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## As gas prices soar, students rethink vacation

By Christina Kruse  
Staff writer

With the semester drawing to a close, students are thinking about going home, taking vacations, and attending mission trips, either by plane or car. However, some economists say the price for a gallon of gas may reach \$4. The rise in gasoline may cause some summer travelers to make their ventures closer to home this year, if not forego traveling completely.

These vacation woes may be attributed to the fact that the price of a barrel of oil rose to nearly \$120 this week. Also, the average for unleaded gasoline has hit \$3.51 per gallon, about the same price

as a gallon of milk, according to American Automobile Association and the Oil Price Information Service.

Gas prices are about 66 cents higher than the previous year, when it spiked to the past record of \$3.23 in May 2007.

Student travelers are thinking about the cost of plane tickets, as well as the price of a tank of gas.

"They're (plane tickets) usually pretty darn expensive," Dallas junior Ben Moore said. Moore has taken mission trips to Cuba with his church in Dallas for the past three years. He and other mission trip members must take a plane from Dallas to Cancun, Mexico before taking a private flight to

Cuba. The cost of the ticket from Dallas to Cancun has risen to \$466, which is a \$76 increase from Moore's trip to Cuba last year.

Camarillo, Calif., senior Jessica Wilson plans on taking a trip to Guatemala this summer for academic study as well as traveling to California for the end of the summer. Wilson's travel expenses include an airplane ticket to Guatemala and gasoline to California. "Gas prices equal (an) expensive airline ticket," Wilson said.

Already, the price has risen past \$4 for diesel, to about \$4.20 a gallon, which is a new all-time high for this type of fuel. Engines that take diesel, such as semi-trucks, are used to transport food

and other commercial goods. As a result, this price hike will affect the overall cost of food.

"An increase in the price of crude oil can increase the cost of making all sorts of goods, including fertilizers and plastics as well as gasoline. So, anything made with these products is likely to be more expensive when oil is expensive," economics professor Charles North said. "And when gasoline is expensive, just about everything is more expensive to sell because of increases in transportation costs."

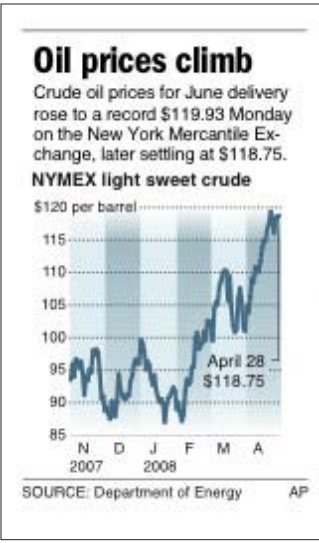
Also, there have been recent events that might have triggered the cost increase of gasoline. For example, a refinery strike in Scotland, lasting at least 48 hours,

left a pipeline closed that delivers about 1/3 of Britain's North Sea Oil. It is the gasoline market, not the oil market that will be directly affected by the strike.

"There are likely to be some gasoline shortages in Scotland, and global gasoline prices may go up briefly as the Scots seek alternative sources for gasoline while the strike lasts," North said. "The effect on global crude oil prices should be minimal."

Members of the Movement for Emancipation of Niger Delta, MEND, damaged an oil pipeline last Thursday, which will affect the crude oil market.

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## 'Me generation' gets misinterpreted

By Lynn Ngo  
Reporter

As the graduating class of 2008 enters the workforce, they may be surprised to find that even before setting foot into an interview, they've already been judged.

Generation Y, the name given to people born predominantly in the '80s and '90s, has had somewhat of a negative connotation.

"At some point, you are going to have to deal on your own," said Jaime Diaz-Granados, Baylor professor and director of Baylor's Ph.D. program in neuroscience. He's talking about the reliance that some students have on parents who are too involved.

The attitude that today's young people are more self-centered and narcissistic has been publicized by articles in newspapers and magazines with headlines that read, "For today's kids, everything is all about them," "Is Gen Y Really All That Narcissistic?" and "The Most-Praised Generation Goes to Work."

Dr. Jean M. Twenge, associate professor of psychology at San Diego State University, has conducted research on Generation Y and has written a book based on her 13 years of research and the responses of 1.3 million young people who completed questionnaires, that have been given from the '50s to today.

According to her Web site, "Generation Me" is different from previous generations in that it believes that individual needs should come first. "Generation Me" has grown up with phrases such as "Be yourself," and "You must love yourself before you can love someone else," she stated on her Web site.

Twenge concluded that high self-esteem, encouraged since childhood, has given this generation more freedom and independence, but has also led to an increase in "depression, anxiety, and cynicism."

The encouragement that "Generation Me" has grown up with contributes to the disappointment they experience when faced with the reality of a competitive world, Twenge said on her Web site.

Generation Y has received a lot of attention, but is this generation really that different? Are Baylor students anymore different than past generations of students?

Diaz-Granados couldn't say whether students are really more narcissistic today, but recalled when he played sports as a kid and how rewards were given based on accomplishments.

"In my day and age, when I was playing sports, there were clear winners and losers," he said.

Diaz-Granados acknowledged a difference with young kids in sports today.

Using his own children's soccer games as an example, Diaz-Granados said, "Anybody that plays half the time gets a trophy."



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Dr. Sara Dolan, assistant professor in the psychology and neuroscience department and core clinical faculty member, remembered her childhood years as different from kids growing up today.

"My parents' theory of my success is that if I work hard enough, I could achieve what I wanted to, but they certainly encourage me to do things that I have a natural talent for," she said. "I do feel like students today are certainly more confident in themselves than the people of my generation."

The pressure is on for today's generation, who has grown up with a mentality that anything is possible, Dolan said.

"I do feel like there is a lot more pressure for students these days to achieve these goals whether they are attainable or not," Dolan said.

When students realize that they may never be able to achieve certain goals, their reaction to reality may be catastrophic, Dolan said.

Cynthia Wall, staff psychologist, deals with eating disorder cases at the counseling center and has witnessed the downside to the can-have-it-all mentality.

Though she said she has seen conflicting data on whether or not perfectionism in body image can be associated with generational differences, Wall recognized that today's youth face pressures that can lead to unhealthy eating habits to attain the "perfect" body.

"I do think there is a significant amount of pressure put on the younger generation to have it all," she said.

Genetic differences play a role in the build of one's body. Sometimes no matter what a person does, they may never be able to achieve the "perfect" body that

they desire, Wall said.

Does this mean that parents should stop encouraging their children to shoot for the stars? Not always, Diaz-Granados said.

In the case of sport rewards, he sees the positive sentiment.

"You don't want to make a child feel like a failure," he said.

With that said, Diaz-Granados said he found encouragement of children to be a nice sentiment, but not always beneficial.

"I do think that it is a very nice sentiment to say that anything is possible, but I don't think you can argue with the fact that there is a difference in aptitude," he said.

There have been times where Diaz-Granados said he had to give students a reality check on their expectations.

For instance, when a student with a low grade point average decided that he was going to go to medical school, Diaz-Granados would have to tell him, "No, you're not."

"There's some benefit in encouraging, but if it drives an individual to persist in something they aren't good at, it can be very damaging," he said.

There is definitely a distribution of talent among all people, Diaz-Granados said.

Diaz-Granados also said he tries to be realistic when students come to him with questions about their major.

"When students ask me what they should major in, I tell them that you should major in something that you have an interest in and then consider apti-

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## Lilley seeks BU support in China

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

President John Lilley and his wife Geraldine Lilley traveled to China April 4 through the 14 to bond with alumni and open doors for future educational opportunities for students in China.

Lilley focused on educational endeavors, such as increasing the number of students taking internships in China and increasing the number of Baylor students studying Chinese. He also connected with alumni working in China's booming economy and sought philanthropic support for the university.

In an e-mail sent from the president's office last week to faculty and staff, Lilley wrote of the correlation of this trip to imperative 11 of Baylor 2012.

"Imperative 11 of Vision 2012 emphasizes global education," Lilley wrote. "My trip last year to India and this most recent trip to China have provided platforms from which we can launch student and faculty exchange programs while increasing opportunities for interaction with members of the Baylor family living internationally."

Lilley visited alumni Dr. James Sai-Wing Wong, Madeline Wong, Dr. Clement Kwok Hung Young and Dr. Ying Wang. He also visited alumnus Dr. Daniel Chi-Wai Tse, president emeritus of Hong Kong Baptist University, and professor Richard Ho, acting president of City University of Hong Kong.

Lilley and his wife stayed with Wong, chair-

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## Students to be blinded for discussion

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff Writer

At 6 p.m., race will be nonexistent and gender will have no place in perception. At 6 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center, people will see others for how they truly are.

The Partnership Among Student Groups will blind students to prejudice and open their minds to diversity by holding a new event: "Blinded: We are all blind but not deaf."

Students are invited to talk openly about controversial topics including race, religion, gender, sexuality and politics with professors in roundtable discussions. The students will be blindfolded as they walk in so they can't see the other students at their table.

"The rationale behind that is to allow students to say what's on their minds without being subject to scrutiny," said Dr. James SoRelle, professor of history and faculty participant in the event.

Multiple pods will be set up around the room and at each one a professor or administrator will facilitate discussion on a particular topic of their expertise. The professors will rotate to each group so that every student has the opportunity

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## Misperceptions abound in young adults' views on oral sex

By Alex Abdallah  
Reporter

*Editor's note: Names of Baylor students have been changed for privacy reasons.*

Madison knew she wanted to save sex for marriage.

"I thought that boundary would be good enough, but it wasn't," she said.

A study in a 2007 Pediatrics Journal, "Adolescents' Reported Consequences of Having Oral Sex Versus Vaginal Sex," concluded that there is a critical need for sex education and health promotion programs to provide medically accurate and complete information, including information about oral sex.

From a health and legal standpoint, oral sex is considered sex. However,

many students find the issue of oral sex confusing and ambiguous, due in part to the avoidance of discussion about the subject, particularly in religious contexts.

Dr. Burt Burleson, university chaplain, said he believes it is the responsibility of ministers and health professionals to educate young people on the issue of oral sex.

"Those of us who are in positions to make a difference often get disconnected from what is real," he said.

Burleson said it's not their lack of conviction that oral sex is sex, but a lack of awareness about college culture that keeps adults from talking to young people about it.

"The adults have been silent, and it has left young people vulnerable. It is

unfair for young people to be left without the facts to protect themselves," said Pat Stone, educational director of Planned Parenthood in Waco.

Baylor does have a policy statement on sexuality; however it does not mention oral sex. The human sexuality professors at Baylor declined to comment on this issue.

Oral sex is included in the definition of sex according to the Texas Penal Code.

"Whether you are a Christian or not, the definition of sexual contact in the law is vaginal sex, anal sex and oral sex," Dr. Patricia Sulak said.

Sulak is a practicing OB-GYN and professor at Texas A&M Medical School. She also founded Scott & White Worth the Wait, a sex education

program developed at Scott & White, a major research hospital based in Temple. Sulak founded the program 11 years ago after her children's principal asked her to address the lack of sex education in public schools. The program is taught to adolescents, parents, teachers and health care professionals, and its curriculum is also sold across the country.

"We believe in delaying the onset of sex for medical reasons," said Terry Buckley, nurse and program manager. "Our program is based on medical, legal and socioeconomic information."

Madison said she felt there was a lack of clarity on what exactly should be saved for marriage. She and her boy-

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# Instrumental concert sparks childhood memories

When I heard about the April 16 concert by Ma Xiao Hui, a world-renowned Chinese musician, I was beyond elated. How could I not be? I was going to experience one of the best from China, yet I was not even in China.

The word erhu always triggers the deepest emotion in me. It was my late father's favorite instrument and the only one I ever saw him play. More than two decades have gone by since we lost him to illness, but I still can see him sitting on a wooden chair in the corner of our old two-room apartment, provided by his factory.

My father was taciturn; like every man in China of his era, he had never expressed his feelings. But he was a man with deep passion, and the erhu was his medium.

Every once in a while, my father would take out his old erhu and played a few songs. It was an unspoken law in our home that when he played, no one was allowed to interrupt. His music sounded soulful and a bit sad.

As a young child, I didn't know why, but decades later when I listened to my favorite songs during sleepless nights in a rented apartment room in Singapore, I began to grasp what erhu must have meant to him.

For me and many in China, the erhu is associated with melancholy music. But Ma seems to believe differently. She was determined to introduce the positive and upbeat side of erhu music to her audiences. Her choice of music not only demonstrates the versatility of this two-stringed instrument,

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BY JING KOBELSKY

but also her optimistic attitude toward life.

Between her songs, Ma briefly explained the history of the erhu and her own music life. At the tender age of six, she asked her father to teach her to play the erhu. Not only did her father agree to teach her, but later her parents found the best erhu instructor in China to train her, even though it meant they had to send their young daughter far away from home.

Audiences outside of China might not realize how extraordi-

nary her parents' actions were. I know it from my personal experience. Like Ma, I too had asked my father to teach me, but he told me (as most fathers of that era would have said to their daughters) that the erhu was an instrument for men; it was not delicate and graceful enough for girls.

Ma acknowledged that such thoughts about erhu were very common in China back then. With a faint victorious smile, she recalled how her relatives and neighbors were puzzle by her choice of the erhu — a “cheap” instrument which was better known as the “beggar's instrument”— over the sophisticated violin or piano.

Nobody understood except Ma and her instructor and mentor, who bequeathed his beloved erhu, which was purchased in a

flea market for five yuan in the 1940s, to her upon his death six years ago.

She used her instructor's erhu, which she called a “heavy gift,” to play *The Story of Two Strings*, which was composed by her. It was my favorite piece of the concert.

A musical tale of Ma's life unfolded before our eyes: from a young prodigy to a young woman who struggled in the process of growing both professionally and emotionally as a female artist, and from a young woman to an artist who finally came to terms with her choices in life and embraced life with great passion and optimistic energy. I wondered what my late father would have said had he seen her performance.

At the end of the concert, Ma unexpectedly called me to

the stage to ask for my opinion about the program and her performance.

I was so overwhelmed by the power of her music and the sense of nostalgia triggered by it that I fought back tears. How I wish I had the eloquence of university professors and experience in public speaking. If I could, I would tell her what an inspiration her story is to me, and perhaps to many other students.

It not merely another tale of success. It is a paragon of what life is about: follow your heart, dare to dream big, do your best and leave the rest to God.

With such an attitude, decades later when we look back, we may also smile and say, “I did okay.”

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## Editorial

# Activism should be applauded

Thursday afternoon, something unprecedented happened.

Just 72 hours after definitively announcing the interlocking BU was the “secondary” emblem of the university and would no longer appear on football helmets, President John Lilley changed his mind.

After pressure from students, faculty and alumni, Lilley decided to disregard the recommendations of a leading national brand consultant in favor of what the university collectively decided was more important: tradition.

Bravo, Baylor ... I mean, BU. It is no small feat for constituents at the lower end of university politics to alter the plans of the administration. It is still more impressive considering the millions of dollars at stake in athletics and marketing and the image of Baylor, which has been at the heart of many decisions since the implementation of Baylor 2012. Score one for the home team.

We were collectively able to get the attention of the president and cause a 180-degree change in only a few short days. It took the efforts of everyone to accomplish this feat. When Lilley called an ‘open meeting with the student body, we showed up. When he asked for questions, we posed them passionately. And when the answer wasn't satisfactory, we didn't settle.

We organized on the Internet and in real time to voice our complaints and concerns. We made long-range plans to make sure this issue wouldn't be ignored or forgotten. In the midst



of arguably the most apathetic time of year, we engendered passion and resolve across campus and beyond. Between classes, projects, group meetings and social events, we made time to petition the administration about an issue that was important to us.

We commend the overnight grassroots organization on behalf of our beloved BU, but we hope it won't end there. Just imagine if we could harness this type of passion and righteous anger to address even bigger issues on campus. If in a matter of days we were

able to change a decision that was heralded as “common sense,” imagine how we could affect issues that are already hotly contested.

Issues of social justice, such as implementing a living wage on campus, could certainly benefit from the same fervor we showed athletic attire. What if when the administration declared the money wasn't in the budget to adequately supplement our housekeeping and grounds keeping staff's wages, we didn't sit down and take it? What if we rose up like we did when they said the

BU wasn't good marketing?

Although we can't know for sure, this recent history tells us they might have listened. Maybe hundreds of campus workers would be able to pay their rent or feed their families more adequately. Maybe there was somewhere in the budget we could've shaved off a bit.

After all, if we can influence our president to ignore the advice of a consultant who was previously the authority on the issue, maybe things aren't as black and white as they seem.

# Calling yoga by any other name causes more confusion than good

When I registered for classes last fall, I thought I knew what I was getting myself into. Well, I was wrong.

Like any other Baylor student, I needed to fulfill my human performance requirement to graduate.

I signed up for Beginning Relaxation/Fitness not really knowing what to expect, but thinking any class that has “relaxation” in its title couldn't be that bad.

It wasn't until a few days before spring classes started that I was told by a friend that the class that I had signed up for was actually a yoga class.

I was surprised to learn of this information, and at the same time, I was also confused.

Why not just call the class “Beginning Yoga,” which is what it really is?

On the first day of class, I learned that there were quite a number of other students who also had signed up for the class not realizing it was yoga. “Good,” I thought, “so it wasn't just me.”

After a couple of sessions, I really started to enjoy yoga. I wanted to learn more about it, so I did what anyone else would do — I Googled it.

I learned that yoga is an

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BY LYNN NGO

ancient practice that is associated with Hinduism and Buddhism.

This may be why Baylor chose to use a euphemism in listing yoga courses.

Its religious association has caused many people to reject yoga as a physical exercise. I know because I've encountered

Web sites that denounce yoga for this very reason.

The techniques and poses are argued to be inseparable from the philosophy.

I also know of people who refuse to do yoga because they think it goes against being a Christian, and that it can turn them away from God.

What is even more ridiculous is that there are actually Christian alternatives to yoga, which is basically yoga but with a different name.

One Christian alternative, PraiseMoves, takes the same yoga poses, changes the names and adds in an accompanying

verse from Scripture to be meditated on while doing the poses.

Those who criticize yoga but still want to reap the health benefits can turn to these alternative programs to ease their conscience. But when it comes down to it, they're still doing yoga.

There's nothing wrong with doing yoga. I'm a Christian, I've been taking yoga this semester and I have not been turned away from God because of it. It's possible to separate a practice from a philosophy. This has been my experience with my Beginning Relaxation/Fitness class.

I leave each session feeling

not any more removed from my faith, but feeling that I've gotten an intense workout.

Yoga can be performed as simply an exercise, though that's not to say that it can't be something more for some people. If yoga can provide you with the health that you seek, then you should give it a try.

Baylor should also make it easier for students who are interested in yoga to sign up. A good start would be to officially recognize yoga by calling it yoga on course listings instead of using a euphemism.

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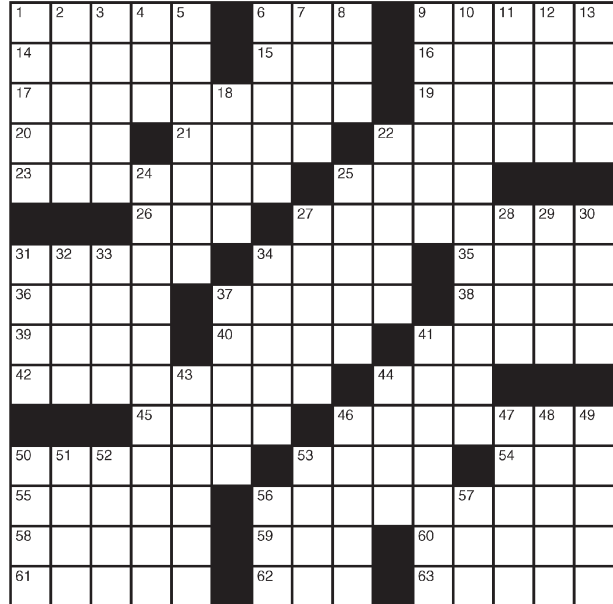
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# College relationships present complications, discovery

By Elizabeth Herring  
Reporter

Spring is in the air. Couples can be spotted more frequently strolling hand in hand around campus or sitting in booths at the food court, absorbed in each other's gaze. But students must deal not only with relationships in the spring, but with the daily rigors of college learning as well.

"It can go both ways," said Littleton, Colo., junior Katie Greenberg, a community leader in Collins Residence Hall. "On the one hand it can be a distraction," because schoolwork can become secondary to a new relationship.

Some students Katie has talked to have ended up in beneficial relationships and others have not.

"It depends on the person and the situation," she said.

As freshmen, students experience a new growth in personal freedom, and sometimes they do not set their priorities well and spend too much time on one thing — like school work, friends, organizations.

Greenberg said that it is good to give your time to different things like church, friends, or school, but that balance is important and is a hard thing to learn.

College students today are in many different types of relationships. Some go on dates with different people without any spoken commitment to one, others date monogamously in suc-

cession, and others "hook up" with people at parties. When peoples' relationship statuses on Facebook are always changing, the definition of dating can be elusive.

One exact definition of a relationship does not cover all the varied forms that are prevalent in society today. Students do, however, generally seek relationships and they affect many aspects of a student's life.

A study done about college relationships by the Institute for American Values showed that marriage is a life goal that is shared by many college women.

Sixty-three percent of the women surveyed said they would agree with the statement, "I would like to meet my future husband in college."

Dr. Tamara Rowatt, a senior lecturer in the psychology and neuroscience department, said that many times students come to college without a full understanding of who they are, and can get their priorities out of line.

She encouraged students not to worry about relationships too much.

"College is a time to work on school and identity," she said.

Students should work on growing as a person, Rowatt said.

"The harder you look, the harder it is to find someone," Rowatt said.

When a student is looking for a dating relationship and that is their focus, they tend to look desperate, and that is not appeal-



Houston senior Trey Henry and Longview sophomore Amanda Capshaw sit in Terry and Jo's Food for Thought Monday. The couple is one of many on campus.

ing, Rowatt said. When someone has things more "together" and knows who they are as an individual, that makes them more appealing.

Maxey Parrish, a professor in the journalism department, said his office is frequented by students who are looking for a kind ear to talk to. He said when he talks to students about their careers, he is talking about God's will for their life.

"What it really comes down to is their relationship with God," Parrish said.

He said that many students are struggling to hear God's will, but their relationships have built walls between them and God. A relationship that has surpassed either physical or psychological limits can cloud a person from seeing what God has for him or her, Parrish said.

At Baylor, the female-to-male

ratio is not even. Parrish said this higher female percentage plays a role in many relationships. He said that in most societies the men compete for the women, but at Baylor that has shifted.

He said a lot of women fall into inappropriate relationships to "win the guy."

"There's no doubt these [relationships] affect school work because they affect life," he

said. Dr. Michael Frisch, a professor of psychology, said he agrees that college is a developmental time in a person's life, where they need to reach different developmental milestones in skills that are important for their future.

"It's almost like an unofficial class in becoming a human being," he said.

Frisch said that to be happy and well adjusted, people did not need to be seeking romantic relationships with the thought that marriage is the next crucial step directly after college.

Frisch also agreed with a study done by Colgate University that stated it might not be important in terms of long-term happiness for a person to get married until they are 25 or 30. If they wait until then, they have the same chance of being a happy person as someone who marries at a younger age.

As growing adults, students are not "fully cooked," Frisch said.

A person needs to have "basic contentment and happiness before you can take on another relationship," Frisch said. Some relationships head the wrong way quickly and need to be ended.

"What I hate to see is when someone gets bogged down when it's supposed to be fun," Parrish said.

Relationships in college are supposed to be romantic, Parrish said. When it does not bring peace and joy, then it's time to move on, he said.

## BEAR BRIEFS

**Student Foundation** is holding a meeting at 6 p.m. today in the Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center. For more information contact Ashley\_Westbrook@baylor.edu.

**Digital Media and Baylor Activities Council** will hold the Black Glasses film festival at 7 p.m. Friday in 101 Castellaw Communication Center.

**The Pulse**, the undergraduate journal will feature senior University Scholars major Matthew Newell presenting his work "Engineering Babel: Law, Mathematics, and God in Newton's Physics" at 7 p.m. today in Alexander Reading Room. Refreshments and free copies of The Pulse will be provided. More information can be found at [www.baylor.edu/pulse](http://www.baylor.edu/pulse).

**The Baylor Campus Orchestra** will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The concert is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call 710-3991.

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friend started dating at the end of high school and have dated for two years. Neither of them had any previous experience with dating or the opposite sex.

“Basically all we knew was what our friends were doing. The majority of the people that I knew and that he knew were having sex, and if they weren’t having sex, they were doing everything but,” Madison said.

As Madison and her boyfriend’s relationship developed, Madison realized how ambiguous the line between kissing and actual sex seemed to her. Although she had received sex education in high school, she said it stressed abstinence from a non-religious perspective. This was taught alongside information about condoms and contraceptives, which made it seem as though it was expected teenagers would have sex, she said.

Josh\* said the only sex education class he remembers was in the fifth grade, and he said it felt like a task that teachers wanted to get done as quickly as possible. However, shortly after learning about it in school, Josh said his parents bought a sex education book that they discussed together.

“I am amazed how many people’s parents never talked to them,” he said.

Madison said she thinks the church should more thoroughly address sex as well.

“One of my biggest things with the church is that they don’t give teenagers enough instruction in physical relationships,” Madison said. “There are so many programs that really emphasize saving sex \ for marriage, but they don’t really talk about oral sex.”

Madison said she found out about oral sex by going too far. She began to feel guilty later, and after personal research on the subject, decided to take a step back.

“It was really difficult and it really put a stress on my relationship with my boyfriend, but ultimately we became stronger for deciding to stop,” she said.

The study showed adolescents believe oral sex will result in fewer physical health, social and emotional risks than vaginal sex.

Bethany\* was unaware that protection was necessary during oral sex.

“I did not know people used condoms during oral sex,” Bethany said. “No one had ever told me that (sexually transmitted diseases) can pass through other ways besides sexual intercourse. The thought never crossed my mind that it could be dangerous for me.”

Josh said he was aware protection was necessary during oral sex, and he was conscious of the health risks involved with oral sex.

“I would never even consider doing something like that unless I knew their sexual history,” Josh said.

In oral sex, the same STDs can be contracted as in other types of sex. Buckley said transmission can go both ways. For example, if someone has genital herpes, they could pass it to someone’s mouth, and vice versa.

Oral sex also holds many of the same emotional risks as traditional sex, Buckley said.

Buckley said when two people have sexual intercourse, women’s brains secrete oxytocin and men’s brains secrete vasopressin. These neurohormones cause bonding, a physical brain activity that is felt as an emotion. This in turn causes people to desire more contact with the other person.

“You do feel closer physically, but that is not what a relationship is supposed to center around,” Bethany said.

Madison recognized the emotional risk only after having oral sex with her boyfriend.

“There will be emotional baggage that you will carry around from having been that intimate with someone who will not be your husband or wife, should you break up,” she said. “I didn’t think about that in the beginning.”

After dating his ex-girlfriend for close to seven months, Josh had oral sex with her.

“I went into the relationship really trying not to let that happen,” he said.

At first, Josh said his ex-girlfriend initiated having oral sex, but it soon became a significant part of their relationship.

“Obviously from the first time it happened I thought it was

wrong, but if you do it enough, you kind of get desensitized to it,” Josh said.

Looking back, Josh said he feels extremely immature and he regrets the decision.

“Part of me wants to blame her for pushing me into it,” he said. “Having it as a part of my relationship is definitely a big reason why we are not together anymore.”

The study concluded that se education shouldn’t only focus on physical health consequences, but also social and emotional factors.

However, President George W. Bush supports abstinence-only education, and the Texas State Board of Education has changed curriculum to try to make it more abstinence-only based.

Rev. Robert Flowers of the Methodist Student Center said he doesn’t agree with abstinence-only education, and Stone said she does not either.

“It is making a whole generation of young people graduate with a low literacy of sexual health,” Stone said.

Stone said she believes American educators need to examine the European approach to sex education, where it’s treated as a public health issue, not as a political, moral or religious one.

According to the 1998 Kaiser Family Foundation’s European Study tour, the European approach emphasizes the need for moral values such as love, respect, tolerance and equity when it comes to sexual behavior. Responsibility is emphasized, and adolescents are given free and convenient access to contraception.

“Research has shown when kids are given information and access to services, they can be trusted to make healthier decisions,” Stone said.

The Scott & White Worth the Wait curriculum sold for sixth graders defines sex as oral, vaginal or anal sex. Buckley said many parents are concerned that oral and anal sex are even addressed. Buckley also said while oral sex is in the original curriculum, some schools may choose to omit it.

Lack of clarification of the consequences of oral sex can also lead to health issues.

According to the study “Oral Versus Vaginal Sex Among Adolescents: Perceptions, Attitudes

and Behaviors,” in a 2005 edition of the Pediatrics Journal, adolescents view oral sex “as a way of preserving their virginity,” and “are likely to interpret sexual health messages as vaginal sex.” The study also noted that few adolescents who engage in oral sex are using barrier protection.

In addition, Sulak said that human papilloma virus can infect the mouth and throat, and according to the New England Journal of Medicine, some cancers in the mouth and throat are caused by HPV.

Buckley said even though HIV is transmitted blood to blood, it can still be contracted from engaging in oral sex if open sores are present. Because the issue is not being openly addressed, students may be more easily persuaded to engage in oral sex.

Bethany had been dating her boyfriend for about a year when he brought up the possibility of oral sex. She said she was apprehensive about it because she did not know what it entailed, and she did not know if it was acceptable to say no.

“Since no one had told me anything different, when my boyfriend said this does not mean we’re having sex, I eventually went along with him,” Bethany said.

Bethany said her church and parents only talked to her about traditional sex, which left her and most of her friends unsure how to handle other situations.

“Because sex was the biggest thing to me, I thought that was the only thing I could say no to,” she said. “I didn’t realize that acts such as oral sex weren’t expected of a girlfriend.”

Bethany said her boyfriend was not raised in a strong Christian family, so he viewed oral sex as something serious that needed to be thought about for health reasons, but not from a religious standpoint.

“Guys get girls to have oral sex because ‘it’s not really sex,’ and then they believe it,” Buckley said.

Another issue that surfaced for Bethany was the compromise of oral sex.

“As far as giving or receiving, I had no idea what to expect in return,” she said.

Bethany declined to receive

oral sex, and Madison also said she mainly gave oral sex because she felt morally uneasy about receiving it.

Josh said that in his relationship, the giving and receiving of oral sex was equal, although for others he knew this was not the case.

“I guess (some guys) just don’t find that appealing to do, but I don’t know a single girl that enjoys giving,” he said.

After doubting herself for some time, Bethany decided she should stop giving oral sex.

“I realized, contrary to what many girls think, that you don’t have to give those physical acts to be in a loving relationship, and they really weren’t helping the relationship in any way,” Bethany said.

Religion weighs in

Rev. Anthony Odiong of the Catholic Student Center said all sexual actions must be procreative. This means that within marriage, a couple can engage in oral sex as long as traditional sex is not excluded. Any form of sex outside of the marriage is considered sin.

“Using oral sex for pleasure outside of marriage is denigrating to the persons,” he said. “Purely physical action just for pleasure reduces the human person to an object.”

Madison said she took a spiritual approach in her personal search for what she felt comfortable with in regard to physical intimacy. However, many students find spiritual guidance the most confusing and unclear.

Madison also looked through the Bible to find clarifications about appropriate pre-marital relations.

“There is not a verse in the Bible that you can point to and say ‘OK, that’s how far,’” Madison said. “I would like to see more programs that help people set godly boundaries.”

Burleson said sometimes when you try to look for a certain chapter and verse in the Bible, you do the Scriptures injustice. It becomes a way of simply justifying what you want to do.

It’s more difficult because there isn’t a text that says ‘do not have oral sex before marriage,’ Burleson said; however, what you have

in the Bible is a calling to be faithful to Christ in all that you do in life.

“The Bible is not primarily a rule book,” he said. “It is a way of guiding us towards wholeness and holiness.”

Burleson said our sexuality is a part of that wholeness even though oral sex is not specifically mentioned.

According to the 2005 Pediatrics Journal study, participants believed vaginal sex was more against their moral, ethical or religious beliefs than oral sex.

Josh said while he does believe oral sex is a sin, he does not view it on the same level as traditional sexual intercourse.

“Whether you steal something, or lie, or have sex with someone, I don’t think God differentiates between the level of sin,” he said. “In God’s eyes, oral sex is on the same level as any other kind of sin, but in human terms it is less severe.”

When she started her personal search, Madison said she looked at a lot of books dealing with dating and physical relationships from a Christian perspective.

“Some went too far in all of their rules and some did not go far enough, just because it was someone’s own interpretation,” she said.

The 2004 United Methodist Book of Discipline states that “although all persons are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are only clearly affirmed in the marriage bond.”

Flowers shared his views in light of current U.S. culture, and the fact that people are going to college and getting married at a much later age than even a few generations ago.

“The mores about pre-marital sex were established when people were getting married in their teens,” he said.

Flowers said because it’s difficult biologically to uphold this ethic, he is aware of teens who engage in oral sex after committing to a sexual purity pledge, because they feel that oral sex does not break the pledge.

Josh said he remembers wondering why his peers couldn’t be

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Wade Mackey pitches the ball in a game against Texas State University April 23 in San Marcos. The Bears won, 25-13.

By Brian Bateman  
Sports writer

The Baylor baseball team dropped a double-header Saturday to the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers before winning the final game of the series Sunday. Inclement weather forced Friday's game to reschedule for 2 p.m. Saturday.

For the second time in two weeks, the Bears (25-20, 9-12) lost a pitching battle 6-4 in the first game, followed by a run-ruled, 14-1 Nebraska shelling in the second and then connecting metal with the ball for a 8-3, 16-hit victory Sunday.

"(Saturday) was just a bad day in general. Nothing went right for us, nobody felt good about the way that the day went, and it was good to come out (Sunday) and have the bats come alive," head coach Steve Smith said.

Sunday starter Willie Kempf (6-2) received the weekend's

only Baylor win, just 24 hours after pitching in relief Saturday.

His strong performance helped calm the squad, Smith said.

"Normally when the wind blows in like that it's not conducive to a lot of hits or many runs, but we squared some balls up to today. There are a lot of guys up and down the lineup that swung the bats pretty well," he said.

Austin junior Mace Thurman took the mound in relief, pitching a career-high seven strike outs.

"I was really comfortable out there. After seeing Willie (Kempf) pitch – he just went out there and threw strikes – I said to myself that I've just got to do what he had to do," Thurman said. "He pitched such a great game that I had to back him up, and that's what I'm there for."

Right fielder D.J. Belfonte hit the game-winning single in

game one Saturday, canceling pinch hitter Brooks Kimme's two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth.

"I usually don't like to swing at the first pitch, but I was ready to swing and he threw me a fastball for a ball," Kimme said.

Sophomore Kendal Volz (5-2) took the loss for the Bears, but pitched well with eight strike outs and five walks in six innings of work.

Game two saw redshirt freshman pitcher Shawn Tolle-son struggle from the mound, giving up seven runs in just two-thirds of an inning.

"He's a freshman, and he's learning. He's had some good games, but they haven't been against Nebraska, they haven't been against (Texas) A&M (University), and they haven't been against the really good offensive clubs in the league," Smith said.

Tolle-son faced 11 batters,

allowing four hits, hitting two batters and advancing runners into scoring position on a wild pitch.

Sunday, the Bears' bats came to life. Ten batters came to plate in the first, including right fielder Aaron Miller, who went 4 for 5 on the day, including a home run that inning.

"We get in trouble by taking a bunch of pitches, taking a bunch of strikes and striking out a lot, but when we're aggressive we're going to be a tough team to pitch against," Miller said.

Baylor travels to take on the University of Texas at Arlington (20-23) at 6:30 p.m. today before returning home to face Sam Houston State University (26-18) Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark.

Conference play continues this weekend when the University of Texas visits for a home-and-home series.

# Riley resigns as Heat coach; Erik Spoelstra to take over

By Tim Reynolds  
The Associated Press

MIAMI – Pat Riley's worst season as coach of the Miami Heat will be his last.

The Hall of Famer resigned as coach Monday but remains team president. Erik Spoelstra, a 37-year-old assistant, will succeed Riley and become the NBA's youngest current coach. Spoelstra has never been a head coach at any level outside the NBA's summer league.

Miami finished the season with the NBA's poorest record (15-67) and, by far, the worst of Riley's 25-year career.

"I look forward to the challenge," said Spoelstra, who received word of the decision over the weekend.

As president, Riley will continue overseeing the plan to rebuild a franchise that's just two years removed from a championship, after deciding that he'd best benefit the franchise

by working exclusively from the front office.

The on-court duties now belong to Spoelstra, who started in the Heat video room in 1995.

"While we are always looking for NBA talent to perform on the court, the most important talent that you may find has to perform on the bench, in the locker room, late at night, watching film, motivating and executing all the responsibilities of a head coach," Riley said. "I believe Erik Spoelstra is one of the most talented young coaches to come around in a long time."

Riley's future was among many major issues awaiting Miami this offseason. The Heat could have the No. 1 pick in the draft, are assured a top-four pick and are certain to make moves in an effort to revamp a roster plagued by injuries.

"Pat Riley has instilled in me values that enabled me to win a championship in just three seasons," Heat guard Dwyane Wade

said Monday. "I've seen him do the necessary things to make us winners and I believe that with his focus on being president and his commitment to the team, we will once again become a contender."

Wade has worked extensively with Spoelstra in practices and 1-on-1 sessions.

"I believe in Coach Spo and have complete confidence that our team will succeed with him at the helm," Wade said.

Spoelstra indicated he would like to keep assistants Ron Rothstein, Bob McAdoo and Keith Askins.

Unless he comes back – he has once before – Riley finishes his career with 1,210 victories, third most in NBA history behind Lenny Wilkens and Don Nelson. He won seven championships in all, five as a head coach, one as an assistant and one as a player, and was voted into the 2008 Hall of Fame class this month. His induction is

Sept. 5.

"Today, I am definitely sure that I don't want to do this anymore," Riley said.

The rebuilding process will still be his primary focus.

Riley essentially began that job in February when he traded disgruntled center Shaquille O'Neal to the Phoenix Suns. The move not only rid the team of a player who didn't want to remain in Miami, but gave the Heat some salary-cap room that wouldn't otherwise have been available until O'Neal's contract expired in 2010.

"Regardless if Pat is coaching or not, I think he'll still have a lot of say-so in what goes on around here," Heat forward Shawn Marion, who was acquired in that trade for O'Neal, said this month.

Spoelstra came to the Heat in 1995 as video coordinator and was promoted to assistant coach/video coordinator two years later. In recent years,

many team insiders considered Spoelstra as the person Riley would promote when he deemed the time was right.

That time was Monday.

"This game is now about younger coaches who are technically skilled, innovative and bring fresh new ideas," Riley said. "That's what we feel we are getting with Erik Spoelstra. He's a man that was born to coach."

It's a tactic Riley used before. He stepped down days before the 2003-04 season began, walking into then-assistant coach Stan Van Gundy's office one morning and asking him, "You ready?"

Van Gundy remained coach for two-plus seasons, resigning 21 games into the 2005-06 campaign. Riley replaced his former protege on the bench and engineered Miami's march to the 2006 championship.

But the Heat have gone 59-105 in regular-season games since, the second-biggest two-year fall by a championship team in NBA

history.

"I've worked for a great leader, a Hall of Fame coach and someone who's been a great mentor to me for 13 years," Spoelstra said. "It's been a great relationship."

Riley started his head coaching career with the Los Angeles Lakers, winning a championship in his first season with a team led by Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. He also took the New York Knicks to the NBA finals before coming to Miami in 1995, where on the day he was introduced he famously talked about envisioning a championship parade down Biscayne Boulevard.

Eleven years later, that vision became reality. And if it happens again, it'll come with Riley watching from off the court.

Riley's last game was the Heat finale on April 16, a win over the Atlanta Hawks. If he knew that would be his last time on an NBA sideline, he didn't tip his hand that night.

# Clemens dated Mindy McReady

The Associated Press

NEW YORK – Roger Clemens had a decade-long relationship with country star Mindy McCreedy that began when she was a 15-year-old aspiring singer and the pitcher was a Boston Red Sox ace, the Daily News reported.

Clemens' lawyer, Rusty Hardin, confirmed a long-term relationship but told the newspaper it was not sexual.

"Mindy McCreedy is a long-time family friend of Roger

Clemens and the Clemens family," Hardin said in a statement Monday. "At no time did Roger engage in any kind of inappropriate or improper relationship with her. It is unfortunate that the Daily News has chosen to report anonymous allegations that are completely unfounded, have no basis in fact, and have nothing to do with Roger's baseball career or the issue of steroid use in baseball."

The story, which appeared on the newspaper's Web site Sunday night and in editions

Monday, quoted several people who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the situation. McCreedy's lawyer, Lee Ofman, said he did not have any comment on the Daily News story.

Clemens was 28 and a married father of two when he first met McCreedy, the newspaper reported. The story could undermine Clemens' reputation, which is central to the defamation suit the former pitcher has filed against former personal trainer Brian McNamee.

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-man of Chimney Investments Ltd. Wong, also an honorary professor at the University of Hong Kong, offered to house the president while he toured China and built relationships with alumni in the country.

"Dr. Wong invited us to come for the visit and helped to ensure that our meetings were well executed and productive," Lilley wrote in the e-mail.

Brent Edwards, director of

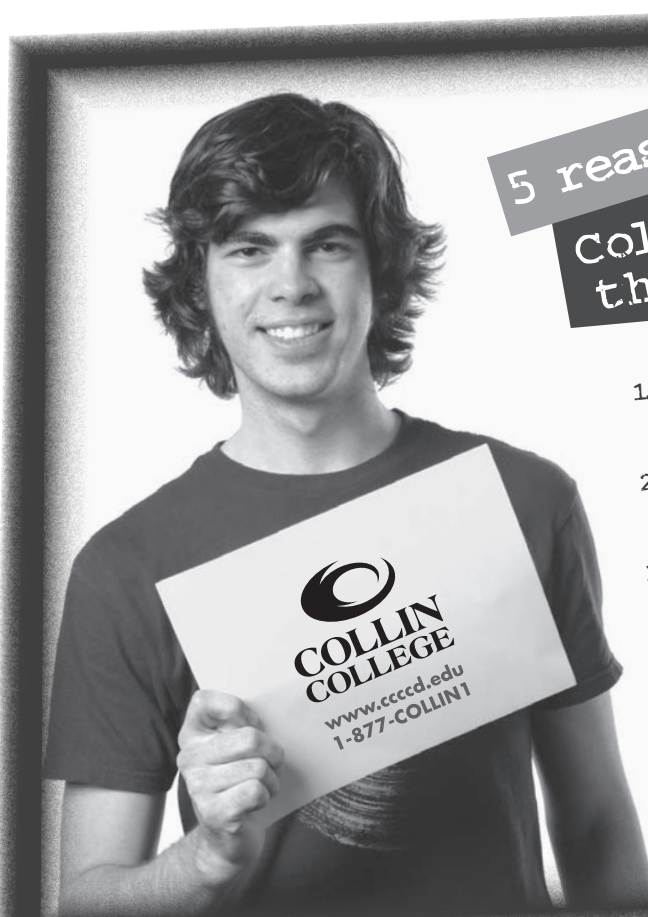
global networks and special projects, visited Wong in July 2007 in conjunction with Baylor's study abroad programs at the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology. Edwards, along with others in the university development office and academic units on campus in contact with Wong, recommended Lilley visit China.

Edwards said the trip was "the first opportunity to have the president hosted by a significant member of the Hong Kong business community."

Lilley said alumni discussed with him China's need for ethics in business.

Lilley said prominent alumni in business addressed a concern with the lack of "ethical values that under-guard capitalism."

Despite controversy of religious persecution in parts of Asia, Lilley said "protestant Christianity is very free," as Chinese alumni told him. "The people I met with in Beijing ... were all active Christians. Their worship was unrestrained," Lilley said.




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A member of the men's track and field team competes in the Michael Johnson Classic April 19 at the Hart-Patterson Track and Field Complex. Baylor set 30 NCAA Regional Qualifying marks and recorded 15 event victories on that day.

# Baylor tennis claims two Big 12 trophies

By Joe Holloway  
Reporter

Baylor won both the men's and women's Big 12 Championship tournaments held in College Station over the weekend.

The men rolled over the University of Nebraska on Friday 4-0 before dispatching a No. 20-ranked Oklahoma State University 4-1 on Saturday.

The back-to-back wins meant the Bears would face Big 12 regular season co-champions, the University of Texas, in the finals Sunday.

The 1 p.m. start time was delayed over an hour as wind and rain proved too bad to play.

When the match did start, the Bears were without their top-ranked player, No. 8 Lars Poerschke, who strained his right shoulder the day before against Oklahoma State.

Without Poerschke in the lineup, it seemed unlikely that the No. 11 Bears, who had struggled earlier in the year without him, would be able to down the No. 7 Longhorns.

A 4-3 loss to Texas April 16 with Poerschke in the lineup seemed to further work against

the Bears.

Despite the inclement weather and seemingly crippling injury, the team was able to rise to the occasion and beat the Horns 4-2 to take the championship.

"The thing about our whole season has been adversity," head coach Matt Knoll said. "We've faced a lot this year, and we haven't done a great job of overcoming it. Today we did."

Knoll also said that he was proud of freshman Jordan Rux, who was able to come back after dropping his first set in a tie-breaker to clinch the match for the Bears, beating Texas' Josh Zavala, 6-7(7), 6-3, 6-3.

"It's neat for him to come out and be the guy out there at the end and come through for the team," Knoll said. "That's real special for me to see a young guy go out and achieve like that."

Sophomore Denes Lukacs also gave a great performance that netted him the honor of being named the Big 12 Championship's Most Outstanding Player.

No. 11 Lukacs beat No. 10 Dimitar Kutrovsky 7-5, 6-3 playing No. 1 singles in place of Poerschke.

By Will Parchman  
Sports editor

Baylor track and field just may be entering a golden age for its relay teams.

The program boasts a decorated past filled with Olympians and a revolutionary coaching mind, but Baylor's never quite seen performances like these.

The team continued on its record-breaking performance Saturday to win seven of the eight relay events it entered at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. Baylor set a new record for titles at the event, surpassing the five set by the University of Illinois in 1943.

The men's familiarity at the event is well documented — last year, the men's side clocked four winning times in all four of its events, the first time any school had done that since 1944.

And perhaps looking to avenge a record-worst performance at the Big 12 Championships last May, the Baylor

women got into the winning act this time around.

They swept all four of their relay events this year, which was the best mark for a women's side in the history of the event.

The performance came on the heels of a school-record 30 regional qualifying marks last weekend at the Michael Johnson Classic in Waco, where head coach Todd Harbour said the team secured most all of the qualifying times it would need for the NCAA Championships in May.

So imagine Harbour's surprise when Baylor, as banged up as its been all season, was able to improve upon its four titles from last year's Drake Relays.

"This year to go up there and still basically make history twice, it was really an outstanding day," Harbour said.

And just as sure as death and taxes, the men's 4x400 relay team handily won its heat.

The 4x400 team scored a win in its 26th consecutive race

for its fourth straight title at the Drake Relays and its 18th in 24 years at the event.

Perhaps the most dominating performance on Saturday came in the women's 4x1,600 relay heat. Baylor's time of 19:05.80 shattered the school's previous record by 58 seconds.

"It feels amazing to break the Drake Relays record," anchor leg Lauren Hagans said. "I could feel the Minnesota anchor coming strong on the last lap so I just tried to hold her off. I could hear my teammates cheering for me and it really pulled me through the last lap."

Harbour emphasized the need to stay healthy to compete down the stretch in a competitive final few weeks of the season. To keep the team fresh and stave off further travel, Harbour and his coaching staff decided Monday morning to reschedule this weekend's activities. Instead of bussing six hours up to Fayetteville, Ark., for a meet as it had originally scheduled,

the team will take the hour-and-a-half drive up to the University of Texas-Arlington to take part in the UTA Open.

Harbour cited the team's nine cumulative hours of travel in getting to the Drake Relays as a driving factor in keeping their upcoming meet closer to home.

Injuries have also been an issue this season, with the pole vault position as well as four of the 12 men's scholarship athletes currently sidelined with injury.

So with the Big 12 Championships just over two weeks away and the NCAA Championships not much further out, the record-setting Baylor track and field program still has plenty of work to do.

"On the men's side, we're still just so short on depth. Our emphasis is always going to be on the quality," Harbour said. "Our main goal is to compete at a really high level and be ready for the NCAA Championships."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Three Bears sign NFL free agent contracts

Despite not having any players drafted in Saturday's NFL Draft, three Baylor seniors have been given the opportunity to extend their football careers. Cornerback Josh Bell, linebacker Nick Moore and deep snapper Jonathan Weeks all signed free agent contracts with NFL teams. Bell signed with the San Diego Chargers, Moore signed with the Cleveland Browns and Weeks signed with the Detroit Lions.

### Golf competes at Big 12 Tournament

The Bears and Lady Bears each had their respective Big 12 Tournaments over the weekend. The Bears placed fifth overall, while the Lady Bears finished 12th, their poorest performance in Big 12 history. Sophomore Colton Williams led the Bears with a four-day total of 291, while sophomore Hannah Burke led the Lady Bears with a three-day total of 237.

### Rain cancels softball game

After losing its fourth consecutive Big 12 game Saturday against the University of Missouri, Baylor's softball team didn't have an opportunity to snap the losing streak. The Lady Bears were up two runs at the end of the first inning before inclement weather forced the cancellation of the game. It will not be made up. Baylor returns to action at 5:30 p.m. today as it takes on Stephen F. Austin University.

### Volleyball concludes spring with sweep

The Lady Bears defeated all three opponents they faced Saturday: Temple Junior College, Texas A&M-Commerce and the University of Texas-San Antonio at the McLane Student Life Center to conclude spring workouts. The win propelled Baylor's spring record to 11-1, with its only loss coming from No. 21 New Mexico State University.

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# ‘Deception’ deceives with good actors but poor plot

By Kelli Boesel  
Contributor

There are a very few times in my movie-watching experience that I have wanted my money back. But after *Deception* that is exactly what I wanted.

With a predictable plot and unoriginal storyline, *Deception*

## MOVIE REVIEW

wasn't worth the two hours it lasted. Not even the great actors could save this movie from sinking.

Jonathan, played by Ewan McGregor (*Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*), is sleepwalking through life. He is friendless, loveless and starved for attention.

Unexpectedly, high-profile lawyer Wyatt Bose, played by Hugh Jackman (*X-Men*), befriends Jonathan and introduces him to a new, exciting life.

After accidentally switching phones with Wyatt, Jonathan becomes involved in an underground sex club, filled with high-powered business women with no time for love. After several different encounters Jonathan

finally meets the woman of his dreams, S, played by Michelle Williams (*Brokeback Mountain*). Like most women seem to be, S is trouble, and Jonathan becomes caught up in a web of mind games and deception.

All three actors pull their weight in the thriller but are let down by an uninteresting plot.

Jackman is believable as the deceitful Wyatt but is still better suited for the "good guy" roles. He plays the suave lawyer extremely well. Just as one woman in the movie puts it, there is an automatic connection with him but at the same time he is dark and dangerous. Jackman is given one great line in the movie, but it's in an awkward place and doesn't really make sense in the context of the scene, which is really unfortunate.

Williams doesn't have much of a role to play; half of the time she is acting as the love of Jonathan's life and the other half as the victim caught in the game played by Wyatt. She really is just a pretty face and the method to Jonathan's destruction.

McGregor is lovable as the shy, inexperienced Jonathan but the character is a contradic-

tion. His tragic flaw is getting involved in this underground club, but the only thing he is "punished" for is breaking the rules. Jonathan's fate is outside of his control, even when he starts playing the game. Overall he is not a very likeable character and is only tolerable because of the charm that McGregor brings to the part.

The plot wasn't helped by the score, either. Music meant to be dark and sinister sounded bland and almost cheesy, trying to make the boring storyline pick up the pace and seem exciting.

Considering it was supposed to be a psychological thriller, there wasn't a moment in the movie that I didn't know exactly what was going to happen next. Even the most inexperienced moviegoers could pick out the obvious signs leading to the climax of the story. How exciting can a movie be when the beginning, middle and end are foretold by obvious clues laced throughout the plot?

After watching a movie that I felt like I had seen at least five times before, all I wanted was the two hours back that I wasted sitting in the theater.

Grade: D

# The Mix Café offers charming French food, setting in Hewitt

By Michelle Grose  
Contributor

It is difficult in the Waco area to find a restaurant that doesn't solely cater to the carnivorous members of society, but at The Mix Café in Hewitt, even a vegetarian can find a meal that satisfies. The Mix Café blends French charm with Southern hospitality.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

When you first walk into the café, an appealing gift shop surrounds you. There is a variety of artwork, jewelry and home décor, most contributed by locals.

The café is located in a quaint room to the right. It is elaborately decorated to resemble a French café, including a combination of small bistro tables and cozy booths, ornate Tiffany-style light fixtures and buttery-hued textured walls with Parisian paintings scattered throughout.

The windows are draped in rosy-peach taffeta with swinging tassels that add to the café's whimsical appeal. Each table comes with its own fresh tulip and a specialty hand-poured candle that adds a sweet scent of vanilla to your dining experience. The music of Josh Groban and Andrea Bocelli alternates softly in the background, adding to the ambiance.

The menu includes a variety of quiches, including Lorraine ham, spinach and asparagus, and bacon and Swiss. They also feature a quiche of the day. They

also serve an assortment of sandwiches, salads and soups, all \$5 to \$9, that feature a unique twist to elevate them from the norm, such as the chicken artichoke salad, the spicy beef sandwich and the fresh tomato basil soup.

The sandwiches come with a bread choice of berry wheat, baguette, croissant or white bread. Most items on the menu stress the café's desire to resemble a small French café, such as the ham and fromage sandwich and the croquet-monsieur and madam sandwiches and authentic French hot ham and cheese sandwiches. The drink menu is standard, but the café offers an assortment of coffees and teas to accompany your meal.

The food comes promptly with a smile and a gracious "bon appetit" from the server. It arrives on classic white plates, arranged in a clean fashion. The cloth napkins and heavy silverware add to the casual elegance created by the atmosphere. The portions are gracious, but not over-the-top. The ice tea comes in beautiful glasses and has a taste that a true Southerner can appreciate.

From its appearance, the tomato basil soup looks ordinary, but the moment it reaches your mouth you learn differently.

The taste is remarkably distinct, with bits of fresh tomato and the perfect amount of basil blended in a creamy tomato base. The fresh greens salad is made extraordinary with a raspberry-vinaigrette dressing that

you will want to sop up with your French baguette.

The chicken and tuna salad sandwiches have a surprisingly fruity taste encouraged by small bits of apple and cranberries, but are grounded in a creamy mixture with shredded carrots, mini walnuts and celery bits. The quiche is light and fluffy, with delightfully flakey crusts. Each bite combines the perfect combination of spinach, tomato and egg.

Each dessert is an event in itself. The Italian cream cake and chocolate cheesecake stick out as ones not to miss. They both share a light, creamy texture that allows for you to enjoy the entire piece. The cream cake has a hint of lemon mixed with the cream that is sandwiched between two pieces of cake, while the chocolate cheesecake tastes so fresh, it's like it was whipped up right before it was served.

The Mix Café is a refreshing break during a monotonous workday, plus an ideal place for a girls' afternoon out. It is a perfect place to have lunch with your mom or grandmother when they come to visit. The Mix is ideal for holding bridal parties or baby showers in the back room, which is painted in bright teal with black tiles artistically framing the doorway.

The Mix's calming atmosphere invites you to sit and cherish the company of friends and family, while enjoying a refreshing meal that exceeds the expectations of any palate.

Grade: A

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As to whether the price of gasoline will rise to \$4, there are economists on either side of the argument. However, North

believes that the rise or decrease in the price of gasoline is unpredictable. "The prices of gasoline futures do not suggest that the price will go up to \$4 per gallon, but you can never tell what might happen."



Associated Press

## Tornados tear up Virginia

A firefighter is seen outside a strip mall Monday that was destroyed after an apparent tornado hit Suffolk, Va. Three tornadoes ripped through Virginia with one hop-scotching across the southeastern part of the state and leaving behind a 25-mile trail of gutted homes, tossed cars and more than 200 injured residents.

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to participate in different discussions. "This provides a unique forum for students to communicate in an open dialogue about different issues, not only on our campus, but across our state and nation," said Garland junior Bryan Fonville, external vice president. "I hope students will walk away with a different perception of their fellow students and that their horizons will have been expanded." Sugar Land junior Breia Fisher, a chairwoman for the event, said the group got the idea for this event from Prairie View A&M University, where it held a similar event called Colorblind. However, those holding it at Baylor wanted to include other controversial issues besides race. Riz Klausmeyer, lecturer in chemistry, will lead a discussion about gender. "A goal of this dialogue is to make ladies understand that they can compete at the same level as men," she said. "We don't have to live as second-class citizens." SoRelle said the student turnout to this event will be the true indicator of how effective this effort has been and whether stu-

dents are ready for this type of conversation. "In some ways, this reflects an ongoing conversation in our nation about diversity," he said. "Baylor is a campus that prides itself on its diverse student body and works very hard to continue increasing its diversity. This event kind of goes along with the idea of a need for further conversation about race, as well as these other issues, in America." In his classes, SoRelle said he has noticed some hesitation among students when it comes to asserting opinions on controversial topics. "I think some of these issues are very critical issues in our nation and can be addressed in a collegiate way," he said. "This event is not designed for everyone to agree, because these are issues that have been discussed for centuries, but it will open the lines of communication." SoRelle hopes this event will help eliminate any reluctance students have to be honest about important issues. "If we don't try to have this conversation at some point, it's just going to get dismissed," he said. "Theoretically, this dialogue can be continued. This is a discussion worth having."

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-tude," he said. Rewards given that aren't based on performance have been criticized with instilling a sense of entitlement among children. According to some, this attitude has carried on into the work force as these children become adults and could pose a problem in how Americans workers rank compared to foreign competition. According to a 2007 study conducted by CareerBuilder.com, 87 percent of the 2,546 surveyed hiring managers and human resources professionals working in industries across the board concluded that "Gen Y workers feel more entitled in terms of compensation, benefits and career advancement than older generations." In comparison to other generations of workers, the survey showed that 55 percent of employers over the age of 35 feel that Generation Y have a problem responding to direction and authority. In his book *The World Is Flat*, Thomas L. Friedman calls attention to the problems of today's American workforce. In a section titled, "Dirty Little Secret #3: The Ambition Gap," Friedman addresses the poor work ethics of American students

by including correspondence from a college professor named Mike Arguello who worried that Americans are losing high-paying jobs to more qualified foreign competition who will work harder for less pay and benefits. Faced with the reality of a competitive world, Arguello said, many Americans are surprised that they don't qualify for high-paying jobs. They are struck with what Arguello has coined as the "American Idol problem." "If you've ever seen the reaction of contestants when Simon Cowell tells them they have no talent — they look at him in total disbelief," Arguello told Friedman in his book. If the assessments of American workers are inaccurate, then the effects of such a label on an entire generation could be detrimental, said Judy Bowman, senior lecturer in economics. When little differences cause employers to assume something about an entire group, "It's statistical discrimination, and it's quite unfair," she said. Bowman said she sees some difference, but not an extreme difference, in the attitude of Generation Y from her generation. "I don't think (generation Y is) more narcissistic than we were," she said. Instead of taking spring break to party, there are kids who go and volunteer, Diaz-Granados

said. "I see this generation being really aware of the planet, and that is not the case with 'putting me first,'" he said. New technology has given birth to Facebook and MySpace for Generation Y to use as a new form of self-promotion, but it does not prove that they are more self-centered. It's a different outlet for student to promote themselves, "but it doesn't make a statement of wholesale personality change," Diaz-Granados said. A problem that Bowman said she does see with today's students is their lack of class attendance. "I have some classes where I have a hard time getting my students to come to class," she said. "Certainly, we have a problem with work ethic and it is reflected in student absences." The gap in education has been attributed to parents who interfere with teachers' curriculums because they feel that the course work is too difficult, and that kids need time to be kids. Thus, they set low expectations for their children, said a fifth grade teacher in a letter to Friedman in his book. Parental involvement not only exists in grade school, but has also extended into students' time in college. Wall noted a difference in parental involvement in students'

lives today as she described her personal experience with her own parents. "The parental unit that I grew up with and parents then tend to be hands-off," she said. "The authority of schools and teachers were respected." The calls that Wall has received from parents are at times in the best interest of the child, but sometimes are not. "(Parents) are trying to pave the way for their child instead of letting them handle it on their own," she said. "A lot of the time they are trying to effect a change somehow in the decisions that their child is making or will be making." The appropriate time for parents to become involved is when the student is becoming dysfunctional, Wall said. Otherwise, she takes the student's needs and concerns into account over the opinions of the parents. Diaz-Granados also said he has received calls from parents on a couple of occasions. "Helicopter parents" hold their children back by leaving them in a state of protracted adolescence, he said. "Their independence is put off for a while, and the degree of independence, of self-reliance or accountability then is being delayed or put off," Diaz-Granados said.

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more responsible with their sexuality. "I remember thinking people should have some control but as cliché as it sounds, it's just different when you are put in the situation," Josh said. During her personal search,

Madison also began talking to close friends and family for guidance. She said once she started asking around, she realized no one has a clear understanding. "One of the problems I think we have in the church is that we just do not talk about it," Flowers said. Flowers taught a sex education program in a church for three years to junior high and high school students

with a curriculum developed by the United Methodist Church. Regarding sexuality, the 2004 United Methodist Book of Discipline supports "age-appropriate and factual sex education opportunities for children, young people, and adults." Flower said he does not believe that when it comes to sexuality, "anything goes." Flowers said United Methodists believe in the value of their col-

lective beliefs, actions and practices, but also value individual freedom and the right to make decisions based on prayerful, reflective beliefs. "Sexuality is a gift from God and something to be respected," Flowers said. "A general principle would be whatever you do sexually with another person, be responsible and respectful not to dehumanize, denigrate or exploit another person."



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