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SMU nears closed deal

School asks church
for land to build
presidential library

By Angela K. Brown
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Southern Methodist University plans to ask church leaders next week for approval to lease campus land for the George W. Bush presidential library, officials said Wednesday.

SMU will seek permission from a 23-member council of the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church at a meeting in Dallas next week, said Stephen Drachler, a spokesman for the Oklahoma City-based jurisdiction. The council will vote that day after SMU's presentation, he said.

The university needs permission because the parcel was part of the original campus when it was founded in 1911, Drachler said. He said he did not know the exact location or how many acres, referring those questions to SMU officials.

Brad Cheves, SMU's vice president for external affairs and development, confirmed Wednesday that the university would seek the jurisdiction's approval but declined to disclose specifics about the land. He said SMU and the site selection committee are still considering other locations that do not require church approval.

"We have not yet shared in the public square all of our site options, just because we don't know what's going to be chosen," Cheves said.

One of the Methodist ministers sponsoring an online peti-

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Double trouble in the outfield



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Tiffany (left) and Nicole Wesley, freshmen from Baton Rouge, La., patrol the outfield this season for head Coach Glenn Moore and the Baylor softball team. Nicole starts in right field for the Lady Bears and Tiffany starts in left field.

Talented twins adjust quickly to college

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

It's a bond that helped carry them 450 miles away from their home to play softball, a bond that tied them to each other and, as they'll admit today, has kept them together.

That bond shared by Nicole and Tiffany Wesley is their interminable friendship.

Nicole and Tiffany are twins. "When we were getting recruited, we both thought we could split up if we needed to so we could go to the

schools we wanted," Tiffany said. "But now that we're here together, I really don't think I could have come without her because I would have missed her too much."

Nicole could only smile and agree. "Everybody always has a tough time transitioning from high school to college and being away from home," Nicole said. "But for me, I know it really wasn't that bad because I had something here with me that was familiar. I really enjoy having her here with me."

Their faces have the same ruddy

complexion, they both stand at a formidable 6 feet tall and they even play at the same level, with batting averages just .012 points apart.

"A lot of people have problems telling us apart," said Nicole, almost indistinguishable from her sister if not for the hair band strapped across her head. "It's really funny because most people can't tell us apart when they meet us, but after they get to know us they say we look like complete opposites."

The freshman pair might not have predicted they'd both be starting on a

top-25 program in their first season, but here they are. The two have started all 26 games for the Lady Bears in the outfield this season, Tiffany in left field and Nicole in right. Head Coach Glenn Moore said starting freshmen is usually a daunting task, but not when these two are concerned.

"I think they're pretty intimidating with their size, height and speed," Moore said. "They've won their whole life at everything they've done. On the field, off the field, they've just been

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Spring missions offer chance to help

By Melissa Limmer
Staff Writer

Honduras, Juarez and Hyderabad, India, don't sound like your typical spring break destinations. However, they are just a few of the places Baylor students will be visiting on mission trips over spring break.

Highland Baptist Church will send a group of 12 students to Hyderabad to witness to the Banjara people there, said Morgan Ballard, group coordinator and first-year student at George W. Truett Theological Seminary. She said the group will "spend all day just talking to people, telling them about Jesus."

Ballard said she was proud of the committed group of student

volunteers who have been training for the trip since November.

"They are giving up their entire spring break," she said. "It is not the most glamorous trip ever. We have to take our own toilet paper."

While India can be a daunting country to visit, Ballard said she is excited about the trip.

"For the people of India, we are just hoping to plant seeds and that people will come to Christ," she said.

Edmond, Okla., sophomore Chelsey Grove will be going with the group to India. Grove said she decided to go to India after she saw a video about previous mission trips there.

"It really struck me as something different and exciting that

was out of the ordinary," she said. "I felt like I was supposed to go. It was a calling."

Witnessing to a perfect stranger, along with the help of a translator, is no easy feat, Grove said.

"The thing I am most nervous about is not knowing what to say," she said. "It is out of my comfort zone."

Another group doing mission work during the spring break is Baptist Student Ministries. According to Cliff Mouser, director of the BSM, a team of 40 students and professors will travel to Choluteca, Honduras, to teach and preach in a sister church, LaEsperanza.

The team of students also includes premed students and

students from Baylor's nursing school in Dallas, Mouser said. These students, along with nursing professors Lori Sties and Vivian Gamblian, will staff a medical clinic.

The education students in the group will teach chemistry, physics and mathematics in LaEsperanza's church school. They will also teach Bible lessons and personal hygiene classes in local public schools.

"This is more than a trip," Mouser said. "It is a call for them to share the truth of Christ and to express their vocational calling."

For Coppell junior Martin Hechanova, the trip to Honduras

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Courtesy photo

Baylor alumnus Ron Mercer plays with children during a mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, in 2005. During spring break, more than 400 Baylor students will travel to Mexico, Honduras and India for various mission trips.

Baylor launches \$5M plan for residential real estate research center

By Matt Kennedy
Reporter

At a time when the only real estate matters concerning most students involve hotels and beaches, many faculty members are eagerly awaiting the creation of the Keller Center for residential real estate research.

The center will open before the start of the fall semester and will bear the name of alumnus

Gary Keller, chairman of Keller Williams Realty Inc., who donated \$5 million to Baylor for the project.

Offices will be rearranged, but no construction will be necessary because the Keller Center will be housed in the marketing wing of the Hankamer School of Business.

The money will provide a salary for two new faculty members that have been hired to conduct

research at the facility, a stipend for up to four Baylor MBA student research assistants and the additional capital necessary to conduct and publish research.

According to marketing department chairman Dr. Kirk Wakefield, research from the center will most likely be put into quarterly magazine-style publications that will be sent to real estate agents, businesses, the media and business schools

around the country.

The research articles will focus on buyer-seller relationships and what decisions home buyers make.

"There's really not much real estate marketing research out there for the thousands of people in the field," Wakefield said.

"You can just imagine how much a service like this will help."

Other schools have centers

available for real estate research, but Wakefield said Baylor's will be unique.

"All the other real estate research centers out there are focused on economics and finance," Wakefield said. "Our center is the only facility I can think of that is focused on marketing and sales."

The center's research focuses on real estate marketing even though there is no real estate

marketing program at Baylor. A real estate marketing class is offered, and Wakefield said offering a major in the subject is a goal this center might help facilitate.

Keller Williams Realty Inc. employs more than 64,000 agents and is the fourth-largest residential real estate franchise in North America.

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Lessons on overcoming procrastination ... tomorrow

I've got a problem I know I need to fix, but I keep putting it off. It's wreaking havoc on my nerves and my sleeping pattern, but I just can't bring myself to quit. I'm addicted to procrastination.

Judging by the 2,000-plus members of the Facebook group, Procrastinators United, I'd say plenty of college students put off their homework. But I'm beginning to think I've been hit with a particularly dangerous strain of this illness. I am physically incapable of starting an assignment more than 24 hours before it is due. Any sooner than that, my fingers cramp up, my stomach groans and my eyes go blurry.

I'm sure it's all psychological, but I can't bear to risk my health. So I procrastinate.

I remember the first time I heard the word procrastination. I was in Mrs. Young's fourth-grade class. I was a responsible student, partially because I still liked to learn and partially because Mrs. Young had crazy zombie eyes that I found incredibly frightening. She kept them wide open like she was in a horror movie trance. I did everything she told me just in case she really was the one of the undead.

To strike even more fear in our hearts, one day she told our class about slackers and the bad

point of view



BY BETHANY POLLER

things they did. This is when she said the P-word.

She told us how it would disappoint our parents and eventually lead to an unfulfilling job and a painful death. At least, that's what I got from it.

I knew procrastination was bad. It was the first step toward the deadly sin of sloth. But secretly that day, I fell in love

with it. Mrs. Young just made it sound so enticing.

Maybe it was the way her bulging eyes gleamed when she said it, or maybe I just have a rebel hidden somewhere deep within me.

Whatever the reason, procrastination and I have been inseparable ever since. In my years of practice, I've become a master at finding things to do besides schoolwork.

Nothing is off-limits. I use classic procrastinating tools like Facebook, AIM, and e-mail, which I check every three and a half minutes. I do dishes and watch TV; I make up songs and dances about my friends.

I even started writing a book. Sometimes, I hide in my roommate's closet waiting for the perfect opportunity to jump out and scare her. Anything to avoid actual work. Throughout my education, even with all the distractions I make for myself, I normally manage to come through in the end.

There have been a few times that I've bombed tests or failed assignments because my procrastination got the best of me. Normally I learn lessons from my mistakes.

I've learned that whipped cream baths are not soothing for sunburns, Asian cuisine should not be readily trusted and tell-

ing a friend that her new haircut is "different" will get you invited to her birthday party.

But no matter how many times I think I've learned my lesson about procrastinating, I always find myself waiting until the last couple of hours to start studying.

This semester has been my most challenging so far. I have too much to do to put it all off. So no more distractions, no more late nights and certainly, no more procrastinating.

Today's the day I put an end to this nasty habit. Or maybe tomorrow.

Bethany Poller is a sophomore journalism major from Mansfield.

Editorial

Feds will misuse snoopware

When our country woke up to a gruesome picture of the crumbling Twin Towers, we never imagined the lengths our government would take to protect us. But with bills like the Patriot Act, many began to see personal freedom slowly being crowded out for the sake of national security.

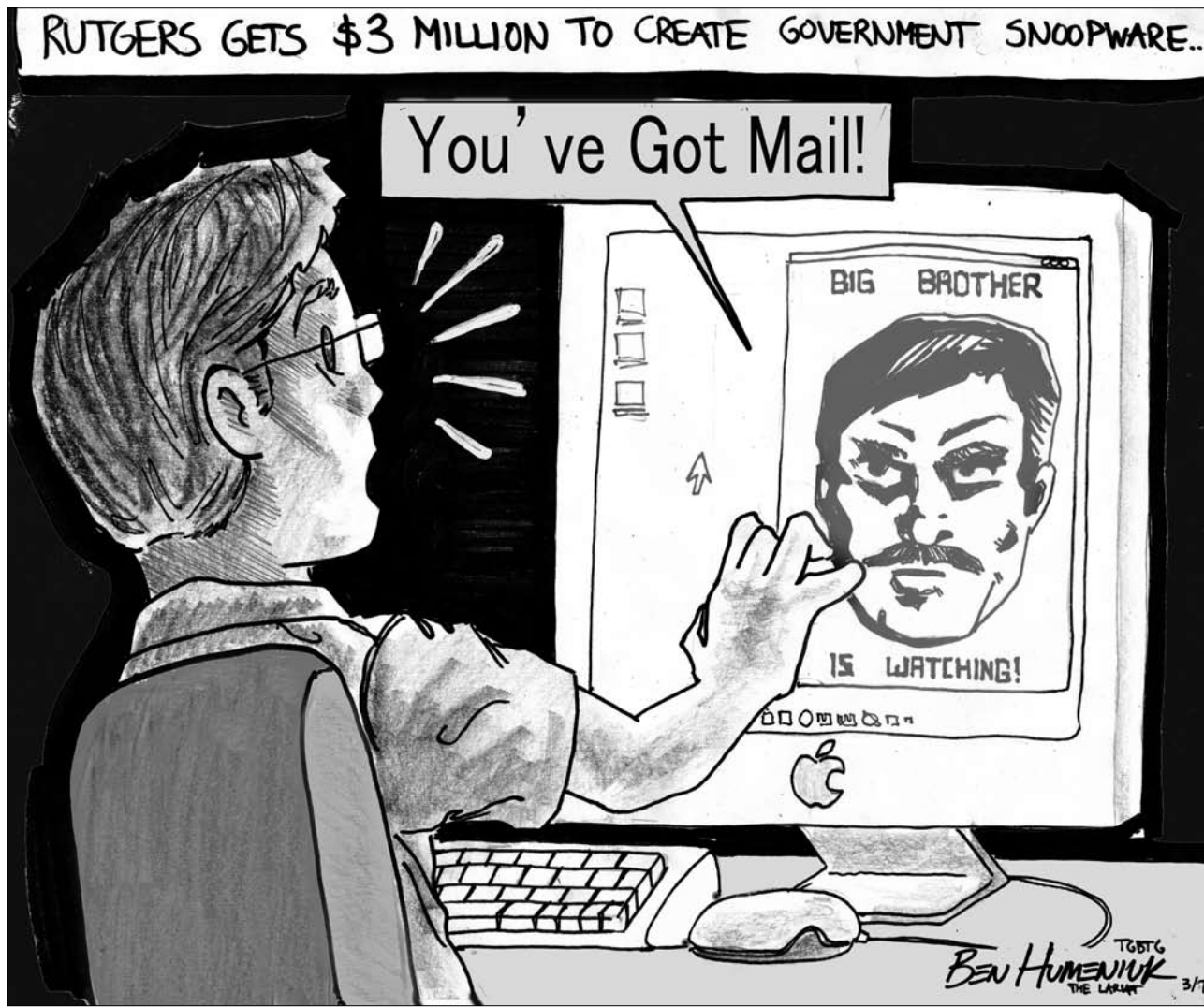
Now we Americans have yet another reason to hold on to the precious freedoms we all value just a little bit tighter.

The Department of Homeland Security is going to pay Rutgers University \$3 million to oversee the development of computer software that can "monitor suspicious social network opinions found in news stories, Web blogs and other indicators of potential terrorist activity."

Considering the strength our country derives from the freedom of speech and information, the manner in which the government is slowly liquidating it is alarming. In initial tests, Eduard Hovy with the University of Southern California compiled articles from both the news and opinion sections of *The Wall Street Journal*.

The early version of this new software runs algorithms to pull words and phrases frequently used within editorials or other forms of opinion writing. If they are considered subversive, they are flagged and compiled into a database.

In addition to a preliminary scanning of media content, the technology eventually will be able to analyze media and determine what is being reported and how "dangerous" it is.



This is frightening on more than one level and sadly, the media isn't the only one being singled out.

The technology would eventually be able to "summarize books, figure out cultural trends on blogs" and research such communication avenues as speech, video and "geo-spatial data."

What's alarming about the concept of this software is that there's no guarantee the government won't use it to single out people who simply

hold views deemed subversive to the administration. Where do they intend to draw the line between terrorism and difference of opinion?

To compare today's actions with the McCarthy hearings, an era that is covered in embarrassment, seems to be appropriate yet again.

While most Americans will agree that people were interrogated based on assumptions that Communists were infiltrating our country, the manner in which they collected infor-

mation was invasive and far too similar to today's measures for anyone to be comforted.

Many innocent lives were ruined because an overzealous government went out of control.

While we agree that our country has a reason to be on the defensive, our government should be fighting against people who openly embrace violence, while simultaneously fighting for those who simply want to exercise their freedom of speech.

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Clarification

In Wednesday's article "Faith Study Stopped," it was stated that Faculty Senate members were concerned about a lack of consultation with the university committee responsible for human resources and research.

The name of the body responsible for the regulation of human subjects involved in studies is the Internal Review Board.

Does the man make the clothes? Not if he just wants to be naked

I hate clothes shopping. I hate it a lot.

For one, I'm frugal, and I take sincere pleasure in finding clothes in cheap places like thrift stores and my dad's closet.

Plus mall stores just freak me out, because mannequins to are creepy. It's the lack of eyes; they're bothersome.

However, I do have the world's most awesome younger brother. His name is Sam, and his stated intention is to tattoo his name, preceded by the adjective "sexy," on his stomach when he hits 18.

Mom and Dad are really creeped out by this, though I support him in his decision.

He's the reason I decided to purchase women's clothes for

Valentine's Day.

You see, my family lives in Brownwood. It's not renowned for many things, especially not the mall, which is a Bealls and a JCPenny's connected by a hallway with a Corn Dog 7.

This was kind of problematic for Sam because he got the bright notion to buy clothes for his girlfriend, Melissa.

However, he didn't really want to go shopping online, and he wouldn't be able to coerce Mom into driving him to Abilene, which has the closest American Eagle. Luckily for him, I decided to come home one weekend.

"Ben," he asked, "your mall has an American Eagle, right?"

I cringed. "Yeah, I think so. Why do you ask?"

point of view



BY BEN HUMENIUK

"I have to get Melissa some clothes for Valentine's Day. Can I get you to do me a favor?"

He pressed a \$20 bill into my hand and said, "Can you go and pick two shirts off the clearance rack and send them back to me before the 14th?"

I stood mute for a second, amazed at my younger sibling. Not only was he proposing to buy clothes for a girl, which is a guaranteed way to fail at being a

boyfriend, but he was also saying he was too cheap to buy her good stuff.

I hoped he realized this was a sketchy idea. Did he realize he was about to torpedo his relationship? I wondered if I should warn him.

"What size is she?" I asked, thoughtfully.

So I went to American Eagle one Sunday afternoon, thinking that the population of Waco would naturally take advantage of the Sabbath and avoid malls and other open businesses. I would be safe from being seen.

I snuck in and did my best to quickly grab two blouses in the specified size. I got in line, where the clerk at the register gave me a weird look.

"They're not for me," I defiantly insisted.

After paying and making sure the shirts were in a bag, I tried to get out as fast as I could. I was red and embarrassed.

Clothes are dumb anyway, I reasoned. Kids in other countries don't have to worry about malls and fancy stores and stuff. They're happy with an old t-shirt and some knickers ... or something.

And that's when I got to thinking. I'm not alone in not liking the shopping thing. I think most dudes abhor it. After all, given the choice, most of us are comfortable in just boxer shorts - or less.

It's the girls who like dressing up all fancy and stuff.

So I decided to blame Eve.

She realized Adam was totally happy being naked, and there's no way she'd be able to go clothes shopping with that kind of attitude. So she ate the apple. And a couple thousand years later, we got malls.

I considered telling all this to Sam. But I just sent him the shirts instead.

Best I can tell, the plan worked - Melissa didn't break up with him.

Besides, my big brother's influence would have probably inspired him to start walking around naked, which would also creep Mom and Dad out.

But at least he wouldn't need the tattoo.

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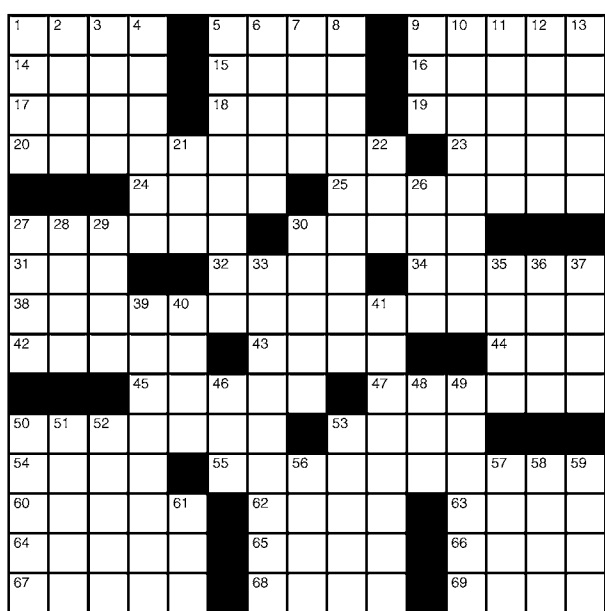
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THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Victor Fleming Little Rock, AR

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Round Table meets to create unified campus

By Rafael Benavides
Reporter

Presidents from Baylor's student organizations discussed community involvement and leadership Wednesday night at the President's Round Table on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center.

The event was sponsored by student government and focused on communication and ideas for the future. Student Body President Mark Laymon said the purpose of the event was to help create relationships between student government members and presidents of campus organizations.

The presidents were served dinner and listened to speakers from student government and the keynote speaker, Dr. Frank Shushok, Dean for Student Learning and Engagement. Shushok thanked the stu-

dents for taking on the roles that they have in bettering our future and civility.

"Civility requires that we sacrifice for strangers, not just for people we know," Shushok said. "This is a hurting world and there's a lot of work to be done. I thank you for stepping up into a leadership role and for being a leader of the community."

Many of the presidents also voiced their opinions about how they could bring the Baylor community closer, such as by having more cultural celebrations, making the Baylor Information Network Web site more attractive to students and getting enough publicity for their organizations' events.

Internal Vice President Travis Plummer said they can "really impact our campus in a very positive way in the near future."

"We hope to communicate the issues on our campus,"

Plummer said.

El Paso junior Jennifer Kim, a class senator, talked to the presidents about how they could obtain money for their organizations through the Student Life Fund.

The Student Life Fund is made up of money obtained from the tuition fee, each student contributes \$2.50 per semester. The money adds up to about \$60,000 per academic year. From there, the money goes to Student Senate, which distributes it to student organizations and campus-wide events.

"The main thing (Student Senate) does is allocate money," Kim said. "We are here to represent you and to voice your opinions."

Kim also talked about the new Fast Track process, which helps organizations requesting up to \$2,500.



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Travis Plummer, a San Antonio junior and student body internal vice president, speaks Wednesday evening in Cashion Academic Center to organization leaders about Student Senate and the Student Life Fund.

BEAR BRIEFS

Join Mission Week

Applications for the Mission Week 2007 steering committee are due today in the Bobo Baptist Student Center. For more information, visit www.baylorbsm.org.

Attend a movie screening

The Waco Area Friends of Peace will screen a documentary, *The U.S. vs. John Lennon*, at 6 p.m. today in the meeting room at Poppa Rollo's Pizza. A pizza buffet will be provided and a discussion will follow the film.

Museum to showcase bugs

The Mayborn Museum Complex will hold Bug Bonanza at 6 p.m. today as part of its Family Fun Thursdays. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children older than 18 months.

Don't miss Stompfest

Stompfest will take place at 7:30 p.m. March 31, at Waco Hall. Tickets are now on sale at the Bill Daniel Student Center and cost \$3, \$5 and \$7. This event is presented by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., and proceeds will benefit the Sickle Cell Anemia Association. For additional information, contact Student Activities at 710-2371.

Explore Europe

The Baylor Alumni Association will sponsor a European trip from May 25 to June 18. The tour will cover must-see destinations, including the pomp and pageantry of London and the beaches of Greece. The trip will last 25 days and visit 11 countries. The cost is \$2,983, plus airfare. For additional information, contact call 710-1121, or visit www.bayloralumni.com.

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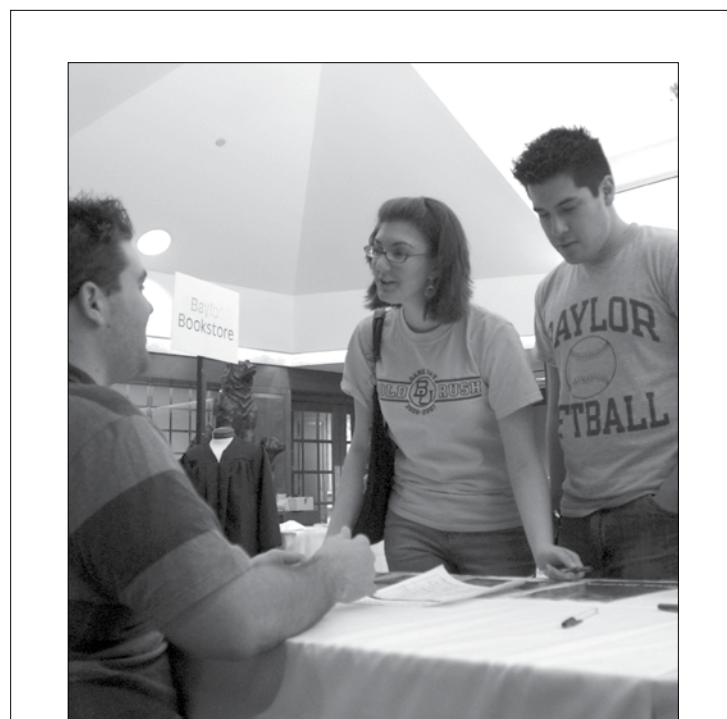
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ASA court hearing delayed

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Student Court announced Tuesday that it received a request for a hearing delay in a case involving Student Senate and the African Student Association. The African Student Association requested the hearing, which was originally scheduled for Tuesday, be rescheduled for Monday, March 26, according to a Student Court press release.

Though no reason for the delay was given, the Court representative said there was "a compelling reason to suspend procedure" and that "this additional time should give (the African Student Association) ample opportunity to ensure a fair trial." Due to a gag order, parties involved in the case declined to comment.



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

Getting ready to graduate

Fort Worth senior Cheryl Mathis and San Antonio senior Ponce Duran attend the Bear Faire for graduating seniors Wednesday at the Hughes Dillard Alumni Center.

Women hold luncheon

Round Table honors its past presidents

By Katie Vinson
Reporter

Past presidents of the Baylor Round Table will be honored today at the anniversary luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"The theme of the luncheon is Bridges to the Past," said Linda Klatt, Baylor Round Table president.

The Baylor Round Table, an organization consisting of female faculty members and wives of faculty, meets monthly to help promote the cultural and social life of Baylor.

Klatt will open the luncheon with a greeting, followed by an invocation by Kat O'Brien, Round Table vice-president-elect.

Guests will be given scrapbooks and articles about the history of the Round Table. A

slideshow highlighting the organization's history will be presented along with a formal roll call of the past presidents.

"We are expecting approximately 75 guests and have been extensively planning the luncheon since the beginning of the new year," said Christine Wilkins, anniversary coordinator.

Round Table historian Marilyn Eichelberger said the event will bring both seriousness and light-heartedness to those who attend.

"The luncheon is mostly a remembrance type of event," Eichelberger said.

Members are involved in various projects, activities and interest groups, and the organization donates a scholarship to one female student each year.

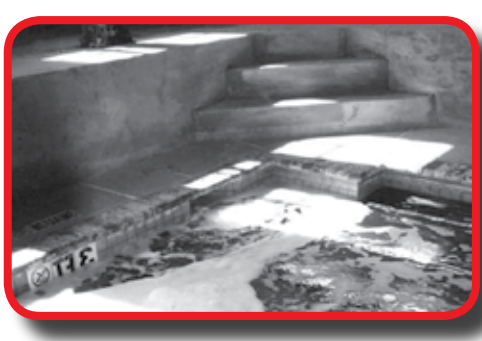
"Over the years, the Round Table has evolved into a more significant organization, and we just want to honor the wonderful contributions that have been made to campus life," Eichelberger said.

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Basketball fights to keep season alive against Tigers

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

After finishing its regular season 11th in the Big 12 with a 4-12 conference record, the Baylor basketball team enters the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship in Oklahoma City with one goal: extending its season.

The Bears, who haven't won a game in the Big 12 tournament since winning two to reach the semifinals in 2001, are still holding out hope for the post-season, but it would likely take four straight upset victories in the conference tournament to achieve that goal.

Junior guard Aaron Bruce said this year's record has been disappointing, but the team still has confidence it can win.

"The strength of this team is we still believe in ourselves," Bruce said. "We think we can get some things done this season."

With their first round matchup against sixth-seeded University of Missouri at 8:20 p.m. today, the Bears' sole focus is on the Tigers.

"No matter what game you play, that game is the most important game because if you don't win, you don't move on," head Coach Scott Drew said.

The Baylor-Missouri game will be nationally televised on ESPN2. Drew said that will offer extra motivation in what is already a must-win game.

"The thing that excites us the most is there's only two nationally televised games in the tour-

namment, and we get one in the first round," he said.

The Bears lost by seven points when the two teams met on Feb. 14 in Columbia, Mo., but Drew said he likes his team's chances of winning this time around.

"It should be a good matchup," he said. "Last time we played them up there it was a good game. We really missed Aaron Bruce, but with him back, it will be a fun game for people to watch."

Bruce, a member of Baylor's four-headed guard attack, was out with a sprained ankle the first time the two teams met. He is averaging 11.2 points and 3.7 assists for the season and has been an integral part of the Bears' success.

Sophomore guard Curtis Jer-

rells said Bruce is a big asset to the team and will especially help the Bears in countering a Missouri pressure defense that has forced a Big 12-high 19 turnovers per game this season.

Jerrells said Baylor's guards, who have combined this season to give the Bears 45.8 points per game and a 1.44 assist-to-turnover ratio, may cause Missouri head Coach Mike Anderson to rethink his strategy.

"They're a team that likes to do a lot of pressing, but with the guards we've got, they may want to ease up on us," he said. "The strength of our team is our guards, and with our big guys really stepping up and finishing when we drive and dish it to them, all that pressure defense will play right into our hands."

While taking care of the ball on offense is always a priority, the Bears' biggest concern heading into tonight's game is on the other end of the court.

The Bears gave up a combined 49 points to Missouri's guard tandem of Stephon Hannah and Keon Lawrence last time they played, and as far as Drew's concerned, shutting them down is a must if they hope to win.

Hannah and Lawrence have combined to average 25.2 points per game this season. Jerrells said he thinks the guards can do a better job of defending them this time.

While the Bears would like to see many things happen differently in their rematch with the Tigers, one thing they hope will carry over from their loss is

the play of sophomore forward Kevin Rogers.

Rogers recorded 27 points and 12 rebounds the first time Baylor and Missouri met, but after missing the Bears' win over Oklahoma State University on Saturday, Drew said he doesn't know what to expect out of his athletic big man.

Drew said he hopes to have him back, and the Bears will have a good chance at winning if they play within themselves.

"When you play Missouri, it's going to be a game of runs," he said. "You can be up or down, and you just have to be able to weather the storm on both ends of things. I think no matter how much we lead by or how much we get down, we have to make sure we stay the course."



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

Freshman pitcher and utility player Kirsten Shortridge slaps a single during the second inning of the Lady Bears' 8-0 win over Sam Houston State. She finished the game 2-2 and scored a run.

Lady Bears sweep Sam Houston State

Lequalan McDonald
Reporter

The Baylor Lady Bears Softball team swept Sam Houston University in a doubleheader Wednesday.

The Lady Bears shutout the Bearkats twice, posting 1-0 and 8-0 wins.

The Lady Bears' pitchers shut down the Bearkat hitters both games. Freshman Kirsten Shortridge and senior Ashley Monceaux combined to throw a shutout in the first game.

Between them, they allowed just two hits while tallying seven strikeouts. The win moves Shortridge's record to 8-0 on the season.

Sophomore infielder Alex Colyer provided the only offense for the Lady Bears, hitting a home run in the third inning.

"I'm pleased with how our pitchers kept (Sam Houston) in check," head Coach Glenn Moore said.

"I'm very pleased with Monceaux because she hasn't thrown in some weeks." Bearkats pitcher Brandi Crnkovic kept the Lady Bears' bats quiet at the same time.

"She kept us off balance throwing an off-speed change-up," Moore said. "But we got a long ball from Alex Colyer to win the first game."

The pitching in the second game was just as dominating, but Baylor's bats came alive. The

Lady Bears began their scoring in the second inning when a Courtney Oberg double scored Brette Reagan from second.

Later a wild pitch allowed Shortridge and Oberg to score. To finish the inning, Monceaux doubled to drive home freshman outfielder Nicole Wesley and senior outfielder Miriam Romero, giving Baylor a 5-0 lead.

After Reagan scored in the third inning and Wesley had an RBI single in the fifth, Colyer ended the game with a home run in the seventh inning. That gave her two home runs for the day, four on the season.

Senior Lisa Ferguson pitched four shutout innings, allowing just two hits while striking out four.

The win moves her record to 8-3 on the season. Sophomore pitcher Brittany Turner came in relief and pitched two innings and struck out three, without allowing a hit.

"I pitched pretty good," Ferguson said. "But it is nice to have the offense doing well going into our next opponent."

The Bears look to continue their 15-game home winning streak when they host the defending champions University of Arizona for a three-game series. The first game begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

"They're a really good team," Ferguson said. "We have to have that attitude saying that we can win every game."

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successful. And I think that's carried over to their college days."

Both Nicole and Tiffany were recruited from Parkview Baptist High School in Baton Rouge, La., the heart of Louisiana State University country. How they didn't end up at LSU, a powerful program in its own right, is a testament to the determination of the Baylor softball coaching staff.

"We were initially committed to LSU, but Baylor continued to pursue us, and I think their overwhelming determination just impressed us," Tiffany said. "It showed us that the coaches really cared about us and really wanted us to be a part of this program, and when you see that coaches want you to be a part of their program, it makes you want to be a part of it as well."

Moore spent close to a decade recruiting the Wesley twins, building bonds with their family and striking meaningful relationships with both girls. In the end, it paid off.

"They said all along that they didn't have to go to the same place, but this is a family organization and we wanted to keep them together, and I think they would prefer that," Moore said. "The biggest difficulty in recruiting those girls was to pull them out of Baton Rouge. They have a very strong softball program down there, but our whole staff knew those kids early on and I think that probably gave us the advantage."

The Wesley twins weren't just softball players coming out of high school. They were athletes. An all-state volleyball player, Tiffany was given first team National Christian Schools Athletic Association honors following her senior year, led her team to a state volleyball title and was named the 3A state championship game most valuable player.

Later that year, she was named to her fourth straight Louisiana Softball Coaches Association all-state team and earned most valuable player at the state softball all-star game.

Nicole's resume isn't much shorter. She captured the Louisiana defensive player of the year honor twice and contributed on the same award-winning teams as her sister.

Moore's wife is also a twin. Certainly in this case, he said, it takes one to know one.

"Being married to an identical twin, I know how important that relationship is," Moore said. "I think the fact that they're together is very important to them. Only people who are twins or who have been around twins can understand the bond they have, so personally I think it's a huge sense of comfort and support for each other."

Moore said the two have a competitive streak on the field that's provided a spark this season.

They've routinely put up big numbers this year, and perhaps because of their inescapable bond, have been nearly identical in the stat column.

Nicole has 78 at-bats this season; Tiffany has 84. They both have scored 20 runs, and Nicole has 11 RBIs to Tiffany's five.

But that's where their competitive nature ends. When they get home, it's all smiles.

"We're best friends," Tiffany said. "We fight sometimes, but it's over in like three minutes because we'll start laughing at something — we laugh at the goofiest stuff, too."

Moore may understand the bond the two share, but don't ask him to tell the two apart. Even after spending day after day with them, he still gets their names mixed up.

"In some sense it's kind of a commodity," Moore said. "Other teams are trying to figure out which one they just pitched to, so we have a lot of fun with it. But I think the most fun they have is watching me trying to figure out which one is which. It doesn't seem to be a problem for anybody else, but to me they look a lot alike."

The twins simply shrug and laugh.

"I guess it's a good thing our jerseys have numbers on them."

Texans sign LB Clark

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans agreed to terms with free agent linebacker Danny Clark on Wednesday. Terms of the deal were not released.

Clark led Oakland in tackles in 2004 and 2005, but struggled last season in a reserve role after joining the Saints. He had just 29 tackles in 16 games.

"We are excited about what Danny brings to our defense," said Texans general manager Rick Smith. "He is an experienced guy who has proven that he can be very productive, and

he is a leader who will add a veteran presence in the locker room."

The 6-foot-2, 245-pound player was a seventh-round pick in the 2000 draft by Jacksonville, where he spent his first four seasons. He became a starter in 2002 and had 91 tackles, two sacks and an interception.

In two seasons with the Raiders, Clark started all but one game and had 129 tackles his first year and 113 in 2005.

He joins a group of linebackers led by DeMeco Ryans, The Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year.

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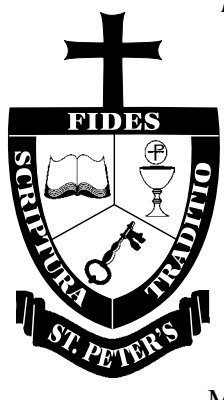
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Songsters bond through music, odd antics while on road

Morris, Agin and Means to play at Common Grounds today

By Allie Cook
Entertainment editor

Gentry Morris, Adam Agin and Steve Means don't just tour and play music — they have a good time doing it, every step of the way.

The three musicians play at 8 p.m. today at Common Grounds. The show is free.

All three moved to Nashville over the last three years, where they met and decided to tour together. This will be Morris and Agin's second time to play in Waco and Means' first.

Gentry Morris

Morris, a singer and songwriter from Dublin, Ga., said he'd describe his music as contemporary folk.

"A lot of my songs sound different from song to song," Morris said. "I try to keep things different so it doesn't get monotonous or too drawn out."

orous or too drawn out."

Morris moved to Nashville three years ago and started playing music full time. He started touring about two years ago throughout the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

Morris went to college at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. After three years, he decided that wasn't for him.

"(Music) is what I've always wanted to do, and they didn't have a degree for that," Morris said. "I'm not too good at holding down a job when I'm working for other people, either."

In 2004 Morris released an album called *Daydreams*, his first as an independent artist. Before that, he release three CDs with a band. Now he's promoting an EP, *The Bare Bones and Bad Ideas*,



Morris

released in 2006.

"The EP was supposed to be a filler CD between my last four releases," Morris said. "I went into the studio wanting to make it as honest and stripped down as I could."

Morris also noted that the art for the album was taken while traveling somewhere between Lubbock and Abilene.

Adam Agin

Agin, originally from Anderson, Ind., said he got his start in music during high school.

"All of my friends were playing guitar," Agin said. "I was still into athletics and that wasn't working out for me, so I went the artsy route."

He said his music has always been very pop-oriented, but lately he's been experimenting with other sounds.

"Right now I'm kind of adapting," Agin said. "I don't want to settle in one spot. I'm trying to go in a different direction."

Agin said his music is now more folk-oriented with a little alternative rock.

"At the same time, I change

my mind a lot," Agin said. "Tomorrow I might go for techno."

Agin's most recent release is an EP called *On Air*.

Adam Agin

"It's a pretty pop-oriented album," Agin said. "I wrote it about a year ago after a pretty interesting break-up. It contains some very optimistic break-up songs."

Agin moved to Nashville this summer but has been on the road for about a year now.

Upon arriving in his new home, he moved in with Morris temporarily — until Morris got married. After playing together in Nashville, they decided to take the show on the road.

Steve Means

Means referred to himself as a "21-year-old hit-making machine from Cincinnati, Ohio." He described his music as acous-

tic-driven pop, funk and rock. "It's a nice eclectic (of styles)," he said.

Means said his dad, a worship leader at a Vineyard church, was his main influence for getting into music.

"(He) had always played guitar around the house and was always listening to James Taylor and Eric Clapton," Means said. "I was raised on it."

Means said his dad started teaching him to play guitar when he was 15 years old.

"He taught me a couple chords, and a couple weeks later, I passed him up."

Means released an album on Feb. 24 called *Rescue Me*. After moving to Nashville a year ago, Means met Morris in a bar.

"(We) met by making eye contact across the room and debated who would approach who," Means said. "He took the initiative and came up to me. He said, 'Do you rent or own?'"

After asking what he meant, Morris answered, "Those wings, you angel."

After such a stellar beginning to their relationship, Means

decided to join the team.

Agin said they always have a lot of fun on the road.

"When you're on the road for two months, it becomes a job, but when it's just a couple of weeks, it's a good time," Agin said.

Agin said that on this trip, they decided to make a few "rules." Rule No. 1: No singing your own songs. Rule No. 2: No sleeping in the car. Whenever someone breaks one of the rules, the other two come up with a dare, then consult their Magic Eight Ball to find out if the person has to do it.

"Last night (Morris) sang a song so he had to ask the lady at the hotel if she'd ever seen anyone hotter than him," Agin said.

"(Means) had to wear his underwear over his pants when we were checking in."



Means



Associated Press

French officials and architects meet with officials from the United Arab Emirates Tuesday during the signing ceremony between the government of Abu Dhabi and France.

France to open Louvre in Middle East

By Jim Krane
The Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — France's storied Louvre museum, home to priceless art works like the Mona Lisa, said Tuesday it will open a new Louvre in this Persian Gulf boomtown, prompting outcries from some who accuse the museum of shilling France's patrimony for \$1.3 billion in oil money.

The 30-year agreement, signed by French Culture Minister Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres and the head of Abu Dhabi's tourism authority, Sheik Sultan bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan, opens the way for the Louvre Abu Dhabi to display thousands of works from some of France's best museums.

The works will be housed

in a huge flying saucer-shaped museum designed by French architect Jean Nouvel, which will be erected on the Abu Dhabi waterfront, opening sometime after 2012.

Donnedieu de Vabres said the venture represents the globalization of French culture, the first step in a long-term cooperation with the wealthy Persian Gulf region. He promised the Paris Louvre wouldn't sell any of its 35,000-piece collection, nor would the deal weaken France's cultural policy or its museums.

"We want this culture to radiate to parts of the world that value it," the culture minister said. "We're proud that Abu Dhabi wants to bring the Louvre here."

But prominent figures in the French art world have accused their government of exploiting

art for trade and diplomacy and said lending art will overburden French museums.

Louvre director Henri Loyrette said the museum typically lends up to 1,500 works a year, not including its most precious and fragile pieces, like the Mona Lisa. The Louvre Abu Dhabi expects a loan of about 300 French works during its first year, which would shrink over time as the museum acquires its own collection, organizers said.

For its part, France has solid reasons for bringing a Louvre branch to Abu Dhabi, Donnedieu de Vabres said. He said the museum will help reinvigorate France's postcolonial stature in the Arab world, noting the negotiations with Abu Dhabi's royal family had already improved bilateral ties.

Donnedieu de Vabres said

French President Jacques Chirac sent a message saying the museum is a symbol of a "world which considers the clash of civilizations the most dangerous trap of our time."

The Louvre Abu Dhabi will have to breach significant cultural barriers before it opens, since representations of the human figure — even when clothed — can be a religious taboo in the Muslim world. One Arab reporter asked during a news conference Tuesday whether the museum would protect its visitors against "pornography." Museum officials did not address the issue of nudity in works, but art selection will be done by a committee including Abu Dhabi's rulers, who understand the sensitivities in this city, one of the more liberal bastions in the conservative Gulf.

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Boston U. professor tells Congress to move on Iraq

By Dan West
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

BOSTON — Drawing on Congress' history in dealing with wartime politics, one Boston University professor is voicing his opinion about how Democrats and Republicans must make additional efforts to end the war in Iraq.

A frequent media commentator offering historical context for world events, professor Julian Zelizer — who was named one of the History News Network's

"Top Young Historians" in 2005 — said unlike many political commentators, he does not take sides when providing historical context to media outlets.

"I don't impose my own views," the American history professor said. "I give my students the tools they need to develop their own positions."

Zelizer, whose article "How Congress Got Us Out of Vietnam" appears in the March issue of *The American Prospect*, said Congress is acting similarly to how it did during Vietnam.

"Both wars started with bold ambitions," he said. "Both were hard to see a way out, and Congress had to step in."

Zelizer commented on how the Bush administration interacts with Congress in the oversight of the war in Iraq. Previously, Congress has had a "significant, albeit under-appreciated" role in handling wars, he said.

"The main point is: Congress can be very active during times of war," Zelizer said.

In the article, Zelizer dis-

cusses policy steps Congress took toward ending the Vietnam War. He suggests both Democrats and Republicans today examine the past, especially as Congress tries to correct military policy and work with the Bush administration, which "is refusing to change course."

"The current war isn't as deadly or costly yet, but both [wars] have seen things go terribly wrong," he said. "Vietnam really divided the parties, and I think Iraq will have a similar effect."

Zelizer said the value of discussion and debate is crucial, especially during wartime.

"It is good when Congress participates," he said. "Politics works better when all branches of the government are involved. It's not pro or antiwar. It's healthy for democracy."

Zelizer has commented in *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times* and has appeared on FOX News' *The O'Reilly Factor*.

"Julian is a superb historian," said Boston University Under-

graduate Studies Director Nina Silber. "His research is meticulous, and he has done much to revitalize the field of political history."

Zelizer is on leave for the year to work on his next book, titled *Thunder from the Right: National Security Politics Since WWII*.

"History should be fun," he said. "You can see interesting patterns, and it's full of colorful characters. History can show us a lot about our world. You can see how what is going on today is part of a larger trend."

21 dead after fiery crash in Indonesia

By Irwan Firdaus
The Associated Press

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia — Survivors of the fiery crash-landing of a Boeing 737-400 Wednesday said the plane appeared to be going too fast and shook violently before it touched down, lurched off the runway and exploded in flames, killing at least 21 people.

About 115 dazed and bloodied survivors staggered from the Indonesian jetliner after it broke through a fence and came to rest in a rice paddy. Most escaped without major injuries, although several suffered burns and broken bones.

Those killed were trapped in the wreckage of the Garuda Airlines plane after it suddenly caught fire, sending billowing clouds of black smoke and flames high into the air.

The plane had been carrying 140 passengers and crew, officials said. Two people were missing.

It was the third plane crash in as many months in Indonesia and raised questions about the safety of the country's booming airline sector.

Alessandro Bertellotti, a journalist with Italian broadcaster RAI, said the plane was going at a "crazy speed" as it approached Yogyakarta airport after a 50-minute flight from the capital, Jakarta.

"It was going into a dive and I was certain we would crash



Associated Press

Doctors and hospital staff transport a survivor Wednesday of a plane crash in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Twenty-three passengers were killed in the accident.

on the ground," he told the Italian news agency ANSA.

"I was sitting behind the wing. I saw that the pilot was trying to stop it, but it was too fast. It literally bounced on the strip."

A man who lived near the crash site said the plane reached the end of the runway and then "jumped in the air."

"I heard a loud noise and saw flames," said Subarno, who like many Indonesians uses a single name. "I saw a man — I think he was the pilot — shouting 'Get out! Get out!' Some people were on fire. Not long

after, there were three explosions."

Wayan Sukarda, an Indonesian cameraman for Australia's Seven Network, managed to scramble off the plane, then shot dramatic video of dazed passengers fleeing as smoke poured from the fuselage. An explosion and fireball then ripped through the air, apparently as the fire reached a fuel tank, the footage showed.

Sukarda had called the network as the plane was crashing, a colleague told *The West Australian* newspaper. "He was screaming, 'The plane's crash-

ing.' I thought he must have seen another plane crash. I didn't know it was the one he was on. You could hear all the alarms and sirens going off, people screaming," said Channel Seven's Danny Sim.

"I thanked God I survived. But then people started yelling 'Fire! Fire!'" said Nuniek Sufithri, who is 10 weeks pregnant.

"I tried to get out, but was trampled by the other passengers ... someone pulled me up, carried me to the back door and threw me out."

Sufithri, 30, was rushed to a hospital after a stranger found her in the rice paddy. She suffered no major injuries and did not miscarry.

About 19 foreigners were aboard the flight, nine of them Australian diplomats, journalists and security officials visiting the country for an anti-terrorism conference.

Indonesian officials said at least two Australians were among the dead: a financial reporter and an embassy employee, according to the journalist's assistant and the state news agency Antara.

"It is a terrible tragedy," Australian Prime Minister John Howard told a nationally televised news conference.

"Many lives have been lost, and our love and sympathy and condolences go to those who are suffering distress and grief."

Florida man found guilty in killing of child

By Curt Anderson
The Associated Press

MIAMI — A sex offender was found guilty Wednesday of kidnapping and raping a 9-year-old girl and burying her alive in a case that led to a crackdown

around the country on people convicted of sex crimes.

Jurors deliberated about four hours before returning the verdict against John Evander Couey in the slaying of Jessica Lunsford, who was snatched from her bedroom in February

2005 about 150 yards from the trailer where Couey had been living.

Her body was found in a shallow hole, encased in two black plastic trash bags.

She had suffocated and was found clutching a purple

stuffed dolphin.

Couey, 48, was found guilty of first-degree murder, sexual battery on a child, kidnapping and burglary. The jury next must decide whether he should get death by injection or life in prison.

SMU from page 1

tion drive against the library at SMU, the Rev. Andrew Weaver, said Wednesday that he was trying to be placed on the agenda for next week's meeting. The petition had more than 10,700 signatures as of Wednesday night.

"I'm sure the Methodist church wants to be fair and hear both sides of the issue," Weaver said.

SMU became the apparent winner in the library competition in December when the site selection committee said it was entering into further talks with the 11,000-student private university, which is first lady Laura

Bush's alma mater. Bush said he is leaning toward SMU.

A final decision is expected after Bush receives a recommendation from the committee, which started detailed discussions with SMU's president last month.

But the process has not been without headaches for the administration and trustees.

Although many students seem to support the project, grumbling started among some professors late last year when they found out the library and museum complex would include an institute, or think tank, that would further the views of the Bush administration.

Later Wednesday, the faculty senate rejected, with a tie vote, a resolution calling for the institute to either be under SMU's control or for the school to sever all ties to the think tank by not allowing it to use SMU's name or be on campus.

Professors said the group almost unanimously passed a resolution, which will be presented to SMU President R. Gerald Turner, on concurrent appointments to SMU and the institute, which will be run by a separate, privately held foundation. The appointments and funding will be separate.

Last month, the faculty senate voted to ask the school to request that Bush rescind his

order allowing former presidents to keep White House documents secret forever.

That action was part of the faculty group's endorsement of a letter from SMU's history professors opposing the executive order, which Bush issued nearly two months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, saying he was protecting national security.

The faculty senate last month also approved a resolution outlining their issues and concerns about the library, museum and institute.

If negotiations with SMU fail, the other finalist is Baylor, near the Bushes' Crawford ranch.

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ras will be his first mission trip with BSM.

"I have been anticipating it for quite a while now," Hechanova said.

As a premed student, Hechanova said, the trip is a "real neat way to combine what I am doing in medicine and my faith."

"The typical spring break is going to the beach or hanging out with friends," he said. "I thought this break I would do something new, give my time to people who need it."

Jenny Livingston, a 2006 alumna, will travel with about 400 people from Antioch Community Church to Juarez, Mexico.

While in Mexico they will be doing evening outreach projects, including performing dramatizations of the gospel, sharing testimonies and leading worship services in Spanish. They will also help out in the community by cleaning streets, planting trees and doing whatever else is needed.

This is Livingston's fourth time to go to Juarez over spring break.

On her first trip, Livingston said, she "experienced God for a real way for the first time."

She said she looks forward to seeing how God changes the lives of students every year.

"I love going to Juarez," Livingston said. "I am so excited to go."



Associated Press

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Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, announces planned legislation for a research initiative that would include \$300 million a year to fight cancer.

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