush their daughter, Jenna and a group of dignitaries in the Roman Catholic Church. The official welcome will take place at the White House today, on the pope's 81st birthday.

The pope's itinerary includes a discussion with President Bush about immigration before conducting Mass at Nationals Park in Washington on Thursday.

Friday the pope will address the United Nations in New York

and will finish the week with a visit to Ground Zero and Yankee Stadium.

Compared to his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, Benedict is more reserved and less of a "celebrity," said Stephen Pope, a theology professor at Boston College.

But lately, Pope Benedict XVI has been speaking out about the sexual abuse happening within the Catholic Church.

"I am deeply ashamed, and we will do what is possible so this cannot happen again in the future," he said during his flight to Washington.

The pope is prepared to talk about these heated issues while he is in America.

Before his departure from Vatican City, Pope Benedict asked a group of "well-wishers" to "pray for the success of my visit, so that it may be a time of spiritual



Associated Press

Jenna Bush, daughter of President Bush, greets Pope Benedict XVI with first lady Laura Bush Tuesday as he arrives at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

renewal for all Americans."

But what does the pope coming to America mean for the Catholic community in Waco? Many Catholic people in Central Texas have expressed excitement for his visit.

Frisco sophomore Sanja Trtanj

said, "I'm glad that he is coming. It shows people in Texas and America that Catholicism is prevalent and that it is emerging."

Others feel that the papal visit will be positive for the image of

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Student sent to hospital after being hit by car

By Christina Kruse
Staff writer

A female student was sent to Hillcrest hospital after being struck by a car while crossing the street on the intersection of 2nd Street and Bagby Avenue.

The accident occurred Tuesday around 9:28 a.m., while Woodlands senior Kelly Gilcrease was crossing Bagby Avenue, heading northbound, according to Waco police reports.

The driver, Flower Mound sophomore Anna Ligon, was on Speight Street, which turns into 2nd Street, facing southbound, and turned left on Bagby Avenue. The light was green, according to the police report.

Gilcrease had the right of way, indicated by a flashing white hand, when she was

crossing the street, according to police reports.

The driver turned without noticing the pedestrian in the crosswalk, and struck Gilcrease, said Waco Police Department spokesman Steve Anderson.

Gilcrease sustained non-capacitating injuries, according to police reports.

Ligon, who was driving a 2001 gold Isuzu Rodeo SUV, failed to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian. However, no tickets have been issued, Anderson said.

"The girl (Ligon) that struck her (Gilcrease) was very distraught," Baylor police chief Jim Doak said.

Doak also noted that in spite of large numbers of students crossing the street every day, this type of accident is a rare occurrence.

Editorial

McVicker, Yeakley, Short make strong government trio

Election season is under way for student government. Students can vote for their favorite candidates starting today at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday at www.baylor.edu/sg/vote. Each year, *The Baylor Lariat* editorial board is given a special opportunity to sit down with the candidates for the top three student government positions. After comparing their goals, experience, personality and vision, we select those we believe will do the best job. These endorsements are solely the opinions of the majority of the editorial board and should serve only as a guide to understanding the student body's options when choosing leaders for next year. Video clips of the interviews can be found on our Web site at www.baylor.edu/Lariat.

Student body president

The president of the student body must be able to not only communicate with administrators, but also connect with students. When *The Baylor Lariat* sat down with Bush Prairie, Wash., junior Chase McVicker, it was clear he would be able to do just that. Though he occupies the lowest political position of any of the candidates, for McVicker this might be a strength. He believes his position helps him to relate better to the majority of the student body and that his outgoing personality makes him approachable. However, he is not without experience. McVicker currently serves as president of the Bear Pit, the largest student organization in Texas. His time leading the organization has taught him much about managing people, putting on events and dealing with different levels of authority as well as administrators.



McVicker

He has a practical and clear-cut approach to solving campus problems, including the lack of student input with the Baylor Board of Regents. McVicker hopes to bring local regents to more Baylor events and facilitate student interaction with them. He emphasized that the act of students and regents eating dinner or attending baseball games together can encourage understanding. Though we ultimately chose to endorse McVicker, we were impressed with the ideas offered by Wescosville, Penn., junior Sam Chen and Garland sophomore Bryan Fonville. Chen, who currently serves as a justice on the Student Court, pointed out that the new 15-minute break between classes and the acceptance of non-Baptist Christian groups on campus were both ideas that started in Student Senate. However, he noted that only 2,500 students voted in last year's student body elections. Chen, if elected, hopes to increase student awareness of and involvement in campus politics. Fonville, who currently serves as the external vice president, also brought up improved communication between student government and students. He promises to bring his experience as external vice president to the task of creating more weekend events for students in Waco. He cited the lack of student events and recreational opportunities in Waco as one reason students leave Waco on the weekend.

External vice president

Lindale junior Nicole Yeakley has the perfect mix of experience and new ideas to bring to the office of external vice president. We were especially impressed by Yeakley's ideas about getting Baylor involved in organizations beyond Waco, improving our school's relationship with other schools and with local and state government. Though the Waco-Baylor relationship is important, Yeakley said, the focus on her position will be more



than just that. She is especially excited about involving Baylor students with lobbying efforts on student issues, such as Pell grants or tax-free textbooks. Yeakley hopes student government will reach out to students and communicate more effectively, and she seems like the candidate to do that. However, we were also impressed with the passion of Sugar Land junior Alexander Dubois. Although less experienced than Yeakley, Dubois exudes enthusiasm for Baylor and its student body. Dubois has served as a junior senator as well as a community leader. If elected, he plans to encourage more mentoring within Baylor and in



Yeakley

partnership with the Waco community. Internal vice president Dallas junior Parker Short has, in his own words, worked his way up through Student Senate. He has the experience to perform as president of the senate and turned his self-described passion for improvement into several ideas for his tenure as internal vice president. One thing Short hopes to accomplish is persuading the university to allow university-excused absences to not count against students' 25 percent absence limits. He also plans to make sure the student bill of rights is readily available and better publicized. The bill of rights will be available in the Welcome Week packets of incoming



Short

freshman. He also plans to continue to question the administration about implementing the adequate wage proposal. Unfortunately, Short is the only candidate for this position. However qualified Short may be, we hope that future elections will have more than one candidate on the ballot. In elections, options are a good thing, and a diversity of candidates is indicative of the student body's interest in campus politics. Though we could only endorse three of these candidates, all of them have good ideas and seem to care about the student body. We hope that they come to fruition in the following year and that the victorious candidates continue to find even better ways to serve their fellow students. In the end, it doesn't matter if you agree with our choices or not. The important thing is that you participate in student body elections by voting for someone. Remember, these elections will affect our future.

‘American Idol’ performance marred by idle equation of religion, patriotism

When I turned on my television Thursday, I didn't want to think about anything. I just wanted to be entertained by varying degrees of musical talent on *American Idol*. Apparently, that was too much to ask. Instead of the usual rock, pop and country compilation, a gospel choir took the stage as the remaining eight contestants belted out "Shout to Lord." This normally passé worship song commanded my attention. Had someone changed the channel to TBN? No such luck. While I am unapologetically Christian, this display of patriotism baptized in the cross struck a not-so-reverent chord with me. It's *American Idol*, people, not *Jesus Christ Superstar*. By evoking the name of Jesus explicitly on the otherwise secular show, a new lens has been cast over the brightly-colored stage: religion. God help us all. As if the rest of the world doesn't have a hard enough time



point of view

BY CLAIRE ST. AMANT

believing all of our actions, militarily or otherwise, aren't motivated by our Christian faith, we had to throw down the Jesus card on *American Idol*. Next week I'm sure leather-clad contestants will find a new subject to exploit for higher ratings. If a particular contestant had selected the song, which probably isn't too far off on the horizon, I would be less critical. Perhaps that one contestant truly felt compelled to sing about his or her faith. Perhaps it wasn't all about ratings and revenue. But one contestant didn't choose this song. The producers of the show did. And they chose it for everyone. Suddenly, all the idol contestants are fervent believers. What a co-inky-dink. I have a difficult

time believing eight entertaining individuals under 25, which is the lowest religious demographic in America, are devout Christians. But they certainly can sell it. The gospel choir in the background coupled with the gentle swaying of contestants dispelled any inklings of impiety. In the same way that I take issue with a church displaying an American flag in the sanctuary, I take issue with *American Idol* dictating cookie-cutter worship songs to contestants. Our identity as Americans is not synonymous with Christianity, and both of the aforementioned actions suggest otherwise. Sadly, this type of catch-all religion isn't too far away from what most people consider moving acts of faith. It's fairly easy to stand up on a stage and sing a song about Jesus without actually knowing much more than the lyrics. It's easier still to tell someone else to do it. When we throw a Jesus-shaped stamp on every-

thing, we better think about what we're really saying to the world and to ourselves. Sure, it makes us feel all warm and Christiany inside to see would-be-pop-stars belting out religious rhetoric, but what about what they do after that? What about the next song they sing? Suddenly, and perhaps unwittingly, we have just commissioned eight new public defenders of the faith. While it's unlikely that anyone will seek their spiritual guidance, they are literally the face of America – and now Christianity – to millions of viewers worldwide. And rest assured the world will still be watching when they get that DWI, enter rehab, or impregnate someone related to Britney Spears. Celebrity worship is nothing new. But celebrities worshipping Jesus to boost ratings are a new low, even for *American Idol*. Claire St. Amant is a senior professional writing major from Katy and the city editor of The Baylor Lariat.

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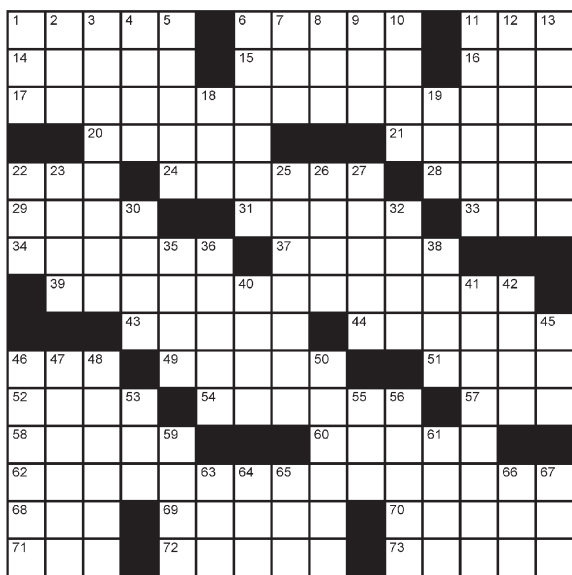
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Student Government Sustainability Committee is holding the Baylor Earth Week Banquet 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Harrington House. The event will include speakers and a silent auction. Tickets are available for \$35 at the box office in the Bill Daniel Student Center. All proceeds will benefit the World Hunger Farm and Keep Waco Beautiful. For more information contact Alexandra_Neville@baylor.edu.

Submissions for the Black Glasses student film festival are being accepted until Friday. Submissions of any length in all genres will be accepted and there will be an additional competition for the first 10 pages, screenplay division. Prizes will be awarded at the festival May 2. Submit your entry on DVD to Dr. Jim Kendrick in the Office of Communication Studies in 119 Castellaw Communications Center. For more information contact Elisa_Daniels@baylor.edu.

CHI'S Service Sorority is holding Mission Nutrition through April 21 to collect children's vitamins, Band-Aids and blister ointment for orphans in Vietnam. Drop boxes are located in the Bill Daniel Student Center and in dining halls. For more information contact Anita_Aitwal@baylor.edu.

The Baylor School of Social Work Center for Literacy and Literacy Connexus, Inc. is holding the Beyond Our Borders Workshops April 25 and 26 at the First Baptist Church of Waco. The cost is \$35 and includes materials and lunch. Today is the last day to register. To register contact Lester@literacyconnexus.org.

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Academic Honors Week Calendar

- Wednesday, April 16**
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Honors Prgram student presentations in Alexander 115 of Honors Residential College
- 2:00 p.m.** - Honors Week Convocation in Barfield Drawing room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m** - University Scholars Thesis Dinner at Harrington House
- 7:30 - 8:30 p.m** - School of Music present: Ma Xiaohui, Chinese Erhu Virtuoso: Roxy Grove Hall
- Thursday, April 17**
6:30. - 8:30 p.m. - Honors Banquet (celebrating the achievements of Honors Program seniors and their faculty members) at Harrington House
- Friday, April 18**
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; **4:30 - 7:30** - Honors Prgram student presentations in Alexander 115 of Honors Residential College
- 3:00 p.m.** - Academic Honors Week Lecture: *"Planet Narnia: The Seven Heavens in the Imagination of C.S. Lewis,"* by Dr. Michael Ward, Chaplain of Peterhouse, University of Cambridge in Alexander Reading Room, Honors Residential College
- Saturday, April 19**
6:30 - Phi Beta Kappa Initiation and Banquet in Barfield Drawing Room, Bill Daniel Student Center

Thesis presentations, keynote speakers part of honors week

Erika Pedroza
Reporter

Convocation, student presentations, lectures and banquets comprise the 16th Annual Academic Honors Week taking place this week.

"Overseen by the Baylor University Honors College, Academic Honors Week is an ongoing recognition and celebration of the rigorous and exciting undergraduate experience provided by Baylor University," said Paulette Edwards, assistant to the dean of the Honors College.

The week-long celebration continues with convocation at 2 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Aquilla senior Sharon Wellman will begin the event with a piano prelude, followed by a Welcome and Invocation by Executive Vice President and Provost Randall O'Brien.

More than 100 students, including Pi Beta Kappa honor society members, graduating seniors in the Honors Program and 100 individual students will be honored as Outstanding Students.

The event will also feature keynote speaker John Hill, former Baylor graduate and law clerk to a United States district judge in San Antonio, who will give a speech titled "From Two Steps Ahead: A Journey of Difference."

Honors Program student presentations will be in 115 Alexander Residence Hall all week.

"These are our seniors presenting the research they have done for their thesis, which is required of all Honors Program students," said Al Beck, admissions and advisement coordinator for the Honors Program. "In their junior year, students pick a mentor and a topic and work one-on-one with that mentor to research a thesis that they usually begin writing their senior year. During this week, students are given the opportunity to share their work with their peers, other students and faculty."

Nearly 70 students will present theses. Among them is Sugar Land senior Huma Patel, who wrote a thesis on "Humanizing Medicine: The Effectiveness of

"God willing, it will all be worth it in the end."

Huma Patel
Honor Program student

Narrative Medicine."

"The opportunity for me to present my thesis to my peers and faculty not only allowed me to share the knowledge that I have acquired through research, but also allows my younger peers to learn from the obstacles that I have faced during the thesis-writing process," Patel said. "Personally, I still have work to do on my thesis, but God willing, it will all be worth it in the end."

Events wrap up with "Planet Narnia: The Seven Heavens in the Imagination of C.S. Lewis," a lecture by Dr. Michael Ward, chaplain of Peterhouse at the University of Cambridge at 3 p.m. Friday in the Alexander Reading Room of the Alexander Residence Hall.

Academic Honors Week is endowed by 1934 Baylor alumni J. Harry and Anna Jeanes. He currently serves as regent emeritus for the University.

"The visionary desire of Mr. and Mrs. Jeanes to recognize intellectual achievement underscores one of the University's fundamental purposes: the pursuit of academic excellence," Edwards said.

Edwards said the Honors College, the College of Arts and Sciences remain indebted to the Jeanes.

Their "endowment in 1993 has made it possible, for 16 years, through Academic Honors Week, for the program to acknowledge and congratulate the intellectual accomplishments of many of Baylor's finest undergraduate scholars across many disciplines," he said.



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Hangin' the Hammock

A student sets up a hammock and naps Tuesday behind Heritage House in North Village.

Fashion show to benefit rehab clinics

By Heather Fogt
Reporter

Models will showcase local fashions to benefit drug recovery programs Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Barron's on 5th, a local restaurant.

Mission Waco's Fashion with a Passion will incorporate clothing and accessories from The Clothesline, Amelia's Fashion Exchange, and Collage Gallery, Studio and Boutique.

The Clothesline is a name-brand resale store owned and operated by Mission Waco. It began as a thrift store in 2004 but now sells gently worn women's clothing.

"This fashion show is going to be a unique approach toward combining resale, retail and consignment fashions and showing how everything works together," Mission Waco volunteer director Joyce Brammer said.

This is the third year that

Mission Waco has hosted a fashion show but the first time to combine fashions from different stores.

Brammer said the idea to combine fashions from different stores came from the relationships that have developed between the stores.

Amelia's helped develop The Clothesline. Amelia's and Collage both make donations to the resale store.

Brammer said two goals will be accomplished by combining stores for the fashion show.

"One is that each site will be represented through some fashions of their own," Brammer said. "All three sites will be represented on one model, showing how all these things can work together."

Proceeds earned by The Clothesline support Mission Waco's recovery programs. The average proceeds are \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year, Brammer said.

The drug and alcohol recovery programs include two homes open for people who want to make a fresh start. Manna House is a home for adult males who have struggled with alcohol or drug addictions. House of Dignity offers similar treatment for females.

Manna House opened in 1999. It closed in 2000 but reopened in 2001 and has been operating since then.

Vince Hartsfield is the director for Manna House and said more than 50 successful graduates have gone through the treatment program.

More than 30 have been clean for at least one year. The program can last up to 12 months.

Hartsfield attributes the high success rate to the unique style of treatment participants must go through.

"For one thing, we have individualized treatment strategies," Hartsfield said. "The other rea-

son is that it's faith-based."

Manna House boasts a success rate six times higher than the national average, according to the Mission Waco Web site.

On the other hand, House of Dignity began in 2004, but it closed 18 months later due to lack of funding, Brammer said.

One graduate completed the women's program.

"This is the primary reason we're kicking off the campaign to the public to find base money to get this thing developed," Brammer said.

Guests at the fashion show are asked to donate \$25, which will go to the recovery programs.

Michelle Selkner was a model in the last fashion show and currently manages The Clothesline.

"I'm excited we're trying to kind of step it up a notch," Selkner said. "I'm hoping that it gets the word out to a different demographic than the one that already knows about us."

Author speaks on subject of biography

Belinda Colunga
Reporter

Dr. Max Sherman, a former Texas state senator and former dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, provided students and staff with a portrayal of Barbara Jordan, a powerful politician and inspirational educator, Tuesday at the McCrary Music Building.

His lecture, based on his notes, was titled, "Barbara Jordan: Words and Wisdom for the 21st Century World of Politics."

"She had the voice of God," Sherman said.

Not only was Sherman editor of *Barbara Jordan: Speaking the Truth with Eloquent Thunder*, but he was also a colleague and friend of Jordan for 25 years.

"The book is her words and she lives on in this book," said Pattie Orr, dean of university

libraries and vice-president for information technology. "(The book) is a tribute to Barbara Jordan ... Preserving words, digital images and how a historic individual sounds is important to the library and for the future."

Sherman also provided clips and audio during the lecture for more insight on how powerful and eloquent her speeches were.

Among her most memorable speeches is the one she gave in the 1974 Watergate hearings when she was a member of the House Judiciary Committee and her keynote address at the 1976 Democratic national convention.

Jordan was the last person on the committee and the last to speak at the hearing, but she's remembered for one of her most powerful quotes: "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total. I am not going to

sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution."

Jordan had to confront the hardships of the 1960s' period of segregation, but battled through many of those obstacles, Sherman said. She was successful in encouraging black people to vote and later became the first black woman in Congress.

"Barbara was not just speaking to Democrats, but to all society and how we can all be better people," Sherman said.

In her keynote address of 1976, Jordan asked for change, unity and sacrifice.

"The danger that Americans face is that we will cease to be a nation, but a land of interest groups. If that happens, who then will speak for America and for the common good," Jordan said in the keynote address.

"The danger of Democracy

is not speaking out," Sherman said, contributing to the words of Jordan. "Who will speak for America? Hopefully, you."

Not only was she recognized as a strong politician, but also as a teacher.

The book was written for her students, Sherman said. He read out several quotes from former students remembering her as an inspirational teacher.

"(Through the clips) we got to see the person he was talking about and we got to make our own judgment," said Tara Trimble, sophomore from Greenwood Village, Colo. "It's important to be informed of such an important woman in history."

Sherman said something else about Jordan — the only word engraved on her gravestone is "teacher."

"She wanted to be remembered as a teacher," Sherman said.

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Local trees, grasses cause for most pollen allergies

By Kate Thomas
Reporter

Students with allergies can expect their noses, eyes and throats to act up today.

The pollen count, according to the Pollen.com Allergy Alert forecast, will be close to 9.7 on a 12-point scale. This is considered a high level, which means people who suffer from pollen allergies are going to be very unhappy.

The forecast, which predicts four days at a time, listed today as having the highest count.

Tuesday's level was at 9.5 and Thursday will be at 8.6. Both levels are considered medium-high to high by the scale.

Pollen levels are counted by measuring or predicting the number of pollen particles per square meter, according to the

Web site. Levels are predicted based on historical trends.

"Ever since I got to Waco when I was a freshman, allergies made me so sick I had to go to an emergency clinic and they gave me medicine and a big lecture on allergies," El Paso sophomore Danielle Brissette said. "(Waco) was an allergy bomb."

Biology professor Walter Holmes said that most of the plants that cause allergies have flowers that no one sees, such as grass.

These plants are not pollinated by insects and rely on the wind to carry pollen spores. They often over-pollinate to ensure that some spores make it into the ground, and the result is that pollen saturates the air and causes problems for people with allergies.

Pollen counts are taken by collecting data from air-sam-

pling devices, according to Pollen.com. These are clear, sticky surfaces that are analyzed in a laboratory for number of pollen particles on the surface. This data is then stored and helps provide the trends needed to forecast pollen levels.

The Web site listed the primary allergens in Waco as oak, ash, poplar, aspen and cottonwood.

"It's a coincidence that those chemicals (in pollen) create problems in humans," Holmes said. "Some people are subject to it, and some aren't."

When someone has an allergic reaction to it, the body over-reacts to the pollen, labeling it as a harmful substance and attacking it. The immune system releases an inflammatory chemical called histamine, which helps create the symptoms of

allergies, according to the Web site.

In your nose, histamine causes the capillaries to expand, which creates swelling, itching and an over-production of mucus. The eyes turn itchy, red and tearful, according to the Web site.

Director of nurses Nancy Keating said the Health Center at the Student Life Center can help. Three over-the-counter options are Claritin, Zyrtec and Mucinex.

"Before Claritin, there weren't many options," aside from prescription drugs, she said.

Since the drug became available without a prescription, she said, it is one of the best choices for people suffering from allergies.

Brissette said she has since learned to deal with allergies.



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

It is a misconception that large, vibrant flowers cause pollen allergies. Plants without visible flowers are responsible for most allergens.

"Mostly I just take Claritin and eat some local honey. Then I feel better," Brissette said.

When asked whether eating local honey actually helps with

allergies, Holmes laughed.

"It's probably not true," he said, since the kinds of flowers bees pollinate aren't the kind that give allergies.

Student debt rising quickly, study reports

By Crystal Hernandez
Reporter

Borrowing money in order to make money has become a popular trend among college students.

The average debt of college graduates is skyrocketing. In a weakening economy, studies suggest that rising tuitions, higher borrowing limits on government loans and an average drop in U.S. household income forces students to take out larger student loans.

"When a student does not have the family resources to fund their education, loans can be an investment in the student's future," associate director of counseling Jeanette Kucera said.

Tuition costs are rising faster than inflation — they've grown more than 42 percent in the last five years. More than two-thirds of four-year college graduates leave with a degree and a substantial student loan, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

"Families that begin setting aside college money for their children are finding what they

accounted for is no longer the norm," said Nicole McAninch, a career services adviser.

Reflecting the higher price of attending a private not-for-profit institution, like Baylor, the percentage of undergraduates borrowing at least \$25,000 more than tripled from 7 percent to 26 percent.

McAninch said students who borrow more than \$50,000 are in the danger zone. These are students, she said, that usually come from a low-income background and don't know how to manage money or debt.

"The danger zone is accumulating so much debt, one is no longer able to sustain education, living conditions or repayment," McAninch said.

Former Baylor student Nic Lowry from Flower Mound said he had to leave Baylor after his fourth year partly because he tapped out his student loans.

"I just couldn't afford it anymore," he said.

Students turn to private lenders who advertise quick money for school, often with stricter terms than government loans. Private student lenders are capitalizing on the \$17.3 billion mar-

ket. Sallie Mae, the largest operating private lender reported \$1 billion in profits last year alone.

In 1992 the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act expanded borrower eligibility, increased loan limits and introduced unsubsidized Stafford Loans. As a result, the amount of federal government loans rose 137 percent from 1992 to 2002, to a total of \$20.7 billion, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

"The average college student is going to make between \$30,000 and \$40,000 their first year. Concern is where more than 75 percent of your income is going towards things you have to pay, like credit cards or loans. Then they have to their sell houses and cars," McAninch said.

The key to the borrower's ability to repay is income, which is unpredictable for college graduates.

The median college loan payment for a recent graduate amounted to 6.9 percent of a graduate's monthly salary, only slightly more than the 6.7 percent reported in 1994. Education and humanities majors reported

they paid more of their salaries, 7.5 percent to 7.7 percent, while business majors paid out 5.6 percent on average last year.

Last summer, assistance finally came about for future students when legislation passed a bill providing \$20 billion to increase grant aid for low-income students and cut subsidies to student loan companies. The new law increases the Pell Grant program to \$4,800 next year and \$5,400 by 2012. The new bill also cuts interest rates on subsidized student loans in half.

To retire student loans quickly, graduates must first analyze the types of loans they have. Start by logging on to www.nslds.ed.gov, the National Student Loan Data System Web site.

Those with private loans can call or write lenders directly, contact the school that provided the loan, or refer to the old promissory notes.

McAninch said in general, student loan debt is considered good debt.

"As long as you keep up with your payments schedule, loans shouldn't cripple you," she said.



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[Student Government Elections 2008]



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Campaign signs for student body elections line Fountain Mall the night before elections. Voting takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Thursday.

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Candidates for executive positions share their platforms before the big day

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

Lawn areas over-populated with colorful signs, flyers plastered on every square inch of the campus and Facebook support groups all mean one thing: election season is under way for student government.

The campaign madness is rolling to a halt as results of the election will be announced Thursday.

Wescosville, Pa., junior Sam Chen; Garland junior Bryan Fonville; and Brush Prairie, Wash., junior Chase McVicker are running for student body president.

Sam Chen

Chen said the office of student body president is not about the person actually holding the office.

“When I looked at running for this office, I saw it as an opportunity to be a part of something bigger than myself, and saw it as a step I should take to serve my university and community,” he said. “It’s not about me; it’s about seeing Baylor succeed.”

He has made improving communication between students and administration one of the strongest issues of his campaign.

“Honesty and clarity between administration and students is the first and foremost issue of concern for me,” he said. “There are things that aren’t applicable to us, but when it’s our professors that are being denied tenure, then we deserve some clear answers.”

But before students can expect to overcome these clarification issues, Chen said, we must work to improve communication among the student body.

“This needs to start with student government building clarity among ourselves and with the student body,” he said. “As president, I will have the opportunity to be a voice and to represent what’s right and what students need.”

Chen plans to increase effective communication between students by holding press conferences between himself and any interested member of the student body to answer questions.

Bryan Fonville

Fonville currently serves as external vice president in student government and relies on his experienced background to propel him ahead in the election.

“Experience is a key contributor for success, so hav-

ing this experience this past year, I felt like I had a fairly comprehensive knowledge of the organization and how it runs,” he said. “But on top of that, I know where we need to improve.”

Fonville said he plans to form a programming council within student government in order to increase the number of activities on campus and bring students together in a unified community.

As external vice president, Fonville said, he’s developed the kinds of relationships across campus necessary to build a strong community and to keep branching out to the greater Waco community.

“Through the partnership of student groups, members of various cultural groups were able to converse together about issues affecting their representative members,” he said. “For our student government to accurately represent our student body, we have to establish a shared vision by developing relationships with students from all walks of life.”

There is a perception that student government is irrelevant to the students here, Fonville said. He plans to address this issue by taking advantage of technology to broadcast to the student body what student government is doing for them.

Chase McVicker

As president of the Bear Pit, McVicker said, his experience in that leadership position that compensates for the fact that he has not held a major office in student government.

“I’ve worked with lots of levels of authority and feel like that experience has prepared me to be student body president,” he said.

He currently serves on the Student Senate.

McVicker referred to the status of the Baylor campus as being stuck in a status quo that needs some shaking up. As president, he said, his No. 1 priority is unity.

“There is sort of an underlying sense of segregation here that needs to be brought into the light,” he said. “We need to have the kind of campus where different nationalities, religions and cultural beliefs are respected. Some groups are secluded and some groups seclude themselves because they feel like they don’t belong to the bigger campus as a whole.”

McVicker said he sees himself as the unifying element to this problem.

“I work with lots of diverse organizations to bring them

together,” he said. “I will reach out to minority and multi-cultural student organizations to give them the opportunity and the resources to have a voice. I can bring all these pieces together and unify our campus because I don’t want any student to feel like they don’t have an impact.”

Parker Short

Dallas junior Parker Short is running unopposed for the position of internal vice president.

“IVP requires you to not only be an officer, but to lead 52 other students,” he said. “I feel that by spending the last two years in Senate and being able to develop relationships, that I have gained the experience necessary for this position.”

The internal vice president presides over Student Senate and is responsible for coordinating the legislative branch and internal affairs around campus that pertain to the senate.

“The needs of our student community are certainly a huge aspect of being successful if we are to serve as representatives of the student body,” he said. “Student government must work to ensure that if there is a need not being addressed, we address it. Whether it is a passing a bill or talking to administration, we must first make sure we are on the same page with the students.”

Short said that his position will require him to be responsible for ensuring that the senate makes progress on these issues that concern students.

“One thing I think a lot of students would appreciate is changing the attendance policy,” he said. “As it currently stands, there is no such thing as an excused absence in a class. If an absence counts as excused for the university, I think it is feasible that we could ask for the same courtesy in our individual classes.”

Sugar Land junior Alex DuBois and Lindale junior Nicole Yeakley are vying for the position of external vice president.

Alex DuBois

“My ideals are very much toward service and people,” DuBois said. “There are many students on campus whose suggestions are not taken into consideration. I’m running because I want to be counted on, to serve as the best friend that a person would need and to have our students know fully who is serving them.”

DuBois, who has coined

the phrase “Fighting for the Little Man” as his campaign slogan, said that experience shouldn’t be the key factor in deciding this race.

“Experience does not replace character,” he said. “Today, there are lots of leaders who were said to have the most experience, but that doesn’t equal results. If we are solely voting on status quo, what’s already in place, then the students will never be served in ways they should.”

DuBois said that the fact that he is bilingual will help him reach out to the Waco community since a large percentage of it is Hispanic.

“Being EVP is about events — it’s about community and bringing events to campus that are larger than the ones we’ve had,” he said. “I will diminish the stigmatism of the Waco community as a place of poverty, depravation and violence. By being bilingual, I can establish a common ground through conversations, shared culture, shared visions and shared values.”

Nicole Yeakley

Yeakley has served as chairperson and vice-chairperson of various committees during her tenure as a student senator. In her opinion, experience is a key player in deciding an election.

“As head person of these committees, I’ve been more than just a senator,” she said. “I have a planned vision when I say I want to do things. It’s one thing to just listen to students’ concerns and a completely different thing to fight for what they want.”

This year, Yeakley has focused on lowering textbook prices for students. If she wins external vice president, she said, she will continue in that endeavor.

“The next thing I want to do is send letters to congressmen with students’ specific stories about how high textbook prices affect them,” she said. “Then I’d like to have a statewide call day where students from numerous universities call their congressman and say they support lowering the cost of books.”

Yeakley said the continued development of relationships with government officials on state and local levels will be her No. 1 priority as external vice president.

“We can get a lot from building relationships with other universities and state and federal legislations,” she said. “I hope to leave this office with more relationships than just those with Baylor and Waco.”

Bryan Fonville — Garland junior — business major

Running for: Student body president



Fonville

The student body president serves not only as the manager and leader of student government, but as an ambassador on our campus and in our community. Now more than ever, students are looking for student government to make a relevant and meaningful impact on our campus and in our community. Having served in student government for three years, I’ve had the opportunity to build relationships with a number of Baylor administrators, faculty, staff, regents and students. I’ve developed an understanding of the complex issues facing our university through conversations and shared experiences with these leaders. These relationships, combined with my three years of experience, better enable me to accomplish the goals we need to achieve in the next year. I am passionate about issues that allow students to be involved, be it through campus activities or student organizations, or by working to ensure that we all get the best education and experience that Baylor can offer. Leaders must be able to establish a shared vision that crosses racial, gender, and cultural boundaries. With my experience and work ethic, students can expect to see a more efficient, proactive and relevant student government that is efficiently and effectively making an impact in their day-to-day life.

Sam Chen — Wescosville, Pa., junior political science/philosophy major

Running for: Student body president



Chen

Being a leader has never been about oneself. Rather, it has always been about serving God through serving the community. The office of Student Body President is not a title or a platform for one to promote his or her own agenda and aspirations. Rather, it is a position of serving and working with the student body. This campaign is not, and has never been, about me. The student body deserves a president who will listen carefully, act decisively, and stand up daily for them. I have both the experience and the ability to be that president. I seek not to advance my own agenda, but to work closely with the entire student body and to make a lasting impact on Baylor University.

It seems that the one issue that concerns students more than anything else is clarity from the administration. From rising tuition to questions about faculty tenure, students want answers and, in many cases, they deserve them. The lack of communication that is often cited between the administration, the faculty, and the student body is unacceptable. All three bodies must work together in an environment of honesty and clarity. Once this is accomplished, the campus will run smoother and all issues can be addressed fairly and openly.

Chase McVicker — Prairie, Wash., junior business major

Running for: Student body president



McVicker

The three most important issues to me are as follows: campus safety — our students deserve to feel a genuine sense of security when they walk our halls and our sidewalks.

Student representation — our students deserve to have their issues and concerns heard in the form of a Student Regent.

Campus unity — we need events and activities that bring our Baylor community together and end the subtle discrimination and segregation that occurs on this campus.

The most important part of being a leader is being able to unite those around you, regardless of who they are, to create a unit that accomplishes goals and projects in such a way that every participant benefits equally. Baylor will have a Student Body President they know, someone who is dedicated to this campus and this issues of this student body, someone who will be as much a member of this community as a leader of it. They will have a Student Body President they can approach in the hallways and cheer alongside at sporting events.

Alex DuBois — Sugar Land junior human resources management major

Running for: External vice president



DuBois

The issue that I am most passionate about is community service, because I believe that service to others denotes a responsible citizen. I believe that it is more valuable to become a contributing citizen rather than to remain part of the idle and complaining majority. There is much to be done, but few are willing to commit themselves to service. As stated in the Bible in Luke 10:2, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” I think that the most important part of being a leader is to have a spirit of sacrifice. In order to help others, a leader needs to set aside his or her own needs and dedicate time to serve the ones he leads.

I hope that my legacy after leaving this office would be to begin building a bridge of unity for the greater Waco community and the student body of Baylor University. I believe that the legacy of a responsible citizen should be to leave each place where he has been better than when he arrived. The city of Waco has been our residence for the last few years, so it is only fair that we should find ways to give back to the Waco community.

Nicole Yeakley — Lindale junior political science major

Running for: External vice president



Yeakley

As external vice president, I hope to build relationships between Baylor and Waco, the Big XII, and state and federal legislatures. These relationships between Waco and the Big XII will enable us to learn from other universities and see what things we may be able to implement on this campus. Finally, building relationships between Baylor and the state and federal legislature is the best way to lobby for legislation that affects students. My freshman year I lobbied to remove the sales tax from textbooks, and I have begun the foundation to lobby for new legislation that would reform the textbook publishing industry.

I think that being able to work with different people and being able to motivate others are both extremely important characteristics of a good leader. It is important that there is a balance between compassion for others and strength to fight for what the students care about. I plan to lead with strength, compassion and experience. If I were elected as external vice president, I would hope to leave this campus knowing that I had changed the office for the better.

Parker Short — Dallas junior international business/entrepreneurship major

Running for: Internal vice president (unopposed)

I think the adequate wage proposal is something that needs to be re-examined. If we’re truly be a university built on Christian values, we need make sure we are living up to that in practice and paying all of our workers a high enough wage so that they don’t have to work two jobs. Baylor is the second-largest employer in Waco, and we have the chance to really improve the community around us by adopting this proposal.

Service is the most important part of being a leader. If you aren’t actively working with and serving those around you, then you’ll never succeed. I’m convinced I can benefit the student body by working with Student Senate to ensure that students’ concerns are accurately represented to the administration. By working diligently to seek out the concerns of students, I can help serve them in a greater capacity.



Short

[Student Government Elections 2008]

Class officer candidates
share platforms & plans for their time in office

<p>James Mattison — Waco junior Running for: Senior class president (unopposed)</p> <p>Senior year, for the majority of us, means the last year we will be at Baylor. This entails hard work, finishing out classes with perseverance, and avoiding “senioritis.” All can be accomplished with perseverance and leadership to lead by example.</p> <p>The senior class president holds the same responsibilities as the other class presidents, with the exception of the senior class gift. I look forward to providing leadership, creativity and persevering energy to raise the funds needed to accomplish this mountain of a task. Although the senior class gift has somewhat been predetermined for all senior classes, the task of raising funds is by no means easy and takes leadership that I aspire to exhibit for the senior class as a whole.</p>	 <p>Hannah</p> <p>Jordan Hannah — Cleburne sophomore Running for: Junior class president</p> <p>I would love to see Airbear coverage strengthened all around campus. I am currently trying to get it improved in the library, but I think it is a tangible goal to be able to improve it all around campus. All of us with laptops know how frustrating it is when it cuts out in the middle of class or while studying in the library.</p> <p>The most important thing about being a leader is living with servant leadership. This means to listen to those that you represent and not advance your own name or agenda.</p> <p>I am a hard worker with experience in this position that has and will continue to be a voice for students. I accomplished a lot during my tenure as sophomore class president, and I plan on continuing that.</p>
<p>Jessica Kim — McAllen junior Running for: Junior class president</p> <p>I am very concerned about the increase of tuition. With tuition costs constantly on the rise I would like to see more effort in helping students pay for college. As a Baylor Ambassador I have had experience in working with the Texas State Government lobbying for the Tuition Equalization Grant to help reduce the cost of college for students.</p> <p>The most important part of being a leader is having the ability to take visions, form them into projects and events and see them fulfilled. Leaders should enable students to take ownership of their university to prosper in the Baylor career. As junior class president, I want to see Baylor’s class of 2010 making the most out of the Baylor experience by encouraging a sense of unity among our class. I believe people and relationships are very important and I want to create events such as a Junior Class Crush and a Junior Class Tailgate.</p>  <p>Kim</p>	<p>Liz Foreman — Beaumont sophomore Running for: Junior class vice president</p> <p>I want to organize events that bring us together as a class and a community. I aim to make student government more accessible to students and find out what exactly you want to see happen. I want to act as the student voice on issues big or small that need attention. Through my involvement in community organizations, I have seen the great opportunities to get involved beyond the Baylor Bubble in both service and leadership. I am passionate about sharing that with the junior class and increasing awareness about amazing opportunities within our community. To be a leader is to be proactive; to not wait around to see how things play out, but to do it yourself if no one else will. I think to lead means to be able to weigh many people’s input but also remain true to your own judgment. Above everything, a leader is someone who has a heart for service because leadership should not be a self-centered endeavor.</p>  <p>Foreman</p>
 <p>Broussard</p> <p>Tracey Broussard — Bridge City junior Running for: Junior class vice president</p> <p>I have always been passionate about the inclusion of all students in campus activities. I feel that there is a lot of separation here on campus, and this past year as a sophomore class officer I helped organize events like the Sophomore Day at the Ballpark to promote more unity among our class. As the new junior class vice president, I feel that I would be able to continue promoting that objective.</p> <p>I think that integrity and positivity are two important qualities every leader should possess, and Max De Pree sums up the meaning of leadership in a very powerful way. He says that “the first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant.” The motto of Student Government on the whole is “students serving students,” and I feel that I have and will continue to fulfill that purpose.</p>	 <p>Leslie</p> <p>Mary Katherine Leslie — Sioux Falls, S.D., freshman Running for: Sophomore class secretary/treasurer</p> <p>As far as I am concerned, my greatest interest while serving Baylor University on the Executive Board is the well-being of students. I am passionate about creating community among classmates. As an out-of-stater, I know first-hand how difficult it is to become acclimated to such a different place. And while the majority of students have found their niche after a year of Baylor, there are still plenty of opportunities to make this campus a more comfortable and warm place for students to grow. By becoming the sophomore class secretary/treasurer, students can look forward to leadership from someone a little diverse, yet still relatable. As a liberal South Dakotan woman born in Switzerland and raised by Alabamian parents, I would like to think I represent the group of students who are different from the typical Texan scholar.</p>
<p>Emily Saultz — Amarillo freshman Running for: Sophomore class president</p> <p>The issue I am most passionate about is advocating on behalf of the sophomore class. Students need a way to voice their needs and concerns, and they need someone to take action on the issues that are important to them. I will speak as a voice for the sophomore class to Baylor administration and represent our class well at all times.</p> <p>The most important part of being a leader is being a servant leader. The motto of student government is “students serving students,” and I feel like I have learned what it means to truly serve through my experience as freshman class president this year. If elected as sophomore class president, I will make myself accessible to hear the concerns of the sophomore class and work to improve communication between students and student government. I will represent all the diverse interests of our class and work hard for the common good of all.</p>  <p>Saultz</p>	<p>Brian Remson — Waco freshman Running for: Sophomore class president</p> <p>The most important issue that faces Baylor today is the lack of communication between administration, student government and the general student body. In addition to strengthening communication, I plan to address situations that affect Baylor in a more immediate sense, such as strengthening the poor quality of Airbear wireless access across campus and increase awareness of on-campus transportation, such as the BUS shuttle system.</p> <p>Also, I aim to have more student activities and service opportunities. In leading the sophomore class, I hope to be able to listen and act effectively, serving the class’ interests. A leader has to effectively serve by providing a solution that respects the wishes of the general public. By assuming this position as class president, I hope to be a link and mediator between the administration and our sophomore class, serving our class to the best of my ability.</p>
 <p>Byrd</p> <p>Abby Byrd — Omaha, Neb., freshman Running for: Sophomore class vice president (unopposed)</p> <p>I feel that the most pressing matter I can make a difference with in the Baylor community is the need to serve one another. I would like to use the coming year to encourage students to show appreciation not only to the Baylor faculty, but also to each other and the outside community. I believe that the only way to be a leader is to serve the students and listen to what they think can help improve the Baylor experience for everyone. As the sophomore class vice president, I will work hard to achieve the students’ goals using the knowledge and contacts that I have acquired through Student Government this year. I am fully dedicated to my work as a class officer, and if I am elected, it is my goal to involve the student body in the constant transformation of our university and work together to create unity between the classes.</p>	

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Women’s basketball to lose Bradley and coach Roberts

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Rumors circulating Monday of sophomore forward Jessica Bradley transferring from Baylor were confirmed Tuesday morning by the Baylor athletic department.

Bradley will leave at the end of the academic year, and has not yet decided where she will pursue her athletic career.

The Sacramento, Calif., native averaged 4.8 points, 4.5 rebounds and 17.7 minutes a game during the 2007-2008 season in which she helped lead Baylor to its fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

Suffering from an already depleted roster, Bradley’s departure comes at an inconvenient time for the Lady Bears.

With the departure of senior guard Angela Tisdale and Bradley’s transfer, the number of players who averaged more than 10 minutes per game last season has been reduced to six.

Even though she was a reserve for the majority of the season, Bradley’s presence in the post will likely be missed, especially after she put together strong performances like the 10-point,

10-rebound outing she had in a 79-59 victory on Feb. 17 over No. 10 University of Oklahoma.

The Lady Bears will only have three forwards from the 2007-2008 squad returning to the team next season: Rachel Allison, Kaitlin Oberg and Danielle Wilson.

So it will be up to incoming transfer Whitney Zachariasen and Mulkey’s incoming recruiting class to provide depth for the upcoming season.

On the same day Bradley announced her decision to leave, assistant coach Jennifer Roberts also announced her resignation which will be effective April 30.

At times overlooked by Baylor fans, Roberts’ recruiting and behind-the-scenes efforts have been monumental to the success of the Lady Bear’s basketball program.

“This has been an extremely hard decision for me, but one that I have been contemplating for a while,” Roberts, a Shreveport, La., native said in a release. “I will take with me many wonderful memories, experiences and accomplishments.”

Since Roberts arrived at Baylor eight years ago with Mulkey, she has helped bring in

three top-25 recruiting classes and has been an integral part in the Lady Bears’ three Sweet 16 appearances.

“Jennifer Roberts may not be related to me biologically, but she is as close to me as my biological family is,” Mulkey said. “One of the reasons I brought Jennifer to Baylor with me was because of her loyalty to me and that has been unwavering for eight years. She will be greatly missed by not only me, but by our staff, players and fans.”

Mulkey has reportedly been in contact with possible candidates for Roberts’ job. But Mulkey said no matter whom the replacement is, it will be tough to fill Roberts’ shoes.

“I’ll never be able to hire anyone who’s as loyal as Jennifer has been for the last eight years,” Mulkey said in a phone interview with the *Waco-Tribune Herald* Monday night. “Jennifer did all the behind-the-scenes things that have to be taken care of when you’re dealing with 15 young ladies. She’s a great recruiter that helped us bring in some amazing players. But more important than that was her commitment to me personally, to this program and to Baylor University.”



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Jessika Bradley prepares to pass the ball to her teammate in a game against the University of Nebraska on Feb. 27 at the Ferrell Center. Baylor defeated the Buffaloes, 76-62.



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

Dustin Dickerson talks to one of his teammates Tuesday night after hitting a home run at the Baylor Ballpark. Baylor clinched a victory over Dallas Baptist University, 11-4.

Baseball beats Dallas Baptist University, 11-4

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Baylor’s hitting struggles came to an abrupt end Tuesday night as the Bears tallied 18 hits for an 11-4 victory over Dallas Baptist University at the Baylor Ballpark.

It was the second most hits of the season, with the most coming in the QTI Baylor Classic in a 21-hit, 20-6 win against the University of Illinois.

“When you look at our line-up on paper, it’s a really good line up,” head coach Steve Smith said. “It just hasn’t been on the field. Tonight it was.”

After returning from a frigid trip to Manhattan, Kan., the Bears needed to light a fire at the plate.

“We were kind of cold – bat-

wise and literally,” third baseman Shaver Hansen said.

Every Bear starter had a hit in the contest, including Grand Junction, Colo., sophomore Shaver Hansen, who went 2-3 with two walks, a ground-ruled double at the wall and a triple.

Not to be outdone, McGregor sophomore Dustin Dickerson totaled three hits – a two-run home run in the third, and two RBI singles in the preceding innings.

“I think we knew we needed to get the ball going,” Dickerson said. “There were two strikes and he just threw a fastball that looked good.”

Coming into the game, the Bears had just one batter hitting above .300: Adam Hornung with a .320 average. After the game, Baylor counted four: Hansen, second baseman Raynor Campbell, Dickerson and Hornung.

The Patriots got off to a quick start, walking two and scoring two on catcher Andrew Prittle’s bases-loaded single. The two walks were the third and fourth of the year for Baylor pitcher Tim Matthews, who then hit his zone, striking out a career-high six batters.

“That was a rough first inning,” Matthews said. “I don’t normally walk guys. I am just glad I’m getting to throw and coach is putting the ball in my glove.”

Dallas Baptist’s four runs came in the first and ninth, creating bookends for Baylor’s 18 hits. In the ninth, catcher Brandon Bantz launched a two-run shot to left-center field for his first home run of the year.

Matthews (3-1) would take the win, relying heavily on his

change-up.

“It’s not really the 10 to 15 mile per hour slower change-up that you’re used to, but it’s effective,” Smith said.

Reliever Mace Thurman would pick up the save, his first of the year. Jordan Meaker (4-1) took the loss for the Patriots, allowing seven runs on eight hits in two-and-a-third innings of work.

After taking the Sunday game against Kansas State University off, Beamer Weems continued his hitting streak, hitting 3 of 3 Tuesday.

Baylor (23-13) will travel to Dallas for a rematch with Dallas Baptist (22-10) at 6:30 p.m. today at Patriot field.

“These two games really concerned me because (the Patriots) hadn’t played in a week,” Smith said. “I think tomorrow will be a different story.”

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BU Dance disappoints at spring show

By Emily Monti
Reporter

Founded in 2005 as part of a dance minor at Baylor, the Baylor Dance Company put on its spring show Sunday night in Jones Theater.

SHOWREVIEW

As I showed up with two of my friends, we realized that we should have arrived earlier. The theater was packed with a wide variety of students and family members. With five minutes until show time, we took our seats in the front row to watch the show. After reviewing the line-up and the songs that were to be

performed, I was excited to see what BDC had to offer. Kicking off the show with an upbeat jazz dance to Christina Aguilera's "Ain't No Other Man," I thought I would be impressed. The music used was exciting. Some songs I had heard and some songs were new. I actually preferred the ones I hadn't heard because that way half of the audience wasn't singing along in a whisper. Even with a show featuring every avenue of dance from tap to modern, I left disappointed with the overall performance. The modern dances performed were the most notable of the show. The movements were refined and it was apparent how much work was put into these pieces.

The piece I was most looking forward to, "Cell Block Tango" from *Chicago*, was rather distracting. Each "murderess" played her part well, but since the stage didn't have enough room, the background dancers were somewhat overpowering during parts. One of the more entertaining parts was the Dance IV tap class, which was allowed to perform in any outfit, one of which included a penguin suit, literally. One of the best things about the show was the original solos. "Pure Imagination" from *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, performed by El Paso freshman Arlianne Bejarano, displayed a wide range of dance moves and

impressive body contortions. Minus the ballet performances, there was a definite gap between those who worked to clean the routines and those who just showed up and danced. The ballet dances, however, were clean and each movement was controlled, as it should have been. As I watched the various dances I wasn't overly impressed with the choreography. Since BDC was created for dance minors, I was expecting more complicated routines. Even on my high school dance team, it was a requirement to be able to do fouettes, in which a dancer spins with one leg at a 90 degree angle to the other. We had one week to get our dances cleaned up.



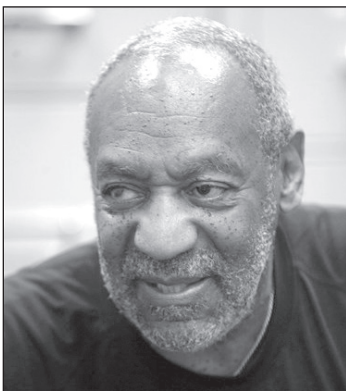
Courtesy of Baylor Dance Company
The Baylor Dance Company held its spring recital Sunday in Jones Theater.

So for a group of girls who are dancers, and have been working on this show since the fall, I was expecting much more. The finale, to James Brown's "Get Up Offa That Thing" definitely prepared me to leave. The energy shown during this dance didn't help to finish the show in a strong manner. As I was leaving the show, I applauded BDC's effort, but was glad it only lasted for an hour and a half.

Bill Cosby to release hip hop CD

By Sandy Cohen
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bill Cosby's path has taken him from pudding pops to hip hop. The 70-year-old has recorded a hip-hop album set for release next month. *Cosby Narratives Vol. 1: State of Emergency* blends the comedian's concepts and stories with a hip-hop, pop and jazz soundtrack. "I do not rap on any of these things," Cosby said. "I wouldn't know how to fix my mouth to say some of the words." Cosby said the hip-hop music he hears is profane and degrading. His album is "the opposite of what I think is the profanity for no particular reason, the misogyny for no particular reason," he said. "It really looks at the frustration and the anger that a young man may have." The album, assembled by Cosby's longtime musical collaborator Bill "Spaceman" Patterson, contains rhymes provided by



Associated Press

guest rappers. The subject matter? "The value of an education. The value of respecting one's self and ... giving (listeners) a chance to raise their self-esteem and confidence," Cosby said. Patterson said he was surprised when Cosby inquired about making a rap record — until the comedian revealed he wouldn't be the one doing the rapping. "People started speculating, is he going to rap about Jell-O Pudding Pops or what?" Patterson said. "But he's always been involved in music and he was there for the first generation of spoken word." The album is a companion to his best-selling book, *Come on, People: On the Path from Victims to Victors*. He doesn't expect the CD to be a huge hit, it won't be his last hip-hop venture.

World-renowned musician to bring eclectic instrument for Baylor concert

Baylor student joins erhu virtuoso for performance tonight

By Jade Ortego
Reporter

World-renowned erhu virtuoso Ma XiaoHui will play at 7:30 p.m. today in Waco Hall. XiaoHui has performed with the Berlin Chamber Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra of France, the National Symphony Orchestra of China, at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. and many more, performing more than 100 times in the past 10 years. In June she will perform at Carnegie Hall. Her talent even earned her a spot performing a duet with cellist Yo-Yo Ma on the *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* soundtrack. "This is a world-class musician by any standard," said Dr. David Jeffrey, professor of literature and humanities. "Her recital will be a distinctive and

superb introduction to Chinese artistic sensibility." An erhu is a two-stringed Chinese instrument with a long, slim neck and resonator body. It is played with a bow with silky horsehair instead of a string. It is played somewhat like a cello. "It is clear and pure," XiaoHui said of the erhu. "I try to learn from my instrument. It uses simplicity to express deep feelings about life." The sound of the erhu is a like a violin and an oboe, and it can be traced back to instruments used in Central Asia more than 1,000 years ago. XiaoHui plays classical, traditional-style erhu, but has also invented new techniques and written her own songs. She can play western songs, as well as jazz, tango and gospel. XiaoHui has been playing the erhu since she was 6 years old, and even moved away from home at 13 to play for the Shanghai Conservatory of Music. An early memory which she said inspired her musical

career is of her mother singing to accompany her father on the erhu. But she said the instrument was not her first choice. "I first tried the violin, which is of course beautiful, but after six weeks it hurt my neck," she said. "Then I tried the accordion because it is such a loud, pretty instrument, but it was too big for me." Her last choice was the erhu. "It is very simple-looking and for a little girl's taste, it is pretty ugly," XiaoHui said. She said she was told that she was a talented performer, and as a child she surpassed her father, who was her first teacher. She said her parents supported her and helped her find a professional teacher when she was 11. "They were happy," she said, "because if I can play an instrument I don't have to work as a farmer on the countryside," a likely possibility because of the end of the Cultural Revolution of China. When XiaoHui went to the

conservatory, she said, she would be asked what instrument she played. "People would always be disappointed," XiaoHui said. "I wanted to promote it." She said she began to create new "tone colors and techniques" for her instrument. "I will make this beautiful, elegant, bright," she said. XiaoHui will perform with various accompaniments. "I think this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Waco senior Katie Smith said. "I am extremely excited to play with this world-renowned musician." Smith will play the viola on stage with XiaoHui tonight. "I am quite honored by her presence on this campus," Smith said. XiaoHui's visit was organized by the School of Music, the Center for International Education, the Honors College and the Chinese Student Association. She will play at 7:30 p.m. today at Roxy Grove Hall. She will also have CDs for sale for \$20 and DVDs for \$40.

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Mariah, Leona pack power in vocals

By Amanda Robison
Entertainment editor

Mariah has modern, classic mix

After her most recent single, "Touch My Body" catapulted her past Elvis to have the second-most No. 1 singles of all time, Mariah Carey was flying high upon the release of her 11th studio album, *E=MC²*, Tuesday.

ALBUMREVIEWS

The singer has been in the business for nearly 20 years and it is safe to say Carey has a firm grip on her

and Mariah even adopts some Jamaican flair, replacing words like "thing" with more island-ready slang like "ting." The next four tracks bring nothing special to the mix, with most sounding like a repeat with monotonous melodies and little excitement. But "I'll Be Loving You Long Time" starts with a disco sound and energetic vocals as it offers the first signs of Mariah's signature belting, even if it is only for a few brief notes. The middle of the album is somewhat boring, with a similar flow to each track. Toward the end of *E=MC²*, she gets back to her roots with slow songs with a bigger focus on vocals. "Bye Bye" seems to be a second

Leona's *Spirit* fades

Leona Lewis burst onto the American music scene this year with her No. 1 single "Bleeding Love," which found instant success here and made her the first British female vocalist to reach the top slot on the *Billboard* Hot 100 since 1987. Hoping to ride the massive success of her first single, Lewis released her debut album, *Spirit*, in the States on April 8.

With her wide range and belting power, she has drawn numerous comparisons to Mariah Carey and the comparisons may be warranted. Her vocal ability is incredible, unfortunately the song selection for

lover-scorned theme, like on "Misses Glass." "Angel" takes the cake for cheesiness though as Lewis sings, "When we make love it's overwhelming, I just touch the heavens ... You're an angel." The predictability of the lyrics and sound are one of the major downfalls of *Spirit*. Lewis does pull out a moving cover of Roberta Flack's "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face." With only a piano behind her, Lewis' voice and range are able to truly shine. But unfortunately, if you've heard Celine Dion's version of the song, you've basically heard Lewis' version as well.



BATTLE OF THE Ballads

Newcomer Leona Lewis, who won Britain's version of *American Idol* in 2006, has recently been labeled as the 'new Mariah' after breaking world records with her UK debut single. Both Carey and Lewis have exceptional vocal ranges and the ability to carry slow songs and turn them into stunners. But with her debut album, *Spirit*, can Lewis really stack up to the queen of the ballad?



sound, even though it has definitely changed over the years.

Carey dives right in to *E=MC²* with "Migrate," which offers the ironically bird-like, sky-high notes she was known for in the early days of her career and then the track moves into her more current R&B residence with a catchy beat and lyrics. The song even offers something Mariah has previously steered clear of — a synthesizer-happy T-Pain.

Her No. 1 single, "Touch My Body" comes in next, followed by "Cruise Control," with quick drums and lyrics that feel like they could've come straight out of a Chris Brown song. Damian Marley is featured on the track

attempt at "One Sweet Day," but without Boyz II Men, the winning formula may be compromised. The power ballad comes back full-force with the last track, "I Wish You Well," which features only a piano backing that showcases her still dynamic voice. The track sounds like a Sunday-morning solo with a choir of Mariahs layered in the background.

The album ends on a high note, literally, as her voice soars to new heights and offers a familiar sound for longtime fans. Although *E=MC²* sags a bit in the middle, the beginning and end offer a nice taste of modern as well as classic Mariah that will please fans and newcomers alike.

Grade: B

Spirit completely discredits her voice by displaying a line-up of songs that are too slow, sappy and similar to truly showcase her talent.

The album begins strong with "Bleeding Love" as the first track, but only sets the rest of the album up for failure, when the tracks don't stack up. "Better In Time" offers a catchy pop chorus, but definitely not No. 1 caliber. The tracks continue to move along at the same slow pace with played-down R&B beats and cliché lyrics that seem to devalue decent melodies.

"Forgive Me," which is produced by Akon, gives the listener the first taste of anything upbeat and almost makes it into dance-worthy territory. Many of the tracks demonstrate the

"Take a Bow" encounters a problem considering pop princess Rhianna just released a single with the same title, same sound and nearly the same exact content and theme.

The album ends on an ever-familiar slow and has completely jumped across the line of acceptable sappiness, with an ode to the popular (and over-used) poem, Footprints in the Sand.

Spirit as a whole seems like a waste of Lewis' remarkable talent. The lyrics are lacking with cliché statements and tired melodies that are saved only by Lewis' near flawless vocal performance, which will probably go unnoticed due to the utterly dreary song choices.

Grade: C

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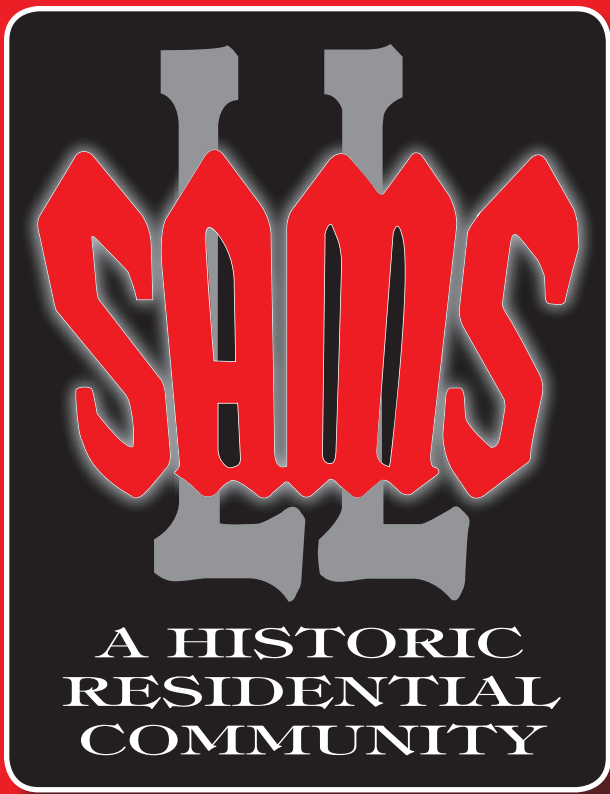
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chaired the committee.

The committee carried out the bulk of their work during 2005 and 2006, and has since slowed their efforts.

Cloud still actively supports increasing faculty wages as a member of the administrative committee for salary, benefits and retirement.

The administration, he said, is taking steps to remedy the wage gap.

"The current administration has made a good-faith effort to begin to improve faculty and staff compensation," Cloud said.

President John Lilley announced in January an increase in contributions to faculty retirement accounts. Lilley promised at the meeting to "continue to press forward" with faculty and staff income.

O'Brien said Baylor still needs salary improvement, but pointed out the university's generosity in fringe benefits — compensation other than salary. Fringe benefits include retirement plans, dental and medical insurance, and tuition remission.

"Baylor puts 30 percent of our salaries into fringe benefits," O'Brien said. "That percentage leads all the Texas universities and all the Big 12 universities."

This 30 percent figure means that an individual earning \$100,000 per year will gain about \$30,000 of university benefits.

O'Brien said as faculty pay increases, salary may decrease.

The basis of raises

The study found an average faculty pay increase of 3.8 percent from the 2007 to 2008 academic years. However, the inflation rate for this period is

4.1 percent, meaning faculty members actually saw a net loss of .3 percent.

But Baylor does not allot salary increases to any faculty members based on inflation rates, as many universities do. All pay increases are based solely on merit.

Cordon said the university reformulated the basis for raises, a "politically charged" move, during the administration of Robert Sloan Jr.

"The merit-based increase was initiated during a time when administrators were using pay increases really as a way of punishment," Cordon said.

Cordon said the merit-based system was essentially established to deny raises to faculty members who challenged authority.

To determine a faculty member's merit, each teacher is issued an annual rating by their department on a scale of one to five, five being the best. The ratings are based on peer evaluations, student evaluations, scholarly research, publications and service. Teachers who score a five receive a salary increase, but teachers who score a two or three shouldn't expect a raise.

"Even mediocre performances deserve inflation raises," Cordon said. "What if you didn't hit a homerun that year? What if you hit a single that year?"

Cordon said the current administration's rationale behind merit-only based pay increases is that this approach encourages faculty members to publish and teach to the best of their ability.

O'Brien confirmed this reasoning.

"Salary is one way in our society to say, 'you are valued.' At the same time we don't only want to rely on salary to communicate with faculty how valuable they are at Baylor," O'Brien said, mentioning the reduction of teaching responsibilities for research and

the increase of summer sabbaticals as other perks.

He added that some university boards prefer merit systems to avoid being "locked into" raises on the basis of inflation.

Still, Cordon thinks the administration should consider inflation in granting raises.

Curtis' concern with the merit model, which he said is uncommon in academia, lies in the evaluation measures for determining which teachers deserve a raise and which do not.

"It often ends up being a subjective evaluation by an administrator," Curtis said. He also thinks this model hurts faculty morale as it may hinder the free exchange of ideas, as it did at Baylor during Sloan's administration.

But at Baylor, it seems that administrators do not hold ultimate decision-making power in this area. Instead, department deans determine who gets raises, and how much. O'Brien said the system must be just to work properly.

Cloud said the faculty senate committee on wages stressed the need for inflation raises to accompany merit raises.

"To me, it just makes sense that you make faculty and staff whole," then add merit raises, Cloud said.

The prominence of lecturers

"Over three decades, employment patterns in colleges and universities have been radically transformed," the summary of the AAUP study reads. "While the number of tenured and tenure-track faculty has grown 17 percent, the ranks of contingent faculty, both part- and full-time, and full-time non-faculty professionals have each tripled, and the count of administrators has doubled."

The national trend of increase in

university administration size and pay scale has been occurring for more than 10 years, Curtis said, and therefore isn't an entirely new phenomena.

But Curtis suggested that the surge in lecturers is directly related to the universities' unwillingness to accept the monetary responsibility of hiring professors.

At Baylor, the number of lecturers for Fall 2007 stood at 243, up from 225 the previous fall. This represents an 8 percent increase. Professor ranks have increased also — full professors have increased by 1 percent, associate professors by 8 percent and assistant professors by 10 percent.

Cordon said Curtis' hypothesis isn't true of Baylor, adding that it's harder to attract lecturers because they aren't on a tenure-track like professors.

O'Brien also said Baylor doesn't "cut corners" by shying away from hiring professors and opting for lecturers. However, a department may decide to hire one lecturer if they need a teacher for four courses. Professors usually tackle a lighter teaching load so they have adequate time to publish.

O'Brien said the university maintains a "balanced portfolio" of lecturers and professors.

Cordon said a possible reason lecturers are popular with students is their visibility among students because lecturers teach more classes.

Mona Choucair, senior English lecturer who received the distinction of Collins Outstanding Professor this year, serves as an example of this popularity. The Collins award recipient is selected by the senior class each year. Several past winners were also lecturers.

Cordon and O'Brien both commended lecturers for their excellence in classroom instruction.

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the Catholic Church.

"It will be good for people to see how he reacts to the American atmosphere and how he presents himself," said McAllen junior Rolando Torres. "I think he is doing the right thing by talking about controversial issues."

While President Bush and Pope Benedict differ on many issues, the visit will encourage discussion on topics that affect people of all faiths, but with an emphasis on those in the Catholic Church.

Humble senior Peter Nalundasan said the pope's visit, "will definitely bring awareness to the Catholic faith. I hope that what they put in the media will broaden people's perspectives."

One of the pope's goals while in the U.S. is to "energize the U.S. Catholic community," he said. The U.S. has the largest Catholic community in the world with 70 million members.

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Not only are students concerned over malicious content published on the site, but questions over security are being raised as well.

The New York Times reported that a junior at Colgate University was arrested in March after police linked his computer with messages that proposed starting a shooting spree in order to get classes cancelled.

Since the site's debut last semester, many Baylor students have logged on in shock to find their own name plastered across the forum.

Amanda Walden, a Dallas sophomore, received a text message from her boyfriend that said she had "made it" on Juicy Campus. When Walden later checked the post, she was shocked to see herself anonymously dubbed a "filth bag" and "slut."

"I was pretty humiliated that day, because a lot of people were talking about it," Walden said. "It's not a big deal to me anymore, because I knew it wasn't true and it was just someone that probably didn't like me."

After word spread that Walden's friend, who was also mentioned in the post, might be getting her parents to hire a detective to investigate the issue, the culprit came clean. And to Walden's dismay, the nameless writer was one of her best friends.

"I cried when I found out," Walden said. "It ruined our friendship, and it ripped us apart."

Walden's story was featured last week in a *People* magazine article about students negatively affected by Juicy Campus.

"When I was given the opportunity to speak about it, I jumped at the opportunity," Walden said. "I know that Baylor is one of the most popular schools on the site, and I wanted to prove that there are Baylor students who are against Juicy Campus."

After the story ran, Walden received e-mails and Facebook messages from girls across the country thanking her for sharing her story and putting a face to the pain that many students feel.

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tion and who was so enthusiastic for flying as Harris. Johnson also stated that Harris had been "combat ready" and would have been promoted to Flight Commander in a few months.

Bradford has been in contact with Harris' brother through church, who provided that Harris also stood out as a student during his time at Baylor.

"Of Josh's days at Baylor, Bill has told me that he was just the model person," Bradford said. "He was a great student—very smart."

The new plaque will read that Harris remained with his jet fighter, sacrificing his life to protect an Okinawan village.

"I wanted to have it say that it was erected by family and friends in 2008, because someone might walk by and say, '1955 — that's ancient history,'" Bradford said. "This tells them that 53 years out, somebody still cares and somebody still remembers."

Bradford said that his appreciation for those who serve the country in the military is based on the prin-

ciple that they are serving people.

"Everything good I have in my life has been bought at somebody else's expense," Bradford said. "I can't think of anything worse than not being grateful of what people like Josh did and all the hundreds of others that are listed around campus. I take every opportunity I can to recognize the sacrifices made for me."

While passing the memorial posts on campus Bradford expressed a desire for students to personally appreciate the freedom and liberty supported by the fallen soldiers and express their appreciation to someone who has served before.

"I take everything I have for granted, but there are people who were on the front lines that never had the satisfaction of having seen a child graduate from Baylor and go onto a successful career," Bradford said. "Josh never knew that satisfaction. And I am the benefactor."

Bradford asked for permission from the Harris family before proceeding with the project. He said that they have been grateful for his efforts.

"His brother has expressed

appreciation for a heart that cares," Bradford said. "Its something that he has grieved for, but time does heal. I've never really known that kind of grief because I have never lost anyone that close to me like a parent, a brother, or a child."

For Bradford, his project is more than just remembering a fallen soldier.

"In Lincoln's Gettysburg address he used the phrase 'the last full measure of devotion,'" Bradford said. "In so many ways that captures what is on my heart regarding what I am doing. You cannot give any more than what these men and women gave."

In manuscripts collected from the Texas Collections, one of Harris' essays for an English class he took while he was a student at Baylor titled "One of the Crowd," Harris describes why people should dare to be different. Harris wrote, "When you consider the endless volumes that have been written about the many dangers and pitfalls that people must avoid, it seems strange that so little is said concerning the greatest peril of them all. This 'super-danger' is Convention."



Associated Press

Wounded Tiger

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