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Above: Baylor's Melissa Jones, top, and South Dakota State's Maria Boever, foreground, compete for a loose ball during the second half of their second-round of the NCAA women's college basketball tournament game in Lubbock Tuesday. Baylor won 60-58. **Below:** Baylor coach Kim Mulkey directs the team during the first half of their second-round of the NCAA women's college basketball tournament game against South Dakota State.

Alumna heads public affairs for busy Fed

By Brittany Hardy
Staff Writer

Michelle Smith, who graduated from Baylor in December 1991 with a BA in journalism, is now the head of Public Affairs for the Federal Reserve and has had quite the past 18 months.

Smith said she studied both business and journalism as an undergrad. She also received a Masters in Science and International Journalism through Baylor.

"Looking back, it looks like a straight line, it didn't feel like it at the time, but it looks like a straight line from Baylor to the Fed. I wish I could tell you it was really planned out, but I would be lying to you," Smith said.

The Fed is the United State's fundamental banking system and virtually controls the economy by setting interest rates.

The Fed, according to a recent speech given by Chairman Ben Bernanke in Washington D.C., has worked to innovate policy in order to overcome the effects of the financial crisis.

It has worked to improve credit market functioning and increase the supply of credit to households and businesses.

In addition, the Fed has worked to keep mortgage rates down by buying long-term treasuries and flooding the markets with money.

"I'm very proud of the Federal Reserve. I'm watching people in the middle of a crisis bring everything they have to the table, looking for creative and aggressive ways to be engaged and taking actions that I really believe are intended to make the lives of all American's better," Smith said.

They insured that the banking system did not fail, which would have had dire results for many other industries.

"The past 18 months have been intense. Working weekends and evenings are not

uncommon these days," Smith said.

Smith said she works to help reporters who are seeking information concerning the Fed.

She helps reporters receive accurate information, either through data releases or publications put out by the Fed or by getting them in contact with economists.

"If there's something I need the Federal Reserve to comment on, she's usually my first call. Lately I've talked to her certainly everyday and sometimes more than that. It has been a remarkable time; these last couple years," said Neil Irwin, Washington Post economics reporter.

Irwin has worked for the Washington Post since 2000. He began writing about the Fed and met Smith in 2007, about the time the financial crisis began.

Smith has become an "absolutely key adviser to some of the most important policy makers of the last 30 years ... Some of the most important and powerful people who shake the economic world rely on her for advice," Irwin said.

Smith and her husband, Blake, moved to Washington, D.C. in 1992, where she was hired as a mail clerk in Senator Lloyd Bentsen's office.

That same year, she moved into the deputy press secretary position in Senator Bentsen's office.

Along with several of the senator's staff, Smith moved to the Treasury Department when Bentsen was named Treasury Secretary under President Bill Clinton.

While at the Treasury Department, Smith was the press spokesman for international issues and eventually served as the assistant secretary for public affairs.

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Lady Bears head to Sweet 16

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

The No. 2 seed Baylor Lady Bears travel to Raleigh, N.C., to take on No. 3 seed Louisville in the Sweet 16 at 11 a.m. in the RBC Center.

It's Baylor's first trip to the Sweet 16 since 2006 when the No. 3 seeded Lady Bears lost to No. 2 seed Maryland 82-63 in Albuquerque, N.M.

"It feels really good," senior guard Jhasmin Player said. "I haven't been here since my freshman year."

Player added that, while the team is excited to be where they are, there is still a sense of dissatisfaction in the locker room as the team looks to continue their tournament success against Louisville.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey indicated,



ed, however, that beating the Cardinals, led by senior forward Angel McCoughtry, will prove no easy task.

"They're very good," Mulkey said. "You better not turn the basketball over and, number two, you better keep them off the boards."

Mulkey characterized McCoughtry as

a player reminiscent of three-time WNBA MVP and Olympic Gold Medal winning Sheryl Swoopes, but at the same time was quick to point out Baylor's strengths.

"Our scoring is just pretty much balanced," she said. "Who do you guard for Baylor? We've got kids that you can't just focus on one player."

Mulkey's point was well illustrated in Baylor's first two games of the NCAA Tournament in Lubbock, close wins over the University of Texas at San Antonio and South Dakota State University. Since junior post Danielle Wilson went down with a knee injury, senior guard Jessica Morrow has led the Lady Bears in scoring, but it was sophomore guards Melissa Jones and Kelli Griffin who buoyed the Baylor

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Student shares battle to beat lymphoma

Dache Johnson
Reporter

George Bember is a Houston freshman, pre-physical therapy student majoring in Exercise Physiology. He is also one of the Baylor students organizing Relay for Life and will be working a special tent that is set up to honor cancer survivors. He has a special interest in the event, and the survivor tent in particular, because he is survivor himself.

In July 2005, when Bember was a freshman in high school, he noticed his lymph nodes were swollen. His doctor misdiagnosed with a sinus infection, and when the antibiotics didn't work, he went back to the doctor. He started having jaw pain, knee pain and night sweats, but the symptoms would come and go. The doctors thought he had mono or was sore from his braces. When Bember was sent for a CT scan at Texas Children's Hospital, they found the problem.

On Aug. 2, 2005, Bember was diagnosed with Burkitt's lymphoma, a cancer that his doctors informed him was treatable and had a good cure rate. The cancer had spread to his lymph nodes, bone marrow, connective tissue in his abdomen, one kidney and his pancreas. Bember was fifteen.

"The confidence of the doctors combined with my confidence enabled me to get through. From the beginning the doctors told me it was very curable so I just fed off of that and had no doubt in my mind that I was going to beat it," Bember said.

Despite his positive attitude, Bember's fight with cancer was not easy. He missed seven months of his sophomore year for weekly trips to the hospital for rounds of chemotherapy. He would develop high fevers because his body was fighting infection that would often result in trips to the emergency room every other week. He had more than five spinal taps



Courtesy Photo

Houston freshman George Bember was diagnosed with in 2005 with Burkitt's lymphoma, but is now in remission. "The confidence of the doctors combined with my confidence enabled me to get through," Bember said.

and nine blood transfusions, and bone marrow aspirations from his hipbones. He eventually lost his hair, significant weight, and suffered from mucositis and constant nausea.

Bember is now in remission, and has been since Dec. 9, 2005. He will be a long-term survivor soon, and will be able to have only yearly tests, instead of every six months. He graduated from high school on time and was able to join the varsity baseball team in junior and senior years after he regained his lost weight and

strength. Bember had one at-bat his sophomore year.

"I was pale and bald and skinny, but I hit a grounder out to second base," Bember said.

His dad later told him that it was very emotional up in the stands as he ran to first base.

Not all of his experiences from his time in the hospital were bad. Bember has made lifelong friends with many of the staff at Texas Children's. He also got to know the other children

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Leukemia survivor relies on her faith

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

Three years ago, the only thing that made Kay Dunlap smile was the daily joke she received from a friend through e-mail.

"They were so corny, and they just got worse and worse," Dunlap said. "I think my favorites were 'What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef.' 'What do you call a cow that doesn't give milk? A milk dud.' 'What do you get when you cross a cow with a duck? Milk and quackers.'"

But even smiling didn't come easy. Most things don't when one is hospitalized in isolation for 30 days, too sick to come in contact with anything outside the room. Too weak to even venture from the bed.

But now, Dunlap, the office manager in the provost's office, can't stop smiling. After surviving a battle against leukemia, Dunlap is back on her feet and encouraging others.

Less than ten years after

Dunlap lost her husband to cancer, her life took another drastic turnaround when she was first diagnosed Myelodysplastic syndrome, often a precursor to Leukemia, in February 2006.

"At that point, I thought, 'oh well, maybe five years down the road something might happen, but in the mean time I'll be treated for this and maybe it will all go away,'" Dunlap said.

She finished her first round of treatment with success and went into remission. A few months later, Dunlap and her family went in for a second opinion at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, where she received the news that her condition had pressed into leukemia.

Immediately, the doctor wanted to admit her for a month of isolation at the hospital to protect her from infections. Dunlap's condition rendered her vulnerable to fatal results from even the slightest illness.

Dunlap had Acute Myeloid

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Creation of phantom money will only hinder economy

President Obama's budget is expected to bring \$7 trillion in cumulative deficits over the next 10 years. Sen. Kent Conrad (D-N.D.) predicts a higher amount, according to the L.A. Times.

In light of our current economic problems, I must ask why our elected officials see the answer as spending more money? Why must we bail out failing companies and throw money we do not have at pet projects that will produce no net increase in economic output and productivity? More importantly, where is all of this money coming from?

only finance these decisions in three ways - increasing taxes, increasing our national debt or printing more paper money. It looks like we may be hit with all three in the coming months, if we are not already.

Because raising taxes is unpopular, the latter two forms are a favorite of politicians who want to be re-elected and do not care about the future burden their out-of-control spending will cause.

I'm not much of an economic expert, but I do know that the government cannot create wealth. What it spends must first come from the people, and this reshuffling of money, after

point of view



BY LUKE WOMBLE

bureaucrats have skimmed off their share, will not help things either, as the famous economist Frederic Bastiat pointed out. One might think a broken shopkeeper's window would prove good for the economy since it gives the window maker a job, but this fails to account for hidden cost of spending money on

the new window the shopkeeper might have spent on more productive endeavors, such as streamlining or expanding his business. The moral of this story? Government taking money from the people - directly through taxes or indirectly through inflating the money supply - can only hurt our already suffering economy.

The long-term effects of inflation are especially worrisome. While this new cash pouring into the economy benefits those who get it first (almost like getting free money), such as big banks and other financial institutions, it hurts the average American who must try to deal

with rising prices, the result of inflation. Remember, money is like any other commodity. The less scarce it becomes, the less valuable it becomes. President Obama's and Congress's current spending and bailouts, like President Bush's before, will not work and have not ever worked in the past. As Treasury Secretary under FDR, Henry Morgenthau said in May 1939, "We have tried spending money. We are spending more than we have ever spent before and it does not work ... I say after eight years of this Administration we have just as much unemployment as when we started ... and an enormous debt to boot!"

Spending money we do not have is not the answer to our problems. Our excessive and debt-enabled consumerism is partly what got us into this mess. We must save our hard-earned money, weather this storm and start building wealth in a responsible way.

Most importantly, if we do not want this turmoil to result in a depression potentially worse than the one experienced in the 1930s, we must demand that our elected leaders stop this suicidal track they have us on.

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Editorial Jurors using Internet destroy 'impartial jury' right

Disruptive technology is a term used in business to describe innovations that change the way an industry operates. Now, the disruptions have left the business sector and migrated to a place they don't belong: the courtroom.

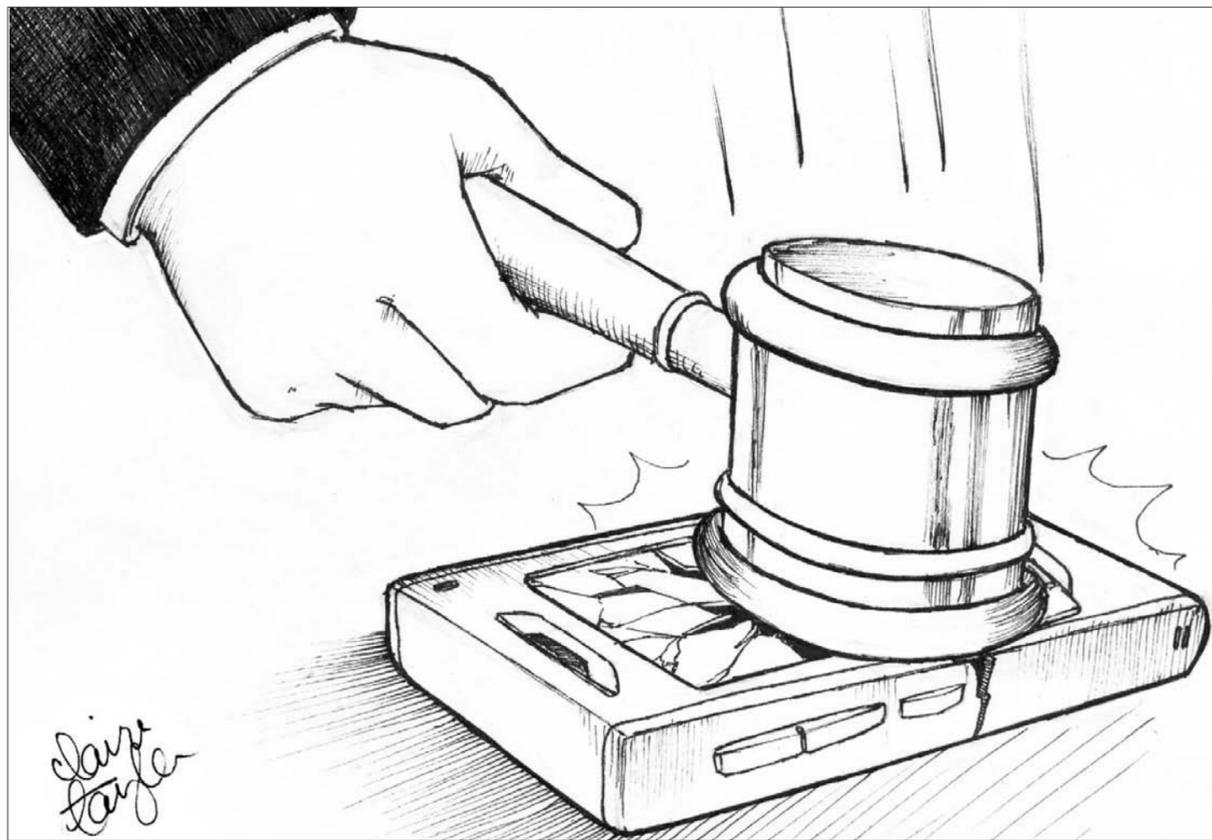
A judge presiding over a federal drug trial in Florida this month was forced to declare a mistrial when jurors admitted to using their BlackBerries, iPhones and the Internet to both research for evidence and to disseminate information about the trial over the Internet.

The practice of a juror informing himself outside the bounds of admitted evidence is strictly forbidden in U.S. courts. It negates the promise of an "impartial jury" in the Sixth Amendment because the information the juror receives can create bias unrelated to legal evidence.

Legal evidence is admitted to the court strictly based on "rules of evidence," which consider the way the evidence was procured, the reliability and accuracy.

If a juror violates this, he or she can be kicked off the jury. With the exception of cases in which a juror accepts a bribe or other illegal violation, no other penalties are imposed on jurors who disobey orders from the judge.

Judges instruct jurors, usually orally, not to seek outside



information. They specifically preclude the use of the Internet in relation to the case in blanket admonitions to the jurors.

In some high-profile cases in which ignoring information about the case would be nearly impossible, entire juries are sequestered, or held in isolation, in order to prevent bias.

Jurors are supposed to be impartial until they adjourn to deliberate on the verdict, and only then, using court-approved evidence, should they decide the case. Googling the defendant's past or Tweeting about the supposed outcome of the case creates and exposes bias, both grounds for a mistrial.

In the case of the drug trial, the judge was forced to declare the case a mistrial on grounds of bias when nine jurors admitted to seeking evidence outside of the courtroom using the Internet.

Mistrials are costly in terms of money, research and time. That so many jurors would ignore the instructions of the judge and do as they please is ludicrous.

Unfortunately, it is a common occurrence for jurors to ignore or forget to follow the judge's orders.

Yes, they were seeking to better understand the circumstances so that they could make informed decisions.

However, there is a good reason why the court approves evidence to be of use in trials. Included evidence has been subject to the investigation and scrutiny of both sides. Reasons for excluding evidence includes it being illegally obtained or prejudicial.

If the judicial system starts seeing that technology is becoming a problem, judges may even stop allowing gadgets that have access to the

Internet, such as cell phones or laptops, into the courtroom. The prohibition may extend past jurors, to everyone present in the room.

Not only would this be a hardship to jurors trying, for example, to call their families during lunch breaks, but it would also hinder the efforts of journalists using technology to report on the case.

There are no sure ways beyond sequestering to make sure jurors don't overstep the already clear-cut boundaries and either cause mistrials or make judges sour toward technology.

A method that might deter them, however, would be to obligate jurors to sign statements promising not to do the forbidden. Those who are caught compromising the integrity of the trial and their own neutrality could then be subject to monetary or criminal penalties.

This method, while extreme, would at least press upon jurors the importance of following the instructions and give them a reason to observe the rules.

While it is admirable that jurors would like to go beyond the call of duty to understand the legal system of which they are a part, the rational, time-honored rule of not allowing jurors to conduct their own research or report on a case must be upheld.

Nothing good can come from jurors being able to upload tabloid articles to their BlackBerries while a lawyer gives valid evidence in front of them.

The problem of jurors overstepping their instructions is not new, but with the advent of easy-to-reach technology infiltrating courtrooms, it makes ignoring the rules all the more tempting.

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Letters to the Editor

Homosexuality is sin, but not reason to disown family member

I found it disturbing that neither a Christian daughter nor a Baptist family handled this situation (in Thursday's article "Student talks on Oprah with gay mom") the way that their faith dictates. The fact that all parties claim to have years of Christian upbringing furthers my disappointment with their actions. The husband's family failed

their daughter-in-law by poorly representing Christ to her. Who among us has not sinned in some way? The Bible makes it clear in several passages (James 2:10, Deuteronomy 27:26, Galatians 3:10) that if we break one law we are just as guilty as someone who has broken them all.

How then can we look down on someone for a particular sin? All are equal in God's eyes. However, I say this in no way

to support homosexuality. My statement is that disowning a member of your family for sinning does not show Christ's love and forgiveness.

Haley also is wrong in her reaction to her mother's homosexuality. First, the article states that Haley said, "She's had no problems reconciling her Christian faith, her southern Baptist upbringing, and her mother's homosexuality."

If Haley had consulted the Scripture on which her religion is based, she would have noticed several passages (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:26-27) that clearly indicate God's views on homosexuality.

Haley's second statement is more complex. She says, "Jesus never said a word about sex in the Bible." Jesus never specifically mentions homosexuality in

his sermons (he does mention sexual immorality and adultery).

However, in Matthew 5:17, Jesus does address homosexuality along with all the other Biblical laws.

The verse says that Christ came to fulfill the law, not to change it. Jesus did not go over the entire law again because it would be unnecessary.

As Christians our reaction

to homosexuality should be the same as to all other sin. We should not turn our backs on our brothers and sister when they stumble, but instead we should pray for them in love. Equally true is the fact that we should not legitimize their sin. I am disappointed that neither party seemed to understand this.

Geoffrey Reading
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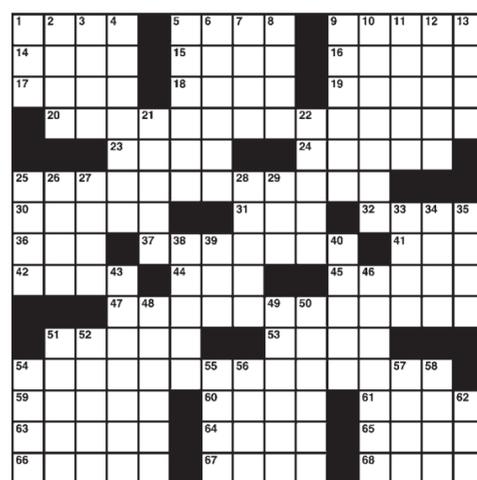
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Soviet-Afghanistan stories told by former chief of staff

By Nick Dean
Staff writer

Baylor students were given a rare opportunity to hear and see tales from the Soviet-Afghanistan War Thursday in the Meadows Recital Hall.

The third annual W.R. Poage Lecture featured Charlie Schnabel, former chief of staff for U.S. Congressman Charlie Wilson, and his stories from the dealings with the mujahedeen, an Afghani group of holy warriors determined to drive out Soviet forces from their country.

"We got (Schnabel's name) from Judge Jack Hightower," said Ben Rogers, Baylor Collection of Political Materials director. "We wanted someone in connection with Charlie Wilson's war and that is the name (Hightower) gave us."

Judge Hightower is the owner of many of the artifacts found in the Poage Library's Lincoln Collection currently on display. Hightower has known Schnabel since 1953.

"We were so glad that Charlie Schnabel could come and tell us the real story," Hightower said in his introduction. "His job involved a lot more than just talking to stenographers."

Schnabel's work under Congressman Wilson provided many unique opportunities that the chief of staff illustrated to the audience through original footage from his time within Afghanistan and through stories that put Wilson's legislation into a broad perspective.

"I got involved with the mujahedeen for Charlie," Schnabel said. "I should have known something was in the wind when I had to get a top secret security clearance."

According to Schnabel, on Dec. 27, 1929 Soviet Russia invaded a defenseless Afghanistan with 80,000 soldiers, 1,800 tanks and other ammunition with the main goal of expansion.

"I played a small part with Charlie Wilson for the cause of bettering the world."

Charlie Schnabel
former chief of staff

"Russia was simply expanding its borders because they could not access the warm oceans of the world," Schnabel said. "They wanted to establish a base with a fleet to then sail the seas."

Schnabel spent time on the battlefield with the mujahedeen and his original footage demonstrated the actual use of weapons against Soviet Russia by the mujahedeen and their routines for celebration.

"When I was with these guys before they shot they would pray," Schnabel said. "Five times a day they would say: God is great. God is merciful. God, give Afghanistan victory."

The footage also focused on the individuals Schnabel

encountered during his time and the measures Charlie Wilson wanted to be taken in order to provide a helping hand to the Afghani people.

Schnabel told an anecdote that emphasized Wilson's philanthropy. According to Schnabel, loading 130 mules onto a 747 airplane was part of the aid sent to Afghanistan. Soviet Russia had killed most of the camels the people of Afghanistan used for transportation, and when Wilson asked how he could help the answer was simply put: mules. Schnabel went undercover as an animal assistant to help in the transportation of the mules to Afghanistan, but ran into conflict before take-off with animal-rights activist who felt the maneuver was offensive.

"I had to prove to some organizations that these mules were part of our aid to a country," Schnabel said. "I had to show them they were freedom-fighter mules."

The list of outrageous and unusual places that his job took him during the war was endless according to Schnabel. Though eventually Soviet Russia left Russia for two reasons: the influx of narcotics into its home country and, according to Schnabel, "they just got beat."

Charlie Schnabel took on the tasks of the unthinkable while under Wilson, though he only sees his part as a smaller part for the greater good.

"I played a small part with Charlie Wilson for the cause of bettering the world," Schnabel said.



Jacky Reyes/Lariat photographer

Art unmasked

The Martin Museum of Art held its Annual Art Student Exhibition reception and award ceremony Thursday in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. The center work featured above is called "Gas Mask" by Casey Wright, a studio art major from Boca Raton, Fla. The exhibition will be featured until April 15 and is free and open to the public. For the full story, see www.baylor.edu/lariat.

Leadership sessions reach out to cultural organizations

By Lauren Hollon
Reporter

Not all organizations are created equal. This Saturday, the 3rd annual Multicultural Leadership Summit will bring up cultural differences, similarities and how to capitalize on an organization's strengths.

"The idea for the summit came out of a discussion with some colleagues of mine," said Dr. Liz Palacios, dean for student development. "Working with different student groups, we began to ask, 'Do they have the tools and resources to develop leadership skills?'"

The first session of the day will give basic information about different minorities and their cultural identities. Students may choose from three workshops: The African-American Experience, The Asian-American Experience or The Hispanic/Latino Experience. These sessions will cover each group's history, culture, traditional values and ideals.

"The first year, most students went to the session that related to their minority group. It was really exciting for us the next year seeing, for example, Latino students sit in on the Asian-American Experience session," Palacios said.

Dallas junior Hallen Dao,

internal vice president of the Asian Student Association, attended the summit last year and said she plans to go this year. She said the discussion of stereotypes in the Asian-American Experience workshop last year was especially insightful.

"There were other students that were non-Asian there, too. You were able to get a lot of different views," Dao said. "The great thing about the workshops was that we were able to be really honest with each other without stepping on each other's toes."

The second session of the day will cover the practical details of running a student organization. Topics include event planning, icebreaker activities, membership retention, requesting funds, greek organizations, recruitment and others.

As an intern for the multicultural affairs department, Dallas freshman Erica Nichols had a chance to help brainstorm for workshop topic ideas. Nichols is also a member of the executive board of the Association of Black Students.

"I'm really looking forward to the part about getting organizations back on track," Nichols said. "One workshop is going to tell you how to keep members' attention in your organization, how to keep your membership up and how to build your mem-

bership."

The day will include keynote talks from Tim Wise, an anti-racism activist and author, and Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president of Student Life.

Lunch will be provided, and students can participate in round table discussions while they eat.

Each table will have a different topic of discussion, ranging from dealing with cliques within organizations to boosting an organization's image in the wider community, Palacios said.

"The summit isn't just for minority students," Palacios said. "It's a great way for students to come together and learn about each other."

Ramona Curtis, director of the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement, said that the summit will be useful to students after college.

"When our students leave this campus it's our hope that this summit has helped them to better navigate the complexities of an engaged multicultural environment," Curtis wrote in an e-mail to the Lariat.

Students interested in attending the summit should register online at www.baylor.edu/leadership. Registration will continue until the morning of the event.

BEAR BRIEFS

The sign-up for Student Government campaigning will end at 5 p.m. today. For more information visit www.baylor.edu/student_government and click on election information.

A garage sale benefiting Samson Abukari, who lives at the World Hunger Farm, will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at 1300 Guthrie St. Samson has been learning farming techniques to take back with him in May when he returns to his community in Ghana. Donations for the sale can be dropped off anytime today at 1300 Guthrie St.

The 2009 Albritton Art Institute Annual Lecture will feature distinguished guest lecturer Dr. Petra Chu at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 149 Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Chu, professor of art history department at Seton Hall University, will talk about "Visual Memory and the Creative Process: A Nineteenth-Century Conundrum." The event is free and open to the public, though seating is limited.

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She served under three different Treasury Secretaries: Lloyd Bentsen, Robert Rubin and Lawrence Summers.

"I think it's amazing. She has successfully worked for Alan Greenspan, Lawrence Summers, Robert Rubin, and now, Ben Bernanke. Those are all extremely demanding bosses, but they're very different in personality and style. And she's managed to be successful in her job even though they're so different to work for, which suggests that she is very skillful at working with people," said David Wessel, economic editor of the Wall Street Journal.

"All PR people really have is their credibility ... The best PR people in Washington are those with credibility. She's a master at it, that's why she's been so successful. Any one of the major economic policy people would love to have her work for them," Wessel said.

Everyone who has jobs similar to Smith's have been "working 24/7 for a year and half,"

Wessel said.

"I'll bet she hasn't had a weekend off in a year," Wessel said. "I don't think people outside of Washington understand how hard these people work sometimes. There's a very small group of people carrying a very heavy burden and she's one of them. Because communication with the public is so important, it can't be left to chance."

Smith came to the Fed in 2001 to work with then-Chairman Alan Greenspan.

"Her reputation in the Federal Reserve is as high as one could get," said Greenspan in a phone interview with the Lariat. "She's very smart and thoughtful and also very collegiate."

Chairman Ben Bernanke became chairman three years ago.

"I joke that I've chosen my bosses very well. I only wish that I could claim any credit at all for 'choosing' them. I have surely been fortunate to work with public servants of the highest order," Smith said.

Just like she hoped, Smith said her work in Washington has taught her a lot.

"I feel like I'm in the most interesting graduate school public policy class every day," Smith said of her experience working with the Fed.

"I get to work with very talented public servants and reporters who are at the top of their field. I compare it to standing at the most interesting intersection ever — helping to bring information and questions in and helping Federal Reserve officials and staff to communicate as best they can with folks outside the Federal Reserve," Smith said.

Though she was not an Economics major, Smith said she knew, as a student, that she wanted to be involved in policy and had an interest in economics because of the economics and political science professors that she had at Baylor.

Dr. Stephen Gardner, professor of economics, taught Smith when she was in Baylor's Master of international journalism program.

Gardner said he believes Baylor provided a good interdisciplinary program that allowed Smith to learn about journalism, economics, politics, and

international affairs.

"And I'd liked to think that we played some part in nurturing her to be such a nice and pleasant person," Gardner said.

Gardner said he is proud of Smith because she started at the "bottom," working in Bentsen's mailroom, and proved herself valuable in one job after another.

"When Summers became the president of Harvard, he tried to take Michelle with him there, but the Federal Reserve created a special position for her — Assistant to the Board of Governors," Gardner said.

Smith is from Dallas, but now lives in Falls Church, Va.

"It's a great place to raise a family, our kids are in public school in Fairfax County," Smith said.

"Family" for Smith means her husband, who graduated from University of Texas and whom she met in Waco, an 11-year-old daughter, Maddie, a six-year-old son, Henry, and their dog, "Brazos."

"It's not Texas, but it's really nice ... I realized the other day we've been here for 17 years now,

it feels like just yesterday I was writing stories for The Lariat," Smith said, "People here have heard of Baylor, they respect Baylor, and not just for the basketball."

Smith and her husband got married in Texas and moved to Washington, D.C. just a few months later.

"We thought we'd go to Washington and it would kind of be a five-year experience. Life has played out differently. We felt we could learn a lot by immersing ourselves in this world," Smith said, "... I had never been to Washington before we moved here."

Smith said she is thankful for the time she spent at Baylor.

"Baylor gave me an appreciation for the importance and dignity of public service," Smith said, "Baylor tries to instill in every student a curiosity about the world and a commitment to work to make things better."

Baylor students leave with a sense that it is possible to successfully translate their core values into practice through their careers and in their communities."

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who frequented the oncology ward. He has been the pallbearer at two funerals, both for children who were too young. He said that children with cancer just lead a different life. They can't go to school and be with friends their age, and the symptoms that are a constant in their life seem normal.

"From my experience, I learned to live life and not just sit on the sidelines and watch. I also learned to live for God and to not take anything He has blessed me with for granted. Each day is a gift and I learned the hard way how fast your life can change drastically from one day to the next," Bember said.

Now Bember is getting ready for his second summer in Wyoming, as a counselor at a camp for children who are fighting cancer. They stay in cabins in the mountains and camp out in Yellow Stone National Park. Bember said he is a vehicle of hope for the other children with cancer.

"I'd say never give up no matter how hard. Your attitude is everything. Turn to God for strength and hope. And to just believe that you can get through the fight," Bember said.

Bember's future career is also an inspiration from his experience as a cancer survivor. All the time he spent and the hospital, observing the doctors and the help they provided, made him want to be a physical therapist. He still goes back to visit the doctors and nurses when he is in town. One day he would like to go back to Texas Children's, where he has been assured a job is waiting for him.

For now he is doing what he can by helping with the Relay for Life.

The event starts tonight at 7 p.m. and goes until tomorrow morning at 7 a.m. The purpose of the event is to raise money for cancer research, as well as funds to help those currently fighting the disease and their families with the expenses involved.

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Leukemia, an aggressive cancer where too many immature white blood cells aren't found in the bone marrow and blood, according to the National Cancer Institute.

With her daughter scheduled to graduate from Baylor just days later and her son set to graduate from law school the following week, Dunlap decided, to the doctor's disapproval, to wait another week.

"I said I was the only parent and I'm going to be with my kids," Dunlap said. "The doctor was not happy, and he left the room. The nurse said 'You're doing the right thing. You need to be with your kids.'"

Knowing for a full week that she was about to enter isolation, Dunlap, a former children's minister, grew "stir-crazy." She packed books, music and paint-by-numbers to get her through what she anticipated to be a boring, lonely time.

"But I was so sick, I didn't do one single thing the whole month. I basically slept for 30 days," Dunlap said.

During that time, she received her first of eight rounds of chemotherapy. Anyone who came into the room had to wear a gown, mask, head covering, gloves and booties over their shoes, so as not to bring in any bacteria.

"I could see eyeballs for a month, and that was all," Dunlap said.

Dunlap said she felt so sick that she shut down emotionally and relied instead on others to make decisions for her.

"I quit making opinions on things, and it really took a long time for that to come back," Dunlap said. "The nurse would ask me if I wanted red jell-o or orange jell-o, and I was like, 'I don't care, just give me some Jell-o.'"

After 30 days, she was permitted to leave the hospital. But due to the high-risk status of her condition, the doctors

instructed her to live within 10 minutes of the emergency room in case she developed a high fever, which could quickly result in death.

Dunlap moved into an apartment provided by a church that rents housing at low rates to patients who are undergoing treatment.

For the next nine months, family members came to stay with her while she went to the hospital nearly every day for eight to 10 hours of blood transfusions and medication.

After three clinical trials and four stages of treatment, Dunlap and her family decided she would try the only known cure for leukemia — a blood and marrow stem cell transplant. While she was warned it might take several months to find a donor, Dunlap had a match within six weeks.

"The donor coordinator said that sometimes people get to the day of the transplant and then they back out, so I was fortunate that mine was a mature person who was serious about it," Dunlap said.

After the surgery, the doctors required Dunlap to stay in Houston for 100 days for the recovery period, a time Dunlap described as her lowest point emotionally.

"I couldn't see an end to it, that it would ever be over, that I might get healthy again and go back to work. I was stuck where I was," Dunlap said.

Since her first diagnosis, she lost 97 pounds and most of her hair.

"I had bones and I had skin on top of the bones and that was about it. Plus with no hair, it was a really attractive sight. I had sunken in eyes. I looked like a survivor of a concentration camp," Dunlap said. "It was really bad."

What pulled her through, Dunlap said, was her trust and reliance that God was guiding her decisions.

"The verse that came to me was Psalm 20:7, which says 'Some trust in horses and some

in chariots but we trust in the name of the Lord our God," Dunlap said. "But I rewrote that verse for myself to say 'Some trust in doctors and some trust in chemo but I'm going to trust in the name of the Lord our God.'"

After a few months, Dunlap began to feel better. She's now in remission with few side effects, but Dunlap said it's nothing she couldn't live with for the rest of her life. For the first time in two years, her blood levels returned to the normal range in October.

Originally from Houston, Dunlap moved to Waco, where her mother-in-law lives, after her treatments to be closer to family. She started working at Baylor in March, which she said was a meaningful position to take for many reasons.

"After my husband died, my son was enrolled in Baylor, and I knew that on my salary, there was no way I could afford for him to continue at Baylor. So he talked to financial aid and ended up with a wonderful, full tuition scholarship," Dunlap said. "When my daughter came, that scholarship was offered to her, as well. There's no way I could pay them back, but it's wonderful to give back some just by working here. It feels good to be part of the Baylor family."

Dr. Ruth Prescott, vice provost for internal affairs, works with Dunlap on a daily basis and said she enjoys the sense of humor and energy that Dunlap brings to the office.

"Her story inspires me. She buried her husband, battled and beat a killer cancer, put two children through Baylor as a single mom and delayed her bone marrow transplant to be able to participate in her son's wedding. And, in spite of the stress of these and other events in her life, she's never lost sight of her faith or the sense that she was placed on Earth and given these circumstances as part of God's great plan for her life," Prescott said. "She's my daily dose of 'chicken soup for a happy, fulfilled and contented life.'"

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offense in the early rounds. Jones put up a career-high 21 points on UTSA, as did Griffin, including a game — winning floater with .5 seconds left on the clock, over SDSU.

"We have a lot of people on our team who can score," Morrow said. "I know when I'm having an off night, I'm confident in my teammates that they're going to step up. It's hard to guard a team like that."

One question lingering after Baylor's narrow victory over the Jackrabbits Tuesday night was the health of senior forward Rachel Allison, who is tied with Jones with 41 post-season rebounds for the most on the team. Allison went down clutching her knee with little more than four minutes remaining in the game. She returned to the game, her knee wrapped in tape, but would have to leave again after rolling her ankle on the same leg

when she got fouled going for a rebound with 23 seconds left in the game.

According to Mulkey, while Allison did not completely tear her ACL or MCL, the ligaments were strained. She added that she did not know anything about the condition of Allison's ankle and that, even with the injuries, the Jonesboro, Ark., native plans to play.

"I knew Rachel was going to have no part of it," Mulkey said. "As long as she doesn't hurt our team, she'll play."

The Lady Bears are no stranger to injury. The scene Tuesday when Allison went down seemed all too familiar to a team that lost their leading scorer and rebounder, Wilson, in a Feb. 28 win at Texas and lost Player to an ACL tear in 2008.

"The first thing I thought was Rachel, the pain she was in," Mulkey said. "You just throw your hands up in the air and go 'what's next?' It's just tough."

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