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# Faculty Senate rallies against racial acts

#### By Ashley Corinne Killough Staff writer

In response to racially-ignited tensions on campus, the Faculty Senate drew up a statement of disapproval Tuesday in it's meeting, speaking out against the incidents and attitudes that took place on Election Day. Baylor received national attention after a rope tied in the shape of a noose was found on campus, followed by heated arguments laced with racial slurs outside Penland Hall after the calling of Barack Obama's election. It was earlier reported that Obama-Biden signs also were found burning in a bar-

beque pit near Brooks Flats.

Interim President David Garland said in a statement Friday that investigators have since learned the objects set on fire were empty computer boxes. Faculty Senate's statement

reads: "Faculty Senate statement demns any actions and words which express racial prejudice. Such expressions are contrary to fundamental values of Baylor University and are destructive of the spirit and goals of an institution of higher education. The Senate commends actions taken by Interim President David Garland to deal promptly with such expressions."

Dr. Georgia Green, chair of

Faculty Senate, said she was shocked and embarrassed by the events that occurred.

"We were absolutely abhorred by the fact that that happened, and we wanted to go on record in the strongest way possible of saying that." Senate member Matthew Cor-

r of don, professor of law, said he was

satisfied with how the administrators handled the situation, saying they acted with a quick and appropriate response.

"I think it's a big concern on everyone's mind," Cordon said. "The motion passed tonight condemned those actions and

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# Racial dialogue topic of weekly 'frank' chat

#### By Molly MacEwan Reporter

Frankly Speaking, a weekly meeting held Tuesday by the Department of Multicultural Activities, focused on the Nov. 4 racial incidents.

The goal of the weekly discussions is to offer a safe environment for participants to feel comfortable expressing their opinions and beliefs. As an opportunity to connect students, faculty, and staff, the program seeks to be a learning experience for all involved, according to the department's Web site.

"These discussions are really thought-provoking," Katy sophomore Eddie Seto said. "People add different perspectives and it's interesting when faculty and staff add their opinions. The meetings address topics Baylor sets aside."

The discussion lasted an hour, but students were welcome to continue discussion either in the room or in the staff members' offices, said Julie Smith, a graduate assistant who works with Frankly Speaking.

During the Tuesday meeting, faculty and staff members were present to contribute to the dialogue and listen to students' concerns.

"I thought it was really nice," Houston freshman Stanley Staton said. "Everyone got their message out and it was great that administration was there. Hopefully they can relay some of the messages."

Houston junior Chrystal Buckner said she attended

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Frankly Speaking, held by the department of multicultural activities, provided an open forum for all students to have dialogue regarding the racial incidents that occurred last week on election night.

## Efforts

# Waco police seize 750 pounds of marijuana in Waco

# made to help home loans

By Alan Zibel The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The government and the mortgage industry are launching the most sweeping effort yet to help troubled homeowners by speeding up the process for renegotiating hundreds of thousands of delinquent loans held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, which seized control of the two mortgage finance companies in September, announced the plan Tuesday along with other government and industry officials, including Hope Now, an alliance of mortgage companies organized by the Bush administration last year.

"Foreclosures hurt families, their neighbors, whole communities and the overall housing market," said James Lockhart, the housing finance agency's director. "We need to stop this downward spiral."

The plan could have tremendous importance because Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac own or guarantee nearly 31 million U.S. mortgages, or nearly six of every 10 outstanding. Still,

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Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

## Red, white and baby blue

Shelsea Gonzales, 1, attended her first Veteran's Day parade Tuesday morning in Waco. The parade started on 14th Street and Austin Avenue and ended on Fourth Street and Austin Avenue. The parade featured appearances by Doc Anderson and Chet Edwards as well as a local high school bands.

#### Jade Ortego Staff Writer

The Drug Enforcement Administration seized 750 pounds of marijuana, valued at about \$500,000.

Police arrested three men Friday during a raid of a home in Waco.

Local drug enforcement agents, Waco police and the McLennan County Sheriff's Department organized the raid on the Chappel Hill Road home.

Agents also seized a Hummer H2 truck, a Dodge Charger, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, two handguns, a semiautomatic assault pistol, \$1,800 in cash and about an ounce of cocaine, said Steven Robertson, supervisory special agent for the Waco D.E.A.

Officers found 500 pounds of marijuana packaged in one - and 2-pound bricks, and another 200 pounds concealed in masonry bricks inside a garage.

Authorities are calling the seizure one of the largest in McLennan County history, according to reporting by the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Inside the home, officers found more marijuana, scales and drug ledgers, Robertson said.

The raid yielded the arrests of Javier Vences Sr., Javier Vences Jr. and Juan Morales.

They are being held without

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## Doc Anderson works to outlaw salvia on Dr. Phil

#### By Chad Shanks Staff Writer

Waco's State Representative Charles "Doc" Anderson appeared on yesterday's Dr. Phil episode on risky teen behavior to share his expertise on salvia, a popular hallucinogenic drug.

On the show, Anderson told of his efforts to criminalize salvia in Texas, while helping warn a mother who provides the drug to her teenage son of the consequences usage can have on developing adolescents.

"I hope my appearance on

the Dr. Phil show will help to educate people on the dangers of salvia and the nationwide exposure will help lend more credibility to our testimony," Anderson said.

Anderson filed legislation Monday to make possession of salvia a Class A Misdemeanor in Texas. He hopes the bill will survive the legislative process and be signed into law by mid 2009.

Salvia divinorum is a naturally occurring herb with leaves containing Salvinorin-A, a compound that, when extracted and concentrated, produces hallucinogenic effects comparable to LSD. It can be smoked or liquefied, with drops placed in a drink or on a cigarette. It is currently legal in Texas, but has been outlawed in 12 states and 11 countries.

Videos have flooded You-Tube featuring teenagers smoking salvia and bursting into uncontrollable fits of laughter, having violent convulsions or simply passing out in a hallucinogenic daze. Salvia related Web sites recommend that users have a "trip sitter" or

"sober sitter" with them to prevent any self-inflicted harm.

Anderson warns that while the effects seem funny and harmless, salvia can cause serious injury to brain tissue.

"It's the fastest known drug to affect the brain, 10 times faster than cocaine. You can permanently injure your thought process and alter your moods just by taking one hit. It heightens imaginary senses and diminishes natural protective instances, like a your sense of pain. A person could break their arm while on salvia and not realize it," Anderson said.

In 2006, Delaware passed Brett's Law, a law banning salvia after 17-year-old Brett Chidester killed himself while high on salvia.

"You have kids think they can fly and jumping out of windows. That's a public safety concern to me," Delaware Senator Karen Peterson said in a 2006 CNN report.

"Doc<sup>\*</sup> Anderson started his fight against salvia after he saw its effects on his community.

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Editorial

# A generations influence can be felt through votes

Young voters command attention after turning out in near record numbers during last Tuesday's presidential election. The elusive group, ages 18 to 29, have squelched any doubt of their generation's influence on general elections.

Now that this group, also known, as millennials and Generation Y, have proven that they can make a difference, they should continue to approach future elections and social, economical and political issues with the same enthusiasm and vigor.

At an increase of at least 2.2 million since the 2004 election, an estimated 24 million people under the age of 30 voted in this election and voted in a 2-to-1 margin for Barack Obama over John McCain, reports the San Jose Mercury News. Though more of this age group voted in this election than in past elections, with only 1 percentage point below the all time record high in 1972 according CIRCLE, a group tracking youth voting, the number could be higher.

After all, critical issues,

such as the economy, Iraq, the national debt and health care will confront this age group, as they will be the generation most effected by these issues - and they're starting to realize it. It's about time.

By casting ballots, young Americans were able to make their voice heard loud and clear in this election. This group, which politicians tend to overlook because of their unreliable voting record, have shown that they are, indeed, very alert to what's going on in the country and to what could possibly affect them. They will turn out and can make an impact when issues speak personally to them; this is what politicians and people in power need to know.

If presidential candidates, as President-elect Obama have successfully done, can show to these voters that the issues that they care about will be considered and are of importance, then they'll see, like in this election, a greater interest and turnout from youth voters.

It all makes sense because people under the age of 30 are



at a time in their life where they historically have been known to be politically and socially active. They're passionate, idealistic and willing to stand up for their beliefs and values. Just think back to the Vietnam War protests or the Civil Rights Movement – both were driven by numbers of college-age students

Generation Y has shown its ability to be mobilized; all it took was a candidate who was aware

The Obama camp ran a successful campaign and was able to garner 66 percent of the

youth vote, according to CNN. By utilizing popular social networking sites, such as Facebook and MySpace, along with making rounds at college campuses, Obama's message of change resonated and empowered a fresh-face generation to believe in their ability to change not only the state of America but the world.

According to the Mercury News, it was the young voters who set the tone for this election, with turnout surpassing the 65 and older age group for the first time in 20 years.

An analysis from the Pew

Research Center for the People & the Press reported, "Without a doubt, the overwhelming backing of younger voters was a critical factor in Obama's victory.

Not only should politicians take this generation seriously, young American voters need to be aware of their own influence. No one person can create great change by a single vote, but there's great power in numbers.

So continue to vote and exercise you right and be heard, because with all that's at stake in today's world, you can't afford not to.

## sports take Expect a **Baylor** win

When I was a senior in high school, the Baylor Bears upset the then-ranked No. 16 Texas A&M Aggies 35-34 in overtime. Now I'm a senior in college, and for the first time since I've been at Baylor I really expect the Bears to win when they play the Aggies at Floyd Casey Stadium on Saturday.

I take it back.

I don't expect a win. I expect a slaughter.

This is hardly the Aggie team of yesteryear. This year's team out of College Station is downright horrible. The only Big 12 team with worse total offense is Colorado, who they beat by a touchdown, and the only Big 12 team with worse total defense is Kansas State, who posted a 44-30 win over the Aggies. The fact that both of those games were played at home in Kyle Field shows how far the team has fallen.

off, right? From the looks of things, he's taken the whole year off. A&M is 2-5 at home this year. Both wins were by a margin of one touchdown or less (to Army and Colo-

rado nonetheless), and the losses include an 18-14 Arkansas State University defeat to start their season.

At 2-1, their road record is actually a little better, but those wins came against New Mexico and the only Big 12 team worse than the A&M, Iowa State. Like most everybody this year, they lost to Oklahoma State in Stillwater.

just the opposite course this year. While

the Aggies have one more conference win than the Bears do, Baylor has played a much harder schedule and played better against those teams than A&M could hoped to have done, and certainly better than last year's Baylor squad.

Three-point losses to the University of Connecticut on the road and No. 12 University of Missouri at home illustrate how far Baylor has come already. Even the games against No. 4 Texas and No. 5 Oklahoma had moments when it looked like the Bears could have a chance, and had the Nebraska game been played in Waco I would say that the Bears should have won. At any rate, Baylor's body of work is far more impressive than A&M, who they lead in almost every statistical category

After the Longhorns knocked the Bears out of bowl contention last week in Austin, junior linebacker Joe Pawelek said that the team knew that the season was by no means over, that Baylor still has two games left and that they would go out and play A&M for what it's worth.

Well, most students who were at Baylor the last time the Bears beat the Aggies have graduated. An occasional celebratory T-shirt with the final score of the 2004 game worn by a fifth-year senior around campus and a mural in the Bill Daniels Student Center of students rushing the field serve as reminders of the game, but the three seasons following that win have not been kind to fans of Baylor football.

A bowl game is now out of the question, but speaking as a senior who's endured many a year of listening to Aggies gloat after beating the Bears, a win against A&M would be nice. But as bad as the Aggies are this year and with as much as Baylor has turned itself around, I'm looking for payback in a big way. I don't just want a win. I want a scorching.

This is the year the Bears can do it. I just hope the team isn't offended by me not rushing the field if they win. I just think we should save the goal posts for when we beat a good team, and I don't want to give the Aggies the satisfaction of thinking I'm excited about beating them. After all, I'm expecting it.

Joe Holloway is a senior journalism major from Marshall and is a sports writer for The Baylor Lariat.

Maybe the 12th man took those days

BY JOE HOLLOWAY

Baylor, on the other hand, has taken



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## etters to the editor.

#### Atmosphere of hypocrisy at Baylor

As an alumnus of Baylor University, and a supporter of President-Elect Barack Obama, I was horrified to hear about the "noose incident" on campus last Tuesday. I have spent some time reading articles, comments and blogs about the situation, and I am saddened by the university's lack of action.

Baylor is a small school. There are plenty of people on campus who know the person or persons responsible for this act of hate and racism. If no one is coming forward to report what they know, they are just as guilty. I wholeheartedly blame the university and its so-called "Christian" leaders for fostering an atmosphere of hypocrisy, hate and ignorance.

Tif fany Hornack Maloney '97

#### Excuses for ignorance have run out

Regarding the racist student response toward President-Elect Obama's historical victory last week, I am disappointed to see that even at institutions of higher learning and (hopefully) free thinking, we have people who are unwilling to accept someone because they, themselves, continue to believe in the inferiority of certain ethnic groups.

I have to say that it is surprising that our peers would go this far. However, this issue of prejudice and racism isn't new to Baylor. I've been here for three and a half years now, and I can truthfully say I have seen progress at our school through some wonderful professors, faculty and hard-working students.

But to tell you the truth, all this fear and confusion post-Election Day is your walk in the day of an ethnic, religious or any other type of minority both here at Baylor and in our society.

While here at Baylor, I've seen the hate here lead to harsh prejudice, stereotyping and even physical violence. Looking back at my three-and-a-half years, I remember the treatment of Hispanic students and staff during the immigration rallies. I remember seeing Soulforce being lead off the Baylor campus in handcuffs and the discrimination and an attitude of dismissal towards gay and lesbian students, professors and alumni. I remember being

at a candlelight vigil for one of our Muslim students when she was horribly attacked and beaten outside of Draper because she was different. I remember the black-face paint at a "ghetto-fabulous" theme white party. I remember friends being asked to leave Baylor and discontinue their dreams because they became pregnant.

No, this is not a new thing. The students this time just reached a new low. The question shouldn't be "How could this happen?" and we shouldn't say hate doesn't exist here with the exception for one or two invisible students.

Too many of us have seen the other reality. We should ask ourselves how we can become the university that we advertise and dream of -a university where no one is denied, kicked out or discriminated because he or she chooses to exercise the gift of freedom in the United States. Maybe President-Elect Obama and the people who voted for him have shown us that change is possible not only in Washington D.C., but in every school and city in our coun-

I hope we will take this opportunity to step out of our comfort zones and look at the problems affecting not only some fellow Baylor Bears, but all of us. This is the 21st century, and the excuses for our ignorance have run out.

Rafael Benavides,

Jou'09

#### Environment at Baylor has not changed

I am writing in response to Friday's editorial regarding the immediate action needed in response to the recent racism on Baylor's campus. While I was happy to read that the university formed a Bias Motivated Intent Support Team in response to the situation, I was also saddened because as a black alumna, I had a sense of deja vu.

When I was an undergraduate student at Baylor in the late '80s and early 90s, a group of diverse, concerned students formed the Student Affirmative Action Council, SAAC. We formed this group because we were tired of Baylor responding reactively instead of proactively to various racial situations on campus. In those days, we were dealing with situations such as students dressing up as the KKK while trick-or-treating in dorms; a sorority conducting a "Watermelon Fest" on campus while dressing up in blackface; and Baylor DPS officers routinely stopping black male students on campus and requesting to see student identification. I received racially harassing phone calls from an anonymous, cowardly individual while I was a freshman on campus.

SAAC began holding workshops across campus. We created a test called the BEAR (Baylor Examination of Attitudes on Race) that we gave to students. After the students took the test, we divided the students into small groups, which were led by studentfacilitators, to discuss racial issues and attitudes

We initially only conducted these workshops with other student groups on campus, but the workshops and our approach became so popular that professors began requesting that we come to their classes and conduct the workshops. Sadly, it appears that since this group of progressive, forward-thinking students graduated, SAAC died, and along with it, a pro-active means for the university to deal with race and other diversity issues.

While I am a proud Baylor graduate and grateful for the outstanding education that I received at Baylor, it also seems that the environment at Baylor has not changed all that much. I was always taught that if we do not remember the mistakes of the past, we are doomed to repeat them. Sadly, it seems that Baylor is continuing to repeat the same mistakes when it comes to effectively dealing with race relations on campus.

Earnie A. Joe '91

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# Professor 1 of 30 in Texas to receive prestigious award

#### By Jacqueline Deavenport Reporter

A Baylor limnologist will be one of 30 scientists in the state of Texas to receive the Distinguished Texas Scientist Award given by the Texas Academy of Science.

Dr. Owen Lind, professor of biology, was selected as the recipient of the award on Oct.

Many prominent names in science, including Dr. Michael DeBakey, a world-renowned heart surgeon, and Dr. Ilya Prigogine a Nobel Laureate in physics, are associated with the prestigious award.

"I was very pleased," Lind said. "I was delighted. I feel very flattered to be a recipient of this award

The Texas Academy of Science promotes scientific research among colleges and universities in the state of Texas, according to the academy's Web site.

The academy promotes undergraduate research and aims to enhance the professional development of its members. Lind became a member in 1968, and served as president of

the academy in 1988, he said. He served in the board of

the directors of the academy, and was active in starting the Aquatic Science division of the organization. "He's played an important

role in the development of a lot of scientists in Texas," Pierce said

Lind's research focuses on water eutrophication and looks at the causes and consequences of the over-productivity of cyanobacteria in fresh water lakes, Lind said.

The over-productivity of the bacteria affects the whole lake ecosystem, he said. The bacteria by-product can be deathly toxic to animals and plants that live in or drink the water, including humans

Lind said his research seeks to find answers to how, why, and when this species of cyanobacteria produces toxins and how the bacteria are transposed from lake to lake.

Since 1979, the Distinguished in 1994.

David Poe

Texas Scientist Award has been given annually to a Texas scientist who has had a major impact on the field of science in the state, said Dr. Ben Pierce, vice president of the Texas Academv of Science and chair of the Awards Committee.

"We had lots of excellent candidates, but Dr. Lind was the unanimous choice of the committee," Pierce said.

A recipient of the Distinguished Texas Scientist Award must meet all of the following requirements; the recipient must have spent most of his or her career in Texas; must be an outstanding Texas scientist; and must have had a major impact on science in Texas.

The recipient doesn't have to be a member of the academy, but he or she must be nominated by a member, Pierce said.

Lind will address an aspect of his research at the annual Texas Academy of Science meeting next year in Junction, Texas. Students will have an opportunity to meet with the Distinguished Texas Scientist for that

This helps to foster influential relationships between students and professionals in the field, said Raymond Mathews, president of the Texas Academy of Science.

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"You've got to be curious," Lind said. "If you're not curious then get out of science. It is necessary to have a fire in the belly to get the answers to those questions curiosity has put in front of you.

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safe in an economic crisis.

'Young & Free Texas is about helping young adults make better financial decisions," said Trey Reeme, director of channel integration at TDECU Credit Union. "It's about finding free things to do in Texas, and it's about a credit union having a conversation with the under-25 crowd to accomplish that."

TDECU Credit Union is the largest locally-owned financial institution along the Texas Gulf Coast, according to its Web site, www.tdecu.org.

"The competition's goal was to hire a young adult to tell our company where we can get better, and DeAndre' is that voice," Reeme said. "We're thrilled that he's on our team.'

Planning to pursue a career in the public relations field, Upshaw said he thought this job would give him a lot of the tools he would need for the workplace in the future

As part of his job, he will be blogging every day and video blogging once a week as well as traveling to different areas of Texas in order to promote the mission of Young and Free Texas, Upshaw said. He will be running a Web site and produc-

"I think of the reason I won is due to my strong writing ground,' Ŭpshaw

able to write and put together film, and I think my major and

minor gave me an extra edge."

applied, three were chosen as finalists and Upshaw was chosen as the winner based on an online voting poll.

"When we chose (Upshaw) as one of the three Young & Free Texas finalists, we loved his creativity and style," Reeme said. "He was the first applicant in the competition and he set the bar incredibly high with his video application and first blog post."

The public voted for Upshaw to get the job, and of the thousands of votes Young & Free Texas received, Upshaw got nearly 50 percent of the votes, Reeme said. **BEAR BRIEFS** 

As part of Alcohol Awareness and Education Week, Student Life will provide a memorial wall until 5 p.m. Friday in front of the McLane Student Life Center and the Bill Daniel Student Center. The wall is for people to sign the names of loved ones lost in any alcohol-related accident.

Bears for Life will present speaker Janie Martinez from the local Care Net crisis pregnancy center at 7 p.m. Thursday in 100 Morrison Hall. She will discuss information about the center and will bring a guest to provide a personal testimony. For more information, contact Luke\_Womble@ baylor.edu.

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Elementary students from the Waco community smile and wave Tuesday as their bus drives onto Baylor's campus. The students were on a field trip to see a concert in Waco Hall.

## Student wins top prizes for video blogging

#### By Arielle Cayia Reporter

A Baylor student has beat out twelve other competitors to become the new face of a statewide campaign.

Conroe senior DeAndre' Upshaw won the competition to become the first spokesperson for Young & Free Texas.

Young & Free Texas is a platform that was designed to help define freedom for Texas youth and provides the resources that challenge young people to move toward that freedom, according to their Web site, www.youngfreetexas.com.

As brand ambassador and the voice of Young & Free Texas, Upshaw will be trying to connect with the 18 to 25-year-old demographic to gain an understanding of what that age group expects from banking institutions, Upshaw said.

"I want to send a message of well-being and empower people," he said.

Upshaw's mission is to connect with young people on what they want to know about how a credit union works, how to save and plan for the future and how to make sure they are fiscally

back

Upshaw said. "You need to be

Of the 12 contestants who

"He's got a great attitude and is good at speaking and relating to other people," Waxahachie junior Shaun Patterson said. "He is the best representation of the 25-and-under crowd for Young & Free Texas."

Patterson is a friend of Upshaw, and they also are in the Guerilla Comedy Troupe together.

As winner of the Young & Free Texas competition, Upshaw received a new Toyota Prius with free gas for a year, an Apple Mac-Book with a paid Internet contract and an Apple iPhone with a paid contract along with several other prizes to aid him as spokesperson. Also, he received a salaried position with TDECU Credit Union

"The Toyota Prius has been a great blessing," Upshaw said.

His former car broke down within a day of receiving the Prius, he said.

Upshaw is a Community Leader at the Arbors Community and will be graduating in May. As spokesperson, he plans on doing more traveling around Texas after graduation.

'He's just fantastic and is a great representation of Baylor," Patterson said.

# Alumna competes to cook it up as America's next Food Network star

Reporter

kept climbing and climbing."

said. "I kept checking back and I when she was about five years my family old. All were unable to speak could cook English fluently In 1985 the Maroudas' family opened a restaurant in Anchorage named "Pizza Olympia," which continues to operate today.

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times a year and to Greece once a year. "In Greece, the old women love to teach you, because few our age are interested," Maroudas said. "You see people in Greece at 105 years-old going out and climbing mountains. They have to be doing something right with what they eat."

"The customers love the food and we can hardly keep it in stock, Mashburn said. In order for Maroudas and her catering company, Olympia Pastries, to cook for her clients, Maroudas rents out the kitchen of local restaurant 1424. "We are very excited and proud of Zoi, and we are not surprised at all of her success so far on the Food Network Web site," Mashburn said. Although Maroudas has a chance of being a contestant on The Next Food Network Star, her hopes and desires will not be halted if she doesn't make it on the show. "Cooking is second nature to me, and when you cook with love in your heart, the flavors really come out," Maroudas said.



EME

The Baylor Sciences Building may not seem like a hotbed of cooking talent, but a Baylor alumna may change that perception.

The Food Network Channel is in the process of holding auditions for their fifth season of "The Next Food Network Star", and currently has over 300 applicants.

One of Baylor University's own, Zoi Maroudas, is among the 300, and sits among the top 14. Maroudas graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2006.

"Randomly last week I checked the Web site and noticed I was on it," Maroudas

Maroudas video application can be viewed at www.foodnetwork.com/the-next-food-network-star-season-5/package/ index.html.

Maroudas came to Baylor with plans of becoming a doctor and loves to cook, so she aims to join the two passions.

"My dream is to become a doctor by day and tell people what they need to eat to stay healthy, and then by night, own a restaurant where I can cook great food for my patients," said Maroudas.

Maroudas' family is originally from a small island in Greece named Zante.

Her family left Greece and moved to Anchorage, Alaska,

Although located in a state with a population of less than a million, Pizza Olympia has catered to plenty of big names.

Among those are Alaskan Gov. Sarah Palin, Alaska, Sen. Lisa Murkowski R-Alaska, and President George W. Bush. Such celebrities as Olympia Doukakis, Carrot Top, and Snoop Dogg also make the list of customers.

"I was about 9 years old, and I called the local radio station," Maroudas said. "I asked the station to ask Snoop Dogg if P i z z a Olympia always has been a family restaurant, and

Maroudas

began her cooking career at age six.

"At first I helped to get the family business going, but the more I learned the more I became interested in cooking," Maroudas said

Maroudas lives in Waco and travels to Anchorage four or five

In May 2008, Maroudas began catering to Common Grounds with pastries and sandwiches.

"I had been looking for someone to cater organic, healthy food for a long time," Common Grounds owner Jill Mashburn said. "We started talking and she just fit the bill perfectly.

Maroudas delivers her food to Common Grounds about every other day.

#### Egypt unveils discovery of 4,300 year-old-pyramid under ancient burial site

#### By Katarina Kratovac The Associated Press

SAQQARA, Egypt - Archaeologists have discovered a new pyramid under the sands of Saqqara, an ancient burial site that has yielded a string of unearthed pyramids in recent years but remains largely unexplored.

The 4,300-year-old monu-ment most likely belonged to the queen mother of the founder of Egypt's 6th Dynasty, and was built several hundred years after the famed Great Pyramids of Giza, antiquities chief Zahi Hawass told reporters in announcing the find Tuesday.

The discovery is part of the sprawling necropolis and burial site of the rulers of ancient Mem-

phis, the capital of Egypt's Old Kingdom, about 12 miles south of Giza. All that remains of the pyramid is a 16-foot-tall structure that had been buried under 65 feet of sand.

"There was so much sand dumped here that no one had any idea there was something buried underneath," said Hawass.

Hawass' team had been excavating at the location for two years, but only determined two months ago that the structure, with sides about 72 feet long, was the base of a pyramid.

The pyramid is the 118th discovered so far in Egypt, and the 12th to be found in Saqqara. Most are in ruins; only about a dozen pyramids remain intact across the country.

Archaeologists also found parts of the pyramid's white

limestone casing, believed to have once covered the entire structure, which enabled them to calculate that the complete pyramid was once 45 feet high.

"To find a new pyramid is always exciting," said Hawass. "And this one is magical. It belonged to a queen."

Hawass said he believes the pyramid belonged to Queen Sesheshet, who is thought to have played a significant role in establishing the 6th Dynasty and uniting two branches of the feuding royal family.

The Egyptian team is still digging and is two weeks from entering the burial chamber inside the pyramid, where Hawass hopes they will find proof of its owner – a sarcophagus or at least an inscription of the queen, he said.



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## **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

# Author writes to give hope to victims of sexual abuse

#### By Jennifer Sutton Reporter

Sexual abuse is a painful and scaring experience, and the truth is, abuse happens more than anyone would like to admit. Beth Fehlbaum, however, does not shy away from the harsh realities of abuse in her debut novel, "Courage in Patience."

Fehlbaum is a fifth-grade English teacher in Athens, Texas, but wrote "Courage in Patience" in order to give hope to those who have been, or are currently being, sexually abused. Fehlbaum used her own experience as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse to write about Ashley, a fifteen-yearold girl who is sexually abused by her stepfather. "Courage in Patience" was released Sept. 1.

#### Q: How did you begin writing?

Fehlbaum: I was writing poetry as a small child; as a teenager, I kept a journal. I have always written as a way of processing what was going on in my life. I majored in English in college, with an emphasis on writing. As far as how I came to write my novel, though, that was because of a therapeutic assignment.

#### For Q: those who don't know, what is "Courage in Patience' about?

Fehlbaum: "Courage in Patience" is the story of fifteen-year-old Ashley Nicole Asher, not-soaffectionately called "Ashhole" by her abusive stepfather, Charlie. Since the age of 9, Charlie has been sexu-

ally and emotionally abusing Ashley. When she finally gathers enough courage to tell her mother what has been happening, her mom sides with Charlie. Ashley confides in a teacher, and the teacher calls CPS. Ashley is then placed with her biological father, David, who she has not seen since age three months, when her parents split up. It is there, in the tiny fictional Texas town of Patience, that Ashley's life begins anew. The bulk of the novel is about Ashley's new life and initial foray

ters from people – women and men, teenage girls and boys - of all ages. "Booklist," the review publication of the American Library Association, said that "Courage in Patience" would "resonate with all readers." I sure hope so.

#### Q: How do you hope your book will be perceived?

Fehlbaum: I dedicated "Courage in Patience" to children who yearn for a peaceful night's sleep. It may not seem like it right now, but you are not alone. And that's what I hope for - that people who feel alone in their suffering will realize that they are not alone and that there is hope for recovery. It is not easy, but it can be done.

#### Q: Do you have children? Fehlbaum: Yes, I have three daughters, all in college.

#### Q: How has your experience affected your children?

Fehlbaum: My children and my husband are all very proud of my book being published. They have been witnesses to my recovery. I entered therapy four years ago to deal with my childhood

Q: Do you

Fehlbaum:

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Beth Fehlbaum debuted her novel "Courage in Patience" in September. The novel is about a young girl overcoming sexual abuse.

have been on a book tour every weekend – I just have not had enough extended quiet writing time to get back to work on it. I think about story development for it all the time. It's a matter of having the luxury of uninterrupted time to put my thoughts on paper, though, that keeps me away from working on

#### Q: What do you want people to learn when they read your book?

Fehlbaum: I want them to know that they are not alone,

"Let's pretend that the stuff that happened to me was not a big

#### Q: You use Chris Crutcher's "Ironman" in your book. Why?

Fehlbaum: Chris Crutcher's books have been widely challenged by parents, and he is a champion of the First Amendment. Chris is my role model as a writer, because he writes the truth and trusts that young adult readers are enough of their own people that they have the ability to read a novel and discern for themselves how they feel about it. Having grown up in a house where truth was not valued, Chris's willingness to write stories that acknowledge that the world is not always a pretty place is inspiring to me. I included the issue of "Ironman" being challenged by parents in my book, because I wanted to use it as another example of the crazy belief that just because people want the world to be this pristine place, the truth is that it is not. Life is messy.

Q: How does your life experience affect your job as a teacher?

Fehlbaum: I am a very compassionate teacher. I recognize that not all of my students have ideal home lives, and I keep that in mind when dealing with kids. I have a very, very long "fuse" -Idon'tupseteasily and I have a high tolerance for stuff that might get on other people's nerves pretty quickly. I work well with quirky kids who may have behavior problems. I am usually able to break through the wall they have built up to protect themselves, because I know where they are coming from. I have a pretty good radar for picking up on it when a kid is being abused, and I try to get help for them. I love my job and the people I work with. I am blessed to work with an awesome partner teacher who shares the same kind of "heart" for kids, even though he does not come from the same kind of background that I do

#### Q: As an author who is also a teacher, do you worry that you book will affect your relationship with your students? If so, how?

Fehlbaum: My book is not intended for fifth grade readers, although a few of my students have taken it upon themselves to buy it. I am very frank with my students and their parents if they ask me about my book - it's intended for older readers. With respect to the content and whether I worry about what they think of me if they read it, no, I don't worry about that. I am not ashamed of having the life experience to write a book like I wrote. In any given classroom, roughly one-fourth of the students in the room have experienced or will experience sexual abuse. There are 38 million survivors of sexual abuse in the United States. It is in keeping the secret of sexual abuse that it is able to continue to thrive in the shadows, and cover its victims in years of scars and shame.



Sarah Morris/Lariat staff

Eurydice (Kara Killmer) and Orpheus (Justin Locklear) bask in the glow of young love during a dress rehearsal Monday for the Baylor Theater production of "Eurydice." The play is an adaptation of the greek myth of Orpheus, a man who descends into Hades to bring back his dead wife.

## 'Eurydice' proves professional play but not up to Baylor caliber

#### By Kelli Boesel Entertainment Editor

As far as Baylor Theater productions go, "Eurydice" was a little mediocre, but it was still at the professional level in acting, directing and follow-through.

You might ask, why then was it mediocre? Where I had problems was with the writing of the play rather than the execution - for the most part.

#### THEATERREVIEW

I am a fan of Baylor Theater. Since my freshman year I have seen all of the department productions except for "Bye Bye Birdie" last spring.

I have been blown away several times in the course of four years and have begun to expect a lot from the actors, directors and everyone that works to put together the professional productions. I also hold them in high esteem because I could never pulloff some of the plays and musicals the department does.

I can't say that "Eurydice" was lacking in any of these areas, but something was missing.

The play felt long for only 90 minutes. Honestly, I think it could have ended sooner because the ending felt dragged out.

I am not sure of my expectations going into the theater, but I left disappointed, wanting more from the adaptation that I didn't get. "Eurydice" is an adaptation of the Greek myth of Orpheus, a man who loses his wife and makes a deal with the Lord of the Underworld to bring her back. But, there is one impor-

tant caveat to the deal. Orpheus must not look back at his bride or she will die again.

The acting in the theater department is superb, but the relationship between Kara Killmer (Eurydice) and Justin Locklear (Orpheus) lacked chemistry and believability. Their love seemed immature, which made it hard to believe that he would follow her into the Underworld.

Separately, Killmer and Locklear shined. Each had extensive monologues and did a great job capturing the audience.

Even though the leads performed admirably, the minor characters really stole the show.

Sam Hough as Father was endearing and heartbreaking. From the moment he imagined walking Eurydice down the aisle to the last seconds of the show, he mesmerized me.

Sky Bennett as Nasty Man and Lord of the Underworld was exceptional comedy. With bleached hair and eyebrows, he sent shivers down my spine when he enter the stage and delivered his lines.

A collective uproar of laughter overtook the theater when he entered the stage to AC/DC's "Back in Black" as Lord of the Underworld, wearing a school boy's uniform and riding a tricycle.

It took awhile for the laughter to quiet down.

Adding another element of

and acted as one for the majority of the play, each seemed to have a distinct personality, adding a different element to the traditional Greek chorus.

The costumes for the production were amazing. The Stones costumes were by far the most intricate, but I like the thought put in behind Eurydice's principle costume.

She dies in her wedding dress that is perfectly white and adorned with bows. When she enters the Underworld, the bows droop and her dress becomes a deep gray. The image was an excellent contrast between life and death.

Even though I had problems with some of the writing, when Orpheus walked out of the Underworld the entire audience didn't make a sound during the sequence. Although the outcome is as inevitable as "Romeo and Juliet," I found my heart in my throat wishing Orpheus will make to the end with Eurydice.

By most standards "Eurydice" was a solid, excellent performance.

Maybe the problems I had could be explained by opening night jitters, but I expected more from Baylor Theater. That's not to say that I wouldn't see it again, but it's not going to standout in my top five productions and I won't be talking about it a week from now.

Grade: B

into recovery from what she has been through.

#### Q: How and why did you begin writing "Courage in Patience?"

Fehlbaum: I am a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. In the course of going through therapy, I was writing stories and poetry and sharing them with my therapist. One day, he suggested that I try writing a novel. It took me about four months to pull myself out of my own head and get beyond my own pain and grief to be able to tell someone else's story. But once I was able to do that, to look at the experience of sexual abuse and recovery from an observer's standpoint, the story flowed forth and before I knew it, I had a novel, and Ashley, my protagonist, had the experience of observing other teenagers who also faced difficult situations and overcame them.

#### Q: With "Courage in Patience," who is your targeted audience and why?

Fehlbaum: The book is labeled "General Fiction" - but I have a large young-adult fiction audience, too. I have received let-

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and that there is hope. It's a very, very difficult thing, to commit to recovery and stick with it. When I first started out, my therapist compared recovery to a roller coaster, and also to a barefoot walk from Texas to Alaska and back - while enduring all the weather along the way. Anyone who is starting to deal with being abused really needs to find a skilled therapist, because the emotions are very intense. It's not unusual to experience suicidal feelings, and a mental health professional is needed to help get through those rough times.

#### Q: How do your experiences shape the way you write and what you write?

Fehlbaum: I am committed to telling the truth, even when it's an ugly, painful thing to see. That's reflective of how I live my life. I have paid high prices for my commitment to the truth. For example, I lost my relationship with my mother, because she refuses to live in the light of the truth. On the other hand, I gained a sense of peace that was lacking in my life when I was playing "Let's pretend," as in,

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Q: What has this entire process taught you about yourself?

Fehlbaum: I am much stronger than I ever thought I could be.

#### Q: If you could give only one piece of advice, what would it be and why?

Fehlbaum: If you want to write a book, just do it. Don't be afraid of failure. If you have been abused, know that what happened to you is not your fault. There is never, never, never any excuse for a child being abused. Period.

comic relief were the Stones They are sort of the keepers of the laws of the Underworld, although they don't do a very good job at it.

They spoke in haunting tones and moved in perfect unison. Even though they moved

"Eurydice" ends Sunday. Standing-room tickets are available at the Baylor Theater box office.

"Cyrano de Bergerac" opens at the Baylor Theater Dec. 2. Tickets available Monday. Call 710-1861 for information.

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## SPORTS

# Saturday last chance for seniors to post home victory

#### By Justin Baer Reporter

Even with a disparaging 3-7 record, the progress made on the field this season for Baylor's football team is undeniable.

A 3-7 record could easily be translated into 6-4 with a few snaps gone Baylor's way. Although bowl contention is no longer an option, the strides made to turn Baylor have been recognizable, not only to the Baylor faithful but to conference foes as well.

"Baylor continues to get better, so it was a weekend that scared us to death," University of Texas head coach Mack Brown said following Saturday's 45-21 victory over Baylor. "You have to give Art (Briles) and Baylor credit. When we were up 14-0, they came storming back.

While much credit is given to the arrival of Art Briles' innovative offense and freshmen Robert Griffin and Kendall Wright, the seniors of this year's team who have been at Baylor through the



Baylor cornerback Dwain Crawford (1) looks to contain the left end of the Iowa State offensive line on a goal line stand. Crawford is one of seven starters leaving the squad to graduate. He will look to defeat Texas A&M University Saturday in the annual Battle of the Brazos.

thick and thin want to be known as a cornerstone for the Bears turnaround.

"The guys that are here that

File Photo

Baylor's Aaron Miller, left, Paul Miles, middle, and Ben Booker jog onto the field prior to practice last season. The baseball team recently returned from clean-ing and fixing houses flooded from Hurricane Ike.

# BU baseball players return from relief work in League City

#### By Brian Bateman Sports Editor

ditioning and strength training are year-round requirements. During competition season, it's a daily event, but in the off-season, it's usually lighter work. Someone forgot to tell that to coach Steve Smith, the head coach of the Baylor baseball team. Over the weekend, Smith and the team volunteered to help clean parts of League City, a suburb of Houston devastated by Hurricane Ike. "That's right around where my high school district was," outfielder Aaron Miller said, who's home is in Channelview. "It's only about 30 minutes from my house. It had always been a nice area, but going down there, it looked like ground zero for a tornado

es, all of which were submerged with at least four feet of water during the hurricane. The play-For Division I athletes, con- ers removed mold, changed tile, ped out carpet and lixed other water-related problems.

are established leaders that have grabbed the team and showed them what it's going to be," senior All-American tackle

Jason Smith said. "This is Baylor football and we are tired of being looked down at the bottom of the Big 12.'

With the Big 12 South featur-ing three teams – No. 2 Texas Tech University, No. 3 University of Texas and No. 5 University Oklahoma, still vying for national championship contention, as well as the No. 12 ranked Oklahoma State University – a spot in the cellar doesn't sting as much with the high level of competition.

But for Briles, that doesn't justify Baylor falling into the No. 6 spot of the Big 12 South. The Bears have the opportunity to avoid the lowest seed with a bout against the Texas A&M University Aggies Saturday in Baylor's final home game.

"It's a big game for a lot of reasons: they are a Big 12 opponent, they have Texas in their name and they are 80 miles down the road," Briles said. "This is the seniors' last game; it's a big deal to us and a big deal to our Baylor football family. We will be focused and we will be ready."

Most of the skill positions provide ample youth and will not take a blow to graduation. But both the offensive and defensive lines feature two starting seniors who, according to Jordan Lake, have been imperative to this team

"It's going to hurt losing Leon (Freeman) and (Vincent Rhodes) on the front line, but I think as a whole our defense is going to come back and rebound," the All-Big 12 defensive back said. 'Those seniors have meant a lot to us, and I have looked up a lot to those guys. But at the same time we want to make this defense even stronger for them so they can come back and watch us and be proud of us."

Offensively, Griffin has been the beneficiary of two of the seniors, Smith's and Dan Gay's, efforts. And even though Griffin is a fresh face to the program, he knows the magnitude of the final home game.

"When I was a senior (in high school) last year, I know I wanted to win my last game and I was able to," he said. "These guys have been working a long time to win games, so it would be really gratifying for them to walk away with a victory."

# Baylor sweeps past Horned Frogs, 3-0

#### **By Garrett Turner** Sports Writer

Tuesday night at the Ferrell Center, the Lady Bears took on the Lady Horned Frogs from TCU. The Lady Bears swept the match three sets to none.

Led by dominating performances by junior setter Taylor Barnes and junior outside hitter Katie Sanders, the Bears controlled the serving and net-play to help the Bears win their second straight match.

"We served the ball tough," associate head coach Bryan Bunn said. "We had 10 aces which helped us score on our serves and took them out of their system.

Not only did they serve well and with high energy, but setting the ball definitely helped in the win. Barnes had 28 assists, along with 8 kills for the Bears.

Not to be overshadowed by Taylor Barnes, Sanders was the kill leader tonight with 14. Both contributing and doing their jobs, Sanders and Taylor Barnes contributed their performance to a great team effort and higher energy late in the match.

"I thought at first we played with low energy," Barnes said, "but as the game progressed the energy picked up. I still think we need a little more energy but we finished strong tonight. For A&M it definitely needs to be higher, and we need to work really hard this week focusing on our individual jobs.



The Bears spent two days working with the Christians Organized for Relief Efforts Alliance, or C.O.R.E, cleaning houses, adding sheetrock, removing debris and other manual labor.

C.O.R.E. was established by two Houston-area churches after Hurricanes Rita and Katrina: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Gateway Community Church. Since the Sept. 13 hurricane, the group has provided work supplies, sleeping quarters for volunteers and other essentials for groups cleaning up the area.

When Smith approached the team with the idea in October, several members weren't sure the scale of work needed.

"When I first heard that we were going down there I was thinking, 'wasn't the storm a month ago?" second baseman Raynor Campbell said.

When they arrived, his attitude changed.

"The amount of work it took for just one house was enormous, and when you look down the street and see 30 or 40 houses that need the same thing done to them, it becomes a shocking experience," he said.

The squad gutted four hous-

"It was overwhelming at first," Miller said. "A family can be so overwhelmed. I was thinking, 'where do I start?"

"...when you look down the street and see 30 or 40 houses that need the same thing done to them, it becomes a shocking experience."

> Raynor Campbell Baylor infielder

Beyond the visible work the squad did. the teammates were able to band together doing something other than batting practice or fielding ground balls.

"We spend a lot of time together but it's either at the field doing baseball stuff or hanging out watching televi-sion," Miller said. "We weren't a group of baseball players, we were just a group of guys going to help out.

The homes were just one of several problems in the commu-

"There were spray-painted walls, paint all over cars, boats and buildings," Miller said. "It's been seven weeks and it's still chaos.

While the baseball team didn't have time to work with those problems, there's still a need for volunteers all over the city. People looking to help can contact the C.O.R.E. Alliance at its Web site, www.core-alliance. org, or by phone at (877) 684-2673.

"It is wonderful to have a program like C.O.R.E. to coordinate not just our group but groups from all over the country," Smith said in a press release.

After a blow-out in the first set, the Horned Frogs escalated their play with good serving and hitting. The Bears proved to be resilient and fought back, winning the second set 26-24 and the third set 25-22.

We all stepped it up," Sanders said. "I know we had trouble passing but we had an aggressive offense, especially Taylor (Barnes). Serving has been one of our main points this season. We were weak at the beginning, but the last couple of months we worked on serving. If you can get a team off their balance than anything is possible." While this Saturday is a huge

weekend for football, the volley-

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Baylor outside hitter Allison King returns a TCU serve in the second set of the Bears' 3-0 win Tuesday. Taylor Barnes led the squad with 14 kills.

> ball focus will be Texas A&M University at noon at the Ferrell Center, when the Aggies visit Waco. Even after the win against TCU, Sanders and the team know they will have to do better in talking to pull out a win against a tough Aggie team.

"Texas A&M is going to be a difficult game," Sanders said. "We need all points of our games on top nails. To do that we need to communicate so much. Tonight wasn't a great communication night but it showed us what we needed to do for Saturday."



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because she felt, for change to start, it has to be a personal responsibility first.

<sup>4</sup>I can't be upset if I stay silent," she said. "It's an education. You fear what you don't know."

The events that unfolded on election night were confusing for students like Woodlands senior Matt Winter, who said the open discussion helped him understand the situation that had been shrouded in mystery. . "There was a certain amount

of tension when it started," he said. "But as the hour went on people became more easygoing."

"Iappreciated that Baylor staff was so frank about what they had been told too," he added. "I think the discussions should continue, but I wish we could better find out who did it."

Frankly Speaking was first started almost three years ago, said Pearl Beverly, director of Multicultural Activities.

"It stemmed out of students coming to my office," she said. "Sometimes I'd have 10 to 12 students sitting in my office, just talking about life in general."

The size of the group has fluctuated and is now run by graduate students, Beverly added. The discussion topics come from issues in the news or on the Baylor campus.

Last year, the group explored topics affecting students, ranging from greek life to whether Baylor should allow homosexual organizations to be recognized on campus.

"My favorite discussion so far this year has been about masculinity in the media," Seto said.

Staton added that his favorite topic was about a safe place for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders.

"The idea is that a faculty member that feels comfortable discussing these issues can put a sign on their door or backpack to let students know they can come talk there," Staton said.

Frankly Speaking meets every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Fentress room of the Bill Daniel Student Center and is open to all students.

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"I had a constituent from Robinson tell me about his 16-year-old daughter coming home hysterical and emotional and he couldn't communicate with her. He found out she took salvia with a group of friends. She wasn't into the drug scene and didn't think it was a problem because it's legal. After that, the more I researched it, the more severe the problem became," Anderson said.

Anderson says parents unwittingly buy salvia for their kids because they don't know the effects and it can be marketed to look like bubble gum or lip balm.

Several Web sites sell it online and, according to the Heart of Texas Council of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (HOT-

CAC), it can be purchased in several Waco businesses.

Wanda Bricker of the HOT-CAC accompanies "Doc" Anderson to state hearings to help fight for the criminalization of salvia. The HOTCAC says that many drug-related parolees they work with use it as a legal way to get high.

"Since it's a legal substance, there's not a lot of data available," Bricker said. "The people we work with say they use it, but no one has been seeking treatment for it. It's a very powerful substance and we're very concerned about it's availability to children."

"Doc" Anderson even showed Dr. Phil how easy it is to buy salvia by showing him the salvia he purchased on the trip from his hotel to the studio.

Dr. Travis Stork, an ER doc-

tor and co-host of the daytime medical talk show, "The Doctors," appeared on Dr. Phil alongside Anderson to warn against using the drug.

"We don't yet know the longterm effects of taking salvia, but we've seen the dangers of the short-term effects," Stork said.

Anderson claims to have never seen the Dr. Phil show before he was a guest, but appreciates Dr. Phil's efforts to help educate the public on the dangers of salvia.

He was a little apprehensive during the September filming, but thinks they accomplished their goals of bringing perspective to the issue.

Anderson says Dr. Phil was very personable and told him about his time living in Anderson's hometown of Robinson while doing an internship at the Waco Veteran's hospital.

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bond at McLennan County Jail, according to a jail spokesperson.

They were charged with possession with intent to distribute over 100 kilograms of marijuana, Robertson said.

"This was a cooperative effort by the sheriff's office, Waco police and the D.E.A to identify and disrupt a major marijuana trafficking organization in the county area," Robertson said. "This is a small town and we all work together well," he said.

The investigation is still ongoing, Robertson said.

"We hope to develop the investigation to arrest more people involved," he said.

The marijuana likely was grown in Mexico, smuggled into the United States and brought to Waco for distribution, according to reporting by the Waco Tribune-Herald.

One local resident, who asked not to be named, said the raid will not drastically affect marijuana availability.

"It might affect availability, and then I might not be able to buy it for, at most, a day," he said.

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supported the administration's response, which was so immediate."

Green said Garland echoed the Senate's anger and disapproval when he appeared at the meeting Tuesday. His primary reason for visiting, however, was to discuss the evaluation of deans, a process that began in Spring 2007.

Similar to end-of-term student evaluations of professors, the faculty evaluations of deans are periodic and only occur every few years.

The most recent evaluations involve two phases, the first of which was completed in Spring 2007 with the second set to occur in Spring 2009.

Garland, along with Interim Provost Elizabeth Davis, told senate members that despite a change in administration since the initial step, the process would still continue in the spring but with changes to the original plan, which have not

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government officials did not have an estimate of how many people would qualify for the new program.

Officials hope the new approach, which goes into effect Dec. 15., will become a model for loan servicing companies, which collect mortgage companies and distribute them to investors. These companies have been roundly criticized for being slow to respond to a surge in defaults.

To qualify, borrowers would have to be at least three months behind on their home loans, and would need to owe 90 percent or more than the home is currently worth. Investors who do not occupy their homes would be excluded, as would borrowers who have filed for bankruptcy.

Borrowers would get help in several ways: The interest rate would be reduced so that borrowers would not pay more than 38 percent of their income on housing expenses. Another option is for loans to be extended from 30 years to 40 years, and for some of the principal amount to be deferred interest-free.

While lenders have beefed up their efforts to aid borrowers over the past year, their earlier efforts have not kept up with the worst housing recession in decades.

And critics were quick to pour water on the latest plan.

"Instead of a massive foreclosure prevention program, we wait for a homeowner to be in a failing position before doing anything, which often is too late," said John Taylor, president and CEO of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition.

"It's been the foreclosures that have been driving the economic downturn and we've been saying that for 13 months now. To stop the bleeding is to end foreclosures," he continued. "But now that so many other sectors in the economy have fallen, I'm not sure if we're past the point of no return. It's appalling that they don't get."

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Susan Sadler, an 1985 alumna, decorates a tree inside the Bill

Daniel Student Center Tuesday. Sadler and her husband, who is

also a Baylor graduate, own Green Life Materials, a company that

professionally decorates the campus for the holidays.

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