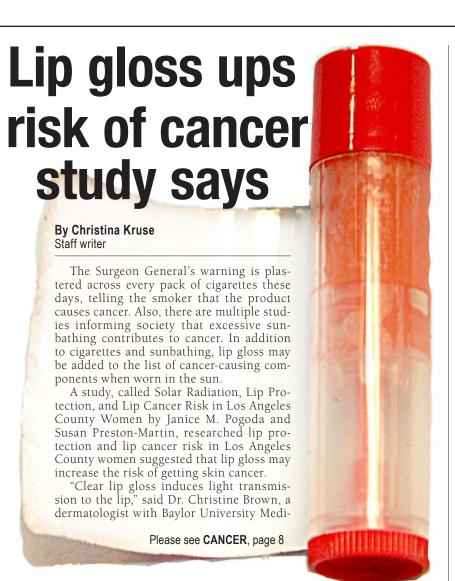
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DuPuy runs against Bell in mayoral race

By Victoria Mgbemena Staff writer

City council elections launched Monday as the early voting period opened up at polling places around the city.

Early voting for three seats on the Waco City Council will run until May 6, with the general election day set for May 10. Current mayor of Waco Virginia DuPuy is running against Brenda Eton Bell, who recently moved to Waco from Chicago. City Council chair for District III is also up for election. Incumbent councilman Randy Riggs is running against Bill Franklin, a teacher at Rapoport Academy.

DuPuy, president and ĆEO of DuPuy Oxygen & Supply, Inc., has served as mayor for three years. DuPuy advocates her current visionary project that includes economic expansion and acquiring leaders through partnerships with Baylor, other local colleges, and local businesses.

"I am in support of affirming the current leadership that our city manager provides and the continued advancement of Waco by listening to the citizens," DuPuy said.

Bell, who reports that she is selfemployed, said that her platform was the growth of the city and her campaign places an emphasis on education and a strengthening of relationships within Waco families.

"More families need to spend qual-

ity time with their children," Bell said. "And children need to turn off the radios and get out their books. Everyone should make use of a public resource like the library."

DuPuy said that one part of the community vision project that she will continue to work on if elected for another term would be improvements to the dilapidating aspects of East Waco. DuPuy said she would continue to work with other officials and representatives of the community to apply for Tax Increment Finance funds.

"We want to make sure that all citizens have access to the all of our city's natural and human resources," DuPuy said. "We have been working with some of the leaders in East Waco as well as the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce to revitalize interest in making improvements to developments on Elm Street and in the schools. The city must find ways to equip parents and children by removing barriers that will hinder them from becoming successful adults."

In response to the activism from groups against bringing coal plants to parts of McLennan County, DuPuy said that the issue would require not only maintaining recycling efforts, but also communicating with the plant organizations as well as environmental regulatory organizations.

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Stress management suggested for final stretch of semester



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New Braunfels law student Erin Wiegand, Four Oaks, N.C., graduate student Holland White and Round Rock law student Justin Schneider prepare for finals Tuesday at Common Grounds.

By Kate Thomas Reporter

The posters at the library with the wide-eyed 1950s throwbacks telling students the library is a good place to cram herald the last great milestone of the semester: finals.

Numerous organizations around campus are holding semester-end banquets, professors are demanding lengthy semester-end projects and students are feeling high levels of semester-end stress.

Jim Marsh, director for counseling services at Baylor, said in an e-mail interview with the *Baylor Lariat* that April, along with the fall semester equivalent, November, are the months in which the highest number of students request counseling services.

"Many students feel stressed around this time of year, and if the stress isn't managed well, then students can become overwhelmed, which can lead to more serious problems such as poor performance in school, relationship conflicts and sometimes depression," Marsh said.

He recommended that students prac-

tice good time management, maintain a healthy diet, get plenty of sleep and exercise at least 30 minutes a day in order to prevent stress.

If your schedule is still too full, Academic Support Programs is holding

a workshop to help students plan and manage busy schedules leading up to finals, Sally Firmin, director of Academic Support Programs, said. The Preparing for Finals Workshops

will occur from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in the common area of the lower level of Sid Richardson Science Building.

The purpose of the workshops is to help students plan how to study for finals, Firmin said. Students attending the workshop will not only develop a monthly calendar, but also an hourly calendar that will detail a schedule for the next two weeks.

"You can go a long way toward relieving stress if you have a plan," she said.

A "Preparing for Finals Guide" is also available on the Academic Support Programs page of the Baylor Web site. Included in the guide are four phases that lead up to actually taking an exam.

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The guide further details study strategy and planning.

Just as Marsh recommended students not neglect sleep and food in the midst of their stress, the guide recommends students block out times for meals, recreation and sleep the same way they block out times for classes and studying.

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Scott Wade, director of Student Activities is leaving Baylor at the end of the semester for a position in Houghton, N.Y.

Wade to leave BU family behind for Houghton, N.Y.

By Heather Fogt Reporter

Scott Wade may take his wife and children to Houghton College in the fall, but he will still feel as though he's left family behind.

Wade will fill the position of vice president for advancement at Houghton, a Christian college located in western New York

The director of Student Activities has served Baylor for six years and has seen the department grow from a staff of five to a staff of 20 members.

"We're a family," Wade said. "Honestly

that's going to be one of the most difficult

things about transitioning out."

Karen Klinger, associate director for organizations, service and administration, has worked under Wade for three

"He is, hands down, no question, the best boss I've ever worked for," Klinger said.

Wade's insightful nature helps him recognize needs in his staff and approach a staff member before they come to him for help, Klinger said.

Wade began as director of the student

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Associated Pre

Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-III., talks to journalists Tuesday at a news conference in Winston-Salem, N.C.

By Mike Glover The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Barack Obama angrily denounced his former pastor for "divisive and destructive" remarks on race, seeking to divorce himself from the incendiary speaker and a fury that threatens to engulf his frontrunning Democratic presidential campaign.

Obama is trying to tamp down the uproar over the Rev. Jeremiah Wright at a tough time in his campaign. The Illinois senator is coming off a loss in Pennsylvania to rival Hillary Rodham Clinton and trying to win over white working-class voters in Indiana and North

Carolina in next Tuesday's primaries.

"I am outraged by the comments that were made and saddened over the spectacle that we saw yesterday," Obama told reporters at a news conference Tuesday.

His strong words come just six weeks after Obama delivered a sweeping speech on race in which he sharply condemned Wright's remarks but did not leave the church or repudiate the minister himself, who he said was like a family member. After weeks of staying out of the public eye while critics lambasted his sermons, the former pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago made three public appearances

in four days to defend himself.

Obama says he's outraged by former pastor's comments

On Monday, Wright criticized the U.S. government as imperialist and stood by his suggestion that the United States invented the HIV virus as a means of genocide against minorities. "Based on this Tuskegee experiment and based on what has happened to Africans in this country, I believe our government is capable of doing anything," he said.

And perhaps even worse for Obama, Wright suggested that the church congregant secretly concurs.

"If Senator Obama did not say what he said, he would never get elected," Wright said. "Politicians say what they say and do what they do based on electability, based on sound bites, based on polls."

Obama stated flatly that he doesn't share the views of the man who officiated at his wedding, baptized his two daughters and been his pastor for 20 years. The title of Obama's second book, "The Audacity of Hope," came from a Wright

"What became clear to me is that he was presenting a world view that contradicts who I am and what I stand for," Obama said. "And what I think particularly angered me was his suggestion somehow that my previous denunciation of his remarks were somehow political posturing. Anybody who knows me and anybody who

knows what I'm about knows that I am about trying to bridge gaps and I see the commonality in all people."

Although Obama leads in pledged delegates, no Democrat can win the nomination without the support of the superdelegates, the elected officials and party leaders who can vote their preference. The Wright furor forces those Democrats to wonder about Obama's electability in November.

Facing that reality, Obama

sought to distance himself further from Wright.

"I have been a member of

Trinity United Church of Christ since 1992, and have known

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Life's unanswered questions only fuel Christian faith

At times, I can't help but feel like Christianity is a religion full of holes. Questions such as those about God's allowance of evil, the nature of angels and the ultimate fate of those who have never even heard the Gospel can lead one to wonder and even instill doubt in the most faithful of hearts.

I've asked and been asked these questions time and time again, but the answer is always the same: we could never know in this life. People like to know - it makes us feel included in some elaborate secret - so this unscratchable itch obviously poses a problem.

Humanity clings desperately to theories about the world in an attempt to rationalize and make familiar that world, but I think that we're all missing the bigger picture. We don't need to know everything, and we probably never will.

Confident certainty is appealing to most nowadays because it implies that the person projecting it knows what's up. But is this kind of assuredness the reason we, as Christians, are

The answer is no. If we had all the solutions to life's problems, we wouldn't need faith to sustain us when we encounter

It is vital that faith governs our perspective because it's more than simple reliance on God for a free ticket to heaven; it's the trust that he will guide us as we walk blindly toward the invisible end of life's twisting



path. Without need of faith, our relationship with God might resemble a platonic friendship rather than the intended fatherchild bond.

This line of reasoning might seem like a cop-out to rationalists who believe only things that can be fully explained should be believed, but how much information would God need to provide to convince the cynics?

We've already been told all we need to know to get to heaven: God created us, we fell because he gave us the liberty to choose knowledge or innocence and we chose knowledge, he sent His son as a ransom and we shall all answer for our sins if we face death without Jesus at our side. The rest is ultimately inconsequential.

Many choose not to believe even these core bases of Christianity because there is no proof, but, again, why does there need to be? It's unfair to God to assume that he needs to rationalize himself to us.

I'm not going to start spouting the whole "God reveals himself in nature" argument because, frankly, I don't take much stock in it. Sure, nature is beautiful and unpredictable, but scientists just as readily see

instinct and chemical reactions as the catalyst behind the workings of the world as Christians do God.

Instead, I consider human nature. At our cores, we are all selfish beings thanks to our instinct to survive. Yet, when I hear stories about people driven by something beyond themselves to unnatural selflessness, I can't help but believe there's something out there pushing us to be better than we should.

Granted, faith is a fluid concept, and people may choose not to believe because they don't want to trust in something to which they feel no connection, but how can such a bond be established if one isn't even open to it?

Even if one isn't prepared to

accept new ideas, everybody doubts his or her beliefs at one time or another, from the most assured atheist to the most devoted Christian. Ultimately, both ends of the spectrum doubt because they lack proof, but they respond in very different ways to that doubt.

Obtaining proof, the everpresent goal of science, necessitates the bolstering of a theory with facts until it can no longer be reasonably disputed. Christians are not allowed this fallback; we must instead rely on trust to dispel doubt. For now, Christianity may be just another unproven theory, but I have faith my belief isn't in vain.

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Editorial

Guns belong off-campus

In the wake of the first anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting, a campus group invited Eric Thompson, owner of a Web-based gun store, to speak in favor of allowing concealed firearms on campus.

In an even more tasteless twist to the story, Thompson's store sold a Walther . 22-caliber handgun to Seung-Hui Cho, who killed 32 people and himself on April 16, 2007 at Virginia Tech and also sold two 9 mm magazines, ammunition and a glock holster to Steven Kazmierczak, who killed five people and himself on Feb. 14, 2008, at Northern Illinois Univer-

Thompson's visit, which was held against the university's wishes, was organized by Virginia Tech's Students for Concealed Carry on Campus group. A university spokesman called the visit "terribly offensive" in an article in Tech's student newspaper, The Collegiate Times.

We agree. Thompson's visit, coming as it does in the aftermath of not one but two school shootings, is terribly insensitive. He and the club who invited him should know better.

However, ill-timed as it was, his visit does raise an important point: should concealed weapons be allowed on college campuses? Thompson and the Students for Concealed Carry on Campus argue that allowing students to arm themselves is the only effective way to prevent tragedies. And they're not alone. Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, who support the



holders to carry guns on campuses, have a Facebook group of more than 29,000 students nationwide, and the Baylor chapter has 31 members.

Though their concern for safety is understandable, there are certain places guns don't belong - and college campuses should be one of them. Under Texas law, guns are banned in several places, including schools, places of worship, correction facilities, bars and sporting events. There's good

in those places and the law should remain unchanged.

Ordinary safety standards are difficult enough to maintain in college dormitories and other on campus areas without adding guns to the mix

Can you imagine what life in your dormitory would be like if you knew your neighbor might be packing? More importantly, how would officials tell whose gun was legal and whose wasn't? Even if a handgun carrier was ily prevent a friend or neighbor from handling the gun without the proper training. Allowing handguns on campus would cause more problems than it would solve.

Still, safety is an important concern. In the event of a shooting, the best plan of action would be to have armed and trained security or police on campus, not resorting to vigilante justice student-style. And, in the meantime, let's make sure guns of all

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Post-photo shoot, Cyrus may not have the best of both worlds

After hearing that Miley Cyrus posed scantily clad for a Vanity Fair photo shoot, I was prepared to write a column of outrage and despair. Hoping to never learn of Hollywood's innocent pop star falling to defamatory depths, I was disappointed that yet another role model for millions was slipping down a damaging slope.

It was especially shocking to hear that her father was with her, reminding me of another dad using his daughter's sexuality to boost their family's fame and fortune. From minister to manager, Joe Simpson, or soonto-be Grandpa Joe, created quite a profit off his semi-talented offspring – Jessica and Ashlee.

However, I think I overreacted to the Cyrus shocker. After seeing the pictures on Vanity Fair's Web site, I realized the media overreacted, as well. While the photos do portray

a more mature Miley, they are relatively tame and tastefully done. Most of her family was also on the shoot, which changes the context a little, as it reiterates Cyrus's non-scandalous objectives. I mean, seriously, if she was trying to be all sexy, why would she do it with her mom, dad and eight-year-old sister standing just a few feet away? I'm certainly not promoting

her family's decision, but I don't



think she deserves all the buzz she's receiving. From a statement she released through her publicist, it's clear that her intentions became distorted somewhere between the shooting and the

Her statement said, "I took part in a photo shoot that was supposed to be 'artistic' and now, seeing the photographs and reading the story, I feel so embarrassed. I never intended for any of this to happen, and I apologize to my fans who I care so deeply about."

Is this something we would hear Brittany, Lindsey or Paris say? I don't think so. They're probably too busy partying the night away or filling out rehab forms to care about their fans.

It would be unfair to write Cyrus off into these tabloid elite. She's not pregnant, she's not hitting the nightclubs, she hasn't been arrested and she's probably still wearing underwear.

However, she's only 15 and has a long, tempting road ahead of her to become the next teenage Disney screw-up. For the sake of little girls everywhere, I hope this doesn't happen. I hope she can rise above the stereotype and prove that she can keep her head on straight, that it's possible to not succumb to the luxuries and enticements of being a paparazzi diva.

Her musical performances have been known to be a little too suggestive for her age (and quite creepy really), but we shouldn't begin classifying her as another victim of Hollywood hype. Once the tabloid frenzy starts and the industry cashes in on a built-up image that only the media can create, then the ball will keep rolling down hill for Miss Hannah Montana

While the best women to look up to are the ones we know personally, whether from family, school or work, it's inevitable that girls subconsciously strive to be like their favorite stars. A generation too young to care about Oprah, Condoleezza Rice or Hillary Clinton, have in Miley a good, untainted female role model to grow up with.

Let's hope this Vanity Fair episode blows over, and that pulling controversial stunts doesn't become a pattern of her "just being Miley.

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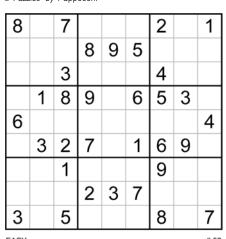
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For today's crossword and sudoku answers,

Students, children learn together at center

By Anna Taylor Reporter

The Piper Center for Family Studies and Child Development may not be on campus, but it offers many services to faculty and students.

The center, located downtown at 315 Washington Ave, serves as a laboratory for all the majors in the department of family and consumer sciences.

In addition, students from the schools of education and social work use the learning environment.

Paul and Katy Piper founded the center in 1989 and donated it to Baylor in 1995.

Barbara Crosby, director of the center and part-time lecturer in family and consumer sciences, said 100 students in the different family and consumer science majors have lab hours at

Other students from the education department often visit the center and help out. "In all around 275 to 300 stu-

dents from Baylor use the Piper Center," Crosby said. Students in applicable pro-

grams are required to volunteer 20 hours throughout the semester at the Piper Center for their degree program.

The center provides these students with hands-on experience as well as an example of quality childcare.

"As a practicum student in the 2-year-old classroom at Piper, I have had the opportunity to watch and see children grow and learn, and being a part of this development has given me

meet the needs of children and families." San Antonio senior Julie Thomas said. "As much as I have learned in the classroom at Baylor, there is nothing like hands-on experience to truly apply the knowledge I have gained and learn from the children themselves.'

Before beginning work, FBI criminal background checks and tuberculosis scan test are performed on each student who volunteers at the center.

"Students find it easier to get jobs, and the work study is a valuable experience to have. You have to love children to be able to work well with them," Crosby

The Piper Center employs five full-time teachers with either their bachelor's or master's degree. This year the center has 58 children enrolled between the ages of 2 months and 5 years old.

Most of the students that attend the Piper Center are the children of Baylor faculty and staff. Out of the 58 children enrolled, 44 are connected with Baylor, either by faculty, staff or

"As a parent, the Piper Center provides my child with exemplary care and teaching, all of the lead teachers have a bachelor's degree in education... My son loves attending the school and interacting with all his friends," said Dr. Elizabeth Kelly, a fulltime lecturer in sociology.

Each of the five classrooms has a observation booth.

"Most people don't think about quality childcare until they can't find it," Crosby said.



A student reads to two Piper Center pupils at the center. The center serves as a laboratory for family and consumer sciences majors, as well as education majors

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The American Medical **Association** Service Auction will take place at 6 p.m. today in Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Students may bid on tutors, car washers, dinner dates and fabulous baskets. All proceeds will benefit Mission Waco and its GED program. For more information contact Elise_Banks@ baylor.edu.

The Center for International Education will present by professor Amarilis de Rebua from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in Recital Hall II of Waco Hall. Rebua will give a lecture called "Brazilian Composer Heitor Villa-Lobos in the 20th Century" as part of the Global Issues Lecture Series. For more information, contact Lilly_Fuertes@ baylor.edu.

The Baylor Symphony Orchestra and two guest artists will give a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Jones Concert Hall of the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

Film and Digital Media and Baylor Activities Council will present the Black Glasses student film festival at 7 p.m. Friday in 101 Castellaw Communications Center. For more information contact Elisa_Daniels@baylor.edu.

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Finance professor enjoys hunting, helping students learn

By Victoria Turner

"If you happen to be stranded on an island and you want someone there, you want Franklin Potts," said Dr. Charles Delaney, associate professor of finance. "You can put him on an island with absolutely nothing, six months later pick him up and he's gained weight."

Dr. Franklin Potts, associate professor of finance, is wellknown in his field for his teaching ability and expertise. He's on constant call to testify in trials as a financial expert.

He graduated wit a Ph.D. in finance from Louisiana State

Those who personally know Potts, however, don't only recfield but also as an outdoors aficionado and family man.

Most pinpoint his variety of hobbies, such as fishing and

"I think he's very interesting and very active," Tulsa, Okla., senior Andrea Anderson said. "He plays golf, and hunts and fishes, and he has a lot of very interesting stories."

Potts said he developed an affinity for the outdoors while Growing up on a ranch in Lometa, Texas,

"I started hunting as soon as I started to walk," he said with a chuckle. "I used to hunt with a rifle, but now I hunt with a bow and arrow."

His interest in hunting and fishing is present in his office. Besides his collection of Pez dispensers and family pictures,

memorabilia decorate the walls and shelves.

Hunting is his self-proclaimed passion, and he said his largest hunting conquest was a 500-pound wild boar, felled with a .22 caliber rifle.

Potts said he believes his eclectic interests were influenced by his father.

'One of the things I admired (about) my father was his natural curiosity. He just never stopped learning his whole life; he was interested in everything," he said. "I've always kind of been that way. I can't be so obsessed with one thing that I exclude everything else.

Potts said he has been a very active person his entire life.

In high school he played football, holding the third leading score in the district. He was also

As a football player, scholarship offers began coming in from universities., he said.

"I never really thought about going to college until I started getting these scholarships offers," he said. "I'd always just thought I'd probably go into business with my dad.

Potts' father owned a successful business in farming and selling mohair, he said, but it had not always been that way.

His father succeeded by transitioning from herding cattle 20 miles a day for \$1 to support his family, to personal hay bailing so he could buy a grocery store. After selling the store, he

bought the warehouse where Potts worked as a child and began selling wool and mohair.

'Being out where we were,

said. "You did some kind of hard manual labor. That's all there Delaney said Potts' upbring-

ing allowed him to be a resourceful man. "The way he was brought up from parents of the Depression,

he knows how to work the land that he needs to," Delaney said. Having to work hard to progress didn't hinder the Potts' fam-

ily, however. "The most valuable thing I learned from my parents was how to work; you get what you worked for," Potts said. "We learned a lot before we ever got out of high school about

nomics. When Potts was 12, his father made him take out a loan from the bank to begin his own busi-

accounting and finance and eco-

With the loan, Potts bought calves and after they gained weight, he sold them.

By the time my brother and I were in high school, we were leasing 640 acres of land, and running sheep and cattle," he This mentality of learning

through hard work and experience has carried over into Potts' classroom. "I think his legacy will be

the students he's taught," said Tom. "What he's about isn't the fact that he likes to be popular, everybody likes that, but his overriding concern is the students learning something that will be worthwhile."

Potts agreed.

"A lot of times in the real world things are a whole lot different than in the textbooks," he

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Athletics' success, money important to academics

By Victoria Turner Reporter

As a private institution, Baylor University puts an emphasis on fundraising to be able to provide revenues for the overall success and development of the university. One of its most publicized departments has been the athletics department, holding seven spring sports teams within top 25 national rankings.

Within the NCAA Current Revenue Distribution Plan, each team receives a distributed percentage of revenue, called a unit, per game played.

According to the NCAA Current Revenue Distribution Plan, units are distributed to the teams that partake in the Division I conferences.

\$191,000. The rest of the revenue from the units accumulated by each member in their performance over a six-year period is then equally distributed among

Each unit this year is roughly

As published by the Department of Education, during last year's season University of North Carolina recorded revenue of \$17.2 million and a profit of \$11.6 million. University of

Louisville held a profit of \$17.1

The allocation of tournament money aims to improve the athletics departments of universities, along with enrollment and academic excellence. Too much emphasis on the development of sports in a university could be detrimental to its academic

"I think there's only a negative aspect if it's overemphasized. I don't think Baylor does that, I think we're balanced, said Dr. Darryl Lehnus, a fulltime lecturer in marketing. "You can be excellent in athletics and excellent in academics. You don't have to pick one or the other, and Baylor's goal is to be excellent in both.'

Having successful teams is positive for a university because they generate more public interest, which in turn plays a role in producing more revenue.

"Certainly athletics is very, very visible and so it plays a really important role in the overall branding and marketing of a university. When you have teams that broaden your national media attention, that gets the Baylor name out there. It certainly is beneficial in terms of awareness of the university, and that pays dividends in terms of enrollment and applications to

the school," director of athletics Ian McCaw said.

In 1974, the Baylor football team entered the Cotton Bowl for the first time under head coach Grant Taeff, and the effect of such an achievement on Baylor was visible, Lehnus said.

"What we knew was that 1974 was a pivotal point in Baylor University's academic history,' he said. "We saw a tremendous spike in overall student enrollment and student's applications to Baylor University. That particular year is credited with the change of Baylor University's perception from a small college to a major university.'

John Garrison, director of marketing and promotions, said the development of any department is expensive, but not every department is under the public eye as much as the athletic department.

Through the coverage that sports get from newspapers, radio and television, universities have a greater capability of attracting more recognition.

"It would be hard to buy that much advertisement for the school. It would take millions of dollars to get that many mentions in the media that comes free from having a successful program," Garrison said.

Generating funds for the proper development of an athletic department can prove to be

"It takes a lot of money to run an athletic department," said Garrison. "There are only a handful of universities that are truly self-sufficient, that generate and raise sufficient dollars to cover all the cost of an opera-

Within the athletic department there are various fundraising organizations, the main one being the Baylor Bear Founda-

"Because we are a private university and because our scholarships are much higher than the state universities with whom we compete, we have to pay for our scholarships," said Lehnus. "So in an organization like the Bear Foundation, whose sole function is to raise money for all of Baylor athletics, their money goes to pay for the scholarships.

Thefoundationwasdescribed by both Garrison and Lehnus as the main "fundraising arm" of the athletic department.

Garrison said there are specific excellence funds outside the Bear Foundation raising money for particular teams.

Lehnus said the diverse range

of organizations gives people a chance to donate money to the specific cause they wish to, and aids in having a constant flow of fund raising.

He explained this as the "marketing pyramid," with the highest-paying donors at the top of the pyramid.

You've got to keep building the base of the pyramid. As you work through life and the cycles, you hopefully move a few of those up to the next level. You have to keep bringing people in at the entry level so you can have a basis of moving people up to the top of the pyramid, which are your highest-dollar people," he said. "If you're going to give money to something, you want to make sure it goes to a specific thing. You can designate your money. You can't have everybody designating their money because there would be no scholarship money, so you have multiple dynamics going on at the same time in fundraising and in marketing."

These fundraising organizations are the basis for the production of revenue in the athletic department. Lehnus said money outside of specific designated funds goes to student-athlete scholarships. Yet the success of the teams is also important for a flow of funds into the depart-

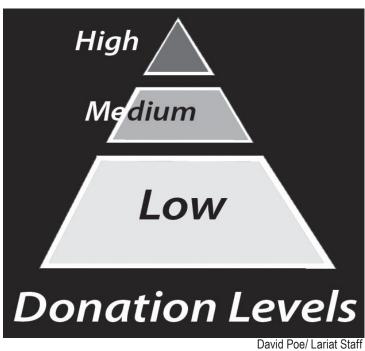
'Certainly college athletics at the highest level, such as those we play in the Big 12, generates a lot of revenue in terms of tickets, fundraising, television, corporate sponsorship, merchandising, and all of these funds are used to help underwrite the cost of operating our athletic program," McCaw said. "We also do receive some support from the university and other forms of revenue through the Big 12

Garrison said when teams are successful, they generate revenue by bringing back Baylor graduates to their games or fundraising events.

With the success of the men's basketball program this year, and the success of the women's basketball program over the last six years, there's something to rally around," he said. "I hope that instills some pride in our Baylor alumni and friends to be more active with the university as a whole."

Being part of the Big 12 conference is not only a visible success for athletics, but also proves

to be another source of revenue. "All of the revenue that's generated by tournaments goes



The distribution of a marketing pyramid shows a much higher number of donors at the base of the pyramid, where donation levels are lower, compared to the number at the top.

through the Big 12 conference office and is redistributed to the conference schools ... from the conference office, so that isn't just the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer. Television revenues, tournament monies, bowl monies, all that money is actually managed and goes through the conference office," Lehnus said. "Now, those teams who do participate in the bowl games and in the NCAA tournaments may get a slightly larger percentage, but they don't get it all. It's really a matter of distribution of wealth to all the teams, managed by a conference."

Being successful enough in sports to be part of the Big 12 is not just positive in terms of fundraising. Academically, these team accomplishments have provided to the development of

the university.

"I think what you bring together is a collusion of outstanding universities through an athletic conference," Lehnus said. "It isn't just an athletic conference. It is a university conference. That whole symbol of success of being a major Big 12 university brings funding, it brings grants, and it shares resources with other Big 12 schools, like library resources, as a community of the Big 12. So, academically it brings more resources to all students.

In the 2007 NCAA graduation success rate (GSR), Baylor athletes had 87 percent gradu-

The GSR includes those student-athletes who transferred in and out of Baylor.

Associate athletic director for internal affairs Dr. Paul Bradshaw said that Baylor athletics have also been recognized in the Big 12 conference for the academic success of their athletes, typically leading in their graduGarrison agreed.

"You look at student-athletes and the majority are not going to go play beyond here. They are not going to be professional athletes, so their focus is pretty much on the academic side of things," he said.

To maintain academic excellence, the student-athletes are required to sustain a particular grade point average. Even though they have to miss classes when they are traveling, they must make up the work and keep up with their classes.

"It is extremely significant to have a successful athletic image. At the same time, it has to be a balanced image. It has to be an image which I think Baylor University epitomizes to a maximum degree, in a sense that we also have a high graduation rate, a high academic performance of our athletes, that far exceeds most major universities," Lehnus said. "If you can balance the pursuit of excellence with the pursuit of excellence in academics, you have the best balance and the best case scenario of successful athletics. There is some correlation with successful sports in giving to the university from a development standpoint."

Undermining other departments or achievements in Baylor is not the goal of the athletic department, but to turn their achievements into an overall success and benefit for the university, Lehnus said.

It aids in the campus spirit and public awareness of Baylor, which increases enrollment and interest in the university, he

"Everybody is important to make a successful team," said Lehnus. "Everybody needs to work together, for one common good and that's the good of Baylor University."

Army promises fix for bad barracks

By Robert Burns Associate Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Army officials said Tuesday they are inspecting every barracks building worldwide to see whether plumbing and other problems revealed at Fort Bragg, N.C., last week are widespread.

Brig. Gen. Dennis Rogers, who is responsible for maintaining barracks throughout the Army, told reporters at the Pentagon that most inspections were done last weekend but he had not seen final results.

While not providing specifics about problems discovered during the weekend inspections, Rogers indicated some deficiencies were corrected. In cases where extensive repairs are deemed necessary, the soldiers in that housing would be moved elsewhere until the fixes are completed, he added.

Rogers said it was too soon to know whether the Fort Bragg problem was an isolated incident. He acknowledged the revelations from a video shot by the father of an 82nd Airborne Division soldier showing poor conditions such as mold inside the barracks, peeling interior paint and a bathroom drain plugged

The soldier's father, Ed Frawley, said he was disgusted by the conditions that greeted his son and the rest of his 82nd Airborne unit that returned on April 7-8 after a 15-month tour duty in Afghanistan.

'We let our soldiers down, and that's not like us," Rogers told reporters. "We let our soldiers down. That's not how we want America's sons and daughters to live. There's no good excuse for what happened."

He said the problems in that building have been fixed and that a final paint job is in the works. It is one of 24 barracks at Fort Bragg that were built in the 1950s and are scheduled for demolition by 2013. The barracks singled out by Frawley had been remodeled in April 2006, Rogers said.

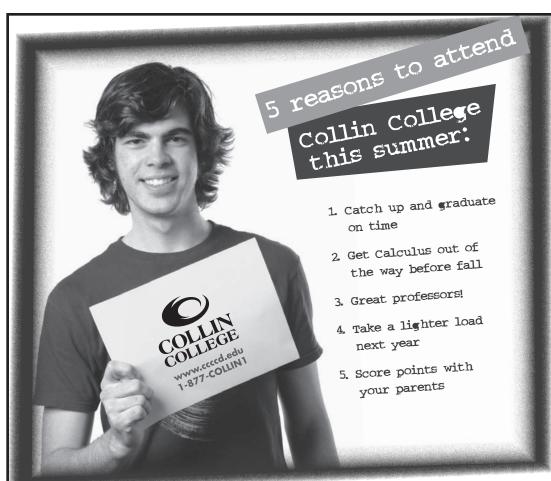
Rogers said the Army's standard procedure is to inspect a barracks to verify that it meets Army standards before it is occupied by soldiers returning from an overseas deployment.

For reasons he was unable to explain, that did not happen in the Fort Bragg incident.



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Women's basketball fills assistant coach position

By Brian Bateman Sports writer

For the Baylor women's basketball team, one hall of fame coach wasn't enough.

Friday, director of athletics Ian McCaw and head women's basketball coach Kim Mulkey announced the hiring of Leon Barmore to an assistant coach

"I get to work for someone I know and respect, someone that has the same doing it right' attitude that I have and someone I know will take care of me," Barmore said in a Baylor press release Friday.

Mulkey and Barmore coached together previously at Louisiana Tech University for 15 years. However, the roles were reversed.

Barmore brings a long pedigree of coaching experience to the Lady Bears.

A member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, Barmore has a 1988 national championship and three other appearances in the title game. His squad collected a 54-game winning streak, 13 30-win seasons and became the fastest coach in women's college basketball to win 500 games. He also kept

Spurs

count on

Game 5

SAN ANTONIO - For the

Phoenix Suns, Tuesday's night Game 5 against San Antonio is a must-win. The Spurs, who get their second straight chance to

finish off the Suns, are treating it

champions have a 3-1 series lead,

they want to wrap it quickly and

avoid a return trip to Phoenix.

Game 6 there is going to be

really tough. If we don't, then

Game 7 we know is a lottery,"

Spurs guard Manu Ginobili saíd.

"We don't even have to think

that there's a Game 6 or Game

7. We have to take (Game 5) as

a Game 7. We know we have a

what would have been a surpris-

ing sweep in four games with an

energetic and convincing 105-

86 rout at home in Game 4 on

Sunday. They've extended their

postseason at least one more

game and plan to come to San

Antonio with the same focus

that sparked Boris Diaw's near

triple-double and Raja Bell's 27

"We're down 3-1, we know

we've got a long road to go, but

we don't think about the series,

we think about Tuesday," Suns

coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We

can win Tuesday. That's the

only thing we're thinking about.

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"We know that winning a

By Elizabeth White The Associated Press

the Lady Techsters in the Associated Press' top 25 poll for 179 straight weeks - nearly threeand-a-half years.

"His record speaks for itself," Mulkey said. "He has an unbelievable mind for basketball, and he's got the personality to get the best out of players."

Barmore has worked on both sides of the bench. A player with Louisiana Tech University men's team, he then became an assistant for the women followed by a promotion to head coach – all at the same university.

"He's going to be a very loyal person," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "That's just as big in my books as anything else."

Barmore retired Aug. 22, 2002, after 20 years of work with the Lady Techsters, but couldn't stay away from the game when Mulkey called last week.

"There are only two schools that could have gotten me out of retirement - Louisiana Tech and Baylor," Barmore said in a Baylor press release Friday. "At this time in my life I have no desire to be a head coach, but I missed the game and still wanted to coach. After several talks with Kim (Mulkey), I decided Baylor was a perfect fit for me."

Barmore replaces recently

departed Jennifer Roberts, who has been an assistant coach for eight years with the Lady Bears. Roberts held many roles on the squad, most of which will transfer to current assistant coaches.

'She was in charge of academics," Mulkey said. "She ran our summer camps (and) she worked on the perimeter last

The inclusion of Barmore and a yet-to-be-named second assistant coach will mean a different dynamic on the staff.

'I think he'll be a different voice for them to hear," Mulkey said. "I want this to be a fun time for coach Barmore. He's lived through the tough life of being a head coach. I told him, 'let me take care of the toughness.'

With the departure of forward Jessika Bradley and Angela Tisdale from the squad, the Lady Bears have focused on transfers, incoming freshman and future recruits to fill a depleted roster. Mulkey expects Barmore to have an instant effect on the players.

"Just his name in women's basketball circles is (huge), probably more so than his parents because of the age gap there," Mulkey said. "You can never have too many great minds sitting next to you.



San Antonio Spurs Manu Ginobili, rubs the head of teammate Tony Parker, as in Phoenix. The Spurs won 115-99.

In the first two games, Phoefirst half, only to give them away like 3-1 is an accurate reflection

series should be 2-2," Suns big man Shaquille O'Neal said. "We let the first one slip away."

As the series shifts to San Antonio, any shred of momentum they gained in Game 4 will be tested. But the Suns say their confidence is up.

yesterday, we'll win, and that's all that we're focusing on," D'Antoni

D'Antoni said Diaw will start Game 5 in place of Grant Hill, who didn't play Sunday and may sit out Tuesday because of a sore

"I don't think we're there. I don't think he can play,"

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from there."

made life hard on Spurs point guard and fellow Frenchman Tony Parker, who shot 7-of-17 6-foot-8 Diaw also scored 20 and dished out eight assists.

'He's a great player, he's a tough cover, he's got a lot of different skills at his height," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. 'He's just a fine player and Mike knows how to use him. He was a big problem for us."

While the Suns like their chances, history doesn't bode well for them. No NBA team has come back from 0-3 to win

By Will Parchman Sports editor of Baylor's record books. After plating one run in

The Baylor softball team used two sacrifice plays and two solid pitching performances to grind out a 3-0 win against Stephen F. Austin University Tuesday evening at Getterman Stadium.

The Lady Bears won 3-0 after a four-game losing streak.

The win snapped Baylor's four-game losing streak after the team dropped six of its last seven games. Baylor is 2-8 in its last 10 home games.

"It was a good win because we hadn't won in awhile," head coach Glenn Moore said. "Any win is a good win. Stephen É. Austin is not a bad team, so hopefully it will give us some momentum headed into a very tough couple games."

In giving up five hits over three innings of shut-out baseball, Baylor starting pitcher Jenny Isham (11-3) earned her first win since March 12 and above all, gave Baylor (23-19, 4-11) enough time to get its offense going.

Baylor opened the scoring with junior Brette Reagan's sacrifice fly in the third inning, scoring Maritza Martinez from third. Reagan also became Baylor softball's all-time leading walk artist in the first inning when she drew the 107th walk

of her career to climb to the top

Maritza Martinez is safe at home base in Tuesday's game against Stephen F. Austin University at Getterman Stadium.

Lady Bears capture victory

over Stephen F. Austin, 3-0

the fourth, Baylor scored once more in the fifth, displaying the characteristic speed and deft base-running for which Moore's Baylor teams have become

Both pinch runner Morgan Craig and right fielder Kirsten Shortridge stole bases to get into scoring position, and Craig scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Nicole Wesley to bring Baylor's lead to 3-0.

Brittany Turner came on in relief in the fourth inning and continued her solid season, tossing four shutout innings of one-hit softball to earn her second save of the year.

"We were working ahead in the count and were able to keep them from doing any damage," Moore said. "And I'm very pleased with Turner. She came in and shut the door."

The first inning was a dire portend for Baylor's tough-luck season thus far. Despite putting runners on the corners with one out, Courtney Oberg lined into a double play at third base to end the threat. Luckily for Moore and the Bears, there would be more chances.

"This felt good. It felt really

good," said Turner, who dipped her ERA to 1.96 Tuesday. "We needed it, and the momentum was going our way, and we played more like a team than we have in a really long time. I feel like everybody was on the same

page, so it felt good." The Lady Jacks mounted

their biggest threat in the second inning with the game deadlocked at zero, loading the bases with two outs. But Isham induced an infield pop-up from rightfielder Debra Garcia to end the threat.

I here's something to be said for getting in trouble and getting out of it without too much damage being done," Moore said. "I was pleased with that."

While it might not mean much for Baylor's Big 12 positioning, the Lady Bears will take on the No. 7 University of Oklahoma (41-11, 14-2) in a doubleheader starting at 5 p.m. today.

While Baylor's post-season fate is now tethered solely to winning the Big 12 Tournament, the Lady Bears will still have plenty to play for.

"We're playing for pride, for sure," Turner said. "We always get up for (the University of Oklaĥoma) – they're a great team. We're going in fighting for

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Tim Duncan watches the final seconds against the Phoenix Suns during the fourth quarter of Game 3 of an NBA first round playoff basketball series Friday

nix built double-digit lead in the and allow the Spurs to rally. Not Sunday. The Suns controlled the game end-to-end. And considering their double-overtime loss in the opener, the Suns don't feel of the series.

"In our minds, we feel the

"If we play as well as we did

D'Antoni said. "We'll see. It will always be an open possibility. Boris will start and we'll see Diaw started on Sunday and

it seemed to work just fine. He from the field for 18 points. The points, grabbed 10 rebounds

Are these Suns the ones? This series was billed as the first-round matchup to watch, with plenty of predictions that it would run the full seven games.



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Tennis to play host to first two rounds of Nationals

By Justin Baer Sports writer

The men's and women's NCAA Tennis Tournament brackets were revealed Tuesday afternoon on ESPNEWS, and like Baylor basketball this season, both the Bears and Lady Bears were engraved into the field of 64.

Coming fresh off of Big 12 Tournament Titles, the Bears and Lady Bears each earned top-10 rankings in their respective brackets as well as the privilege of hosting the first two rounds of the tournament.

The Lady Bears (28-2), who have been ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation this year, clinched the fifth overall seed in the tournament. Meanwhile the Bears (22-8) took the ninth overall seed.

The tournament will begin Friday, May 9, and run through the weekend. Both the men's and women's teams will play host to Oral Roberts University.

Just over a month ago, the Bears dropped three consecutive matches on a road trip to Southern California. The Bears dipped to No. 18 in the nation, and appeared to spiral toward a disastrous downfall. Instead, head coach Matt Knoll's squad bounced back from the disappointing three-game stretch and

have won 12 of its last 13 out-

Now the 2004 National Champions are in the driver's seat with the acceleration on full throttle heading into the

"We're playing our best tennis of the year right now," said Knoll, who has composed a 283-69 (.804) record over his 12-year career at Baylor. "It's a great time to be that way. The timing is perfect for us. We're excited to get into play and see just how good we can be."

But out of all the recent success that has piled up on the Bears' resume, Baylor's had to overcome the nagging injury bug for the past few weeks, most namely No. 1 overall seed and senior Lars Poerschke.

Poerschke sprained his right ankle Feb. 27 against Ohio State University and re-aggravated it this past weekend in College Station at the Big 12 Tourna-

Poerschke was unable to compete in the championship game against the University of Texas, but the Bears still managed to upset the No. 7 Long-

"Doctors tell us he is going to be serving in a week," Knoll said. "If that's true then we are going to be just fine. The good news is he can run, so it's not

like he will get out of shape or anything.

There have been few blemishes for the Lady Bears this season. Baylor is in the midst of a nine-game winning streak, with its last loss coming March 26 at the hands of Northwestern University, the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament.

The Lady Bears' only other loss came against Stanford University, the No. 4 overall seed in the tournament on Feb. 7. That being said, it was a bit of a surprise for Lady Bears fans that the squad earned a No. 5 ranking, especially since Baylor was ranked No. 3 in the nation before its Big 12 Tournament

"It doesn't matter," sophomore Lenka Broosova said. "Oui goal is to win the whole thing. It we want to go all the way, we are going to have to beat everyone anyways.

The Lady Bears breezed through conference play led by Big 12 Player of the Year, senior Zuzana Žemenova. And, as head coach Joey Scrivano said if there was ever a Baylor team as prepared to make a deep run into the tournament, it's this group of players.

"You want to peak at May," Scrivano said. "Fortunately our team has come together nicely and we are ready to go.

Larry Brown to coach Jordan-led Bobcats

By Mike Cranston The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Larry Brown wanted to resurrect his vagabond, Hall of Fame coaching career. Michael Jordan needed a veteran teacher and a big hire to rescue his sinking reputation as an NBA executive.

The two former North Carolina players teamed up Tuesday when Jordan introduced Brown as coach of the Charlotte Bobcats - his ninth NBA coaching job. Brown agreed to a four-year contract, returning to the state where his nomadic coaching

"How are you going to say no to Michael?" Brown said. "I've known him a long time. The things he stands for have made our game better. There's no way I could say no to him. It was a pretty easy decision once my wife said yes."

The 67-year-old Brown replaces Sam Vincent, whom Jordan hired last year despite no NBA head coaching experience. Vincent, who was fired Saturday, struggled to find consistent rotations and clashed with players in a 32-50 season.

Brown's nine NBA teams are three more than any other coach Kevin Loughery and Lenny Wilkens each coached six.

"I think I've coached almost everybody in the NBA, but I'm going to challenge everybody to do their best," Brown said. "That's what Michael is about and that's what I'm about."

The Bobcats are in their fourth year, and Brown gives the struggling franchise instant credibility. He's one of only five NBA coaches with more than 1,000 wins and the only coach to lead teams to NBA and NCAA

"I don't want to put too much pressure on Larry," Jordan said. But I think this is the atmosphere he enjoys."

But Brown hasn't lasted anywhere long, and has had some ugly divorces. His last coaching job was the disastrous 2005-06 season in New York, when the Knicks went 23-59 and Brown clashed with management.

His dismissal was followed by a long dispute over how much money he was owed for the rest of his contract. A deal eventually was struck and Brown became an executive vice president with the Philadelphia 76ers, but Brown yearned to return to the

"I was a bad coach. I did a bad job. I learned from that," Brown said, referring to his time with the Knicks. "But being out of it in the last few years, even ing a game. He then went on to

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though I had a title in Philly ... I just missed being around the game. I love it. I want to be a part

Jordan said he contacted Brown before hiring Vincent last spring, but Brown said he wasn't ready to return. He changed his mind late this season, quitting his job in Philadelphia after being interviewed for the Stanford opening.

Shortly after the Bobcats fired Vincent on Saturday, Jordan called Brown again. The Bobcats job was more appealing and did not entail a cross-country move from Philadelphia. Brown's mother lives in Charlotte and he has other relatives there.

"I'm from California, but we just moved in September," said Brown's wife, Shelly. "Selfishly, I would not be ready to up and move to another coast. I think here Larry is surrounded by a lot of great guys with the same value system, same character. And they all want to win."

Brown was a point guard at North Carolina under Dean Smith, decades before Jordan led the school to a national title under the same coach. Brown's coaching career took root in this state. He was hired to coach Davidson, only to resign a month later without a coachcoach the ABA's Carolina Cou-

While Brown took UCLA to the Final Four and won an NCAA title with Kansas, most of his experience has been in the NBA. Brown improved teams in Denver, San Antonio, Indiana and Philadelphia and won an NBA title with the Detroit Pis-

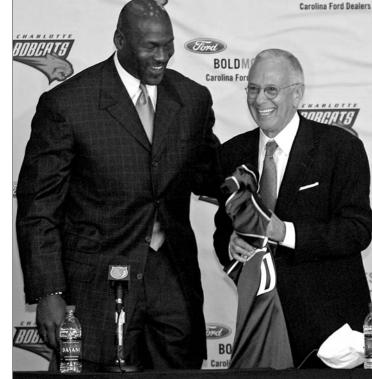
tons in 2004. 'I'm very excited, of course," Bobcats point guard and former Tar Heel Raymond Felton said. "Carolina guy. He loves his point guards, for one. And on top of that he's a great coach. He's going to come in every day and he's going to try to get us better. I'm definitely looking

forward to this experience." Brown, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002, will now try to get the Jason Richardson-led Bobcats into the playoffs and help Jordan taste success for the first time in two stints running NBA teams.

While Jordan won six NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls, he's made several questionable moves in the front office.

Vincent's ouster marked the second time a coach Jordan hired lasted only one season. Leonard Hamilton resigned after going 19-63 with the Washington Wizards in 2000-01.

Jordan was fired by the Wiz-



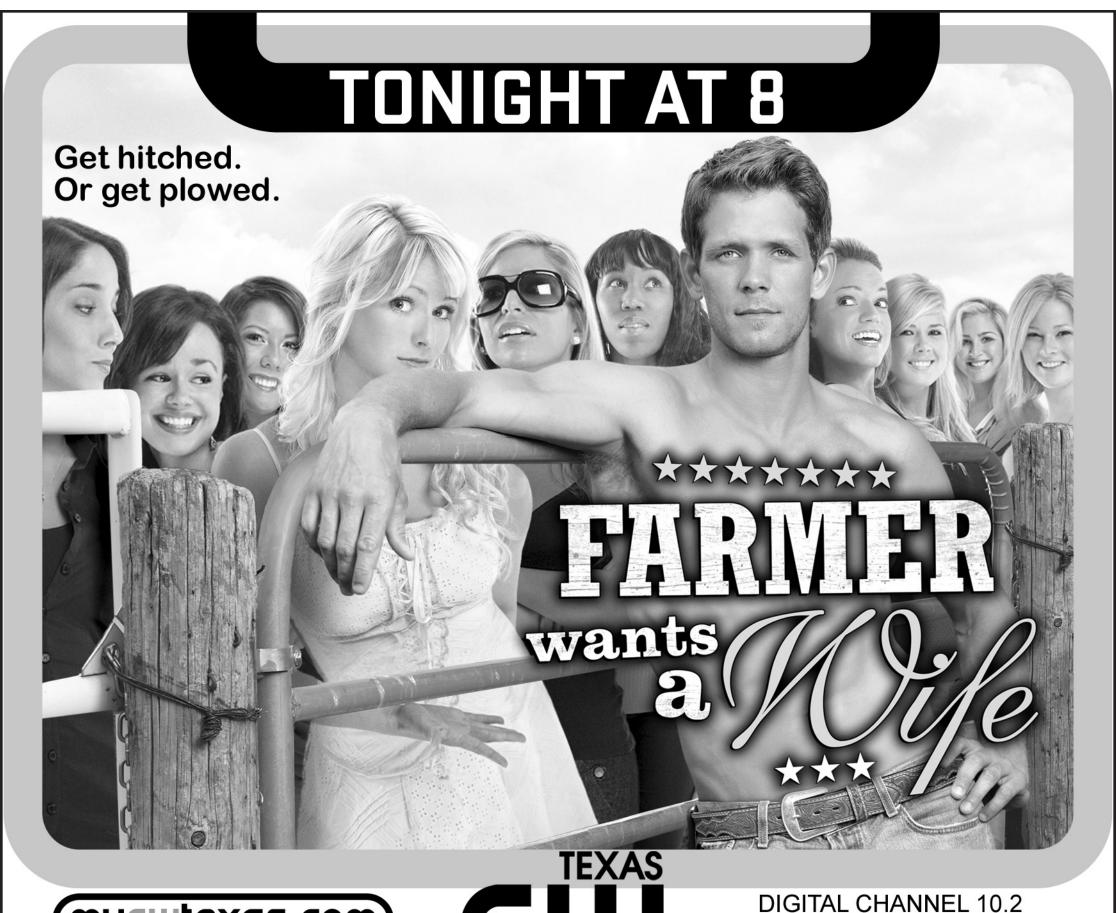
Michael Jordan, manager of basketball operations for the Charlotte Bobcats basketball team, gives a jersey to new head coach Larry Brown during a news conference on Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C.

ards. He bought a minority stake in the Bobcats in 2006 and took over the decisionmaking from Bernie Bickerstaff. When Bickerstaff moved to the front office after three seasons on the bench, Jordan replaced him with Vincent.

"I told Michael, 'I'm not com-

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ing here unless I know you're fully committed," Brown said. "He told me that last year and he told me it again. You know how competitive he is. He wants to win. I can get to him at anytime, and he's surrounded himself with people that I really respect



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Local band uses song to pay tribute to Waco tornado

By Lori Cotton

55 years ago, an F5 tornado ripped through the heart of Waco, taking 114 lives and destroying close to 200 businesses and factories.

It remains the deadliest tornado is

On May 10, the Shane Howard Band

will release a song called "1953" that documents the tragic events of that Riesel resident Shane Howard wrote

the song to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Waco tornado.

His grandmother, who recently passed away at 94 years old, was downtown when the tornado hit.

"She was part of the reason why I wrote this song," said Howard. "Lots of people knew the tornado happened, but they didn't know a lot about it."

The song will be accompanied by a music video that shows actual footage of the wreckage from the tornado.

Some of the footage for the video was obtained by chance. The father of Trey Concilio, one of the video's producers, came across a few old reels of 8mm film at a garage sale.

On the reels he found shots of Waco that were filmed the day after the tor-

The other video footage was released to Howard from the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

In the song, Howard also embedded clips from a radio broadcast that aired the day after the disaster. He said he wanted to add part of the

broadcast because it will "hit home for a lot of people.'

Howard said finding firsthand information for the song was not hard.

"Every time I told someone I was writing the song, it seemed like they knew or knew of someone who was there." he said.

One of these survivors was Homer

Jones was a teenager at the time and



The Shane Howard Band wrote a song, "1953," in tribute to the tragic Waco tornado and will premiere a music video for the song just before the tornados' 55th anniversary on May 11.

said he remembers the storm well. "I think this is a good way to bring it back to the surface," he said. Howard hopes that the song will make people aware of the devastation caused by the tornado.

Many Baylor students move to Waco with no prior knowledge of the storm.

Wichita Falls junior Quang Vo said, "I've lived in Waco for the last three years and I've never really heard anyone talk much about the tornado or the destruction it caused."

But with Howard's song and the accounts from survivor's he met, he said he hopes to honor the Wacoans who lost their lives or were injured in

Along with the 114 lives claimed by the Waco Tornado, it also injured 597

It is the tenth-deadliest tornado recorded in United States history.

The storm caused Waco's population to see a severe decrease in overall population and growth.

The video is set to premiere May 10, the day before the 55th anniversary of the tornado at the Dr. Pepper Museum in downtown Waco.

'Hard Candy' filled with sweet sounds

By Amanda Robison Entertainment editor

There are a few things about Madonna that are undeniable: she's a pop icon, she looks incredible for her age and she knows how to get people out of their seats and onto the dance-

That said, the icon's Tuesday release, Hard Candy, shouldn't surprise many people.

It is one hot dance track after another, all packed neatly together with a bevy of "superproducers" and superstar collaborators that include Timabaland, Pharrell Williams, Justin Timberlake and Kanye West.

Needless to say, the album is pop production at its finest, with strong hip hop beats commingled with glowing dance

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The first track, "Candy Shop," may sound sweet, but it definitely wasn't the strongest pick for a jump-off track.

It picks up though with "4 Minutes," which just became only the second single ever to exceed 1 million in digital sales in only five weeks.

But a hit is almost guaranteed with a track that features a collaboration between Madonna, Justin Timberlake and Timbal-

The entire album maintains a high energy with consistently upbeat tracks like the peppy "Ĝive It 2 Me" and then "Heartbeat," which brings a low beat and synthesizer blips that reverberate through the speakers over a sweet hook. "Miles Away" takes a differ-

ent approach for a dance track, with a dominant acoustic guitar, a shifting high beat and lessprocessed vocals. The song starts simply then

works its way into catchy, even with paired-down production.

Madonna flaunts her features, which she claims were stolen by another woman on "She's Not Me." A clapping beat pumps this disco track along as she quips, "She's not me and she never will be," and moves into a full-on repetitive dance trance

"Incredible" comes next and offers a decent beat, but is lacking in the lyrics department.

And although there's no

Stand-Out Tracks:

"Beat Goes On," "Miles Away" & "Devil Wouldn't Recognize You"

Sonny and Cher, disco dance returns for "Beat Goes On."

The track displays excellent production, with cascading bells falling over a deep bass and high harmonies leading into an appearance from Kanye West that solidifies this track as a stand-out on Hard Candy. And in case you forgot who

you were listening to, on "Dance 2night" Justin Timberlake is there to remind you - "it's Madonna" - and she wants you to dance. The two provide a decent duet for this upbeat dance number. Spanish Lesson" shows off a little Spanish guitar that

sounds oddly similar to another JT track, "Like I Love You," as Madonna throws in some Spanish lingo. As Hard Candy winds down, the mood moves to a darker tone from the peppy pop dance

beginning of the album. Ethereal keyboards lead into a driving synth background on "Devil Wouldn't Recognize You,' as Madonna's devious vocals

tracks that appeared at the

provide a killer chorus that flows with the chilling effect of a hot dance track on ice.

The dark mood culminates on the last track, "Voices," with intriguing harmonies and an equally intriguimg subject matter about "voices ringing in your head." Madonna asks "Who is the master and who is the slave?" as the song intensifies to end with a symphony of low strings and an ominous-sounding bell toll marking the conclusion of Hard Candy.

The latter portion of the album displays a much different style than reflected on the rest of the dance-dominated tracks. But dance domination is

Madonna's clear forté, as shown successfully on the majority of the album's tracks. The combination of a big beat

presence, consistently strong hooks and dominant dance synth makes Hard Candy's hitfactor hard to deny.

The few missteps can be overlooked due to a strong showing on the majority of the dance tracks and a definite upgrade for the material girl since Confessions on a Dance Floor.

If dance is your desire, Hard Candy will definitely satisfy, as Madonna's production collaborations prove fruitful and provide an album packed full of potential dancefloor staples.

Grade: B+

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Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Spears reprises role on How I Met Your Mother'

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Britney Spears, who proved she's worth a cool million viewers to How I Met Your Mother, is paying another visit to the CBS sitcom. Spears will reprise her role as bubbly secretary Abby in the Mav episode, CBS said Monday.

"We're all so thrilled to have Britney joining us once again," series executive producer and co-creator Craig Thomas said in a statement. "And just to head it off at the pass this time around: Yes, Mom, Britney's very nice and no, I can't get her autograph for you," Thomas said.

Spears' appearance in the March 24 episode won her good reviews and boosted the show's viewership to 10.6 million view-

ers, in comparison to the 9.6 million who had tuned in the previous week. When last seen, Abby was flirting with womanizer Barney (cast member Neil Patrick Harris). The new episode, which

began production Monday, has Abby and Barney sharing their mutual dislike of Ted (cast member Josh Radnor) and acting on

How I Met Your Mother stars Harris, Radnor, Cobie Smulders, Alyson Hannigan and Jason Segel ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall") as an urban family of 20-something New Yorkers.

The pop star's camp originally approached the show about taking part, executive producer Carter Bays told The Associated Press earlier this month.



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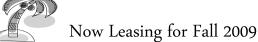
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Katie Couric's ratings still sinking on CBS

By David Bauder The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The CBS Evening News audience has taken a noticeable dip ever since the latest round of speculation over Katie Couric's job.

The broadcast averaged 5.34 million viewers last week, breaking a record low for CBS News' flagship show that had been set the week before, according to Nielsen Media Research. The CBS Evening News - No.

3 in a three-way competition had nearly 2.5 million fewer viewers than No. 2. NBC's Nightly News led with 8.02 million viewers last week

(5.5 rating, 12 share), with ABC's World News averaging 7.79 million (5.4, 12). CBS had a 3.7 rating and 8 share. Top CBS brass went to the

newsroom April 18 to offer Cou-

ric support following a round of

news stories questioning how

long she'll stay as anchor.

They promised she'd be on the job at least through the presidential election, but have indicated her status will be reevaluated then if ratings don't improve.

In prime time, the start of the May ratings "sweeps" led to a spirited competition among CBS, Fox and ABC.

Even with writers back at the scripted series, the talent contests American Idol and Dancing With the Stars took up the top four spots in the ratings.

CBS scored with its deep lineup of procedural dramas, ABC with its prime-time soaps and Fox with you-know-what. Besides American Idol, the only Fox programs among the 30 most-watched shows were (No. 19) Hell's Kitchen and (No. 30) Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grad-

Among the few NBC highlights was Law & Order, which

had its best ratings since the season premiere for an episode marking Jesse L. Martin's farewell appearance.

For the week, CBS led with 9.24 million viewers (6.0 rating, 10 share).

Fox had 9.16 million (5.6, 9), ABC 9.08 million (5.9, 10), NBC 7 million (4.6, 8), the CW 2.6 million (1.7, 3), My Network TV 1.3 million (0.9, 1) and ION Television 440,000 (0.3, 1).

Fox won for the 16th consecutive week among the 18-to-49year-old age group advertisers Among the Spanish-language

networks, Univision led with 3.6 million viewers (1.9 rating, 3 share), Telemundo had 1.1 million (0.6, 1), TeleFutura 580,000 (0.3, 1) and Azteca 130,000 (0.1,

A ratings point represents 1,128,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 112.8 million TV homes.



CBS news anchor Katie Couric, shown here in 2007 in New York, has experienced a drop in ratings while anchoring the Evening News.

The share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

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Reverend Wright for 20 years," Obama said. "The person I saw yesterday was not the person that I met 20 years ago."

The Illinois senator said of

Wright's statements Monday: "All it was was a bunch of rants that aren't grounded in truth."

"Obviously, whatever relationship I had with Reverend Wright has changed," Obama said. "I don't think he showed much concern for me, more importantly I don't think he showed much concern for what we're trying to do in this campaign."

Obama said he heard that Wright had given "a performance" and when he watched news accounts, he realized that it more than just a case of the for-

mer pastor defending himself.

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"His comments were not only divisive and destructive, I believe they end up giving comfort to those who prey on hate," Obama said. "I'll be honest with you, I hadn't seen it" when reacting initially on Monday, he said.

Wright had asserted that criticism of his fiery sermons was an attack on the black church. Obama rejected that notion.

"He has done great damage, I do not see that relationship being the same," said Obama.

Wright recently retired from

the church. He became an issue in Obama's presidential bid when videos circulated of Wright condemning the U.S. government for allegedly racist and genocidal acts. In the videos, some several years old, Wright called on God to "damn America."

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union in 2002. He said his overall goal was to leave Baylor better than when he came.

Since that time, he has initiated improvements to the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"We've done a lot to restore it to the center living room kind of status for students," Wade said. "Initially the big goal was to bring the Union back to a place of rel-

Changes Wade incorporated have included new paint, furniture, big screen televisions and a stage for performances.

As director of student activities, Wade has been able to work with student organizations as well.

Some of his goals included working with organizations as a resource to help students make their dreams a reality on campus, he said.

"He's an amazing advocate for our students' needs and for our needs as a staff," Klinger said. Wade works specifically as an

adviser for Baylor Chamber of Commerce.

Broken Arrow senior and chamberman Andrew Morris has worked with Wade through Chamber and through an internship in student activities.

"He's more than just an adviser

or boss," Morris said. "I can really say he's my friend."

Houston senior and Chamber president Andy Adams said he's learned about leadership and serving a family from working with Wade.

Relationships are what Wade said he would miss the most about Baylor.

"Highlights are honestly more focused around people than events," he said.

His influence has reached across campus through his relationships with student leaders and their connection to students.

""We've been able to equip them with some tools," Wade said. "Baylor has 83 percent of students involved in at least one student organization. We really have a chance in this department to reach a majority of the student body."

Defining and shaping what community life looks like for Baylor students has been the most enjoyable aspect of Wade's job, he said.

While he said his undergraduate years were great, "if I had known about Baylor I would have applied here in a heartbeat."

Wade said his new position will be a challenge, but he thinks his work in Student Life will go hand in hand with his new job of developing the Christian college in New York.

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cal Center in Dallas. "It's simple physics: more light is transmitted."

Brown said that women increase light penetration to the lip surface by applying something clear and shiny, like lip gloss.

"The bottom line is – use a lip sunblock," Brown said.

Furthermore, Brown recommended using a lip sunblock containing an SPF of 30.

Those who wear lip gloss may still to do so only after applying a sun block to the lips. Chapstick Ultra and Blistex Clear Advance lip balm are two products that offer sun protection of that strength.

The Cancer Council Australia, a company that offers sun-care cosmetics, has also produced a lip gloss containing SPF 30. The ingredient found in lip protection is titanium dioxide, which acts as a physical sunblock.

Symptoms of skin cancer on the lip may include any change of color on the lip surface or a persistent peeling or flaking of a spot on the lip. If these occur, contact your dermatologist.

According to the American

Cancer Society, the degree of risk for any skin cancer depends on the amount of UV exposure, the intensity of the light, and the length of time that the skin was exposed.

The American Cancer Society also states that most of the close to 1 million cases of non-melanoma skin cancer, a cancer that develops in cells located on the outer layer of the skin, diagnosed yearly in the United States are considered to be sun-related.

Most of those who wear shiny lip-gloss are unaware of the link between shiny lip gloss and an increased risk of attaining skin cancer. However, it is not uncommon for lip gloss wearers to apply products such as Chapstick before putting on lip-gloss.

Houston senior Randi Cleary said she was unaware that shiny lip gloss increases the risk of getting skin cancer. However, Cleary regularly applies lip balm containing an SPF of 15.

"Now, I'll definitely remember to always put on Chapstick," she said.

Houston junior Heather Sheppard said she has used lip gloss and lip balm containing sunblock.

"I alternate between whichever one I have," she said.

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"I think people are painfully aware of the need and demand for power and, at the same time, the desire for clean air," DuPuy said. "It takes a great deal of savvy to make sure that our practices are as environmentally responsible as possible. The next major challenge for our country and the world will be how to do clean water."

Bell lists faith as a major strategy for preparing for the election. She said she barely had \$10 to spend for her campaign, but will be praying for a favorable outcome.

"I'm running for mayor because I love Waco and I don't

think it's where it could be," Bell said. "I think Mayor DuPuy is top dollar – she is wonderful but we need a change."

Riggs was first elected to the council in 2000, and cites his experience with working on the council and being an accountant as qualifications that make him most suitable for the position of chair for District 3. Riggs said his efforts to increase the number of city police officers, re-establish a traffic division and establish "no smoking" ordinances in restaurants as examples of his leadership initiatives. Riggs believes that in order to stimulate the economy and encourage a growing business market, the city's tax base must be increased.

"Waco's primary revenue is based on property and sales taxes. To increase that tax base means we have to increase the number of properties on which we pay tax and to increase the purchasing of goods on which we pay sales tax," Riggs wrote in an editorial to the Waco Tribune-Herald. "To me, this is the obvious choice. If the tax base is not expanded, the burden will be the responsibility of all existing citizens and property owners. This is why our city must choose to grow.

Franklin contends with Riggs, on the platform that rapid growth is primarily harmful to a city because it taxes the citizens and pays developers from outside the city.

Franklin said that while urban growth in itself is inevitable, the best type of growth for Waco is gradual growth. Franklin called for the focus to be on an improvement of neighborhoods instead.

"Randy is at the forefront of the idea that supports that we should grow as fast as possible, with the justification that it will eventually create new jobs," Franklin said. "They are paying millions to a Houston developer rather than bringing in a local developer and helping people who are already here. I would tell voters that the crucial thing to think about would be whether they want to settle for natural growth or give away tax dollars to speed up growth."

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Chronic stress, such as that which occurs over several weeks, affects the body's immune system negatively, according to the National Institutes of Health Web

Many stress hormones are pumped through the brain , which tell the immune system to stop fighting, and the risk of infection increases.

By not managing stress, a student may not only feel overwhelmed and unprepared, but he or she may approach an exam Scantron card accompanied by a wad of tissues and cold medi-

Students can look to Moody Memorial Library to help accommodate study schedules of any kind, as the library is extending its hours starting May 6, to remain open from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 a m

Bobo Baptist Student Center, however, in a break from the usual finals routine, will not be holding special events this year, said Cliff Mauser, director of Baptist Student Ministries.

"We usually do every year, but Bobo's being remodeled," he said.

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