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Protestors across nation gather at 'TEA parties'

By Joe Biesk The Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. Whipped up by conservative commentators and bloggers, tens of thousands of protesters staged "tea parties" around the country Wednesday to tap into the collective angst stirred up by a bad economy, government spending and bailouts.

The rallies were directed at President Barack Obama's new administration on a symbolic day: the deadline to file income taxes. Protesters even threw what appeared to be a box of tea bags toward the White House, causing a brief lockdown at the compound. Shouts rang out from Kentucky, which just passed tax increases on cigarettes and alcohol, to Salt Lake City, where many in the crowd booed Repúblican Gov. Jon Huntsman for accepting about \$1.5 billion in stimulus money. Even in Alaska, where there is no statewide income tax or sales tax, hundreds of people held signs and chanted "No more spending." "Frankly, I'm mad as hell," said businessman Doug Burnett at a rally at the Iowa Capitol, where many of the about 1,000 people wore red shirts declar-

ing "revolution is brewing." Burnett added: "This country has been on a spending spree for decades, a spending spree we can't afford."

In Boston, a few hundred protesters gathered on the Boston Common, a short distance from the original Tea Party, some dressed in Revolutionary garb and carrying signs that said "Barney Frank, Bernie Madoff: And the Difference Is?" and "D.C.: District of Commu-

nism." Texas Gov. Rick Perry fired



Math professor distinguished by colleagues

By Nick Dean Staff writer

Synonymous to dominating a basketball game or scoring a touchdown, John Davis has hit a home run in the math realm and been awarded the Distinguished Teaching Award from the Mathematical Association of Amer-

ica. h Τ process that brought Davis to be honored as a distinguished professor required Baylor

Department Chair of Mathematics Lance Littlejohn to nominate him for the award. Colleagues of nominees and current or former students then wrote letters of support to enhance the official nomination.

Davis

"John Davis is a phenomenal teacher. He communicates very well with his students and effectively combines excellent blackboard skills with the use of technology to teach his students. I am very proud of the teaching successes of our mathematics staff at Baylor University and, in particular, of John's extraordinary abilities as a teacher," Littlejohn said. "Mathematics was, is, and always will be one of the most difficult subjects for students to comprehend. To teach this subject well - and have students recognize teaching excellence in the mathematics classrooms is always a challenge. John Davis has been exemplary in meeting this challenge semester after semester at Baylor." Davis said that the award

was motivated by his peers.

"I am honored and humbled because this award required both former students as well as several of my colleagues in the department here to write on my behalf," Davis said. "That means a lot to me.'

He has also been put in the pool for the Mathematical Association of America's Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards for Distinguished Col-lege or University Teaching

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Institute inducts law school dean

bar. Toben's qualifications are more than apt for induction to the institute, Associate Dean of Baylor LawSchool Leah Jackson said.

up a tea party at Austin City Hall with his stance against the federal government, as some in his U.S. flag-waving audience shouted, "Secede!"

In Atlanta, thousands of people were expected to gather on the steps of the Capitol, where Fox News Channel conservative pundit Sean Hannity was set to broadcast his show Wednesday night.

The tea parties were promoted by FreedomWorks, a conservative nonprofit advocacy group based in Washington and led by former Republican House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas, who is now a lobbyist.

Órganizers said the move-

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Stephen Green/Lariat staff

Top and Above: Patrons gathered Wednesday at the Suspension Bridge at Indian Springs Park in Waco to protest government spending and taxation. People were openly invited to speak in front of the crowd. Some came dressed in costumes, and many bore protest signs expressing their views.

Nick Dean Staff writer

The American Law Institute's membership includes law professors, lawyers, judges and, now, another Baylor Bear.

Dean of Baylor Law School Brad Toben is one of 63 recently elected inductees of the institute

The American Law Institute, a leading organization in America of producing scholarly work to help in the improvement of the law, selects members on qualities including character, ability, contribution to the legal industry and professional standing.

The bylaws of the institute limit its elected membership to 3,000 lawyers, a small percentage of the total bench and



Toben

"We are extremely proud of the des-ignation. We all know how incredibly talented Dean Toben is," Jackson said. "He has a brilliant mind and incredible work ethic with the highest integrity and standards.'

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CLs see it all in residence halls

By Ashleigh Schmitz Reporter

Community Leaders live in residence halls and receive a scholarship for their housing and meal plans, but one perk of the job the Campus Living and Learning Web site leaves out is all the funny incidents they witness by living in the dorms. A few shared their favorite stories.

Singing down the drain

"Last year when I was a CL in North Russell there were about four girls that were really good friends and would usually shower at the same time after running around the Bear Trail. One day I had my door open talking to a couple residents and we started

to hear Christmas carols, and they seemed to be coming from the shower. We went down to try and figure it out. It turned out that the girls showering were harmonizing to "Rudolph," "The Christmas Song," "Here Comes Santa Claus" and others. We just stood there listening, while one of the girls in the hall went to get her camera to record it. We were already laughing, but when the girl with the camera handed it to me and started dancing and acting out the lyrics between the showers we lost it! We joked about making a Christmas CD, but decided their singing should be left in the shower.

- Plano junior Erika Lehman, CL in Collins Residence Hall

When cans can't ... pull off a prank

"As a practical joke my residents thought it would be fun to play a trick on someone while they were in the shower. Taking every single trash can on the hall, they piled and stacked them in front of the shower door. Little did they know that this particular resident takes 45-minute showers. After about half an hour of waiting outside, cameras and camcorders in hand, they gave up and decided to remove the trash cans. As the last one was being removed, the kid finally came out and caught the guys at the end of their prank. Owned!"

- Marietta, Ga., sophomore Ash Anderson, CL in Martin Residence Hall

She's a heel

"When the video to "Single Ladies" came out, the girls on my hall and I absolutely loved it! We especially loved the parody of it with Justin Timberlake on Saturday Night Live, and watched it over and over again on my computer. We thought it was hilarious! Then my girls decided to take it even further. They would probably hate me sharing this with everyone, but one of them went into her room and put on her bathing suit and high heels, to copy the Beyonce look as best she could, and two others put on heels as well. We then proceeded to make our own version of the video. I

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A favorite memory of being a CL for the Arbors Apartments for Spring senior Deandre Upshaw is when the men for whom he was community leader were drenched by the women they were supposed to be meeting at Penland. The men had dressed up and were pelted by water balloons.

OPINION

TV viewers should make conscious effort about habits

Television took the place of radios in the living rooms of families across America. With that transition, parents were given another responsibility: Protect their kids from the crude content stations and the effect excessive media-viewing can have on them.

While watching TV, it is simple to become an effortless, brainless consumer of the media, even as a 20-year-old college student. But when dealing with children, the issue becomes heavy and serious and a part of our responsibility.

I am not a proponent of censorship and I definitely appreciate the First Amendment and its protection of free speech. But children are unable to make their own decisions concerning many potentially harmful activities.

Watching TV should be considered an activity that is guided by a child's parents.

Children don't understand that the majority of media outlets that are open for consumption, thrive on hidden agendas and wealth accumulation. Children haven't mastered the concepts of moderation and self-control and

some media prey on that truth. But it would be foolish to think that media has no effect on adult minds. The average person spends about 3.480 hours receiving media during their lifetime - more time than what is spent working or sleeping, according to the college textbook "Media Now.'

It would do us all good to be actively conscious in deciding



what is worth our time and what kind of impact it may have on who we are becoming. The effects of television on

children should be of even much greater concern. During those formative years, it is extremely important for children to be fed, as much of what is healthy and as little destructive content as possible.

Extensive television intake

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slows brain activity and suffocates natural creativity and curiosity. There is preliminary evidence that television viewing by young children may even cause attention disorders, a 2004 study found.

The brain can pick up the habit of being sustained by the small screen set, while primarily using the low-functioning mental areas and thus causing your creativity and intelligence levels to suffer.

During the time in which children are experiencing extensive personal growth and deciding who they hope to become, while continuously watching hours of TV per day, it is no surprise that they may begin to believe that this "glamorous violence" should

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become a part of them and thus begin to blur the line between wrong and right.

Not only does TV encourage violence and reduce chances for healthy, less aggressive relationships, but also studies have shown that extended TV watching often instills a stronger sense of fear within children.

According to the cultivation theory, heavy television viewers are likely to overestimate their own chances of being victims to violent crime.

Their real-world experiences fuse with television overtime, in a process known as mainstreaming, according to "Media Now."

With the rate of people who watching commercials steadily decreasing, product placement has become a significant form of advertising, often placing a specific soda brand or brand of chips within an episode, sometimes even constructing the plot around it.

Many young men and women feel pressured to fit a perfect, ideal image, especially when engaging in aspects of the media.

The point is not censorship, but being actively engaged and aware in the decisions we can make involving something that takes up a large part of our lives and doing what we can to discourage these damaging effects to the generation below us.

Brittany Hardy is a sophomore journalism major from Denton and a staff writer for The Baylor Lariat.

Editorial Obama's faux pas have some scratching heads

The Obama administration has made some puzzling moves since taking over only a few months ago.

The most recent headscratcher was the appointment of actor Kal Penn as the associate director of the White House Office of Public Liaison, with the specific role of reaching out to the art community and Asian-Americans. Penn, whose given name is Kalpen Suresh Modi, has some experience in the arts as an actor, but we wonder about the appropriateness of this addition to the White House staff.

It's hard to tell whether Penn is qualified for this role. All reporting on the appointment revolves around the suicide of Penn's character, Dr. Lawrence Kutner, on the TV drama "House." Those curious about the administration's decision would be hard pressed to find in-depth reporting that addresses Penn's adequacy for the role or what specific tasks the job will entail. Media reports do not focus on Penn's background in politics and public service, which he told Entertainment Weekly he holds

a strong passion for. Instead, articles center on his entertainment background, which includes B-movies such as "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle," "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay," National Lampoon's 'Van Wilder" and "Epic Movie." These movies promote illegal activity, poor moral values and stereotypical racist behavior. Penn might not be a marijuanasmoking, cursing, carousing



racist, but Americans identify him with these movies. His most recent role on "House" was probably his most respectable one.

The only political background to dig up on Penn is his volunteer work for the Obama campaign in the Iowa caucus

"Contemporary American Teen Films." It's still questionable if he was qualified for this job.

The appointment of Kal Penn isn't Obama's first out-of-leftfield designation. Last month, Dan Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, was picked as the United States Ambassador to Ireland. Rooney helped in Obama's campaign efforts in the Pennsylvania primary last vear. Obama called Rooney an 'unwavering supporter of Irish peace, culture, and education," in a statement issued about the appointment. But appointments haven't represented the only faux pas the administration has been guilty of in its short lifespan.

There's his now infamously casual gifts. On his first trip across the pond to meet the new president, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown bestowed upon Obama a penholder carved out of wood from a Victorian anti-slave ship along with a biographical series on historical icon Winston Churchill. The President's desk is carved out of the wood of a sister ship. The reciprocal gift? A DVD set of American classic movies. At least the films weren't taped off a cable TV network. He insulted the British again when he graced Queen Elizabeth II with an iPod. At least it was filled with pictures from her 2007 visit to the U.S. and not American tunes.

These uncouth gifts are inexcusable. These men may be fitting for their positions, but so little information exists about the specific tasks of their jobs that it's difficult for Americans to decipher a responsible appointment from one done just for show. This isn't completely the fault of the Obama administration; media outlets that reported on the appointments could have provided Americans with some context and background for the selections

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last year.

Penn's other experience includes a bachelor's degree from UCLA in sociology and film. His most relevant experience isn't in a high office of public relations or arts, but as a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania's Asian American Studies Program. He taught "Images of Asian Americans in the Media" and a seminar,

What surprise will this administration spring on us next?

Better Meals, Better Year

Baylor University requires freshmen to choose from a short set of four expensive meal plan options for their first two semesters. A freshman can have either 11 or 16 meals a week, or 225 a semester. These options sound fine until one discovers the average price of a meal comes out to about \$7-8, and with the majority of the options, students are

left with several unused meals a week

Due to time constraints with class schedules and dining hall hours, some students use the take-out option. But a student is only allowed one main entrée. This does not make the meal seem worth the seven bucks, especially when a student can go across the street to a fast food restaurant, spend less and

get more. Any student should be able to get as much food as they want. Either the meal plan option prices should be lowered, or freshmen should be provided with a few more dining options.

Baylor students understand the strain tuition can put them and their families.

Some of this stress can be alleviated by simply lowering the meal plan prices. A student

should be more concerned about receiving an education, not how much the food costs. Also, if the meal plan prices decrease, then the abundance of unused meals would not seem like such a waste

Another solution is to give freshmen more variety in their meal plan options. Instead of limiting them to four of the eight dining options, allow them

access to the entire list and let them choose the plan that is best for them

A student who chooses a plan based on what he knows he can eat will feel less guilty about the money wasted on left over meals, if he even has any.

These two suggestions are by no means the perfect solutions for the problem, but they are a step in the right direction. Baylor

prides itself on being committed to making each student's experience pleasurable and the best it can be. What better way to continue this successful tradition by making a freshman's college transition just a little bit smoother in offering them better dining hall options?

Tiffany Kell Psychology, 2012

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Hardcore Hacky Sack

Taylor freshman John Estrada loses his shoe playing hacky sack Wednesday outside of Penland Residence Hall.

Get down and dirty at Holi Night, a Hindu celebration

By Lauren Hollon Reporter

Many people dyed eggs in every hue last weekend, but students can dye each other today at the Holi Night celebration sponsored by the Indian Sub-continent Student Association.

The Baylor community is invited to come to the Bear Park (behind South Russell Residence Hall) from 6 to 8 p.m. today to throw colorful powder and water balloons at each other.

This is the fourth annual Holi celebration, said ISSA president George Kannarkat, a Fairfax,

Va., senior. "We'll explain things as people come and we'll be handing out powder at the beginning and throughout the night," Kannarkat said. "But after that it's pretty much a free-for-all."

Holi is a Hindu holiday based on the legend of King Hiran-yakashipu, his sister Holika and his son Prahlad, Ozona senior Paarth Raj said.

"King Hiranyakashipu becomes tyrannical and he feels that everyone should treat him as a god," Raj said. "His own son refuses to worship his father as a god. Instead, he prays to God and that makes his father very angry.

According to the legend, King Hiranyakashipu asks Holika for help. She's a demonic character who can't be burned by fire, Raj said.

Holika is asked to sit with the young Prahlad in a bonfire as a punishment for his refusal to

worship the king.

"What happens is the com-mon motif of a miraculous saving by God," Raj said. "In the end, the demon Holika burns and that's what the festival is named after."

In India, the Holi festival includes a bonfire to commemorate Holika's burning, Raj said. The next day, people celebrate Prahlad's rescue by covering

"Holi is a celebration of the spring season. It's like the ripening of the spring harvest, and people celebrate for that reason."

Gayatri Ravi Plano sophomore

each other in colored powder.

Plano sophomore, Gayatri Ravi said that there are many different stories of why people celebrate Holi.

"The reason why I celebrate it is because I was taught growing up that Holi is a celebration of the spring season," Ravi said. "It's like the ripening of the spring harvest, and people celebrate for that reason. It's a celebration of joy and color in our lives.

Ravi said she was able to celebrate Holi growing up with the Hindu community in the Dallas

"We would go to a temple and celebrate at the temple in Dallas with the rest of our family friends and whoever came," Ravi said.

Raj, who grew up in West Texas, didn't get a chance to celebrate Holi with a Hindu community when he was younger.

"Growing up we followed everything on the calendar, but we wouldn't get the whole experience of participating in all these events because there was no one to organize it and there weren't enough people to attend anyway," Raj said.

His parents told him stories about the history of different holidays

He said he finds it ironic that he meets other students from big cities where they could go to temple who know less about Holi than he does.

"It kind of brings an awareness of the whole Hindu culture and gives everyone something to talk about," Ŕaj said. "I think at least this way people who don't know and people who do know will be attending. People who know what they're talking about will run into people who don't and they'll all be able to ask and answer questions."

Kannarkat said the event has been well-attended in the past. ISSA is encouraging all students to come out and celebrate Holi together for some good, dirty fun

"Just wear old clothes, clothes you don't mind getting messed up," Ravi said.

Race, climbing contest make up Adventure Weekend

By Trent Goldston Reporter

This weekend is being called Adventure Weekend, because the 2009 Baylor BearClimb and the Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center Adventure Race will be taking place on Saturday and Sunday.

The fifth annual Baylor BearClimb will be this Saturday at the McLane Student Life Center. BearClimb is part of the Collegiate Climbing Series and will feature competitors from across the state.

"In addition to Baylor and Waco climbers, we usually get a lot of out-of-towners," San Antonio senior Tessa Recendes said. Recendes said competitors come from schools like Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M and the University of Texas. Recendes is on the rock staff at the Student Life Center and is helping to prepare for the event.

petitors, and there are already more than 50 registered for this weekend. More than 100 competitors are expected to participate in BearClimb again this year, Recendes said.

The competition is sorted into three classes: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Each category has its appropriate title: cub, black bear and grizzly.

Recendes said regardless of the current skill level as a climber, the event has something for everyone.

"There are lots of good prizes, not just climbing stuff, but clothing as well. Everyone who comes has a chance to win," she said.

ing shoes are available to rent for free, although bringing your own personal climbing gear is allowed. Registration costs \$31 for Baylor students and \$36 for all other competitors. Prizes include climbing rope, crash pads, chalk and clothing. All participants will receive a T-shirt, gift bag, and a complimentary lunch.

For competing Baylor Students, registration starts at 7:15 a.m. Saturday and the climbing starts at 8 a.m. For all other climbers, registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and the climbing begins at 1 p.m.

The second annual OA-LLC Adventure Race, which is held There will be 36 routes with by the Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center, will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday at Cameron Park. "The event is entirely organized by students," said Outdoor Adventure LLC Coordinator Mathew Bates. Bates said this year's race should be a success. The race is done in teams of four, and

includes mountain biking and trail running in Cameron Park, and kayaking on the Brazos River. There will also be events to test your navigation and prob-

lem solving skills. The estimated race distance, depending on the competitor's navigation skill, is 8.5 miles. The race is estimated to take approximately 90 minutes.

The race will start at Redwood Shelter in Cameron Park. Each team member will be expected to kayak, run and bike at some point in the race.

All of the kayaking gear will be provided at the race but teams are still responsible for bringing two mountain bikes and helmets as well as their own food and water. Last year, there were 30 competitors. Bates said this year is expected to be even bigger. Five teams have already registered. "We are prepared for up to 15 teams and are really hoping for a good turn-out," Bates said. "It's a great beginner introduc-

tory race.

The winning team's competi-

tors will receive gift certificates. Kendra Herring, a Baylor graduate student who is helping coordinate this year's race, was on the second place team last year.

She said this race is a great opportunity for anyone who is at all interested. "It was my first time to participate in an adventure race, and I had a blast," Herring said. "I was really nervous but it was well worth the energy and time."

The event is open to the public and Herring said it shouldn't be passed up.

"Most professional adventure races are going to cost \$75 to The Baylor Sailing Club is holding a recruitment day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at

ers and T-shirts sold to raise funds. Love Should Not Hurt: Domestic Violence discussion is being held from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. today in 245 Castellaw Communications Center. The topic of the meeting will be domestic violence and intimate partner violence and is held by

. Zeta Phi Beta.

The SOLD Project, an organization that spreads awareness about child victims of sex slavery will be showing their film from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. The SOLD Project has partnered with the Baylor chapter of the International Justice Mission and the Baylor Activities Council to host this event.



Fountain Mall. There will be fli-

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Last year there were 101 com-

rated difficulties between 5.6 and 5.13, Recendes said. There will be up to 12 people on the rock at once, ten on rope and two bouldering. Some new climbing holds have even been brought in for the competition to spice up the climbing.

Harnesses, chalk and climb-

\$100, she said. At \$20, this race is a great deal."

There will be a pre-race meeting at 8 p.m. Friday in 308 McLane Student Life Center. There is a \$20 registration fee per competitor if registered before 5 p.m. Thursday. Race day registration is \$25.

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were added to the U.S. govern-

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The Komen Race for the Cure is being held all day Saturday at Indian Springs Park. For more information about the race and other events, see www.komencentraltexas.org.

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Devlin Barrett The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Mexican drug cartels are creeping south into Central America, U.S. drug enforcement officials said Wednesday, as the Obama administration put new pressure on drug kingpins ahead of the president's trip to Mexico City

Drug Enforcement Administration officials said there are growing signs that stepped-up law enforcement efforts on the

U.S.-Mexico border are driving the cartels south toward Central America.

"We're looking at what happens south of Mexico as well, because that's just as important as what's happening on our border," said DEA Chief of Operations Thomas Harrigan. "With more and more success the Mexican government has, literally they're pushing these cartels further south and potentially it could be a problem in Central America."

There have been significant

seizures of cartel weaponry in Guatemala, and shootouts among Mexican cartels with operations in Central American countries.

Last month in an appearance before Congress, U.S. State Department official David Johnson said that Central American officials "have identified gangs, drug trafficking and trafficking of arms as the most pressing security concerns in that region."

The acting head of the DEA, Michele Leonhart, told reporters that more efforts along the U.S.-Mexico border alone will not be enough to dismantle the cartels.

"A seizure on the border is not going to break the backs of the cartels. What breaks the backs of the cartels are the partnerships with the U.S. and Mexican counterparts in country, in Mexico," she said.

Separately, the White House on Wednesday announced that three Mexican organizations had been added to a list of suspected international drug kingpins: the



Additional Awards: Baylor Lariat: Ist Place - Shanna Taylor, Josh Matz & Stephen Joblonski 2nd Place - Kelli Boesel, Claire St. Amant, Sommer Ingram, Brian Bateman 3rd Place - Grace Maalouf (2), Will Parchman, Jade Ortego, Honorable Mention - Ashley Killough, Alex Song, Christina Kruse, Shanna Taylor & David Poe, Will Parchman, Melanie Crowson & Rebecca La Flure, Grace Maalouf, Charly Edsitty, Claire Taylor, Brian Bateman, Anita Pere ROUND UP: Ist Place - Ryan Brinson, Heather Fogt, Ashley Grahmann, 2nd Place - Ryan Brinson (2), Jenna Dewitt, Heather Fogt, Danielle Grootemaat 3rd Place - Ryan Brinson, Rachel Moorman, Heather Fogt Honroable Mention - Ryan Brinson, Meghan Giddens, Ashleigh Schmitz, Heather Fogt FOCUS MAGAZINE: 2nd Place - Lee Ann Marcel, David Poe, Amy Mcgauhey Honorable Mention - Stephen Jablonski (2)

Model U.N. team takes top spot

By Brittany Hardy Staff writer

Baylor's Model United Nation team won Outstanding Delegation, the highest award given at the National Model United Nations competition last weekend

April 5 to 9, the team participated in a National Model United Nations competition, the biggest United Nations conference in the world, held in New York City, among more than 290 schools and more than 4,000 delegates from 29 countries.

"It's great to be part of a team that has grown in success this past year. I formed great friendships with the people I traveled with and the program taught me how to work well with many different individuals from different backgrounds," said Lucas Buckles, Dallas sophomore and member of Baylor Model United Nations. "Our success and the people have made me proud to be part of the Baylor Model U.N. team.'

The Baylor team represented Uganda and presented themselves every day as Uganda would before the United Nations

The Outstanding Delegation award was given to the Baylor team based on their remaining in character, participating in committee and proper use of the rules of procedure

Because the conference was held near Washington D.C., the model U.N. team had the opportunity to spend part of the conference in the United Nations Building, said Lauren Redman, sponsor of the Baylor Model U.N. Team.

"That is something that other conferences just don't bring. We really enjoyed that opportunity," said Fort Myers, Fla., senior Allison Campbell. Campbell is head delegate for the Baylor Model

U.N. Team.

Sixteen Baylor students participated in the conference; Waco senior Christopher Dunn; Austin senior Steve Zimmerman; Fort Myers, Fla., sophomore Jessie Campbell; Parkville, Mo. junior Bill Dunker; Carisbad, Calif., freshman Sharita Khaira; Kingwood senior Jeffrey Vitarius; Bryant, Ark., senior Paige Tucker; San Angelo graduate student Will Masters; Georgetown senior Travis Hobbs; San Antonio senior Hunter Oliver; Lake Bluff, Ill., senior Daniel Richards; Longview freshman Jaimee Gates; Bulverde senior Michael Stevick; Mesa, Ariz., Brooke Worchester; Allison Campbell and Buckels.

The sixteen members formed eight different committees. "Each committee had two representatives. We brought students from freshman-law school, so we had a wide range of ages attend," Allison Campbell said

Dunn, Zimmerman, Allison Campbell, Jessie Campbell, Dunker, Khaira, Vitarius and Tucker received Outstanding Delegation in Committee awards.

tion Committee award) is really difficult to win. It means they're in the top of their whole committee and each general assembly committee has more than 180 delegates," Campbell said.

a conference in Chicago, where they also won the Outstanding Delegation award.

of success with the Model U.N. team," Redman said.

understanding of what is going on in the world and what it is like to work with people who have differing ideas, Redman said. She said the program also helps students to improve their speaking skills.

"(The Outstanding Delega-

In the fall, the team attended

"Baylor has a long history

Model U.N. gives students an

Mystery of Cleopatra, search for tomb continues

cil of Antiquities said in a statement Wednesday. whose relationship was later immortalized by William Shakespeare and then in a movie with Élizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, could have been buried in a deep shaft in a temple near the Mediterranean Sea, the

council said. Archaeologists last year unearthed the alabaster head of a Cleopatra statue, 22 coins bearing Cleopatra's image and a mask believed to belong to Mark Antony at the temple.

The three sites were identified last month during a radar survey of the temple of Taposiris Magna, the council's statement said. The temple is located near the northern coastal city of Alexandria and was built during the reign of King Ptolemy II (282-246 B.C.)

Teams from Egypt and the Dominican Republic have been excavating the temple for the last three years. They found a number of deep shafts inside the temple, three of which were possibly used for burials. The lovers could be buried in a similar shaft, the statement said.

The lovers committed suicide in 30 B.C. after being defeated in the battle of Actium. Mark Antony is said to have killed himself with his sword, while Cleopatra is believed to have clutched a poisonous asp to her chest.

However, John Baines, an Egyptologist with Oxford University in England questioned why Augustus, who defeated Antony, would have chosen such a distinguished burial place.

"I don't really see why there should be a particular connection between that site and Antony and Cleopatra," Baines said.

Zahi Hawass, Egypt's top archaeologist, said the Cleopatra

statue and coins - which show an attractive face - debunk a recent theory that the queen was "quite ugly."

"The finds from Taposiris reflect a charm ... and indicate that Cleopatra was in no way unattractive," Hawass said.

Academics at Britain's University of Newcastle concluded in 2007 that the queen was not especially attractive. Their conclusion was based on Cleopatra's depiction on a Roman coin that shows her as a sharp-nosed, thin-lipped woman with a protruding chin.

Excavators at the site near Alexandria have already discovered a large previously unknown cemetery outside the temple enclosure. They have also discovered 27 tombs - including a total of 10 mummies.

Afghan women attacked while protesting Shiite marriage law

By Heidi Vogt The Associated Press

KABUL - The women shouted: "Equal rights and human rights!" A few feet away, men hollered back: "Death to you dogs!" and "Death to the slaves of the Christians!" Then some men picked up small stones and

pelted the women. More than 100 protesters mostly young women – demonstrated Wednesday against an Afghan law they say legalizes marital rape. But some 800 men and women staged a counter protest and shouted down the group's megaphone-led chants with insults and accusations that they were puppets of the Christian West. Female police held hands to create a protective barrier between the groups. The warring protests highlight the explosive nature of the women's rights debate in Afghanistan. Both sides are girding for battle over the legislation, which has sparked an international uproar since being quietly signed into law last month. The law says a husband can demand sex with his wife every four days, unless she is ill or would be harmed by intercourse. It also regulates when and for what reasons a wife may leave her home without a male escort. Though the law would apply only to the country's Shiltes,

who make up less than 20 percent of Afghanistan's 30 million people, many fear its passage marks a return to Taliban-style oppression of women.

The Taliban, who ruled Afghanistan from 1996-2001, required women to wear allcovering burqas and banned them from leaving home unless accompanied by a male relative.

Governments and rights groups around the world have condemned the legislation, and President Barack Obama has labeled it "abhorrent." Afghan President Hamid Karzai has remanded the law to the Justice Department for review and put enforcement on hold. A host of Afghan intellectuals, politicians and even a number of Cabinet ministers have come out against the law. But those who decry the legislation face quick criticism from conservative Muslim clerics and their followers, as Wednesday's protests showed. "You are a dog! You are not a Shiite woman!" one man shouted to a young woman in a head scarf. The woman, who held a banner reading "We don't want Taliban law," replied quietly: "This is my land and my people. The demonstrators chose a risky spot to hold their protest - in front of the mosque of the legislation's main backer - and were easily outnumbered by supporters of the law. They said

many women had been stopped on their way to the protest.

tion this weekend

By Rebecca Santana

CAIRO - Archaeologists will

begin excavating sites in Egypt

next week in an attempt to solve

a mystery that has stymied his-

torians for hundreds of years:

Where is the final resting place

of doomed lovers Cleopatra and

tombs of the celebrated queen

of Egypt and the Roman general

will begin excavating three sites

at a temple where tombs may be

located, Egypt's Supreme Coun-

Cleopatra and Mark Antony,

Archaeologists looking for the

The Associated Press

Mark Antony?

In the end, more women demonstrated in favor of the law than against it: A few hundred Shiite women marched with banners to join the angry men. They blamed foreigners for inciting the protests.

'We don't want foreigners interfering in our lives. They are the enemy of Afghanistan," said 24-year-old Mariam Sajadi.

Sajadi is engaged to be married, and said she plans to ask her husband's permission to leave the house as put forth in the law. She said other articles - such as the one allowing husbands to demand sex - have been misinterpreted by Westerners prejudiced against Islam. She did not elaborate. On the other side of the shouting, Mehri Rezai, 32, urged her countrymen to reject the law.





Waller junior Becky Grimes paints picture frames Wednesday at Dawson Residential Hall foyer. The frames will be sold at the Tau Beta Sigma Conven-

"This law treats women as if we were sheep," she said.

Both sides say they're defending their constitutional rights but Afghanistan's constitution is unclear. It defers to Islamic law as the highest authority, but also guarantees equal rights for women.

The Associated Press

Afghan policemen stop the Shiite counter protesters during a protest Wednesday in Kabul, Afghanistan. A group of some 1,000 Afghans swarmed a demonstration by 300 women protesting against a new conservative marriage law. Some counter protesters pelted the women with small stones as police struggled to keep the two groups apart.

Abbas Noyan, a Shiite lawmaker who opposes the law, said he is hopeful it will be changed. But others are less sure, and even the country's minister of

women's affairs, who is female, has declined to comment on the law

New York-based Human Rights Watch maintains that

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the judicial review ordered by Karzai is unlikely to be truly independent because those leading the process come from a conservative Shiite background.





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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Photo by Tessa Shockey/Contributor

The 140-foot ladder ascent to the ceremonial site of the ancient pueblo people is not for the faint of heart. For visitors who prefer staying closer to the ground, New Mexico's Bandelier National Monument also has plenty of low-lying cliff dwellings to explore.

New Mexico offers getaway full of rich American history

By Tessa Shockey Contributor

Every New Mexico license plate will tell you that New Mexico is the "land of enchantment.

The state may not be on a traveler's top 10 places to go in the U.S., but that is exactly what makes New Mexico so alluring. It is the mystery of the enchantment that makes this state one of the best-kept secrets in Amer-

Visitors to Albuquerque should not pass up hiking in the Sandia Mountains. You may even be as fortunate as to see a bear print, as my uncle and I did. In winter, the Sandias attract a ski population to their slopes.

The low-lying juniper and piñon trees that dot the foothills of the Sandia Mountains make them look like either an obtuse sand castles.

On one such drip-drop mountain house are ancient petroglyphs carved by the pueblo people who inhabited the area centuries earlier. Tourists can meander up the mountain and study the symbols on the volcanic rock.

The 12-mile wide Valles Caldera is a volcano plain that has collapsed and been covered over in a similar fashion to Aladdin's "Cave of Wonders." It attracts cross-country skiers in the winter, and hikers in the summer. Valles Caldera is a national preserve located in the Jemez Mountains north of Albuquerque.

The Jemez Mountains are full of history, and maybe a few ghosts.

Chanting, murmurs, then a low, melodic hum. The hymns of Spanish monks whistle and echo through the carroty earthy walls of the ruins of the San José de los Jemez church. The mission dates back to 1610 in the days of Spanish conquistadors and Catholic missionaries, and its history still rings from the walls.

is not for the faint of heart. It is a 140-foot ladder ascent to the site where the puebloans would hold many ceremonies.

The hollowed-out cleft is worth the climb, complete with its own kiva, and is a connection to a different world. Adventureseekers who made it that far (or high, as the case may be) can step into an imaginary scene of the lives of the Native Americans who lived, breathed and made atonement in years past. The setting brings a piece of history to life.

But what makes Bandelier most enchanting are the people you come across.

(The photographer) is making fun of me because I am all out of breath and struggling with the altitude," a Montanan academic explained after asking for a photographer for their multinational group picture. "He is from Nepal, so compared to the Himalayas, this is nothing."

Ida Maria's debut bores with repetitive beats, lyrics

By Kelli Boesel Entertainment editor

When searching for a new album to enjoy this week, I was pleasantly surprised to stumble upon Ida Maria's debut album "Fortress 'round My Heart" – until I started listening to it.

ALBUMREVIEW

I jumped right into the album with the expectation of greatness

Like many teens and 20-somethings, I enjoy the hit television show "Gossip Girl." Yes, it's a guilty pleasure, but something keeps me coming back week after week. One thing I particularly look forward to is the music. Whatever way you look at it, music on teen-focused shows is fresh and quickly becomes the next best thing. So when I discovered the opening track on Ida Maria's album, "Oh my God," was used to promote the return of "Gossip Girl" episodes in March, I was eager to listen to the entire album.

Ida Maria's catchy freshness stops after the intro track. "Oh my God" has a poppy quality and its chorus has a beat that



makes you want to get up and dance. The lyrics are painfully simple and repetitive, but for that type of dance-pop song, it's

forgivable. The album deteriorates from there. Any song on the album that has interesting beats and melody is similar to the first track. After a while, all the songs, except the two slow ones, blend together.

The third track on the album, "I Like You So Much Better When You're Naked," has lyrical merit because it's oddly funny. The chorus is sung in a kind of chant, which makes it easy to sing along. Like "Oh my God," the track has a danceable quality, making it a mediocre standout among below-average

The two slow songs, "Keep Me Warm" and "In the End," are not Ida Maria's strength. The melodies have an overall sleepy feel and the lyrics are lackluster. If an artist is going to change pace on an album, the lyrics better offer something worth listening to. Ida Maria's don't. She is definitely better when the music outshines her poor writing.

A small glimmer of hope for the album is "Queen of the World." Although it's not the best song on the album, it's at least memorable. Its chorus and hook line, "I'm the queen of the world/ I bump into things," are witty and relatable.

One small strength Ida Maria brings to the album is her voice. Even though her vocals have a haunting similarity to other European artists like Kate Nash and Regina Spektor, they make her boring, repetitive lyrics bearable.

If you must listen to Ida Maria, invest in her singles and possibly "Queen of the World." Other than those few tracks, I wouldn't waste my time or space in my music collection.

Grade: C-



Emma Watson, center, Daniel Radcliffe, right, and Rupert Grint star in summer blockbuster "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.³

'Harry Potter' bumps up release date The Associated Press start on the weekend during It's the second date change

LOS ANGELES - Harry Potsooner than expected.

what's shaping up as a highly competitive summer season for ter and his school chums are Hollywood, which has major heading back to class a little franchise films opening virtu- scheduled for release last fall

for the sixth installment in the adventures of the boy wizard. "Half-Blood Prince" had been until the studio bumped it to this July to take advantage of an open weekend in the busy summer lineup. The franchise stars Daniel Radcliffe as Harry, with Emma Watson and Rupert Grint as his best pals at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

watermelon or a Dalmatian, depending on how you tilt your head

Russet-colored pueblos are not merely historical dwellings, but constitute the architecture of most every house in New Mexico. It is rare to see a house made with a pitched roof. Adobe and stucco are the building materials of choice.

While pueblos are an architectural design, they also refer to the communities of the indigenous people of New Mexico. There are 19 such pueblos in New Mexico.

The history of each pueblo is explained in detail in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

A perhaps little-known fact about New Mexico, a fact worthy of a Trivial Pursuit question, is its deceased volcano population. Many of the volcanoes have vomited volcanic rock across far distances to form pebbled mountains that look like drip

The mission is part of the Jemez State Monument that also encompasses the ruins of a 500-year-old Native American village.

Also in the Jemez Mountains are the cliff dwellings of Bandelier National Monument.

Bandelier offers hands-on fun. Tourists can maneuver up and down ladders and in and out of the ancient pueblos. These laddered, cavern homes on the side of cliffs are no bigger than my walk-in closet, yet multiple people shared them.

Visitors can also climb down into kivas, or ceremonial pits, used for rituals.

The more adventurous tourists will want to climb up to the Alcove House. The Alcove House

For the non-Nepalese, New Mexico's altitude is a force to reckon with. Waco's elevation is roughly 500 feet. Albuquerque sits at 4,900 feet.

Should you continue through the Jemez Mountains, you will arrive in Los Alamos, and pass by Los Alamos National Laboratory, home of the Manhattan Project. As irony would have it, the road leading into the laboratory is called Bikini Atoll – like the site of American nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

Similar to the native people of Bikini Atoll, Native Americans lost their land to Western expansion. The current-day resolutions of past mistakes in New Mexico make for an interesting interplay

The intersection of culture and history will enchant New Mexico visitors, making it a vacation spot worth the altitude and time.

"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" now is opening Wednesday, July 15, two days earlier than its previous release date, Warner Bros. head of distribution Dan Fellman said Tuesday.

That gives the movie a head-

allv everv week.

"Every day the kids are out of school in summer is just like an extra Saturday," Fellman said.

Warner Bros. also opened the franchise's most recent release, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," on a Wednesday in July 2007.



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SPORTS

Sports briefs

Men's tennis blanks Texas Tech

The men's tennis cemented its place in the history books Tuesday with a 7-0 win over conference foe Texas Tech University, where the Bears secured at least a share of the Big 12 championship. The title marks the eighth straight time that head coach Matt Knoll and his crew have earned such a distinction, and represents the program's ninth title in 10 years.

Junior Denes Lukacs led the Bears to their seventh sweep of the season, where the No. 6 Hungarian native defeated No. 41 Raony Carvalho, 6-3, 7-5. Junior Dominik Mueller of Germany silenced Christian Rojmar of Texas Tech in a 6-2, 6-0 win that spanned a mere 14 games.

In doubles play, Mueller and freshman Julian Bley improved to 8-4 on the season in their win over David Gonzalez and Milos Kustudija.

The team will play host to No. 24 Oklahoma State University at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Baylor Tennis Center.

Lady Bears set to be hosts for National Championships

The No. 3 Lady Bears will try to unseat the defending champion University of Georgia Bulldogs this weekend in the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, for which they will be hosts this Thursday through Saturday at the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo Complex in Waco.

Senior Nicole Brown and freshman Lisa Goldman will vie for the national title in individual Equitation over Fences, while junior Allison Orosz will compete in individual horsemanship. 2009 marks the second year in which individual competitions will be held. Auburn University will head into the meet as the No. 1 seed after finishing first in Hunter Seat last season.

Track and field bolsters 2009 signing class

Head coach Todd Harbour announced Thursday that the program will be welcoming two more runners to the team's 2009 recruiting class. Chris-tina Holland of San Antonio and Tyler Stewart of Colonie, N.Y. have officially been added to the group of seven athletes that will join the team in the fall.

Holland currently leads the nation in both the 300- and 100-meter events with times of 42.54 and 13.87, respectively. Stewart finished second at the National Indoor Scholastic

Bears use 5-run 2nd to power past Mavericks



Clint Cox/ Contributor

Baylor first baseman Adam Hornung takes a swing during Wednesday's baseball game against The University of Texas-Arlington at Baylor Ballpark. Baylor will face Oklahoma State University this weekend in Stillwater, Okla.

By Justin Baer Sports writer

After being upset Tuesday night at the University of Texas-Arlington, No. 7-ranked Baylor (24-11) retaliated for a 10-7 victory against the University of Texas at Arlington Mavericks (19-17) Wednesday night in the second half of the duo's home-and-home series at Baylor Ballpark.

After falling behind early 7-0 in the first two innings, the Mavericks mounted a ferocious comeback attempt. However, third baseman Raynor Campbell hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to give Baylor breathing room, and relievers Willie Kempf and Logan Verrett came in the final two innings to hold off UTA and secure the vic-

"It really helped us to get out to the lead early," head coach Steve Smith said. "Willie went out there really sharp, and then I didn't know if I wanted to pull him or not, because I didn't know what I was going to get out of Verrett, but (Gregg) Glime was catching him in the bullpen.

"Gregg said he was throwing well, and obviously Gregg knows what he is talking about.

Baylor designated hitter Dustin Dickerson continued his scorching production at the plate. The Waco junior finished the evening 3-for-5 with two home runs,

a double and a career-high five RBIs. Dickerson extended his hitting streak to 21 games - the longest streak since former Bear and current Ranger outfielder David Murphy did so in 2003.

"I am just locked in right now," Dickerson said, who hit his first career home run off of a lefthanded pitcher. "I feel good at the plate and have a good approach. Everything is just clicking right now.

After Campbell drew a leadoff walk, Dickerson powered his first home run over the 20-foot high wall in center field.

Baylor's offensive onslaught resumed in the second inning. With one out, Dan Evatt and Brooks Kimmey pieced together consecutive singles. The two advanced on Picca's wild pitch, yielding to a two-RBI single for loey Hainsfurther.

Campbell followed with a strike up the middle, then Dickerson poked a home run over the left-field wall - his second in as many innings.

"That one felt really good," Dickerson said. "He threw me the exact same pitch (twice) and I got a good swing on it. I scooted off the plate some and tried to get the barrelhead out there more so I can extend my arms."

The Mavericks captured back three runs in the top of the third inning. Justin McPherson hit his first home run of the season -aleadoff shot that barely escaped the leftfield fence. Two batters later, Collin Garner singled in Chad Price. Matt Otteman capped the inning with a sacrifice fly to center field.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Dickerson drilled a oneout double to right field. Miller swapped places with him on a double of his own to give the Bears and 8-3 advantage.

Wild Baylor pitching allowed the Mavericks to make a charge in the top of the sixth inning. A hit batter and two walks loaded the bases for UTA. Garner scored Evan Raley on a fielder's choice, and then reliever Brooks Pinckard got Michael Choice to ground out to avoid further damage.

The Mavericks inched closer to the Bears in the seventh inning. Raley reached on an infield single in the first of three consecutive singles for UTA. McPherson and Price strung together back-toback singles to cut Baylor's lead

Otteman scored Choice in the top of the eighth inning on a double, but the Bears bounced back in the bottom of the inning when Campbell blasted a tworun homerun to give the Bears some breathing room.

"He got me a fastball over the plate and down," Campbell said. 'I am a low-ball hitter, and I got extended on it and put backspin on it and got it out of here."

Baylor travels this weekend to take on Oklahoma State.

Former Fort Worth, Rutgers guard transfers to BU

By Joe Holloway Sports writer

In addition to a top recruiting class, the Baylor Lady Bears will also welcome 6-foot-1 forward and guard Brooklyn Pope to the team next year. Pope, who played her freshman season at Rutgers University and appeared in 29 of the team's 34 games, will not be able to play any games for Baylor until the 2010-2011 season, but will be eligible to practice with the Lady Bears in 2009-2010. She will have three years of eligibility remaining when she first takes the court in a game situation.

She averaged six minutes a game in her freshman season for the Scarlet Knights and scored 2.1 points and two rebounds a game.

A Fort Worth native, Pope went to Dunbar High School

2008 McDonald's All-America team. Scout.com rated her the No. 1 forward in the nation and Hoopgurlz.com rated her the No. 9 player in the nation.

Andrea Robinson, who is now the head women's basketball coach at Cedar Hill High School, coached Pope when she was at Dunbar.

'Coming out of high school she was one of the top players in the country," she said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "She's a phenomenal athlete. She's probably one of the best athletes in the country."

As to whether Baylor will be a good fit for her, her old coach said that it was entirely up to Pope, but added that Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey increases the odds of Pope doing well.

"I think coach Mulkey's a good coach," Robinson said. "She has the ability to bring out where she was named to the the best in players and if she can get the best out of Brooklyn, she'll be great for Baylor."

Pope's best would seem to include the ability to drunk. Much attention has been given No. 1-rated Baylor commit Brittany Griner from Aldine-Nimitz High School in Houston whose dunking ability has become an internet video sensation. At 6-foot-8, Griner can dunk on command. Being seven inches shorter than Griner, Pope's dunks are more rare, but she has the ability to do so nonetheless.

"I wish Brooklyn the best. She is a bright and caring person and I love Brooklyn," Rut-gers head coach C. Vivian Stringer said in a e-mail to the Lariat. "The world is in front of her and I want nothing but success for her and know she will achieve it."

Pope dunked three times in her freshman year of high school and just missed slamming one



Rutgers head coach C. Vivian Stringer motivates her team, including Brooklyn Pope (left) during a game against Duke. Pope will transfer to Baylor in June.

earlier this year in a 78-68 Rutgers win over Notre Dame.

"It was worth a try," Pope said in an interview shortly after higher."

with New Jersey paper the Star-Ledger. "We'll see if I can do it again. Maybe I can get a little

Past two tournaments prep women's golf for Big 12

By Ben Powell Reporter

tive team score. But the Lady Bears smelled since they are a young team and University.

leader," head coach Sylvia Ferdon said. She's a junior but she leads by example. As they say, she walks the walk." The team next compete at the Big 12 Championship in Lubbock on April 24-26. "The thing that I think is going to help us is, number one we are playing very, very well," Ferdon said. "We know the conditions are going to be very tough but we played very well there last fall, and not all the schools have been there and that golf course can be visually very intimidating." Burke, Hafsten-Morch, Cothran and Rhodes will start for the Lady Bears, and Chambers and Jansen will compete against each other in a qualifier round for the fifth spot.

Championships this past season with a time of 1:52.15 in the 800-meter event. He was also named a two-time All-American in his junior season.

Softball falls to A&M

Texas A&M hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth, pushing the Aggies past the Lady Bears 5-4. Whitney Canion (20-12) took the loss, striking out 11.

> -compiled by Gordon Voit and Brian Bateman

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The Baylor women's golf team will look to build on its recent success this next week as they prepare for the Big 12 Championship.

On March 27, the team traveled to Crystal River, Fla. to compete in the Cincinnati Invite, in which the University of Cincinnati was the host. The Lady Bears rallied from an eight-stroke deficit to finish in first place for the first time since 2006.

Sophomore Jordan Rhodes shot a three-round 225 to tie for second place overall but was competing at the No. 6 spot and only No. 1 through 5 had their scores count towards the collec-

victory. Junior Hannah Burke took charge, tying for third place on her birthday with a 227 total score.

'The Florida one was fun because my parents were there because it was my 21st birthday so that was a big one to actually win on my birthday," Burke said

Sophomore Lene Hafsten-Morch finished one stroke behind Burke to finish fifth and Jaclyn Jansen, a freshman, tied for sixth. Freshman Chelsey Cothran and junior Natalie Hocott closed, scoring a 234 and 242 respectively.

"Winning is great, that's why you tee it up. I'm really, really proud of this team especially they are doing it, head coach Sylvia Ferdon said.

The momentum from the Florida victory carried over to the Baylor's next tournament. The team again came from behind to finish first place in the Susie Maxwell-Berning Classic in Norman, Okla.

"You just have to stay in the moment. You can't think about winning, of course. You've got to play and hit the shots and that's what I have been coaching them to do and obviously they are doing a very, very good job. They are keeping their emotions out of it, Ferdon said."

Baylor carded a tournamentlow final round 306 to jump in front of tournament leader, host, and conference foe Oklahoma

Rhode's moved into the team's lineup with her performance in

Florida and made full use of it, finishing tied for 17th.

"(Rhodes) seems to play her best golf in the last half of the Spring semester. She kind of did that last year a little bit," Ferdon said. "She came through with flying colors, it was great to see.

Burke shot her way to an eighth top-five finish, tying for third place. In only her fourth collegiate tournament, Cothran tied for sixth to record her best career finish.

Burke earned her first Big 12 Player of the Month honor because of her performances during March.

"Hannah has been a great

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ment developed organically through online social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter and through exposure on Fox News.

While FreedomWorks insisted the rallies were nonpartisan, they have been seized on by many prominent Republicans who view them as a promising way for the party to reclaim its momentum.

"All you have to be is a mildly awake Republican candidate for office to get in front of that parade," said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform.

The movement attracted some Republicans considering 2012 presidential bids.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich planned to address a tea party in a New York City park Wednesday night. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal sent an e-mail to his supporters, letting them know about tea parties throughout the state. South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford planned to attend two tea parties.

"There is no such thing as so-called free money and that includes stimulus," Sanford told several thousand people outside the statehouse in Columbia, S.C. "Paying down debt is an old American theme and never a bad thing.

There were several small counter-protests, including one that drew about a dozen people at Fountain Square in Cincinnati. A counter-protester held a sign that read, "Where were you when Bush was spending billions a month 'liberating' Iraq?"

The anti-tax demonstration there, meanwhile, drew about 4,000 people.

In Lansing, Mich., outside the state Capitol, another 4,000 people waved signs exclaiming "The Pirates Are in D.C." Children held makeshift signs complaining about the rising debt.

"I'm really opposed to spending the way out of our problem," said Deborah Mourray, 56, a business administrator from the Detroit suburb of Troy. "How I run my home is: I don't spend more money so my situation improves. Save and conserve."

In Salt Lake City, where more than 1,000 protesters gathered outside a downtown federal building in the rain and snow, Kate Maloney held a cardboard sign that read "Pin the tail on the jacka\$\$", with a picture of Obama on a Democratic donkey.

Other protesters also took direct aim at Obama. One sign in the crowd in Madison, Wis., compared him to the anti-Christ.

At a rally in Montgomery, Ala., where Twisted Sister's "We're Not Gonna Take It" blared from loudspeakers, Jim Adams of Selma carried a sign that showed the president with Hitler-style hair and mustache and said, "Sieg Heil Herr Obama."

Still others talked of their children's futures.

In Washington, D.C., Joe Hollinger said he took the day off to attend the protest with his 11-year-old daughter.

"I'm concerned about the incredible amount of debt Congress is going to put on our children," Hollinger said, pointing to his daughter's sign, which read, "Congress get your hand off my piggy bank.



Stephen Green/Lariat staff

Above and Left: Patrons gathered at the Suspension Bridge at Indian Springs Park in Waco Wednesday afternoon to protest government spending and taxation. People were openly invited to speak in front of the crowd. Some came dressed in costumes, and many bore protest signs expressing their views.

Don't Touch

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tried my best to be the part of the manager, although I wasn't too good. The girl who played Beyonce, though, was amazing! She was spot-on with most of the moves, and going all out. I think it made it even funnier that she was busting out these moves in her bikini in the middle of the hall. We got the weirdest looks from people walking by. It was priceless! All three of the per-

formers did a pretty accurate job of copying the video, words and all. My favorite line had to be Yeah, dance biscuits." Thankfully, we caught all the awesome

moments on camera. Classic." - Abilene sophomore Allison Beene, CL in North Russell Residence Hall

Dressed to drench

"Last year when I was a CL in Penland, the guys in my hall and a few others were going to have dinner with our sister hall in Collins one night at the beginning of the semester. All the guys get dressed up, ready to mix with some girls, and head over to Collins. They stand around and don't see any girls. They keep waiting for a little bit when they start getting hit by water balloons. They look up and see girls throwing water balloons at the guys from their rooms! So the guys are standing there, all dressed up getting water ballooned by a bunch of girls they didn't know." - Spring senior Deandre Upshaw, CL in the Arbors Apartments.

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These characteristics along with a nomination from Professor Paul George of Texas Wesleyan School of Law were key steps on the path to Toben's induction. George's nomination was seconded by the U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade, of Northern District of

Texas; Roland Johnson, president-elect of the State Bar of Texas; and William Underwood, former Baylor law professor and former interim president of Baylor University. Upon finishing his Bachelor of Arts with

honors in political sciof vocation. We emphaence at the University of size to our students that they are entering a pro-Missouri-St. Louis, Toben graduated from Baylor fession that is a serving Law School with a juris enterprise," Toben said. doctor degree with honors "Lawyers work, in the in 1977, and also earned a most fundamental way, Master of Laws from Harto solve human problems. vard Law School in 1981. The deepest satisfaction He became a Baylor we have as people and as Law School faculty memprofessionals is in serving ber in 1983 and dean of others and having a pasthe Law School in 1991. sion for doing so in our work."

Toben said that Baylor impacts not just his career but also his view on education in the legal profession.

law school that he has lead for 18 years," Jackson said.

Jackson said that Toben's contribution to Baylor Law School may also reflect his potential to aid the institute.

"Anytime he is involved in any organization, he is a significant contributor to whatever the cause or mission is," Jackson said. "His analytical ability and his understanding of the membershipintheALIand the opportunity to participate in the process that results in ALI products, such as model statutes and restatements of the law, which have tremendous potential to impact the law," Miller said. "It is certainly rewarding personally and professionally to engage in this kind of group scholarship with highly accomplished and learned members of the

ciated honor, but the best moments of my professional career come each day and week in working with my faculty and staff colleagues and with our students," Toben said. "I get a daily blessing from being a part of the remarkable and highly distinctive program that we have for educating and training our students on their way to becoming Baylor lawyers.'

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of Mathematics because of the distinguished professor award he has received.

The Auburn University doctorate graduate began his time with the association during his undergraduate studies and has been a member for 18 years

The association has had a major impact on undergraduate teaching, Davis said.

"MAA provides a vehicle for emphasizing the teaching of mathematics, especially at the undergraduate level," Davis said. "This is where future secondary school teachers are trained as well as students who go on to pursue graduate studies in mathematics and the sciences.'

He began teaching as a graduate assistant in 1995 and has taught various classes, from freshman calculus to junior-level applied mathematics courses for engineers.

"I like the fact there are expectations of excellence."

> John Davis math professor

Actively participating in the Advanced Placement Calculus program for about 10 years, Davis has been able to develop procedures dealing with the Advanced Placement curricular reforms, academic issues between high school and college calculus classes and innovative ways to integrate teaching calculus with the use of technology.

Davis said he has personally affected the undergraduate math program at Baylor since he started teaching at the university in 1999.

Davis has directed three dissertations while at Baylor, and his first student was the first person admitted to Baylor's doctorate program in mathematics. Davis has taught courses molded for the needs of mathematics doctoral students and received the outstanding faculty teaching award in 2003.

Davis said he feels Baylor's academic environment, which meshes research and teaching, has aided tremendously in his work with undergradu-

"I like the fact that there are expectations of excellence in both teaching and research at Baylor. There is no reason teaching must be sacrificed in order to do outstanding research," Davis said. "I find that my research often fuels what I teach and how I teach

my classes, even at the under-

"Baylor has had a profound influence upon me over the many years in how I view my profession and the concept

illustrates the type of education Baylor law students are receiving, Jack-

The induction of Toben

son said "For (Toben) to be recognized with this induction speaks well of him and also reflects on the

legal system will make him a valuable member."

With his induction into the American Law Institute, Toben will join law professor Elizaeth Miller, an inductee of 2006.

"I very much value my

legal profession.

Toben said that the Baylor Law School environment has provided some of the defining moments in his career even past this award.

"This is a much appre-

loben, along with other inductees, including only six other lawyers from Texas, will be recognized in May at a formal ceremony during the institute's annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Davis be will be honored at the Mathematical Association of America's annual meeting Thursday and Saturday at the University of North Texas.

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