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## Downtown works on face-lift

Renovations planned to draw students, more businesses

By Kelli Boesel Reporter

Downtown Waco is getting an extreme makeover.

New businesses are coming, and Baylor students will soon find more restaurants, shops and nightlife to entertain.

The Downtown Merchants

Association formed in July to provide a forum for merchants downtown to network and communicate in order to promote the city center, said Scott Baker, executive director of Waco performing arts company.

Many new businesses have opened in the past year, and many new businesses are opening soon or starting construction.

A new complex is breaking ground soon on 4th Street and will have ground-level

shops, mix local businesses along with national chains, and have restaurant and loft apartments, said Baker.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see downtown become home to some national chains like Starbucks, The Gap and The Banana Republic," Baker said.

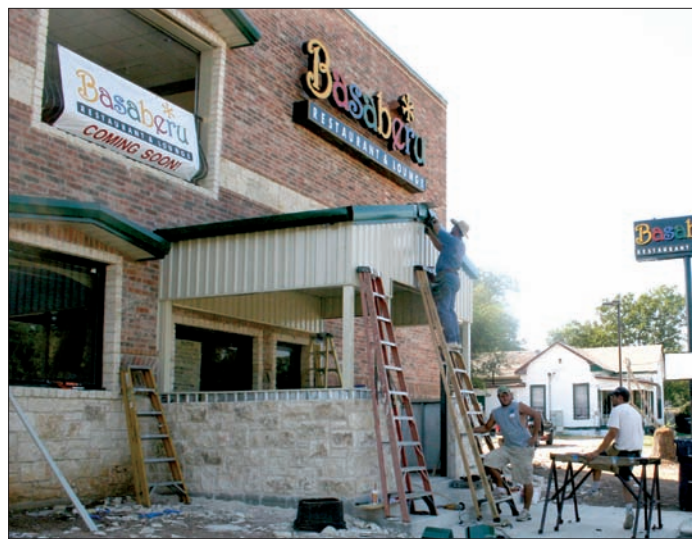
In other downtown changes, the Hilton is undergoing major renovations and Cameron Park's Mammoth Site is in the process of being officially recognized as a

national park.

"Downtown is shaping up in a lot of ways and will offer a lot more, not only to the city, but also to visitors and tourists," Baker said.

A new apartment complex is going to start construction next month and will open spring of 2009. Baker said it will be all-inclusive and have its own security, pool, gym, cafeteria-style restaurants and secured parking.

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Basaberu, a new Asian restaurant opening soon on 6th Street, is just one of many businesses being built near downtown and geared toward students.

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## Giving back to Baylor

Chamber members dedicate time, energy to weekend preparations

By Tessa Shockey Reporter

Late nights and all-nighters characterize the Baylor Chamber of Commerce's involvement in Parents Weekend.

Chamber puts in countless hours to put on not just Parents Weekend but also Homecoming and Diadeloso.

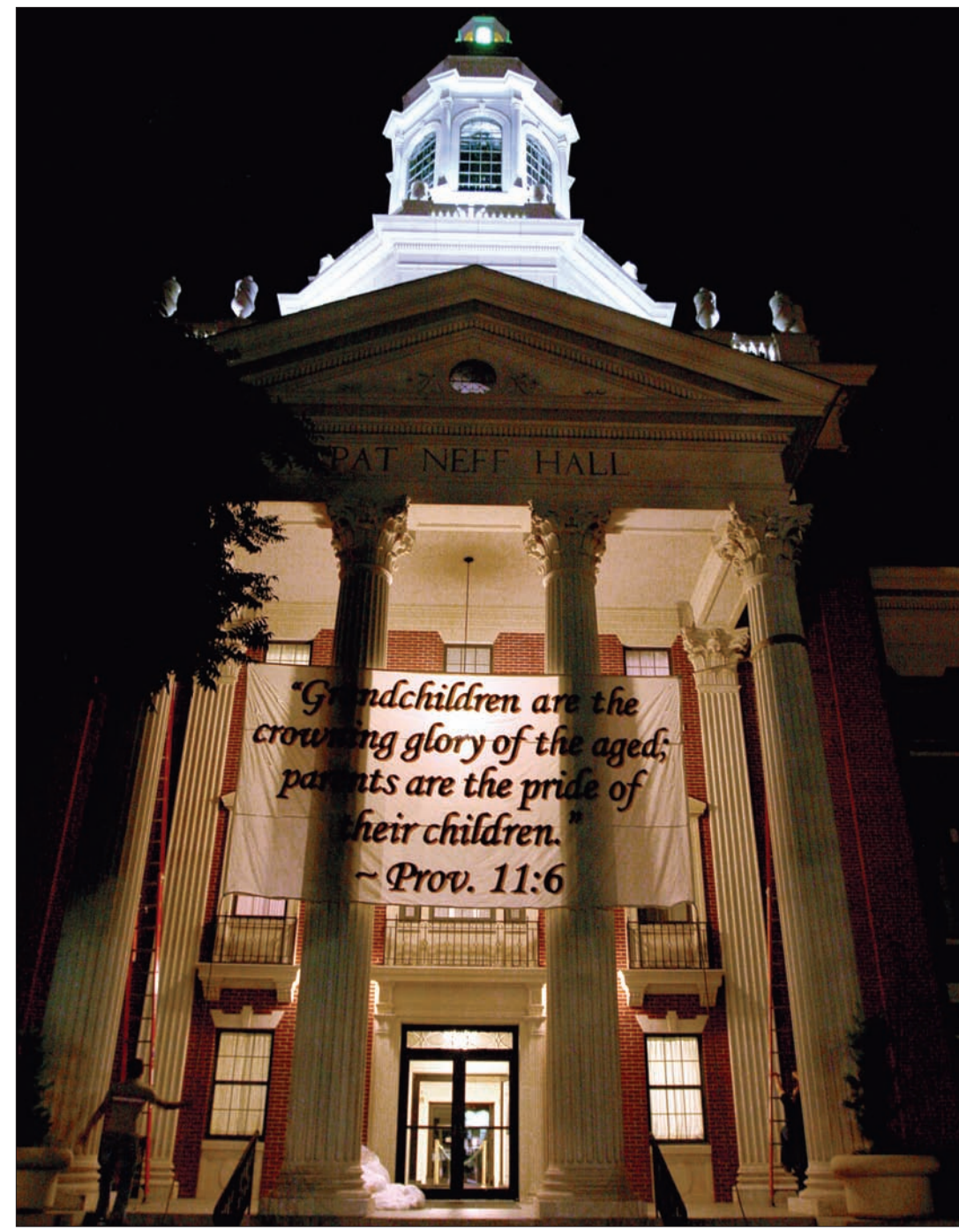
"I am looking forward to seeing all the freshman parents who have never had any interaction with Baylor, whether they're Aggies or Longhorns or Trojans, coming to campus and seeing it at its best," Orange County, Calif., junior Adam Renz said.

Renz is the Parents Weekend chairman for Chamber, which has been planning Parents Weekend since March.

Renz and his committee of 11 worked on publicizing and sending registration packets this summer. They sent mailouts to every parent registered in the Baylor system; a staggering 20,000 packets. Although parents don't have to register, Renz said 2,000 parents did. They are expecting 4,500 to 6,000 families on campus. The numbers of parents attending has steadily increased every year since 1960, when Parents Weekend started.

Since the beginning of the semester, Chamber members have made preparations, including organizing decorations and food and printing and hung banners for publicity.

Renz said the hardest part of the planning process was going through the Baylor channels to get things approved. The Parents



David Poe/Lariat staff

Members of Chamber prepare on Thursday night for Parents Weekend by placing a banner on the columns of Pat Neff. Chamber members were busy working all across campus in anticipation of the event, which they help plan.

Weekend Committee cooperates with University Development, the Baylor Alumni Association, the Baylor Parents League, and the offices of the president and vice president.

Most of the events have stayed the same throughout the years, but Renz said they try to make "smaller enhancements -

trying to dress it up and step it up."

After Dark, run by Student Activities, is the only fairly recent addition. It has been a tradition for around 20 years. Chamber will serve dessert in between performances, which take place at 7 and 10 p.m. today in Waco Hall.

The week leading up to Parents Weekend was scheduled out for the Chamber members.

Renz said there's a detailed master schedule in the Chamber office that covers minute-by-minute and hour-by-hour

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## Behind scene, other players prep for game

By Brian Bateman Sports writer

A Baylor Line jersey, a student ticket, camera and occasional face paint is all students need for game day at Floyd Casey Stadium.

But Baylor's coordinators need much more. The Baylor University Golden Wave Band, spirit squads and even the public address announcer have intense workdays every weekend.

Beginning several hours before the start of the contest, public address announcer Rick May arrives at the stadium. After microphone checks and setting up for the evening, he does a final check of all his announcements.

And with player names like Pawelek, Javorskie and Ogbonnaya, pronunciation becomes a major concern.

"One of the media relations people from the opposing teams will come in and go over pronunciations, number changes and such," he said.

May, who has been a Baylor announcer since 1989, then begins the most difficult part of his day: keeping himself focused.

"There's so much going on in relations to the video, the band and my announcements," said. "A lot of times when I'm reading an announcement, there are things that are happening right around me that I have to tune out."

Media representatives are constantly checking the game plan and adjusting the script accordingly, he said.

"They're constantly pointing at me and telling me to slow down and speed up."

But the media coordinator has much more on his mind than just getting the right announcements on at the right time. Closer to the field, both the spirit squads and the band have to coordinate their performances.

"From a logistical standpoint, there's a lot to take care of," associate band director Colin McKenzie said. "We have well over 260 students to take care of, along with the staff."

Following the same guidelines as May, McKenzie and the other directors have to decide which songs will be played at what time and for how long.

"We have a certain set of tunes that we do on certain defensive downs," he said. Offensive tunes are played as well, but to a lesser extent for fear of

This is part three of a three-part series on how a Baylor football game at Floyd Casey Stadium gets put together start to finish.

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## Tidwells to receive BU families award

By Star De La Cruz Contributor

Richard Tidwell came to the United States from England as an indentured servant in 1660, and now his great-great-grandson is receiving an award for the Tidwell family during Parents Weekend.

Kalvert K. Tidwell Jr. is the grandson of the late Dr. J.B. Tidwell, for whom the Tidwell Bible Building is named.

In 1999, Kalvert nominated

his family for the Baylor Alumni Association's First Families Award, presented annually during After Dark.

Kalvert said he became interested in the award after years of hearing about the winning families.

"I thought maybe we would qualify for this," he said.

Kalvert said his grandfather, who taught at Baylor from 1909 to 1945, and his grandmother,

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Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Waco residents Kalvert and Sue Tidwell are this year's recipients of the Baylor Alumni Association's annual First Families Award.

## Undergraduates practice ministry in new program

By Caitlin Forehand Reporter

This year, a new form of ministry has started for the men living in Penland Residence Hall.

Christopher Mack, resident chaplain in Penland, started a program this year that, so far, is only being done in this residence hall.

Mack created volunteer positions for sophomore, junior and senior men to be associate chaplains to the freshmen living in Penland. Currently there are 11 students who are each assigned to a wing. They have the opportunity to serve 40 to 50 of the 530 students liv-

ing in Penland by ministering to them along with Mack.

"I am really excited to know that 11 upperclassmen guys are willing to volunteer lots of their time to hang out in the residence halls with a bunch of freshmen guys and minister to them in a pastoral role," Mack said.

Associate chaplains lead Bible studies and partner with community leaders to organize opportunities for students in their halls to get to know one another.

"I think the associate chaplain pro-

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Editorial

# BU, alumni dispute needs resolution

Effective March 2008, the Baylor Alumni Association will no longer be partially funded by the university. Although the contract renegotiation was decided in a May meeting by the Baylor Board of Regents, the public has remained relatively uninformed about the details until recently.

In the past few weeks the alumni association, which depends largely on donations, has declared its negotiations are "open, transparent and democratic." The association said it wishes to conduct business "in a transparent way and solicit input from our members in the best way possible."

In this spirit, the October edition of *The Baylor Line* will inform alumni of the progress of the relationship renegotiations by publishing proposals and counterproposals. Of course the association, with limited resources, has more of a reason to take negotiations public than a billion-dollar university. While the motives for transparency are not purely in the interest of democracy, it is nonetheless a commendable course of action.

Michael Kopp, executive director of the McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center, said there are numerous reasons different entities prefer to engage in public negotiations. Kopp said sometimes public debates are "more politically expedient."

Although the administration is displeased with the association's choice to go public, it has little room to complain considering the lack of pre-negotiation planning. Kopp said its standard practice for entities to have "pre-negotiation negotiations" to establish the rules of debate, which typically include whether the conversations will be public, private or a mixture of the two.

Jeff Kilgore, executive vice president of the association, said neither of the aforementioned parameters have been set for this negotiation. It's no wonder neither side is pleased with the state of current discussions. When you are playing without a rule book, it's hard to know when you've made progress.

In a previous *Lariat* article on financial negotiations, President John Lilley said, "I've never seen successful negotiations in public. After you negotiate, you announce the success of it." There is, however, a large precedent for public negotiation. A recent example is the negotiation between General Motors and the United Auto Workers union.

Kopp said he believes successful negotiations are a mixture of public and private components. But thus far, the university is not willing to compromise its standard of secrecy. Discussion in front of an audience, whether it's physical or virtual, allows the decision to be made under a high level of scrutiny with many diverse perspectives considered. The *Lariat* applauds the association for acting openly.

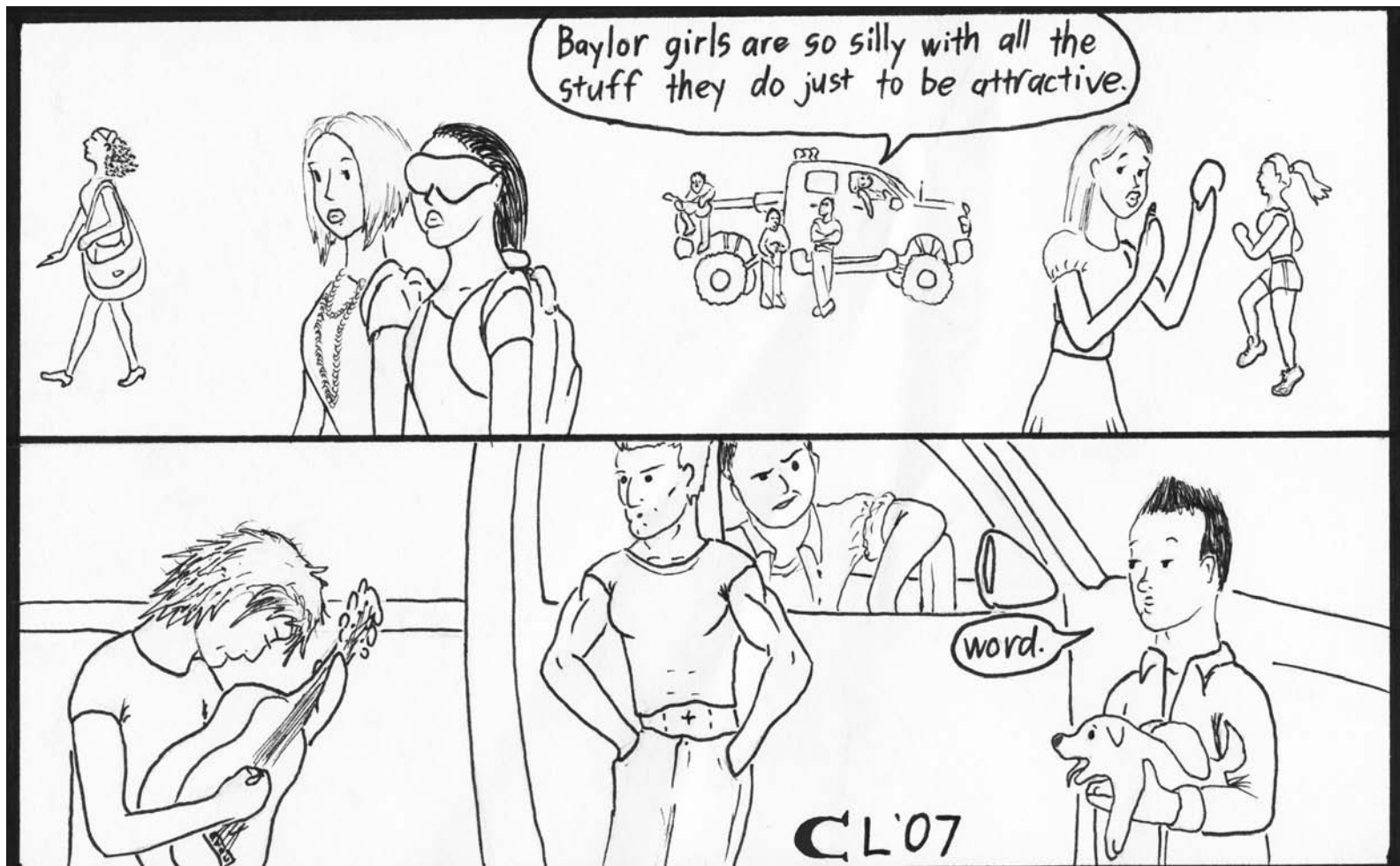
Lilley said independence will contribute to the association's overall "effectiveness." Aside from the vagueness of that statement, it presents a logical fallacy. How does removing 13 percent (\$213,000) of an organization's operating budget allow it to become more effective?

While members of the alumni association agreed with Lilley on the eventual goal of financial independence, the timing is inconvenient. The association is currently in the middle of fundraising for the Sesquicentennial Campaign to raise its endowment by nearly \$16 million. Kilgore said the renegotiation has created an environment of uncertainty and possibly threatens the success of the fundraiser. Donors could potentially see the association as separate from the university, causing confusion as to where the funds will be allocated and who will primarily benefit.

Although the administration said the renegotiation is an effort to strengthen the association, it failed to articulate how cutting funding during this crucial time accomplishes that goal. Lilley said the former fee-for-service relationship, which allotted .06 percent of the university's total budget to the association, was "taxing" Baylor. He said he believes the association should serve Baylor officially and separately through financial independence.

Lilley stressed, however, that the association would only be independent for "the right purposes." He explained the association would be "independent to support Baylor, not independent to just do anything." If Baylor plans to cut off the association financially, they cannot also expect to be able to control it unduly.

While the association does exist to support Baylor, it should also be allowed a certain level of freedom as a completely independent entity. The administration cannot have it's cake and eat it, too. If an independent alumni association is what they want, then they need to be prepared to let go of more than the purse strings.



# Students should appreciate their freedom

I saw something last Friday that literally stopped me in my tracks.

On the front page of *The New York Times*, there was a photo from Myanmar of a wounded Japanese photographer lying helplessly in a street with his arms surrendered, while a Burmese soldier aimed a machine gun at his head.

Just a few feet away, protesters were fleeing in a chaotic mass as soldiers chased them with batons.

In the foreground, abandoned shoes lay scattered about on the wet street as people crawled over each other in a panicky escape from the brutal military junta.

The situation in Myanmar has escalated into pandemonium within the last week. Myanmar, also known as Burma, is the largest country in Southeast Asia and has been run by an inefficient, anti-democratic military regime since the 1960s.

The last couple weeks have been marked by civilian protests of poor economic conditions and human rights violations exercised by the government.

Thousands of Buddhist monks have led the demonstrations, and on Thursday the junta (military police) opened fire on the crowds, killing nine civilians. The government is

## point of view

BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH



prohibiting anyone from leaking information about the attacks via the Internet.

Students, we are blessed to live in this country. Never go another day without feeling grateful for the democratic freedoms our nation embodies.

As frustrating as the government can be, and as ridiculous as some of our past actions have been, we people living in a free country are so much better off than most of the world's population.

To gain perspective, allow me to apply the Myanmar crisis to a hypothetical situation closer to home.

Imagine if the U.S. government was taken over by our own military 40 years ago. Congress consisted of all the top officers from the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army and Coast Guard. White House officials weren't elected but took office by a coup d'etat.

Now imagine if this military government increases fuel prices by 500 percent (as was the case in Myanmar this August).

No civilians want this. Congressmen completely ignore the thousands of letters received from their "constituents" begging them not to pass such legislation. Taxation without representation resurfaces, the Constitution neglected.

Thousands of people exercise their rights by taking the streets in peaceful protest, yet the government still changes nothing.

After a few weeks, Americans are still protesting, calling out for democratic ideals to return to Washington.

By this time, almost every civilian has gotten involved. Religious groups are especially prevalent in the demonstrations, and hundreds of pastors, rabbis and priests have joined hands proclaiming a united front against the military government's authoritarian actions.

The White House shuts down telephone services and makes Internet access impossible. The only news that people receive is through government-run media, and foreign press is prohibited from entering the country.

Suddenly, after weeks of brewing tensions, the National Guard opens fire on some crowds in Philadelphia. The military starts going after religious leaders by arresting hundreds and beating several of them. Many people are killed, but the censored news reports describe the death of only a few.

Can you ever imagine this happening in the United States? No, you probably can't.

Granted, this is an extreme situation, but it's pretty similar to the crisis in Myanmar right now.

My point? Be glad. Be glad that we have the First Amendment. Be glad that thousands of Americans can protest the Jena Six controversy in Louisiana without fear of getting crushed by the police.

Be glad that you have the freedom to write whatever you want in your blog without getting shut down. Be glad that you're not looking down the barrel of a gun for taking pictures like the Japanese photographer in that photo.

By the way, that photographer — Mr. Kenji Nagai — died later that day.

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## Letters to the editor

### MTV lifestyle contributes to poverty

The *Lariat* news story "Poverty awareness campaign brings movement to BU," urges greater poverty awareness at Baylor. We are to follow the lead of the ONE campaign and MTV.

MTV and poverty reduction? Sorry, I am not buying. The world view of MTV is at the heart of poverty in America. MTV evangelizes for autonomous unencumbered individualism.

As each one of us lives by our own lights, we are to embrace sexual liberation and promiscuity and reject the constraints of traditional morality.

Broad acceptance of this way of living makes poverty far more entrenched today compared to the early years of the twentieth century.

For all ethnic groups, the poverty rate is elevated for single-parent families. Over the last two decades, the African-American poverty rate has been near 50 percent for single-parent families compared to 10 percent for two-parent families.

Oh yes, we all need to listen more closely to MTV.

The ONE campaign plays out just as Alexis de Tocqueville predicted almost 200 years ago in *Democracy in America*. Tocqueville saw that Americans were highly individualistic, with feeble bonds to one another. He thought the pernicious trait of individualism would only grow through the decades. The end result would be that Americans would no longer take care of one another.

The outgrowth of rampant individualism would be that the only "loving" provider for human needs would be the state.

What does the ONE campaign encourage? Political action to enact government policies that will supposedly "make poverty history."

I doubt that government is capable of countering the societal and personal damage created by MTV and its allies.

Dr. John Pisciotta  
Associate professor of economics  
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The October 4 article "AIDS lecture to address social response," incorrectly identified Dr. Lizbeth Souza-Fuertes. She is the director of Latin American Studies and coordinator for the Global Issues Lecture Series.

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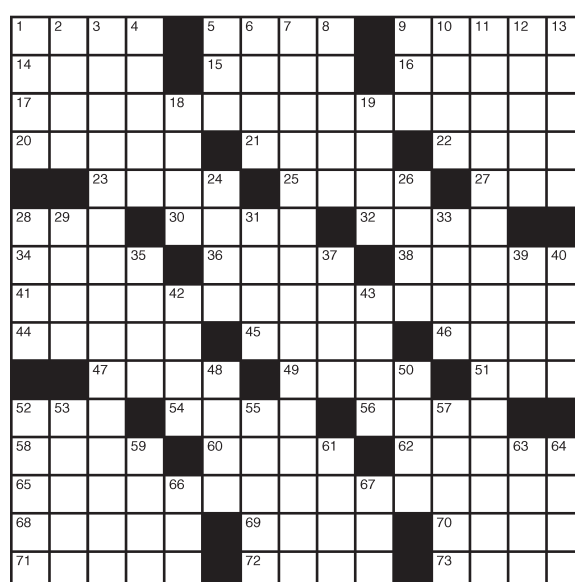
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**Crime Blotter**

**Theft**  
A bicycle was stolen from Sept. 27 and Tuesday at Collins Residence Hall.

A bicycle was stolen between Sunday and Wednesday at Penland Residence Hall.

A theft over \$50 under \$500 occurred at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hankamer School of Business.

**Failure to stop**  
An accident with failure to stop and identify occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the East Campus parking facility.

An accident with failure to stop and identify occurred between 10 a.m. and 1:55 p.m. Wednesday at the Speight Plaza Building and Parking Garage.

**Criminal mischief**  
Criminal mischief occurred at 9:40 p.m. Sunday at Third Street in front of Moody Memorial Library.

Criminal mischief occurred at an unknown time Monday or Tuesday at the Baylor intramural fields.

**Harassment**  
Phone harassment occurred between 12:45 and 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at Collins Residence Hall.

**Trespass**  
Criminal trespass occurred at 12:44 a.m. Saturday at 8th and Baylor.

Criminal trespass occurred 2:45 p.m. Tuesday at Carroll Library.

**Resisting arrest**  
Resisting arrest occurred at 1:08 a.m. Monday at the Dutton Avenue Office and Parking Facility.

**Public intoxication**  
Public intoxication occurred at 5:50 a.m. Saturday at the parking lot at 1233 Speight Avenue.

Information compiled from Baylor Police Department crime log.

# Seven new call boxes installed on campus

Unlit security lights likely result of construction mishap

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

Freestanding emergency call boxes swaddled in black plastic tarps and unlighted lampposts have drawn attention and concern from many students this semester.

Warren Ricks, director of risk management, said these boxes are not in disrepair, but are brand new and waiting for installation of phone and electricity lines.

Ricks said most of the new call boxes will be operational in two to three weeks. The new boxes will be turned on as the power and phone lines are installed.

Emergency call boxes are strategically placed around and near campus for students to get immediate help in emergency situations. There are 42 free-standing call boxes, seven of which are new and not yet operational. The new boxes are not replacements but additions installed to increase campus security, said Ricks.

Baylor police respond to call box calls. Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said his office attempts to respond to emergency calls in two minutes or less. He said his force makes answering call box calls their top priority.

"You can't drop your guard on it," he said.

Even so, call boxes are rarely used for emergency help.

"When they were new (in the late '80s), people would try to order pizza on them," Doak said. "The student body is more respectful of them now."

Despite many prank calls on the phones and requests for directions, Doak said they are necessary.

"They're greatest purpose is that sense of security. They're a relief valve," he said.

As for the unlighted lampposts near the Sid Richardson Science Building, Tony Chaffin, facilities service manager, said they were affected by a sever in an underground electrical cable. He speculated a contractor accidentally broke the line, presumably during the remodel of the building last semester.

Chaffin said facility services electricians noticed the problem while inspecting circuit breakers after the campuswide power outage Sept. 12. Once the sever was identified two days later, the cable was promptly restored, said Chaffin.

"Nobody knows how long they were out," he added.

He also offered some reassurance to students, saying the facilities personnel consider lighting and security issues of the utmost importance. Employees take nightly walks to examine the campus for lights that



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Seven new call boxes on campus are awaiting phone and electricity connections to be operational.

are dimmed or off, ensuring these lights are fixed or replaced as soon as possible.

# Allocation request sparks long debate

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

Student government allocated \$3,000 Thursday to the Baylor club gymnastics team to hold a meet on campus and \$3,900 to Delta Sigma Theta for its inaugural step show.

The meeting included considerable debate over a detail in the sorority's bill concerning the expenditure of profits made on the step show event.

The sorority plans to put the profits in its tribute scholarship fund, from which the group awards three scholarships each fall. Scholarships may be awarded to Baylor students or Waco high school seniors.

Some government members

thought it unreasonable to indirectly allocate student life funds for scholarships for Waco high school students.

"The whole purpose of the event is to raise scholarships and I don't think that students' required tuition and fees should go to other student's scholarship," Fort Worth senior class senator Jennifer Trammel said. "That hardly seems fair to me."

Other government members thought it was fair because the government looks to aid Waco when possible.

Edmond, Okla., junior class senator Tommy Takyi-Micah said approving this bill with the scholarship in place would assist in "bridging the gap between Baylor and the community."

Waco seniors were elimi-

nated from the scholarship pool as recommended by the student government finance committee before Thursday's meeting.

However, a friendly amendment was proposed to reinstate the high school scholarship provision, but the amendment was incorrectly added to the section of the bill stating the sorority's mission.

A counteramendment was presented to take the mention of Waco high school students out of the bill again. After being moved to the correct portion of the bill, the senate finally reached an agreement not to include high school students as eligible for the scholarship.

Delta Sigma Theta's request for funds was finally approved by a vote of 40-3, 3 abstaining.

The step show will be Nov. 3 at the Waco hippodrome.

The gymnastics team was allocated the requested \$3,000 for its first on-campus meet. The group explained since it is not classified as an official varsity team, it only receives university athletic funding for travel expenses.

The team has already received sponsorship for the event from Dr Pepper, Texas Dynasty and Pizza Hut.

Gymnastic clubs and teams from all over the state will be invited to watch the event. A few senate members considered this a bonus, attracting potential students.

The free event will be held April 4 at the McLane Student Life Center.



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# Student training benefits public

Speech program teaches students, helps local community

By Kate Gronewald  
Reporter

Every morning students and faculty in Neil Morris Hall open their doors to the public.

The Baylor Speech and Hearing Clinic provides services for clients with difficulties in communication processes and swallowing and also gives students an opportunity to practice what they're learning in class.

The community-based clinic serves as a training program for students majoring in communication sciences and disorders to gain experience working with clients in a clinical setting.

The mutually beneficial relationship between the clinic and the local public helps prepare students for entry-level jobs and provides services many clients couldn't otherwise afford.

"The community needs us just as much as we need the community," Deborah Rainer, clinical coordinator, said.

Undergraduate students gain hands-on experience while paired with graduate students and a faculty member.

This fall, the program's 30 graduate students perform most of the 130 weekly therapy sessions at the general clinic.

The speech and hearing clinic also includes six specialized clinics: neurorehabilitation, preschool language, language and literacy, vocal pathology, audiology and pediatric auditory rehabilitation.

"Clinical learning provides a tremendous amount of experience," Rainer said.

Other communication sciences and disorders students participate in off-campus learning opportunities.

Students on the deaf education track complete student teaching placements their senior year in predominantly sign-only environments in area schools.

The clinic and local schools aren't the only buildings where students and the community are experiencing the benefits of applied learning.

The family and consumer

sciences department provides equally relevant access to the real world each week at the Piper Child Development Center.

Located in downtown Waco, the Piper Child Development Center functions as a laboratory for students to acquire experience in a supervised setting with children from birth to age 5.

Director Barbara Crosby recognizes the benefits of hands-on experience before graduation.

"The experiences that our students have not only prepare them for their careers in the various areas of child development, but most importantly, prepare the students to be life-long advocates for children and children's issues," Crosby said.

Each child development course includes a lab component, in which students prepare developmentally appropriate activities for children.

Lead and assistant teachers then guide them through implementation in the real classroom setting at the center for 20 hours each semester.

"We want them to actually see and have real-life examples

to connect to the theory they're learning in class," said Dr. Joyce Nuner, assistant professor of child and family studies.

Students also acknowledge the significance of real-world learning.

"While working with the children at Piper, the theories and concepts we learn in class are being reinforced," said Chesapeake, Va., sophomore Anna Castleberry.

"I value my time at Piper each week because I know that I'm learning in a more efficient way than what just a book or lecture can provide."

After completing a minimum of four courses requiring lab hours, all child and family studies majors must also complete a practicum before graduation. The practicum is a more intensive, day-to-day experience that requires 10 weeks and 150 hours of hands-on learning per semester; however, the Piper Childcare Development Center isn't the only placement option.

Students also spend time in the community working with adolescents at various after-



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Beaumont senior Elizabeth Ener and Plano sophomore Krystal Ince join in activities with the toddlers Thursday at the Piper Center for Child Development.

school programs such as Camp-Fire USA.

"The whole idea is to have stu-

dents prepared, so when they go into the professional world they can feel confident," Nuner said.

# Technology-based aids in tandem with better study habits

Bryant Clark  
Reporter

A new study sponsored by the Houghton Mifflin Co., a leading educational publisher, finds students who use online and technology-based study aids in tandem with textbooks practice better study habits than those who don't.

This is good news for Baylor as Information Technology Services and faculty members continue the development of the technological classroom. The survey included results from 896 students and found that 59 percent of students use online study tools to prepare for exams and keep up with course work.

This comes at a time when professors are starting to incorporate more technology into class-

rooms. No longer is the learning medium strictly textbooks. Videos, online study groups and quizzes are quickly becoming the norm.

Connor Krey, Baylor's technology project manager in classroom technology services, has been developing technology for faculty use around campus. The electronic libraries helped developed the technology consoles, which contain all the classroom tools. These can be seen throughout the Baylor Sciences Building.

"Everything is pretty standardized. You can go from room to room and see the same touch panel with the control system. We have several elements in there we're trying to control, from the screen to the projector, to the document camera to the

computer, maybe a laptop, even a DVD/VCR combo," Krey said.

When funds become available in other schools, he said, the consoles will be added into those classrooms. This consistency among the console systems allows for easy use by professors, Krey said. Once faculty members learn one console, they've learned them all.

Dr. Blaine McCormick, associate dean of the Hankamer School of Business, has implemented a number of new technologies into his introduction to business class this semester. One of which is the introduction of the classroom performance system technology.

The system uses a wireless handheld device to record attendance, and answers to polls and quizzes.

McCormick teaches 480 students every Tuesday and Thursday. That's nearly 1,000 Scantrons a week that don't have to be graded or thrown away.

"In one academic year, that's nearly 30,000 Scantrons we save," he said, "That's no small thing."

In addition to that, McCormick thinks students are seeing the better side of this technology.

"We're not wasting valuable tuition-paid class time passing out Scantrons and picking up Scantrons," McCormick said.

Karen Lancaster, lecturer in the Marketing department, said students really enjoy the electronic testing systems.

A second technological tool that has been introduced in the introduction to business class

this year is the Elluminate Live program. This program allows professors to incorporate outside guests from other parts of the country into their lecture.

"It's basically an electronic classroom we launch where we can bring in a talking head that can come in on a web cam," McCormick said.

"It's a lot cheaper and they don't have to take a day out."

Another added device this semester is the addition of YouTube-style videos with faculty speakers.

"The students can start familiarizing with who is up-front," McCormick said. "They can hear from people who are more expert than I am."

Electronic books are another digital study tool gaining in popularity. One-third of students

polled in the survey said they would buy an e-book version of a textbook if it were offered. Even print textbooks now come with online learning tools.

Houghton Mifflin reports that student usage of textbooks sold with companion online tools has increased 100 percent in the past two years. Karen Lancaster, temporary full-time lecturer in the marketing department, says students really enjoy the interaction created with the use of electronic systems.

"When we take our quizzes, you do question number one and everybody enters their answer, and we lock that question," Lancaster said, "After that, we can show the correct answer, and they cheer if they get it right or groan when they get it wrong. They really like that."

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## Behind the scenes

Hewitt graduate student Joel Korpi and Boerne senior Artie Pena take a "beauty shot" Thursday of a Ducati during HD Production class taught by Dr. Corey Carbonara, professor of communication studies, in the Castellaw Communications Center studio room.

# Baylor's Mu Phi Epsilon named International Chapter of the Year

Professional music fraternity boasts 700 service hours

By Amanda Allen & Selena Mejia Reporters

It makes sense that over 700 hours of community service would earn regional recognition for the Baylor chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon.

But for the fourth consecutive year, the Phi Xi chapter of Mu Phi has been named International Chapter of the Year.

Mu Phi, a professional music fraternity, is one of 136 international chapters.

The Phi Xi chapter holds the most community service hours in and around the Central Texas region.

The fraternity performs service once a month in a variety of outlets. Last month the group went to St. Catherine Center nursing home, and this month, Mu Phi is working towards orga-

nizing something with Mission Waco.

"If we can incorporate music (while serving), we do," said Ainsley Davis, a Portland sophomore and historian of Mu Phi.

The group will participate in or work with several projects such as a canned food drive before Christmas, Relay for Life, Mission Waco, Habitat for Humanity, Race for the Cure and Steppin' Out, to name a few.

"Basically, if Baylor's doing something, we'll get involved with whatever it is," Davis said.

A service committee decides what events Phi Xi covers, based on the need of the community and the best way it can be served.

The service provided by Phi Xi goes beyond the gift of music and entertainment for nursing home residents.

"We play out of our hearts, as a service for them," said Lancaster senior Margo Dana-Weiss, the group's chaplain and service coordinator. "It's more reward-

ing that way."

Dana-Weiss said the fraternity also gives the music school's faculty platters of food to ease their stress during finals week.

Mu Phi also puts on fundraisers and dinners.

The money raised goes toward covering the cost of the dinner or event, and proceeds then are given to other organizations in need, such as the Waco Humane Society and Mission Waco.

"Mahler's Meatballs" was a fundraiser they put on last semester where faculty and their children could eat spaghetti while listening to Mahler's symphony.

"My favorite is when we go and play or sing for the people at the nursing home, because it makes them really smile and they're really happy about it," said member Shelley James, a Plano sophomore.

President Michelle Meneses McKinney senior said there's usually six to 10 people play-

ing for a solid 45 minutes when they go.

They try to visit at least one nursing home each semester.

Phi Mu's international executive board decides the chapter's rank. For every service hour completed, points are awarded.

"We send in a report for everything done that semester. They take this report and assign a certain amount of points for different things," Meneses said.

The chapter with the most points in each district is decided. The district winners then represent certain provinces, and then go up against one another. The executive board then decides who the top-point chapter is among the provinces.

Baylor's chapter was presented with a certificate at their district meeting in Austin on September 16, 2007 and will be recognized at the international convention in the summer of 2008, which occurs every four years.

# Parents League offers peace of mind, Baylor information

Parents Fund program collects donations for facility improvements

By Liz Foreman Contributor

The thought of waking up in the middle of the night is frightening for most people, especially anyone who is new to an area and does not know the whereabouts of a 24-hour health clinic.

When Waco sophomore Lindsey Coker found herself in this situation, she called her mother, like most college students would. Kim Coker, a member of the Beaumont chapter of the Baylor Parents League, knew just what to do. She called a member of the local chapter of the Baylor Parents League, who

gave her the phone numbers of 24-hour health clinics in the Waco area.

The Baylor Parents League was established in 1968 as a link between parents and the university. When students enroll in Baylor, their parents are automatically members of the organization. Parents League charges no membership fees or dues to become an active member.

"We are a very inclusive organization," said Judy Maggard, director of parent programs and Parents League.

All parents of Baylor undergraduates are welcome to join an existing chapter in their area or start their own, she said.

Chapters of Baylor Parents League around the country hold send-off parties at the end of every summer as a way for students and parents to meet oth-

"We are a very inclusive organization."

Judy Maggard  
Director of parent programs

ers from their home town.

"It's good to make friends from your area who know about life back home," Lindsey Coker said.

"It's also a good way for incoming freshmen and their parents to meet other students who can let them know what to expect."

Most students are aware of the packages that arrive at the post office and in the residence halls around final-exam time brimming with snacks and candy. These are the work of

Baylor Parents League members all over the country.

Daniel Silverman and the Chicago-based chapter started an adopt-a-student program last year in which members made extra "survival boxes" before final exams and gave them to their children, who in turn reached out and gave the boxes to students who seemed like they need a friend or a prayer, Silverman said.

The Chicago chapter has taken a spiritual approach to the Baylor Parents League. On the first Tuesday of every month members meet to pray for students, faculty and administration.

"The most important responsibility one has as a parent of a college student is to pray for them," Silverman said, "as well as the faculty and administra-

tion that we have entrusted with the responsibility of educating our children in a God-honoring way."

For parents wishing to contribute to students in another way, the Parents Fund is a program offered by Parents League that collects donations that go toward the improvement of Baylor facilities and programs, including a scholarship and a student emergency fund.

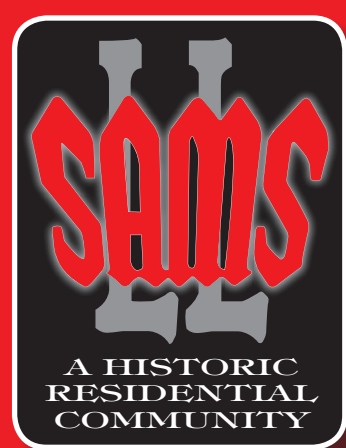
Parents League also recognizes that students are not the only ones who need support. A Parents League Help Line is open to parents at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The most common type of calls are from parents concerned with their students' academic achievement and roommate issues, Maggard said.

In addition to the Help Line,

Baylor's parent programs send out a semiannual newsletter, *Perspectives*, to every parent of a Baylor undergraduate student.

"By staying in touch with parents through the Help Line, distribution of printed materials including a university calendar and two newsletters (fall and spring issues), and involvement in local chapters, we give Baylor parents an opportunity to learn about Baylor and stay involved with the student during the college years in meaningful and constructive ways," Maggard said.

For those parents who want to find out more information, Parents League is holding its annual volunteer and leadership appreciation breakfast on Saturday morning before the parent-faculty coffee which starts at 8:30 on Burleson Quadrangle.



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