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New technology helps translate pages to Braille

By LAURA PATTON
REPORTER

The Riley Digitization Center, located on the garden level of Moody Memorial Library, has paired with the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation this semester to aid with the translation of books to Braille as well as electronic formats. The center also worked this semester to open its doors to visually impaired students who require Braille and physically impaired students who cannot turn the pages of their books.

New technology that is high-speed book scanner that is being implemented to help students. The main users of the service are Baylor's special collections and campus libraries, said Eric Ames, information specialist IV in the electronic libraries division of campus libraries. OALA has recently been added to the list of beneficiaries of the scanner.

"For OALA, we have scanned 27 books, with a page count of close to 10,000 pages," Ames

said in an e-mail the the Lariat. This is the first time OALA has capitalized on using the scanner, though it has been available to the office since September 2008. The enrollment of Baylor's first blind freshman prompted OALA to use the scanner.

"We are very excited to be working with OALA this year," Ames said. "The Kirtas book scanner is a fast, efficient and effective way to help them get books scanned in a timely manner. The quality of work we're able to provide to OALA helps ensure that every Baylor student has access to the materials they need to succeed in their coursework."

Baylor's only other current blind student, West senior Stephanie Lee, transferred to Baylor last year from Texas A&M and has not yet had a chance to use the scanner.

Lee expressed excitement about its accessibility to students.

"It will make life so much easier for Baylor students with visual impairments," Lee said in



LARIAT FILE PHOTO

Eric Ames, a library information specialist, works on an auto book scanner in this Oct. 2, 2008, file photo. The machine scans up to 2,400 pages per hour and is located in the new Riley Digitization Center in Moody Memorial Library.

an e-mail to the Lariat. "By using this scanner, students should have electronic or Braille access to their textbooks."

The addition of the scanner has decreased the workload of the OALA offices. Lee said that before the scanner was introduced, OALA had to cut the binding out from the textbooks that needed to be transcribed since the old scanner was not able to read any text close to margins or a book.

"The Kirtas uses two 16.1 megapixel Canon cameras to take photos of both the left and right pages of a book at the same time," Ames said. "Then, a vacuum head picks up the right-hand page and turns it, the pages are held down with clamps, and photos are taken of the next two pages."

In this setting, the Kirtas can take the image of up to 2,400 pages in an hour. The files of the pictures are then sent to OALA

to be translated to Braille.

"Every school should have one of these machines," Lee said. "It makes life easier on the students who wish to have access to material in a convenient way, and it reduces stress for those who are producing the material for the student."

Visually-impaired students are not the only ones who can

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Accident at local school kills one

By ALYSSA MENDEZ
REPORTER

A 5-year-old girl died Wednesday in an accident at G.L. Wiley Middle School.

The kindergartener was pronounced dead Wednesday at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center after being struck and crushed by a portable closet at G.L. Wiley Middle School, where the students of J.H. Hines Elementary school are being housed while a new elementary school is being built.

According to Waco Independent School District spokesman Dale Caffey, during a kindergarten gym class period, a few children chased a lizard near a portable storage closet.

Two students climbed inside the closet, creating enough counterweight to cause it to tip over and topple onto another student.

Children were escorted back to their classrooms as the young girl was transported via ambulance to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center.

"We made the decision not to announce the death of the child to the children this afternoon," Caffey said. "We took the advice of our school psychologists who said it was better to notify the parents first."

A note went home with each child Wednesday notifying parents about the incident.

Caffey said that there will be no school today. Counselors will be available all morning and when needed for students or staff members who are having difficulty dealing with the incident.

CORRECTION

The Lariat would like to clarify information in Wednesday's story, "Perry makes stop at local hot-stop."

Gov. Rick Perry will be running in the GOP primary in March 2010. The general election is in November 2010.

The Lariat apologizes for any confusion.

In OPINION

"The groups lobbying to have the award given out more frequently and to have other medals upgraded are asking too much."

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Proposed health bill would cost \$829 billion

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Health care legislation drafted by a key Senate committee would expand coverage to 94 percent of all eligible Americans at a 10-year cost of \$829 billion, congressional budget experts said Wednesday, a preliminary estimate trumpeted by the White House and likely to power the measure past a major hurdle within days.

The Congressional Budget Office added that the legislation would reduce federal deficits by \$81 billion over a decade and probably lead to "continued reductions in federal" red ink in the years beyond.

The report paves the way for the Senate Finance Committee to vote as soon as early next week on the legislation, which is largely in line with President Barack Obama's call for the most sweeping overhaul of the nation's health care system in a half-century.

At the White House, spokesman Reid Cherlin said the analysis "confirms that we can provide stability and security for Americans with insurance and

affordable options for uninsured Americans without adding a dime to the deficit and saving money over the long term."

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the committee chairman and principal architect of the measure, hailed the estimates within moments of receiving them.

"This legislation, I believe, is a smart investment on our federal balance sheet. It's an even smarter investment for American families, businesses and our economy," he said on the Senate floor.

The committee Baucus chairs is the fifth and last of the congressional panels to debate health care. The Senate Finance version has a decided middle-of-the-road flavor, shunning any provision for the government to sell insurance in competition with private industry. That provision, strongly favored by many Democrats and just as strongly opposed by Republicans, is still alive in proposed House versions of the legislation.

The Finance Committee bill does not require businesses to offer coverage to their workers, either, although large firms



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Senate Finance Committee members, from left, Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., take part in the committee's hearing on health care overhaul reform legislation Wednesday.

that do not would be required to offset the cost of any government subsidies going to those employees.

While generally positive about the legislation's effects, the report contained important caveats.

One noted that the estimate does not include the costs of proposed payment increases for doctors serving Medicare patients, roughly \$200 billion through 2019. Additionally, a so-called fail-safe mechanism to hold spending in line could result in cuts as large as 15 percent in federal subsidies designed to help the poor afford insurance, CBO said.

Beginning in 2013, the measure would require that millions

of Americans purchase private insurance for the first time, and would set up a new marketplace where policies would be available. Failure to obey the requirement would result in penalties of up to \$750 per family.

Federal subsidies would be available to millions of lower-income individuals and families to help defray the cost of coverage that would otherwise be out of their reach. The alternative to government-sold health care, a proposal for nonprofit co-ops that would compete with private companies, was judged largely ineffective by budget officials. Such arrangements "seem un-

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Sharp debate at high court

Mojave cross case deals religious freedom

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— As the Supreme Court weighed a dispute over a religious symbol on public land Wednesday, Justice Antonin Scalia was having difficulty understanding how some people might feel excluded by a cross that was put up as a memorial to soldiers killed in World War I.

"It's erected as a war memorial. I assume it is erected in honor of all of the war dead," Scalia said of the cross that the Veterans of Foreign Wars built 75 years ago atop an outcropping in the Mojave National Preserve. "What would you have them erect?... Some conglomerate of a cross, a Star of David, and you know, a Muslim half moon and star?"

Peter Eliasberg, the American Civil Liberties Union lawyer arguing the case, explained that the cross is the predominant symbol of Christianity and commonly used at Christian grave sites, not that the devoutly Catholic Scalia needed to be told that.

"I have been in Jewish cemeteries," Eliasberg continued. "There is never a cross on a tombstone of a Jew."

There was mild laughter in the packed courtroom, but not from Scalia.

"I don't think you can leap from that to the conclusion that the only war dead that that cross honors are the Christian war dead. I think that's an outrageous conclusion," Scalia said, clearly irritated by the exchange.

The court is considering whether the cross's presence on

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BU sustainability grade improves to C

By CATY HIRST
COPY EDITOR

Baylor earned a grade of C from the College Sustainability Report Card, which is an increase from a C- the past two years. The university received a D+ three years ago.

Carl Flynn, the director of marketing and communications for information technology and university libraries, said he is excited about the improvement on the report card.

"I thought (the overall grade) was good, relative to the survey," Flynn said. "It is encouraging to be involved in this survey because they set standards to measure by. It is a challenge to us to keep moving forward."

The Sustainable Endowments Institute did in-depth research on 332 colleges and graded the colleges based on nine different categories, taking the average to determine the overall grade. Smith Getteman, the sustainability coordinator for Baylor, said Baylor did well on the report card.

"I am very excited about it," Getteman said. "It is always good to see and show improvement. We are excited about our grade, but aware there is always more to be done."

Baylor earned a C in the area of student involvement. This category looked at the student organizations involved in expanding sustainability efforts and the

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Baylor Sustainability Report Card

Overall grade	C
Administration	B
Climate Change and Energy	D
Food and Recycling	B
Green Building	D
Student Involvement	C
Transportation	C
Endowment Transparency	F
Investment Priorities	A
Shareholder Engagement	D

Lesson learned: No more clothes worth falling for

Point of View



By JESSICA GOODLETT

I remember it like it was yesterday. It was the one day I tried to look cute for class.

That was my first mistake. It was my freshman chemistry class and I had these cute little boots on. Class was about to start, but I decided that I had enough time to run to the bathroom.

That was my second mistake.

I got up and inched my way behind the people in my row. I got to the aisle and began my descent down the stairs. Sure enough, the very first step I took... I fell.

It was those stupid stairs, I tell you! You know the ones I'm talking about. They're long and shallow. You're not sure if you should take them one at a time or take a step or two in between.

Apparently, I chose wrong. I took a tumble, and what's worse, I fell on top of some poor, innocent guy. Imagine sitting in class, minding your own business. You pull out some paper to take notes and then this massive blonde girl falls on you.

That can't be a good start to your day. I stood myself up, made my apologies, and continued my walk of shame down the rest of the stairs. Of course, going slower this time.

The class was surprisingly nice. They waited for me to get out the door before they exploded in laughter.

Now, I have to admit, this frustrated me. Why would someone laugh at me falling? That's just rude. But by the time I got to the bathroom I realized that I would have laughed at myself too.

Why is this? When someone falls, down it is our initial reaction to bust out in laughter. It's natural and unforced. Then in the middle of our tear-jerking giggles, we manage to push out an, "Are you OK?"

Seriously? You just spent that last 10 minutes laughing in this person's face because they're just a little uncoordinated and maybe a little wobbly on their feet, and now you're going to try to care about them? You just humiliated them, but all of a sudden, you care about their well-being?

Doubtful. However, I can't get mad at you because we all do it. I'm pretty sure this reaction is common in every society around the world. It may be the one thing that every culture can agree on.

Fall = laugh. When you remove yourself from the situation and just observe this concept, it is absolutely ridiculous, and almost barbaric, behavior. However, it has become a part of our culture.

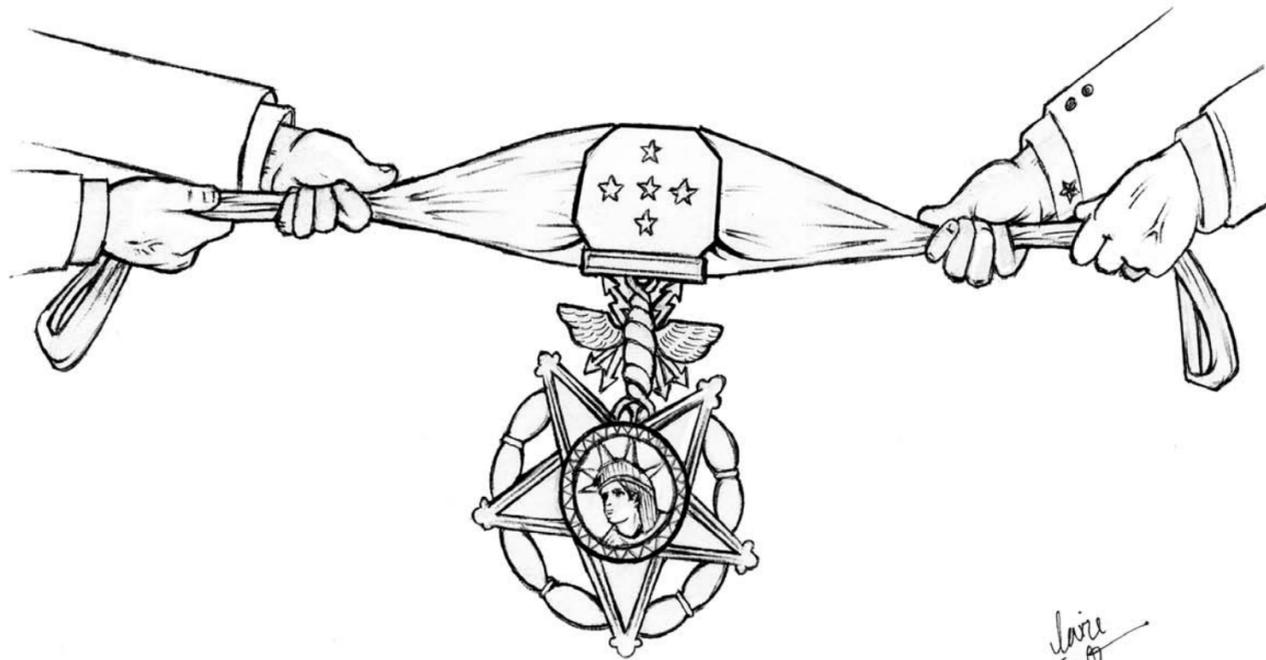
The dark side of me actually enjoys when someone falls. I hate the fact that he or she fell because it's embarrassing and may have hurt, but I still laugh, even if it's just on the inside.

It's like in old cartoons when someone has an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other. For me, whenever a person falls, my little angel and devil duke it out. While they're fighting, I take the time to check on the person. By the time this is done, either the angel or devil has prevailed and given me my next move: laugh or continue on.

I guess you could say that I've mastered the system, but the fact remains that once that blonde girl (in the cute boots, I might add) fell down the stairs, the laughter was imperative. I would have been laughing right along with the class.

And by the way, I don't dress cute for class anymore.

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Broadening Medal of Honor criteria will discount award's significance

Editorial

In an Oct. 1 article in the Washington Post, a combined protest of politicians and civilians was brought to the public's attention. The subject was that of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award given to those that have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Those speaking out believe that the medal's criteria are too strict and should be lowered so that others have a chance to receive it. Furthermore, they also believe that some veterans deserve to have their highest faction medals, such as the Navy Cross or the Distinguished Service Cross, upgraded based on their actions.

Nothing should be changed involving the criteria of the Medal of Honor. The award is not simply handed out; it is earned, and as a result of truly heroic stories. Every soldier that is serving our country deserves, at the very least, our appreciation and support. They are fighting for our protection and for our livelihood. That being said, the groups lobbying to have the award given out more frequently and to have other medals upgraded are asking too much.

Doing so would cheapen the memory of those that have al-

ready been given the medal under its current criteria.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, only six men have received the award, and all of them received it posthumously. There is a reason that most of the medals are given after the soldier has been killed: The situation called for it. Jared C. Monti, the latest recipient of the award, was killed in a battle at Gowardesh, Afghanistan, while he attempted to rescue a wounded soldier.

These are the stories that heroes are made of, and the Medal of Honor is a hero's award.

The history of the medal of honor is vague, but the reasoning behind its rigid precedent is clear. A Senate bill was introduced on Dec. 9, 1861 that would promote the efficiency of the Navy by creating "medals of honor." The bill passed on Dec. 21, and 200 medals were made to be "bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen and marines as shall distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other seamanlike qualities during the [Civil War]."

The criteria of receiving the medal has since

then updated to include when a soldier proves himself or herself "conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his [or her] life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States."

Unfortunately, this is not very clear criterion, a fact that has many people up in arms about whether their loved one should be a candidate for the award.

Some erroneously attribute the duty of candidate selection to Congress. After all, its full title is the Congressional Medal of Honor. However, it is really the Department of Defense that is responsible for all actions involving the medal. After thoroughly and tirelessly investigating each case, the department then makes its selection. Not all men can be awarded the prestigious title, and difficult choices are often made.

The Medal of Honor is a statement of bravery and sacrifice. It is awarded to heroes and for their dedication to our country. We should be thanking the soldiers, not changing the medal's significance.

Alumna speaks out against regents' proposal

When the Baylor Board of Regents demanded that the BAA terminated its independent, self-governing legal status to substitute an alumni organization designed and controlled by the regents, they crossed the line into professional incompetence.

Besides the fact that they dumped on a 150-year-old tradition, they did it in a reprehensible way by intruding on the BAA meeting celebrating the anniversary of its 150-year history. Quite frankly, the action feels vengeful to me.

Now we must look at the regents in a new light and examine what this take over of the BAA is really about. What is the ultimate goal of this group of regents who govern themselves, elect 75 percent of their own members and who could be accountable to no one should they succeed?

Accountability of governance means that people who govern should be accountable to the people they govern. This is fundamental in America. However, this along with shared governance and freedom of speech and information are about to be terminated at Baylor University.

The Baylor Alumni Association was founded in 1859, was legally incorporated in 1942 and in 1978 granted a charter from the State of Texas as a nonprofit organization.

In 1978, Baylor President Abner McCall proposed that the BAA be an unfettered voice to provide a free flow of unbiased information to alumni and stakeholders and to be in a position to act as a counter balance to the university administration.

From 1976, with Abner McCall and Herbert Reynolds as Presidents, Baylor University and

Point of View

BY SHERYN JONES



the BAA had a tremendous working relationship and independence was never a factor.

Today, the board wants to terminate BAA's independence, thereby terminating any checks and balances for their agenda and the way they do business. The alumni and stakeholders believe that those who give money and support to Baylor have a right to hold those who govern Baylor accountable for their actions.

Shared governance of Baylor University means that Baylor is supposed to be governed by the president, the regents and the faculty.

Dr. Lynn Tatum, senior lecturer in Baylor's Honors College, wrote an article about shared governance that appeared in The Baylor Line on May 8, 2008.

In the article, he states that shared governance was defined by the American Association of University Professors, the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities and the American Council on Education in their joint publication called "Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities."

"That presidents, faculty and boards can all

agree on sound governance practices is of crucial significance. For while universities have multiple stakeholders (students, alumni, donors, staff), the decision-making falls to these three entities: the regent board, the president and the faculty."

If the administration takes over the duties of the faculty by usurping control over faculty tenure or hiring practices, as examples, shared governance is destroyed.

If authority follows responsibility as Tatum points out, then these regents have already infringed on the faculty's authority.

Freedom of speech and information means that faculty, students, alumni, stakeholders and friends of Baylor have the right to unbiased information and the right to speak freely. Current regents want to control all editorial content of the university.

As an example, the board of regents established the Baylor Magazine as a direct competitor to The Baylor Line with the intention of discontinuing the Line and controlling the content in the Baylor Magazine. I, for one, think the Baylor Magazine is a propaganda/advertising piece that does an injustice to the heart and soul of Baylor.

Students, faculty, alumni and all stakeholders now face the great challenge of preserving for the future what is the very heart and soul of Baylor University.

Those who govern must be accountable to those they govern.

Sheryn R. Jones
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Please Recycle This Issue

Poage committee chairman shares life as politician

By JENNA THOMPSON
REPORTER

Fowler C. West, chairman of the Poage Legislative Library standing committee, returned to Baylor from Washington, D.C., where he serves as a political professional, Friday and Saturday for the 30th anniversary celebration of the library.

West worked as a staff assistant to former Rep. W.R. "Bob" Poage and did extensive work on the professional staff of the House Committee on Agriculture.

During the 1960s and 1970s, West helped shape several bills, including the Farm Bill of 1965 and the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act.

He was appointed commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in 1982 by former President Ronald Reagan and continued to serve for a second five-year term.

In 1977, West was honored as the Congressional Staffer of the Year.

When was the last time you were here at Baylor?

I was here for a presentation and lecture series that the library has. I come when I can.

Ben [Rogers, director of the Baylor Collections of Political Materials] and I were here, and we were talking about a committee that would bring support to the library and try to raise funds for the library.

We called it the standing committee, for lack of a better name for it. So what we do is try to get people to join. Like every other group at Baylor, I wish we had

more money.

What are some of your favorite memories in your undergrad experience?

Teachers stood out. One was Ann Miller. She taught me in an evening class, English literature, and I remember she asked us to do an analysis of different poems. She was announcing the grades and she said she wanted to see me after class.

She said, "Did someone help you with this? That's one of the best. That's a wonderful analysis."

I'm not here to say that I was some giant scholar of English literature, but that was very encouraging. While I was here I always was struck by how the faculty cared for their students.

Tell me about the farming bills that you have worked on.

Well, there were a whole series of farm bills. Farm bills generally came every three years. And I think that we see an evolution of farm bills from strictly being for farmers to where the jurisdiction really would have expanded to be more oriented toward food programs.

While I was there, one was a food stamp program. That's big now. Poage was the chairman of the Agricultural Committee.

He actually put the food stamp legislation into the farm bill. His purpose was to make sure we had enough city votes to pass the farm bill.

The food bill has been successful because of all of the different commodity groups who

are involved, whether it be the cotton people, the dairy people or the feed grains people. When it comes time to put the bill together, all of these groups have always banded together.

Wine grapes now are the sixth largest cash crop in the United States. So, whether it's table grapes or wine grapes, they weren't even mentioned in the farm bill. Now the new farm bill has taken in the specialty crop growers.

What changes do you see in the realm of agricultural issues today as opposed to when you were working with the committee?

I think that you're seeing probably more focus on research and more focus on research not only to make the crop better, but research also to ward off problems brought on by the introduction of pests and diseases.

The citrus people are facing terrible problems with the new diseases and insects that are being introduced in the U.S. from other countries.

There's a pest called the glassy winged sharpshooter. It's a bug that flies long distances. They have been very instrumental in spreading a deadly disease called Pierce's Disease that at one time threatened to wipe out the grape industry in California and other states, and California grapes produce 90 percent of the nation's wine.

You now have the terrible prospect of pests getting brought into the great lakes from the ballasts of ships, and you now have a lot more concern about food safety. You know we've had outbreaks of salmonella and other

things.

It's a more consumer-oriented farm bill. There's a need to secure food source and make it safe by being able to very quickly identify and track down problems as opposed to requiring the destruction of fields of lettuce because someone got sick from a hamburger.

You worked on a Laboratory Animal Welfare Act. Tell me about what that sought to achieve.

That was very interesting, and was in the 1970s. Mr. Poage, one of his bills he was best known for introducing was the bill for the Humane Slaughter Act.

That was to make sure there was minimal inhumane treatment of animals being slaughtered.

There was a lot of publicity in the 1970s about people who had pets stolen, and sometimes they would track the pets down, [and] they had been sold by cat and dog dealers to the laboratory for research.

There was a thriving industry of people who would buy animals from people who would go around and take them from people's yards. And so some people's pets were traced back to some reputable laboratory or some research group.

This bill required the Department of Agriculture to set certain standards for research. And it's been expanded. The provisions are to take care to see that the animals aren't somebody's pet and buy them from dealers who are registered.

What kind of advice do you have for students here at Bay-



Fowler C. West, chair of the Poage Legislative Library standing committee makes a trip to Baylor from Washington D.C. to celebrate the library's 30th anniversary.

lor who are pursuing a career in politics?

I think that there are many good sources of education now that weren't here when I was a student. You can go online and watch the House and Senate in action. You can see it yourself.

There's every opportunity to

get to know people in political life. Take advantage of it. I always had a desire to get involved with Congress.

My advice would be to learn about how Congress works, how the legislation works. You can do it by following developments there. For those who desire to get involved, there's room at the top.

Baylor distributes vaccine

By SAMREEN HOODA
REPORTER

The seasonal flu vaccine is now available on campus, but the H1N1 vaccine is not available at Baylor. Two campus flu clinics held this week had strong student turnout.

"We have had two clinics and they have been well attended with more than our usual numbers of people requesting the vaccine," said Dr. Sharon Stern, medical director at the McLane Student Life Center. "Faculty, staff and students may attend the clinics."

Stern also recommends that everyone get a flu shot, going against misconceptions that the shot will cause sickness.

"I think it's a good idea for most people who do not have contraindications to have a seasonal flu shot every year," Stern said. "It is not possible to get the flu from the vaccine shot, as it is a killed virus. Most people notice a little stinging when the vaccine is injected and it may make their arm a little sore for the next day or so. It is unusual to have serious reactions to flu shots."

The clinics began on Baylor campus last week, and there are many more upcoming opportunities where students can get their shot.

"We have not come close to running out [of shots] because

we just got our entire shipment last week," Stern said. "We have nine more clinics for the seasonal flu shots."

The seasonal flu shot costs \$20 on campus. For students, the cost is billed to student accounts. For faculty and staff, the cost is taken out in a payroll deduction. The next clinic will be offered today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Village Residential Community.

With the flu shot now available on campus, the next question seems to be when the H1N1 influenza shots will arrive.

"At this point we do not have a vaccine available," said Kelly Craine, public information officer from McLennan County Health District.

Even though the numbers published by the Health District show a consistent increase in H1N1 cases in Central Texas through September, the numbers now seem to be waning. In the last week the number fell from 1,373 to 1,174 cases in Central Texas.

This may be because at least one form of the H1N1 vaccine is here.

"The first vaccine that is available right now is the Flu Mist. They are sending this out throughout the state," Craine said. "The state has asked that the mist be designated for healthy children between 2 and 3, which is a high-risk group. It

is not approved for anyone over the age of 49."

Because of its weaker dosage that the nasal spray mist is not beneficial to anyone over the age of 49 or those who have complicating factors such as asthma.

"We still have not received word yet on when we will be receiving our shipment of the H1N1 vaccine from the State Health Services," Stern said. However, for those who have already had the H1N1 virus, there may be some good news.

"If a person has already had H1N1 influenza, they do not need to take the vaccine, because they develop very good immunity from having the illness," Stern said.

Not knowing when the vaccine is coming out or how much might be available can get a little tedious, Craine said, but it will not come in the way of meeting the need.

"It is a little frustrating, but it's not going to stop us. That is still our goal to get the vaccine to everyone who wants one, especially those high-risk categories. This is not going to stop us from doing what we need to do," Craine said.

Craine and Stern recommend everyone get their seasonal flu shots. For a full list of times and places for clinics on campus, you can go to www.baylor.edu/health_center and click on flu shot clinics.



SARAH GROMAN | PHOTOGRAPHER

Bagging it up and throwin' it out

Zeta Tau Alpha juniors Brittany Drenna of Houston, Shanna Skinner of Cypress and Emily Grasseaugh of Montgomery aim to "throw out breast cancer" by wearing trash bags as part of breast cancer awareness month.

BEAR BRIEFS

Global Issues Lecture Series presents Dr. D. Mark Hardin Jr., a family physician and alumnus lecturing on "Missions, Medicine & Culture: a Perspective from the Ecuadorian Amazon" from 4 to 5 p.m. today in 116 Draper Academic Building.

RFID Supply Chain Symposium will be an all-day event today on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. The sessions will address the interest in the technology of radio frequency identification, which affects supply chains. Speakers will discuss RFID strategies.

The Third Annual Baylor Symposium on Faith and

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Jones Concert Hall plays host to free concert tonight

BY ASH ANDERSON
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Four or five times a year, students from all spectrums of academia gather together to play music as a part of the Baylor Campus Orchestra. Tonight is one of those times.

When it began in 1994 as the Concert Orchestra, it was a new group of students gathering together to play music. The group was successful in their endeavor for 10 years, until 2004 when a hiatus put their performances on hold.

associate professor of string education and conductor of the Campus Orchestra, arrived in 2006, the group was revived under a different name.

The newly dubbed Campus Orchestra continued in the same vein as its predecessor and has been running strong ever since. Alexander said the diversity of the Campus Orchestra is what makes it unique.

"The Baylor Symphony is the flagship of the music program, but the Campus Orchestra is also an important part," he said. "The members of the Campus Orchestra range from biology and pre-med majors, to political science, to university scholars. It really runs the gamut."

The majority of them may not be music majors, but Alexander doesn't feel like that limits the

program in any way.

"They have less time to dedicate to practicing simply because they have other majors to worry about, but I don't have to water down the performances in any way," he said. "We occasionally bring in brass and woodwinds to play with the strings."

Sugar Land freshman and Spanish major Betsy Runnels said that, despite her major, she enjoys being able to play music with a wide variety of people.

"I have been playing the violin for 15 years, and it has been a great opportunity to make friends while making music," Runnels said.

"Dr. Alexander is extremely easy to respect. He leads us with encouragement and has a great ability to dictate exactly what he wants us to do. It has been such a

rewarding experience so far to be able to play with other great musicians who are just as excited about music as I am."

Waco sophomore and University Scholars major Daniel Jang said that although it's his first semester, he's happy to find some-

and following his directions, he said. Jang also had high praise for Alexander.

"It's been really great. I think he's really good working with students," Jang said. "He's very encouraging, but he's very nice with letting us know what we need to work on. He helps us grow not only as an orchestra but also individually."

Although most of the members aren't affiliated with the music department in any way, Jang said he enjoys being a part of an organization where people want to grow.

"Obviously it's not something that people are pursuing professionally, but people care enough to work hard," Jang said. "It's not so competitive."

The concert is at 7 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall. It is free and open to the public.

"The orchestra really runs the gamut."

Dr. Michael Alexander
Associate Professor of String Ed.

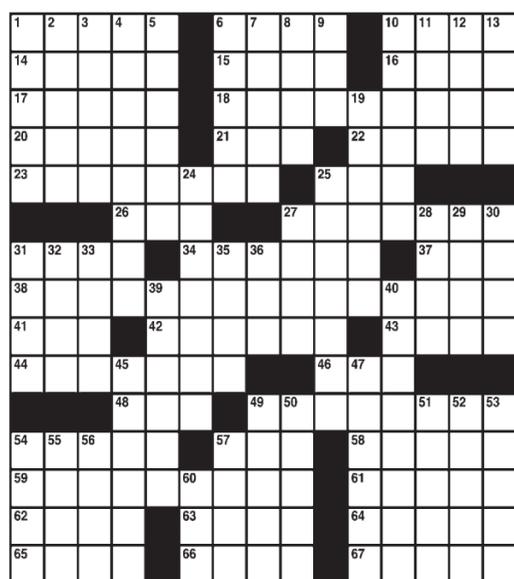
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Across

- 1 Athenian with harsh laws
- 6 "Star Wars" princess
- 10 Hip-hop mogul who married Beyoncé
- 14 Grapevine traveler
- 15 Srs.' lobbying gp.
- 16 "Dies ___": hymn
- 17 Get hitched quick
- 18 Jam on the brakes
- 20 Stick-on design
- 21 Go astray
- 22 Press conf. format
- 23 Soft court stroke
- 25 Wallowing place
- 26 Pasture
- 27 Colorfully patterned fabric
- 31 Songstress Adams
- 34 RCA Victor pooch
- 37 Altar consent
- 38 Small family businesses
- 41 Driver's lic. et al.
- 42 Lend a hand

43 Fast time

- 44 Gander
- 46 Embarrassed
- 48 World Series mo.
- 49 Stir-fried dish
- 54 Legend automaker
- 57 Cross shape
- 58 Yellowish earth tone
- 59 Hush-hush activities, briefly, and a hint to the hidden theme in 18-, 23-, 38- and 49-Across
- 61 Magician Henning et al.
- 62 Region
- 63 Shoshoneans
- 64 ___ the side of caution
- 65 College official
- 66 Like slasher movies
- 67 1954-1977 defense gp.

Down

- 1 "Judge ___": Stallone film

2 School tool

- 3 Big name in gas
- 4 Admit one's guilt to serve less time
- 5 Threat-ending words
- 6 Rodeo rope
- 7 Weird Al Yankovic parody of a Michael Jackson hit
- 8 It's pumped in gyms
- 9 PC program
- 10 Holy wars
- 11 Elvis ___ Presley
- 12 Swing set site
- 13 Epsilon follower
- 19 Water gun stream
- 24 Desk phone unit
- 25 Orchestra leader
- 27 Third afterthought, in a ltr.
- 28 Old Italian money
- 29 Paradise
- 30 Eddie of the '40s-'50s Senators
- 31 German artist Nolde
- 32 Dimwit

33 "___ Excited": Pointer Sisters hit

- 35 ___ dixit: assertion without proof
- 36 Luau fare
- 39 Sprint Cup org.
- 40 It may take years to settle one
- 45 Seoul man
- 47 Lyric poems
- 49 Playful prank
- 50 Brazen minx
- 51 "Star Trek" communications officer
- 52 Grain disease
- 53 Like some simple questions
- 54 West Point, e.g.: Abbr.
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Bears wreck Tech in three sets

By JESSICA GOODLETT
REPORTER

The Bears moved their record to 17-1 after sweeping over the Texas Tech Raiders in three sets (25-19, 25-23, 25-20) Wednesday night in Lubbock.

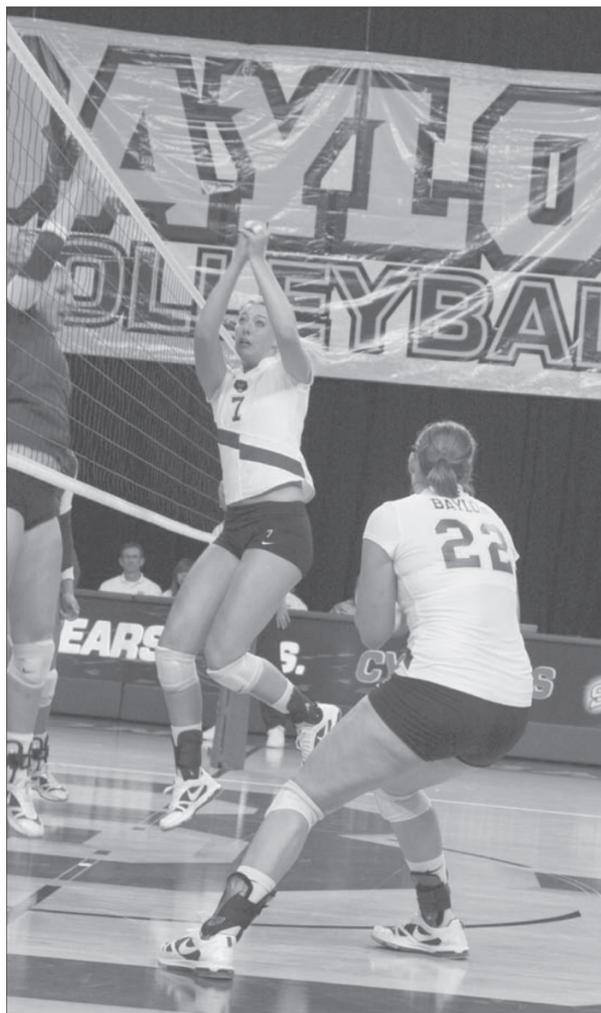
"It feels great," outside hitter Katie Sanders said. "I like that we're setting records here at Baylor."

Sanders led the Bears with 13 kills, followed closely by Anna Breyfogle with 11 and Torri Campbell with nine. Setter Taylor Barnes said the offense did a great job of keeping the ball in play, which allowed her to spread the offense out. On the defensive side, Allison King led the team with nine digs, while Sanders had eight.

In the first set the Bears got out to a 5-2 lead. There were plenty of long rallies in which Baylor showed superb blocking. The score went back and forth before the Bears went on a 5-1 run, forcing the Raiders to call a timeout with the score set at 22-18. The Bears continued to fight, causing Tech to call another timeout at 23-19. It ended when Sanders' kill at 25-19.

The Raiders looked a little more promising in the second set as Baylor struggled to find the lead. Baylor finally took it over at 9-8 and continued pushing to 13-11 when Tech called a timeout. The Raiders then made a 3-0 run to take a 14-13 lead. From there, the score was like a pendulum as the Bears and Raiders traded leads, until Baylor snatched a 24-23 lead. This time it was Ashlie Christenson, with the kill, putting the Bears up two sets to none.

The Bears came out firing in the third set, getting out to a quick 6-2 lead. The Raiders were forced to call a timeout, striving for a way to break the Bears' momentum. The Bears continued to



FILE PHOTO

Middle blocker Tori Campbell (No. 7) bumped the ball against Iowa State during the Bears' 3-0 win Nov. 23 at the Ferrell Center.

push to a 12-6 lead, the largest of the match. The Raiders then rallied back and tied the score at 14-14. However, in the end it was the Bears who took the set at 25-20 and ultimately the match.

"It was definitely a team effort," Sanders said.

Despite the win the Bears feel that there could be improvement before their next match against Texas A&M.

"I thought we played well, but we couldn't really find a rhythm," Taylor Barnes said. "We're really going to work hard these next few days to come out strong against A&M."

Coach Jim Barnes said that the

team wasn't quite satisfied with their performance in the match, but it's always good to get a win on the road.

He said it has been a learning experience for the team to play at a higher level on the road. However, he's already looking to their next match at home against the Aggies.

"We know that's going to be one of the biggest matches so far in the season," Jim Barnes said. "We're really going to be tested by these next teams that we're about to play."

The Bears will take on the Aggies at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

Crabtree signs with 49ers

By JANIE MCCAULEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The San Francisco 49ers and wide receiver Michael Crabtree agreed to a six-year contract early Wednesday after several months of difficult negotiations.

Team spokesman Bob Lange confirmed the deal in a text message to The Associated Press. Terms were not disclosed. Crabtree was expected to participate in practice Wednesday as the 49ers prepare for Sunday's home game against Atlanta.

The agreement was first reported by ESPN.com. The former Texas Tech star was the only draft pick who hadn't signed; even rapper MC Hammer got involved to finally make it happen.

Crabtree could provide the game-breaking wide receiver threat the 49ers have been lacking, assuming he can quickly learn the offense after missing all of training camp.

The 10th pick overall, he also sat out offseason minicamps and organized team activities while recovering from a foot injury, but was a regular presence at the team's training facility.

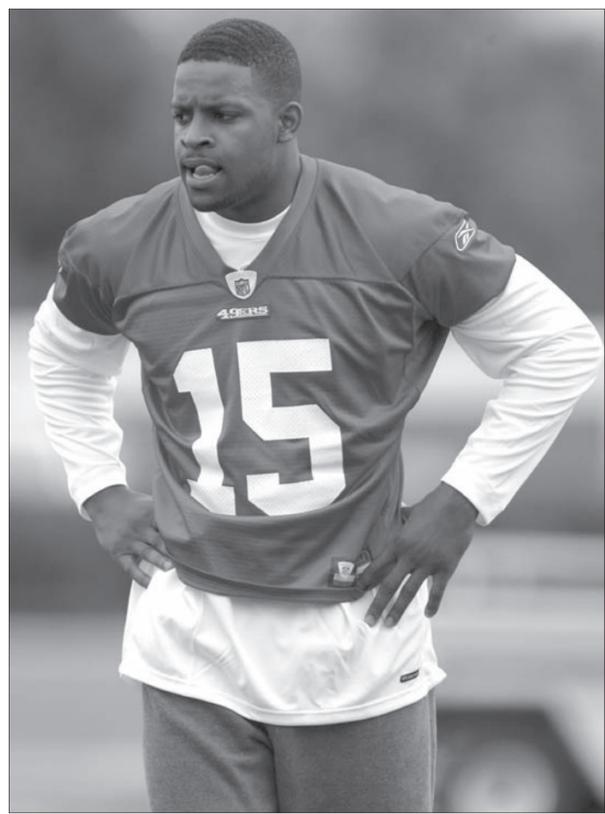
Crabtree and his agent, Eugene Parker, met with three top 49ers officials Tuesday in an attempt to work through his contract impasse.

Crabtree balked at a long-standing offer of approximately five years and \$20 million, with a reported \$16 million guaranteed. Instead, he sought money comparable to what higher draft picks had received.

Oakland Raiders receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey, the No. 7 choice, signed a five-year contract that will guarantee him at least \$23.5 million.

Jacksonville Jaguars top pick Eugene Monroe, taken eighth overall, signed a five-year, \$25 million contract that includes \$19 million guaranteed.

Coach Mike Singletary acknowledged last month that the 49ers discussed changing their offer to Crabtree, and team president Jed York said last month that the team hoped for a face-to-face meeting with Crabtree, but hadn't heard back from his rep-



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michael Crabtree works out during summer practice for the 49ers. The former Texas Tech Red Raider was San Francisco's first-round pick.

resentatives.

That meeting finally happened Tuesday at an undisclosed spot in the Bay Area, away from the team's Santa Clara headquarters.

Crabtree and Parker were joined by York, vice president of football operations Paraag Marathe and general manager Scot McCloughan. Hammer, a friend of Parker and client Deion Sanders, also participated.

Crabtree's contract can be voided after five years with two solid seasons.

It's unclear when Crabtree will be game ready after missing so much time, but San Francisco has a bye next week so it's conceivable he could make his debut in a limited role Oct. 25 at Houston.

Singletary, whose team leads

the NFC West and at 3-1 is off to its best start since 2002, said he would welcome Crabtree whenever he showed up to join the team.

The 49ers needed to sign Crabtree by Nov. 17 for him to remain eligible to play this season. There would have been a seven-week window before the 2010 draft to trade Crabtree if he did not sign.

In August, a report surfaced that Crabtree was prepared to sit out the season, re-enter the draft in 2010 and wait for a hefty paycheck.

Crabtree caught 97 passes for 1,165 yards and scored 19 touchdowns last year, his sophomore season at Texas Tech. He finished his college career with 231 receptions for 3,127 yards and 41 touchdowns.

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benefit from the scanner. Students who are physically disabled and might not be able to turn pages are also eligible to use the machine," said Dae Vasek, director of OALA.

"For the students with physical disabilities, the scanner transfers the books to PDF, so a student can just push a button to turn the page," Vasek said.

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the land violates the Constitution, despite Congress' decision to transfer the land on which the cross sits to private ownership.

Scalia made plain his view of the case, strongly suggesting that he sees no problem with the cross at all. By contrast, lower federal courts did find a constitutional violation and were not persuaded that the land transfer fixed the problem.

The cross has been covered with plywood for the past several years following the court rulings. Although Scalia's take on the dispute seemed clear, the case appeared to diminish in importance as the hourlong argument continued.

Rather than serve as a statement about the separation of church and state or even how people get past the courthouse door to challenge religious symbols on government land, the case could end up focused narrowly on the land transfer.

Even on that issue, the court appeared divided between conservatives and liberals.

Several conservative justices seemed open to the Obama administration's argument that Congress' decision to transfer to private ownership the land on which the cross sits ends any government endorsement of the

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level of support these student organizations received from the administration. Another factor considered was the "sustainability competitions" which are created and encouraged by students to challenge the community to go green in more ways.

"I can understand where they are coming from, but things have changed so much since even when they graded us on this report card, in terms of student involvement," Getterman said.

Getterman said that student organizations, such as Greek organizations, are beginning to get involved in sustainability efforts. Students are also getting involved through their classes and through the curriculum.

Flynn said there are two ways students can get more involved on campus. The first is by making a personal commitment to live in ways that are not damaging to the environment. The second way is by direct involvement with sustainability efforts on campus.

Students can volunteer in many ways, including working recycling stations at tailgate and half time of home football games. Getterman said students should come to expect and demand a greener, more sustainable lifestyle from Baylor.

There are also ways for faculty to get involved, Getterman said. The faculty can make a personal commitment to live "greener" lives, as well as try to incorporate sustainability in their curriculum. Getterman stresses that this is possible in every field, from biology to English.

Flynn recommends the book "Degrees that Matter" by Ann Rappaport and Sarah Hammond Creighton to faculty. The book is a series of essays describing the ways professors from different disciplines can incorporate sustainability into their curriculum.

Baylor's best grade was an A in investment priorities. The report found that Baylor "aims to optimize investment return and is currently invested in renewable energy funds."

"I think it's a huge positive because it shows on a grand scale the university has goals it has set for itself," Getterman said.

Flynn said there are certain areas in the survey Baylor cannot

Overall, Lee said her experiences since her transfer to Baylor has proved beneficial.

"Before transferring to Baylor, I didn't know what a 'good' disabilities department was," Lee said. "Their patience and willingness to work with me is greatly appreciated. At A&M, I was just a number, and here at Baylor, I am a known face."

cross and takes care of the constitutional questions.

"Isn't that a sensible interpretation" of a court order prohibiting the cross' display on government property? Justice Samuel Alito asked.

The liberal justices, on the other hand, indicated that they agree with a federal appeals court that ruled that the land transfer was a sort of end-run around the First Amendment prohibition against government endorsement of religion.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, often the decisive vote in these cases, said nothing to tip his hand.

Veterans groups are on both sides of the case, with some worrying that other religious symbols that serve as war memorials could be threatened by a ruling against the Mojave cross.

Whatever the court decides, it seems unlikely that the Mojave cross — would have to come down.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg indicated, and Eliasberg agreed, that even if the court finds problems with what Congress did, lawmakers probably could find a valid way to sell or give the land to veterans groups.

A decision is expected by spring. The case is Salazar v. Buono, 08-472.

do well in because it is a private university. For example, it was not able to score well in endowment transparency.

Baylor's lowest grade was an F and was for endowment transparency because it does not release information about endowment holdings to the general public.

"You have to take into account that being a private university, we have the right to choose not to disclose endowment information," Getterman said. "It affords more privacy to donors. We are not trying to compete with anyone on our endowment. That is not what Baylor is about."

Baylor earned a B in food and recycling for ceasing the use of trays in the cafeterias, offering reusable to-go boxes and recycling efforts.

"Surprising the skeptics, most schools we surveyed did not let financial reversals undermine their green commitments," said Mark Orłowski, executive director of the Sustainable Endowments Institute, in a press release. "New financial realities encouraged saving money by adopting environmentally friendly innovations." Getterman said he feels the same way about Baylor's efforts.

"It excites me a lot to see what the other schools have scored, because of the age and size of our program," Getterman said. He stressed that most of these programs have been in operation longer and are bigger than Baylor's. He believes Baylor has made great progress to be so close to these universities after so short a time. Some of the schools that received the grade of A include Amherst College, Brown University, Harvard University and University of Colorado.

Information for those who want to know how to get more involved on campus and ideas for students, faculty and alumni can be found at www.greenreportcard.org/get-involved.

"We are never going to settle," Getterman said concerning Baylor's sustainability efforts. "We are always going to look for ways to do better, because that is our role as Christians. We are always striving to serve the Lord in a better capacity."

Democratic leaders are hoping to hold votes on health care on the floor of the House and Senate within a few weeks.

Anticipating approval by the Finance Committee this week, Majority Leader Harry Reid has already begun efforts to merge that bill with an alternative approved by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Reid is subject to intense cross-pressures, not only from the members of the two committees, but also from the Obama administration and rank-and-file senators seeking to mold the legislation to their liking.

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