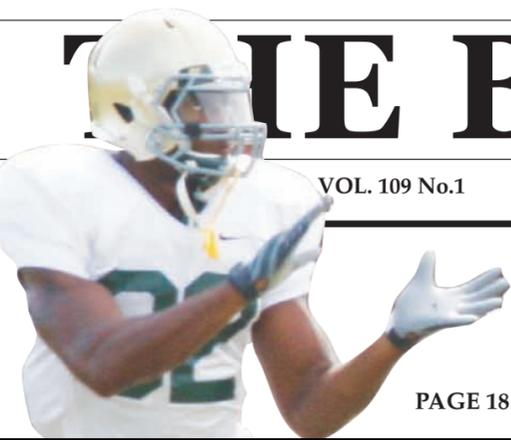


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CL&L spends \$192,000 relocating students

By SARAH RAFIQUE
COPY DESK CHIEF

Campus Living and Learning sent a housing offer via e-mail Aug. 4 and 6 to upper-division students living on campus with the incentive of \$2000 if they cancel their residential hall contract and relocate off-campus.

The offer was the result of an increase in freshman enrollment

and growing interest in on-campus housing for upperclassmen.

Garrett confirmed that the push for a residential campus is part of the Baylor 2012 Vision.

"Our goal is to create a truly residential campus, and an increasing number of upper-division students want to take advantage of that," she said.

On Aug. 4, Campus Living and Learning sent 270 e-mails to

upper-division students signed up to live in Martin, South Russell and North Village Halls, said Terri Garrett, director for Campus Living and Learning, in an e-mail to the Lariat.

"The university called on upper-division students currently assigned to traditionally freshmen residence halls to assist us in addressing the challenge," Garrett said.

An additional 580 e-mails were sent Aug. 6 to Brooks Flats and North Village, residential living not associated with the Living-Learning Centers.

After the first two e-mails, the male freshmen housing needs were met. But a third e-mail offer was sent to women in Arbors and East Arbors.

Students receiving the notification weren't required to accept

the offer; however, the e-mail states that according to the On-Campus Housing Occupancy License, "Baylor does reserve the right to move your specific on campus housing assignment if necessary."

This limited time offer gave students six days to contact Ronda Kruse, assistant to the dean for student learning and engagement, and accept the offer or learn

about their off-campus housing options.

Garrett said no student was required to accept the offer, which would credit the student's account with \$2000 towards tuition, fees and other charges.

Garrett noted that the \$2,000 was not a scholarship, grant or award, but a credit towards the student's financial package.

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Presidential search committee focuses on quality, details

By SOMMER INGRAM
CITY EDITOR

Further steps were taken this summer in the search to find Baylor's 14th president. The search continues to gain momentum, with the creation of a presidential profile as one of the most crucial developments.

"The objective in this is two-fold," said Joe Armes, chairman of the presidential search committee. "We want to generate nominations and tell the Baylor story. The second component is that we want to have folks in influential positions know more about Baylor and appreciate what it is we are about."

The profile lists desired qualities the university believes the best-qualified candidate should possess.

With the help of consulting firm Baker and Associates, LLC, the search committee put together this list, part of a larger document called a presidential prospectus. It will be distributed to persons of influence in Baptist circles as well as the broader evangelical community.

"Based on feedback from the listening sessions and comments from the broader alumni community, there is a strong consensus among alumni that the regents should choose the most qualified person available," Jeff Kilgore, executive vice president of the Baylor Alumni Association, said in an e-mail to the Lariat. "I think most of the desired traits are reflected in the recent prospectus that the regents have developed. Most alumni anticipate a top-notch selection that has these characteristics."

Along with the presidential profile, the prospectus includes some marketing materials with information about Baylor including foundational functions and core convictions, student numbers, budgets and historical information.

"There has been a lot of effort made in getting the input of various communities regarding this

process," said Dr. Dennis Myers, chairman of the Faculty Senate. "We seem to be proceeding in an effective manner, and I hope that we continue to have a strong voice from the advisory committee that can give input to the process."

The profile is broken down into four sections: academic vision, leadership style, professional experience and personal attributes.

Stipulations include that the next Baylor president have the ability to bring the various constituencies of Baylor together in a cohesive manner, a trait Kilgore said many alumni place great value in.

"This will be critically important to the new president's ability to raise money," he said. "The administration needs a positive relationship with all the constituencies of Baylor to meet this goal."

The profile also states that the future president should be a mature Christian with a vibrant faith, particularly a Baptist, should be committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and assume an active role in the Waco community.

"This is a great example of hearing from constituents," Armes said. "We heard on several occasions in our listening sessions that it is important to our own faculty and staff that the next president establish a connection with the community. We certainly will look for a candidate who would be interested and motivated to take an active role and understand Baylor's importance to Waco."

The committee concluded the listening sessions held on campus, as well as traveling sessions held with alumni, as last semester came to a close.

"Out of these meetings, the presidential profile was created," Armes said. "Everything we did was informed by those opinions and points-of-view in these sessions. This is an inspirational list

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JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

'Never put your bear claw down'

Members of the Baylor Golden Wave band are in full Sic 'Em mode along with the entering Class of 2013 during the Welcome Week 2009 Spirit Rally at the Ferrell Center Friday night.

Annual meeting sets regents' priorities

By SOMMER INGRAM
CITY EDITOR

The Baylor Board of Regents held its annual retreat July 22 to 24 at the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center.

The retreat focused on the best practices for governance in universities and featured a panel of four current and former board members from other prestigious universities.

"We got them to share their experiences on their boards and tried to pick out the things that we could

apply as board members at Baylor," said Dary Stone, chairman of the board. "All four of these gentlemen were just terrific in helping us understand how they operate, set agendas, recruit new talent for their boards and how they help their universities."

The panel discussed strategic planning, priority setting and time management. As a result of this, the Baylor regents made the decision to modify their board schedule to include an additional board meeting.

"To be really good at strategic

planning for the university, we have to have time to think, consider, debate and determine," Stone said. "We came to the conclusion that the way our board meetings are structured, we needed more time to be thoughtful, creative and strategic."

Stone said that because the business of universities is more sophisticated than in the past, the board has the responsibility of making sure its time is spent in the most productive way possible on behalf of the university.

"Baylor has the added feature

of being a faith-based institution with a clear-faced Christian identity," Stone said. "We strive to be a top-ranked academic school while maintaining our Baptist heritage and Christian identity. The board needs to be incremental to the efforts of the people there at the school on a daily basis."

The retreat was held in conjunction with the presidential search committee meeting.

"It was a great meeting because we had the opportunity to

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Summer break brings changes to campus hot spots



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Season's Sushi, which is located near Baylor's North Village, replaced Season's Creamery and will begin operations today.

By JESSICA ACKLEN
ASST. CITY EDITOR

While students were away, Baylor made changes to better meet the needs of the campus population.

Moody Memorial Library has a new face for the fall semester.

This summer the ground floor, or Garden Level, of the library evolved into a modern and flexible work environment for Baylor students.

With new, mobile furniture, the ground floor will cater both to study groups and the individual student.

Carl Flynn, director of communications and marketing for university libraries, said the changes were the result of multiple surveys and that the

library listened and responded to what students wanted.

"We want to make this the premier 24-hour study space on the Baylor campus," Flynn said.

The Garden Level achieves this goal by having the study areas open weekly from 1 p.m. on Sundays to 10 p.m. on Fridays.

The former computer lab on the ground floor is now closed and will be replaced by a more portable, less structured lab. "There will be no more shoulder-to-shoulder," Flynn said in regards to seating in the new computer lab.

In addition to the movement of the computer lab, the laptop check out center has been relocated from the ground floor to the second floor.

While some of the familiar structures of the Garden Level

have changed, some remain unaffected.

The Java City that is located on the ground floor of Moody may profit from all the changes. "This will bring more traffic to Java City," Flynn said.

The grand total for these technological renovations is somewhere around \$2 to \$2.5 million, said Director of Electronic Libraries Tim Logan. However, the bill is paid completely by gifts and donations to the library.

There are also future plans for a high-tech classroom on the ground floor of Moody.

This classroom will allow the instructor to rearrange the seating to fit the needs of the class and have nearly \$1 million in computer technology and construction.

According to the library's Web

site, "The plan involves creating a space where the desks and chairs can be easily reconfigured to accommodate either large classes of 40 to 50 students or small groups, depending on the needs of the class."

Not only does Moody have a new look and new features, The Seasons Creamery is something very different.

The former location of The Seasons Creamery in the North Village Community Center has been transformed this summer into The Seasons Sushi.

"Sushi is something that many of our students enjoy, and we are happy to provide them an opportunity to enjoy fresh sushi on campus," said Reid Johnson, unit marketing manager for Baylor

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Beneath Friday Night Lights

Point of View



BY GRANT GILLIAM

As students rush down the stairs to leave their homes on Friday nights, many of them are in search of fun throughout the city of Waco.

The question is: where will they go? In the Waco area, there are several activities including many sights and sounds that people of all ages can enjoy. However, many students never learn about these events.

One of the most enjoyable activities that people of all ages enjoy is high school football. Within 10 miles of Baylor, one special state runner-up team will play under the Friday night lights. This team is Waco Midway. Another state runner-up team, Waco La Vega, will also play beneath the Friday night lights in the Waco area this fall.

At Waco Midway, two really big events will be going on throughout the season. Last year to get the title game, Kent Bachtel had victories over such schools as Highland Park 41-36, Texas High 35-10 and Forney 35-12. Expect to see a rebirth this year at Waco Midway as many key starters return to the field for the Panthers team.

Head Coach Kent Bachtel will be retiring after 25 years as head coach of Midway. During this dynasty, Bachtel has battled cancer, led his team to the state championship, and this year been named the Super Centex Coach of the Year by the Waco Tribune-Herald.

The second big event at Midway this year is the building of their new football stadium. Beginning this fall, the Midway Panthers will be building a new football stadium to get ready for the next year's football season. This has forced the Panthers to locate all of their home games off-site this year to Baylor's Floyd Casey Stadium.

Midway's first home game will be this Friday at Floyd Casey Stadium with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Be sure to come early to the stadium to enjoy a pre-kickoff celebration.

The Panthers are sure to bring a great crowd and competitive spirit. Last season, several games had to be moved to Floyd Casey Stadium due to the lack of seating at Midway's old Panther Stadium that sat 10,000.

Down the street at Waco La Vega High School another wonderful team will hit the field under the Friday night lights. Coming off a season with a 12-3 record, La Vega was second place in the state for Class 3A Division 1 football in the state of Texas. Last year La Vega won their games easily with a 20 point edge over their opponents and all losses were within seven points.

La Vega will be playing at their stadium for home games this fall. The atmosphere at a home game is one that is unmatched for the area in class 3A football. For a great game, attend the Abilene Wylie game at home on September 19 or the Waco Connally game on October 17. Both teams bring a strong fan base to maximize the competitive spirit.

From the personal experience of the staff at TXHSSports.com, the best hamburger and chili cheese fries at a high school football stadium resides at Waco La Vega.

To find out more information and get directions to these games, please navigate to TXHSSports.com each week as Midway and Waco La Vega progress throughout the season.

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Restriction on BearBucks leaves few dining options

Editorial

BearBucks, a convenient, safe and accessible alternative to cash, has left many students unsatisfied because of a policy in place that restricts usage to only alcohol-free establishments.

According to Baylor's department of financial services, this restriction on BearBucks stems from Baylor's stance that allowing alcohol purchases through a Baylor program would be inconsistent with Baylor's mission as a Christian university.

As it stands, students are greatly limited in the variety of establishments that utilize the BearBucks program. Some of Waco's most popular restaurants (i.e., George's, Cricket's and Buzzard Billy's) are not an option for diners whose primary food allowance is invested in BearBucks.

The far-reaching restriction also affects the numerous restaurants in downtown Waco. The new DASH shuttle, set to begin in August, will make eating in downtown a convenient activity. However, BearBucks users are limited to only a handful

of dining locations if the policy remains the same.

Additionally, restaurants – both new and old – may be put in a position where they have to choose between serving alcohol and accepting BearBucks. In reality, most patrons will not refuse dining at a restaurant out of principle simply because they serve alcohol. However, a student with only a meal plan and BearBucks is hindered if a restaurant serves alcohol.

A different view on alcohol consumption is not necessary to enhance the efficiency and user-friendliness of BearBucks. At a very basic level, the current rule does not allow for responsible decision-making by students.

Baylor's stance on alcohol consumption can stand alone and separate from a BearBucks system that has the interest of like-minded students in its strategic planning.

Most importantly, convenience seems to be the main selling point of the BearBucks system. If Baylor is looking for a program that can be com-

parable to the likes of TCU or Texas A&M, a greater number of vendors, closer to areas that are heavily-traveled by students, will increase satisfaction and use of the payment program.

Both FrogBucks and AggieBucks, the TCU and Texas A&M equivalents, are accepted at a large majority of the restaurants in and around each campus, regardless of whether they serve alcohol. Texas A&M students can even use their AggieBucks at gas stations (though TCU students cannot).

Furthermore, convenience goes out the window when extra steps are required to be able to use BearBucks. Students must access a list of BearBucks locations online, but will likely have to look up the list or memorize it each time they want to eat out.

Similarly, if a group of friends decides to go out to dinner and two of those students have been given their food allowance in the form of BearBucks, the entire group is restricted to a list of casual dining restaurants from which they can choose.

Since many locations have been added since the inception of BearBucks, Baylor's continued investment in the program doesn't seem like too much to ask. Currently, Baylor students can use BearBucks at 27 local restaurants, as well as the local movie theater.

Removing the no-alcohol stipulation from Baylor's BearBucks system would not suggest that the university condones alcoholic consumption, nor would the removal promote a lenient stance on drinking alcohol.

Rather, revising the policy would show that the university has the students' interests in mind.

Students are not concerned with the political or public relations side of a policy change. Students are more concerned with the effects those changes will have on their day-to-day life.

Rather than trying to ensure that students don't buy or consume alcohol with BearBucks, Baylor should consider allowing students the convenience of a wider variety of dining options.

A year of professionalism in store

As I am writing this, my adrenaline is pumping and I am still on a "deadline high" from putting together this massive welcome back edition of the Lariat.

I cannot convey my excitement about serving as the editor-in-chief of the Lariat for the 2009-2010 school year. I anticipate sleep deprivation, stress and even more rewarding coverage and experiences.

I must admit, I'm a little nervous coming in on the heels of a chaotic year in news. This semester, there may be no presidential election, SAT story or rope swing mistaken for a noose, but I'm sure the Lariat staff will have its share of news to chronicle.

Despite some not-so-favorable press for Baylor, the Lariat did an outstanding job in news reporting last year, evident by the numerous national awards the Lariat earned, that are now hanging on the walls of the newsroom. This success came about only through in-depth research and soul-searching spurred by many ethical quandaries that the Lariat staff faced.

That being said, there are many changes taking place in the Lariat this year, as we have merged with the journalism department. Even I am not sure what exactly these changes will

A letter from the Editor

BY LIZ FOREMAN



bring, but I can promise nothing will change in the quality of the Lariat's coverage except that it will only get better.

While sitting at my desk the other day, in my new comfortable chair, I looked up at the wall next to me filled with years and years of former staff members' signatures and quotes. One quote in particular caught my eye.

"Always remember: this is a student newspaper," former staff member Clinton Cox wrote.

I'm not sure what Cox meant by this statement. It may even be a tongue-in-cheek remark, but I've formed my own interpretation.

I will remember this is a student newspaper insofar that I realize my staff and I are students with school work to do in addition to the hours we put in each day in the newsroom. Also, if I'm ready to pull my hair out

thanks to impending deadlines, I'll probably repeat this mantra in an effort to stay sane.

Otherwise, I intend to treat this newspaper as a professional publication where the staff strives for the same caliber of accuracy and accountability as any other professional publication. Maybe it's an ambitious goal, but I hope that anyone with doubts about this will be pleasantly surprised by the Lariat's professionalism in the coming year.

I can vouch for the blood, sweat and tears the staff pours into this publication on a daily basis.

I am grateful to have a passionate staff dedicated to working as hard as ever to deliver the best reporting possible. We will strive to step out of the box and look inward to see where we are doing well and build on that. In addition, we'll focus on correcting areas we may have

erred in the past.

Change is good, but improvement is necessary.

Expanding multimedia capabilities is part of this improvement. Creative, innovative projects can be expected to emerge from the newsroom as staff utilizes multimedia to keep up with the ever-expanding world of journalism. We're going to have a plethora of new media projects online and interesting, creative designs in print.

Go ahead and visit our Web site, www.baylorlariat.com, throughout the semester to see what I mean.

Most importantly, any improvement is not complete without feedback. Take time to read the Lariat both in print and online, and don't hesitate to comment. I take this feedback seriously and I'll do everything short of giving out my cell phone number to ensure my availability in hearing any comments, good or bad.

I just hope to serve the Baylor community as thoroughly as those in the years preceding my tenure. I'm honored to be editor-in-chief of this award-winning publication and I thank the entire Baylor community for its support.

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Lariat Letters "Crossroads"

Friends,

I will never be able to express adequately my gratitude for the opportunity to serve Baylor University these past eight years. It's difficult to imagine that I could have had a more professionally rewarding, spiritually enriching, and personally challenging experience than the one I've been afforded at Baylor. I offer you my wholehearted thanks. I hope you know that I have given all that I could to advance the aspirations for Student Life as described by Baylor 2012. It has been an honor and privilege to do so. Your friendship has influenced me in profound and indescribable ways. With every part of my spirit, I wish to convey my gratitude for how you have shaped and molded me.

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Frank Shushok
Former Dean of Student Learning and Engagement

I recently agreed to become the associate vice president for student affairs and assistant professor of higher education at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia. If you're interested in the details, the Virginia Tech release can be found at: <http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/story.php?relyear=2009&itemno=507>

Kelly and I are still working on transition details, but my last day at Baylor will be August 12th. Please know that I will do everything possible to transition my organizational responsibilities in Student Life, the School of Education, and Engaged Learning Groups as best as possible. God has been so good to me through you!

So what's the most common question I've been getting as I've told people the news? "What is a Hokie?" For inquiring minds, the answer is here: <http://www.vt.edu/about/hokie.html>.

Go Bears! Go Hokies!

Frank
Former Dean of Student Learning and Engagement

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Money stolen in tower theft

By BRITTANY HARDY
OPINION EDITOR

Either during late at night August 19 or early morning of August 20, multiple offices within Robinson Tower were broken into, said Lori Fogleman, Director of Media Communications.

Investigators are currently trying to determine the extent of the incident.

One of the offices entered was the Cashier's office, and an undetermined amount of cash was taken.

There are no suspects at this time. Baylor police are continuing to investigate.

Baylor police received assistance from five crime scene technicians from Waco police department.

Police are urging staff members to monitor their personal accounts and records for any suspicious activity. There are indications that some personal information contained in a number of offices may have been compromised.

"We just want to make sure everyone is very vigilant," Fogleman said.

Anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to call Baylor police at (254) 710-2222.

Clifton Robinson Tower houses a variety of administrative offices.

The investigation will not affect Move-In Day or Welcome Week activities or the start of the Fall 2009 semester on Monday, according to an e-mail sent out by Baylor Student Life.

The Lariat was told on August 21 that no further information had been released, but that the investigation was on-going.

Student life, according to Kevin Jackson

By LIZ FOREMAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the new vice president for student life, Dr. Kevin P. Jackson joined the Baylor faculty on July 1. Jackson was one of three candidates announced in April following former vice president, Dr. Dub Oliver's appointment as president of East Texas Baptist University. Jackson admitted that he has some big shoes to fill, but the former Aggie brings 27 years of experience to Baylor including his most recent position as vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University. The Lariat sat down with Jackson this summer to gain a better understanding of his vision for student life in the coming year and beyond.

How does Baylor differ from the universities where you've previously worked?

One of the things that drew me to Baylor is its mission of integrating Christian faith and learning. To be at an institution with such a mission is just absolutely exciting to me. It's hard to put into words what an incredible experience it is to be on a campus where the central mission is integrating faith with learning.

What does student life mean to you?

As an educator you want to

figure out how to create environment where people learn the best. Academics are the primary focus of a university experience, and student life to me is where you create an environment that supplements, enhances and extends the learning process so that students are able to integrate what they're learning in the classroom and outside of the classroom. That is accomplished in many ways: through programs, services we put in place to make sure students are healthy and able to do their best in the classroom, but most importantly to me, in an environment like Baylor it's reaching out to academic colleagues to create environments that are integrated in a holistic way. Some great examples of this are our living learning communities and residential colleges. These programs bring faculty, students and staff together within a residential environment and create ample opportunities for deeper learning to occur through interactions around academic



Kevin P. Jackson

disciplines and/or shared areas of interest. Integrative learning also means faculty and staff being available to students through advising student groups, where you're able to build relationships and trust with students so that in addition to talking to you about being a leader or putting on a program, you build the type of relationship where a student can come to you and open up about the greater questions in life.

What do you hope to accomplish in your first year as the vice president for student life?

I need to listen and learn. This isn't just about Kevin Jackson coming in and having a big plan. Although as the vice president of student life, you can bet I'm going to sit down with students, faculty and staff to look at where we are and what's working well and celebrate that. Then, we'll look at where we are and where we want to go, identify any gaps and begin to prioritize those and address them. I'm a big believer in coming into an organization and taking time to understand the organization's culture, talk to people, listen to people, hear their goals and aspirations, look at information that tells you what's working, then begin to look 3 to 5 years down the road and identify a collective vision for where you want to be.

We have a document that helps us with that and that's Vision 2012. Coming from A&M, where we had Vision 2020, I knew how important that was to A&M. I continue to spend a lot of time familiarizing myself with the Vision 2012 document. We need to make sure we understand it and interpret it correctly so we can use these imperatives to guide us forward. I would think as a leader on this campus that Vision 2012 is the document we must use to shape our forward progress. I understand that there are times people might not agree with it, and I think that's where its incumbent upon me and other campus leaders to work hard to identify areas of concerns and do our best to answer these concerns while we identify the road ahead.

I must do my best to be in dialogue with my staff and students and academic colleagues to correctly translate the imperatives and work to acquire the resources and organizational commitments to accomplish its outcomes. It's a descriptive document telling us what we are to help the organization become. It takes a great deal of collaboration and to identify how we'll get there.

What part of Baylor's student life are you most excited about experiencing?

I'm excited about Dr Pepper hour, Homecoming, football games and really sports in general. I love sports, and traditions and I love what it means to get a group of people together who can create a positive energy flow to lift the spirits of the team. I used to tell my students at A&M: 'We should never have to tear others down to lift ourselves up'. I like positive traditions where we're out there encouraging each other through positive focused energy.

I'm looking forward to getting to meet and interact with more students. I'm passionate about working with students and enthusiastic about working with faculty and staff who are passionate about students. That's really what we're about, pouring into students and investing in students' lives so they can go on to become incredible leaders and servants to the state, nation and world.

So, who's going to win? Baylor or Texas A&M?

The better team will win. I'm a Baylor Bear now, so I'm pulling for Baylor. I wish the best for Texas A&M. It's a part of my history and I want them to do extremely well, but when Baylor plays A&M, I'll be pulling for the green and gold.

Wi-Fi skies in near future

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Southwest Airlines Co. says it's finished testing Wi-Fi Internet access on four aircraft and plans to expand the service to all its planes beginning early next year.

The airline said Friday that the test has generated raves among passengers.

Southwest said it would continue testing prices for the service through the end of the year.

Dave Ridley, the discount carrier's senior vice president of marketing, said the company is happy with the technical performance of the in-flight service and the response of

customers.

During the test, passengers have used the service for e-mail, streaming video and other content using laptop computers and smart phones.

Southwest uses satellite-based broadband access provided by Row 44. Other carriers, including Delta and American, that are farther along in outfitting planes with Wi-Fi service use another service from Aircell.

Southwest did not indicate how quickly it would outfit its fleet, which numbers more than 500 planes, but Row 44 President Gregg Fialcowitz said his company could do the work in 12 months.

Fialcowitz said that the percentage of passengers who used the service for free on test flights by Southwest and another customer, Alaska Airlines, was in the mid-20s but soared as high as 70 to 80 percent on some routes, such as between San Francisco and Seattle.

Demand among leisure travelers was just as strong as among business travelers, he said.

Southwest and Alaska will set the fees paid by passengers and keep all the revenue after paying a fee to Row 44, Fialcowitz said.

Shares of Dallas-based Southwest rose 19 cents, or 2.2 percent, to close at \$8.68.

Meet and greet :



Kent Muckel, MBA

Muckel joined Baylor May 1 as the chief investment officer, hailing from the University of Colorado Foundation



John Whelan, J.D.

Whelan joined Baylor on June 8 as the associate vice president for human resources, coming from the University of Notre Dame.

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University severs ties with Alumni Association

By TRENT GOLDSTON
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The Baylor Alumni Association, recognized as the official alumni organization of Baylor, was formally requested by the university to gain complete independence this summer, including a new phone number, Web site and e-mail addresses for staff.

Independence is something that the university and the alumni association agreed to together two years ago at the request of the alumni association," Baylor spokeswoman Lori Fogleman said. "The Alumni Association and the university have spent the past two years meeting regularly to systematically unwind a variety

of complicated issues pertaining to independence for The Alumni Association."

According to a press release on the alumni association Web site, the university's timing in granting independence caught members of the Alumni Association off-guard.

"The timing of these developments came as a surprise to the BAA, as only a year ago the university specifically requested that the BAA continue to use these same communication services in the best interests of both the university and alumni," the Baylor Alumni Association said.

According to the association, these developments included a formal request by the university to change the association's Web

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Baylor Alumni Association

site from bayloralumni.com, causing it to relocate to its Web site to bayloralumniassociation.com. In addition, the association was removed from the university's toll-free phone line and the association staff had to get new e-mail addresses.

"These recent developments

occurred simultaneously with the discovery that, without warning, links to the BAA's Web site had been removed from the "Alumni & Friends" page on Baylor University's Web site," The Alumni Association said.

These changes were part of the ongoing conversations between Baylor and The Alumni Association regarding its independence, Fogleman said.

"We're looking at every way that we've been intertwined, and each time we find a way that doesn't reflect independent status for the alumni association, we make these types of adjustments," Fogleman said. "We want to honor the Alumni Association's request to be independent."

Despite these recent events, the association has had a long-standing editorial independence, which allows it to speak freely of the institution.

"Editorial freedom in the BAA's publications allows it to be a trusted communicator to alumni," said Jeff Kilgore, executive vice president of the association. "They look to us for complete and balanced coverage for issues related to their alma mater."

Kilgore said the alumni association also serves as a safeguard to Baylor's future.

"Another important function of independence is that it allows this organization to serve as a check and balance to the university's administration and governing board,

helping to maintain that 'sound and ongoing equilibrium in the life of Baylor University' that former Baylor president Dr. Reynolds talked about," Kilgore said.

The recent independence comes at the time of the Alumni Association's 150th year anniversary.

"Our members should know that despite these recent actions by the university, the BAA is unwavering in our support of Baylor, committed to serving each of you, and most grateful for the continued strong encouragement of fellow alumni and friends of the BAA," Kilgore said. "Our members also need to remember that we rely heavily on the gifts we receive from Baylor alumni and friends."

Summit reaches church leaders

By ADEOLA ARO
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Local churches, businesses, community and student leaders attended the Willow Creek Leadership Summit Aug. 6 and 7 at Waco Hall.

The purpose of the Leadership Summit is to transform Christian leaders around the world with an annual injection of vision and skill development.

Baylor served as one of the 144 satellite locations, and approximately 300 people attended to hear 11 speakers give their personal testimonies to the call to leadership.

The conference featured several roundtable discussions and interviews with speakers such as founder and senior pastor of the Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Tim Keller, Bono, lead singer of the Irish band U2, and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Doug Mabry, a small business owner from Gatesville, said he went to become a better leader.

"So far I've learned to go back to the basics in leadership and believe in them."

With ideas revolving around innovation and entrepreneurship, several speakers such as Jessica Jackley, co-founder of Kiva.org,

spoke on the importance of doing something that will make an impact on someone's life.

"I would recommend that students attend this conference," said Rowlett sophomore Stefany Flores. "Although geared toward church leaders, a lot can be geared toward student life."

Jackley decided from an early age that she would be an observer of the world and admirer of people. She described growing up in a wonderful home and recalls two lessons learned while at church that greatly influenced her.

"I remember learning in Sunday school that Jesus told us the poor would always be with us," she said. "I also, thank goodness, learned that Jesus said 'what you did for the least of these you did for me.'"

These lessons served as a reminder when Jackley successfully launched Kiva.org in 2005. Kiva is the world's first peer-to-peer micro-lending Web site which allows individuals to lend as little as \$25 to specific entrepreneurs that otherwise would never be eligible for a loan from a bank. They currently lend approximately \$5 million a month in loans.

"We believe that people want to do good, they just need an easy and obvious way to do that," Jackley said. "Don't be afraid to start

small, and just do it, just go."

Dallas sophomore Stefany Flores, who attended both days, felt most inspired by the speaker Harvey Carey.

"He was so enthusiastic about what he does," she said.

Carey is the founder and senior pastor of Citadel of Faith Covenant Church in Detroit. Located in one of the poorest zip codes in America, Carey founded the church on a calling from God.

"You've got to believe that God's word is true," Carey said. "God shines the most in the time that the odds are stacked against us."

Carey's work includes shutting down eight of the major crack houses in his community and passing around Bibles to everyone.

"When do we take the Bible and make it real?" he said. "(We take it) to create environments for the gospel to be real and to work."

Mark Smith, assistant director of promotion and events at the Mayborn Museum also felt motivated by the session. He said no matter what your job title, everyone had something to learn.

"I came because I thought I'd gain Christian principles to help with my leadership positions, and that was achieved. Everything Carey said stuck with me because we have similar backgrounds."



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Kansas City freshman Susie Riley decorates her new room with Baylor spirit, Thursday at North Russell Hall.

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Baylor welcomes class of 2013



(Left) Incoming Missouri City, Mo., freshman Abby Burell wonders how to make everything fit in her new room Thursday at North Russell Hall, as her mother helps her unpack.

(Right) The yell leaders cheer Friday night at the Freshman Spirit Rally.

(Below) The men of Penland Residence Hall serenaded the incoming freshman women in front of Memorial Residence Hall Friday night, during the annual Campus Living and Learning tradition. The men stopped at all of the residence halls to perform, hand out carnations, and even, occasionally, to ask for a dance.

(Middle below) Welcome Week move-in crew helps new students at Penland Residence Hall.

(Right below) Interim President David Garland joins parents and students at the Presidential Picnic.

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Juvenile sentencing bill brings professor to court

By COURTNEY WEBB
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Baylor law professor Mark Osler, also a former federal prosecutor, was invited to give a testimony before a Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C., over a bill affecting sentencing of juveniles.

The bill, H.R. 2289, concerns the federal practice of sentencing juveniles to life without parole, Osler said. The bill discourages states from imposing a life sentence and also creates an opportunity for parole or similar release conditions for child offenders sentenced to life in prison, according to 2009 Judiciary House government documents.

Osler's written testimony said he "welcomed the chance to address the issue of life without parole for juveniles" and was supported by his studying of sentencing and of faith in relation to criminal law. This testimony concentrates on the H.R. 2289 bill being consistent with a principle that is a part of the faith of most Americans.

"I believe in punishment, and I believe that incarceration of the violent and the dangerous is necessary to an ordered society," Osler said in his testimony.

Osler said that professors often write articles suggesting policy changes but that testifying before

Congress was more rewarding.

"It's the most direct kind of academic policy work possible," he said.

Osler concluded his testimony with the implication that faith is imperative, along with the balance between justice and mercy.

Osler involves his law students in as much of his work as possible. In this particular testimony preparation, he included third-year student Chris Rusek and graduate student Kaye Johnson.

Rusek and Johnson helped prepare Osler's testimony and traveled to Washington, D.C., with him.

"Assisting Professor Osler gave me a sense of how much work goes into testifying alone, and then how your opinion really does matter if you put in the effort to voice it," Johnson said.

The students' preparation involved reading over the testimony and listening to Osler.

"The research involved finding the best arguments for and against the proposed bill in order to help professor Osler know what to expect in the hearing," Rusek said.

"We researched the Omnibus Act, where the federal money tied to state compliance with the proposed bill came from, as well as moral and cultural arguments regarding condemning people to life without parole for crimes commit-

ted while a minor."

Before the hearing, a few colleagues of Osler's and several students helped conduct a moot hearing. They set up a mock Congressional sub-committee with professors, students and local attorneys representing its members.

"We assigned each participant to represent a specific member of the sub-committee, and provided them with the Congressperson's background and likely position on the proposed bill," Rusek said.

The group exercise not only helped Osler prepare, but affected the hearing itself. Osler said Congressman Ted Poe read about this exercise and asked the exact same questions as the practice exercise in the hearing.

"It was a wonderful opportunity, though intimidating," Osler said. "It really is like the movies, with a packed room and members of Congress sitting in their tiers waiting to critique you."

Rusek said the hearing was enlightening yet disillusioning. Even after the moot hearing, his expectations were still not met.

"Instead only six or seven of the members showed, and one of them walked in 20 minutes late," Osler said. "Even more frustrating was that they were really making statements for the record, with hardly even a feigned interest in learning anything new."

Economics, health care center of book

By ADEOLA ARO
STAFF WRITER

Every year, millions of Americans remain uninsured. This is often because of the skyrocketing costs of coverage by insurance companies, and the current health care reform bill in Senate is constantly catching the public eye.

Two professors at Hankamer School of Business lay out a universal health care plan in their new book "Health Care for Us All: Getting More for Our Investment."

Their plan does not create a government entitlement program or threaten in any way the insurance coverage of Americans who currently have it.

"Our book shows by applying sound economic principles, we can reduce costs without threatening the good coverage most of us have," said Dr. Earl Grinols, Distinguished Professor of Economics.

Grinols and Dr. James Henderson, Ben Williams Professor of Economics co-wrote the book.

"Health care and health insur-

ance are best provided through robust competition in private markets," Grinols said. "To keep costs down, the only reliable self-regulating mechanism requires competition such as requiring health care providers to publicly post their prices and charge all consumers who buy the same service on the same terms the same price, so consumers could shop for service."

Both authors agree that the intervention plan outlined in their book has similar objectives to the bill under the Obama administration; however, placing consumers in the same risk pool is the most effective way to reduce costs.

Another key is convincing young people to purchase insurance.

"If you had the opportunity to buy the same product at a price or at six times the price, wouldn't you rather buy a cheaper product?" Grinols said.

Most uninsured Americans do not purchase coverage because of the high premiums. Homogeneous risk pooling with premiums based on age and sex would lower the

prices of health insurance.

"We are trying to get this book in front of our elected officials," Henderson said.

Although targeted at lawmakers and professional economists, the book is already getting attention in the classroom. Health care students use the text as part of their curriculum.

Both professors say it is important that students get involved in the current debate because it will affect the their generation the most in the upcoming years.

Grinols and Henderson said the bill in the Senate would negatively affect students, because they would be faced with repaying the debt of the program on top of personal obligations, such as student loans.

Grinols said students should pay attention to health care because it will affect them more than Henderson and himself.

"Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth," Henderson said. "And blessed are the young for they will inherit the national debt."

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National rankings highlight BU

By MEGAN DURON
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Baylor was named a "Best Buy" in the 2010 edition of The Fiske Guide to Colleges, an information guide created for college-bound students.

The institutions were ranked based on what they offer academically as well as the college lifestyle of the universities in relation to the cost of attendance.

Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, said it is an honor for the university. "It's gratifying to have major college guides like Fiske and Kiplinger's Personal Finance acknowledge Baylor for providing outstanding value for a distinctive higher education," Fogleman said.

Placed among 44 other colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada and Great Britain, Baylor was the only Texas Big 12 institution to make the list in 2010. Four other Texas universities made Fiske's list, and all were private.

Nationally, Baylor was ranked among such private schools as Rice and Cornell.

Baylor has been listed in the guide for four consecutive years and has been named one of the Kiplinger's Top 50 Best Values in private colleges and universities two years in a row.

"Demand for a Baylor education has never been higher. We had more than 31,000 applications

from prospective students for the 2009 freshman class," Fogleman said. "In addition to academics, Baylor also provides its students with a vibrant campus life experience that encourages and supports them as they grow intellectually and personally."

Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance and administration, believes Baylor offers students outstanding education for the cost.

"One of the most important decisions a family will help their son or daughter to make is where he or she will attend college," Ramsower said. "It is gratifying that our efforts continue to be acknowledged."

Baylor stated that in comparison to other private institutions, the universities tuition and required fees continue to remain lower than the school's private institution peers in Texas.

Baylor's overall cost also remained below most private institutions throughout the nation.

"The university continues to ensure access to a Baylor education for families and students who demonstrate financial need," said a press release. "Last September, Baylor's total scholarships for 2009-10 will increase \$9.09 million to more than \$108 million, which includes a 38.7 percent increase in need-based scholarships for freshmen who enter Baylor in fall 2009."

Plano senior Hannah Cable said it's easy to see how Baylor made the list.

"With all of the things that Baylor is able to provide for its students, from academically challenging classes to free sports games, I can understand why it would be recognized as a Best Buy," Cable said.

Baylor ranked as 'Great college to work for'

During a year of economic hardships, it has become increasingly difficult to find work at a university.

However, Baylor has been recognized as a high-quality employer in The Chronicle of Higher Education's annual survey.

In order to be eligible for recognition, institutions underwent a two-part evaluation process that included a survey taken by a group of 400 to 600 randomly chosen administrators and faculty members, as well as an audit through the institution that accumulated workplace policies, practices and demographics.

Placed among 122 four-year colleges and universities in the nation, Baylor was cited in eight different categories as a "great college to work for."

For four-year universities, there are 26 different recognition categories. Baylor was categorized in the large university classification, which is determined as a univer-

sity with 10,000 or more students. Other schools in the large university classifications include Notre Dame, Duke University and Cornell University.

Interim President David E. Garland said it is an honor for Baylor faculty and staff to be acknowledged.

"It is gratifying to see a national publication affirm what so many of us on campus already believe. Baylor is a great place to work," Garland said in an e-mail to the Lariat.

Garland said the survey is meaningful because the findings are based on responses from Baylor employees.

"The survey shows that Baylor faculty and staff stand out nationally as individuals who are proud of the institution they serve and appreciative of many elements of their work environment," Garland said.

While Baylor was cited in categories such as compensation, benefits and connection to institution and pride, it did not rank in categories like collaborative governance, healthy administration relations and tenure clarity and process.

Baylor struggled with tenure issues in recent years. Once a faculty member has received tenure, that person has a contractual right not to be unjustly terminated.

Last summer, before Dr. John Lilley was removed as president,



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JED DEAN

Baylor was named "Best Buy" in the 2010 edition of The Fiske Guide to Colleges. Baylor is also recognized in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Baylor reached a summit on tenure that included all the deans and various faculty members throughout the university, as well as invited input from the faculty.

This discussion continued throughout the fall and spring, and was aimed at clearing up the tenure process.

In the spring a revised tenure procedure was passed.

"We passed a revised tenure policy with the approval of the Faculty Senate, the Council of Deans and the Board of Regents," Garland said. "It lays out clearly the expectations and processes

involved in receiving tenure at Baylor."

In a memo sent to faculty and staff, John Whelan, associate vice president for human resources, said Baylor is continually striving to provide the best workplace possible for its faculty and staff.

"Ensuring the highest quality work environment for our faculty and staff is a continual process, and there is always room for improvement," he said. "Still, the results of this survey indicate that among employees there is general consensus that Baylor is indeed a special place to work."

Donor's artistic passion remains prevalent on campus

By NICK DEAN
NEWS EDITOR

Baylor Alumnus Dr. Faber F. McMullen Jr., who donated \$4 million dollars and numerous works of art to Baylor, died July 19.

As advocates for the arts and education, McMullen and his wife, Roxanna Connally McMullen, used their passion to fuel their effervescent support of Baylor.

To honor Baylor's distinguished faculty, the McMullens

gave the university and its current faculty the McMullen-Connally Faculty Center, located on South Fifth Street between the Speight Plaza parking garage and the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

"These loyal patrons left an indelible mark on the campus," said John D. McClanahan, art department chair. "(They) provided the faculty a place for dining, a retreat for study, contemplation or conversation and realization of a sense of community."

The \$4 million, 10,900-square-foot facility replaced Harrington House as a faculty dining facility, complete with a full-service kitchen, a 120-person capacity dining room, a library and three conference rooms.

"In addition, the university is fortunate to be the recipient of the McMullen art collection," McClanahan said.

"Two hundred sixty-nine paintings representing the California School of Watercolor will grace the

walls of the facility and be in continuous rotation."

The facility also provides a unique way of evoking the history of the McMullens. The couple's interests in both art and Baylor have provided the university with a collection that, to many, adds character to the campus and leaves behind the legacy of the late Faber McMullen.

"We will be reminded of Dr. McMullen's love for art and his appreciation to the Baylor faculty

who helped shaped his career every time we enter the McMullen Faculty Center," said Karin Gilliam, director of the Martin Museum of Art. "The gift of his art collection exemplifies his generous nature, his love of life and his exuberance for education and learning."

The McMullens were also supporters of Armstrong Browning Library, the Cornelia Marschall Smith Distinguished Professorship in Biology and the Dr. and

Mrs. Faber F. McMullen, Jr. Endowment fund.

"All in all, the McMullens have added color to the fabric of this institution in a very special way," McClanahan said. "Current personnel are surely blessed through the generosity of two who cared."

Gilliam said she will miss McMullen dearly.

"It has been my pleasure and privilege to meet this amazing man and be a small part of his vision," Gilliam said.

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Veterans benefit from new GI bill, attend BU

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Baylor students, who are also veterans, benefit from the recent approval of a government bill that aids veterans with college funds.

Brandon Ewing, a first-year student from Houston, will receive compensation for the five years and one month that he spent in the Marines.

"I enlisted when I was 17," Ewing said. "9/11 happened my junior year in high school, and I wanted to get involved."

The GI Bill also had an effect on Ewing's decision to attend Baylor.

"The new GI Bill opened up a lot of doors for me and is the reason why I expanded my search for schools and why I eventually chose Baylor," Ewing said. "I chose Baylor over the others because it is a smaller school in comparison to, say, UT, and because I agree with its principles and values."

This bill, aiding veterans that served in the military after Sept. 10, 2009, is one of two major bills that are utilized by veterans at Baylor. The Montgomery GI Bill was its predecessor.

This semester 110 veterans at-

tending are Baylor through the Post 9/11 GI Bill and the Montgomery GI Bill. Forty-one students are enrolled for the fall semester using Post- 9/11 GI Bill and 69 students enrolled under the Montgomery GI Bill, which passed in the spring of 1994.

This number is an increase from a sinking total of 80 veterans enrolled last year under the two GI Bills, said Kim Sides, assistant director for academic records.

"There will be an increase of students enrolling under the Post-9/11 GI Bill in the near future," Sides said.

The Post- 9/11 GI Bill can pay up to 100 percent of a veteran's college tuition. Under this new bill, tuition and fees are directly paid to the college, and veterans enrolled in college are awarded a monthly housing allowance and an annual book and supplies allowance of \$1,333.

This bill is also available to veterans that served at least 90 days in the military since Sept. 10, 2001.

The Web site for Veterans Affairs said that the benefits from the Post-9/11 GI Bill may also transfer to a "spouse or dependent children" of those that qualify for the bill.

Baylor is not the only univer-

sity that has benefitted from this bill. Texas Tech University's Web site claims a 20 percent increase in applicants utilizing this bill.

"I think the Post-9/11 GI Bill is a great benefit to veterans," Ewing said. "Instead of getting paid a fixed amount each month, the VA pays my tuition to the school."

President Barack Obama also commented on the importance of the bill in an address to an audience on Aug. 1 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

"We do this not just to meet our moral obligation to those who sacrificed greatly on our behalf and on behalf of the country," Obama said.

"We do it because these men and women must now be prepared to lead our nation in the peaceful pursuit of economic leadership in the 21st century," he said.

Ewing agrees that veterans play an important part in leading the American people, through service and intelligence.

"A lot of our veterans are extremely talented and smart individuals who gave up their college years to serve the country," Ewing said. "I think it is only right that they should be allowed to go to any school that they can get in to."



SHANNA TAYLOR | LARIAT STAFF

Old Bears help the new

Welcome Week leaders help new students haul their belongings Thursday at South Russell Hall.

Library security monitor leaves memories behind

BY MEGAN KEYSER
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty are likely to sense a change at Moody Memorial and Jesse H. Jones libraries this fall after the death of security monitor Martha Hawkins last month.

Hawkins worked for the university libraries for more than 25 years and frequently worked the night shift at the desk in the Allbritton Foyer of the Moody Memorial Library.

Those who knew Hawkins said she was more than just a library

employee. She was a friend to faculty and staff, as well as many students.

The library environment has been emotional since Hawkins' death, said Jimmie Sauer, fellow library employee and long-time friend of Hawkins.

"We walked around, and we were numb," Sauer said of returning to work after Hawkins' death. "You were here, but you weren't."

Whether students, faculty and staff knew her for a long period of time, or just a semester at Baylor, Hawkins made an impact on the lives of the people she met.

"Whether people think they know her or not, I guarantee you they've met her somewhere along the way."

Grant Gilliam
Graduate student

"Everybody's missing her a lot," said John Barron, who worked the graveyard shift with Hawkins

for more than five months. "She touched a lot of people here."

Baylor graduate student Grant Gilliam, who had known Hawkins since 2006, said, "The atmosphere will be totally different this year."

Gilliam said Hawkins' positive attitude was one of her most important contributions during her time at Baylor.

"She kept everybody going," Gilliam said. "She was pretty hyped up all the time."

Hawkins was "like a second mom" to many students, always offering advice and willing to help, Sauer said.

Even those who may not recognize Hawkins' name have likely seen her during a late night study session at Moody Memorial Library.

"Whether people think they know her or not, I guarantee you they've met her somewhere along the way," Gilliam said.

Many students will be shocked to learn about Hawkins' death as they return to campus for the fall semester. Barron said he has already seen a lot of crying as students have begun visiting the library for the first time since spring.

Today marks the one-month anniversary of Hawkins' death and may be an emotional day across campus.

To honor Hawkins' memory, a brief biography, family history and picture of Hawkins are at the desk in the Allbritton Foyer that will remain on display as classes begin.

Sauer said, library staff may also consider the possibility of a memorial service for students early in the semester, to provide a supportive environment for remembering, grieving and finding closure after such an unexpected loss.

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New shuttle route connects BU, downtown

BY LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

If you weren't around, here's what you missed during those short summer months:

DASH Shuttle

The City of Waco has created the DASH shuttle, or the Downtown Area Shuttle, which will run regularly during the school year. The new shuttle route will be a direct connection from the Baylor campus to the downtown Waco area.

Brandon Thomas, marketing director for Waco Transit, said DASH expects anywhere from 400 to 600 riders daily.

The shuttle will run every 15 minutes beginning at 7:45 a.m. and ending at 5:15 p.m. when Baylor is in session. This system will be in addition to the Baylor B.U.S., or Baylor University Shuttle system, which runs in the area surrounding campus and the fixed routes for the city of Waco.

Thomas expects that the route will have the highest ridership of the routes.

The new shuttle system will cost approximately \$90,000, and is a collaboration between downtown investors, the Public Investment Group and Baylor.

Chris Krause, Baylor's Assistant Vice President for Campus

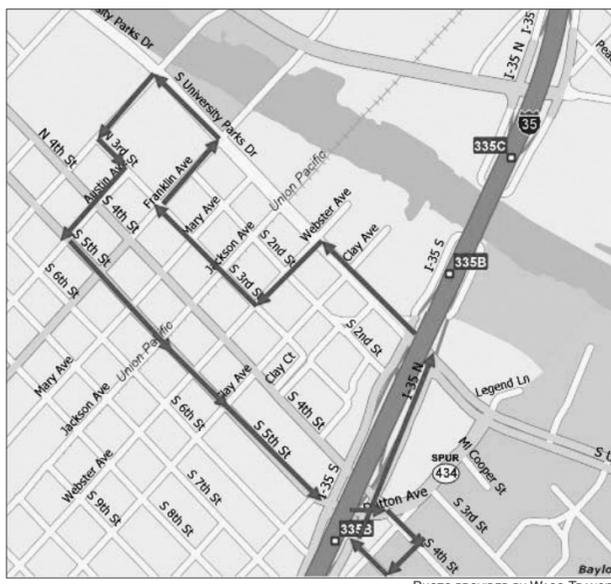


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The DASH Shuttle route, which begins operation to coincide with the beginning of Baylor's semester, will make six stops on Baylor campus and throughout downtown Waco.

Services, hopes the new route will be beneficial to both the Baylor community and downtown merchants.

Fence Project

As part of the project to rebuild and revitalize downtown Waco,

along with plans to better connect downtown Waco with the Baylor campus, the Brazos Riverwalk was extended from Interstate 35 to just before La Salle Ave. This adds approximately one mile of walkway.

The fence, which was initially finished in April, is at the center of the controversy surrounding

construction. The original decision was to create a fence that was six feet high between the Riverwalk and Baylor land, and in some places, between the Riverwalk and the Brazos. However, there is some controversy over whether the fence should be four or six feet high.

The debate of the height is not recent. Since the plans debuted in February, there have been negative comments on the height. It is after this criticism that City Manager Larry Groth suggested some of the fence be reduced to a four feet high.

The new fence sections will add an extra \$37,152 to the cost of the project.

Original plans also only provided three gates that accessed Baylor along the route. The new plans will add several more gates for easier access.

Baylor's major concern with the fence is public safety. Baylor is concerned that there will be problems reaching the requirements that the fence must follow which will prevent falling injuries. Also to combat security problems, there will be several emergency call boxes.

Originally, the fence cost the city \$240,000 of the budgeted \$2.6 million project. Funding for the Riverwalk project came from Baylor, which contributed \$445,000 and land, and from the City of Waco, who provided \$123,488.

Finally, the City of Waco added funds with a state grant that it helped secure.

Resignations, Handovers and New Developments

One of Waco's current projects is the \$100 million Waco Town Square project. This summer, there was a major change in the Austin Avenue Flats project as leadership was taken over by Dave Wallace of Wallace Bajjali Development partners in Houston.

Earlier in the summer, William Taylor & Co., the general contractor for the project, filed a lien with the city that they had not been paid in full by Wray.

In turn, Taylor & Co. could not pay its subcontractors. The total work price for William Taylor & Co. is \$8.89 million, but they have only received \$6.99 million, leaving a \$1.89 million difference in funds.

A look at the Austin Avenue Flats Web site states that the site is temporarily unavailable due to client circumstances along with a contact e-mail address.

Now Dave Wallace has taken over Wray's responsibilities. To quickly resolve the issue, Wallace hired Cawthron, Wommack and Coker, an accounting firm in Waco, to give the project a detailed look.

The Heritage Quarters, another Wallace development opening this fall, and Austin Avenue Flats facilities are the latest step in the urban renewal project working to revitalize downtown Waco, said a press release from Wallace Bajjali.

Within Waco Town Square, the new apartments will be in addition to the Waco Chamber of Commerce building, which was completed in June. The building is the one of the first LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, certified buildings in central Texas and the first green Chamber building in America.

DASH ROUTE

Arrival place and time (min after the hour)

Penland Hall	:00	:15	:30	:45
Robinson Tower	:03	:18	:33	:48
Ninfa's	:05	:20	:35	:50
Heritage Quarters	:07	:22	:37	:52
Heritage Square	:08	:28	:38	:53
Dr. Pepper Museum	:12	:27	:42	:57

Michael Wray, the former general partner in the Austin Avenue Flats project, resigned in early July.

Survival guide for new students

Where to Eat

Valley Mills

- *Poppa Rollo's Pizza*; 703 N. Valley Mills Dr.
- *Baris III Pasta and Pizza*; casual Italian dining. 904 N. Valley Mills Dr.

Downtown Area

- *D's Mediterranean Grill*; independently owned by a Lebanese family and offers a Mediterranean and American menu. 1503 Colcord Ave.
- *Café Cappuccino*; serves breakfast, lunch and caffeinated beverages. Wireless internet. 4700 Bosque Blvd.
- *World Cup Café*; breakfast served all day; fair trade market. Free WiFi. 1324 N. 15th St.
- *Schmaltz's Sandwich Shop*; 105 S. 5th St.

Near Campus

- *Common Grounds*; Specialty coffee drinks right off of campus, free wi-fi, open late. 1123 S. 8th St.

• *Terry and Jo's Food for Thought*: Deli style sandwiches, Mexican food and smoothies as a healthy alternative to fast food. Half Price smoothies from 3 - 5 p.m. every day.



LAURA REMSON | LARIAT STAFF

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Heritage Square

- *Teriyaki Park*; 220 S. 2nd St.
- *Crickets Grill and Draft House*: All around American food.
- *Gratziano's Italian*; 217 Mary Ave.
- *Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant*: 220 S. 3rd St.
- *Bangkok Royal*: 215 S. University Parks Dr.
- *The Olive Branch*; Great bakery items, salads and pastas. 601 Franklin Ave.
- *The Green Room Grille*; Upscale dining. 725 Austin Ave.

What to Do

Shopping

- *Richland Mall*; 6001 West Waco Dr, Suite 314
- *Central Texas Market Place*; Stores and restaurants include Kohl's, Belk, Old Navy, Best Buy, Camille's, Panera Bread and Panda Express
- *Hearts N Crafts*; 1125 S. 8th St.



LAURA REMSON | LARIAT STAFF

Harts and Crafts Owner Alicia Duke paints door signs, one of her many colorful products.

Theaters

- *Starplex Cinemas Galaxy 16*; 333 S. Valley Mills Dr.
- *Hollywood Jewel 16*; 7200 Woodway Dr.
- *Waco Civic Theatre*; 1517 Lake Air Dr.
- *Starplex Cinemas Super Saver 6*; Second chance movies for about \$1. 410 N Valley Mills Dr.

Outdoor Activities

- *Cameron Park Zoo*; 1701 N 4th St.
- *Cameron Park*; Various outdoor recreation; construction areas include Anniversary Park, Cameron Park Clubhouse, Circle Point, Disc Golf Course, Jacob's Ladder, Lover's Leap, Mouth of the Bosque, Pecan Bottoms, Proctor Springs, Redwood Shelter and Rock Shelter. Located on along the Brazos River at University Parks Dr. and Martin Luther King Dr.

Bowling

- *AMF Westview Lanes*; 4565 W. Waco Dr.
- *AMF Lake Air Lanes*; 4610 Bosque Blvd.

Tenure denial lawsuit hits Baylor

BY TRENT GOLDSTON
STAFF WRITER

Former professor Dr. Terry Fox is suing Baylor under the claim that his 2007 annual evaluation was altered in order to justify the denial of his tenure.

The lawsuit states that "Baylor fabricated a false annual evaluation to support their refusal to grant tenure."

According to the petition filed by Fox's attorney, Gaines West, Fox is suing for breach of contract, defamation, fraud and interference with prospective business relations.

The petition also states that despite multiple exemplary annual reports, Fox's application for tenure was repeatedly denied.

The case was filed in the 170 District Court, and will be heard by a jury.

"The case has been filed and [a trial date] will be set very soon," West said.

When asked about the lawsuit, Baylor spokeswoman Lori Fogleman said, "We cannot comment on pending litigation."

Fox began working for Baylor

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assess where we were and think about the next logical steps in the process," said Joe Armes, chair of the presidential search committee. "I continue to be optimistic about identifying the absolute best candidate for our university."

In other business, the regents approved \$3.9 million in personnel and other requests. The money will be allocated for the purposes of new staff positions in geology,

during fall of 2001 in the department of information systems. According to the petition, when Fox interviewed with Baylor, he was told that tenure status was in reach for him.

"He was informed by the department chair that he only needed two or three additional publications to meet Baylor tenure requirements," according to the petition. "During each year of his employment with Baylor, Fox received a written contract which indicated for his 'tenure-track' status."

Fox first applied for tenure in fall of 2004. In early 2005, he was informed that his application had been denied.

Soon after, Fox submitted a request for reconsideration, but only to be denied again, two months later.

Terry Maness, Dean of the Hankamer School of Business, oversaw Fox's tenure application and made a recommendation for its denial.

"We are not allowed to discuss personnel issues," Maness said when asked about his experience with Fox.

According to the petition, due

to a change in Baylor's administration, the university later rescinded the denial, giving Fox another opportunity to apply for tenure. Fox applied for tenure once again in fall of 2006.

Although Fox claims to have received a good annual evaluation upon this application, he was again denied tenure in August 2007.

In an effort to appeal the denial, he submitted his most recent evaluation to the provost. However, Fox's appeal was denied, and when he went to retrieve his submitted evaluation, it had been negatively altered, and not the same as the one he had originally turned in.

Randall O'Brien, who was Provost at the time, reviewed Fox's tenure application. Now, O'Brien is president of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn.

"In general we cannot speak about specifics of personnel cases for legal reasons," said O'Brien when asked about the case.

According to the petition, the denial of Fox's tenure and the changes made to his evaluation have threatened his prospects for future employment.



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Triathlon re-emerges almost 20 years later

BY LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

If you were in Waco on July 26 and happened to be near the Brazos, you would have seen something that has not occurred since 1991. Waco hosted its first triathlon in almost 20 years, where 539 swimmers pushed their way against each other to get into the water.

At the TriWaco event, competitors swam 1,500 meters in the Brazos, biked 25 miles along country roads and finally ran 10 kilometers along the Brazos. The race ended with a triumphant crossing of the south end of the suspension bridge into downtown Waco. The event also featured a shortened "sprint" version of the course with a 400-meter swim, 12-mile bike ride and 5-kilometer run.

TriWaco, originally called the Waco Triathlon, has a short but starry history. It was the first triathlon held in the state of Texas.

The race began in 1980, when 24 men and one woman from the Waco Striders decided to compete in an Olympic-style triathlon in Lake Waco and the surrounding area. Since then, interest in the event grew quickly, with 500 competitors each year and a waiting list for the hopeful. In 1992, the Waco Triathlon didn't return, and this year's TriWaco is the first since.

"The course itself was great," said Jonathan Goodman, 33, a competitor from Fort Worth. "Spectators watched the swim from the bridge, and the finish line came after a run across the bridge."

Goodman competed in the sprint distance that "had a shorter stint through the shady sections of Cameron Park during the run, which was a welcome relief from the rising sun," Goodman said. "The Olympic distance runners had got to experience the hills of the park."

Jack Weiss, owner and operator of Ironhead Race Productions, was in charge of organizing the race for the Chamber of Commerce.

"The unsung hero in all of this is the city," Weiss said. "They stepped up from day one."

"The unsung hero in all of this is the city."

Jack Weiss
Owner,
Ironhead Race Productions

His responsibilities included making suggestions and guiding the decision-making process for the event.

Weiss is no stranger to races. His company has produced over 200 races.

Chris Bernard, YMCA aquatics director, participated in the Olympic distance of the TriWaco.

"The last portion of the route was the most difficult," Bernard said. He estimates that about 70 percent of the run was through the

hills of Cameron Park.

One of the major concerns for the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, who sponsored the event, was the condition of the water in the Brazos River. Measures were taken to ensure the river was the best it could be.

Bernard said the water was not bad, but the heat was. "Great effort was put into cleaning it up and making sure the water was clean."

Volunteers cleared the banks of the Brazos for debris, while the city did testing on quality. In the end, the water was as safe as drinking water.

Part of the Waco Triathlon's well-noted history happened in 1987, when a 15-year-old Lance Armstrong broke the event's record by completing the .6-mile swim, 28 mile bike ride and 6.5 mile run in one hour, 58 minutes and 17 seconds. No other competitor has come close to these records, both in the past and in this year's competition.

As far as Lance Armstrong's



COURTESY PHOTO OF GREATER WACO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Volunteers help swimmers exit the river after their swim. After a 1500-meter Olympic swim, participants need help climbing the Brazos' steep banks.

participation in the coming years, Weiss said it's always a possibility.

Since both events are in July, "It would be a decision between Waco and the Tour de France," Weiss said.

In coming years, he expects the

event to grow both in popularity and in number.

"We are raising the limit to 800 (participants) next year," Weiss said.

Next year's TriWaco will be held July 25, 2010.

New sustainability coordinator brings green initiatives

TRENT GOLDSTON
STAFF WRITER

Baylor University has hired Smith Getterman as its first full-time sustainability coordinator. For the University Sustainability Committee, Getterman's presence represents their goals materializing into reality.

"This is what we needed to move forward," said Carl Flynn, coordinator for the University Sustainability Committee. "We needed someone who would be able to tackle students."

According to Flynn, the USC has already been responsible for launching the widespread recycling effort on campus and had its hands in several other projects.

"We know that people are concerned with sustainability. Now we have somewhere to channel that energy and he has the skills," Flynn said. "(Getterman) has already received around 225 e-mail addresses from new students who want to get involved."

Getterman, who did his undergraduate and graduate work at Baylor, has worked in several different fields, ranging from education to the video game industry. Getterman is ready to reconnect with the Baylor community.

"We were looking to join the Baylor family," Getterman said.

Getterman said his new position represents much more than a job; it is an opportunity to change the world for the better.

"It's all about a change of attitude," Getterman said. "Being the biggest Baptist University in the world, we have the responsibility to be good stewards of Earth."

Many people visit Baylor because of its beauty, Getterman said. "I want to keep it that way for my children."

Getterman's efforts are visible in this semester's campus move-in. Students in the dorms have been given their own recycling bins to discourage waste.

Getterman is also launching a major campaign titled "Last Out, Lights Out" to encourage energy conservation by having students, faculty and staff be more conscientious about not leaving the lights on when they're not using them.

"You do it at home, so why not do it here?" Getterman said. "We have the technology to monitor these changes and we will be able to see the difference."

According to Getterman, one of the major aspects of "Last Out, Lights Out" will be new plates on

"Green jobs and the green industry are booming, and people are figuring out that this is worth it."

Smith Getterman
Sustainability Coordinator

light switches all over campus that will display the logo.

More than 1,000 light switch plates have already been made and are ready to be put to use.

In addition to raising awareness, Getterman is hoping for students who want to get involved to volunteer for the USC.

"If there are student groups who want to get service hours, we can help," Getterman said. "We have many opportunities to get involved."

Getterman said working with the USC can even open doors to future careers in the green industry.

"Green jobs and the green industry are booming and people are figuring out that this is worth it," Getterman said. "So many people are getting involved with this new and exciting industry."

Some students are getting excited about Baylor going green.

"I think it's great and it's definitely worth educating the students about," said St. Louis freshman Taylor Goldhammer. "Since Baylor is such a big campus, it will have a great impact on the community."

Getterman will be speaking in chapel on Aug. 31, in hopes of rallying more students behind sustainability.

"We are going to put the green in the green and gold," Getterman said.

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Dining Services, in an e-mail to the Lariat.

Seasons Sushi will provide students with fresh sushi prepared daily. Not only can students purchase sushi at North Village Community Center, but around campus as well.

"Sushi to-go trays will also be available at the Student Union Building, Law School, Atrium Cafe at the Science Building, Java City at Moody Library and C3 Store at the Speight Parking Garage," Johnson said.

This new café on the Baylor campus is The Seasons' third change in the five years since it has been open to the student population.

In 2004, when the café was opened as Seasons 3:1 Café, they served foods that could not be found in the regular dining halls. However, the café was soon converted into The Seasons Creamery. The creamery did not see the

success that Dining Services had hoped for prior to the change. Thus, the café has transformed one again to better meet the needs of Baylor students.

"In recent years we have heard that there was a demand for sushi on campus," Johnson said. "During our semi-annual survey, responded to by over 1,000 students, we received results showing that 20 percent of the students would purchase sushi on campus if it was available."

Not only is sushi a new addition to the campus menu, it also provides a healthy alternative to the former ice cream parlor.

"Many sushi options are also healthy and the vegetarian options will help expand the variety of foods available for our students and faculty," Johnson said.

Seasons Sushi will be available to students today. Its operating hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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The offer came to an end Aug. 10, with 96 students accepting the university's offer. At \$2000 a person, a total of \$192,000 was given to alleviate the housing situation.

San Antonio senior Cera Thornton said she receives e-mails from Campus Living and Learning requesting that she move all the time, but usually ignores them. However, this time was different.

Thornton, who is not a fast decision maker, said the incentive was the push she needed to assist Campus Living and Learning with their housing needs.

"They obviously weren't getting the people to move off campus when they just asked nicely," Thornton said. "I felt kind of bad for staying on campus when they needed rooms for younger classmen."

Thornton said the incentive was a good way to encourage students because it basically pays for their off-campus rent, leaving them with no reason to remain on campus.

"I saw that they were offering \$2000 and I thought, 'whoa, that's a lot of money,'" she said. "They must be really desperate."

Thornton had a friend with an extra room and accepted the offer. The process was completed within 24 hours.

A similar offer was made in the summer of 2005 when Baylor had an incoming freshman class of 3,168 students, the highest in Baylor history, Garrett said.

Alumni Stefan Beck voluntarily moved off campus in 2005 and said he remembered an offer like the one sent by Campus Living and Learning circulating then too.

"I found off-campus living to be more cost-efficient, even without the \$2,000 incentive to move, for several reasons," Beck said. "The apartment, rent, food and bills were markedly cheaper than dorm living and a meal plan if you knew how to manage a budget."

Despite the cost of on- versus off-campus housing, an increase in residential living continues to rise.

"Demand for a Baylor education and for on-campus housing is high right now," Garrett said. "Freshmen are required to live on-campus, and, for the sixth consecutive year, the demand for on-campus housing for sophomores, juniors and seniors has increased."

This year's enrollment number may exceed the 2005 record, contributing to the housing situation.

"While we do not have exact numbers, we expect to enroll about 3,500 new incoming students both freshman and transfers," said Jennifer Carron, director of admission services.

The increase in freshman and growing interest in upper-division housing presents the need for more on campus housing.

"We continue to evaluate Baylor's need for future residential space in our campus master planning process," said Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, in an e-mail to the Lariat. "We are also constantly re-evaluating our existing residential hall facilities."

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by nature, but we are looking for someone who can fulfill as many of these qualities as possible. If we find the right person, that person will develop a compelling vision and strategic initiatives that everyone will get behind."

Paid advertisements for the presidential position will be running throughout the month of August in publications ranging from the New York Times to the Baptist Standard. Based on advice from the consulting firm, the university will run these ads from 30 to 45 days.

A list of nearly 100 names of candidates has already been compiled for the position, and Armes said the committee anticipates the advertisements will yield a significant number of additions.

Though there is no set time frame for the selection of the next president, Armes said the committee is aware of the need for timeliness.

"This is a recruitment effort as well as a solicitation effort on our part," he said. "We want to take our time and be thorough and diligent. But at the same time, these things have a momentum about them, so we would like to conclude it in a reasonable time."

Protests interrupt Hawaii's 50th anniversary

HONOLULU — Hawaii welcomed its entry as the 50th state with a new postage stamp Friday but independence supporters marked the day with passionate protest — including an effigy of Uncle Sam being beaten and Hawaii's star cut out from the U.S. flag.

State leaders called Friday's events a statehood "commemoration" rather than a "celebration" out of respect to Native Hawaiians and their unresolved claims since the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom.

A few hundred Native Hawaiians marched through the street of downtown Honolulu with an effigy of a 15-foot Uncle Sam holding machine guns and riding in a tank

made of cardboard. They chanted in Hawaiian, blew on conch shells, waved ti leaves and yelled, "We are not Americans! We want our country back!"

"Genocide" and "imperialist" were written across the cardboard machine guns.

At the end of the march, protesters knocked off Uncle Sam's hat, which contained a U.S. flag from which they cut out a star that represented Hawaii. They held up the burning star to a crowd yelling "freedom."

"We were never the 50th state," said Kaleo Farias, one of protesters that cut the U.S. flag. "It was an illusion, fabrication, something that was told to us that never happened. ... We're not part of the United States."

The events commemorating Hawaii's 1959 admission into the union have been light on flag-waving and parades. Many events in Honolulu focused on the state's economic future with panel discussions focused on tourism, alternative energy and Hawaiian rights.

Outside the state, however, Hawaii statehood was being marked as a cause for celebration with one of the more elaborate displays taking in New York City's Times Square where dancers dressed in traditional Hawaiian costumes.

Outside the Hawaii Convention Center, protesters who would rather see Hawaii's independence restored staged a march and rally. They argue that Hawaii's statehood was never legal and that the islands should return to its status

as a sovereign nation.

Many protesters carried upside down Hawaiian flags, a symbol of distress.

Lynette Cruz, an organizer of the march, said the demonstration was recognizing that, "the United States has engaged in imperialism forever. The idea of building a state on top of a wrong doesn't make sense," she said.

Inside the convention center, the official statehood events highlighted Hawaii as a model for diversity while attempting to dispel misconceptions of the islands as an exotic location separate from the rest of the country.

Hawaii's Bryan Clay, who claimed the title of "world's greatest athlete" after winning gold in the decathlon in Beijing last year,

said many Americans still think of the islands as a place with grass huts that requires a passport to visit.

"Hawaii is far more than just a beautiful vacation spot," Clay told a packed audience at the Hawaii Convention Center. "In the case of Hawaii, more so than in other states, perception is different from reality."

Others spoke about how the rest of the country should look to Hawaii as a model for how people of different backgrounds can get along, preserve their natural resources and develop renewable power.

The postage stamp, available nationwide Friday, shows a painting of a longboard surfer and two paddlers in an outrigger canoe.

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Recent grads represent Baylor at Texas Arts Fair

BY DANIELLE MARCHELL
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The fine arts are alive and well in Texas. Two recent Baylor grads Erin Dobbins ('08) and Camille Hawbaker ('09) have found success at the Texas Arts and Crafts Fair that took place over Memorial Day Weekend this year.

According to the organization's Web site, the Texas Arts and Crafts Foundation is a non-profit organization with the objective, "to promote appreciation of fine arts and craft skills and create educational opportunities in the visual and creative arts in the state of Texas."

A lot of preparation was needed in order to get ready for the fair. "We had to orchestrate

housing, food, travel and set-up for the whole weekend. I didn't have much money to spend on housing, so I camped with Erin Dobbins and Emily Ross, which was really fun until it rained," Hawbaker said.

"Also, none of us had participated in the fair before, so we really didn't know what to expect in terms of set-up, what would be provided and what we needed to bring. I made a lot of lists and a lot of revisions as more things came to mind the week leading up to the fair."

"There was an application that needed to be filled out as well as photos of our artwork that was sent in, but preparing for the actual fair involved buying supplies to hang our work and buying stuff to make

"The professors in the Baylor art department are some of the best in the states."

Erin Dobbins
Class of 2008

PB and J's. We are college students, after all," Dobbins said.

With the overall atmosphere described as, "easygoing and pleasant" and "jovial," the fair was able to allow Hawbaker to network and promote her work. "We got to meet other artists — professionals and students — from around Texas and see all kinds of arts and crafts. At the same time, it was sort of intense because we had

to be at our booth at all times and be our own promoters if we hoped to sell anything."

"The vendors were also artists that have been working in this field for years, so they were extremely helpful and hilarious," Dobbins said.

Dobbins and Hawbaker felt a wide range of emotions, from nervousness to even restful feelings, going into the fair. "We all wanted to make a good impression on the judges," Hawbaker said.

"They would wander into our booths sometime during the first day and we had to be prepared the moment they came to answer questions about our work."

Additionally, Dobbins sites a stressful drive to the campground as an additional

source of anxiety. "Our drive to the campground we were camping at took longer than anticipated, and the next morning of setting up our stall was a bit stressful," he said. "But once the fair started, those emotions dissipated because we were having so much fun selling work and staying in Kerrville."

It's not hard to tell that a Baylor education has had a profound impact on both emerging artists.

"Baylor has given me a strong foundation of knowledge about art and fostered a community of kind, like-minded artists and friends who encouraged me and gave me space to learn and grow as an individual," Hawbaker said. "I have been taught to do

well in whatever I do, and that I have to work hard sometimes to succeed. I feel more able to reach my aspirations because I have learned these basic lessons."

"The professors in the Baylor art department are some of the best in the states," Dobbins said. "They have influenced me greatly by refining my talent and helping me to funnel it in directions that I can grow in."

"I came into this department fiery, stubborn and talented and am going out still somewhat fiery and stubborn, but humbled by how much I have to learn," he said. "Seeing their passion for art and their ability to express themselves through art has given me a larger vision to see art change the world."

Tarantino's 'Basterds' mercilessly entertaining



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Brad Pitt plays Lt. Aldo Raine, leader of a group of Nazi-hunting Jewish soldiers known only as "The Basterds" that are dropped into France in order to assassinate members of the Nazi party.

BY ASH ANDERSON
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Let me go ahead and tell you what you want to hear: Quentin Tarantino's latest film, *Inglourious Basterds* is a masterpiece. Five years have passed since "Kill Bill, volume two" yet there is not a single instance in this epic tale that hints the Academy award-winning director has lost his touch. This is his best movie since "Pulp Fiction."

Filled to the brim with rapid-fire dialogue, intriguing characters, and ridiculous amount of stylized violence, classic trademarks — including cameos from all Tarantino's favorite people — are all over.

If you're one of those people that watched the preview over and over again, you may be surprised to learn that the majority of

the film is not in English.

Rather, a huge percentage of the film's dialogue is spoken in German or French. You may also gasp that, while he is glorified to no end in the preview, Brad Pitt is certainly not the central focus of this film. Instead, the director chooses to make use of his supporting cast.

The film opens with familiar words: "Chapter One: Once upon a time ... in Nazi-occupied France" and starts off with a pace that it holds until the end.

The camera pans to reveal a serene countryside with a farmer and his daughter out enjoying the sunshine. Only after a few moments is the rumble of an approaching Nazi caravan heard.

Out steps Hans Landa (Christoph Waltz), a quiet, seething officer of the Socialist party, and the film explodes from that point on.

Waltz recently won the award for best actor at the Cannes Film Festival, and will certainly be a contender for an Oscar.

His electric performance, including speaking Tarantino's eclectic monologues in four different languages (English, German, French and Italian), is filled with the confidence of a seasoned actor.

On the opposing end of the Nazi party are the Basterds, a group of Nazi-hunting soldiers hell-bent on "doing one thing, and only thing only: killing Nazis."

Led by Lt. Aldo Raine (Pitt) and Sgt. Donny "The Bear Jew," Donowitz (Eli Roth, in one of his few acting roles), their merciless violence strikes fear into any opposing soldiers.

Surprisingly enough, the Basterds don't exactly take up space with their screen time. Instead, they're meticulously used

throughout the film in order to show just how brutal they are — big things in small doses.

My only complaint about the film is that while there is an all-star cast, a few of the supporting characters feel under-developed. I would have loved to see Tarantino delve into the psyche of a specific Basterd, or perhaps a Nazi that saw his life flash before his eyes before being spared.

It's hard to write a review of this extraordinary film without giving anything away, so perhaps brevity is a virtue at this point.

Fans of Tarantino will feel their pulse start to skyrocket as his unique vision for this strange group of individuals begins to unfold, and those simply looking for an entertaining night out will not be disappointed.

Grade: A



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