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## Database aims for policy accessibility

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff writer

Efforts to improve upon and consolidate university policies into an accessible online database continue to progress.

Dr. Karla Leeper, chief of staff to the president, and representatives from various departments

of the university are now in approximately the third year of meetings that focus on updating old policies, reconciling inconsistencies among conflicting policies, and gathering all of them into one place — specifically, online.

“Over the years a lot of policies were lost or had been changed to different versions, and we need-

ed to address that,” Leeper said. “We want to make the policies easily accessible and searchable, create a systematic way of reviewing and revising these policies, get all of the appropriate stakeholders involved in the process, and then educate the community on what the policies are.”

In the workings is a Web

site that will be complete with displays of different university policies, and a search engine. The committee is also working to have a place on the site where policies that are being proposed can be posted for public comment.

“We categorized these policies and applied keyword searches to them so if someone

needs to know all the policies on a certain subject, they would be able to find that,” said John Allen of Information Technology Services. “That’s one thing we certainly don’t have today: an accessible repository.”

One prevailing problem the committee has found is a lack of consistency when one department copies and pastes the

policy of another department onto their site and doesn’t check when the policy of the previous department is updated.

“That’s a problem, especially over time,” Leeper said. “So what we’re going to do is go to much more of a linking kind of idea. We’re going to stop doing this cut-

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Jacky Reyes/Lariat staff

### Flaunting the flautists

Baylor University’s Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Eric Wilson, director of bands, practices Wednesday afternoon for the upcoming President’s Concert on April 18 at the Jones Concert Hall.

## Man stabbed after passing gas

By Nick Dean  
Staff writer

Flatulence upset a man to the point of assault Tuesday at the Clarion Inn on South Fourth Street.

Juan Antonio Salano Castellano, 35, was sharing a hotel room with four other individuals. At the time of the crime, one roommate was showering and two were outside on their cell phones.

While eating in the hotel room with another man, Castellano passed gas. The flatulent act enraged the man, who threw a large kitchen knife across the room, Waco police said. The hurled knife cut Castellano on his leg.

The man then walked across the hotel room, picked up the kitchen knife and stabbed Castellano in the left side of his chest, the Waco police said.

The other roommates walked in the hotel room to find Castellano had been stabbed and attempted to take him to the nearest emergency room. Once the



Ramirez

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## TCU offers dorms for gay students

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Eight students have signed up for Texas Christian University’s designated on-campus housing for gay students and their supporters, in what may be the only such college housing in North Texas.

The DiversCity Q community will open in the fall in a section of the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender stu-

dents and allies, heterosexual classmates who support them, will have the chance to live together, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in a story posted Tuesday on its Web site.

“It’s a chance for students to be part of a unique experience,” said David Cooper, TCU associate director for residential life.

TCU sophomore Shelly Newkirk, who is gay, applied to create the program. She said

eight students have committed to live in the apartments.

“Well I’ve been trying to create a safe space on campus for the queer community,” Newkirk said Tuesday in an interview with Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW. “We’re not creating just like a bubble for ourselves, but creating a space where we can have open dialogue and students can be comfortable.”

TCU will also open two Christian-based living groups,

another for fine arts and three other themed housing arrangements.

It’s all part of the university’s living-learning communities, designed for students who want to live with others who are like-minded.

Living-learning communities are common at universities in Denton and Tarrant counties, but none has an on-campus living program for gay students.

A fraternity for gay and straight students opened in

1998 at the University of North Texas but had closed by 2001, University of North Texas spokeswoman Sarah Bahari said.

Neither Cooper nor Newkirk had received any criticism, they said.

“Surprisingly, I found nothing but support,” said Newkirk. She said she was prepared for criticism. “Sometimes those things can bring a community together,” she said. “It doesn’t have to tear us apart.”

## QBA professor highest-rated on BUbooks.com

By Shanna Taylor  
Reporter

As students start preparing to line up their schedules for next semester, many of them will turn to sites like bubooks.com for insight on just which professors they should schedule classes around, and which ones to avoid at all costs. One name that comes highly recommended is Dr. Fred Hulmes, who teaches Quantitative Business Analysis, or business statistics. Hulmes is the highest ranked professor of those with 25 votes or more on bubooks.

**Q: Do you ever check online rankings like bubooks?**

A: I’ve looked at it occasionally. It’s not something that every semester I look and see what they’re saying about me. It’s pretty rare actually, but I have looked at it.

**Q: Did you know you were ranked so highly?**

A: I knew it was pretty high. Sometimes students’ parents, particularly people I know here in the Waco community, will call and say “Oh, we were looking at different teacher choices, and we saw that you were way up there,” and just teasing me about it. So I do know that it’s pretty high, but I don’t come in every day and see, “Oh, has it gone up or down?” It’s not like



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

Dr. Fred Hulmes waits for his classroom to fill with students before a class on Wednesday afternoon on the fourth floor of Cashion Academic Center. Hulmes is the highest-rated professor on the popular Web site bubooks.com.

watching the stock market.

**Q: Do you ever read other teachers’ feedback and try to get advice from it at all?**

A: I really don’t, because it

has a lot of negative stuff in it, and you just never know. I just don’t put a lot of faith in it

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## Missionaries seek to restore safety

By Brittany Hardy  
Staff writer

Two Baylor graduates have made one of the poorest ZIP codes in the nation their home and dedicated their lives to restoring safety and security for neighborhood families.

Jason and Angel Pittman, who met while attending Baylor as undergraduates, work with Touching Miami with Love.

The organization is based in Miami, Fla., and has a strong focus in the community of Overtown, which provides various forms of children, youth and adult ministries.

The organization conducts its ministries through after-school programs, summer camps for children, bible studies, field trips, life-skills classes and leadership development

opportunities.

Jason Pittman serves as the executive director of the organization. He writes grants to help manage finances, and creates various strategy plans. He leads a Bible study for local parents and other adults in the community.

Angel Pittman serves as the director of development. She works primarily with volunteers and enhances communication within the organization.

“My husband I have been in the ministry together our whole married lives. I partner with him on pretty much everything else we do,” Angel Pittman said.

The organization plays host to 350 to 500 volunteers each summer and four to eight interns who stay for seven weeks. The

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# Tattoos, body art no longer deserve negative stereotype

Grandmothers are supposed to love their grandchildren no matter what. It is almost expected of them to overlook all the faults their grandkids have. It's as if they become blind to imperfections. Their love is unconditional and undeserving.

I had always found this to be true of my own grandmothers. So when one of my grandmothers told me that I "now fit in perfectly" with our extended family members who had been imprisoned for armed robbery, I was shocked and, to say the least, hurt.

The reason for my being compared with felons: a henna tattoo.

A few days earlier, I had seen a henna tattoo booth and decided to get a small butterfly "tattooed" onto the top of my

foot. Not a skull or crossbones or a naked lady, but a butterfly. When I saw my grandma, I pretended it was permanent. Needless to say, she was not thrilled and did not react well.

When I finally recovered from my surprise, I admitted the tat was temporary and she, though relieved, laid into me about the ugliness of tattoos and how girls like me do not do such appalling things.

It angers, frustrates and saddens me to know that some of my family is so prejudiced against body art that they would reject me if I were to get a tattoo even though they know the kind of person I am.

But honestly, who are "girls like me?" Young ladies who attend a prestigious private university? Girls who go to church?



As a matter of fact, I know numerous female Baylor students who attend church, have a close personal relationship with God and have a tattoo. Just because someone has body art does not mean that they are not a decent individual.

Recently, I have come to realize that many peoples' beliefs resemble those of my grandmother: the stereotype that only criminals, druggies, bikers, low-lives and rebels get tattoos. This

is a particularly widespread notion, yet altogether incorrect.

In recent years, the popularity of tattoos nationwide has risen significantly. A 2006 Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology survey found that the number of tattooed persons has tripled since the 1930s, rising from 6 percent to 24 percent.

Today, body art is becoming commonplace among lawyers, doctors, businessmen and even college professors. No longer are tattoos solely for bikers, sailors, prisoners and the like.

In fact, a few weeks ago I went to my fall advisement, never expecting to discuss tattoos with my college counselor. Not only did my advisor reveal his fondness for body art, but he also admitted to having his

own tattoo of the Texas flag and state outline. It was his pride in Texas, he said, that prompted his desire for the tat.

The reasons for getting a tattoo had always been a mystery to me and I had assumed, like many people do, that tattoos were the result of teenage rebellion or a drunken stupor.

For many however, it goes way beyond that. My best friend has two tattoos. Her first tattoo was her "life verse," a verse in which she turns to for comfort in times of adversity and hardships. The second, a breast cancer butterfly in support of her mother and grandmother whom both suffer from the cancer.

Most tattoos, like those of my friend, are the result of self-expression, religious significance, personal empower-

ment or as a reminder of what is important in life.

Who are we to judge people based on their outward demonstration of what they feel passionate about?

Society is changing. Preconceived notions concerning body art need to be set aside and people need to be given a chance without being stereotyped.

I sincerely hope that people will eventually be able to look at a tattooed individual and not automatically assume the worst.

I especially hope my family can do this, considering I have been contemplating getting my own body art. I don't relish the thought of once again being categorized with criminals.

Shauna Harris is a sophomore journalism major from Adkins.

## Editorial

# One more year won't stop teens from smoking

18-year-old Texans may have to wait another year to smoke cigarettes, thanks to a bill proposed by a Texas Senate committee last week.

The leaders of the committee said raising the age limit would decrease the chance teenagers start smoking, thereby cutting the number of future cigarette addicts.

The bill now has to be ratified by the Texas House of Representatives.

So far, four states — Alabama, Utah, New Jersey and Alaska — have raised the age to 19.

A one-year difference is nothing more than a speed bump. In fact, it could be even worse. It wouldn't be difficult for young people to get access to cigarettes, as 18-year-olds have just as many 19-year-old friends who can buy for them. The only place it will restrict access would be at school, where smoking is banned anyway.

The senseless bill would drain the state's coffers, too. Cigarette taxes have jumped from 39 cents to just over \$1. That's on top of existing state taxes, which brings the total tax to \$1.41 per pack.

Sen. Carlos Uresti (D—San Antonio), told the Associated Press last week that the bill could cut 18-year-olds' smoking by 20 percent, based on research. That decrease isn't much in the number of smokers, but it will cause the state financial troubles. If the research holds true, Texas

could be losing \$12.5 million per year. That would affect all government bodies that rely on tax-generated income.

As for those 18-year-olds, the tired argument of comparing military acceptance to their rights hold true again. If men and women of that age are allowed to fight and possibly die defending the nation, then what right does the state have to restrict their ability to smoke?

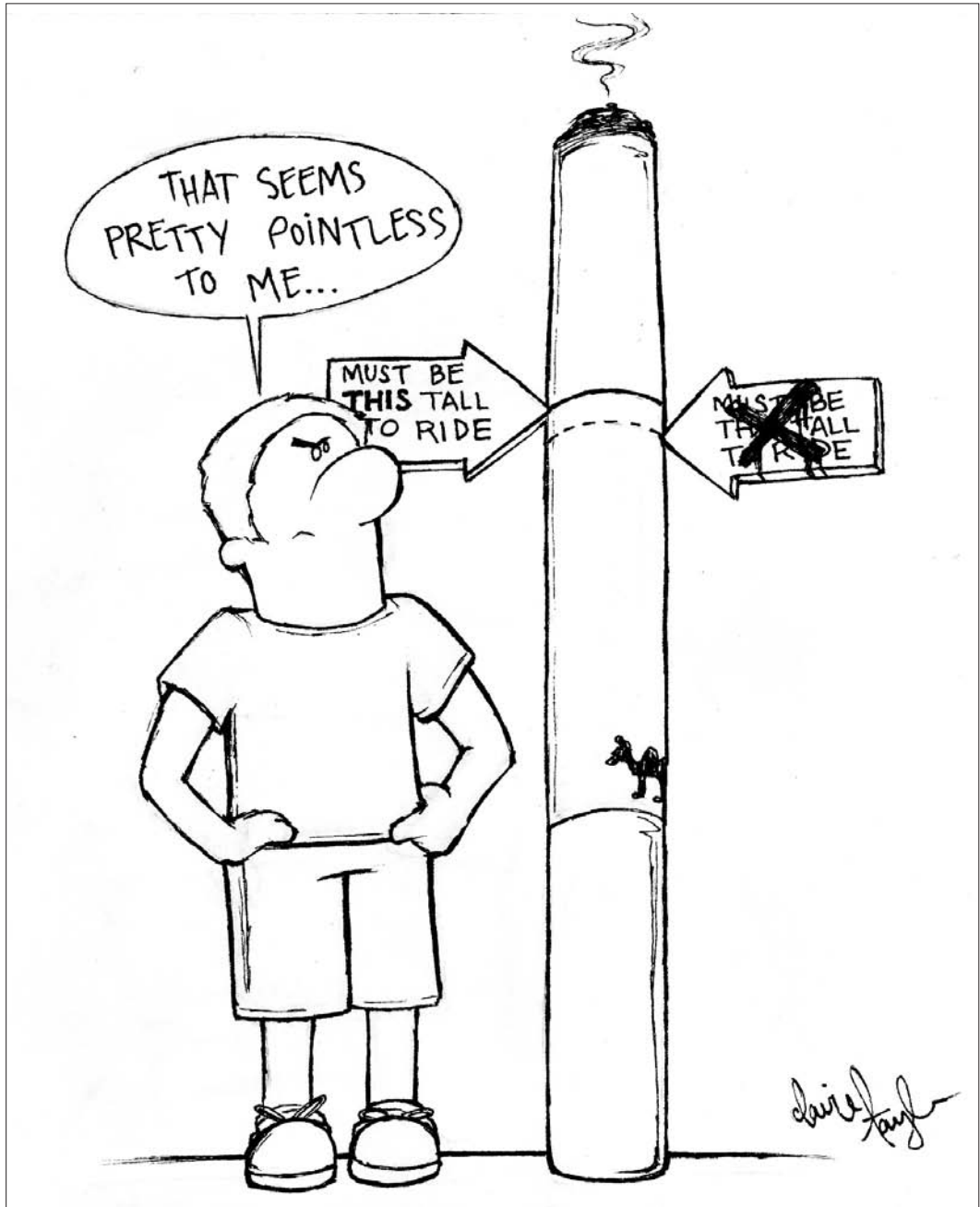
Smoking is an individual issue, unlike alcoholism, which is a social problem, as drinking can lead to driving impairment and diluted discretion.

The tobacco industry isn't worried about the bill, apparently. According to the Associated Press, Phillip Morris, a leading seller of cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products, hasn't made a statement either way on the topic.

If the company thought it was an effective way to reduce smoking, there would have been considerable expenses spent to stop it.

This bill is nothing more than a shortsighted attempt to curb smoking. If lawmakers in Austin seriously wish to consider stopping teen smoking, then they need to address all age ranges and what drives children to smoke.

Depriving future generations of the right to smoke a year past legal adulthood isn't fair. If it's a right for 40-year-olds, why should 18-year-olds be denied that same right?



Shouldn't lawmakers focus their efforts on what brings teenagers to smoke? It's a classic example of treating the symptom, but not the disease.

For example, smoking parents have been shown to have an effect on teenager smoking habits. A Harvard study published in January claimed that children were 3.6 times more

likely to smoke if their parents did. That ratio decreased as they progressed toward 18, but still remained a significant factor.

The film industry also is a leading cause of teenage smoking. A Dartmouth study documented a 25 percent increase in smoking as a result of exposure to smoking in movies.

If it's a massive problem for

the senator pushing this bill, then he should be forcing legislation where it would have the greatest effect, and that's not by stopping 18-year-olds from smoking.

If the government needs to step in at all, it should be in regulating the entertainment industry or a blanket rule that affects all ages of society equally.

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## Letters to the Editor

### BU students should give back

One of Baylor's major problems is not an academic concern, but rather a negligence to the surrounding community and a selfishness with its wealth.

As a student body we need to work on helping bridge the gap and become more than just good students, we need to be good people as well.

Once classes and activities start, it is easy for us to be blinded to everything but the

problem that is right in front of our face. Everything else seems to take the back seat to our studies. But Christians should be good stewards of the money that God has allowed us to have.

(It would aid the community if Baylor would) offer students an option of either going to chapel or volunteering with university approved programs in the community.

If students are exposed to the problems their freshmen

year at Baylor, they will be more likely to continue volunteering on their own time in future years.

In addition to this enduring nature of allegiance to the community, the immediate consequence of aid in the community has the potential to greatly bridge the gap between Baylor and Waco.

The problem needs to be fixed because it goes on everyday whether we acknowledge it or not. People in our community

are suffering from hunger while we are complaining about the taste of the food in the dining halls. While we are complaining about our excessive homework load, people are maintaining multiple jobs just to survive. When we are trying to figure out how to transport all of our "stuff" to and from Baylor, people in our community are left with nothing. So we need to look beyond the pages of our books and delve into the problems of our community. Being a

student at Baylor is about more than good grades, we are learning how to be better people.

Conner Anderson  
International Studies, '12

### Trees needed for beautification

Though one could argue that the considerable cost could have been better spent, it is refreshing to not have to see the unsightly backs of the two Dutton Street buildings the University tore down to make green

space between the campus and I-35. Unfortunately, the tear-down reveals one of the least aesthetic views of the entire Baylor complex, the back of the bookstore parking garage and an equally unsightly parking lot. I hope as part of this project, the plan includes planting some mature trees and hedges to hide that which has been revealed.

Terry M. Roller  
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# Miss Texas contestant stays busy, prepares for crown



Courtesy Photo

Coppell freshman Kathryn Dunn, Miss Frisco 2009, has been preparing for the Miss Texas pageant since November. Dunn, along with three other Baylor students, will compete for the Miss Texas title in July.

By Ashleigh Schmitz  
Reporter

As Miss Frisco 2009, Coppell freshman Kathryn Dunn's weekends are filled with trips to Dallas in preparation for the Miss Texas pageant in July.

Dunn spends almost as much time working on her talent, interview and physical fitness as she does her classes. Since winning her title in November, Kathryn said her life has become much busier, but in a fulfilling way.

"Since winning the title, Kathryn has become a more disciplined and organized person," said her father, Preston Dunn. "She has to manage her classes at Baylor, her sorority and the activities at Frisco. Kathryn has gotten a lot better at time management."

Before winning her title, Dunn considered herself an "everyday average Joe," but has since become "someone who has the confidence to excel in every aspect of (her) life," she said. Kathryn entered the Miss Plano/Frisco pageant just hoping to place in the top five and qualify for a scholarship to Eagle

U, a success seminar for young people, but won instead.

Jan Mitchell, Miss Plano/Frisco organization executive director, said she knew there was something very special about Dunn when they first met.

*"The Miss Texas titleholder requires a lot of independence and self-starting initiative."*

Mindy Dunn  
mother of  
Miss Texas contestant

"She had a huge smile on her face and even though we had never met she acted like we were old friends," she said.

Mitchell works with Dunn most weekends as she trains in the various areas of competition for the Miss Texas Pageant: talent, interview, platform development, physical fitness and modeling.

"Kathryn is really growing in her knowledge of political issues and current events," Mitchell

said. "When you're busy with college it's sometimes difficult to have the time to stay aware of what is going on outside of your busy college life."

Dunn said her favorite phase of competition is the interview, which she said she considers more of a conversation with seven new friends, rather than a private interview with seven judges who will decide her fate.

"To look at Kathryn, one might believe that the competition categories dealing with her physical beauty would be her strongest area, but I believe her best competition category will be her interview," Mitchell said. "Kathryn is a wonderful conversationalist and I'm sure the judges will truly get to know who she is and what she believes during this session."

From texting her between the different phases of competition at the Miss Plano/Frisco pageant to taking pictures at her various appearances, Dunn's parents have been there all along the way.

"The Miss Texas titleholder requires a lot of independence and self-starting initiative, and Kathryn has demonstrated that

very well so far in the competition; we've been very supportive cheerleaders and a fan club for Kathryn in preparation for the July pageant," Dunn's mother, Mindy Dunn said.

Thirty-seven contestants will compete for the title of Miss Texas in July, including three others from Baylor: Nacogdoches senior Taylor Lyons, Miss Texas Panhandle; Coppell junior DaNae Couch, Miss Carrollton; and Bridgewater, Va., sophomore Amanda Miller, Miss Southeast Texas.

"I really enjoy meeting all the girls competing for Miss Texas. We all have common goals so we all automatically click," Kathryn said. "I've met some of my better friends through pageants."

Dunn's goal is to make the top 10 this year and one day win Miss Texas, so she can compete on the Miss America stage.

"Kathryn has always been a very determined young lady who is willing to work hard to reach her goals and we are very proud of her," Preston Dunn said. "We have really enjoyed seeing Kathryn follow her heart and reach for her dreams in pageant competition."

# Committee designs prototype for future residential living

By Ashleigh Schmitz  
Reporter

The 21st Century Summit met Wednesday to discuss what Baylor's prototype residence facility will look like.

The group included Baylor students, faculty, staff and administration who met with facilitators and representatives of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International.

The participants in the meeting collectively came up with this statement of Baylor's prototype vision: "Our vision for the prototype residential facility that will be built on the Baylor campus is that it will serve 1000 student members, which will represent a diverse cross-section of the university population including members of the School of Social Work, student groups such as athletes and other living-learning programs."

To create a new and innovative residence hall meeting the needs of the future, participants

discussed the five tenets of the 21st Century Project: community, flexibility, sustainability, technology and innovation.

"The conversation among the participants focused on how we will intentionally design a facility to support learning, but in a broader sense to support community life, life inside and outside the institution and the life students will lead after the institution," said Dr. Doug Rogers, associate dean of the School of Education.

The community tenet will focus on purposeful common spaces that are inviting to studying. Nashville, Tenn., freshman Dustin Williams said that since the study rooms in many residence halls have been converted into living spaces there is no longer a common, quiet study area, which is important to include in the prototype.

Intentionally designed spaces such as chapels and study areas, as well as common areas for food and coffee were also presented with the community tenet.

An Association of College and University Housing representative Jason Willis urged the participants to think about special relationships and blend the spaces. He proposed a coffee shop with group meeting space and a laundry area so that students could take care of many things at once. "Make the spaces multitask like the students do," Willis said.

The flexibility tenet discussion brought new ideas forth about how furniture is allocated and arranged for students. Discussion members said the notion for students to be allowed to choose their furniture from a menu of sorts was discussed, as well as using an online software that would let students design their own room using different articles of furniture and placing them in a way that works best for the individual.

"Moveable furniture should meet the unique needs of the students, not the other way around," said Karen Hall, director of Kokernot Residence Hall.

When discussing the sustainability tenet, participants decided that the building should be a tool for instruction about sustainability.

They said they want to build the residence facility from recycled resources and encourage changes in student behavior regarding the way they use resources such as water and electricity. The discussion on technology centered around the Internet and cell phone coverage as well as improved laundry services and changing the card-swiping process of entering the residence facility to use biometrics.

The innovation tenet in particular, that Rishi Sriram, assistant dean for student learning and engagement, and Dr. Sara-Jane Murray, associate professor of Great Texts and faculty master of the Honors Residential College, discussed is a two-sided media wall. The media wall would have a screen on both the inside and outside of the building and would be the center of

East Village.

"Professors could use the screen on the inside for lectures and presentations," Murray said. "The outside could be used to broadcast away games or be an outdoor movie screen," Sriram said.

After attending the 21st Century Project Summit meeting at Baylor, as well as the other two colleges, Colorado College and the University of Indiana, facilitator Jim Troxel said that Baylor's vision exceeds the creativity of the other colleges.

This is the "Genesis period," Willis said. The next steps include working to incorporate the ideas into residential communities existing and finding funding for the project.

"My priority is to build on the momentum, enthusiasm and ideas of people spending an entire day discussing the dream that has always been to build three villages upon the conclusion of the Baylor 2012 vision," said Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement.

## BEAR BRIEFS

**Bears for Life** will be collecting baby supplies to donate to the Care Net Pregnancy Center and the Salvation Army throughout April at various locations. Students can bring items such as diapers, bottles, blankets, etc. For more information, contact Luke\_Womble@baylor.edu.

**Zeta Phi Beta's Stomp Fest** will be held April 17 at Waco Hall. Tickets are on sale for \$8. For more information, contact Tchanaivia\_Bryant@baylor.edu.

**Former Baylor football player** Kyle Woods, who suffered a neck injury as a sophomore defense back in 1979 that rendered him a quadriplegic, passed away April 2 in Mansfield. Funeral arrangements have been set for 11 a.m. Saturday at the Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas at 2020 W. Wheatland Road.

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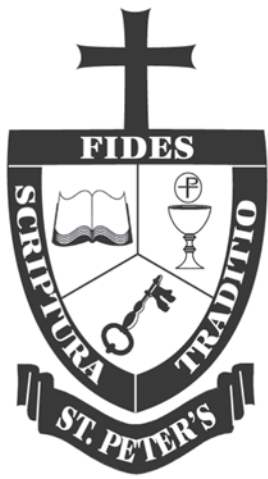
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From Left: Dan Vokey, Brian Russell Taylor, Josh Scogin, Jon "KC Wolf" Kindler and David Kennedy make up the punk-rock band The Chariot.

# The Chariot rides into Art Ambush offering one-of-a-kind live show

By Lincoln Faulkner  
Contributor

Punk rock, hardcore and metal fans will get a chance to bang their heads to some heavy sounds as The Chariot swings low into Waco to headline today's show at Art Ambush.

The show also features heavy hitters The Showdown and local bands Belle Epoque and Cute As A Button. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. and tickets cost \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

"I'm really excited to see (The Chariot) play," said San Francisco sophomore Robbie Knorr, who has been a fan since high school. "I heard they're pretty crazy."

The Chariot began in 2003 after front man Josh Scogin took a hiatus away from the music scene after leaving the band Norma Jean. Scogin said he left the scene so he could reflect on his choices in the music industry and make sure they were the right ones.

"I try to do everything with a lot of thought and a lot of prayer and figure out if this is the right path," he said. "I never want to be in the music industry for anything other than the love of music and the love of playing shows."

After affirming that his heart was in the right place, Scogin said he started The Chariot, which Norma Jean drummer Dan Davison told Alternative Press is "(Scogin) to the maximum."

Current members include guitarists Brian Russell Taylor and Dan Vokey, bassist Jon "KC Wolf" Kindler and drummer David Kennedy.

The band released its debut album "Everything Is Alive, Everything Is Breathing, Nothing Is Dead, and Nothing Is Bleeding" in 2004 and then their sophomore album, "The Fiancée," in 2007, which was described as a "nonstop firestorm of exploding drums, heaving guitars, and visceral shrieking" and "the catharsis metalcore fans have been waiting for" by Billboard.com.

The band writes to perform, Scogin said.

"What we do live influences the music," he said. "Anything we write, we write it so that we can perform it every single night."

Scogin said each show is unique as well, sticking to the philosophy of just "winging it."

"Anybody that's seen more than three or four shows of ours knows that they're all completely different," he said. "We do have a set list, we do try to be professional about it, and we don't want any kid feeling like they got ripped off by paying at the door to come to the show. But, at the same time we're very able to be spontaneous and very able to keep it loose. I feel like that makes it a lot more fresh."

Scogin also said the band is particular about encores, only giving them when it feels that if it doesn't the crowd is going to "freak out."

"I think that way it's real," he said. "It's not some contrived thing."

Scogin said all members of the band are Christian, but he refrains from the band being labeled as "Christian metal."

"I don't even know what (Christian metal) means," Scogin said. "How is a genre saved

by the Lord Jesus Christ or not? That makes no sense."

Scogin said it is interesting to him how America has to categorize everything, especially when something so intimate and personal like Christianity is used to label broad genres.

*"What we do live influences the music. Anything we write, we write it so that we can perform it every single night."*

Josh Scogin  
The Chariot

"Jesus Christ is something that's inside, it's personal," he said. "(Christianity) shouldn't be so broad. It's a very intimate thing and you're making it into this whole genre."

How you classify the band is up to you, Scogin said, but what matters to them is performing for the crowd.

A video posted on YouTube.com of one of the band's performances at Cornerstone in 2008, gives a taste of the band's performance.

Over the cheers of the crowd, the band pushes over drums, throws amps and breaks guitars while what sounds like an apocalyptic version of the National Anthem plays as Scogin climbs to the top of a tower made from what remains of the amps.

He stands at its summit raising a cymbal stand in his hand while crying out to the audience, "come worship with us."

# MercyMe worship still a perfect '10'

Jenna DeWitt  
Reporter

MercyMe's latest project, "10," was released Tuesday with 11 of the band's No. 1 hits and three fresh tracks in celebration of the 10th anniversary of their song, "I Can Only Imagine."

The "I Can Only Imagine" single has sold more than 2 million units, according to the band's label, INO Records. In addition to multiple releases by MercyMe, the song has been covered by Wynonna Judd, Amy Grant, VeggieTales, The Gaither Homecoming Tour, John Tesh and a plethora of other worship artists and compilation albums.

## ALBUM REVIEW

As a best-of album, "10" is not a huge departure from anything MercyMe has done before.

The DVD features the usual tour footage and music videos, but also includes a Gospel Music Channel feature on the band titled "Faith and Fame." The mini-documentary highlights the band's journey from Texan church camps to international tours that "I Can Only Imagine" is responsible for, with a home video of an early concert and a contrasting video of the band performing on huge stages with lighting effects and top-quality equipment. Bart Millard, the band's lead vocalist, also speaks on the story behind "I Can Only Imagine" and the song's impact on their audiences.

New for this album are "Ten Simple Rules," "Only Temporary" and a symphony version of "I Can Only Imagine."

"Ten Simple Rules" is a fun Vacation Bible School-type song about the Ten Commandments that is sure to get stuck in any listener's head, regardless of age.

"Only Temporary" is a fan-pleasing, upbeat rock tune likely to be heard frequently on K-LOVE and its affiliate stations for the next year.

If you liked the film "August Rush," the reprised "I Can Only Imagine" is, in a word, awe-inspiring. The added strings take the well-known keyboard riff to a whole new level with perfect phrasing, yet, like the movie's soundtrack, preserve the music's child-like wonder and simplicity.

Another highlight is "Finally Home," which is currently No. 3 on Billboard.com's Top Adult Contemporary Christian charts and hopped up to No. five this week on their Hot Christian Songs chart after 13 weeks. This success on the ratings charts attests to the same power of humble openness and the simple reverence for heaven that made "I Can Only Imagine"



Jacky Reyes/Lariat Staff

(and with it, the band itself) so popular. The song opens with Millard singing about seeing his father, whose death inspired "I Can Only Imagine," then seeing "the throne of the King."

In the middle of the album, "You Reign," written by Millard, Barry Graul and Steven Curtis Chapman, is straight-out praise, leaving no doubts as to who the band gives the glory to. The chart-climbing worship song, climaxing with a gospel chorus in the background, is nominated for Song of the Year, along with the band's nomination for Group of the Year at the 40th Annual Dove Awards on April 23.

Following "You Reign" is the poppy "In the Blink of an Eye" about "embracing the moment" that we are given. This is extraordinarily appropriate for an album celebrating the success of a song about picturing what heaven will be like. Spiritually, the healthy balance encourages looking forward to eternity but staying grounded enough to remember to use the short time people have on earth for the best.

Honestly, I expected to be bored by this album since many of the songs have been around the Christian music world and back again a thousand times. Few bands are more stereotypical of Christian all-male, pop-rock bands than MercyMe. However, I had forgotten the power these songs have that made them popular in the first place. Instead of being annoyed by these radio staples, I felt a sense of home. The relatability of the songs, especially the vulnerability in the lyrics, caught me by surprise for a song I have only half-listened to for years.

Overall, the only mistake in buying this album is if you are really tired of the extensive radio airplay that these hits have gotten over the past ten years. Those who don't own every album MercyMe has made might enjoy the convenience of having the songs they like from the band neatly packaged in one product.

The DVD is worth the price too, especially to those who can't make it to a real MercyMe concert or those who have been particularly touched by "I Can Only Imagine" and want to hear more about it.

Grade: A-

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# Canion ripping through Baylor record books



Stephen Green/ Lariat Staff

Freshman pitcher Whitney Canion prepares to release her pitch against Oklahoma State University. Canion already has the single-season strikeout record with 11 regular season games left to play.

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

When Whitney Canion appears in the circle, Baylor's softball team has an opportunity to defeat just about anyone.

Just ask the former No. 1-ranked University of Florida — a team that the freshman allowed one earned run against in a combined 13 innings of work in her first two career starts.

The five-foot-11 left-handed pitcher went on to win the first three Big 12 Pitcher of the Week awards of the season, a record shared with former University of Texas great Cat Osterman.

“That was very honoring to be somewhere as close as Cat Osterman,” the Aledo native said. “I saw her pitch against the U.S. Olympic team when I was little. I had dreams, but to be something alongside with her is very honoring.”

Canion received her fourth such award this past week and also set the school record for strikeouts in a season — with 11 regular season games left.

Canion was a highly touted recruit out of Aledo High School. As a senior last season, Canion was nearly flawless. The 2008 Texas Gatorade Player of the Year finished 31-0, with a 0.07 ERA and 382 strikeouts.

Canion was skeptical about her transition from high school to college. With faster players,

more powerful hitters and playing in one of the nation's premiere softball conferences, the adjustment from Class 4A high school to Big 12 college softball can be daunting.

“Mentally, has been my biggest change,” Canion said. “In high school the top three or four were the best batters, and I just eased by everyone else. Now I am facing nine great batters.”

Judging by Canion's numbers, it seems like she is still easing through lineups. Although she has suffered 11 losses, most of those have come against some of the nation's top programs. Canion has been the focus of this season's resurgence for the Bears. She has notched 17 wins with a miniscule 1.54 ERA. Not to mention with a healthy portion of the schedule left, she leads the Big 12 in strikeouts with 281.

While head coach Glenn Moore had lofty expectations, he didn't imagine what a program-changing player she could be.

“I thought she was a special kid over the past couple of

years,” Moore said of when he was recruiting her. “But you would never expect a freshman to come in and take control. The way she handles the adversity and the struggles that many upperclassmen fold under, she handles like a seasoned veteran.”

Canion just may be the player Baylor needs to return to the Women's College World Series. The Bears made the trip to Oklahoma City in 2007, but after losing players to graduation like Ashley Monceaux, Lisa Ferguson and Chelsi Lake, Baylor's 2008 run was disappointing.

Now that Canion and several other underclassmen have entered the program alongside with talented veterans, the Bears appear to be on the track to a dominating program.

“Last year was a tough season, we pretty much got that out of our way,” senior Brette Reagan said. “We will bounce back. For a pitcher who has done so much her freshman season, there is definitely hope.”

## Lady Bears defeat Texas 3-2

Freshman pitcher Whitney Canion (18-11, 1.55 ERA) threw eight strikeouts in the winning effort, while junior catcher Courtney Oberg hit the go-ahead two-run home run.

Canion faced Brittany Barnhill (19-7, 2.84 ERA) in the contest. Barnhill was a pitcher at Justin-Northwest High School two years ago, while Canion was at Aledo. Both were named Gatorade Players of the year.



Shanna Taylor/ Lariat Staff

Baylor pitcher Max Garner pitches in a losing effort against Dallas Baptist.

# Dallas Baptist decimates BU

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

Baylor's offense had been torturing pitchers in its prior two outings. Wednesday night, the Bears were the victims of an offensive explosion as No. 7-ranked Baylor (21-9) suffered a 16-3 defeat at the hands of Dallas Baptist University.

The Patriots torched Baylor for nine runs in the first two innings off freshmen pitchers Trent Blank ( 1-1, 9.17 ERA) and Max Garner (7.88 ERA) to place the Bears in a hole too deep for Baylor.

“The young guys that started this game weren't ready for this, and that's my fault,” head coach Steve Smith said. “I asked them to pitch against a team they didn't have enough bullets in the gun for.”

DBU jumped on Blank immediately. With two runners on,

Ryan Goins doubled to score Ryan Enos. The Patriots pieced together four more consecutive hits to snatch an early 4-0 advantage.

The Bears earned back a run in the bottom of the inning when Shaver Hansen scored Raynor Campbell on a fielder's choice.

However, the Patriots continued to harass Baylor pitching in the top of the second inning. With a runner on first, Travis Meiners slapped a double to put runners in scoring position. Goins popped a sacrifice fly to center field, and Meiners scored on a fielder's choice to put DBU up 6-1. Later with the bases loaded, Austin Knight knocked a two-RBI single. Clay Kelly followed with an RBI-single to cap the five-run inning.

If one bright spot was derived from the game, it was reliever Craig Fritsch's strong outing. Fritsch (1-4, 6.98 ERA) entered the season as a possible week-

end-starter candidate. But after early woes, the Round Rock right-handed pitcher put together his third consecutive strong outing for the Bears.

“I am definitely getting back to where I should be,” Fritsch said. “We lost tonight and we need to get back against Missouri this weekend.”

Aaron Miller and Adam Horning each hit solo home runs. Yet that barely scratched the surface of the Patriots' damage. DBU compiled another six runs in the eighth to put the game far out of reach.

“Today we come out and let them put 16 on the board,” Horning said. “It's pretty hard to match 16 on the board. It's easy to make pitches when the guy has a 10-run lead behind him.”

Baylor returns to action this weekend at home when they play host to the University of Missouri Tigers. The series begins at 6:30 p.m Friday.

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## Sports briefs

### Griner, Chandler team up in WBCA All-Star game

A pair of future Lady Bears took the court Tuesday as a part of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association High School All-America Game in St. Louis.

Brittney Griner, a 6-foot-8 center from Aldine-Nimitz High School, finished with 20 points, nine rebounds, eight blocks and three steals. Mari-ah Chandler, a 6-2 forward from Southwestern Atlanta Christian Academy, picked up nine points and five rebounds on the way to the team's 79-77 win over the White Team.

### Burke named Big 12 Golfer of the Month

The Big 12 Conference announced Wednesday that junior Hannah Burke has been named Conference Player of the Week for her performance in the month of March.

The Hertfordshire, England, native recorded an average of 76 in the team's first place finish at the Cincinnati Invitational and in the team's third place finish at the Baylor Spring Invite. She turned in a team-best 227 at the UC Invitational with scores of (77-74-79).

The team wraps up its season April 24-26 in Lubbock for the Big 12 Championships.

### Volleyball swings back into action with Houston tournament

Coming off a season that saw two Lady Bears win All-Region honors, head coach Jim Barnes and company returned to the court this weekend to take part in the Texas Tornados Collegiate Tournament in Houston.

The team defeated the Universities of Louisiana and Denver and Sam Houston State University before falling to the University of Arizona in the third set. Junior Katie Sanders led the team with 28 kills, while freshman Briana Tolbert accumulated a .440 hitting percentage.

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and paste business, because that can get you in a lot of trouble and get really out of date quickly.”

As of Wednesday, the committee had finished reading every university policy, at least 250 documents, and identified difficulties with those policies.

“I really appreciate the work this committee has put into this project,” Leeper said. “We’ve come in here every other Wednesday for three years and really worked hard. We had everyone from every department trying to see a connection, which was important. We always put a lot of thoughtful discussion into our meetings.”

The next stage is developing a process for going back and conducting a regular review of policies, a task committee member Dr. Eric Robinson compared to building a lane on Interstate 35 while traffic is still flowing.

“Now you have to direct all the active traffic while figuring out how to add this extra lane, and I think that’s the same as what we’ve tried to do with these policies,” Robinson, who is also chair of the educational psychology department, said. “The critical part, I think, is communicat-

ing to people what we have up to date and how we got to that point.”

In looking at other universities such as Stanford, Cornell and Purdue, which have taken on big policy initiatives, the committee decided on the creation of tool kits for proposing new policies.

“Because 10 years from now, we don’t want to be back in the same spot that we are now, it’s important to create check sheets and documentation with dates at every stage of the change,” Leeper said. “We also want to keep our history. If we change a policy we want to know why we changed it.”

The committee aims to get the policies on a rotation so that every three or four years every policy is reviewed. And although there is no definite launch date set for the Web site, the committee is satisfied with its progress.

“We want people to have a good experience from the first time they use this, so if it takes a little longer that’s OK,” Leeper said. “And we really have to change our mindset about the nature of policies. We need to start thinking of them as an ongoing enterprise. These are living things we have to care for and nurture.”

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men realized they weren’t aware of the location for the nearest hospital, and an ambulance and police were called.

According to the press release, Castellano was transported from the hotel by East Texas Medical Center to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center.

Hillcrest Hospital has no records of the victim’s hospital visit Tuesday. The victim had not been to the hospital since 2008, a Hillcrest Hospital representa-

tive said.

Jose Braule Ramirez, 33, was arrested in the hotel room and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The charge carries a minimum prison sentence of 2 years and a maximum of 20 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Ramirez is being held at the McLennan County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

The jail is also holding Ramirez because of an immigration detainee. As of mid-day Wednesday Ramirez had not posted bail.

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because it isn’t very scientific, and you don’t even know if what’s being written is true or not. I’m happy that I have good comments about me, but I don’t put a lot of stock in it really.

**Q: What’s your philosophy of teaching?**

A: I guess, my philosophy is just that I try to take students where they are. I don’t assume that they’ve had a lot of prior background with anything I teach. I try to take them where they are and move them forward in terms of their understanding, that they would then be prepared, if they have other classes that they need these tools.

What we teach are tools, not an end in themselves. My goal is that I make sure that I provide them the tools that they might need in other classes, or in their careers.

So I guess just making sure that I don’t let them down. I don’t want them to say later in other classes or in careers, ‘Well I didn’t have a good background in statistics. I can’t do this.’ I try to make sure that I’ve given them the necessary tools to go forward.

I think most of my success is based on the simple principle of the Golden Rule. I just ask, when I was a student, how would I like to have been treated in this situation? What would be fair? That usually guides me in how I interact with students.

book you’ll find a lot of mathematical symbols, a lot of not very readable information for someone that’s not very mathematical, and I kind of take the mystery out of the notation. I think that might be some of what the students respond to, making the formulas have life as opposed to being just a bunch of symbols.

I always try to end with, ‘Well, what does this mean? This 50 minutes we spent here, what does it matter? How would this be applied? I think they come away with, ‘well this isn’t so hard.’

**Q: How do you feel about this whole ranking thing?**

A: Well, being a statistician, I know the problems that it’s fraught with. There are two big ones. The fact that it isn’t necessarily a representative sampling of students is the major issue. Students select themselves to participate in it, that oftentimes leads to a bias in it.

So the fact that it’s not very scientific, and the fact that if you don’t look really close you could just look at the numbers and not realize, ‘Oh well that’s only two students. That ranking came from only two students and not a large enough sampling to be valid.’ I’m not too wild about it.

I think students’ comments and evaluations are important, and I think professors can learn from them, but I just don’t think the format of this is very well thought out. It does have some problems, but it still feels good that there are students out there who appreciate you and like how you teach and how you treat them.

**Q: Many of the comments on BUbooks were about how your classes are easy, but students still learn a lot from them. Why do you think your teaching style is so effective?**

A: Well, I started teaching as a student at Baylor. I worked for the athletic department as a tutor, tutoring all kinds of things, mainly math. I think, from that, I’ve learned really how to break down problems really well.

I’ve taught for 34 years. It’s a challenge to take something that might be fairly difficult, and make it seem not so difficult. I try to do that, and I guess that comes through.

I guess that’s what they respond to. I’ve had a lot of practice. I’ve had a lot of practice with what works and what doesn’t work, in terms of making some of the more difficult concepts understandable to someone that maybe hasn’t had a lot of mathematics. I spend a lot of time trying to perfect how to explain things.

If you open up a statistics

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interns come from colleges anywhere in the United States and Canada through a program called “Students.Go.”

The Pittmans began down the urban ministry track as Baylor students. Jason Pittman interned with Mission Waco. When the couple graduated, they both immediately began work fulltime with Mission Waco.

The Pittman duo bought their first house in a “transitional area” in Waco, Angel Pittman said.

Jason Pittman received a master’s degree in social work from Baylor School of Social Work and a Master’s of Divinity degree from George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Four years ago, Jason Pittman was recruited to become executive director of the organization.

“We’re doing similar work to what we’ve always done,” Angel Pittman said.

The Pittmans currently live within Overtown, the Miami community where they work.

“That’s just the ministry philosophy we’ve always had ... Since we’re a community-based ministry, it makes a difference that these folks know we have the same concerns. Our son plays tee ball at the local park. When there are gun shots at night, we hear them too,” Angel Pittman said.

Christy Craddock, another staff member who also received masters’ degrees from Baylor School of Social Work and Truett seminary, though did not attend Baylor as an undergraduate, works primarily with the the organization’s youth.

As a part of the after-school program offered by the organization, Craddock picks up the students from school and takes them back to the ministry center, where they engage in activities planned for each day: life-skills classes, entrepreneurship lessons, character development and creative art classes.

Angel Pittman said attending Baylor as undergraduates taught her and her husband that their faith and work could easily intersect.

“We both spiritually grew a

lot at Baylor and would not have been as open to God’s call on our lives! had we not gone to Baylor,” Angel Pittman said.

*“The biggest success could be that we’re no longer needed.”*

Angel Pittman  
director of development

Contrary to what many of their friends and families predicted, Angel Pittman said that when her and her husband married they agreed their inner-city living would not simply be a phase.

“Baylor’s where we met, so we wouldn’t be doing this together, otherwise,” Angel Pittman said.

Pittman said she has high hopes for the future of the community.

“The biggest success could be that we’re no longer needed, that the community would become sustainable,” Angel Pittman said.

In 1994, the leaders of the

organization conducted a survey to find out the direst needs of the community. The results showed that programs concerning English as a second language, homelessness, international students, AIDS victims and prayer/prison ministries were most important.

In 1999, a decision was made to focus specifically on the children, youth and adults in the Overtown Community and the homeless population in the downtown corridor.

The new building was purchased in 2002.

“I have hopes for the community, that’s really what we’re about. We’re not out to make a huge organization, we’re out to help see the community become a place that folks feel safe to come and raise families, without obstacles to keep them from succeeding in life. We want to see youths succeeding instead of ending up in prison or dead. The graduation rate is about 40 percent; it’s a tough place to be raised and to have the right kind of resources to succeed. I hope to see that change,” Jason Pittman said.



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