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Students march on campus for unity

Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

After two weeks of outrage over racially charged events stemming from the results the year's presidential election, the new Coalition for Diversity met Monday with members of the university administration to present initiatives to encourage appreciation of diversity.

The coalition includes representatives of Baylor's chapter of the NAACP, Baylor Democrats, Project Dignity, Fellowship Among Cultures, Ethnicities and Shades (F.A.C.E.S.), and some members of student government.

Proposals included the addition of a multicultural wing to the new Student Union Building, diversity training for faculty and a required diversity class for freshman in the University 1000 program. They also discussed renaming Fountain Mall "Unity Mall."

The students emphasized a need for the inclusion of multicultural events as a mainstream part of the Baylor experience, said Oscar Boleman, Galveston senior and president of the Baylor Democrats.

students gathered to march for racial unity. Multiple organizations worked to plan the silent march, which was in response to the hanging of a perceived noose and threats and racial epithets aimed at President-elect Barack Obama supporters, who were celebrating the results on Election Day.

The march began outside of Waco Hall, where Ryan Phipps, Mesquite senior and president of the Association of Black Students, asked those gathered to shout the names of the groups they represented. At least 20 were called out, including numerous sororities and fraternities, the Baylor School of Social Work, the Baylor Democrats and parents of Baylor students.

Phipps said that he feels that the incidents on Election Day were not isolated events but were indicative of underlying racism at Baylor.

"This did not just happen last week. This has been going on a long time," Phipps said.

The group moved to Morrison Hall, where a rope thought to be a noose was found hanging from a tree on the morning of Election Day. As the crowd

An online slideshow of the march can be found at: www.baylor.edu/lariat



From left: Cedar Hill senior Prisca Anuolam, Australian graduate student Anna Blanch, Mesquite senior Ryan Phipps and Katy senior Jeremy Miller pray along with hundreds of others in front of Morrison Hall Friday morning during a silent protest. The protest was in response to racial incidents that occurred during Election Night and was organized by multiple organizations. The march drew more than 200 students and began at Waco Hall and finished on the steps of Pat Neff Hall.

Alex Song/Lariat Staff

Trading spaces: Student gain 50 parking spots

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff writer

To alleviate parking frustrations, Baylor Parking Services will convert an estimated 50 faculty and employee spots in the Speight Parking Garage to student parking before the semester's end.

The second-floor spots represent roughly half of the garage's 102 spaces converted from student to faculty parking during the summer to accommodate the new McMullen-Connally Faculty Center.

A majority of those spaces, however, have largely remained vacant, said Nicole Yeakley, student body external vice presi-

dent. "Parking is always an issue for students on campus. I think it was really frustrating for students to see so many unused faculty spots," Yeakley said. "Hopefully it will help the parking situation in the morning, particularly around 10 a.m."

The 102 spaces in the Speight Parking Garage make up a strong majority of the 111 total student spaces lost campuswide over the summer, Yeakley said. Alternatively, faculty spaces increased by 127 spots.

Yeakley said Student Government began working toward redesignating the spots to students early on in the semester.

Miami senior Albert Barraza, chair of the campus improve-



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Faculty cars line the second floor of the Speight Street parking garage Monday afternoon. About 50 faculty and staff parking spaces on the second level are scheduled to be converted to student spaces by spring semester 2009.

ment committee, investigated the use of the new faculty spots in the Speight Parking Garage. After monitoring the second floor and taking photos during peak morning hours for two weeks, Barraza said, on average, between 70 and 80 of the 112 faculty spots on the second floor remained unoccupied throughout the morning.

Student Senate passed the Speight Parking Garage Resolution on Oct. 8, requesting 80 parking spots to be reallocated for student use. The resolution was then presented to Baylor's parking committee on Oct. 13. The nine-member committee is

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Waco Hall goes to the dogs

By Christina Kruse
Reporter

What do a 97-pound Labrador retriever, Owen Wilson, and a New York Times best-selling author have in common?

The answer is "Marley and Me," a book about a dog that will soon be made into a movie.

John Grogan, the author of "Marley and Me," is speaking at 7 p.m. today in Waco Hall. General admission is \$5 and patron tickets cost \$50.

The patron ticket includes an opportunity to meet Grogan and attend a reception for the author. The lecture is titled "Write what is in your heart and success will follow," and Grogan will speak about the process of writing and his book "Marley and Me."

"If anyone dreams to be a writer, they shouldn't miss this," said Dr. Mary Landon Darden, a consultant to Baylor University Libraries.

Originally, Grogan wrote a piece about his dog when he was a columnist at the Philadelphia Inquirer.

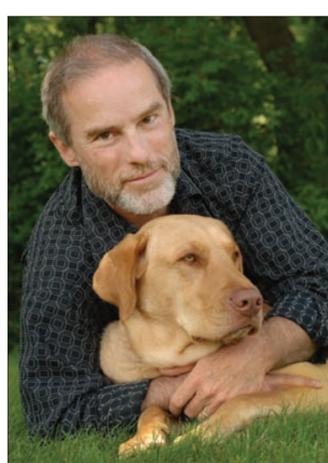
Since the column received such a wide response, he turned his column into a book.

"It was something big in his heart. I didn't think he realized at the time that it would hit such a cord," Darden said.

In the book, Grogan recounts events that

occurred when Marley, a yellow Labrador retriever, entered the Grogan family household. Although Marley is a destructive household pet and an obedience school drop-out, he

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Courtesy Photo

John Grogan with his current dog, Gracie. Grogan's book "Marley and Me" is an account of he and his family's life with Marley, a wildly neurotic Labrador retriever.

Scholarship finalists to present work

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

The Graduate Students Association will host the Graduate Scholarship Forum at 5:30 p.m. Thursday 120 in Morrison Hall, Rockford, Ill., doctoral candidate Jim Keener and Allen graduate student Emily Kerr were chosen as the finalists from a group of more than 20 people, and will present their proposals

to a multi-disciplinary audience of students and faculty.

"This forum gives graduate students an opportunity to display their work to the greater graduate community," said GSA President Victor Guerrero. "It gives them a chance to practice presenting and to know what they do is important."

Each student will have 20 minutes to present their research and will receive \$100 for being

finalists.

Keener, whose doctoral work is in religion, will be presenting a paper titled "All Things Under Their Feet." His research is focused on verses that depict pictures in Psalms and how art from around the world can function in different contexts to connect with this imagery.

"In the Eighth Psalm there is a line that says something to the effect of God placing all things

under their feet, which is where the title of my paper came from," Keener said. "There is this imagery of ruling, of being king, and I noticed that was a common pattern. So I am exploring what kinds of things that can tell us about ancient scholars' beliefs; how the artistic depiction of these things can more inform us about them."

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Veteran journalists recount the assassination of JFK at event

By Rebecca LaFlure
Reporter

Forty-five years ago this week, millions mourned after President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot at a presidential motorcade in Dallas.

Journalists Hugh Aynesworth and Mike Cochran were

instantly flung into the story of their lives.

The veteran reporters will discuss their experiences covering the infamous assassination at 4 p.m. Wednesday in 101 Marrs McLean Science Building.

"There were loads of great reporters that came in, but none of us had covered a story of that

magnitude," Cochran said, who was only 25 years old at the time. "Nothing rivaled the Kennedy assassination. Everyone was put into a situation nobody else ever dreamed of."

Cochran was in Ft. Worth on the day of the assassination as a correspondent for the Associated Press.

He had been assigned to meet the president and his staff the night before to answer any questions they had about Ft. Worth.

His last major duty was to phone the Associated Press the next morning when the president's plane took off to Dallas.

"I was back in the office when I heard the president was shot,

and I immediately headed for Dallas," Cochran said. "It was an experience that was almost indescribable."

Aynesworth said it was pure luck that led him to cover the controversial shooting and the events to follow.

As the aviation and aerospace editor for The Dallas Morning

News, he wasn't assigned to cover Kennedy that day.

"I was in every place of importance, and wasn't assigned to any of them," Aynesworth said. "Whether it was good luck or bad luck, I'm not sure."

Aynesworth decided to walk

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Editorial

Continue diversity discussion

Baylor is slowly trying to mend the racial wounds that were torn wide open on Election Night after a series of events led to a week of investigations, and a conclusion that these incidents were not racially charged.

Tensions ran high the day after the election when Baylor's name was splashed across the news after a perceived noose was found hanging from a tree and what were thought to be Obama/Biden signs were said to have been set on fire.

Even though these two notorious events are now disproven, there is obviously some racial tension on campus. It's undeniable that racial slurs and hate speech were exchanged between white and black students in front of Penland Hall on Election Night. These exchanges escalated to the point that police had to be called in to deal with the situation.

Although the situation is unfortunate and shouldn't have happened, it does shed light on a need to address diversity issues on campus.

Sadly, racism has played a major role in the history of the United States; Waco and Baylor are no exception.

In 1916, Waco was the site of the "Waco Horror," a brutal torture and lynching of Jesse Washington, a mentally disabled black farmhand who resided in Waco. This happened almost a century ago but is still remembered today.

Baylor's history includes a long chapter of racial segregation with only white students being allowed to enroll since it was founded in 1845. It wasn't until January 1964 that the first blacks were allowed to enroll as students at Baylor.

Had those four students who were responsible for leaving the rope swing known the history of their university and the very city they live in, they may have thought twice about leaving a rope hanging from a tree. These students should have been more perceptive, not only to the city's history, but also to other minority students who



could have interpreted the rope offensively.

Baylor is continually becoming more diverse. The student body of more than 14,000 is composed of 28.2 percent of minority students and 71.2 percent of non-minority students, according to the profile of undergraduate students released by the university on Sept. 11. With over a quarter of students being of a minority, the racial tension on Election Night struck a cord.

Interim President David E. Garland has fostered a healthy dialogue about the events and diversity. He acted swiftly, denouncing any acts of racism on campus in an e-mail sent out to students on the day after the incidents unfolded. Proper authorities also were brought in to investigate the situation.

The true sentiment of the Baylor community were tested and met with actions instead of pacifism. Students have shown that racism has no place on campus and have organized meetings and marches to protest the incidents.

Any type of racism is not welcome, especially at a Christian university, but these recent incidents can hopefully help change attitudes and unify a campus that is continually diversifying. The university is home to students from all 50 states and 70 countries. Unfortunately, the sense of security, welcoming and comfort for some students has been damaged.

Recent undertakings to address any racial tensions need to continue. Just because the incidents have been resolved this time doesn't mean

that the university is finished dealing with race relations.

A firm policy against racial acts needs to be enforced so that a firm precedent is set acknowledging that Baylor will not tolerate any acts of racism.

The events are a testament of how much work is still yet to be done on campus to promote a loving Christian environment of acceptance and understanding toward others regardless or race.

A school with a history of racial segregation is in an especially important position to send a clear message that any type of racism will not be tolerated on campus. The administration's attention to this situation has been appropriate, but this should not be the end of it.

Letters to the editor

To move ahead, BU needs redemptive policies

Rebecca LaFlure's column highlights a glaring lack of support concerning pregnant women at Baylor. Baylor is progressive in targeting discrimination and standing up against social injustices, but if it really desires to attain the goal of becoming a top-tier institution, Baylor must follow the lead of other universities and provide the resources to students facing an unplanned pregnancy.

It is not a stretch to say that some students at Baylor have sex, and some of those encounters lead to pregnancy. Baylor is unique in being a Christian institution, and thus, it must not follow the path of other schools by promoting policies that only encourage more sexual behavior.

The university needs to ask though, what would honor God more: to support women in the face a crisis pregnancy and walk with them? Or pretend that the problem does not exist and abandon them into thinking that their only choice is abortion? If redemptive policies are promoted and support networks provided, then Baylor can really move ahead of the rest, while still keeping its soul.

Rachana Chhin
International Studies '11

Health center can't address major health issues

There has been a lot of griping lately about the sexual health services at the McLane Student Life Center clinic, and frankly, I don't see what all the fuss is about. From what I understand, the clinic is meant to address relatively simple, non-serious illnesses, as well as give the occasional flu vaccina-

tion. Why would anyone expect a university health clinic to provide full pregnancy care? It is simply not equipped to do things like sonograms. And considering that the overwhelming majority of the student body isn't pregnant and in need of these services, doesn't it make more sense to send pregnant students to doctors that specialize in that type of care?

Will we next expect the health center to perform surgery? Or provide chemotherapy and radiation treatment to students with cancer? Bottom line: major health issues require specialists.

There have been others who say the health center should take further steps toward preventative sexual health care, like distributing condoms. Baylor's sexual misconduct policy is clear: the university maintains that sex is for married people only. Can someone please tell me why, then, the health center should be buying and distributing condoms to unmarried students? Baylor is under no such obligation.

We all know that sex can lead to babies or even diseases; if you don't know that, there's a very good chance you shouldn't be having sex. We all know that drugstores, gas stations and grocery stores sell condoms. Go and buy them if you're planning on having sex and don't want a baby or a disease! Don't expect the university to give tacit approval to your decision to have sex when it is clearly against Baylor's sexual misconduct policy.

Lauren Hollon
International Studies '09

Disproved stories damages university's image

So, as it turns out, those weren't Obama-Biden signs being burned, and that wasn't a noose hanging from a tree. We are now left with a shouting match between a few students to point to our "culture of racism." Somebody get CNN on the line and tell them it was all a misunderstanding. What? They don't care? That's too bad.

I want to congratulate Interim President Garland, Dub Oliver, this newspaper, the Baylor chapter of the NAACP, Baylor Student Senate, and Baylor Faculty Senate for doing their part in jumping to conclusions and helping to portray our university as racist. Damage well done.

Jordan Powell
Political Science '09

Racial stereotypes still alive in today's classrooms

Today's young people still play the old racial game.

Society upholds our generation as one free from the heavy burden of racial bias and discrimination. We are hailed as "color-blind" — the tangible fulfillment of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream. However, I feel compelled to contradict this popular notion, not necessarily in light of recent racially-charged events on the Baylor campus, but rather in response to trends I observe on a daily basis among my peers.

Last week, as my Christian Scriptures class viewed various artistic portrayals of Jesus Christ in order to discuss the impact of cultural projections on our Christological understandings, I was aston-

ished and sorely disappointed to hear racial stereotypes become a part of the discussion.

While the typical portrayal of Christ as an Aryan beauty pageant queen garnered only tepid complacency from my colleagues, a clearly African-American depiction of Christ (Barzoni's Black Jesus Montage) elicited laughter and comments such as, "Wat up, gangsta Jesus!?" A forensic artist's anthropologically accurate rendering of a Jesus of Middle Eastern and Jewish descent warranted jokes about Jesus as a rich banker with a big nose.

Why do we laugh? Why are we seemingly only comfortable with a blue-eyed Jesus of European descent stretching his right hand out in peaceful benediction?

Although some may consider my assessment of the situation to be extreme, outrageous or exaggerated, you and I both recognize the aforementioned racial comments as common — these stereotypes are nothing new or surprising. And yet, today's young people are painted as angelically free of racial prejudice.

While I am incredibly grateful that we do not live in an age of Jim Crow laws or racial segregation, I cannot help but wonder if racial prejudice remains an issue, even in this modern age. If so, I charge the media, the government, and the public to handle it as such. I do not strive to demonize my generation. I simply assert, as C.S. Lewis does in his "Mere Christianity," that we "will find some new way of carrying on the old game under the new system."

Kelsey Jones
English '12

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By John Underwood
New York, NY

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Baylor University Libraries will hold their annual food drive for Caritas' "Food For Families" program through Friday. Those who wish to contribute can place non-perishable, packaged food items in containers located in the lobbies of Moody, Jones, Carroll, Armstrong Browning and Poage libraries. For more information, contact Carol_Schuetz@baylor.edu.

Baylor School of Social Work is holding an informational meeting at 3:30 p.m. today in the School of Social Work Student Lounge. Students can come meet faculty and students interested in majoring in social work. For more information, contact Kasey_Ashenfelter@baylor.edu.

As part of International Education Week, "Motorcycle Diaries" will play at 7 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. For more information about other International Education Week events, contact Katie_Erickson@baylor.edu.

The ONE Campaign at Baylor will be collecting spare change from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center to support Malaria No More, a national organization that aims to cover everyone at risk of malaria in Africa with a bed net. For more information, contact Justin_Kralemann@baylor.edu.

The Model Arab League will have an interest meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday in 100 Morrison Hall for anyone interested in Middle Eastern politics. For more information, contact Jerry_Long@baylor.edu.

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Sophomore dies over weekend

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Students met and shared memories Monday night in Brooks College of sophomore Melissa Ellen "Missy" Blackbird, who died Saturday from injuries she sustained in a one-car accident in Tomball. She was a first-year student with enough hours to be considered a sophomore and a bioinformatics major from The Woodlands.

Blackbird had gone home to ride her horse, an activity that always brought her great joy, said Clare Gasper, Colleyville senior, Blackbird's community leader.

"She was amazing, to put it simply," Gasper said. "She was very studious, very friendly and very bright."

"Missy was an incredibly spunky girl who knew just how to put a smile on someone's face. I know she will be greatly missed by all those who's lives she touched," said Ashley Connelly, Chapman, Kan., freshman, Blackbird's suitemate.

Brooks College residents say they are saddened by the loss of their peer.

"This would be devastating for any community and our community is close," said Colin Bullard, a Truett Theological Seminary student from Ardmore, Okla. and resident chaplain at Brooks College.

"To say we're sad is an understatement ... but we're definitely shaken and sad," he said.

Sunday night, residents of Brooks College met and cried and prayed for her family and for each other, he said.

"It won't be easy to adjust, but I think we find a lot of strength through each other," Gasper said.

According to an e-mail sent out by the Student Life, students who would like to talk with a counselor may call the Counseling Center at 710-2467 or Spiritual Life at 710-3517.

Students should also talk to their community leader, resident chaplains or professors about handling their grief, said Dr. Burt Burleson, university chaplain.

Her funeral will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Episcopal Church in The Woodlands. It is open to the public.

Bond finds solace in action amid quantum of plot

By Arielle Cayia
 Reporter

The latest chapter in the Bond series, action-packed "Quantum of Solace," does not achieve "Double-0 status." The action and special effects are the axis of the film, but the dialogue and plot do not hold the same quality as its predecessor, "Casino Royale."

MOVIE REVIEW

The new Bond in a long tradition, however, has not lost his touch in the least. Gracing the big screen for the second time as 007, Daniel Craig brings expertise to Ian Fleming's character.

Craig's portrayal of Bond exceeds exceptional. He is callous and cavalier, risking his life at every available opportunity without blinking an eye. Craig as Bond is suave, both while tormenting his enemies and seducing his women. Not only does he physically look the part, wearing his perfectly tailored suits and tilting his defined jaw upward while sipping his signature drink — shaken, not stirred — but his manner of speaking and subtle body language emanate 007 and rival Sean Connery. Daniel Craig is James Bond.

The story picks up where "Casino Royale" left off. In the midst of uncovering the new, nameless adversary that threat-

ens the free world, Bond still burns for some form of revenge for Vesper Lynd's death.

Beginning with a chase scene as exciting and acrobatic as witnessed in the first part of "Casino Royale," the audience is drawn into Bond's world of Aston Martins, the latest spy technology, beautiful women, luxurious hotels and globetrotting — beginning in Italy and moving to Haiti, Austria and Bolivia, to catch the villain whose look, as usual, matches his sinister character.

As Bond follows the trail of clues to discover the identity of the unknown agency, he leaves behind a trail of dead and M casually asks him to try not to "kill every possible lead."

Bond's rogue tactics once again pose a problem for him as the question of trust is of acute interest to MI6. They are not pleased with his actions and unsuccessfully attempt to constrain him.

He, of course, evades any constraint on his pursuit of the mission, while simultaneously avoids being killed by the slue of villains who are introduced and inevitably defeated.

Bond is hindered and then helped by the stunning and exotic new "Bond girl" Camille (Olga Kurylenko). She and Bond find a common ground of past pain and the all-consuming desire for revenge. They combine to



Courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Bond (Daniel Craig) shields Camille (Olga Kurylenko) and fires at a fuel cell as flames engulf Medrano's suite at Perla De Las Dunas. "Quantum of Solace" opened Friday in theaters.

complete the mission and save the world, while also addressing their personal agendas.

As the body-count escalates, M worries that Bond is, "so blinded by inconsolable rage that (he) doesn't care who (he) hurts." She is the voice of reason, keeping him in check, but also putting more faith in him than anyone else at MI6.

The film is fervently fast-paced and full of continuous action as Bond comes closer and closer to stopping the vil-

lains from inflicting their evil plot upon the world.

Some clever side-humor elicited laughter from the audience, while other parts were downright corny and there were a few awkward lines, transitions and forced "romantic moments."

Despite these discrepancies, "Quantum of Solace" is a good film. Unfortunately, it did not live up to the incredibly high standard set by "Casino Royale."

All of the trademark Bond

elements were included, but the film still seemed to be lacking something and was incomplete at the conclusion, ending without achieving silver-screen excellence.

Moviewgoers in the mood for an action-packed sequence of events will not be disappointed. However, die-hard Bond fans may find it to be inadequate in many ways and not worthy of being called a true "Bond film."

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moved, the organizers encouraged them to meet someone new.

Devin Culberson, Spring freshman, who found the rope, told the story of what happened. Then three students who say they were playing with the rope the night before Election Day said they had actually made a swing and left it in the tree. They apologized and explained their intentions to the crowd.

"Please have an open heart and an open mind because we do believe them," said Prisca Anuolam, Cedar Hill senior and president of the Baylor NAACP.

Katy senior Jeremy Miller gave the definition of a noose and explained the significance of lynching, or extrajudicial punishment meted out by a mob, usually by hanging, in black history. "People were lynched just because they were black. Mothers would lose their children. Children would lose their fathers," Miller said.

Miller said the practice, though more widespread in the late 1800s and early 1900s, occurred until the 1960s. "The hanging of a noose is a threat," Miller said.

The group then moved outside of Penland Residence Hall, where on election night an altercation broke out between white students and celebratory black students. Baylor Police were called to the scene of the racially-charged event. Arlington senior Emmanuel Orupabo, one of the revelers, told his account of the event.

The group at least marched silently to Pat Neff Hall. Phipps asked all the members of the newly formed Coalition for Diversity to join him, Anuolam and Miller on the steps.

"After the 'ghetto party' my freshman year, the university was crazy. We had a Dialogue of Differences and nothing happened. A few years later, a Muslim girl was attacked on campus, the Lariat reported it, and nothing happened. In 2008, something is

going to happen," Phipps said to applause.

In 2006, members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon held an unofficial party where students dressed in clothes associated with black culture, carried 40-ounce bottles in brown paper bags, and some painted their skin to appear darker.

"This is in some people's hearts," Phipps said.

The world is moving to toward inclusiveness, he said, and the behavior of some at Baylor is neither acceptable nor the norm.

"This world is changing fast, and if Baylor doesn't change with it, it's going to be left behind," he said.

He asked everyone assembled to meet someone who doesn't look like themselves.

"This is what it should look like everyday at Baylor," he said, as people milled around to meet new people.

President David Garland and vice president of Student Life Dub Oliver spoke to the group.

"If someone asks if Baylor is a

white school, I'd say, 'No, Baylor is a red brick school,'" Garland said.

The speakers all emphasized that there is still work to do to achieve racial unity on campus. "This is going to be a long fight," Phipps said. "We have to be soldiers."

The marchers seemed pleased with the event.

"It brought to light understanding. I was really impressed," Orupabo said.

"This is what I want Baylor to be on the news for ... I am proud of my fellow coalition members, of all the students, teachers, administrators, parents and staff who got up early to show Baylor and the country that the days of ignoring racism are over," said Amy Letteri, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., senior and president of F.A.C.E.S.

Anuolam said she thought it went well and was glad to see that people of all races showed up.

"Let's hope it doesn't stop here," she said.

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over to watch the presidential motorcade just four blocks from his Dallas office. He remembers hearing gunshots.

"We heard these shots and we didn't know where the shots were coming from," he said. "We didn't know where to run, where to dive, what to do or how to react."

Aynesworth said he immediately fulfilled his duty as a reporter and interviewed eyewitnesses for nearly an hour.

He later witnessed the capture of Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's assassin, by police and was in the police department basement when Oswald was fatally shot by Jack Ruby.

Mike Blackman, a full-time journalism lecturer who's known Aynesworth and Cochran for over four decades, said that people could learn from the difficulties they had to overcome as reporters.

Blackman described them

as two of Texas' best journalists in half of a century.

"These men were intimately involved in some profound history," Blackman said. "I thought that on this time of reflection, when every year gets a little bit dimmer on the JFK assassination, their stories would be instructive to students and interesting to the community as a whole."

Cochran said even after all these years, he is reminded of the drama surrounding the Kennedy assassination when he turns on the television.

"I don't think that I can look at a president on television without thinking someone might be lurking out there with a scheme to kill the president," he said. "The Kennedy assassination is imbedded in my mind."

The 45th anniversary of the JFK assassination will be featured in a story in Friday's edition of The Lariat.

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Kerr's work is in the area of economic development and poverty alleviation in developing countries. The focus of her presentation will be on micro-credit, which consists of small banks in developing countries providing small amounts of credit to the poor to aid their self-employment activities.

"The idea that the poor are poor, especially in developing countries, is not because they don't have the skills, but because they don't have the start-up capital to start their own businesses," Kerr said. "These loans they are offered are in small amounts, but they are enough to let them employ themselves

in some kind of income-generating activity."

The extra money the impoverished receive from these programs has already been proven to be effective in many standard-of-living measures such as improving health status, education status and food consumption.

But Kerr's presentation focuses specifically on levels of productivity.

"The whole idea of being involved in a program like that is becoming educated in profits and how to run a business and how to market profit. It's more than just a hand-out," she said. "I look at whether, taking money out of the equation, they are more productive, and if they are using their resources more

effectively."

Dr. Bill Pitts, professor of religion; Dr. Robert Ray, professor of English; and Dr. Walter Wilcox, director of graduate studies, were the three graduate faculty members that served on the faculty committee that selected the presenters for the forum.

"I was looking for significance, and while all of the abstracts turned in were significant, both of these students' seemed to read like abstracts I'd see in a professional journal," said Wilcox. "The religion proposal wasn't very familiar to me, but it was very compelling, and the micro-credits seemed like it was a good attempt to measure something extremely helpful to a great number of people."

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made up of representatives from faculty, staff and students.

Yeakley said Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance, and Chris Krause, assistant vice president for campus services, proposed on Nov. 11 to the parking committee to change 50 spaces back to student parking. The committee approved the suggestion and agreed to implement the change as soon as possible.

The soon-to-be re-allocated spots are located on the interior section of the second floor closest to the ramp. The perimeter will remain designated for fac-

ulty parking.

Shelley Deats, manager of parking services, said the change will take full effect after new signs are put up and final logistics are made.

"Our goal is to have it finished no later than when we come back from Thanksgiving," Deats said. "But definitely before next semester and hopefully after we come back from Thanksgiving." In other business, Yeakley said the item of consideration requiring faculty to buy parking decals, as suggested by a consulting firm, has been "tabled indefinitely." After receiving heavy opposition to the possibility, the parking committee has no plans of revisiting

the matter, Yeakley said.

The parking committee is now turning its focus to improving the Baylor University Shuttle system.

"We feel like students will ride the shuttles if they're more reliable and convenient," Yeakley said.

Another major concern the committee is hearing from students, Yeakley said, is a reduction in time allowed for parking in the Chili's Too and Starbucks parking lot from two hours to 45 minutes. Yeakley said the parking committee is unlikely to reconvene until January but plans to continue addressing those concerns at its next meeting.

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becomes an essential asset to the Grogan family. Marley was there for Grogan and his wife's first pregnancy and the heart-break of a miscarriage.

The book personally resonated with Allan Marshall, Waco Chamber of Commerce director of community relations and chair of One Book, One Waco.

"It's a story of love, compassion, and friendship," he said.

"Marley and Me" has received critical acclaim since its release in 2005. The book has even been turned into a silver-screen production, which will be released Dec. 28. Owen Wilson will star as John Grogan and Jennifer Aniston is portraying Grogan's wife Jennifer.

The purpose of the Fer-

guson-Clark Author Lecture Series is to raise funds for the libraries.

The proceeds from the lecture will be used to buy new furniture for the 24-hour study section of the garden-level of Moody Library.

"We still have library furniture from 1968; they didn't think of laptops in 1968. We want to create a new space for students," Orr said in a press conference.

The Ferguson-Clark Author Lecture Series and One Book, One Waco teamed up in order to promote literacy.

"Libraries are so critical to the foundation of civilization," Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy said in a press conference. "It takes different types of action to encourage people to read, read, read."

Also, the community-wide book club also chose "Marley and Me" in order to strengthen the relationship between Baylor University and the Waco community.

"We're trying to shrink and link the town and gown relationship," Marshall said.

Darden said that roughly 500 of the attendees will be from the Waco community.

"The event itself brings folks together that would not normally be together," she said.

DuPuy acknowledged the present campus and city relationship.

"Baylor and Waco are joined at the hip," she said.

Tickets are on sale in the Bill Daniel Student Center today until 5 p.m., and tickets may be purchased at the Waco Hall box office starting at 6 p.m.

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Class of '09 leaves with win

By Kyle McKanna
Reporter

Saturday's Senior Day couldn't have been much more successful for the Baylor Bears, who walloped their Brazos River rival Texas A&M University 41-21. The importance of the victory was not overlooked by the 21 seniors who suited up for the game.

"When you come back here 20 years from now with your wife and kids, you're going to be like 'hey, we won our last game here against Texas A&M,'" senior offensive lineman Jason Smith said.

With the win, Baylor proved that they are a program heading in the right direction. Their 269 rushing yards were their most ever in a Big 12 game, and 510 total yards showed the Bears can attack through the air as well.

Head coach Art Briles attributes much of his team's success to the leadership of his seniors.

"I think I can honestly say not one of them has been late, missed any practices or any meeting since last December 1st," Briles said. "To me that is

a great sign of want-to, a great sign of hope, a great sign of leadership."

Seniors accounted for three of Baylor's five touchdowns on Saturday. Jacoby Jones had two rushing touchdowns and Robert Griffin hooked up with wide receiver Thomas White for a 55-yard score early in the third quarter.

The recent success is bittersweet for the seniors, who have been waiting for the team to reach its potential since they arrived at Baylor.

"I think I speak for a lot of the seniors that I think we'd all love to have another four years," White said. "Especially with the direction of the program right now."

The Bears, who led 41-7 at one point in the game, played perhaps their best defensive game of the season.

"We had a swarming defense just like we have practiced and preached," senior cornerback Dwain Crawford said.

Crawford intercepted a pass in his final home game for the Bears, who won the turnover battle against the Aggies 5-0.

After the game, the seniors

gathered together at the 50-yard line to take in all they had done, not only in the last 60 minutes, but the last 60 months.

"With the class we sacrificed a lot of things; we sacrificed our lives for five years. We forgot who we are and we've become something else," Smith said. "And at the end, we kissed it. We kissed that 50-yard line. Because this is our field; we love this place, and that's what we wanted our last moment to be, was kissing that 50-yard line."

Baylor will face one more Big 12 team Nov. 29, when the Bears will travel to Lubbock to compete against the No. 2 Texas Tech University Red Raiders, led by Graham Harrell and Michael Crabtree.

Briefly: Joe Pawelek had two interceptions during the game, marking the first time the Smithson Valley product has accomplished more than one interception in a game. He leads all FBS middle linebackers in interceptions.

For his performance, Pawelek was named the Big 12 Conference's Defensive Player of the Week: the second player this year to receive a Big 12 Player of the Week award. Robert Griffin was selected after his



Shanna Taylor/ Lariat Staff

Baylor's Jacoby Jones (25) rushes past an Aggie defender during the Bears' 41-21 victory at Floyd Casey Stadium. Jones is one of 21 football seniors.

Sports briefs

Aggies sweep Bears

The volleyball Lady Bears fell in straight sets to rival Texas A&M University Saturday at the Ferrell Center after failing to match the Aggies' relatively error-free play.

After dropping consecutive sets to start the game, junior Sarah Ammerman lead the Aggies to a 25-19 third-set victory. In what was a grudge match of the showdown earlier in the season when the Bears won 3-1 in College Station, the Aggies hit .352 for the match and only committed nine errors.

Next up for the Lady Bears is a Wednesday matchup in Lubbock against at Texas Tech University, a team in the midst of a 14-game losing streak.

Bears down Paul Quinn

Basketball head coach Scott Drew's Bears tipped off the season with a 108-50 win over NAIA Paul Quinn College Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

They face their first Division I opponent in Centenary College at 3 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center, a game that will be televised on ESPN as a part of the network's 24 hours of continuous college basketball coverage. Visit our website for more information.

Cross country women garner NCAA bid

The No. 18 women's cross country team tied Rice University for second place at the NCAA Cross Country South Central Regional Saturday morning at the Cottonwood Creek Golf Course, while the men finished in 10th place.

The women's team earned an at-large bid into the NCAA Championships. Visit our Web site for more information.

Lady Bears climb to No. 10 ranking with win

After an 81-65 win over No. 2 Stanford, Baylor women's basketball has moved to No. 10 in the latest AP poll.

The team will look to move to 3-0 on the season with a game against Steven F. Austin State University at 7 p.m. Friday at the Ferrell Center.

compiled by Gordon Voit

Baylor topples No. 8 Stanford

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

Kim Mulkey knew it was possible.

Despite heading onto the court to face a Stanford University team that was ranked No. 2 in the nation and returned all but one of member of its squad that beat Baylor by a 24-point margin on its way to the NCAA National Championship game last year, the Lady Bears head coach told her team to expect to win before the game.

"I just told them that it was a basketball game that you can win," she said. "And that this was an opportunity to win a basketball game against a very good team."

After the Lady Bears, led by

senior forward Rachel Allison's dominating 25-point performance and junior post Danielle Wilson's stifling defensive play, handed the Cardinal an 81-65 loss Sunday afternoon, she didn't seem at all surprised. She said the game would be a confidence booster more than anything else.

"It allows us to know that we can compete with teams across the country," Mulkey said. "It allows us to take a day off tomorrow and get ready for the next opponent."

"We will enjoy the victory for a short period of time, and then we will go back to work."

On the other side, Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer found plenty of areas her team needs to work on in a game she

said was "a wake-up call."

"I was very disappointed in our team defensively," she said. "I thought we fouled too much and just not being aggressive. Also, I'm really disappointed with our inside game. We need to do a better job of finishing inside."

Baylor will play Stephen F. Austin University at 7 p.m. Friday at the Ferrell Center.

Briefly: Sophia Young, a former Baylor Lady Bear and member of the 2005 national championship team, was honored at halftime for her contributions to Baylor.

Her jersey, No. 33, was retired in a short ceremony.

Young currently plays for the San Antonio Silver Stars, which made it to the WNBA championship series.



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Baylor's Jessica Morrow (3) shoots a jump shot during the No. 10 Bears' 81-65 victory over the No. 8 Stanford Cardinal. Morrow scored four points.

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