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In a Page 1 story published Tuesday [Students, Garland discuss Alumni Proposal], The Lariat reported that by press time it had not received responses from Interim Baylor President Dr. David Garland or Baylor Board of Regents Chairman Dary Stone regarding the independent status of the Baylor Alumni Association. In fact, The Lariat erred in its inquiries, having suggested that a response was not needed until later this week. The Lariat apologizes for the error.

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Tsunami death toll: 120

Aid flows to Samoas after disaster hits

APIA, Samoa (AP) — Police in green reflective vests searched a ghastly landscape of mud-strewn streets, pulverized homes and bodies scattered in a swamp Wednesday as dazed survivors emerged



from the muck and mire of an earthquake and tsunami that killed 120 in the South Pacific. Military transports flew medical personnel, food, water and medicine to the islands of Samoa and American Samoa, which were devastated by the wall of water triggered by Tuesday morning’s undersea

earthquake. One cargo plane from New Zealand brought in a temporary morgue and a body identification team — with officials expecting the death toll to rise as more areas are searched. Cars and boats — many battered and upside down — littered the coastline. Debris as small as a spoon and as large as piece of masonry weighing several tons were strewn in the mud. Survivors told harrowing tales of encountering the deadly tsunami. “I was scared. I was shocked,” said Didi Afuafi, 28, who was on a bus when the giant waves came ashore on American Samoa. “All the people on the bus were screaming, crying and trying to call their homes. We couldn’t get on cell phones. The phones just died on us. It was just crazy.” With the water approaching fast, the bus driver sped to the top of a nearby mountain, where 300 to 500 people were gathered, including patients evacuated from the main hospital. Among them were newborns with IVs, crying children



A powerful earthquake in the South Pacific hurled a massive tsunami at the shores of Samoa and American Samoa, flattening villages and sweeping cars and people out to sea.

and frightened elderly people. A family atop the mountain provided food and water, while clergymen led prayers. Afuafi helped evacuate some patients, and said people are on still on edge and feared another quake. “This is going to be talked about for generations,” said Afuafi, who lives just outside the village of Leone, one of the hardest hit areas. Suavai Ioane was rattled by the violent earthquake that shook his village of 600 people on Samoa — but he didn’t have

much time to calm down. “After the shaking finished, about five or 10 minutes after, the wave very quickly came over us,” said Ioane, who was carried by a wave about 80 yards (meters) inland from his village of Voutosi. He knew he was lucky to be alive; eight bodies were found in a nearby swamp. Some people had enough warning to run to higher ground. see TOLL, pg. 8

Survey says clergy dismiss mental issues

By TRENT GOLDSTON  
STAFF WRITER

Almost a third of congregation members who approached their pastor for help in response to a diagnosed mental illness were told that they did not really have a disorder, according to a 2008 Baylor University study. A new analysis of this study, led by Dr. Matthew Stanford, professor of psychology and neuroscience, is looking into the impact of this issue and the areas in which it is most common. Matt Pene, assistant director of media communications, said the study is revealing some interesting things, such as how averages show that clergy often dismiss psychological issues. “(This study) builds upon what exactly they dismiss: anxiety and major depression disorders,” Pene said. Dr. Ronald Cook, an associate professor at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, has had more than 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. Cook said this study is an important move in progressing how the church helps their congregation. “I have great appreciation for Dr. Stanford’s work. I think it’s greatly needed and needs to be read by clergy because this (study) has been over mental health issues that are easy for congregations to marginalize,” Cook said. “Most congregations do not have individuals in leadership equipped to be sensitive to, and responsive to, families who have some major challenges.” Even though there is sometimes a tension between spirituality and science, Cook said, see CLERGY, pg. 8

Banned books revived for week of recognition

By ADEOLA ARO  
STAFF WRITER

To raise awareness the American Library Association is sponsoring its annual Banned Book Week, which will end Oct. 3. In observance of banned book week, the Baylor University Libraries is celebrating by holding three reading days where students, faculty and staff can listen to entries from books that are currently banned or were previously banned. “We’re doing three days of reading of banned books, not

from our library, but from any where in the world,” said Carl Flynn, director of marketing and communications for university libraries. “Most of books banned aren’t national, they are regional and local. A school board can ban a book.” Students can listen to pieces from Thomas Paine and Walt Whitman from noon to 1 p.m. today at Moody Memorial Library. Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to read and the importance of the First

Amendment, according to the American Library Association Web site the week is meant to highlight the benefits public access to information and draw attention to the harms of censorship by emphasizing the banning of books across the United States. “This is a reality: Books do get banned,” Flynn said. “We have to re-decide if that is the kind of community we want to live in. The kind of community we want to inhabit (is one) where literature is not restricted.” While restrictions certainly

occur throughout the nation, Baylor professors have yet to fret about any book ban. Dr. Dianna Vitanza, chair and associate professor of English, said faculty members use their best judgment when selecting novels for course work. “I would choose a book for my class that I consider to be a book that had artistic integrity and one that revealed something about the world and the historical context that it was written,” Vitanza said. “I want books that say something about how one should live his life.”

Vitanza has never had her book selections denied by administration. “It is the experts, specialist in the fields who should make the choices, because they know what is important and what should be taught,” Vitanza said. “We teach texts that have been banned, people ban books for all sorts of reasons, and some reasons for banning books are not ones we would agree with or recognize.” see BOOKS, pg. 8

Study: Stressful traffic induces heart problems

By SAMREEN HOODA  
REPORTER

Sitting in traffic may not just be annoying or aggravating, but may actually cause long-term health problems. A recent study in Sweden showed that people who drive in traffic more often or live in close proximity to constant traffic noise are more likely to have health problems such as hypertension and high blood pressure. “I think heavy traffic can have the same effect as other stress-inducers, and having to

deal with that on a daily basis could probably be a factor in causing some chronic illnesses,” said Louri Genous, director of wellness. “I don’t know how much of an impact traffic really has on health, but I would imagine it to be significant.” According to the study, people who live in areas with a significant rise in noise and traffic pollution are at a greater risk for chronic hypertension. “Authorities have developed and adopted a method for assessing the magnitude of noise impact on a commu-

nity in quantitative terms,” said Truls Gjestland, an observer of the study “The socio-economic impact of noise: A method for assessing noise annoyance.” Gjestland said this method of measuring this phenomenon is more reliable because of the breadth of people interviewed. “The method takes into account all levels of noise annoyance experienced by all the residents in an area and transforms these data into a single quantity that can also be expressed in monetary terms,” Gjestland said. “This method is contrary

to other commonly used assessment methods where only a certain fraction of the impacted people, e.g. those “highly annoyed,” is considered.” More than 24,000 adults were surveyed in Sweden for the study, which showed a direct link between noise pollution in a neighborhood and the number of adults impacted by the noise. This study had the greatest impact on young adults and middle-aged individuals while not showing any increase in the older populations, Bodin said. “Driving is constrictive: You

are immobile and passive for the most part, so there’s a loss of control,” Genous said. “And, in congestion, when you’re in your car hoping for some degree of freedom and independence, what you do encounter are restrictions and constrictions, preventing you from driving as you’d like.” As a result of this lack of control, a focus on cosmopolitan studies shows that there is a greater risk as the noise increases, impacting working adults see TRAFFIC, pg. 8



## Lariat Letters

### Student body president says student government is here to listen to students

There seems to be a startling miscommunication between the Lariat and student government.

I do not mean to say that the Lariat was being intentionally malicious in the staff editorial that ran in yesterday’s paper, but I want to take this opportunity to clear up a few misconceptions about student government.

First and foremost, it must be understood that student government works for and exists solely because of the student body. We are funded by you, supported by you and serve you. We are not the voice of anyone other than the students. We are not beholden to the faculty, staff, alumni, administration or regents. We are the only on-campus organization with the resources to represent your voice and thoughts to the administration of your university on a consistently personal, direct level. This is our most important responsibility, and we pursue it with the utmost vigor.

In this vein, the Baylor administration, namely President Garland and Chairman Stone, offered on Friday to hold a sit-down, one-on-one meeting with them about a variety of issues affecting the student body. Those present at this meeting were your student body officers, senate committee chairs, and class presidents. We were given the opportunity to speak openly and candidly with the administration about a number of issues, from the BAA proposal to financial aid to campus safety, in a forum that allowed for relationship building. These facts were all shared with the Lariat, but they were not reflected in their recent editorial comments. In any event, our meeting with the administration on Friday was in no way a secret. It was an honest and open forum.

“The issues between the Baylor administration and the BAA are between them alone.”

Jordan Hannah  
student body president

Student government can do its job most effectively when we are allowed to work in a constructive manner. We strive to ensure that we represent only the true facts and opinions of the student body to the administration. Your voice is what is important to us. We want to know your thoughts, your opinions, and your ideas. We can only do our jobs effectively when we have the full volume and strength of the Baylor student body behind us.

We will be starting a new program called Issue of the Week. This is your chance to tell us what is on your mind. We will be all over campus with a weekly poll looking to get the wide ranging opinions of all 14,000 students. We want to know what you think, and we are going to be in the places you frequently visit: the SUB, the SLC and the library. This, of course, is in addition to the many ways you can get in touch with us now (e-mail: Student\_Government@baylor.edu, phone: 710-2368 or stop by our office on the first floor of the SUB). You will have multiple opportunities to speak your mind to the officers who are responsible for representing the entire student body to the administration.

We hope to move away from this distraction. The issues between the Baylor administration and the BAA are between them alone. We represent the concerns of the current student body. It would be more appropriate to pursue the issues of safety and financial aid for students, rather than reporting on an issue that has little to no impact on current students. We are working to serve you in better, more innovative ways, and we refuse to be deterred from discussing the issues that truly impact the lives of current students.

This is your Baylor. What do you want it to be?

Jordan Hannah  
Student Body President

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## FDA cigarette ban valiant effort, but not enough to achieve goals

### Editorial

Federal health officials banned the sale of flavored cigarettes last week in a commendable effort to curb the increasing number of teenagers and children targeted by tobacco products.

This ban comes as the first major prohibition since the Food and Drug Administration was given the authority to regulate tobacco in June. Fruit, candy and clove-flavored cigarettes may no longer be sold in stores and had to be removed from shelves by Sept. 22.

Because tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in America, according to the Center for Disease Control, the FDA is expanding its efforts to reduce smoking in America. The FDA reasons that tobacco products with flavoring lure children into smoking prematurely, so this ban is aimed specifically at reducing the number of teen and young adult smokers.

The sentiment of tackling such a huge problem one step at a time is certainly understood, but these steps don’t have to be baby steps. U.S. News and World Report reports that flavored cigarettes only make up about one percent of the cigarette market, so the effect this legislation has on teenagers buying cigarettes can be expected to be low.

“Almost 90 percent of adult smokers start smoking as teenagers. These flavored cigarettes are a gateway for many children and young

adults to become regular smokers,” FDA Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg stated in a press release. While it is certainly true that flavored cigarettes can provide an attraction for younger Americans, it is doubtful that this is the sole reason youngsters begin smoking. In fact, Commissioner Hamburg admitted that gateways to tobacco use come more often in the form of bad examples set by parents, older friends or glamorous actors in movies and television shows.

While it was a noble effort, the ban doesn’t even include menthol, the most widely used cigarette flavoring. The CDC reports that each day in the United States, approximately 4,000 young people from ages 12 to 17 begin cigarette smoking, and an estimated 1,140 become daily cigarette smokers. According to the FDA, studies have shown that 17-year-old smokers are three times as likely to use flavored cigarettes as smokers over the age of 25. Menthol, accounting for about 27 percent of the cigarette market, according to a Reuters article, masks the harsh taste of cigarettes for beginning smokers and may even make it harder for addicts to kick the habit later. Yet it was left out of this legislation.

Granted, the agency is directed to study the effects, marketing and impact of menthol products and report back in over a year. In theory, the FDA could then move to ban menthol completely.

The question is whether the FDA will make this monumental move or not.

Other provisions of the law allow the agency the right to regulate what goes into tobacco products, make public the ingredients and implement regulations on marketing campaigns, especially those geared toward children.

While this legislation can be seen as an important step toward dissuading young people from smoking, perhaps the FDA should have made a more direct attack on the cigarettes themselves. By leaving menthol off of the banned list, the agency simply prolonged dealing with an ever-present problem.

As reported by The Lariat last Thursday, cigars are normally made with 100 percent tobacco and do not have fillers while cigarettes contain fillers and have a homogenous wrapper. Manufacturers could get around the law by simply distributing flavored cigars or cigarillos.

Local Waco stores even expressed their doubts to the Lariat about the new ban affecting much of their cigarette sells, even to minors.

The administration and FDA should be commended for their efforts to deter teens from smoking, but they should also be pushed to ban menthol and take broader, bolder steps toward the elimination of the attraction of cigarettes for the youth of this country.

## Health care debate lacks tolerance

The health care debate is beginning to look like an issue that may never get solved. Proponents of public and private health care think they are in the right and that their plan is the optimal choice for Americans.

But one thing is missing from either side—tolerance.

I am not sure how, or even why, but some politicians seem to have lost hold of their ability to cooperate with those holding differing views from their own.

I expect more — more civility, more poise, more knowledge and more respect. I expect more from our politicians currently in office. I expect for Americans’ voices to be heard, not struck down.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid labeled all those who are not proponents of President Obama’s health-care bill as ‘evil mongers’ while the majority leader was at an energy conference last week.

My question is: When did calling all opposition evil become acceptable in Washington?

Why not explain the reasons to agree with health care? Why didn’t Harry Reid fight the angry protesters’ signs with truth? Instead, he demoralized constituents and degraded his own argument.

It seems as though every sign of disagreement is being attacked by those in power.

That is not constitutional.

It is absurd that politicians, those entrusted with our nation’s governance, have begun to stamp out legitimate concerns.

It may come as a surprise to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, but just because someone doesn’t agree with her tactics doesn’t make other

### Point of View

BY NICK DEAN



strategies and tactics “un-American.” That is the phrase that Speaker Pelosi used to describe the tactics used by those that have concerns about the government-run health care bill.

In fact, Speaker Pelosi should look at the history of our nation before declaring such an unpatriotic statement.

Dissent is necessary in America. Dissension, though it comes with a bad connotation, has a good history in the United States. It caused the revolution and it is what sparked the civil rights acts. One side had beliefs while the other disagreed. Eventually they found middle ground. That is how the minority was heard. If those disagreements were never given a public stage America would certainly not be as it is today.

The ‘un-American’ could then be concluded to be those that attempt to force their opinions and strategies on an entire nation without concern for others’ legitimate skepticism.

It seems as though the opposition to Obama’s health care plan has been misrepresented by the Democrat party.

Proponents of public health care have suggested that the angry and volatile anti-public health care protesters simply hold misconceptions.

I am not sure how they are under any misconceptions at all.

Many complain that the government-run plan would raise the costs of health care. That is no misconception, being that the Congressional Budget Office is the originator of this fact.

It also is not a misconception that the plan is intended to be a single-payer system, an ideal that has many protesters crying foul. Also, many senior citizens are concerned that their current Medicare benefits would be stripped away in order for America to move to public health care. That is a plausible occurrence of events if the new health care is enacted.

Although I am not well-read in political theory, it seems as though calling all disagreements ‘evil’ is neither fair nor just.

As Americans, we have the right to disagree and we have the ability to demonstrate our unhappiness or joy for an issue.

What we don’t have the right to do is stifle the fair responses of opponents.

Politicians should be more tolerant of opposing viewpoints.

The way several lead politicians have handled disagreement frustrates me. It was promised to be a time of change and hope during the 2008 general election and I don’t see either of those ideals coming into play with such immature and un-American actions taking place in our nation’s capital.

As a nation, we can only hope that the true victor in this battle is justice and that all arguments would be heard in a fair manner—that, Madame Speaker, is the American way.

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# Local park revamps brings new features

## Cameron Park adds trails and more parking

MEGAN KEYSER  
STAFF WRITER

Waco residents and outdoor enthusiasts will soon reap the benefits of the various Cameron Park closures as park construction approaches its halfway point, and begins its final six months of renovations before the Cameron Park centennial in May 2010.

The project covers numerous park areas and includes adding trails to 13 neighborhood parks, adding new parking and fixing areas of deterioration, said Peggy McCart, parks and recreation program administrator. It is both fixing up the park and creating a better design and better use of space.

Waco Parks and Recreation, which has been planning and working toward the construc-

“Once we’re finished it will really be something special.”

Sharon Fuller  
Parks and Recreation Park Planner

tion, received a \$6.9 million bond approval in 2007 and began the project in May 2009, said Sharon Fuller, parks and recreation park planner.

“We hope to have most of it done by May 2010, in time for the centennial celebration,” Parks Superintendent Burck Tollett said.

However, a large goal in the project is to stay true to the park’s original purpose.

The park, which was donated by Flora B. Cameron in 1910, has preserved much of the natural elements and scenery, said the City of Waco Web site.

Fuller said that in areas with historic components, they have made decisions to renovate rather than rebuild whenever possible. Where rebuilding has been the only option, Fuller said they try to replicate original structures as closely as possible.

“We’re trying to honor the history of the park,” Fuller said.

Although park closures are inevitable with construction of such magnitude, visitors don’t need to wait until May 2010 to continue to enjoy the park’s resources.

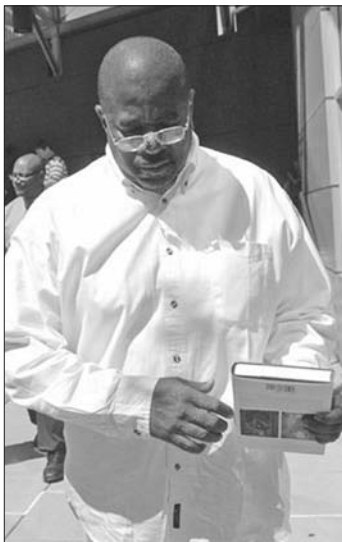
Cameron Park has a linear structure with a main road that offers access to each of the park areas, Fuller said.

When individual areas close for construction, the main road remains open and allows access to other areas.

“There’s a lot of areas under construction, but it’s still a great resource,” Fuller said.

Once construction is complete, Cameron Park, which covers 416 acres of land, will offer more to its visitors.

People can enjoy the park as it is now, Fuller said, “but once we’re finished it will really be something special.”



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Joseph L. Abbitt leaves the Forsyth County Detention Center a free man on Sept. 2, 2009. Like Woodard, he spent over a decade in prison before DNA evidence exonerated him.

JEFF CARLTON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — A Texas man who spent more time in prison than any other inmate before being exonerated by DNA evidence was pardoned by Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday, clearing the way for him to collect millions of dollars from the state.

James Woodard’s conviction was set aside 18 months ago after DNA testing showed he didn’t commit the 1980 murder for which he had spent nearly three decades in prison.

The Innocence Project said his 27 years behind bars edges

out Charles Chatman, a Dallas man also cleared by DNA evidence, for the record.

Woodard was the boyfriend of the victim, who was found sexually assaulted and strangled.

One of two eyewitnesses recanted her testimony, and subsequent DNA testing showed Woodard did not commit the sexual assault.

Texas enacted a law this year making its compensation for wrongly convicted people the most generous in the nation.

They receive \$80,000 for each year of incarceration, plus a lifetime annuity.

In Woodard’s case, that to-

tals about \$4.3 million.

Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins and a state district judge wrote letters supporting giving Woodard a pardon for innocence, which was recommended unanimously by the state Board of Pardons and Paroles.

“My action today cannot give back the time he spent in prison, but it does end this miscarriage of justice,” Perry said in a statement.

The pardon makes Woodard the 39th person cleared by DNA evidence in Texas, a nationwide high, according to the Innocence Project, a New York legal center that specializes in

overturning wrongful convictions.

For years, Woodard wrote to court officials asking them to re-examine his case.

“This couldn’t happen to a more deserving guy,” said Woodard’s attorney, Innocence Project of Texas Chief Counsel Jeff Blackburn.

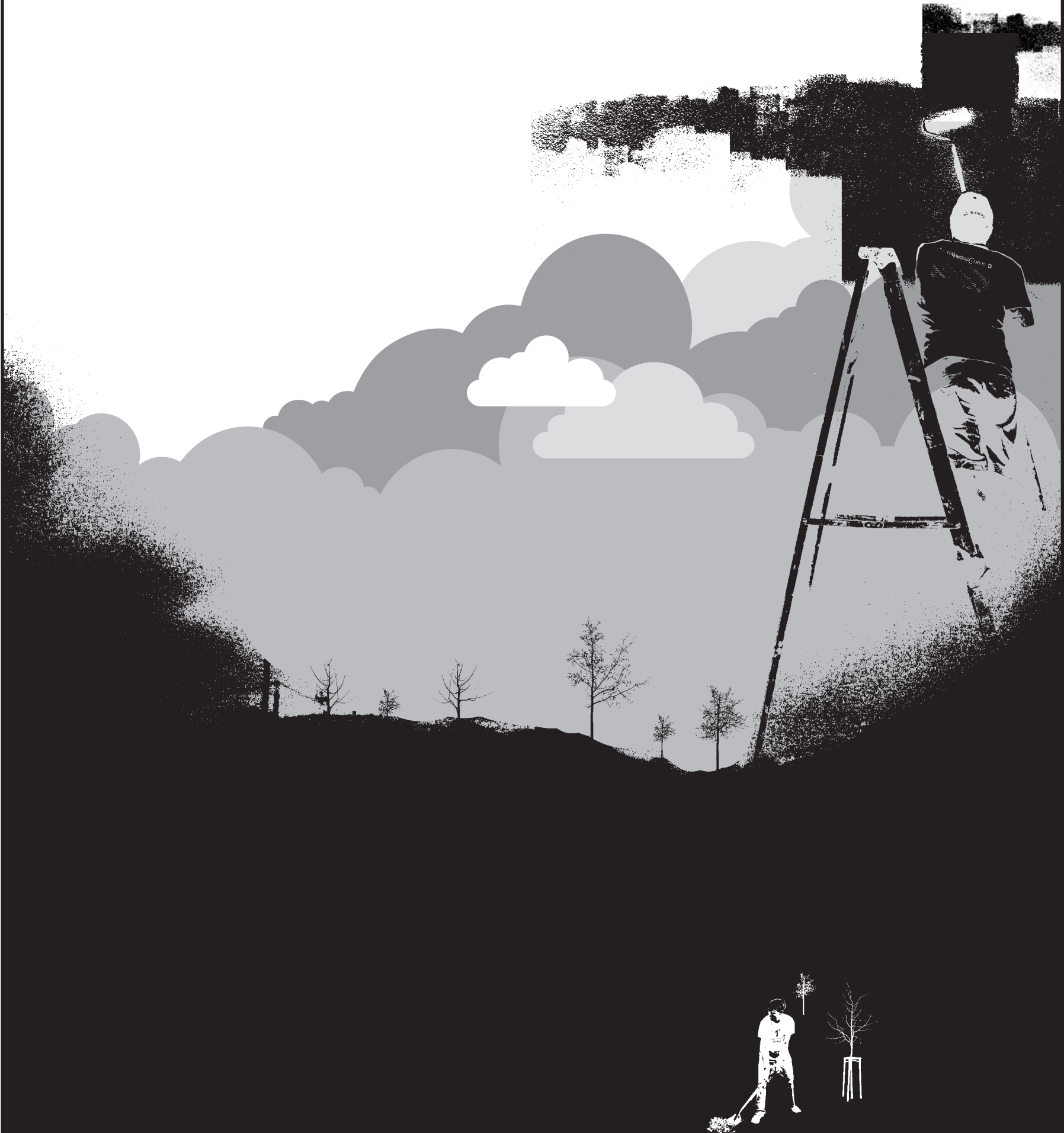
“He is a remarkable guy who fought his own case, all along, with no one listening to him for 20-some years.”

Woodard is one of 21 wrongly convicted Dallas County men whose convictions have been set aside after DNA testing. Prosecutors plan to retry one of those cases.

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## BEAR BRIEFS

**The Drowsy Chaperone** is a five-time Tony Award-winning musical put on by Baylor Theatre. It will be playing today through Oct. 10 at Jones Theatre, Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Tickets cost \$15. Tickets and times can be found at [www.baylor.edu/theatre](http://www.baylor.edu/theatre).

**Battle of the Bands** will be from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl. It is presented by Kappa Delta Sorority and the Office of Campus Programs. Baylor student bands compete for prizes.

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# Missions Week presents students with life questions

By ALYSSA MENDEZ  
REPORTERS

"Where are you willing to go? What are you willing to give?" read fliers for Missions Week scattered around Baylor campus.

Students were also presented with these questions as Baylor's Spiritual Life Center kicked off Missions Week.

Missions Week has been filled with events intended to inform students about the opportunities available to serve in missions around the globe.

"Our no. 1 goal with Missions Week is to help students connect the dots," said Heather Mustain, director for Missions Week. "We want to provide an avenue where we can either educate or facilitate a missionary lifestyle in students' lives."

Missions Week is a student-led event organized by a Missions Week steering committee, which consists of three co-directors and five student sub-committees.

The steering committee helps plan and execute events and serve as missionaries that participate in the events throughout the week.

"I've never been on an overseas mission trip," said Alpharetta, Ga., sophomore Elizabeth Hunter, who is serving on the steering committee. "If I couldn't do it, I'd like to help provide the opportunity for someone else."

The week's events began with an interactive community prayer at the Bobo Baptist Student Center.

# Debate team resumes success, prepares for next tournament

By CAROLINE SCHOLES  
REPORTER

Baylor's debate team is currently ranked fifth in the nation and is excited for a successful season and hopeful for a national championship.

"We are currently ranked highest since 1997," said Dr. Matt Gerber, director of the debate team and assistant professor in the communications department.

While there are many factors that support the team's success, one main advantage for this year's team is the high number of returning members, with a few additions.

"We're doing well because of experience," Gerber said. "We have everyone returning, including some fifth-year seniors from last year."

Winfield, Kan., junior John Cook and Olathe, Kan., senior Alex McVey are two important members of the debate team who have competed in two tournaments this year.

Cook and McVey earned 24 points at a tournament at Gonzaga University. On average, the team receives nine points per tournament.

The debate team consists of five teams, with two members each, who compete together at tournaments.



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Mendoza, Argentina senior Jolie Shelton and Quitaque graduate student Amber Start share stories while selling T-shirts to benefit local missions Wednesday in the bowl outside of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The Baylor community was encouraged to pray for Baylor, Waco and the global community.

Robbie Seay, from the Robbie Seay Band, and his brother, Chris Seay, were guest speakers at Chapel on Monday and allowed students the opportunity to support children through Compassion International's sponsorship program.

**"We want to provide an avenue where we can either educate or facilitate a missional lifestyle in students' lives."**

Heather Mustain  
Director for Missions Week

Compassion is a Christian organization that releases children from poverty and supports them in spiritual growth.

Monday's events ended with Global Village, a fair that familiarized students with different cultures.

Brooke Brandon is a missionary who came to Missions Week to share her experiences and guide students in their own callings.

Brandon just finished a two-year program as a journeywoman in Thailand with the International Mission Board, an entity

of the Southern Baptist Convention, which is the nation's largest evangelical convention.

Brandon's experience as a journeywoman allowed her to serve as an international teacher for students with special needs. At the school, 95 percent of the 500 students were missionary kids.

"God can use you, and he doesn't pick someone who feels like they're super talented or gifted in a certain area, but God can use any of us," Brandon said.

Brandon first felt called to missions when she saw a video of missionaries sharing the gospel to a village using a method called Creation to Christ.

"Today I spoke in Chapel and I encouraged students to be aware and live with eyes wide open," Brandon said.

This is Brandon's first year participating in Baylor's Missions Week and she said she has enjoyed helping students realize their calling and that they can serve God anywhere.

An additional event this week was an "I Heart Waco" drive where students can buy T-shirts to help donate clothing to children of Waco.

T-shirts will be available this week at the Spiritual Life Center for \$15. A purchase of a T-shirt allows for one T-shirt to be donated to a child in Waco.

Students who still have questions or an interest in missions can visit the Spiritual Life Center.

upcoming events and provides time to work with partners.

The Baylor debate team is traveling to Kentucky this weekend and is optimistic about the upcoming tournament.

# BIC professors promote multicultural exposure

By CATY HIRST  
COPY EDITOR

"Touch that jar," said Dr. Lynn Tatum, pointing to a table in his office.

"That jar dates pre-Abraham," Tatum tells a student. "And your jaw just dropped."

Tatum, senior lecturer in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and associate director of Middle Eastern studies, believes this ability to engage students is what makes international experience so vital to teaching.

The BIC is known for its desire to make connections between disciplines, but less publicized is its desire to make connections between different cultures.

There are many international professors teaching in the BIC and many of the BIC professors have lived in and traveled to other countries.

Dr. Robert Baird, professor of philosophy, master teacher and University Ombudsperson, was the chair of the task force that designed the BIC curriculum and worked to get the BIC approved by Baylor faculty. Baird said having multicultural professors is beneficial to the BIC.

"I certainly do think having faculty members who are themselves from different cultures contributes to this process in many ways," Baird said. "By 'this process' I mean the process of which we become aware that we all, to such a significant extent, are a product of our environment."

Dr. David Ngong, from Babungo, Cameroon, is a temporary lecturer in religion, African studies and BIC.

"My work is very intercultural so it fits well with what BIC does and with what I do," Ngong said. "It is not just interdisciplinary, it is intercultural. Most programs try to be interdisciplinary, but being intercultural is another matter. On that I think BIC has the head start."

Tatum said it is important for professors to have international experience.

Tatum has traveled extensively. He lived in Jerusalem while conducting archeological work.

With the BIC, he has traveled to Germany and Switzerland to study the reformation, to Spain to study the nexus between Islamic and Western civilizations and to China to study Chinese literature, culture and history.

When asked how having international experience has enhanced

his teaching ability, Tatum said, "It's like saying, 'How has learning to read enhanced your education?'" Tatum said BIC administrators see that central link.

"The BIC has very consciously supported foreign travel for its faculty," Tatum said. "When BIC was founded, there was a significant insight that teaching about foreign cultures required familiarity with foreign cultures. From the beginning, BIC faculty has been encouraged to travel abroad and it greatly changes the classroom experience."

Dr. Thomas Hanks is a professor in the English department and in the BIC. Hanks has been involved in the Baylor in Great Britain program and the Oxford Program. With BIC, Hanks has traveled to Greece and Teotihuacan, Mexico.

Hanks believes that the international experience professors have engages students. When Hanks traveled to Greece with the BIC faculty, he was able to take a boat trip on the Mediterranean Sea to different islands.

"When we went to Greece, those things we talked about in 'The Iliad' and 'The Odyssey' were made real," Hanks said. "Odysseus is always going down to the sea, but I never realized how important the sea was before I went. I learned what it was like to see the expanse of the ocean and realize what an island existence Odysseus led."

Hanks even made a short film for his BIC class while on the boat talking about Odysseus' adventures.

Dr. Xin Wang teaches Chinese languages classes, Asian studies, and is an associate professor of Chinese Studies in the BIC. Wang lived in Xi'an, China, for 25 years.

Wang believes that his living experiences in China help his research and teaching skills about contemporary China and Chinese culture. "It helps by not just looking at the façade or the superficiality of an issue, but looking at the depth and the context of the critical issue."

These professors benefit the program with the insight they provide about different cultures and misconceptions that students may have about other cultures.

"If students think about other cultures, they think about them in stereotypes because that is all they have," Hanks said.

Tatum said the step-by-step way of getting rid of stereotypes

is to first point them out. Students cannot change their point of view if they do not recognize they hold a stereotype. The second thing he does is provide them with examples to counter the stereotype, and finally he tries to have a discussion with students about where the stereotype came from, if it is accurate and how they can come to a better understanding of that culture.

In addition to the insights of the professors, the BIC's curriculum also helps rebut these stereotypes in many ways.

"Rather than reading what other people say about a culture, we have them read what the culture said about itself, like in the Koran or Arabian Nights," Tatum said.

"We take students, or even force students, to meet Muslims, to eat their food, listen to their music and to have a conversation with them. And it is virtually impossible having met with these people, not to see them as simply fellow human beings."

Hanks said the best way to counter stereotypes is for students to be immersed into the culture. However, when it is not possible for students to travel to other cultures, the BIC does its best to bring other cultures to students.

"I think the intercultural dimension of BIC is very important because it is important for all of us to be aware of people whose views are rooted in different environments," Baird said. "It is important for all of us to understand we are a product of the environment from which we come. Being familiar with people from different cultures helps us be tolerant."

One of the ways they do this is by having a very diverse group of students in the BIC. Hanks said the BIC typically has a large contingent of Christians, several Muslims, several Buddhists, and they typically have Jews and Hindus. He believes this diversity helps students see people of different cultures as apart of themselves as opposed to others.

Many students believe they can benefit from the BIC's effort to be interdisciplinary and intercultural.

"You have this opportunity to have a mosaic education," Houston senior Farah Najmuddin said.

"My best friends are all in different fields, but I can still sit down at dinner with people from eight different majors. You would be surprised at how much you can learn from these people."

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# Gervais' 'Invention' creates witty dialogue

By ROGER MOORE  
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Brit-comic Ricky Gervais stakes a serious claim to the title "the British Albert Brooks" with "The Invention of Lying," his droll, witty and thoughtful comedy about the thing that really makes the world go round.

On an earth in which "the human race has never evolved the ability to tell a lie," Gervais plays the guy who discovers fibs, fiction, exaggerations, little white lies, whoppers to get what you want and the biggest lie of all. And that discovery may (or may not) change the world and make it a better place.

As Mark, he's a screenwriter on this alternate earth. He's failing at the simple task of turning history (there is no fiction) into something a reader can recite to an audience on TV or in theaters. There are

no actors. Pretending to be someone you're not would be a lie, wouldn't it?

Mark's a "loser," as his secretary (Tina Fey) can't help but blurt out and his fellow dapper writer (Rob Lowe) loves saying to one and all.

And that doesn't escape the notice of his beautiful but shallow blind date, Anna (Jennifer Garner). Things get off to a swinging start when she admits, "I'm not really looking forward to tonight in general." She judges him by his appearance and financial state, spilling the beans about what (some) women really want.

Mark is pretty downtrodden until that day — 20 minutes into the film — when he figures out he can tell the bank clerk he has more money coming to him than his account balance suggests. The floodgates are opened, and suddenly he can lie his way back into the screenwriting job

he just lost, can fake his way to confidence, wealth and success, and even find ways to convince his loner neighbor (Jonah Hill, playing it clean for once) that he's not a lumpy loser who should kill himself.

This might have been a 10-minute sketch stretched out to movie length. But then the movie gets to the biggest lie of all, that favorite British bugaboo, religion. "The Invention of Lying" morphs into a different movie, a high-minded comedy, intellectual, even.

The characters explore just what that one lie can do to help the human race, or limit it. And how would the human race react to the fellow telling that whopper about "The Man in the Sky"? They'd made him a prophet, of course. "Lying" then takes on the comically skeptical and yet uplifting tone of the 1991 Albert Brooks comedy "Defending Your Life."



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In this film publicity image released by Warner Bros., Jennifer Garner, left, and Ricky Gervais are shown in a scene from "The Invention of Lying."

But Gervais and his co-writer/director Matthew Robinson seem to confuse "truth" with "superficiality" and "tactlessness." It's not

"truth" that makes people blurt out their every thought — "Your baby is so ugly!!" "I don't find you attractive." Simple tact isn't "lying," it's not saying

anything.

The filmmakers take tired short cuts — a having-a-good-day montage is underscored with "Mister Blue Sky," love triumphs to the tune of Supertramp's "Give a Little Bit," tunes that ought to have been retired from romantic comedies by 1985.

"Lying" is funny rather than hilarious, thought-provoking rather than prat-falling. Like the first Gervais film comedy, "Ghost Town," it takes a thin concept and hurls the acid, sarcastic and slow-burning Gervais at it until the humor gives way to a measure of understanding and sweetness we'd never expect.

The honest truth? This "Invention" is worth seeing more for the discussion on the ride home than the many laughs.

Grade: 4/5 stars

# Reel World Sense: Polanski needs to be detained

By ASH ANDERSON  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

If you haven't heard about director Roman Polanski's arrest on Sept. 26 in Switzerland, allow me to inform you.

Taken into custody at Zurich airport while trying to enter Switzerland, officials cited a 31-year-old warrant that was issued after the Polish-French filmmaker pleaded guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor. Although his original charge was that of rape by use of drugs, his plea bargain allowed him to be charged with the lesser offense.

The minor in question, 13-year-old Samantha Geimer,

accused Polanski of drugging her and performing heinous sexual acts on her while she repeatedly asked him to stop.

Polanski is currently being held in a Swiss jail, and the United States must make a formal request for extradition within 40 days so that he may stand trial. According to a statement issued by the Swiss press, the United States had been looking to arrest Polanski since 2005.

Now that we've gotten that out the way, here is my problem.

More than 100 actors and directors — including big names such as Martin Scorsese and Woody Allen — have signed a petition for Polanski to be released. Those responsible for the combined outcry against the authorities claim that using the film festival which Polanski was hoping to attend as a method of capture goes against the so-called creed of film festivals.

"By their extraterritorial nature, film festivals the world over have always permitted



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Director Roman Polansky waves at the screening of Director Oliver Stone's film "W" at the XXVI Turin Film Festival in Turin, Italy, in this Nov. 21, 2008, file photo.

works to be shown and for filmmakers to present them freely and safely, even when certain States opposed this," the petition states. "The arrest of Roman Polanski in a neutral country, where he assumed he could

travel without hindrance, undermines this tradition: It opens the way for actions of which no one can know the effects."

Another issue that is brought up in defense of Polanski is that his victim is working with him

to have the charges dismissed. She sued him and they reached an agreement on a settlement.

So let me get this straight.

Actors and directors think that simply because Polanski was attending a film festival — an apparently sacred gathering of many of the world's premier filmmakers and actors — he should be allowed to avoid capture on a warrant that is more than 30 years old?

That is absolutely preposterous. Regardless of his stature in the world of film, the man is a criminal. It does not matter if he has won an Oscar (which he wasn't able to accept, because, you know, he was trying to avoid the authorities in the U.S. — no big deal) or directed some of the most powerful films of the past 40 years.

The point that he and his accuser reached a settlement is moot. He committed a crime, and should face the consequences of his actions.

I am fed up with those in the Hollywood crowd that think their achievements and acco-

lades allow them to have the final word when it comes to world issues.

It seems that no matter where you go these days, a member of the WGA or the SAG is trying to promote its own agenda. What happened to good, old-fashioned justice?

I realize the entire point of the petition is against the way the situation was handled, not necessarily him being detained, but why does that matter? It also doesn't matter that he's 76 years old, which other protesters seem to be harping on. What? He should get a "get out of jail free" card because he's a senior citizen?

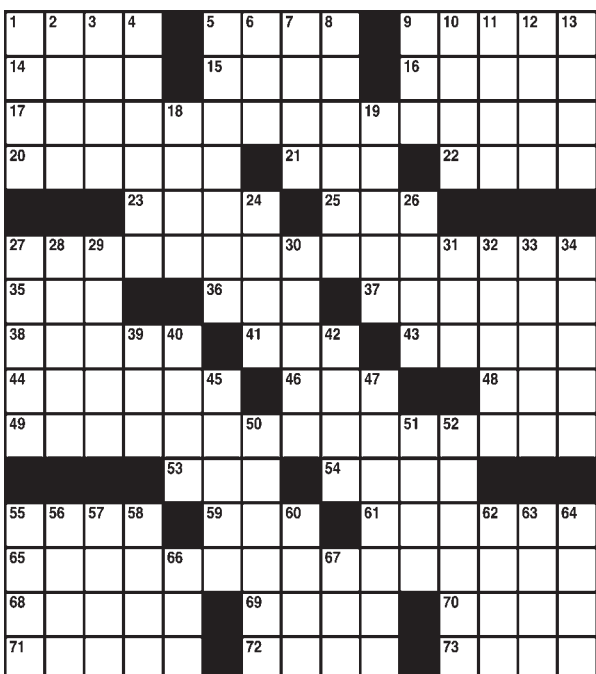
Give me a break already. All things considered, the man is lucky to have avoided the authorities for the three years that they've been trying to get their hands on him.

When push comes to shove, the main point is that Polanski committed a crime. No amount of protesting or endless cries of outrage should deter the authorities from pursuing their

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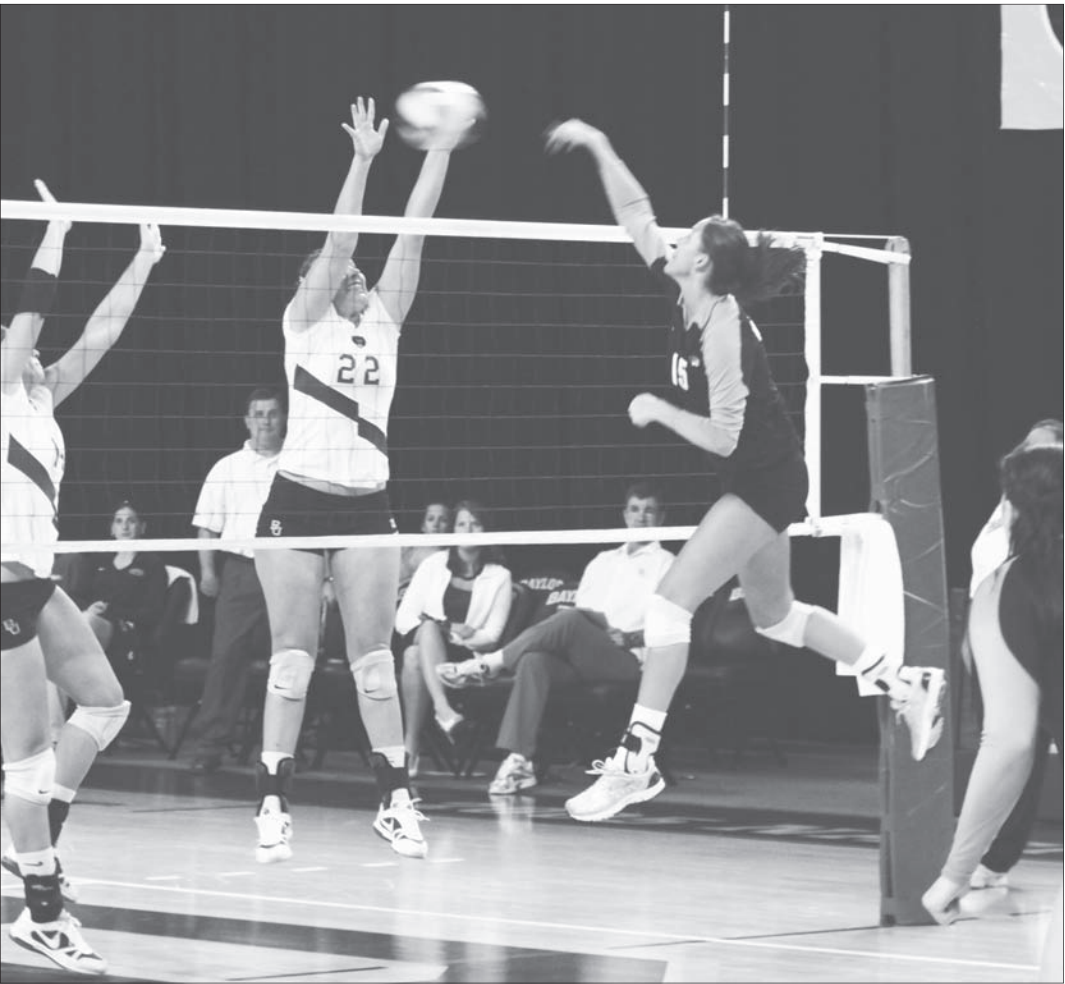
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Katy senior Katie Sanders blocks a kill attempt from Catie Wilson Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center. Baylor swept the Tigers — Baylor's third-consecutive sweep. Sanders finished the evening with 12 kills and 11 digs.

## Bears advance record start with win against Missouri

By KEVIN TAMER  
SPORTS WRITER

Katie Sanders and Taylor Barnes recorded double-doubles as the No. 19 Baylor volleyball team swept the Missouri Tigers (25-13, 25-18, 25-23) on Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center.

With their 11th sweep of the season, the Bears improved their record to 15-1 overall, and 4-1 in conference play, extending their best overall start in school history.

Despite coming into the game favored, the Bears weren't going to let up. The Tigers proved their resilience as they came back from a two-set deficit to defeat Texas A&M University last week.

"In the Big 12, anybody can beat anyone can step up at any time," senior Katie Sanders said. "You have to know you have to play your best no matter who is on the other side of the court."

Taylor Barnes moved the ball around effectively with 34 assists, while Katie Sanders led the offense with 12 kills on 30 attempts (.367) and 11 digs.

Ashlie Christenson contributed with 10 kills, while Anna Brey-

fogle added eight of her own.

The defense did its job as four players recorded 10 or more digs. Sanders led the way with 11 digs, while Allison King, Caitlyn Trice and Taylor Barnes all had 10. The Bears also recorded 7.5 blocks

"We have some veteran players who are doing a good job communicating within themselves," head coach Jim Barnes said. "They're doing a good job taking information from the huddle and executing it on the court."

In the first set the Bears jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on two errors by the Tigers and a kill by Torri Campbell. The Bears let the Tigers hang around for eight points, but then pulled away as they scored seven consecutive points on four kills and three Tiger errors to make the score 18-8. From there, the Bears' defense held the Tigers to only five points and Katie Sanders recorded a kill, then followed it with an ace to take the set 25-13.

In the second set the Bears were able to take an 18-12 lead with the help of Elizabeth Graham who recorded 2 kills and 3 blocks. The Tigers showed a sign of a comeback as they scored on

three consecutive kills to cut into Baylor's lead to 18-15. However, the Tigers run was short lived, as Breyfogle recorded two kills and teamed up with Barnes for a block to extend the Bears lead to 21-16. Ashlie Christenson and Torri Campbell finished the job as they both recorded two kills to take the set 25-18.

The Bears took advantage of four Tiger errors to jump out to an early 6-2 lead in the third set. From there, Baylor extended its lead to 10-5 on kills from Breyfogle and Christenson. However, the Tigers were able fight back and tie the game at 13. The two teams traded points until Katie Sanders recorded her 12th kill of the game for match point to take the set 25-23.

"Coming into the third set we knew we couldn't let up just because we are winning," Sanders said. "The third game is always the most important because that's when they are going to fight there hardest."

Baylor will hit the road for the first time in four games as it takes on the University of Colorado at 8 p.m. on Saturday in Boulder, Colo.

## Florida taking cautious measures with Tebow

By JEREMY FOWLER  
McCLATCHY NEWS

Head trauma doesn't defer to tough guys.

Tim Tebow is tough, but the concussion he suffered last week in a 41-7 victory over Kentucky has the Florida Gators' Superman looking human. The timeline for Tebow's return to the football field has nothing to do with toughness and everything to do with the delicate nature of his brain.

Team doctors must guard against second-impact syndrome, a rare but potentially fatal rapid brain swelling caused when a person suffers a second concussion before the original symptoms have subsided.

"This isn't like a knee injury where you can just get a new one down the line," said Merrill Hoge, former Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Bears running back whose NFL career was derailed by two major concussions. "Once that damage is done, it's permanent or fatal unless you are fully recovered before you hit that football field."

Today's technology is helping players avoid the danger of hitting the field too soon after a concussion. The Florida training staff is handling Tebow with care. He has been held out of practice all this week-the Gators do not play Saturday-and he likely won't return until at least next week.

Tebow's concussion was his first in four years at UF, according to the Florida athletic training staff. Florida's staff know this because the school conducts "baseline testing" on all its athletes before allowing them to compete. The testing, called imPACT, helps team doctors measure athletes' reaction times before and after a concussion.

Florida Coach Urban Meyer said he watched Tebow undergo

"The stability of the brain is much more sensitive in the period that follows the initial injury."

Dr. Ahmed Sadek  
Neurological Services of Orlando

numerous tests Tuesday for balance, memory, holding feet together, holding hands on hips and raising one foot. These simple tasks help doctors determine how far along he is in his recovery, but they are not foolproof.

"The stability of the brain is much more sensitive in the period that follows the initial injury, and no one truly knows how long that follows," said Dr. Ahmed Sadek, a specialist with Neurological Services of Orlando. "One week, two weeks, it isn't a designed time."

Hoge said Florida has a chance to "be an example" by not rushing back the Heisman winner before he's ready.

A crucial game with LSU looms on Oct. 10, but Hoge said Tebow should only be ready if he's asymptomatic, back to his normal self physically and mentally, for seven straight days.

Post-concussion treatment is becoming a controversial topic for the NFL. Hoge is one of many former pro players who says their concussions were mishandled by the league. Former NFL defensive end Kyle Turley is reportedly considering suing the NFL for inadequate care. Turley told the New York Times his concussion aftereffects include seizure-like symptoms and collapses.

While with the Bears in 1994, Hoge said a trainer played "Russian roulette" with his career after playing in the season opener

five days after a concussion. In Week 5, late Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas cracked Hoge's facemask with what Hoge now says was a life-threatening hit.

"I ran that risk of second-impact syndrome," Hoge said. "I hadn't sat out long enough, had no neurological evaluation, nobody knew if I was asymptomatic for a day or tested me for seven days. . . . After that second hit, I was quarantined for two months. You could have dropped me off around the block and tell me to get home and I wouldn't be able to. It was a two-year climb to get back to reading and doing simple things."

Former Florida and NFL quarterback Shane Matthews, who had concussions of his own, said he drove Hoge to practice because his Bears teammate couldn't remember the names of his children.

If Tebow is recovered properly, he can play "just like you and I," Hoge said, and Tebow has a long-term advantage because quarterbacks don't absorb hits in practice.

Matthews said he suffered a neck-snapping hit in a game against the Green Bay Packers, but at least two weeks of post-concussion rest saved his long-term health.

The week-after symptoms can be a better indication of concussion severity than the actual hit, Matthews said.

That's why the Gators teammates predicting Tebow's return are basing their statements on hope, not health.


"People say, 'Well, Tim's a tough player,' and he is tough," Matthews said. "But when it comes to a concussion, it isn't about being tough. It may take several weeks. It can linger. He can be sick to his stomach, light-headed, headaches, not have an appetite. It's a serious injury."

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# Rux claims titles at Baylor HEB Intercollegiate

By MATT LARSEN  
REPORTER

Taking on the No. 1-ranked player in the nation was just the semifinal obstacle Jordan Rux overcame on his way to winning the HEB Baylor Intercollegiate A draw singles title Sunday.

Rux, Baylor's No. 4 seed, defeated No. 1 seed Oklahoma State's Oleksandr Nedovyesov (ITA preseason national No. 1 ranking) 6-4, 7-6(4) to advance to the final against the University of Wisconsin's Moritz Baumann, the

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association ranked Nedovyesov first nationally in the preseason. Rux put away Baumann, the

country's 19th best player, in an even more decisive manner (6-2, 6-2) to claim the singles title in his first tournament of the season.

The semifinal match was familiar for the junior, as he faced off with Nedovyesov in the semifinals of last year's Intercollegiate. Oklahoma State's tennis star was No. 1 in the nation then as well and Rux lost 6-3, 6-2.

"It was kind of in the back of my mind, but I didn't want to think about it too much," Rux said.

Baylor assistant tennis coach Chris Brandi noticed Rux's ability to stay loose under pressure. "I think Jordan did a real good

job of controlling his emotions," said Brandi, who just started his first season at Baylor after coaching at Wake Forest University. "That's going to be a big part of his maturation."

The self-aware junior recognizes his growth as well.

"The difference [between last year and this year] was confidence and belief," Rux said. "Last year was kind of a breakthrough year."

The Kerrville junior took down four players ranked in the top 40 nationally in 2008-2009, but Rux feels that he needed last season to establish himself. He now comes out knowing he can match up against the best in the

country.

"I know I can beat anyone out there," he said. "It's just a matter of doing it on the day."

Rux said that both he and Nedovyesov started out slow but reached a good level of play after they had each taken two games. Still, the junior had a feeling that he would take the first set the whole time and eventually got the chance to capture the win.

"Up 5-4, serving for set and match, I faulted a little bit," Rux said. "I went for a better second serve, sort of going big or going home. [It was] not that great but played a good point. After that I held it together and played a good tiebreaker."

Rux went on to claim the victory in the tiebreaker.

"I felt like his fitness wasn't holding up as well as mine," he said. "As long as I held it together mentally."

The junior's mental toughness lasted him through the final round as well. Marking the sixth time in the tournament's nine years that a Baylor player has taken the singles A draw title.

The singles A draw was not the only title Rux walked away with.

Sophomore Maros Horny joined Rux to win the doubles A draw division.

The pairing had to get past an Oklahoma State double that in-

cluded Nedovyesov in the semifinal before facing Texas Tech in the final.

"When you face the No. 1 guy in the country, even in doubles, he's dangerous," Horny said. "[But] we focused on our serves and played smart on their serves."

Rux hopes to keep turning heads in the tennis world but those who see him everyday knew his potential before his performance Sunday.

"It's not a shock to us he won," Brandi said about Rux's defeat of the nation's top player. "But he had to go out there and prove himself and I think he did. It's a good stepping stone for him."

# Big 12 representative to compete in Yankee Stadium bowl game

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
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The teams are set, one from the Big East, one from the Big 12. The site: The new \$1.5 billion Yankee Stadium.

Now all the new bowl game in the Bronx needs is a name before its debut in December 2010.

"If you're looking for suggestions, maybe we should call it the Jeter Bowl," Bronx Borough president Ruben Diaz Jr. said Wednesday at a news conference to announce the bowl.

The leagues and the New York Yankees have a four-year agreement in place, running through the 2013 season. The payout to each team will be about \$2 million. For the Yankees, they get another event they hope will fill their 57,545-seat stadium.

"The game underscores our promise to use Yankees Stadium year-round," Yankees president Randy Levine, who presided over a gathering at the stadium that included Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner and the commissioners from each conference.

The Yankees had already struck a deal with Army for the

Black Knights to play four regular-season games at the stadium in the next five years. That starts next season with a game against Notre Dame.

The Big East will send either its third or fourth selection to the Yankee Stadium bowl game. The Big 12 will send its seventh selection. If the Big 12 does not have enough bowl eligible teams, Notre Dame has agreed to take its place, providing it is available.

The game will be played between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Big East was a logical fit for the game. While the league has become more far-flung in recent years with the additions of South Florida, Cincinnati and Louisville, it's roots run through the Big Apple.

"The Big East has long time recognized New York City as its home," Big East commissioner John Marinatto said.

The Big East has been playing its basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden since 1983.

Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe said the Bronx bowl was a late addition to the Big 12's schedule, but it was too good to pass up.

"This is an opportunity to put

our brand, our football, in the biggest market in the world," he said.

The Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., was bumped from the conference's bowl lineup to make room.

The Yankee Stadium game has no title sponsor yet, though Levine said several of the companies that already have relationships with the Yankees have shown interest. Considering signs for Master Card, State Farm, Gatorade, Pepsi and Sony adorn the outfield walls at Yankee Stadium, sponsorship should not be a problem.

The game does not have a television home yet, but if nobody is interested — which is unlikely — the Yankees' YES network could step in.

The game needs to be certified by the NCAA in April, but that's a formality.

It will be the first bowl played in the Northeast since the 1981 Garden State Bowl at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Most bowls are played in cities with mild or warm weather or in domes. The Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho, is the most obvious exception, though it can get chilly in places such as Nash-

ville, Tenn., and Dallas around the holiday season.

Still, the teams invited to the Yankee Stadium bowl — and their fans — better bring their scarves.

"I've played games in snow and ice, and it's fun," Beebe said. "The opportunity for our youngsters to come here, whether there is snow or ice or whatever, to come to the biggest market in the world ... is too great to pass up."

"We'll play in whatever conditions. We'll put ice skates on instead of cleats."

The original Yankee Stadium was home of the NFL's Giants from 1956-73 and the site of college football games, many involving some of the greatest Army and Notre Dame teams, from the early-to-mid 1900s.

The Gotham Bowl was played there in 1962. Nebraska, now a member of the Big 12, beat Miami 36-34.

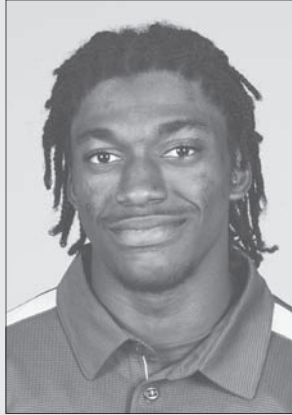
With the return of college football, Bloomberg said he's hoping for a couple of tickets to the game, no matter how cold it gets.

"What's strange is football in warm weather," he said. "This is a sport where you've got to go out there and bundle up. That's part of the fun of it."

## Bears of the Week

selected by sports editor Justin Baer

Male Athlete: Robert Griffin



Robert Griffin

Female Athlete: Taylor Barnes



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### The Facts:

Griffin is a sophomore quarterback from Copperas Cove. Griffin led the Bears with 13 rushing touchdowns. Griffin was selected as the Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year in 2008, as well as being tabbed to several Freshman All-America teams.

### What he did:


After tearing his ACL in the first quarter of Saturday's 68-13 win against Northwestern State, Griffin passed for 198 yards and three touchdowns on his way to leading the Bears to their highest-scoring first half in 15 years.

### The Facts:

Barnes is an Arlington senior and setter for the Bears. Barnes earned first team, All-Big 12 accolades in 2008, and made the preseason All-Big 12 team this year.

### What she did:

Barnes earned Big 12 Player of the Week for her role in Baylor's consecutive sweeps, including a 3-0 win against then No. 11-ranked Iowa State. Barnes recorded a triple-double in both matches. She averaged 12 assists per set and hit .448.



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The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii said it issued an alert, but the waves got to the islands so quickly that residents only had about 10 minutes to respond.

Another system designed to alert aid agencies suffered a hardware malfunction that delayed notification, but that did not affect island residents.

The quake was centered about 120 miles south of the islands of Samoa, which has about 220,000 people, and American Samoa, a U.S. territory of 65,000.

Four tsunami waves 15 to 20 feet (4 to 6 meters) high roared ashore on American Samoa about 15 minutes after the quake, reaching up to a mile (1.5 kilometers) inland, officials said.

Another strong underwater earthquake rocked western Indonesia on Wednesday, less than 24 hours after the Samoan quake, briefly triggering a tsunami alert for countries along the Indian Ocean.

The 7.6-magnitude quake toppled buildings, cut power and triggered a landslide on Sumatra island, and at least 75 people were reported killed. Experts said the seismic events were not related.

Hampered by power and communications outages, officials in the South Pacific islands struggled to determine casualties and damage.

Samoa National Disaster Management committee member Filomina Nelson told New Zealand's National Radio the number of dead in her country had reached 83 — mostly elderly and young children.

At least 30 people were killed on American Samoa, Gov. Togiola Tulafono said.

President Barack Obama declared a major disaster for American Samoa.

In Pago Pago, the streets and fields were filled with debris, mud, overturned cars and boats. Several buildings in the city — just a few feet above sea level — were flattened. Power was expected to be out in some areas for up to a month and officials said some 2,200 people were in seven shelters across the island.

"Right now, we're focused on bringing in the assistance for people that have been injured, and for the immediate needs of the tens of thousands of survivors down there," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate.

Hundreds of people bombarded American Samoa's radio stations with requests to announce the names of their missing loved ones. Broadcasters urged listeners to contact their families immediately.

A "river of mud" carried trees, cars, buses and boats past his building, which is practically at sea level, Cummings said.

While the earthquake and tsunami were big, they were not on the same scale of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami that killed more than 230,000 in a dozen countries across Asia.

Although the quakes in the Samoas and Indonesia struck within 24 hours of each other, experts said there was no link between them.

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pastors need to recognize that the two are intertwined.

"It's all interrelated, and that's what makes it difficult," Cook said. "When you're dealing with a whole person you're dealing with a spiritual person, but also one with a neurological and psycho-emotional makeup."

Cook said the clergy sometimes address issues of mental illness in the wrong terms, and that training is needed to handle those types of issues.

"It would be a simple matter to try to address psychological issues on a spiritual basis. I think that Dr. Stanford's research shows where that is the case," Cook said. "I think more and more clergy and lay leaders are trained, but not enough, and that's why this (study) is so important"

Cook said schools are starting to become aware of these types of complications and are working to address them.

"I think at most good seminars these days, including Truett seminary, including our students, who are dual degree students at Truett and the school of social work, are very well trained to be in tune to psycho-emotional needs," Cook said. "Of course we can always do better. I think anyone around could say that we want to do better, but I do think that our students are very capable to be aware of the need as it manifests itself."

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more than retired, older generations. Since driving is a complex, multi-faceted situation in which one cannot control what happens, it tends to increase stress and heighten blood pressure.

However, there are ways to increase solace and peace during times of increased traffic noise.

"Possible solutions while you're driving may include playing calming music or practicing breathing exercises, but I don't know if there's a 'solution' per se," Genous said.

"I would recommend doing something to lower stress levels once you're out of that environment like exercising or reading."

However, though the study shows there is a link between noise and an increase in hypertension, it is limited in scope.

"This study only looks at the impact of traffic noise on hypertension," said Dr. Sharon Stern, medical director at the Baylor Health Center.

"It looked at rates of hypertension in areas near higher levels of noise. However, there are too many other confounding variables to prove cause and effect."

"For example, many people who live near freeways and high traffic areas may have come to the neighborhood with pre-existing health problems," Stern said.

"It is an interesting observation, but it is not good scientific data in that it is not a prospective controlled study."

It may not just be driving that leads to higher blood pressure and hypertension. For anyone with very busy or noisy schedules, increase in stress will result in the same increase in high blood pressure and hypertension.

"I think other noisy and busy environments can affect you in much the same way, increasing stress levels," Genous said.

"There have been studies that suggest that elevated noise levels increase the risk of heart attacks by chronically elevating cortisol production."

Research from studies on noise levels in relation to hypertension and high blood pressure is still in the new stages.

The studies may be valid, but the research is still new and must be studied more to deliver more specific effects, Stern said.

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... some of those reasons are unsound."

Vitanza said the banning of books inhibit some constitutional rights.

"They are infringements on free speech; I think it is self-evident what they are doing is preventing someone from reading (the book)."

Henderson junior Audrey Cary, president of the Literary Society on campus, said that book bans are a sensitive issue and that they affect people in a variety of ways.

"We should be able to speak our mind, write what we think and read what we want. Limiting our knowledge is limiting our potential."

Dr. Raymond Bailey, pastor of Seventh and James Baptist Church in Waco, said that because issues of mental health are complicated, adequate training is essential.

"Sometimes depression is taken too lightly by some pastors," Bailey said. "It's very important that a part of seminary training for clergy include some basic courses in pastoral care and pastoral psychology. I think that we need to treat depression seriously, and there are different areas and different forms of depression, but we should stick to our area of expertise."

Bailey explained that when people are depressed about spiritual issues such as overwhelming sin and forgiveness, a pastor can address them, but the pastors need to acknowledge that some depression is chemically oriented and are caused by external forces.

Bailey stressed that pastors need to be able to refer congregants to qualified professionals in those instances.

Cook said this new research is a big move toward helping the church to become more in tune with it's congregants.

"We would like to be even better at it, and this research and Matt's work is very helpful," Cook said. "This is something that pastors and lay leaders need to read."

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