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THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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Leveling the praying field

How Baylor's breaking the old Baptist mold

By Claire St. Amant
Staff writer

For the first time since 1999, the religion department is hiring a female professor. This fall, Dr. Lidija Novakovich, a Baptist from Croatia, will teach New Testament classes.

Novakovich earned her doctorate from Princeton and will become the third full-time female faculty member in the religion department. While Baylor is moving toward involving more women in ministry, some fundamentalist Baptist groups are going in the opposite direction.

In January, Sheri Klouda, a female Hebrew professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was

dismissed amid cries of gender discrimination.

The seminary president, Dr. Paige Patterson, said women shouldn't teach men and he considers a woman's "highest calling" as one of motherhood.

Dr. Betty Talbert, director of spiritual formation for the George W. Truett Theological Seminary, said she was disappointed to hear the news about Klouda.

"There's been a lot to overcome for

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Group tackles living wage

Students fight to raise staff salaries as debate rages on in Washington

By Melissa Limmer
Staff Writer

As the national minimum wage increase makes headway on Capitol Hill, one on-campus group is making sure students know how the increase could affect Baylor.

Students for Social Justice is having two movie and discussion nights, with showings Thursday and next Tuesday regarding the need to raise the minimum wage.

The group will show *Where There is a Will There Will be a Living Wage*. The movie is a documentary created by students at Texas A&M University who are running their own campaign that focuses on staff at the university who get paid minimum wage.

"It's powerful for what we are doing at Baylor," said Anali Gatlin, a Waco senior and co-leader of Students for Social Justice.

"The group wants to increase discussion about the living wage

at Baylor," said Courtney Ray, a Fort Worth senior and member of the group. "It is just about getting the word out. What we are finding is that a lot of students and professors do not know what a living wage is. It holds a certain stigma among conservative audiences, which is what Baylor is.

"We want students to know what is going on and for them to know that they have a voice."

Gatlin said a group called the Baylor Adequate Wage Task Force — which includes Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance and administration, and other faculty — has submitted a proposal to President John Lilley and the Strategic Planning Council. The council is responsible for determining Baylor's budget.

The proposal requests that companies that contract employees on campus, such as Aramark and Crothall, increase the minimum wage they pay their employees from \$5.15 an hour to \$10.40.

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Lilley goes to D.C.

President John Lilley, left, speaks Tuesday with Texas Sen. John Cornyn at the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. Lilley met with other school administrators and legislators, such as Rep. Chet Edwards, who was re-elected in November in Texas' 17th district.

French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy, left, and Argentina's first lady, Cristina Kirchner, meet Tuesday in Paris as officials from nearly 60 nations signed a treaty banning forced disappearances.



Associated Press

U.S. not part of international treaty

By Jamey Keaten
The Associated Press

PARIS — Nearly 60 countries signed a treaty on Tuesday that bans governments from holding people in secret detention, but the United States and some of its key European allies were not among them.

The signing capped a quarter-century of efforts by families of people who have vanished at the hands of governments.

"Our American friends were naturally invited to this ceremony; unfortunately, they weren't able to join us," French Foreign

Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy told reporters after 57 nations signed the treaty at his ministry in Paris.

"That won't prevent them from one day signing on in New York at U.N. headquarters, and I hope they will."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack declined comment except to say that the United States helped draft the treaty, but that the final text "did not meet our expectations."

McCormack declined comment on whether the U.S. stance was influenced by the administration's policy of sending

terrorism suspects to CIA-run prisons overseas, which Bush acknowledged in September.

Many other Western nations, including Germany, Spain, Britain and Italy, also did not sign the treaty. France introduced the convention at the U.N. General Assembly in November and it was adopted in December.

Many delegates expressed hope that other nations will sign by year-end. Some

European nations have expressed support for the treaty, but face constitutional hurdles or require a full Cabinet debate before signing, French and U.N.

officials said.

The treaty was officially opened for signature at Tuesday's ceremony in Paris. It will enter into force after 20 countries ratify it, usually by a parliamentary vote.

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour called the treaty an important step both in preventing injustices common years ago and barring newer abuses that often fall through regulatory loopholes.

Arbour said the United States had expressed "reserva-

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Governor proposes plan to assist cancer fight

By Kelley Shannon
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Showing a different side of himself, Texas Gov. Rick Perry made bold proposals Tuesday to spend billions of dollars to help the uninsured and fight cancer, and to pay for it by selling the state lottery.

Perry, a conservative Republican known for his commitment to property tax cuts and controlling spending, made the sweeping health

care initiatives the centerpiece of his State of the State speech to the Legislature.

His past addresses to Texas lawmakers have focused on precise budget and program recommendations and pleas to repair a broken education funding system.

But with a new school finance plan in place and a record surplus, Perry this time branched out in a big way.

"This moment in time is a unique opportunity to address great chal-

lenges and build the foundation for a future of unparalleled prosperity," said Perry, viewed in some circles as a potential vice presidential nominee in 2008.

He proposed increased tax relief, property tax appraisal relief, higher education funding, state budgeting transparency and more emphasis on rehabilitating non-violent offenders. He said he agrees with Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst there should be tougher penalties for sex offenders who prey on children.

With his lottery sale proposal, Perry said he's tapping a source of funding for key programs that won't dry up or cost the state general revenue.

Perry estimated a sale price of at least \$14 billion.

Perry said he'd use the proceeds to establish a \$2.7 billion endowment to help more Texans get health insurance and create a \$3 billion fund for the fight against cancer.

Both would generate ongoing revenue, he said.



Gov. Rick Perry delivered his annual State of the State address Tuesday in the Texas House of Representatives in Austin. Perry proposed a plan to sell the Texas Lottery to help Texans afford costly cancer treatments.

Associated Press

Red, trendy clothes don't mean social activism

I don't care what Bono says. Cashmere hoodies do not fight AIDS.

It's insulting, actually, to think giving 50 percent of the profit from a status symbol is socially responsible. The Product (RED) campaign is the latest and most offensive installment of fad-ish activism.

When you buy a Product (RED) product, you're contributing to AIDS relief, and you want to be sure everyone knows it. Forget private donations and tax write-offs. Who are you trying to impress at the IRS? You might as well get some public recognition while you're changing the world. And in between

sips of your Starbucks latte, you can smile and think about how fashionable charity is.

The only thing more ironic than the idea of designer clothing fighting battles for third-world countries is that the shirts are being sold on eBay.

Unbelievable. People are bidding on an image. No one is reporting the profits; no one is benefiting from the purchase. But you've got your label. And while AIDS takes over the continent of Africa, you're sleeping soundly in a pair of Product(RED) pajama pants from the Gap.

The worst thing that ever happened to charity was becoming

point of view



BY CLAIRE ST. AMANT

ing trendy. Instead of focusing on the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression, modern-day activists are more worried about finding the right celebrity to endorse their services. Where would the children of Cambodia and Ethiopia be without "Brangelina?" About where they are today, give or take a kid. I'm not discounting the

impact of changing one child's life, or what that dynamic duo has done for their children. But we have to do more than fly into a country, nab a kid, snap a photo and call it a day.

We need to educate ourselves about the issues of generational poverty. We need to care about humanity when the camera isn't watching. No, the future of third-world countries isn't in the well-manicured hands of Hollywood. It doesn't take a seven-figure salary to help someone. It takes compassion and commitment rooted in awareness.

I'm tired of seeing 18 people in my English class wearing "I heart Africa" pins. Really, do

you? There's nothing wrong with caring about the world, if you sincerely care.

But when the desire to be in style outweighs your knowledge about the real issues, there is a problem.

I remember when WWJD bracelets were cool. Wait, that's an understatement. They were essential to the middle-school wardrobe. I didn't even know what it stood for, but I had to have one. All the cool kids were wearing them.

You see, the beauty of the WWJD bracelet was that you were supposed to pass it on. You only wore it until some sinful soul inquired about it, and then

you gave it away. A nice concept, but I found a way to thwart it.

I only wore the bracelet around the saintly, mainstream Christian crowd, thereby nullifying the possibility of it leaving my prideful wrist.

Product (RED) is guilty of a similar conundrum. When you buy a \$100 bikini (yes, they sell bikinis) to be socially responsible, something is wrong.

You can't be an elitist charity; it's self-defeating. You can, however, sell \$28 T-shirts to yuppies and call yourself an activist.

I just hope no one believes you.

Claire St. Amant is a junior professional writing major from Katy.

Editorial

Lilley deserves praise for grant lobbying

For some students, the Texas Equalization Grant is the only thing that makes attending Baylor a possibility.

The grant, which 25 percent of all Baylor students receive, obtained some high-profile attention when President John Lilley traveled to Austin two weeks ago to lobby for its continued funding from the Texas Legislature.

On Thursday, Baylor Ambassadors — a group of students who lobby for educational issues — will make their monthly trek to Austin where the grant will receive much of their attention.

The work of Lilley and Baylor Ambassadors is to be commended.

The Texas Equalization Grant is only available to students attending private school, making it an invaluable resource for those 25 percent of Baylor students who receive it.

Budget cuts and financial restructuring caused the Legislature to re-evaluate the grant as recently as 2003. It's because of the lobbying of people like Lilley and the Ambassadors that the grant is still around.

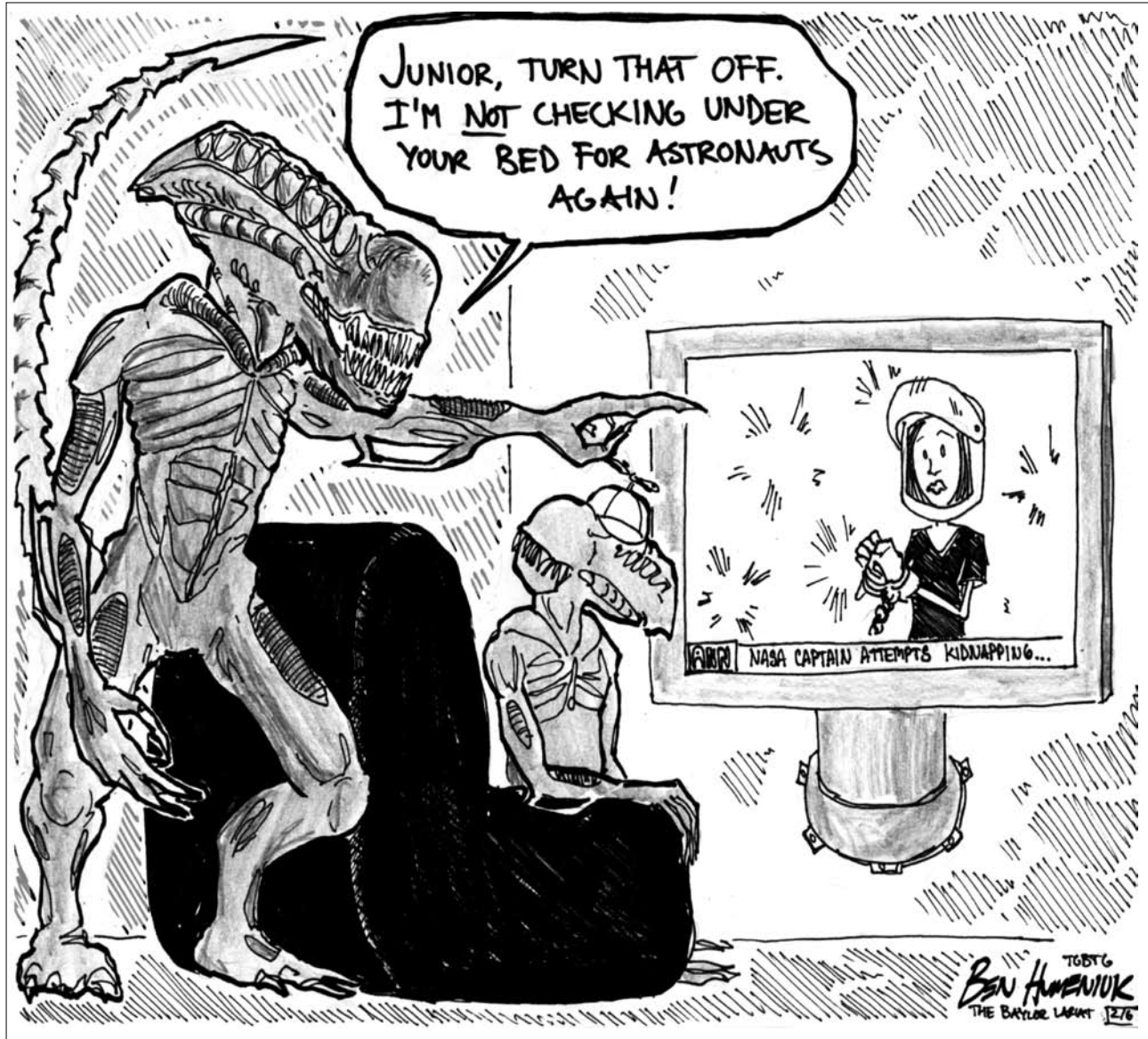
The grant was created to help offset some of the costs of attending a private

university, like Baylor, when attending a public university could have been cheaper. The grant is a win-win for each party: Students are able to attend school where they want, and universities gain students who truly desire to attend their school.

The scope of this state program is enormous; it reached almost 30,000 students in the 2005-2006 school year. Grant recipients receive up to \$3,440 per school year. It awards even more if the student has exceptional need. When you put that in comparison with tuition costs at Baylor — slotted to be \$22,220 for full-time students next year, \$3,440 can make a nice dent in your bill.

The Legislature must keep in mind how many students depend on this aid and how detrimental it would be to decrease the funding.

So make sure you fill out your FAFSA, since that's the only way to apply for the grant. Also, keep an eye out for what the Legislature decides in regarding the future of the grant. With people like Lilley and the Ambassadors working to secure its future, more students will be able to call themselves Baylor Bears.



Community Council gives students opportunity to touch lives

With a new year comes a new perspective on life and a new determination to accomplish more.

While the status quo is comfortable for many, for those who are motivated to achieve something greater in life, the status quo represents a mere stepping stone. Stepping stones from the fall semester have served their purpose, and now is the time to see the fulfillment of a dream. I want to see meaningful community involvement taken to the next level. I want us to transform lives.

I am already pleasantly surprised by the creative and insightful dialogue emerging from the newly created Community Involvement Council. In just its third meeting, the council

is already discussing ways to integrate educational aspects with community involvement.

While the council has yet to produce any tangible forms of new involvement opportunities, that will not be the case for much longer. So often at Baylor, we involve ourselves in service opportunities that do little to transform the lives of those living around us.

While some forms of activity are beneficial, they don't currently allow for the type of meaningful community involvement I envision for this university and student body. With the resources and talents that we have, we ought to be impacting the community in a more direct and meaningful way.

In addition to CIC meetings,

point of view



BY ALLAN MARSHALL

the EVP cabinet is pursuing new measures in an attempt to transform lives in the Waco community.

Bryan Fonville, my chief of staff, is coordinating a tutoring program between the Doris Miller Y.M.C.A. and Baylor student government. In addition, he is simultaneously organizing a college workshop to be held at a local Waco High School with the sole purpose of educating

parents and children about the college application process.

Lloyd Franklin, the external relations representative, will continue to facilitate the Learning English Among Friends program that strives to teach conversational English to Baylor's housekeeping staff.

The Internal Relations Representative, Caleb Gallifant, is working with Student Body President Mark Laymon on a program proposal that would pair students and faculty over the course of several semesters. The program has the potential to transform the lives of not only participating students, but faculty as well.

Amanda Beattie, the academic representative, is hard at work trying to organize a con-

ference of private universities. This conference will play host to several student government representatives from other nearby Texas private schools. The conference will explore issues such as alumni funding, diversity and creative ways for students to get involved.

Also, Latoya Butler, the diversity initiatives representative, is currently working on a series of initiatives to start a dialogue between different sororities and fraternities on campus.

Well, now you've seen what we're doing to transform lives. I want to encourage you to do the same. I urge you to get involved with a meaningful service opportunity. Commit yourself to weekly service and invest yourself in someone's life.

I think you'll find yourself better because of it.

I am truly excited by the enormous potential facing this university and the surrounding community. I am excited about semesters to come and the opportunity they bring for me to build upon stepping stones currently in place and on stones soon to emerge. Once this semester ends, I will leave the status quo behind and build upon that new foundation.

So, put the status quo behind you and move on to something greater. Push toward a final destination that results in a better life for you and others around you. Transform your life. Transform the life of another.

Allan Marshall is a senior political science major from Cuney.

Diversity strengthens belief

In response to the reactions to the student government bill supporting non-Baptist groups to meeting on campus, all I can say is this: What are we so afraid of?

Of losing Baylor's Baptist heritage?

I disagree. I believe that in getting to know what Christians

Letters to the editor

outside of their own tradition believe, my Baptist brothers and sisters will have the opportunity to examine, and perhaps strengthen, their own beliefs.

If Baylor wants to become a more diverse campus, it has to include theological diversity as well.

The Church doesn't just con-

sist of those who can sign a Baptist statement of faith.

"There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all," (Ephesians 4:4-6) — even if we disagree on doctrinal issues.

Amanda McClendon
English '07

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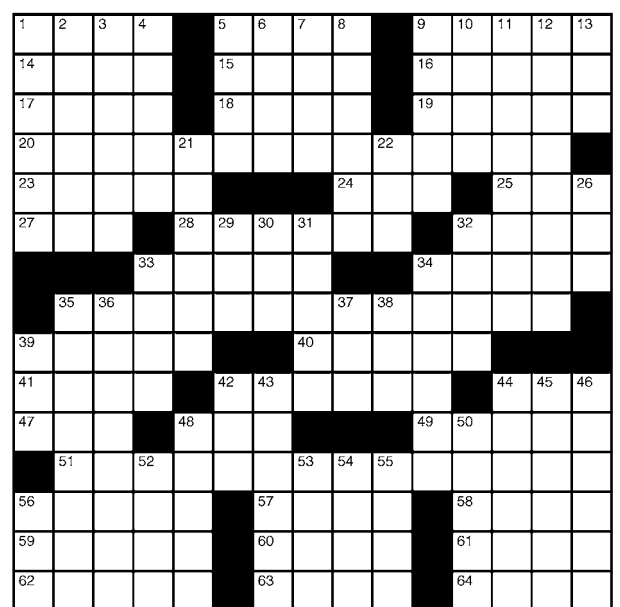
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By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR
For today's crossword and sudoku answers, visit www.baylor.edu/Lariat 2/7/07

Houston astronaut charged with attempted murder

By Mike Schneider and Erin McClam
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — According to police, Lisa Nowak's obsession with William Oefelein led her to drive 900 miles from Houston to Orlando, Fla., bringing with her a trenchcoat and wig, armed with a BB gun and pepper spray, and wearing a diaper to avoid bathroom breaks on the arduous drive.

Once in Florida, Lisa "Robochick" Nowak apparently confronted the woman she believed was her rival for the affections of William "Billy-O" Oefelein.

And this tawdry love triangle has one more twist — it involves two astronauts.

Nowak, 43, a married mother of three who flew on a space shuttle in July, was charged with attempted murder, accused of hatching an extraordinary plot to kidnap Colleen Shipman, who she believed was romantically involved with Oefelein, a space shuttle pilot.

Specifically, police said Nowak confronted Shipman, who was in

her car at the Orlando airport, and sprayed something at her, possibly pepper spray.

At first the astronaut was charged with attempted kidnapping and other counts, and a judge had permitted her release on bail.

Then, in a surprise move, prosecutors upped the charge to attempted murder, basing it on the weapons and other items they said they had found with Nowak or in her car: a pepper spray package, an unused BB gun cartridge, a new steel mallet, a knife, rubber tubing and large garbage bags.

The details of the relationships of all three were unclear. Nowak and Oefelein, who both live in the Houston area, had trained together as astronauts, but never flew into space together.

Shipman, 30, works at Patrick Air Force Base near Kennedy Space Center. Police said Nowak, believing Shipman was romantically involved with Oefelein, had driven from Houston to confront Shipman as she arrived in Orlando on a flight from Houston.

There, police said, Nowak donned a wig and trench coat, boarded an air-

port shuttle bus with Shipman and followed her to her car.

The affidavit said the circumstances of the case "create a well-founded fear" and gave investigators "probable cause to believe that Mrs. Nowak intended to murder Ms. Shipman."

Saying he was surprised by the case, NASA spokesman John Ira Petty at Johnson Space Center in Houston said he was concerned about the people involved and their families.

But, he added, "We try not to concern ourselves with our employees' personal lives."

A vague profile began to emerge of Nowak, who graduated from high school in Maryland in 1981 and the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985.

She has won various Navy service awards. A smiling, put-together woman in her NASA photos, her police mug shot showed a fatigued, haggard face with scraggly hair, seemingly destined to become the object of public ridicule.

Oefelein, a 41-year-old Navy commander, trained with Nowak but never flew with her. Oefelein is unmarried but has two children.



NASA astronaut Lisa Nowak with her attorney Donald Lykkebak, right, makes her initial court appearance Tuesday in Orlando, Fla., after she was arrested Monday at the Orlando International Airport Monday on a number of charges.

Associated Press

Some blame Bush for slow Crawford tourism



Associated Press

The "Stars Over Texas" Metal Art business in Crawford is shown closed on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007. The souvenir shops in President Bush's hometown have fallen on hard times, in what some say is a gauge of his plummeting popularity.

By Angela K. Brown
The Associated Press

CRAWFORD — Near the lone spotlight on Main Street, a for-sale sign hangs from a dusty window where a souvenir shop used to sell cufflinks, cowboy boots and denim shirts emblazoned "The Western White House."

And the biggest souvenir shop in Crawford is reporting a drop in sales.

But Crawford, the 700-person town where President Bush's ranch is located, has its trinket stores, and they have fallen on hard times in what some say reflects the president's sinking popularity over the war in Iraq and a daunting influx of anti-war protesters. It was in 1999 that then-Gov. George W. Bush bought his 1,600-acre ranch

seven miles from downtown in this ranching and gas-drilling region 20 miles west of Waco.

After Bush took office as president in 2001, the ranch became known as the Western White House, drawing thousands of visitors a year hoping to see the ranch, which is not even visible from the road.

After reporting nearly \$813,000 in gross sales in 1999, Crawford's souvenir shops and other retail businesses generated \$1.03 million in 2000, the year Bush was first elected.

Sales climbed steadily during Bush's first term to \$2.66 million in 2004. But in 2005, sales had dropped to \$2.3 million. They were down as much as 20 percent in each of the first two quarters of 2006. And while the third- and fourth-quarter figures are not yet available, all indica-

tions are that the slide continued. The Crawford Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture said it had no figures on how many visitors the city gets.

Crow suggested that the anti-war demonstrations that Cindy Sheehan started in Crawford in 2005 have led some tourists to stay away.

"When the president would be home, more people would come hoping to get a glimpse of him," she said. "But with the frustrations caused by the protesters, it wasn't as popular to come to Crawford and pick up trinkets."

Another possible reason given for the downturn in business: Bush did not visit his ranch in 2006 as often he used to. In past years, more visitors flocked to town when the president was here.

BEAR BRIEFS

Gospelfest tickets on sale
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Women take Wal-mart to court

By David Kravets
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest private employer, must face a class-action lawsuit alleging as many as 1.5 million former and current female employees were discriminated against in pay and promotions.

The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a 2004 federal judge's decision to let the nation's largest class-action employment discrimination lawsuit go to trial, possibly exposing the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailing powerhouse to billions of dollars in damages.

"Plaintiff's expert opinions, factual evidence, statistical evidence and anecdotal evidence present significant proof of a corporate policy of discrimination and support plaintiff's contention that female employees nationwide were subjected to a common pattern and practice of

discrimination," the court wrote in a 2-1 decision.

Wal-Mart said it would ask the court to rehear the case with the same three-judge panel or with 15 judges, a move likely to idle the case for months. Tuesday's ruling came 18 months after the case was argued.

"This is one step of what is going to be a long process," Wal-Mart attorney Theodore Bontros Jr. said. "We are very optimistic of obtaining relief from this ruling."

He said Wal-Mart's own review found no significant disparity in pay between men and women at 90 percent of its stores.

Wal-Mart, which currently employs 1.3 million workers, claimed that the conventional rules of class action suits should not apply in the case because its 3,400 stores, including Sam's Club warehouse outlets, operate like independent businesses, and that the company did not have a policy of discriminating against women.

U.S. District Judge Martin Jenkins, the San Francisco trial court judge who said the case could proceed, had ruled that anecdotal evidence warranted a class-action trial.

Wal-Mart took the case to the San Francisco-based appeals court.

Jenkins said if companywide gender discrimination is proven at trial, Wal-Mart could be forced to pay billions of dollars to women who earned less than their male counterparts.

Jenkins rejected as "impractical" Wal-Mart's suggestion of having individual hearings for each plaintiff and he planned to use a statistical formula to compensate the women if they won.

Wal-Mart said the judge's scenario was an unprecedented denial of its rights and sought to dismiss the case. The company said women who allege discrimination could file lawsuits against individual stores.

The women's lawyers said the idea was ridiculous, and would clog the federal judiciary.

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Mosby holds key to Big 12 success

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

When Bernice Mosby scores in bunches, wins are usually not too far behind for the Baylor Lady Bears.

The senior forward's offensive production is intricately linked with the Lady Bears' chances, and Saturday for the first time in her Big 12 career, she simply couldn't find the basket.

In a critical conference road test against No. 22 University of Nebraska, kicking off a two-game road trip that could cripple Baylor's Big 12 title hopes, Mosby shot just 1-of-13 from the field and scored a season-low three points in 26 minutes.

Not exactly star-like numbers.

"We played awful," Mosby said. "Every player is going to have a bad game."

"I'm not perfect. I'm not going to go out and try and score 40 points or get 30 rebounds tomorrow. I'm just trying to do what I do best," she said.

Adding insult to Mosby's uncharacteristic numbers, Baylor struggled offensively all afternoon against the Huskers and lost, 76-67. The loss came at the worst possible time, knocking Baylor down to fourth in the Big 12.

Mosby's lackluster game on Saturday wasn't an isolated incident, either.

While she scored 17 points against the University of Missouri last Wednesday, she missed several key free throws, one of which gave the Tigers an opportunity to win the game on their final possession.

Head Coach Kim Mulkey freely admitted after the Missouri game that Mosby was "not herself," and her cold streak apparently followed her to Lincoln, Neb.

"Bernice didn't play very well in the Nebraska game," Mulkey said. "Unfortunately it was a conference game, but we've moved beyond that, and she's a great player."

Freshman guard Latara Darrett, the Lady Bears' best outside shooter, said the team looks to Mosby as the focal point of the offense, and when she struggles, the team struggles.

"We definitely look up to Bernice in those games," Darrett said. "So when she's down or has a bad game, all of us get down a little bit. It's just harder for all of us to step up and bring the energy, especially being a freshman."

The Lady Bears are 9-2 when Mosby scores more than 20 points, but that hasn't happened since Jan. 27 when Baylor played Oklahoma State University. And while she's normally a rebounding force, pulling down just over nine rebounds a game, she hasn't recorded double digits in the statistic since Jan. 24.

"I'm just trying to put all that past me," Mosby said. "You just have to learn from your mistakes and fix them."

Perhaps personifying the type of player she is, Mosby said she held herself fully accountable for the Nebraska loss, stressing the importance of moving on to face Texas Tech University at 7 p.m. today in Lubbock.

"Whenever you get in a slump, you're always thinking



File photo

Senior forward Bernice Mosby defends Kansas State's Claire Coggins in the Lady Bears' 79-70 victory over the Wildcats on Jan. 20. Mosby is averaging 18.3 points and 9.1 rebounds per game on the season.

"OK, I'm going to get this back," Mosby said. "Unfortunately it never came for me."

"I don't care if I didn't score a point on offense. What I did on the defensive end was horrible."

Underscoring the successful season she's had to this point, Mosby was a late addition Monday to the Wooden Award Mid-season list.

The Wooden Award honors the country's best overall women's player, and Mosby's outstanding season has clearly

garnered attention from every direction.

Her 18 points per game have given the young Lady Bears numerous jump-starts when their inexperience crops up, a problem Mulkey has faced several times this season.

But Mosby said she understands her importance to the team and knows a Wooden Award can only help the Lady Bears win games if the player behind it is consistently producing on both ends of the court.

Baseball's freshmen ready for next level

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

Last October, the Baylor baseball team's freshman class was rated No. 1 in the nation by Baseball America.

With baseball season starting in less than a week, those freshmen are ready to show they're as good as advertised.

After losing six impact players from last year's squad—a list that includes Zach Dillon, Kevin Russo, Kevin Sevigny, Seth Fortenberry, Ryan LaMotta and Cory VanAllen—the Bears will have a new look in 2007.

With 15 true freshmen and three redshirt freshmen on this year's squad, the Bears will be one of the youngest teams head Coach Steve Smith has fielded in his 13 years with the school.

But with the infusion of youth also comes a heavy dose of talent.

Starting pitcher Kendall Volz, first baseman Dustin Dickerson and right fielder Aaron Miller were each taken in the 2006 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, and all are expected to start this season.

Second baseman Shaver Hansen and infielder Raynor Campbell are also expected to join the 18 returning lettermen in seeing heavy playing time.

Smith said the youth on his team has caused him to adjust his expectations a bit, but he is confident his talented freshmen will be up to the task of not only playing, but performing well.

"Based on their work ethic and their performance in the classroom, I'd say this freshman class is outstanding," he said. "Time will tell how they

play, but I think they'll play well. I have no reason to think they won't."

Both shortstop Beamer Weems and left fielder Ben Booker had productive seasons in their first year in 2006. The five true freshmen who'll play this season are expected to make a similar adjustment.

Miller, who's expected to start in right field and provide some much-needed power at the plate, said the freshmen have fit in well with the rest of the team.

"It couldn't have been a better group to fit in with. The upperclassmen have been great with accepting us," he said. "We came in with a lot of expectations. That could have caused a problem, but it didn't. We've gelled really well."

While the team will have much less experience than past Baylor squads, Miller said the team's goal is still to make it to and win the College World Series.

This is a difficult proposition any year, especially for a team as young as this year's Bears, but senior first baseman Tim Jackson said he doesn't expect any drop-off in a program that's been one of the nation's most successful over the past decade.

"The new guys we have now are really stepping in, and I think a lot of people are really going to be impressed," he said. "I think everybody has their doubts about freshmen in the fall before the season starts, but these guys have taken huge steps from the fall to the spring."

"You can see both mentally and physically these guys have grown by leaps and bounds."

Rivera ninth to interview for Cowboys' head job

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

IRVING — Waiting two hours on a Chicago runway, Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera wondered if icy weather really was delaying his flight to a job interview in Dallas.

"There was a vicious rumor going around Chicago didn't want me to leave so they weren't going to let the plane go," Rivera said, laughing.

Rivera finally arrived at Cowboys headquarters around 4 p.m. Tuesday. He spoke with reporters before meeting with team owner Jerry Jones to discuss the head coaching vacancy created when Bill Parcells retired more than two weeks ago.

Rivera didn't officially become a candidate until speaking with Jones for a few minutes Monday night. However, he'd been expecting the call since Jones decided to hold the job open through Super Bowl week, when Rivera was off-limits because he was getting his team ready for the game.

"Just the fact that Mr. Jones waited until now, that bodes well for me," Rivera said.

Rivera was the ninth person Jones interviewed. Indianapolis quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell will become No. 10 on Wednesday.

Having lost to Caldwell and the Colts on Sunday, Rivera spent Monday stewing over it. He was glad to have had a day in between the game and the get-together with Jones.

"It gave me a chance to go through some things in my



Associated Press

Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera answers questions Thursday in Miami. Rivera's name has surfaced as a possible candidate for the Dallas Cowboys head coaching job

mind and have a feel for them," he said. "I had a little chance to take a quick look at the Cowboys one last time."

What did he see?
"Some things that can be implemented to really help this defense," he said.

Dallas went 9-7 this past season, with a loss to Seattle in the first round of the playoffs. The Cowboys, who haven't won a playoff game since 1996, collapsed in December and January primarily because of breakdowns on defense.

Rivera, 45, played nine seasons in the NFL and has been a coach for 10, the last three as defensive coordinator of the Bears. Although he's never been a head coach, he's interviewed several times this postseason and last offseason.

A big question surrounding this opening is how legitimate

a candidate he is for the top job. There's speculation that San Francisco 49ers offensive coordinator Norv Turner has it locked up, and that Jones wants Rivera as defensive coordinator.

Although that would be a lateral move, it's possible because Rivera's contract with Chicago is expiring.

He might be willing to leave a great defense to run a mediocre one for more than just the challenge — Jones likely would pay Rivera more than the Bears, who have a lot of other coaches in line for raises.

When asked his chances of becoming defensive coordinator, Rivera said: "I am here to discuss being the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys."

Rivera likely has an idea of what it would be like to work for Turner because he's worked alongside Turner's brother, Ron,

the Bears' offensive coordinator.

Rivera knows second-hand about working for Jones, having discussed it with Chicago quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson, who had the same job in Dallas from 2000-02.

The biggest challenge Rivera might face with the Cowboys — as the coach or as defensive coordinator — is adapting a roster built for the 3-4 scheme into his 4-3 system.

He said it's not much of an issue because Dallas frequently used a four-man front. And part of his coaching philosophy is to mold plans around players.

"I think a lot of times guys get caught up in 'this is the only thing I do' and not use the talent around them," he said. "The truth of the matter is, it's all about the players."

Rivera was a linebacker for the Bears from 1984-92, winning a championship with the '85 team that had Buddy Ryan as the defensive coordinator.

After retiring, he spent four years talking football on television, then broke into coaching with the Bears in 1997. He was linebackers coach for the Philadelphia Eagles under Jim Johnson from 1999-2003, then returned to Chicago as defensive coordinator when Lovie Smith took over.

Rivera credits Ryan, Johnson and Smith for helping form his approach to defense. The result has helped his Bears consistently rank among the league leaders in fewest yards and points allowed, and near the top in turnovers.

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'Oh! Gravity' leaves fans floating after new release

By Abbie Rosen
Contributor

Switchfoot, a culturally-hip, Christian-rooted band, proves itself radio-wave worthy once again with its new album, *Oh! Gravity*.

ALBUMREVIEW

Placed in the gospel and religious genre, these songs fail to fall within the usual association of this type of music. The group, originally a trio upon its birth in 1997, released three albums independently. It has made great strides since then, becoming a dominant player in the music industry. The now five-member rock group cultivated its fan base when they signed on with Columbia Records and released the album *Learning to Breathe*, in 2000. Seven years later, the band still hasn't lost its talent. In fact, it's improved. Though

many say they have veered away from their "Christian roots," the band's newest songs prove critics wrong as the lyrics combine spiritual formation with the hypocrisies of the world. With titles such as "American Dream" and "Awakening," the band asks listeners to examine if their "success is equated with excess."

I highly anticipated the release of this album in mid-December and was far from disappointed as the songs once again lifted my spirits. They had me bopping my head while driving down LaSalle Avenue. Catchy beats and meaningful lyrics had others who rode in my car enticed.

The true Switchfoot fan will be happy to note that there's a bonus track placed on certain CDs when purchased at stores such as Wal-Mart, Target and Best Buy. Since I purchased my CD at Wal-Mart, I was pleasantly surprised to hear a remix of the song "The Shadow Proves

the Sun Shines" taken off of the *Beautiful Letdown* album released last year. I was quick to call up my friends and see what bonus song was on their CDs so I could gather all of them.

After I thought I collected all of the bonus tracks, I was told that if *Oh! Gravity* is purchased on the band's Web site, an additional CD was being given out for free with acoustic versions of the new songs. The \$12 I spent to get this online CD was well worth it.

Switchfoot comes to Dallas and Austin in late March, and I will be attending at least one of them. I went to a concert last year in the intimate setting of the Gypsy Tea Room in Dallas, where the band truly proved its platinum album status.

Can't make it to Dallas? Have no fear — Switchfoot will be performing live at Brother's Under Christ's Island Party at Baylor on April 20.
Grade: A



McClatchy

Switchfoot is shown backstage at the Jingle Ball 2004 sponsored by Z100 in New York City on Friday, December 10, 2004. Since that time, the band's fan base has increased and continues to with the recent release of *Oh! Gravity*.

Studies disagree on positive effects of herbal remedies

Evidence shows flu, cold victims get over symptoms, regardless

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

Herbal remedies have been used to treat illness and promote health for thousands of years — enough evidence for some people during cold and flu season.

Peggy Everist, a 44-year-old elementary school teacher from Kansas City, takes *Airborne*, an effervescent tablet containing Chinese herbs, vitamins and echinacea, when she feels a cold coming on.

"It really seems to knock out

the cold or at least make it less severe," Everist said.

But what is the scientific evidence for alternative cold and flu remedies, such as echinacea, ginseng and zinc?

Dr. Ronald B. Turner, a cold virus expert at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, says the evidence is weak. But Turner doesn't try to discourage people from spending their money on remedies they think make them feel better, as long as there are no harmful side effects.

"One of the things that permits people to believe in unproven therapies is that it really doesn't matter what you take because you're going to get better anyway," Turner said.

Symptoms of the common

cold increase rapidly and disappear just as fast, Turner said, making it difficult, but not impossible, for scientists to design studies proving what works.

Here is a quick look at the evidence.

◆**Echinacea:** The herbal supplement is made from purple coneflower. Early studies suggested some benefit, but more recent studies with better designs have found no effect on preventing colds or lessening their length or severity. There are no known significant side effects, but commercial products aren't standardized.

◆**Zinc:** An essential mineral found in oysters, beans, nuts and seeds, studies have yielded mixed results about zinc. There are scattered reports of damage

to the sense of smell from zinc nasal sprays. High daily doses (80 mg) have been linked to urinary problems. You can buy zinc in a variety of forms -- nasal sprays, lollipops, gum, and lozenges.

◆**Vitamin C:** Found in fruits and vegetables, the nutrient got a huge boost to its reputation for cold prevention in 1970 when Nobel Prize-winning scientist Linus Pauling wrote a book endorsing it. Some studies have shown it reduces the duration and severity of colds when taken daily in doses of 200 mg or more. Turner thinks there's "probably little true effect." Vitamin C can cause gastrointestinal problems in high doses.

◆**Ginseng:** Traditional Chinese medicine uses the extract

of this root to restore energy. The commercial herbal supplement *Cold-fX* contains ginseng. Some studies have found ginseng lessens the number and severity of colds. Another study found that most ginseng products contained less than half of what was listed on the label. Ginseng may also cause insomnia.

◆**Oscillococcinum:** This homeopathic medicine, made from minuscule amounts of duck hearts and livers, is used to treat influenza. Studies have not produced strong evidence that it works. But New York Times Personal Health columnist Jane Brody has said she keeps it in her medicine cabinet, adding that it may be the belief in homeopathic medicine that make

them work for some people.

Airborne: Growing in popularity, the brand-name herbal product now is the second highest selling cold tablet, according to Information Resources Inc. But there are "no credible clinical studies, so no evidence of effect," Turner said. "Based on the ingredients, (there is) no reason to expect an effect."

◆**Chicken soup:** This has been a favorite remedy for centuries. Some studies suggest its vapors warm up the respiratory passages and loosen mucus. An article in a magazine for nurse practitioners pointed out that chicken soup's ingredients are known antioxidants and keeps patients hydrated. Known side effects include feelings of comfort and nostalgia.

Clay Pot offers casual mood, relaxed dining experience

By Jon Schroeder
Staff Writer

You've been to Clay Pot, right?

That's the assumption. If you're a Baylor student, you've dined there. The Vietnamese restaurant, located at the intersection of South 10th Street and Interstate 35, is a staple for students. It even offers a meal plan for those souls fortunate enough to discover it.

RESTAURANTREVIEW

Entering, you immediately notice a sense of atmosphere. Glancing around, there's a strange mix of Vietnamese culture, Christmas tree lights and even some aging Baylor paraphernalia.

A stretched-canvas piece on the wall says it best. The word "peace," repeated in 13 languages over a rainbow watercolor, overlooked our meal. A bookshelf full of dog-eared copies of

every kind of book invites you to stay even if you aren't eating — they aren't quick to kick anyone out. Some Baylor students played chess and grazed on a short, carpeted stage, relishing the food and environment alike.

Sitting on a cushion in a dimly-lit corner, I sampled some of the more standard dishes.

Everyone gets tea and spring rolls. It's worth the trip for just the tea, an iced peach blend. And the spring rolls come with a small dish of peanut sauce, which my dining companion gracefully licked clean after he'd finished his roll.

My pho soup, a green cupful of spicy onion and broth, complemented the tea nicely. A plateful of rice and pineapple chicken rounded out the meal. The tangy dish finished me off for the evening, but we stuck around for a while.

The owner, Quang Le, brought us tea and chatted about the Baylor basketball game. He visited just about ev-

ery table while we were there, and he even sat down at a few to finish conversations. His offer of an impromptu "free spring roll" night for any Baylor basketball fans is one I'll take him up on. I got there about 9:30 p.m. and stayed until almost 11 p.m. By that time, we were the last ones there, beside a few employees.

They aren't speedy. Make sure you have some time before you go. Time slows down a little inside — no one's in a hurry to get out, least of all the servers.

Clay Pot opens about 10 a.m and closes about 10 p.m. every day except on Saturdays, Quang's day of rest.

Clay Pot's more about kicking back than fine dining. Not that the food isn't excellent for the price: You can get a good meal for about the cost of Taco Bell, but you get a sense that most of the customers are repeats.

Everyone knows Quang, he knows everyone, and once you've been, you'll more than likely become a Clay Pot groupie.

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ations" about parts of the text, but declined to elaborate, and she urged U.S. officials to sign and ratify it. She noted that America often backs activities of the UNHCR without formally signing on to them.

She called the treaty "a message to all modern-day authorities committed to the fight against terrorism" that some past tactics are now "not acceptable, in a very explicit way."

The convention defines forced disappearances as the arrest, detention, kidnapping or "any other form of deprivation of freedom" by state agents or affiliates, followed by deni-

als or cover-ups about the detention and location of the person gone missing.

Nations that eventually ratify the text would enshrine victims' rights, and would require states to penalize any forced disappearances in their countries and enact preventative and monitoring measures.

French officials, who led the effort, counted more than 51,000 people who were disappeared by their governments in over 90 countries since 1980, Douste-Blazy said. Some 41,000 of those cases remain unsolved.

"Men and women disappear every day on every continent, for defending human rights, for just opposing their

governments' policies or simply because they want justice," Douste-Blazy said. "The situation could not continue to go unpunished. It required a strong response from the international community."

Latin American states like Argentina, once plagued by disappearances, are now owning up to much of the violence that left hundreds of thousands dead or disappeared in the 1970s and 1980s. Disappearances were also a common Nazi tactic in World War II.

Argentina's first lady, lawmaker Cristina Kirchner, took part in the signing. She was in Paris in an effort to raise her profile before a potential presidential bid.

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women," she said. "In both the world of academia and religion, women have faced opposition."

Talbert said while Baylor has come a long way, there's still a ways to go.

"We're still feeling some of the pain of academics being male-dominated," she said. "In the Southern Baptist Convention, women were not allowed to teach in the seminaries until about 20 years ago."

After being affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention until the early 1990s, Baylor is now associated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which Talbert described as progressive and in favor of women in the ministry.

Talbert said Truett emphasizes the Biblical support for women as preachers and works very hard to show students the theology behind women as pastors and teachers.

"In Baptist life, the Bible is our authority," she said.

While fundamentalists use literal interpretations of certain passages and verses to support the role of women as secondary to men, Talbert said she believes the verses can be interpreted in another way.

"Baylor is moving, although not very rapidly, towards having more women religion scholars," she said. "Change takes a long time."

Associate religion professor Dr. Rosalie Beck said she believes Baylor is a place where Baptist women who are academically inclined can flourish. Beck was the department's first female professor when she came to the university in 1984. She said while gender is not an issue in the department today, Baptists haven't always been so supportive of women.

"There have always been segments of Baptist life that don't encourage women to go into higher academic work," she said.

Beck said she also believes the geographic location of Baylor keeps many female religion scholars from applying.

"Central Texas isn't the most accepting place of a woman preaching," she said.

Beck has noticed that men

in the religion department are frequently invited to preach or serve as interim pastors in the Waco area, but women aren't asked.

"That's huge public relations for Baylor that women aren't likely to be able to participate in," she said.

"Men don't have to deal with the kind of criticism that women do in the ministry."

Dr. W.H. Bellinger Jr., chairman of the religion department, said the number of women scholars is growing and Baylor is very accepting and encouraging of employing more females. He noted that while Baylor doesn't have an official, documented stance on women in the ministry, its approach has always been to affirm students who are called to the ministry regardless of gender.

"If much of what we do is work with ministry students, and 60 percent of them are women, it would seem rather self-defeating to be opposed to women in the ministry," he said.

Bellinger said part of the reason for the disparity between male and female religion professors is because the department only hires Baptists, as opposed to the rest of the university requires only a Judeo-Christian background.

"In the Baptist world, quite frankly there are a lot of white males," he said. "We are doing our best to hire qualified women, but the pool is much smaller."

Beck expressed a similar frustration.

"We want to hire more women, but they have to apply," she said.

Talbert said Baylor and other universities should do more to attract female scholars in order to counteract the prejudice women faced in the past.

Talbert said that for many years, women were not seeking higher degrees, and they still feel the effects of that lack of education today. But she also said Baylor needs to recruit women more actively.

Because of that gap in the educational background, Talbert said, women who are less published than some men should be granted employment based on potential.

"The moral thing to do is hire a person who will be qualified if you give them a chance," she said.

The legal issues surrounding affirmative action hiring concern Dr. Sharyn Dowd, associate professor of religion.

"We've had some court rulings that really make affirmative hiring extremely difficult," she said. "You can do it, but if you get sued, you'll lose."

Dowd said the lack of qualified candidates could be circumvented proactively by mentoring promising female undergraduate students and encouraging them to pursue a doctoral degree.

In an effort to widen the pool of female ministers, a group of female and male Truett students is trying to educate people about the idea of women in leadership and pastoral roles.

Sarah Stewart, president of the group Women in Ministry, said the student-led organization was warmly received by students and faculty alike at a meeting attended by 117 people.

"People are hungry for women to have a bigger role in ministry," said Stewart, a third-year student in the George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Both Talbert and Dowd agree with Stewart and said a women's ministry movement is already under way.

"I was told when I came here that it would be 10 years before there was a woman senior pastor in Texas," Talbert said. "Two years later Julie Pennington-Russell came in, so that's entirely changing."

Pennington-Russell, who pastors Calvary Baptist Church in Waco, is one of two female senior pastors in the area.

"Our feeling is that Scripture supports women in every role of pastoral leadership," Talbert said.



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Sittin' in a tree

Hermiston, Ore., senior Bryce Bissinger, left, and Houston sophomore Tim Walker enjoy the weather Tuesday afternoon in trees near the Bill Daniel Student Center.

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This increase would take place over a period of four years.

Gatlin said the companies have been receptive to the plan, in which Baylor would compensate for the difference between their current pay and the proposed wage increase, as

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ment their income anymore — it will give them a sense of dignity."

Gatlin said she hopes the national minimum wage will also be increased.

"It's a long time in coming," she said.

"I think that would be wonderful, but there is still a ways to go."

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