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Bush: America must not fail in Iraq President urges bipartisan efforts

By Terence Hunt
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A politically weakened President Bush implored a skeptical Congress Tuesday night to embrace his unpopular plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq, saying it represents the best hope in a war America must not lose. "Give it a chance to work," he said.

Facing a political showdown with Democrats and Republicans alike, Bush was unyielding on Iraq in his annual State of the Union address. He also sought to revive his troubled presidency with proposals to expand health insurance coverage and to slash gasoline consumption by 20 percent in a decade.

Republicans, scoffed at his Iraq policy. Unmoved by Bush's appeal, Democrats said the House and Senate would vote on resolutions of disapproval of the troop buildup.

"We need a new direction," said freshman Sen. Jim Webb, picked by the Democrats to deliver their TV response. "The majority of the nation no longer supports the way this war is being fought; nor does the majority of our military," said Webb, a Vietnam veteran opposed to Bush's invasion of Iraq.

Republican Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, also took issue with Bush. "I can't tell you what the path to success is, but it's not what the president has



Associated Press

President Bush smiles Tuesday while being applauded by Vice President Dick Cheney, left, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi prior to delivering his annual State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Dr. John Pisciotta, associate professor of economics, responds to the statements made by President Bush Tuesday after viewing a live broadcast of the State of the Union address in the Draper Academic Building. Pisciotta and Dr. Gayle Avant, associate professor of political science, presented opposing political views at the viewing.



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Lariat staff

Watch party intends to spark interest

Associate professors discuss Bush address from different angles

By Claire St. Amant
and Jon Schroeder
Staff writers

While the annual State of the Union address delivered Tuesday by President Bush was eagerly awaited by Congress and politically-minded individuals, many Baylor students were unaware and unconcerned with this historic event.

"I'm going to Kappa Sig Koffee tonight," Commerce freshman Matt Armstrong said Tuesday.

Dr. Gayle Avant, an associate professor of political science with "Democratic leanings," said he hopes more students will take an interest in governmental affairs.

Avant co-hosted a State of the Union "watch party" Tuesday in the Draper Academic Building with Dr. John Pisciotta, associate professor of economics, in an effort to foster student engagement in the political process, Avant said.

The watch party is in its third year, and Avant said it has been quite successful by his standards, drawing about 50 students annually. After viewing the speech and the Democratic response live, Avant and Pisciot-

ta facilitate student discussion. "We've been gratified by the student participation," Avant said.

Pisciotta, a Republican, said he planned to do something "special" this year and jokingly accuse Avant of Democratic "dirty tricks," document doctoring and name-calling.

"It's a good-spirited event," he said, referencing the "good mix" of Democratic and Republican students in attendance.

"From my perspective, this is what we need to do at a university. We shouldn't shrink from our differences. We should openly state our differences and lay them out for students to deal with."

Three years ago, Pisciotta hosted a viewing by himself, but deciding his students might benefit from two perspectives, he invited Avant to co-host the 2005 watch party.

Pisciotta said back-and-forth banter, both before and after the speech, is a big part of the watch party.

Still, many students remained uninterested in seeing what Avant called "a remarkable event."

"I'll probably end up listening to it while surfing Facebook and doing homework," Evergreen, Colo., junior Lauryn Shackelford said.

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Student government works to fill open positions

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

For students hoping to hold office, there's still time. As of Tuesday, student government had a total of 12 openings: eight Student Senate positions and four positions for justices on the Student Court.

Student court is required to have one chief justice and five associate justices in order to operate. At the moment, the court

has a chief justice and four associate justices.

"Technically we only need one more justice to resume court," student court chief justice James Nortey, an Austin junior, said.

Nortey said he hopes the finalists for the position will be nominated Thursday.

"Personally, I'm looking for someone who really is willing to serve students, in the sense that 99 percent of the cases are traf-

fic appeals," Nortey said. "I want someone who's going to think on behalf of other students. I want someone who's going to be fair to Baylor standards, but at the same time weigh the interests of the students."

The openings all occurred around the same time, Nortey said, and three of the justices resigned to study abroad in Maastricht, Netherlands.

The Student Senate openings are not seriously hampering

the senate's ability to function, Internal Vice President Travis Plummer said, but he hopes to fill the seats soon.

There are three openings for the senior class, one for the junior class, one for the sophomore class and three for the freshman class, Plummer said.

Applications for the positions are due by 5 p.m. Jan. 31. The applicants will be interviewed the following week and the new senators will be installed Feb. 8.

Applicants will be interviewed and confirmed by senators from their class.

Plummer said many of the openings arose over Christmas break.

"I sent an e-mail saying I really want y'all to be committed and if you can't, that's fine. Let's just serve students to the best of our ability," Plummer said. "A lot of people came back saying, 'I don't know if I can be fully committed.'"

Plummer said many of these vacancies occurred because the senators were committed in other places and their priorities had changed.

He said he hoped to find applicants who cared about Baylor and issues that affected the student body.

"Experience is wonderful, but the real issue at hand is to have a heart to serve and a desire to

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Senior's lectures focus on efficiency

By Sarah Hoyt
Reporter

Pottsboro senior April Heflich firmly believes that to ignore our God-given gifts is to compromise his creation within us.

Working among leaders to revamp the way buildings are designed, Heflich, a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional, is sharing her knowledge of the U.S. Green Building Council with students and professors.

Heflich, an interior design major, has created an eight-week course titled "Think GREEN!" which she conducts at 6 p.m. Mondays in the Mary Gibbs-Jones Family and Consumer Sciences Building.

Heflich said she hopes to spread her understanding of sustainability issues regarding the use of environmental resources.

The course material includes information on sustainable design, practical utilization of sustainability, company and product information and creative thinking for innovative designs.

The 25 students and two professors enrolled in her class received reference notebooks containing course information, hundreds of company references, green technologies and ideas for application. Despite being held on campus, the class does not count for Baylor credit.

Interior design program coordinator Dr. Adair Bowen has helped Heflich move forward



David Poe/Lariat Staff

Pottsboro senior April Heflich helps students and professors become aware of environmental issues by lecturing Mondays in her class "Think GREEN!"

with her efforts, deeming the course "an exceptional achievement for an undergraduate."

In her class, Heflich is helping students recognize how the U.S. Green Building Council provides building owners with the instruments needed to positively influence their building

operations.

One of these, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a performance based rating system for the establishment and growth of sustainable, environmentally safe

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Ambitions take alums from farmland to GQ

By Claire St. Amant
Staff writer

When John Garland graduated from Baylor in 2003 with a double major in environmental studies and anthropology, he never dreamed he'd end up in GQ magazine.

Far from being selected for fashion sense, Garland and his wife, Abby, also a 2003 grad, were featured in the January edition for their work with a Mennonite church in San Juan, Texas.

Garland said he believes the article appeared in the quarterly based on the recent political attention surrounding immigration, but as the pastor of a small church in a poor farming community, he doesn't care much for politics.

"My main focus is to use agri-

culture and business as a model for impoverished communities to become their own microenterprises," Garland said.

"I don't think I'm part of a political movement at all. That's just not how I see it."

Garland has been working with Mexican-Americans in the Rio Grande Valley for three and a half years. His agricultural interests were cultivated during his years at Baylor when he volunteered at the World Hunger Relief Farm in Elm Mott, located about 10 miles from campus.

"The time I spent on the farm was some of the best education I've ever gotten," he said. "My experiences there were integral to shaping my vision of myself and the possibilities of service through agriculture."

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Recycling everyday items not just for hippies

Tree-hugger, environmentalist, whatever you want to call it, I have never considered myself one. Sure, I cared about the environment, but I didn't live my life trying to protect it.

During the Fall, I was part of the Baylor in New York program.

I lived there for a few months and while the entire experience opened my eyes to so many new experiences, one thing I brought back with me was my new appreciation for our environment and how precious it is.

It may sound abnormal. Usually when people gain a new admiration for nature, it's after they have visited some tropical

paradise — not New York.

When you think of the Big Apple's tall buildings, concrete usually comes to mind. This is exactly why I started to change my point of view.

If you have ever visited New York, you may be familiar with what I'm about describe.

New York is home to roughly 8.1 million people in a land area of only 303 square miles. That's about 26,732 people per square mile!

Because of this high density of people, lots of trash builds up. For an outsider its more than noticeable.

Night after night trash would line up along the streets ris-

point of view



BY KIRSTEN HORNE

ing several feet high. It was an appalling sight. Every single night, trash trucks would make their rounds picking it up.

Here in Waco, trash pickup is only once a week. It was unbelievable thinking about how much trash could be produced.

While I was up there, I made a decision to alter my life. It wasn't anything major, I only

chose to be a little more conscious about what I was dumping in the wastebasket. I just couldn't stand the thought of all that trash being thrown out. So I took baby steps.

I found a cloth bag to take to the grocery store each time I went.

The fact is, if you take your own bag to the store, that is one less bag being thrown out later. That is one less bag being taken to the dump to sit and decompose. The standard plastic bag on average can take anywhere from 500 to 1,000 years to decompose.

If you are a water-bottle drinker like myself, it is astonishing

to think about how many water bottles you go through a day, a week, even a month. Chances are, it's a pretty high number. If the average person drinks about three liters of water a day, that is six half-liter water bottles per day, or 42 bottles a week. Recycling is a great option in this particular case.

In Waco there are places to take your paper, plastics and glass.

The city of Waco provides recycling services through the Cobb's Citizen Collection Center at 4214 Cobbs Drive.

Many people, as I used to, think there is no reason to be environmentally conscious and

recycle. What difference could one person make?

With all the rolling hills of trees and miles of shoreline, it would be hard to convince anyone Texas is not a beautiful place.

Because of the size and the luxury of space, we sometimes forget how many people there are. Not to mention how much trash is produced.

So why not make an effort? Change one small thing about your life, and you may be saving something much larger — our environment.

Kirsten Horne is a senior communication specialist major from San Antonio.

Editorial

Senate meetings offer chance to contribute

Sometimes a student's best resource is his peers. Every Thursday at 5 p.m., around 50 students gather in room 403 of the Cashion Academic Center.

Inside this room they talk about the ways they can improve our campus, better the lives of students and strengthen Baylor as a whole.

They do these things for us as elected officials in the Student Senate, but the meetings themselves are open for anyone to attend.

The last two meetings have featured President John Lilley and Regent Minnie Pratt in question-and-answer sessions where students had the opportunity to explore important issues with people in authority.

This is an opportunity students shouldn't miss. Rarely will you be presented with an open forum to talk to your university's regent, but no students showed up to take advantage of this chance.

Student Senate meetings are public forums, which means that anyone can come and listen as well as ask questions during the open sessions.

Occasionally the senate will have executive sessions where members vote on bills and debate issues, but that's the only time nonelected students aren't allowed to participate.

Students who want to see change happen on this campus should develop relationships with other students in a position to make something happen.

These officials were elected by the student body to be the voice of the students. Let them know what your voice sounds like.

Our Student Senate is run by a constitution and is divided into six committees to ensure that the system works as democratically as possible.

By attending a Student Senate meeting, you can observe our governmental body in process. But if you can't make a meeting, make sure you check out the student government Web site at bin.baylor.edu.

Information about the bills being considered, a balance of how much money is left in the Student Life Fund and a message board to discuss a variety of issues are all easily accessible.

Student Senate votes on how to spend the nearly \$80,000 a year that goes into the Student Life Fund.

As a student, \$3 of your general fee goes into this fund, which is then redistributed across campus at the discretion of the Senate.

Do you know what your money pays for?

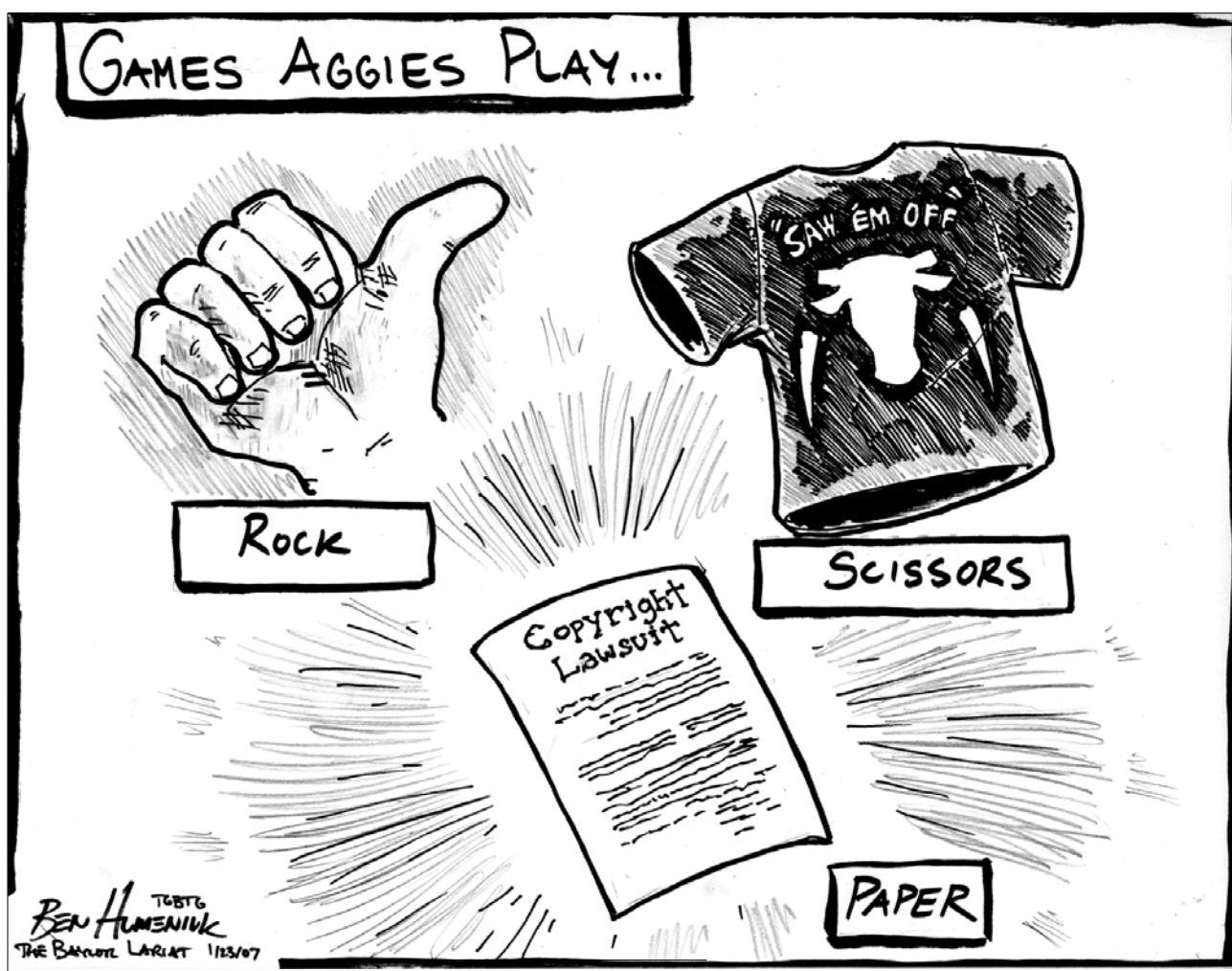
By attending the Senate meetings, you can find out. Let your senators know what's important to you and they can use their votes to reflect this.

By being an involved student, you're playing a critical role in deciding the direction of our university.

The meetings are only once a week. Make an effort to be involved.

Just because you elected senators to represent you in student government doesn't mean you can't play an active part in the process.

So stop by a meeting sometime. The Lariat will be there. Will you?



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Correction

In Monday's story *Lady Bears right ship with home win* it was mistakenly reported that the Baylor-Texas game would be nationally broadcast on Fox Sports Network. It will actually be a regional broadcast at 7:00 p.m. on College Sports Television.

Corrections can be submitted to the editor by sending an e-mail to Lariat_letters@baylor.edu or by calling 254-710-4099.

Age discrimination goes beyond older generation, affects students

I personally don't own a lot of expensive things, but my parents sure know how to sport the Benz. They dress up, go out and get treated like they're worth it.

Rolex watch equals a fast drink order at Ruth's Steakhouse.

Prada purse equals an instant dressing room at Nordstrom's.

Diamond rock equals a, "Can I get you a Pierre while you're shopping, ma'am?"

As a bystander, I have watched in amazement and have concluded that wrinkles on the face or money in the pocket equals respect, adoration and best of all, customer service.

We have all grown up hearing about the "isms."

I knew racism and sexism, but I didn't know much about

ageism until I fell victim to it. Ageism, as defined in the dictionary, is discrimination based on age. Going on 21 years, I am a victim.

This past weekend I strolled into a local restaurant for a late lunch. Naturally, I wasn't dressed to the nines, but was instead wearing my Baylor sweatshirt, holey jeans and that "I-just-woke-up-at-2 p.m." hairdo. Regardless, I was bright, cheerful and found myself to be worthy of a nice afternoon.

But as I opened the door I instantly received a feeling of disdain exhibited by the waiter who begrudgingly sat me in his section. He looked familiar. Why the attitude, pal? I'm not going to shout profanities, spill salsa or stomp dance on the table.

point of view



BY CHRISTINE TAMER

Yes, I'm young, but I don't stick up gas stations. Let me eat!

"What can I get you to drink?" he asked.

"I'll just have water with a lemon, please," I replied.

Twelve minutes later, it arrived. My first mistake was clear. When you order water, it conveys the message that you are either cheap or poor. Oh well, strike one.

The waiter returned to take my meal order. "I'll have the let-

tuce wrap appetizer, please."

He glared, "And?"

I stopped and thought, "Oh no, oh no. He's going to spit in my food because I didn't order more. My meal tab would be \$8. Not enough. Twenty percent of eight is \$1.60. Should I get more? But I just want the darn lettuce wraps. I'm not a scorpion woman! I know how it feels to work for tips. I've been there; I'll tip you more. Just give me the wraps, oh please?"

"Excuse me. Anything else?" he asked.

"Nope, that'll do it. Thank you." I began to turn a pinkish color. This, my friends, is absolutely ridiculous. Why should I be ashamed to order what I want? Why should I be discriminated against because I don't have the

money for the crème brule and the seared tuna? I'm appalled. I'm outraged. I'm in college, and I just want to fill my stomach and be on my merry little way! I just want to be treated like a human, not a poor, rowdy college kid. What ever happened to good old-fashioned customer service?

Tom? That is Tom! I knew the waiter's face was familiar. He sat behind me in class last year.

Oh, Tom, you don't have a lot of money, either. You're a college kid, too. You can't afford the steak, either.

The anger began to boil. You hypocrite! You discriminatory hypocrite! You're 20, and I'm 20. Let me use young, hip language to convey my message to you: "What gives?"

Simply put, ageism is wrong. Even more ridiculous is the fact we are doing it to ourselves.

Let's point out the obvious: For the most part the people who work at Saks, Prada, Cache, Gucci and at fine dining restaurants all over cannot afford to wear or eat the goods they sell. The salary just doesn't cover those \$600 shoes.

You can't afford it. I can't afford it. Stop the insanity!

I want to drink the free water. I want to go in the dressing room at the store and try on the dress I can't afford.

I even want to sometimes order off the kids' menu.

Wait, I think I may have just crossed the line.

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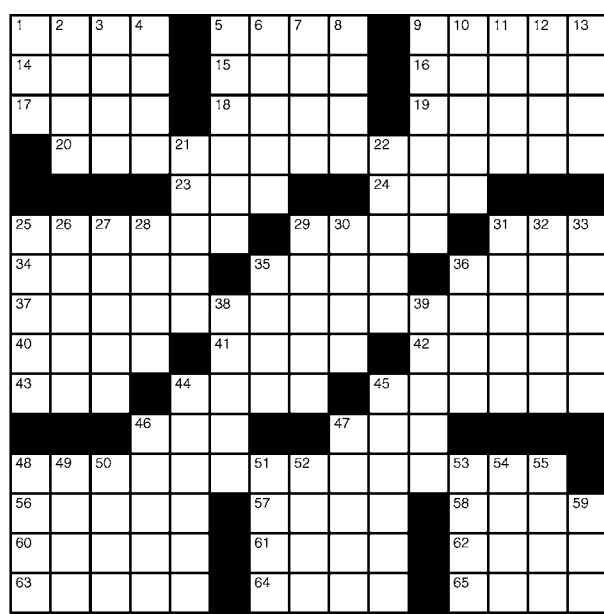
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Wakefield wrote the book on sports marketing, literally



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Dr. Kirk Wakefield, chairman of the marketing department in the Hankamer School of Business and co-director of the sports sponsorship and sales program, helped pioneer the program that now has the financial and relational support of 16 professional teams and 15 corporations.

By Matt Kennedy
Reporter

Baylor marketing students and other colleges around the country will soon have the chance to learn from **Team Sports Marketing**, a textbook recently released by Dr. Kirk Wakefield, chairman of the marketing department in the Hankamer School of Business and co-director of the sports sponsorship and sales program.

The book is the result of years of sports marketing research by Wakefield, who in addition to being an associate professor is a consultant for a number of professional and collegiate sports teams and leagues such as the Dallas Mavericks, the Houston Rockets, the San Antonio Spurs and South Eastern Conference football.

Wakefield said after reading other sports marketing books, he realized many of the writers often cited his research and decided it might be a good idea to write a book of his own.

"I was frustrated with a lot of the books that I was teaching from," Wakefield said. "What makes this book different from other sports marketing books is it's based on research rather

than the basic principles of marketing."

The book is now in widespread distribution and available at Amazon.com and other bookstores nationwide.

"It's intended for classroom use," Wakefield said. "But it should also have crossover appeal to the sports marketing trade because it's written from the prospective of working for a sports team."

Students in the sports sponsorship and sales program played an active role in the research Wakefield has collected in the five years since he came to Baylor. One former student, Madison Clark, even had his name included as a contributing writer of **Team Sports Marketing**.

"I don't think I have done a research project on sports marketing without student involvement because that's what we're supposed to desire as professors, and students learn better if they are involved," Wakefield said.

Wakefield and Darryl Lehnus, former director of athletic marketing at Baylor, created the sports sponsorship and sales program. Wakefield had a sports marketing background, and Lehnus had a background

in sports sales. They combined their backgrounds and the result was the only program of its kind in the country.

Following the completion of their coursework, sports sponsorship and sales majors are guaranteed internships from one of 12 professional sports teams. Only 20 students are admitted into the program each year because Wakefield said it ensures exclusivity and maximizes job opportunities for students.

Scott Frase, a recent Baylor graduate and current sales representative for the Orlando Magic, said he has the best job he could ever imagine and knows the job wouldn't have been possible if this program hadn't provided him with such an "amazing opportunity."

In addition to the success of his former students, Wakefield has also received some positive early book reviews.

"Kirk's firsthand experience in working with teams and sponsors has given him an insight into what makes a successful sports marketing partnership. That experience and insight is on full display in this book," said John Vidalin, vice president of sales and marketing for the Houston Texans.

Baylor in Brazil initiates international impact

By Sapna Prasad
Reporter

As students struggle to get back in the swing of early morning classes and chilly weather, thoughts of spending the summer on an exotic beach seems inviting.

The Baylor in Brazil '07 Study Abroad Program offers the opportunity for students to complete six upper-level credit hours in international health, cross-cultural health communication, environmental health or a health internship.

For the second time, Dr. Robert Doyle, chairman of the biology department and his wife, Dr. Eva Doyle, director of the graduate health education program, will travel to Brazil with 12 to 15 Baylor students who have an avid interest in exploring international health promotion and a passion for impacting

underserved communities.

During their stay, students will also engage in faith-based community service projects that promote healthy living among the local population.

This year's Baylor in Brazil team will spend the second summer session in the small city of Anchieta, Espirito Santo, Brazil.

"It's a small fishing village on the southeast coast (of Brazil), about three miles up the coast from Rio de Janeiro," said Eva Doyle.

Classes are held in the morning and service projects happen during afternoons and evenings.

Students can look forward to organizing and participating in health fairs, drug abuse prevention presentations for teenagers, healthy living puppet productions for children and even aerobic exercise for adults, she said.

The first Baylor in Brazil program took place during the summer of 2006.

During their four-week trip, the Doyles and four students spent their time in Porto Velho in northeast Brazil and Anchieta on the southeast coast.

"We saw a lot of poverty in Brazil," said Shannon Thiel, a 2006 graduate who decided on Baylor in Brazil as a means of fulfilling her internship in a setting that was both international and faith-based.

Despite cultural differences and language barriers, the students were immediately able to recognize the immense need for healthy living programs in these Brazilian communities.

"The language barrier was difficult," said alumna Hanna Belk, another member of the first Baylor in Brazil team.

"But the people are patient and loving. Many in the An-

chieta area would love to build a friendship with us and treated us like family," Belk said.

Through a creative arsenal of educational activities, students directly touched the lives of more than 800 Brazilians, Eva Doyle said.

"Our presentations on physical fitness or stress management seemed pointless when some audience members did not even have enough food to eat or running water in their homes," said Thiel said.

The Doyles regularly partner with American and Brazilian churches in annual service and health promotion efforts.

The Baylor in Brazil '06 team partnered with a local Brazilian church and a Waco church mission team to share their love of God.

Students lent a helping hand to a chapel construction project and a children's Bible school.

BEAR BRIEFS

Adventure meeting today

Campus Recreation will hold their Outdoor Adventure Program spring meeting at 5:30 p.m. today at the rock in the McLane Student Life Center.

Multicultural holds mixer

Multicultural Activities mini mosaic mixer will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. in Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

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Israeli president charged with rape

By Ravi Nessman
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Israeli President Moshe Katsav faced indictment Tuesday on charges of rape and abuse of power in the most serious accusation against a top Israeli official in the country's history.

The allegation that Katsav used his position as Israel's ceremonial head of state - a job supposed to serve as the nation's moral compass - to force himself on his female employees has left the nation reeling.

"It is a sad day for the state of Israel," said lawmaker Benny Elon, who called on Katsav to resign to spare Israel further trauma. But Katsav gave no indication he was preparing to step down, despite a wave of demands that he quit.

Attorney General Meni Mazuz's announcement that he intended to indict Katsav on a raft of charges was only the latest corruption scandal roiling the government, with accusations reaching as high as Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

Katsav has insisted he is innocent and his lawyers said Tuesday they hoped to persuade Mazuz to change his mind before a formal indictment, a step that would make Katsav Israel's first sitting president to be charged with a crime.

But many Israelis say the enormity of the scandal has already badly tainted the office of the presidency. "He should be the symbol of Israel, the uniting person and an ideal model for all the politicians...So this is a bad sign for Israeli politics," said Gabriel Sheffer, a political science professor at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The presidency was once filled by Zionist legends and revered statesmen. But the office, whose main

responsibilities include receiving foreign diplomats and representing Israel at formal ceremonies, has dropped in esteem in recent years.

Katsav, 61, became president in 2000 in a shocking upset over Nobel Peace Prize winner Shimon Peres.

Katsav's relatively quiet presidency was rocked last summer when one of his employees accused him of forcing her to have sex in his office. A flood of other women quickly came forward with similar accusations, describing a politician who had abused his power throughout his career.

In the face of the growing scandal, Katsav disappeared from public life, hunkering down in the president's compound in Jerusalem.

He even briefly removed himself from office in September instead of presiding over the inauguration of a new chief justice for the Supreme Court.

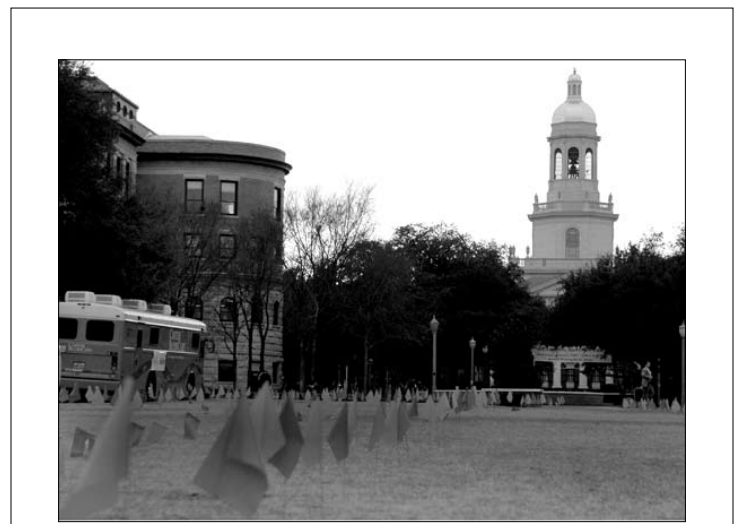
On Tuesday, Mazuz said he had collected enough evidence to indict Katsav on charges of rape, harassment, abusing his power for sex, obstructing justice and illegally accepting gifts, stemming from his time as president and Cabinet minister.

Legal authorities said the charges could carry a sentence of more than 20 years in jail, though in most cases the defendant, if found guilty, would receive a five-to-10-year sentence.

A final decision on the indictment would only be made after Katsav is given the opportunity to present his case.

The president enjoys immunity while in office and could be tried only after his resignation, his impeachment by three-quarters of the parliament or the conclusion of his term, which ends this summer.

Katsav had previously said he would step down if indicted. His lawyers declined to address the issue, and he is expected to



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Bears for Life

The pink and blue flags placed in Fountain Mall by the group Bears for Life represent lives lost due to abortion each year. Bears for Life is the only pro-life and pro-family dedicated group on campus.

Execution of convict delayed for evidence

By Michael Graczyk
The Associated Press

CONROE - The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals halted the scheduled Wednesday execution of a man convicted of abducting and strangling a Montgomery County college student eight years ago.

The punishment for Larry Swearingen, 35, was put off late Tuesday so questions about evidence against him at his capital murder trial can be reviewed, lawyers said.

Swearingen's attorneys had appealed in the state and federal courts, arguing the presence of specific insects from the site where 19-year-old Melissa Trotter's body was found in the Sam Houston National Forest disputes prosecutors' insistence and evidence that Swearingen killed her.

Montgomery County prosecutors had opposed the request but acknowledged because of the short time until Swearingen

was to have died, the appeals court needed more information and stopped the punishment.

"At some point, once they get that information, the execution can be reset as long as they don't find any problems," Marc Brumberger, an assistant district attorney in Montgomery County, said.

Swearingen denied any involvement in the woman's slaying and was arrested on outstanding warrants three days after Trotter was last seen. Evidence showed Trotter had been in Swearingen's trailer in Willis and in his pickup truck, where detectives found hair that had been forcibly pulled from her head.

Swearingen had a history of at least two rapes plus an assault on an ex-wife, but charges never were brought against him, prosecutors said.

Swearingen told the Houston Chronicle from death row his history made him "the easiest target."

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Struggling Bears host Big 12's best

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

After beginning the season with high hopes, the Baylor basketball team now finds itself at a crossroad.

The Bears, who carried a 10-3 record through the nonconference portion of their schedule, have seen their record drop to 11-7 after starting conference play with a 1-4 record.

With No. 8 University of Kansas coming to Waco tonight and a game against a talented University of Texas team on Saturday, the Bears will have to pull off an upset to avoid a 1-6 mark in Big 12 play.

But the Bears aren't looking too far into the future. Junior guard Aaron Bruce said his team's sole focus is on the Jayhawks.

"(Kansas is) outstanding. They're talented, they're athletic and they've shown they can play together as a team," he said. "But like all teams, they have weaknesses — we need to find a game plan that exploits those weak-

nesses."

But as evidenced by Kansas' 16-3 start, which includes an 18-point victory over Boston College and a 30-point victory over a nationally ranked Oklahoma State University team, the Jayhawks have few weaknesses.

If there are any, it's their youth. The Jayhawks don't have a single senior on their team, and their five leading scorers are all underclassmen. Because of this, they've lost several games they against weaker teams and have needed the final minutes of games to win others.

They lost to Oral Roberts University and DePaul University in nonconference, and they're coming off a 69-64 loss to Texas Tech University in Lubbock. They also struggled to beat an 11-8 Iowa State University team in Ames, Iowa, and an 11-6 University of Missouri team at home.

Baylor head Coach Scott Drew said his team will need close to perfect play to give themselves a chance.

"When Kansas is on, I don't know if there's anyone that

can beat them," he said. "At the same time, there are times they hit walls and struggle like any young team. For us, we need to make sure we take care of the ball and not give them any easy buckets to start with."

The Jayhawks, averaging almost 77 points a game and shooting over 48 percent from the field, have had little problem scoring this season.

And with the road loss to Texas Tech last weekend, they'll likely be ready for the Bears.

But Drew said after his team was beaten by 40 points Saturday by the University of Oklahoma, the Jayhawks won't be the only angry team on the court tonight.

"You'll probably have two angry teams tonight, so the effort will be good for both squads," he said. "We're in a situation where we don't have as big of a margin for error as some other teams. Being a young team, the Oklahoma game lets us know just how important each possession is. If you take a couple off, then all of the sudden, you're in deep trouble."

One of the more interesting story lines entering tonight's game is the fact that Kansas' second-leading scorer and starting power forward, Darrell Arthur, is a friend and high school teammate of Baylor's Kevin Rogers and was recruited heavily by Drew.

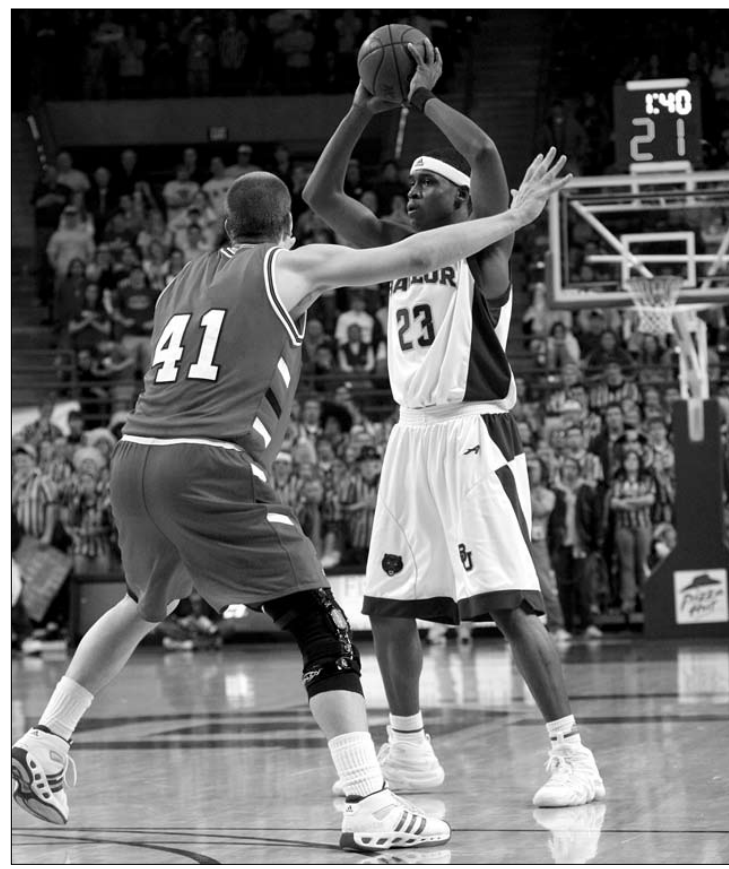
Rogers said Kansas is too good a team to be distracted by one-on-one matchups.

"We're focused on Kansas as a whole," he said. "They have a lot of great players, and we're not just focusing on one player but looking at them as a team."

After going through long scoring droughts in each of their last two games, senior forward Tim Bush said the Bears need to improve their shot selection and play better as a team.

"This is a special team. It takes each and every person on this team to be successful and be at our best every night," he said. "When we don't do that, we struggle."

The game, which is scheduled for a 7 p.m. tipoff, will be televised on Fox Sports Net Southwest.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Sophomore forward Kevin Rogers is defended by Texas Tech's Damir Suljagic in the Bears' 73-70 victory over the Red Raiders. Rogers, who leads the Bears with 12.4 points per game, has been held to 6 points in his last two games.

Baylor prepared to invade Austin

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

The Lady Bears begin their two-game conference road trip today when they travel to Austin to square off with the No. 24 University of Texas Longhorns.

The 7 p.m. game will be regionally televised on College Sports Television.

The Longhorns and Lady Bears both sport the same 3-2 Big 12 record, marking a pivotal point in both teams' conference schedules.

The Lady Bears' sweep of the Longhorns last season marked their first over Texas in head Coach Kim Mulkey's era, averaging one of only two conference losses from their National Championship season. The sweep pushed their record against Texas to 4-2 over the last three seasons.

Mulkey's current sophomore crop, including starters Jessica Morrow and Rachel Allison, has never tasted defeat at the hands of Texas.

Morrow said they simply expect to win when they share the court with the Longhorns.

"We try to have that mindset about everybody," Morrow said. "We just treat them like everybody else. They're a real talented team and we've just got to bring the intensity."

Texas has quickly improved upon a disappointing 2005-2006 campaign.

Jody Conradt's 13-15 record last year marked her third losing



Sophomore forward Jessica Morrow tries to drive around Kansas State's Kimberly Dietz in the Lady Bears' 79-70 victory over the Wildcats. Morrow, who's averaging 10 points per game this season, scored 14 in the win. She and the Lady Bears go to Austin to play Texas at 7 p.m. today. The Lady Bears swept the Longhorns last season.

Melea Burke/Lariat staff

season in 30 years at the helm of Texas women's basketball.

But this season has signaled a return to relevance for the Longhorns, as Conradt has led Texas to impressive wins over Texas A&M University and Purdue University, both of which beat the Lady Bears this season.

Tiffany Jackson, Texas' returning high-scorer, is second in the Big 12 in points per game and leads the conference in steals. Conradt's offense revolves around Jackson, meaning stopping the impact senior is a monumentally important task.

Freshman guard Latara Darrett has never faced the Longhorns, but she did play against Texas freshman phenom Brittany Raven in a pre-college tournament. Raven, the fourth-leading scorer for the Longhorns, will be another dangerous piece of Conradt's attack against Baylor.

"I've played against Brittany Raven before, so I know what their freshmen are capable of doing," Darrett said. "I've also watched Tiffany Jackson play, so

I know this is going to be one of our tougher games this year."

Morrow said Mulkey has defined their goals from the outset, and a win over Texas on the road would lead them even closer to their ultimate prize.

"We're trying to get into the NCAA tournament," Morrow said. "So we need to learn to win on the road. We need to stay disciplined and learn how to play and win when we're not at home."

Baylor is currently 1-1 in Big 12 road games and will play two more in the next four days.

With her team's conference losing streak behind it, Mulkey said the Lady Bears' youthful exuberance should begin showing through.

"Kansas State was big because people started to doubt us, saying we were falling apart, that our youth was catching up with us," Darrett said. "The fact that we got out there, hustled and kept our composure, I think that really showed some people what we can do."

Jones fishes for Tuna's successor

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

IRVING — Jerry Jones once said any of 500 coaches could have won a Super Bowl with the talent he'd assembled for the Dallas Cowboys.

Since uttering that memorable line, he's gone through Barry Switzer, Chan Gailey, Dave Campo and Bill Parcells. That leaves 496 candidates to choose from this time around.

Jones was thrown into another coaching search when Parcells retired Monday. While the team's owner-general manager has long maintained he wanted Parcells back, Jones surely already has a list of candidates in mind.

Who is on it remains guesswork. Anyone is possible, with Jones confident in the drawing powers of his wallet and the mystique of the Cowboys.

"Winning is the name of the game," Jones said in a statement

Monday. "We have made progress on that front in the recent past and we will continue to build on that progress with the belief that we have to do better."

Jones is antsy because the Cowboys haven't won a playoff game since 1996 — and because they're moving into a \$1 billion, 100,000-seat stadium in 2009. That's pressure enough to make sure he gets it right.

A key issue will be control, primarily how much Jones needs. Of the five coaches he's hired, only Parcells and Jimmy Johnson had loud voices in personnel decisions.

If Jones is willing to keep sharing, he could go after a big name, but if Jones is itching to call the shots again, he'll have to go with someone just happy to have the job.

Jones' previous coaching searches don't provide much insight because the circumstances were so different.

He started with a pair of old pals in Johnson and Switzer. Then he went with Gailey and Campo, obscure coordinators willing to work cheap and let Jones call the shots. Jones' reputation was hurt after that, but he lucked out when Parcells said he was interested.

Dallas went 34-32 under Parcells, losing two playoff games. That beats 15-33 under Campo — but it wasn't as good as Gailey, who won a division title and made the playoffs in both of his seasons.

It's hard to say how the Parcells experiment affected Jones' approach. In his statement, Jones said it showed his "willingness to be flexible."

How much remains to be seen.

Regardless of how it plays out, the seventh coach in Cowboys history will have a big job on his hands. And if he can't handle it, Jones still will have 495 choices left.

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Anticipation for Incubus album deserved

By Kathryn Waggoner
Contributor

How long, really, is too long? One year, maybe two? Well, in a world where music conglomerates dominate the radio waves and new musical genres are born daily, it's easy for a band to get swallowed by all the hype — even a band as notoriously popular as Incubus.

ALBUMREVIEW

After a two-year musical hiatus, the band finally released the anticipated follow-up to its 2004 success, *A Crow Left of the Murder*.

The new album, *Light Grenades*, seems intentionally unconnected and sporadic. It is produced by Brendan O' Brien, who is responsible for the success of bands like Audioslave, Pearl Jam and Rage Against the Machine.

"The musical landscape has changed," guitarist Mike

Einzigler said to MTV. "We feel like we've always existed on the periphery of whatever is happening musically at the time."

The truth is this album is noticeably different than the band's past records.

Its debut album, *Enjoy Incubus/Fungus Amongus*, was the idea; *S.C.I.E.N.C.E* was the inauguration; *Make Yourself* was the establishment; *Morning View* was the assurance; and *A Crow Left of the Murder* was the sound that left fans craving more.

So where does that leave *Light Grenades*?

No string links the tracks together. It's just a collaboration of songs with different arrangements that could either intrigue or confuse the listener.

The album still retains Incubus' signature essence but is much more experimental. From heavy metal tracks to soft ballads to radio-friendly singles, the band has established a different kind of sound for itself — a new, aggressive electronic sound that proves it has greatly



Courtesy photo

Incubus released *Light Grenades* in November to long-awaiting fans.

outgrown its *Fungus Amongus* stage.

Songs like "A Kiss to Send Us Off" and "Pendulous Threads" confirm that heavy metal rock is nowhere near out of its system.

On the other hand, the album is so captivating and respectable because of the maturity it shows in "Papershoes," "Love Hurts" and "Dig." All these songs are heavy ballads but let go of the intensity, allowing for scrutiny

of the band's meaningful lyrics, melodies and dynamics.

"Oil and Water" and "Diamonds and Coal" epitomize radio-friendly tracks, combining redundant and simple metaphors with consistent beats and catchy choruses. They're perfect recipes for companies like Clear Channel to feed on.

"Earth To Bella Pt. 1" is an interesting arrangement of simple acoustics. It sinks the listener into a melancholic state, with lyrics saying, "This world can be an unfriendly place, so hold your head up and do your best to save some face," coupled with exploding instrumental breaks that punctuate the dynamic intensity Incubus is known for.

Incubus doesn't mimic other carbon-copy bands. Rather, it experiments with a sound that's raw and original. If you're familiar with the band, think old Incubus with a little spice.

And if not, get ready for a chaotic sequence of tracks unique to this album.

Grade: B



Associated Press

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences President Sid Ganis and actress Salma Hayek announce best director nominees for the 79th annual Academy Awards during a televised news conference Jan. 23 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

'Dreamgirls' leads Oscar nods except for best picture category

By David Germain
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The musical *Dreamgirls* led Academy Awards contenders Tuesday with eight nominations, but surprisingly was shut out for best picture, positioning the ensemble drama *Babel* or the mob saga *The Departed* as potential front-runners.

Babel was close behind with seven nominations.

The Departed had five nominations, among them best picture.

Other best-picture nominees were Clint Eastwood's World War II spectacle *Letters From Iwo Jima*, the road-trip comedy *Little Miss Sunshine* and the monarchy-in-crisis chronicle *The Queen*.

Despite a scene-stealing performance, Wahlberg's nomination was unanticipated considering he performed opposite top-billed actors Leonardo DiCaprio, Jack Nicholson and Matt Damon.

and vocal styling.

The exploitation of any other popular single would be sickening, but creativity reigns and wins with each individual remix.

It seems obvious to Feist that this single needs to be performed in each style in order to be effectively communicated.

Other collaborative versions feature artists Moby and K-Os.

Open Season could fit seamlessly in an urban cocktail lounge or some hipster coffee house. "Lounge music" may be the best description of Feist's whimsical intelligence and calming undertones, but futile attempts at genre labeling won't work here.

Feist will continue to dodge, transcend or cleverly amplify her stereotypes.

Grade: A

Feist's 'Open Season' cleverly remixes hits

By Sharon Moran
Contributor

Leslie Feist began her musical career at the young age of 15 when she and her band, Placebo, won the opening spot at a Ramones concert. She traveled with Placebo for five years and by 1999 was the guitarist for By Divine Right. That same year, she released her first solo album under the name Feist.

ALBUMREVIEW

It isn't luck that has led the 30-year-old singer-songwriter to collaborate with Kings of Convenience and The New Deal, rap with Peaches and help found the successful band Broken Social Scene.

She's also a member of the Apostles of Hustle, and her single "Mushaboom" was featured in a Lacoste perfume ad.

In 1999, Feist released *Monarch (Lay Down Your Jeweled Head)* and the underground hit *Let It Die* in 2004.

Although the Canadian artist has released only two albums since 1999, she's also managed to produce quite an ethereal remix album.

Open Season was released on May 9, 2006 and includes substantially elaborated upon songs from earlier albums.

The 15 tracks provide a fit for almost every mood. Her sound is comparable on separate levels to that of Cat Power, Azure Ray or even Etta James.

Feist's fans will not be disappointed, as *Open Season* is an easy rival to her previous two albums without being painfully different and shocking. Feist's approach to easy love expressed through other-worldly melodies and simple lyrics is dreamy and constant.

Open Season begins with an

instrumental version of "One Evening" that sounds much like the opening to a movie soundtrack. The plot thickens with "Tout Doucement," which starts with what sounds like the opening to a Fred Astaire film. The song continues with a bubbly piano bit intermingled with Feist's classy vibrato.

A mixture of rap, leisure tunes and mood music embodies the album's approach to life and love as a myriad of emotions unable to be expressed by one tempo or style.

Each of the four "Mushaboom" remixes hold their own, whether built on computerized beats, synthesizer effects or accents of jazzy bass.

Death Cab for Cutie fans will be delighted to hear the Postal Service remix of "Mushaboom," which includes an exciting Benjamin Gibbard track. The song rivals its earlier version with thicker, more complex beats

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Iran's defiance of U.N. provokes U.S. to send ships

Middle Eastern nation wrestles with America for power in region

By Jim Krane
The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A second U.S. aircraft carrier strike group now steaming toward the Middle East is Washington's way of warning Iran to back down in its attempts to dominate the region, a top U.S. diplomat said here Tuesday.

Nicholas Burns, U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs, ruled out direct negotiations with Iran and said a rapprochement between Washington and Tehran was "not possible" until Iran halts uranium enrichment.

"The Middle East isn't a region to be dominated by Iran. The Gulf isn't a body of water to be controlled by Iran. That's why we've seen the United States station two carrier battle groups in the region," Burns said in an

address to the Dubai-based Gulf Research Center, an influential think-tank.

"Iran is going to have to understand that the United States will protect its interests if Iran seeks to confront us," Burns continued.

Iran is in a standoff with the West over its defiance of U.N.



Ahmadinejad

demands to halt uranium enrichment, which can produce fuel for both nuclear energy and nuclear weapons. Iran says its atomic program is aimed solely at generating energy, but the United States and some of its allies suspect it is geared toward making weapons. The U.N. imposed limited sanctions on Iran last month.

President Mahmoud Ah-

madinejad accused the United States Tuesday of stirring up conflict between rival Muslim sects to maintain U.S. influence in the Middle East.

"The U.S. intends to cause insecurity and dispute and weaken independent governments in the region to continue with its

dominance over the Middle East and achieve its arrogant goals," Ahmadinejad said during a meeting with Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Moallem.

"The U.S. and Zionist regime have a conspiracy to stir up conflict between Shiite and Sunni Muslims in order to plunder the wealth of the regional nations," the president said, according to the state-run Islamic Republic

News Agency, or IRNA.

Ahmadinejad said last week that Iran is "ready for anything" in its confrontation with the United States.

Iran conducted missile tests on Monday, the first of five days of military maneuvers southeast of Tehran.

The Islamic republic also barred 38 inspectors from the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, prompting fears that it was seeking to restrict access to its facilities.

"This is obviously not a sign of goodwill, nor a sign of willingness to cooperate with the international community," French Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean-Baptiste Mattei told reporters Tuesday.

"Iran is going to have to understand that the United States will protect its interests if Iran seeks to confront us."

Nicholas Burns
Under-secretary of state

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serve," Plummer said. "Our biggest hurdle we'll ever run into is to have senators that are just here because they want to pad their resume."

Student Body President Mark Laymon, a Richardson senior, said he views the openings as a great opportunity for students to get involved with student government.

He recounted a message he had recently heard from a

speaker at an Asian Students Association event.

"She said she felt like the most important thing she came out of college with was a sense that she could change things and that if she put her mind to it, she could get people together on an issue and she could really make a difference," Laymon said. "I think that being in student government is a really great opportunity to build that confidence and learn how to do those things."

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"I'm a multi-tasker," she said. Another student, who was unaware of the airtime of the address, loosely planned to tune in.

"I get out of work around 3 or 4 in the afternoon, so if it's in the evening I'll probably watch it," Houston junior Russell McCarty said.

Despite McCarty's uncertainty about the schedule of events, he did express an interest in the content of the president's address. Considering the amount of press the Iraq war has drawn lately, McCarty said he would like to hear more about social

issues and where the president stands on the candidates in the upcoming 2008 election.

Avant said this address held special significance, not only because it is close to an election year, but also because it was the first time the president had to address a Democrat-controlled House and Senate in 12 years.

In addition to covering the war in Iraq, the president discussed plans for an increase in ethanol production, a decrease in gasoline consumption, immigration strategies, a new health care initiative, issues regarding public education, increased border security and a temporary worker program.

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buildings.

"One of my favorite quotes is, 'In order to think outside the box, you must know what is inside the box,'" Heflich said.

"I feel like that is what I am helping these students to accomplish. My goal is to lay a foundation for the students so that they can move forward with more creative and innovative thinking. Presenting the concept of green design is like introducing the next industrial revolution."

Students and professors are learning from Heflich that sustainable design is about the integration of all systems to make a project run as efficient as possible.

The green concept is spreading because of its economic and competitive advantage. For CEOs, it means taking advantage of a company's natural capital without compromising the earth's ability to replenish. For designers who create commercial buildings, which are the nation's largest energy consumers, it is everyone's responsibility to become aware of their environmental impact and "leave behind the smallest footprint possible," she explained.

Heflich was first exposed to the concept of promoting the environment her sophomore year at an American Society of Interior Designers meeting. She was introduced to the industry's rapidly growing green design movement by Kirk Teske from HKS Inc.

Following a summer intern-

ship with HKS Inc., Heflich obtained certification as a Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design Accredited Professional. Before her senior year began, she pondered how to continue her practice of green design during her last two semesters.

"I started brainstorming for a way to use my knowledge, and the first idea was to share it with others," she said. "Baylor currently has no focused course on sustainability, so I decided to create one."

After discussing the possibilities with Bowen, they created a proposal and began advertising the course last semester.

"The course demands much of my attention. However, the continued research keeps me updated on my own green education. I thoroughly enjoy teaching the class," Heflich said. "My two years of studying help me talk with confidence and effectively deliver my lectures. It is awesome to see how my experiences and accomplishments are sparking interest in other students."

Actively involved in club volleyball and Highland Baptist Church, Heflich is also a recipient of numerous awards in rendering, loft design and commercial architecture design.

"I feel like I am at a very exciting place in life right now," she said.

"I have obtained my foundation and have learned what is inside the box, and now with creativity and innovation, I have opportunities to strategically venture outside of the box."

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put on the table," he said.

It was a night of political theater as Bush went before the first Democratic-controlled Congress in a dozen years with his lowest approval ratings in polls.

Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, the first woman to lead the House, sat over Bush's shoulder, next to Vice President Dick Cheney. Reaching out to the Democrats, Bush opened with a tribute to Pelosi and paused to shake her hand. He also asked for prayers for Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson, hospitalized for more than a month after suffering a brain hemorrhage, and Republican Georgia Rep. Charlie Norwood, suffering from cancer.

The speech audience included up to a dozen House and Senate members who have announced they are running for president or are considered possible contenders.

Bush divided his 49-minute address between domestic and foreign issues, but the war was topic No. 1.

Pelosi set the tone for Democrats. She sat silently and did not applaud as Bush warned of high stakes in Iraq and said American forces must not step back before Baghdad is secure.

With Congress poised to deliver a stinging rebuke on his troop increase, he made a personal plea to lawmakers.

"I have spoken with many of you in person. I respect you and the arguments you made," Bush said. "We went into this largely

united, in our assumptions and in our convictions. And whatever you voted for, you did not vote for failure."

"Our country is pursuing a new strategy in Iraq and I ask you to give it a chance to work," Bush said. "And I ask you to support our troops in the field and those on their way."

Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid gave Bush a swift answer. "While the president continues to ignore the will of the country, Congress will not ignore this president's failed policy," they said in a joint statement after his address. "His plan will receive an up-or-down vote in both the House and Senate, and we will continue to hold him accountable for changing course in Iraq."

Bush said the Iraq war had changed dramatically with the outbreak of sectarian warfare and reprisals.

"This is not the fight we entered in Iraq, but it is the fight we are in," the president said. "Every one of us wishes that this war were over and won. Yet it would not be like us to leave our promises unkept, our friends abandoned and our own security at risk."

"Ladies and gentlemen: On this day, at this hour, it is still within our power to shape the outcome of this battle," the president said. "Let us find our resolve and turn events toward victory."

Key Republicans have joined Democrats in drafting resolutions of opposition to the plans he announced two weeks ago

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Dale Barron, development director at the farm, said Garland was able to learn much because of his hands-on approach and his propensity for experimentation.

"One time he took a bicycle frame, strips of canvas and made a windmill to generate power with a car alternator," Barron said. "He solved problems creatively."

The farm is also where Garland was "sold on the Mennonite faith," Barron said.

Citing its emphasis on pacifism, peace and simplicity, Garland said the faith just made sense to him.

While he is a bivocational pastor, splitting his time between preaching the gospel and teaching about sustainable agriculture, Abby works at a local school as part of the Teach For America program.

"It's a holistic understand-

ing of ministry," Dr. Diana Garland, Garland's mother and the dean of the School of Social Work, said.

"We are thrilled with what he's doing," she said.

Garland's father, Dr. David Garland, the associate dean of George W. Truett Theological Seminary, has traveled with his wife Diana to the church in San Juan several times.

In addition to managing his own small farm and tending dairy goats and a flock of chickens, Garland is working with the local public school system in the Rio Grande Valley to develop an organic farm that could serve both educational and practical purposes. The farm would be used to produce vegetables for the cafeteria and to teach students about sustainable agriculture, he said.

"I see myself as a part of the local food movement in a way that serves the land and the local community to provide more

Ali Larijani, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, said Tuesday that the decision had been misinterpreted and that there had been no change in Iran's cooperation with the IAEA.

"The issue is not the way the media has reflected it," Larijani was reported as saying by IRNA.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has said the U.S. build-up in the Gulf was intended to impress on Iran that the four-year war in Iraq has not made America vulnerable.

The American aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis and several accompanying ships are heading toward the Gulf to join an aircraft carrier group already in the region, the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Stennis is expected to arrive in late February.

The Stennis's arrival in the Middle East will mark the first time since the U.S.-led Iraq invasion in 2003 that the United States has had two carrier battle groups in the region.

The U.S. Navy said Tuesday that the minesweeper USS Gladiator arrived in the Persian Gulf, one of six such ships now plying the Gulf for anti-ship mines.

U.S. officials have long said Iran was likely to block busy Gulf shipping lanes in a conflict.

Some among the audience of Dubai-based diplomats and analysts complained that American wars in the Middle East were already threatening the region's stability and asked Burns to shout out Iraq and the Israel-Palestinian conflict before turning attention to Iran.

"What we are not interested in is another war in the region," Mohammed al-Naqbi, who heads the Gulf Negotiations Center, told Burns. "Iraq is your problem, not the problem of the Arabs. You destroyed a country that had institutions. You handed that country to Iran. Now you are crying to Europe and the Arabs to help you out of this mess."

that area, a fact Bush acknowledged even as he pressed for a better result now than Capitol Hill is run by Democrats more amenable to his ideas.

"Convictions run deep in this Capitol when it comes to immigration," he said. "Let us have a serious, civil and conclusive debate."

Bush said his energy proposals would cut American imports by the equivalent of 75 percent of the oil coming from the Middle East. His prescription, as always, relied primarily on market incentives and technological advances, not government mandates.

"America is on the verge of technological breakthroughs that will enable us to live our lives less dependent on oil," he said. "These technologies will help us become better stewards of the environment, and they will help us to confront the serious challenge of global climate change."

The administration sought to make Bush's energy initiatives, in particular a 20 percent cut in gasoline usage by 2017, an eye-catching centerpiece of his address, the one major element not revealed until hours before the speech. "It is in our vital interest to diversify America's energy supply, and the way forward is through technology," Bush said.

The cut would be achieved primarily through a sharp escalation in the amount of ethanol and other alternative fuels that the government mandates must be blended into the fuel supply.

"Somehow we have not found it in ourselves to act," he said. "So let us work together and do it now."

On immigration, too, the president made a plea to lawmakers that he has made before, seeking comprehensive changes including a guest worker program, that go beyond tougher border controls. Members of his own party were the main obstacle to success in



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Children in San Juan in the Rio Grande Valley work together with alumni John and Abby Garland to create a sustainable agriculture in the area.

delicious and more nutritious food options," he said.

And while there is a river two miles south of San Juan,

Garland said illegal immigration really isn't their concern.

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