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# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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## Local bar manager stabbed in arm

By **Brittany Hardy**  
Staff writer

Two brothers were arrested early Saturday morning after a bar fight in Scruffy Murphy's Irish Pub led to the stabbing of the bar's manager.

The manager noticed a fight brewing between two customers around 1 a.m. Saturday and grabbed a man brandishing a bottle and preparing to strike the other customer, said Sgt. Melvin Roseborough of the Waco Police Department.

The other man used a pocketknife to stab the manager in the arm several times, Roseborough said. The two men then left the building.

Officers arrested 29-year-old Adam Day and 26-year-old Christopher Day in the parking lot.

Adam Day was charged with aggravated assault and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Christopher Day was charged with public intoxication.

Both men were sent to McLennan County Jail.

Christopher Day received a ticket for public intoxication and left the jail on Saturday, said a representative from McLennan County Jail.

Adam Day's bail was \$55,000, which he posted on Sunday.

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Adam Day

Christopher Day

## Student Life to study Baylor substance use

By **Sommer Ingram**  
Staff writer

In order to better understand the role of drug and alcohol use in the Baylor community, the Baylor Division of Student Life and the Office of Institutional Research and Testing have partnered to conduct a survey that will attempt to measure student attitudes and behaviors in regard to drugs and alcohol.

Baylor is one of the universities nationwide participating in this study, conducted by the Core Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Student Life sent a group of randomly selected students an e-mail with the link to the survey Monday, and students will have until March 6, the Friday before Spring Break, to complete it.

"For us, it's more about looking at trends and making adjustments," said Dr. Martha Lou Scott, associate vice president for student life. "Every student is not surveyed, so we hope to have a good enough response to know the general trends and know how to develop programs to address student needs."

Based on answers compiled

from the surveys, Student Life will develop new programs to better address student needs.

"These results will help us answer questions like whether we should have more programs among certain groups on campus, whether we should focus on putting programs into place in residence halls," Scott said. "The work we do is only made effective by being in contact with students and their needs. We have to grow and make changes to keep up with the needs of the population here."

Questions dealing with how often students use drugs or drink alcohol are found in the survey, as well as questions that deal with how risky students perceive this behavior to be.

"Baylor cares very much about students and their attitudes toward this kind of behavior. Certainly abuses of any kind often have very negative consequences that result," said Terri Garrett, director of Campus Living & Learning. "Most of our educational efforts focus on helping people see those consequences, because it's very important for

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## Gun standoff near campus

By **Brittany Hardy**  
Staff writer

A footchase near Baylor campus ended with the arrest of a man in connection with a gun disturbance Sunday afternoon.

Officers noticed a white Dodge pick-up truck near the

Kate Ross Apartment Complex, on the 1100 block of 11th Street. The vehicle matched the description of one involved in a disturbance with a gun in the area of 12th Street and Interstate 35, said Sgt. Melvin Roseborough of the Waco Police Department.

From the Kate Ross Apart-

ments, the officers followed the truck to the Cambridge apartment complex at 1321 S. 11th St.

There, the driver put the pick-up in reverse and jumped out of it, fleeing the scene on foot.

The pick-up rolled into the Cambridge Complex, causing

minor brick damage.

The officers chased the driver on foot for several blocks to the La Mirage Apartment complex on 909 Baylor Ave., Roseborough said.

Christopher Turner, 23, was arrested near the La Mirage

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Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

### In love and war

Cast members of Baylor's production of *Iphigenia 2.0* rehearse in the Mabey Theatre Monday night. The production is a modern-day remake of a Greek tragedy with contemporary commentary about the world today. It will open today and runs through Sunday. For more information, please visit: [www.baylor.edu/theatre](http://www.baylor.edu/theatre).

## Law team wins competition for third time

By **Shauna Harris**  
Reporter

Are Baylor Law students the new kids on the block? Not by a long shot.

For the third consecutive year, a Baylor Law team won the American Bar Association's Regional Client Counseling Competition and in doing so qualified for the national tournament.

"While I am certainly pleased with these wins, Baylor's winning these regional competitions, in a sense, is no surprise," said Brad Toben, dean of the Baylor Law School. "Baylor client counseling, mock trial and moot court teams have

consistently risen to the top in inter-scholastic competition."

The team, consisting of Plano second year law student Sean Hicks and Mission second year law student Robert Lopez, will be making their way to North Carolina in March to represent Baylor in the National Client Counseling Tournament. Hicks and Lopez, coached by Waco attorney and adjunct law professor Vic Deivanayagam, defeated 11 teams from seven different law schools across Texas.

Hicks said he is thrilled to have made it this far and is excited about the opportunity to bring awareness to those

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## Obama to 'confront' budget deficit

By **Liz Sidoti**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Urging future restraint even as current spending soars, President Barack Obama pledged on Monday to dramatically slash the skyrocketing annual budget deficit as he started to dole out the record \$787 billion economic stimulus package he signed last week.

"If we confront this crisis without also confronting the deficits that helped cause it we risk sinking into another crisis down the road," the president warned. "We cannot simply spend as we please and defer the conse-

quences to the next budget, the next administration or the next generation."

Obama summoned allies, adversaries and outside experts to a special White House meeting on the nation's future financial health one week after triumphantly putting his signature on the gargantuan spending-and-tax-cut measure designed to stop the country's economic free fall and, ultimately, reverse the recession now months into its second year.

At the same time, federal regulators announced a revamped program to shore up the nation's banks that could give the gov-

ernment increasing ownership. It was the administration's latest attempt to bolster the severely weakened banking system without nationalizing any institutions, which the White House has said it does not intend to do.

Wall Street showed it was unimpressed by all the activity. The Dow Jones industrials were down more than 200 points just before the close of trading.

Obama goes before Congress and the nation Tuesday night to make the case for his budget plans, which the White House is to release in more detail on Thursday.

By the president's account,

the administration inherited a \$1.3 trillion deficit for the current fiscal year from the Bush administration, that's the figure Obama says he'll cut in half, and the stimulus law, coupled with rescue efforts for ailing automakers, the financial industry and beleaguered homeowners will raise this year's red ink to \$1.5 trillion.

The administration hopes to trim the deficit by scaling back Iraq war spending, raising taxes on the wealthiest and streamlining government.

The president also said he

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Associated Press

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., (left) asks a question of President Barack Obama (right) at the close of the Fiscal Responsibility Summit Monday in the Old Executive Office Building at the White House in Washington.

Editorial

# Chimp cartoon deserving of negative reaction

What was supposed to be a comical cartoon interpretation of two news stories last week instead ended up causing an uproar among many readers. A New York Post cartoon went too far to be funny.

In Wednesday's edition of The Post, a cartoon was published that depicted two police officers shooting a chimpanzee to death, with one officer holding a smoking gun. One police officer is quoted saying to the other, "They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill."

The cartoon was supposed to be a reference to a 200-pound chimpanzee that attacked a Connecticut woman last week and the recently unveiled financial stimulus plan, but was interpreted in a completely different way.

It was immediately deemed racist by many readers and even prompted the Rev. Al Sharpton to release a statement because of the perceived comparison of the chimpanzee to President Barack Obama.

"The cartoon in (Wednesday's) New York Post is troubling at best given the historic racist attacks of African-Americans as being synonymous with monkeys," Sharpton wrote in a statement.

On Saturday, the head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People encouraged readers to boycott the Post because they said the

cartoon was "an invitation to assassination." They have also called for the newspaper to remove editor-in-chief Col Allan and cartoonist Sean Delonas.

The negative attention now inflicted upon the Post is certainly deserved. The NAACP's evaluation of the cartoon as "an invitation to assassination" is legitimate. The cartoon is extremely inappropriate given the context. Anyone whose paid any attention to this past historic election can vouch that the election of the first black president was tension-filled.

By associating a monkey with the federal stimulus package closely linked to President Obama, the Post was making a certain connection, whether intentionally or not, between the two. What other leading figure comes to mind when the American public thinks of the stimulus package, which President Obama recently unveiled?

In an apology issued the day after the cartoon was published, the Post claims that the cartoon was meant to "mock an ineptly written federal stimulus bill" and offered an apology to anyone who was offended. But the paper did not offer any apology to "opportunists (seeking) to make it something else."

It's simply outrageous that this cartoon actually made it to print without any sort of objection from anyone in



the newsroom. One must wonder about the mindset of the editors in this situation. Maybe the NAACP was right in calling for the removal of the editor-in-chief and the cartoonist.

Someone should have noticed the racist allusion easily picked up by the general public. This cartoon was neither funny nor clever.

Editors and cartoonists have to be extra careful with cartoons. Readers could interpret them in several different ways because cartoons don't include a full news story for explanation. They are allowed all but a few words to get a point across, which means the point must be clear.

It's like a joke: If well executed it can go very well, but if flubbed it can go extremely bad. In this case, it went really bad.

Whether the Post did or didn't intend to convey an underlying mes-

sage, it still should have considered the repercussions of printing such a cartoon. The fact that this cartoon has prompted widespread reaction is proof that clearly the wrong message has been sent.

Not to mention it makes light of a serious situation involving someone getting hurt. The woman involved in the chimpanzee attack probably doesn't think her situation is humorous or worthy of cartoon material.

The cartoon calls into question the ethics of journalism at the Post. The paper is well known for its infamous "page 6" in which anonymous sources offer celebrity gossip. It's this type of material that often has people referring to it as a tabloid rather than a newspaper.

Despite their flair for outlandish news, this shouldn't be viewed or passed off as acceptable.

## point of view

# Quality TV lost in reality nonsense

It began with the "Real World" and "Survivor" and it has manifested into a monster that is slowly but surely sucking the taste out of the American public. That's right, you guessed it — reality television.

Reality TV has overtaken cable networks, mainstream networks and everything in-between. Now you can't turn on a TV without finding a show where someone is looking for love, looking to make it big or simply making a fool out of themselves for the viewing pleasure of the American public.

By no means whatsoever am I above this television craze. "America's Next Top Model" marathons fill my apartment on the weekends, and I love watching contestants get their groove on in "So You Think You Can Dance" or "America's Best Dance Crew." But, reality TV has its place.

It may be cheap fun entertainment, but it's not all I want to watch. Where I have a problem is when watching someone "Wipeout" takes the place of high-quality dramas or sitcoms on television. Some might say there is a place for both types of shows. I agree, but when well-scripted and intriguing shows get cancelled because ratings are going to Howie Mandel asking models to open a briefcase, I get a little angry.

What has happened to America's taste level that we can't appreciate high-quality television? When did we digress to the point where slapstick humor is the only thing American audiences can appreciate? Part of the problem is that American audiences have a hard time investing in television shows. Reality TV allows audiences to come in and out without missing much story line. This pattern causes the attention span of audiences to dwindle.

Most television dramas and sitcoms work when audiences are faithful to them. We have to invest in the characters lives or the show fails. Shows like "Seinfeld" and "Friends" flourished because audiences became a part of their inner community. Reality TV allows us to invest for an hour or 13 episodes but it doesn't require the commitment other shows thrive on.

When audiences get into this instant gratification pattern of reality TV, where there are new twists and characters at every turn, it's hard to spend time on quality TV that takes more than one episode to understand and enjoy. Another log in the reality TV fire is the portrayal of life it paints for American audiences. When movies and television began, they were used to escape the reality of life. Good television take us beyond our regular lives to different, better worlds. People are wittier, prettier and more interesting on TV. We can't solve crime, or explore a mysterious island in regular life, so we rely on television to take us there.

What reality TV does is show us how great our lives are. Watching people make fools of themselves makes us feel superior. Not all reality TV does this, but watching other people's pettiness, mistakes and wrecked lives puts a distorted perspective on our own lives. It's the "at least I'm not that bad" phenomena. No matter how you look at it, reality TV is here to stay. I may not like it but in this economic crisis, networks lean toward the cheaper entertainment. As long as the American public is content with less-than-mediocre television nothing is going to change.

My solution is not to boycott reality TV. I couldn't give up "Top Chef" or "America's Next Top Model" if I tried. My proposal is the next time you're flipping through the channels looking for something to watch, give a sitcom or drama an hour of your time. You might discover a new, worthwhile show that keeps you coming back for more.

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## point of view

# Cell phones detract from safe driving

Transportation is dangerous. Buses go careening off the road because of icy conditions. Trains get derailed, mashed and exploded because of conductors not paying attention to their jobs. Cars hit students because the drivers are on cell phones.

This latter scenario hasn't been a major news story this year — yet. I live off campus this year, so I get the dubious honor of trekking past an intersection and down Speight Avenue to get to classes. I'm appalled whenever I'm walking and cars whiz past pedestrians crossing the parking lot exits.

Granted, traffic problems are pretty bad all over campus, but I never feel as though I'm forced to play the insurance lottery when I walk, for example, down 8th Street.

The close encounters on campus have nothing to do with aliens — they're with drivers on cell phones who don't see walkers in time because their entire right or left peripheral vision is obstructed by an iPhone.

Some never even realize they've nearly hit a person and go right on talking and speeding down the road or parking lots by the McLane Student Life Center, leaving shivering pedestrians with



BY KATE THOMAS

visions of their fourth birthday flashing before their eyes.

According to Texas law, "Vehicle operators emerging from or entering an alley, building entrance, or private road or driveway must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian approaching on a sidewalk extending across said alley, building entrance, or private road or driveway." Which means that when they have a stop sign or want to turn into or out of a parking lot, the people crossing from the sidewalk, myself included, get to go first.

Most pedestrians are pretty sure this is the case, but you'd never know it for sure, the way people on cell phones drive.

Don't get me wrong. I didn't always have such a bone to pick with people who talk on their phones and drive. In high school, when I lived in Connecticut, state lawmakers brought up legislation to make it illegal and my friends and I just laughed, certain the government was overreacting. Now I wish the Connecticut legislature had been the Federal one and that the bill had passed.

Currently, Texas has laws restricting cell phone usage for drivers under 18 and for those driving school buses. The rest of the state, however, is still free to potentially mow down civilians they can't see or to whom they aren't paying attention.

According to walkinginfo.org, there were 70,000 pedestrian injuries in 2007,

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## Corrections

In Wednesday's editorial, "Computers can't replace in class learning," Dr. James Bennighof's name was misspelled. Also, the 2006 story that was referenced stated that James Bennighof said "inner change." He said "interchange." In the original story, Bennighof spoke of his own personal inclination to favor the classroom experience over Web classes and was not talking about specific university policy. The Lariat regrets these errors.

Friday's article "Park, street..." incorrectly stated the date of the Miracle Match Marathon. It will take place Sunday, March 1.

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that are not acquainted with Baylor.

"We both feel great about heading to nationals," said Hicks. "We worked really hard leading up to regional's and it paid off. It's nice being able to represent Baylor at nationals and bring notoriety to a school many are not familiar with."

According to Lopez, the competition was structured around a preliminary 45-minute interview with a client who was grieving due to matters such as personal injury, statutory rape and the loss of a child.

The student attorneys were judged based on the professional environment created, the legal and non-legal options and advice presented to the client and the adjustments and reactions to the client's emotions during the interview.

"We are continuing to practice with our faculty coach, and our student coach, Kristen Henrichs, who has been instrumental in the development of our skills and has helped us develop an instinct for spotting the issues that most males in the competi-

tion often miss," said Lopez. "Our biggest task as a male-male team still continues to be our ability to emotionally respond and empathize or sympathize with our clients and to spot the issues that males often fail to spot."

Both Hicks and Lopez said that they are continuing to meet three times a week to practice together but have also begun researching individually to brush up on a number of legal topics they might come across at the national tournament, determined to reign victorious once again.

"It feels great to know that our hard work and practice has paid off," Lopez said. "But Sean and I are trying not to be complacent and satisfied with a regional championship and are continuing to work hard to advance past the national competition to compete in the international competition in Las Vegas."

Dean Toben said he considers successes such as the recent Client Counseling victory to be evidence of the unrivaled training and instruction that Baylor Law students receive.

"I believe these wins emphasize that it is a system that works and works very well," Toben said.

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apartment complex.

A cocked and loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol, about 19 grams of crack cocaine and \$280 were discovered on the suspect.

Turner was charged with a second-degree felony, possession of cocaine and Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Evading Arrest and Detention, Roseborough said.

Turner was transported to McLennan County Jail and is no longer there.

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The manager was transported to Hillcrest Hospital.

The officers recovered five guns and 200 sticks of dynamite from Adam Day's truck, Roseborough said.

Deputy Bud Koen, of Explosive Ordinance Disposal for McLennan Sheriff's Office, determined it to be a "large" firework.

As we move forward, it's important to ensure that our programs and policies provide incentives for students to exhibit constructive and lawful behavior," Fonville said. "Baylor's continued participation in this survey will enable our student life personnel to identify areas for improvement and introduce effective solutions."

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students to understand them."

Scott said from the moment students attend orientation, they are aware of the direct messages about alcohol use at Baylor.

"Jim Doak (Baylor police chief) and Bethany McCraw (dean of judicial affairs) stand in front of the students and tell them that the No.1 problem on this campus is alcohol use and abuse," she said. "There are standards set for all students. However, it's also about educational opportunities for students who need reinforcement on these expected behaviors."

Other survey questions include whether students view the social atmosphere on campus as one promoting drugs and alcohol, and to what extent they perceive students to care about problems associated with alcohol or drugs.

"The fact that we have zero tolerance here indicates that indeed we want to help students understand that they should use the resources here for them," Garrett said. "The policies are there to protect the students and help them keep their focus. We don't want to promote the things that will detract from students' overall goal: education."

Though Baylor is concerned with addressing drug- and alcohol-related problems, Scott said the atmosphere on campus regarding these things isn't completely negative.

"There are still fortunately a number of students who don't drink, but they are often overlooked because their behavior isn't something that draws attention," she said.

Student body president, Bryan Fonville explained that, just like other schools, Baylor has room for improvements with it's drug and alcohol efforts.

Earlier, Obama met with Republican and Democratic governors who are poised to benefit from his unprecedented emergency economic package. He told the chief executives, attending a three-day National Governors Association meeting in Washington, that he would begin distributing \$15 billion to their states within two days to help them with Medicaid payments to the poor.

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would reinstate a rule that the government pay as it goes, rather than racking up debt, and he sought to prepare people for "tough choices" in years to come. He called the long-term solvency of Social Security "the single most pressing fiscal challenge we face by far" and said reforming health care, including burgeoning entitlement programs, is a huge priority.

"We are paying the price for these deficits right now," Obama said, estimating the country spends \$250 billion, one in every ten dollars of taxpayer money, in interest on the national debt. "I refuse to leave our children with a debt that they cannot repay. And that means taking responsibility right now, in this administration, for getting our spending under control," he said.

Obama also responded to criticism from some Republican governors who have called the plan too big and too wasteful. He said such griping sounds political, and "that's what right now we don't have time to do."

One month into office as the economy continues its downward spiral, Obama is seeking to balance twin priorities: turning around dismal conditions with a huge injection of spending while lowering huge budget deficits. With his re-election race just a few years away, he also has an interest in avoiding



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Vice President Joe Biden, left, hugs Christina Rommer, right, Chair of Economic Advisors following the close the Fiscal Responsibility Summit Monday in the Old Executive Office Building at the White House in Washington.

being labeled as a big-government, big-spending Democrat.

The White House meetings opened a jam-packed White House week that includes a State-of-the-Union-style address to Congress Tuesday night and the president's first budget proposal on Thursday. A common thread: addressing current economic turmoil while controlling the country's long-term costs.

"This will not be easy. It will require us to make difficult decisions, and face challenges that we have long neglected," Obama told his White House audience, which included congressional leaders, 2008 GOP presidential nominee John McCain, and Republican Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, who recently backed out as Obama's commerce secretary.

Obama launched the summit with addresses from two economists: Mark Zandi of Moody's Economy.com and Robert Greenstein of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Zandi, who advised McCain's presidential campaign, said

policy makers need to respond promptly and aggressively to the struggling economy and the disarray in the financial system. Greenstein described the nation's long-term fiscal picture as "unsustainable," driven by ever-rising medical costs. He called for health care reforms as well as spending and revenue policy changes.

After Obama spoke, attendees broke into five groups to brainstorm how to address costly areas including military weapons, Social Security, health care and tax reform.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said, "Our deficit really cannot be controlled until we figure out how to deal with health care costs."

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio proposed raising the Social Security retirement age to 70 over a number of years, while Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., volunteered to stand between critics and the administration to fix the program if officials will work across party lines.

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# Speed, strength and agility tested by fitness competition

**Right:** Arlington junior Nick Grant does sit ups for one minute Tuesday at the McLane Student Life Center as part of the Fitness Competition.

**Middle:** Waco Junior Justin Tucker (left) does push ups for one minute for the Fitness Competition.

**Bottom Left:** Houston graduate student Derek Hagy does the agility sprint Tuesday for the competition.

**Bottom Right:** Hagy moves on to the standing broad jump, one of four skills that must be completed for the Fitness Competition.



By Trent Goldston  
Reporter

The Baylor ACIS Fitness Challenge begins today and will give students the chance to assess their physical skills by taking on a series of challenges that will test their speed, strength and agility. The event is hosted by the American Collegiate Intramural Sports and will be the biggest event of its kind in six years.

"We have almost 100 universities involved, the best of which will have the chance to compete with other schools from around the nation," said Kim Bancsi, ACIS University relations manager.

According to Bancsi, this multi-stage program will not only allow students to evaluate their fitness abilities, but also give some a chance to compete at the ACIS Fitness National Championships which will be held at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Previous championship locations include Venice Beach, Calif., and Disney World in Orlando, Fla., said Van Davis, assistant director for Baylor campus recreation fitness.

The first step of the program will begin today at the McLane Student Life Center and will be available until March 5. Students will be able to participate in a fitness pre-assessment that will allow them to weigh their skills and get them started in the challenge.

Stations are set up in front of the fitness center. Davis said that the assessment will involve four tests: one minute push-ups, one-minute sit-ups, agility sprints and the standing broad jump.

In order to enter a team for the ACIS Fitness National Championships, Baylor must first qualify for the event, which is done through having a large student participation in the pre-assessment and post-assessment stages of the program.

"In order to qualify we want as many students possible to come and do the pre-assessment and the post-assessment. Each will only take 5 to 6 minutes," said Davis. "If we can get at least

500 students to participate, we should be able to qualify," Davis said.

According to Davis, on March 24 and 25, students who participated in the pre-assessment will need to return for a post-assessment, in which students will be able to measure their physical progress over the month with each fitness test. It will be after the first two steps, that with proper participation, Baylor will be able to qualify for the national event. The qualifying schools will be announced March 30.

Baylor Fitness Challenge will be on March 28. The event will give students a chance to compete for a place on the Baylor Fitness Challenge Team at the ACIS Fitness National Championship. According to Davis, the other fitness tests include a sled pull, an obstacle course and other physical endeavors. The top four competitors, two male and two female, will earn their place on the Baylor Fitness Challenge Team.

"The winners of the challenge will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the ACIS Fitness National Championship. It is a great opportunity," Davis said.

Davis said that the winners of the Baylor Fitness Challenge will have workouts designed for them by the Baylor Fitness Staff and will have a month to train together for the national championship, which will take place on April 24 through the 26.

In year's past, this program was held by Nike but was discontinued six years ago. Baylor regularly qualified for the event and at the 2002 national championship, Baylor students Joe Bruner and Brandon Lester took home the first place. As this year's challenge begins, some students are getting excited.

"This will be great because it will allow normal students to showcase their athletic ability ... it will take people out of the classroom and give them a chance to really compete," Sparta, New Jersey senior Matt Palmer said.

For more information regarding the event contact Van Davis at the McLane Student Life Center.

## Fitness assessment kicks off

A Fitness pre-assessment in preparation of the Fitness challenge is underway. It includes one minute push-ups, one minute sit-ups, agility sprints and the standing broad jump.

The program begins today until March 5 at the McLane Student Life Center.

The top two male and top two female competitors will earn a place on the Baylor Fitness Challenge Team.

Contact Van\_Davis@baylor.edu at the SLC for more information.

# Graduates can live like kings, teach Thailand's crown prince

By Fangfang Zhang  
Reporter

The idea of getting paid for teaching English in Thailand is exciting enough for most people, but imagine living in the palace and teaching the son of the future King of Thailand. The interviews for eleven positions, including two teaching the future king of Thailand, began Monday and will continue through Wednesday.

The two palace employment opportunities are offered to Baylor graduates who want to teach English to the pre-kindergarten class of the 3-year-old son of the future King of Thailand, Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn at Chitralada Palace School beginning late May.

"This job will benefit particularly for those immediate May graduates," said Kathryn Mueller, senior lecturer in Sociology, "because their school year is from the end of May the March 1."

All expenses will be paid, including round-trip airfare, health service and apartment in Chitralada Palace area. Salary is paid monthly. "They will earn more than enough to live comfortably," Mueller said. "They

can also make extra income in tutoring children there if they want."

Applications are available in 316 Burseson or 204 Poage Library. For further questions, contact Kay Mueller at Kathryn\_Mueller@baylor.edu or 710-6235, and Beth Walker at Beth\_Walker@baylor.edu or 710-4825.

Chitralada Palace School, located inside the Chitralada Palace, was initially established for the royal children of the King Bhumopol and Queen Sirikit. It expands to include children of palace employees and eventually include applicants unconnected to the palace.

"The school has about one third royal kids, one third high SES (Social Economic Status) kids, and about one third kids from low income families now," Mueller said.

Candidate Dr. Theeranuch Pusaksrikit, a Thai exchange scholar from University of Manchester in the United Kingdom, said the school is definitely among the top prestigious schools in Thailand.

The King and the royal family are extremely respected and beloved by Thai people, Pusaksrikit said.

"To be able to be part of royal family, such a great opportunity doesn't come often," she said. "If they have the chance, they should be looking forward to it."

Pusaksrikit said that the ordinary Thai seldom has the chance to meet royal family members in person. Students would be the luckiest group who has more opportunities to meet them.

"I have only met the King once during my time," Pusaksrikit said. "It was when I graduated from college and received a diploma from him."

Additionally, there are nine openings for graduates to teach English in three royal schools in Bangkok, Thailand starting in May: Chitralada Palace School, Wattana Presbyterian School, and Rajini Bon School.

The opportunity for Baylor graduates to teach in Thailand is now entering its 15th year. "We remain the only university in the

country that has this many positions reserved for our graduates at the most prestigious schools in all of Thailand," Mueller said.

"This is not a Baylor University sponsored program," Mueller said. "It is an employment possibility for our graduates. They are competitive."

"A lot of American students need (the experience) because they are not all ready for graduate school," said International Student Relations Coordinator

Beth Walker.

Thailand is primarily a traditional Buddhist country, Pusaksrikit said. As it is getting more contact with foreign countries, people in Thailand are more willing to offer help to foreigners.

"Sawasdee (hello in Thai)," Pusaksrikit said as she bowed slightly with palms against each other in front of her chest, "that should get you ready to start your new life in Thailand."

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Sports briefs

No. 6 Baseball rolls over Pacific

Head coach Steve Smith and company have moved up two spots to No. 6 in the latest Baseball America poll after the team's 2-1 showing this weekend against the University of the Pacific. Freshman infielder Dan Evatt provided the Bears with some clutch hitting Friday, driving home the winning hit with a bases loaded, walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth inning in the season opener.

The Tigers took advantage of the Bears' bullpen struggles in the Saturday afternoon game as they mounted a four-run comeback in the final two frames to tie up the series with a 9-8 win.

No. 2 Equestrian tops Kansas State

The Lady Bears picked up their sixth consecutive win after a 10-6 victory over Kansas State University Saturday in Waco. The team moved to 11-2 on the season with the win, while the No. 9 Wildcats dropped to 3-6 and 2-6 all-time against the Lady Bears.

The team lost the tiebreaker in Western riding despite junior Allison Orosz's MVP performance in Horsemanship. The Lady Bears will now focus their attention on a March 7 home match against No. 3 Auburn University at the Willis Family Equestrian Center.

No. 7 Women's tennis blow by Miami

Sophomore Taylor Ormond and the Lady Bears halted their two-match losing streak with a 4-2 win over No. 10 University of Miami (Fl.) Saturday at the Ennis Indoor Tennis Courts. After a wind delay that pushed the match from 1 p.m. to Saturday night, the Lady Bears took singles, 4-2, behind No. 26 Ormond and No. 40 Jelena Stanivuk, who defeated No. 60 Michaela Kissell of Miami. The team is set to take on a pair of top 10 teams in Athens, Ga. this weekend in the form of No. 2 University of Georgia and No. 4 Georgia Tech.

Softball sweeps Sam Houston State

The 10-3 Lady Bears swept their weekend series with Sam Houston State University behind a balanced offensive attack that saw them score 17 runs over the final two games. Freshman Whitney Canion tossed her seventh complete game in the finale Sunday afternoon after allowing one run on five hits with ten strikeouts.

The Lady Bears take their four-game win streak into today's doubleheader against Oklahoma Christian University, where they will take on the 2-2 Eagles of the NAIA.

Compiled by Gordon Voit

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# Knoll grabs win No. 300, 301 over weekend

By Ben Powell Reporter

Baylor men's tennis team swept the competition last weekend, defeating No. 6 UCLA 4-3 and St. Edward's University 7-0 at the Baylor Tennis Center.

The Bears' match versus UCLA, which is now 6-3 for the season, was the team's first win over a top 10 opponent this season.

"It was a big step for us to be able to get a signature win," head coach Matt Knoll said. "We spent more time working on doubles last week than we ever have in any week in prac-

tice that I can certainly recall."

That extra time showed when Baylor took the doubles point with junior Attila Bucko and freshman Marc Bruche on court two and junior Denes Lukacs and freshman Maros Horny on court three winning their matches 8-5, 8-4 respectively.

No. 10 Lukacs defeated No. 74 Haythem Abid 7-5, 6-3 to give Baylor its first singles point. Bucko shortly followed with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Amit Inbar.

UCLA tied the match with wins over No. 121 Julian Bley, a freshman, junior Dominik Mueller and Horny.

No. 38 Jordan Rux clinched the match by defeating UCLA's No. 52 Matt Brooklyn. Rux struggled in the first set before storming back to take the match 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

"I was very pleased that (Rux) was able to race to the finish line like he was today and really be in control of the last two sets," Knoll said.



Knoll

"That's something that he can build on and will be a big deal for us in the coming matches."

The UCLA match was Rux's first win over a ranked opponent this season.

The match also marked coach Knoll's 300th win in his 14-year career.

"It's a credit to all the great players that we've had here," Knoll said. "I certainly don't embark on any year trying to accumulate a bunch of wins. I think really it is more about each season trying to maximize your potential and trying to win championships rather than individual wins. If I was a little smarter, I'd schedule a lot

easier and get my win total up a little faster."

Later that evening the Bears earned their third shutout of the season by defeating St. Edward's, 3-2 for the season, which is ranked No. 24 in Division II.

David Galic, a senior, made his season singles debut against the Hilltoppers, winning 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, 1-0 (10-3) versus Justin Raiti.

Galic is returning to the lineup after being sidelined this season with a shoulder injury.

The Bears return to the courts at 3 p.m. Friday to play No. 9 University of Mississippi at the Baylor Tennis center.

# Women drop second straight to Sooners, 66-58

By Joe Holloway Sports writer

The No. 6-ranked Baylor women's basketball team (21-4, 9-3) will play host to the Texas Tech Lady Raiders (15-11, 7-5) at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Ferrell Center in the second meeting of the teams this year.

The last time the Lady Bears took on the Lady Raiders, Baylor took home a 76-64 victory from the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. Tech has, however, had some good wins of its own, including victories over No. 16 Texas, No. 12 Texas A&M, and at Oklahoma State.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said she believes Texas Tech head coach Kristy Curry is trying, like a lot of Big 12 teams, to just get as many wins as possible at the end of the year and hopefully make it into the NCAA Tournament.

"I'm sure that's the message that she's sending to her team," Mulkey said. "The games are dwindling down so they're probably counting them right now."

The Lady Raiders' most recent win came over a Cowgirls team that has flirted with the top-25 rankings through the season in Stillwater. Tech won the game

74-70.

"I think they're playing better," Mulkey said of the Lady Raiders. "They still have the same personnel. I think just over the course of the year you get more confident. It is just having played together no for a longer period of time that makes them a little more fluid."

The Lady Bears are fresh from suffering their second loss this season to the No. 2-ranked Oklahoma Sooners, their third conference loss and fourth overall.

Mulkey indicated that she was most disappointed in the physicality of her team against the Sooners, lead by one of the nation's premiere post players, senior Courtney Paris.

"I thought we played hard. We didn't play tough," she said. "I just thought that OU was just more physical than we were. They were more physical and aggressive than us and I didn't like it."

Junior post Danielle Wilson was charged with going against Paris and, according to the Mulkey, defended her well in spurts. Wilson said she had to give credit where it was due.

"Anytime you play a top post player in the Big 12, you've got

to match up with them," she said. "What Courtney does is amazing."

Mulkey said that while Paris would probably get her points no matter how you played her, that her team couldn't continue to allow second and third players to have big nights as well. Oklahoma point guard Danielle Robinson had a game-leading 19 points in the contest and forward Amanda Thompson had 15 rebounds.

"You just can't let somebody get 15 boards that doesn't normally get 15 boards," Mulkey said. "You're playing a team that is very good. You can get away with that against good teams. You can't get away with it with the great teams."

Baylor's game against the Lady Raiders is one of only two home games left this season. After Wednesday, a rematch with Texas A&M in the season finale will be the only remaining game to be played in the Ferrell Center. Senior guard Jhasmin player said she tries not to think about her time playing at Baylor coming to a close.

"I only have two games left at the Ferrell Center," she said. "I've thought about it but I try to stay away from it."



Clint Cox/Contributor

Baylor forward Rachel Allison scores a layup against the Oklahoma Sooners Saturday in Norman, Okla. The Lady Bears lost 66-58.



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

## Swing batter batter swing!

Baylor infielder Dustin Dickerson makes a base hit against Brigham Young University Monday night at the Baylor Ballpark. BYU pitcher Adam Miller threw a wild pitch in the bottom of the ninth, allowing Dan Lambert to score from third. The Bears won 7-6. For the full story, see [www.baylor.edu/Lariat](http://www.baylor.edu/Lariat).

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