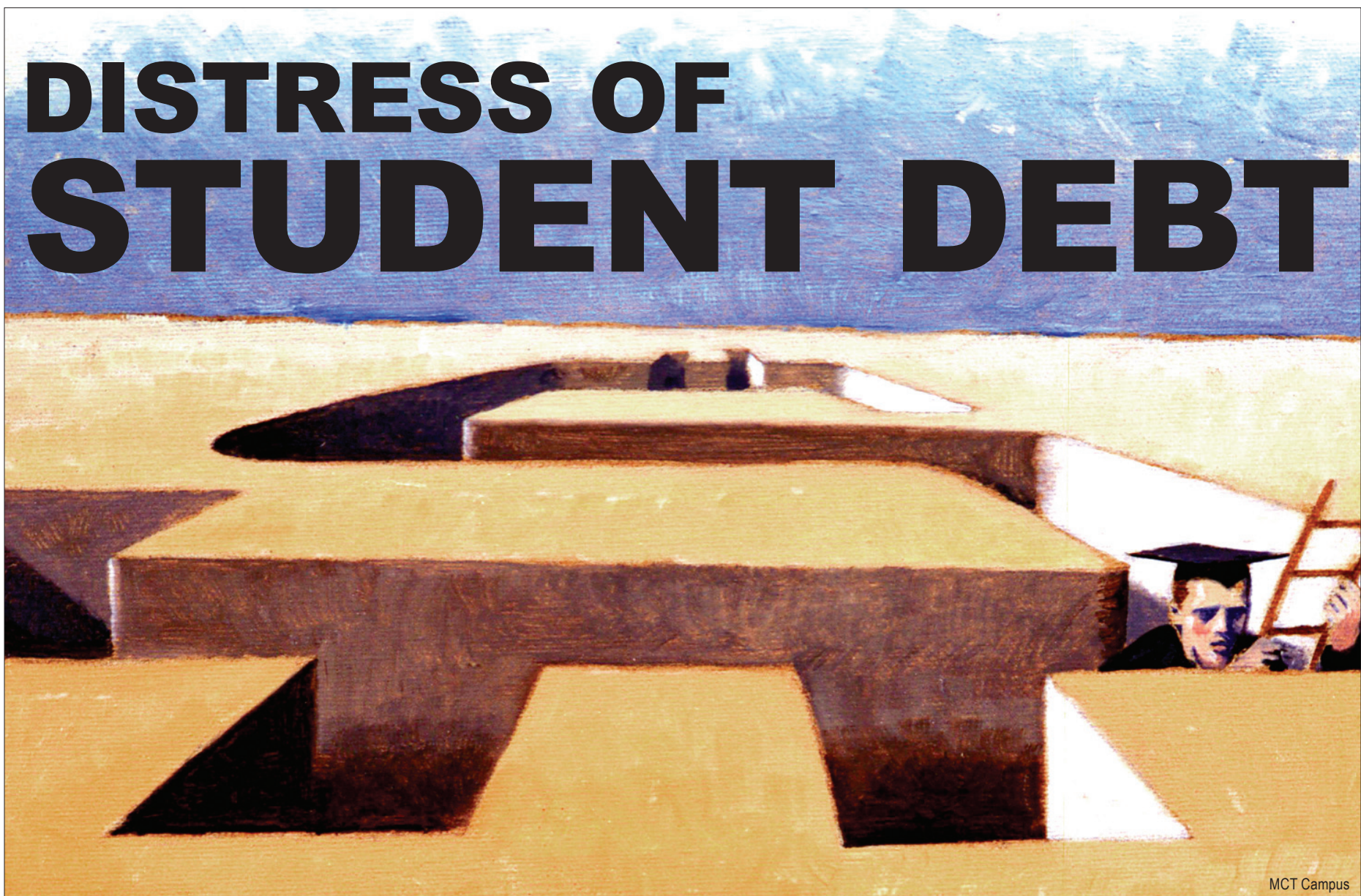


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Study uncovers 8 percent increase in average loan debt

By Anita Pere Staff writer

A study titled "Student Debt and the Class of 2006" found that college graduates borrowed more money than they made in their first year in the workforce, even armed with a bachelor's degree.

The Project on Student Debt, a subset of the Institute for College Access and Learning, recently released the findings of the study, which was compiled in September.

While the study results highlight the point that graduates end up borrowing more money than they make their first year in the workforce, the key findings section of the executive summary of the report estimates the gap between starting salaries and borrowed funds was only 4 percent. Average student loan debt increased by 8 percent, while average starting salaries lagged at a 4 percent increase.

Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of *finaid.org*, a financial aid Web site for college students, said a small increase such as this shouldn't cause immense worry.

"It's a concern, but (the gap between college debt and first-year salaries) is not yet at a crisis point. Even though debt increased more than the increase in salaries, it was only marginally," he said.

Kantrowitz said he thinks these year-to-year findings should be monitored and action should only be taken only if these findings develop into a trend. Current trends show student debt increasing by 3 per-

cent a year, Kantrowitz said.

The project data was gathered by Peterson's Review, an educational research organization. Matt Reid, lead researcher and author of the study, said Peterson's attempted but couldn't collect student debt data from

Baylor University.

Kathleen Morley, Director of Institutional Research, said Baylor doesn't provide student debt figures in its common data set, from which Peterson's gathered information.

The common data set is a list

of questions serving as a joint effort between colleges and publishers to make information on higher education institutes public and is reported annually.

Morley said the financial aid office keeps record of student debt figures.

In a recent e-mail to *The Baylor Lariat* regarding this lack of public information, Morley wrote, "Your inquiry (and others) has prompted some discussion as to why we don't report that data and should we, in fact, be doing so. This is one

of those things that we've never reported, but I've now asked for some input from the administration. We are always reviewing data elements that are (or not) reported. This is one that has

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Exhibit presents WWII Fly Girls

Mayborn Museum features women of U.S. Army Air Forces

By Christine Bolanos Reporter

In September 1942, 1,830 women quit their jobs, said goodbye to their families and paid their own ways to Texas to learn to fly "the Army way."

The Women Airforce Service Pilots became the first women in history to fly America's military aircraft.

The Mayborn Museum Complex is bringing their memory back to life through "Wings Across America Presents: Fly Girls of WWII Exhibit."

According to the exhibit, the pilot group formed because of the U.S. Army Air Forces' desperation for more pilots after severe U.S. losses.

Nancy Parrish, a 1980 Baylor alumna and PBS producer, has been working with "Wings Across America" since 1998.

Her mother, Deanie, is a former pilot.

"It wasn't until 1979 that an Air Force P.R. came out

announcing the first graduating Fly Girls. When my mother found out, she knew something had to be done. This information was just not right," Parrish said. "I thought the way to get the truth out was through Baylor."

Parrish and her mother began working on "Wings Across America" to promote awareness of the history of WASP. There are about 400 former female pilots alive today, all over 80 years old. They have interviewed 110 of them in 19 states.

Parrish took a picture of every WASP smiling or laughing during the interview. A collage of their pictures is on display at the exhibit.

In the center of the exhibit, there is a display case with the United States map on it. Blue darts on the map represent the places a female pilot has been interviewed. Red darts mark areas where there are pilots yet to be interviewed.

The exhibit also features mannequins, one of which wears a blue flying uniform donated to the exhibit by the only Native American WASP



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The "Wings Across America Presents: Fly Girls of WWII Exhibit" showcases the female pilots of the U.S. Army Air Forces.

interviewed, Parrish said.

The white dress shirt and khakis on another doll were donated by the family of the only Chinese-American pilot, who was one of the 38 women who lost their lives serving the country, Parrish said.

The walls of the exhibit are covered with pictures of the

women during their years of service, including a life-size picture of Deanie Parrish.

Parris said her mother was 5 feet 2 inches tall, but in order to qualify for training, women had to be 5 feet 2 1/2 inches tall.

"She was persistent though,

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Russell Gymnasium offers SLC alternative

Russell Fitness Center provides less crowded workout environment

By Kimi Willingham Reporter

As of last week, Russell Gymnasium has opened its doors to faculty, staff and students on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 10 p.m.

The Russell Fitness Center is a new addition to the Russell Gymnasium. According to Van Davis, McLane Student Life Center fitness coordinator, its purpose is to provide an additional fitness facility for those who wish to work out in a less crowded environment.

Davis said the SLC often becomes overcrowded, and the opening of this new facility will be able to "catch the overflow and add some variety."

Davis suggested that the Russell Fitness Center will add a new atmosphere for those who are tired of the environment at the SLC.

Though the new fitness

center does not house cardio equipment, it is loaded with free weights, specialized weight machines and a large stretching mat.

Houston sophomore Jena Willard said she believes it will provide more concentrated athletes a chance to work out in a larger space with less commotion.

"It seems like a good idea for more serious athletes going in with a weight-lifting partner," Willard said.

Austin senior Stephen Allen said the idea of a free weight-centered gym is appealing and more like the gym he went to in his hometown.

"A lot of people grow up in gyms that have a weight room feel," he said.

Allen said Russell Fitness Center will provide an alternate area and atmosphere apart from the "TV screens and feel" of the SLC.

The campus recreation staff is in the process of adding upgrades to the new fitness center, Davis said.

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Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Yukon, Okla., freshman Rocky Low bench presses around 5 p.m. Monday at the Russel Gym.

Baylor Bears reflect on Jayhawks loss

By Asher Fusco The Daily Kansan

For almost two hours, mother nature spared the Baylor Bears a resounding defeat at the hands of the Kansas Jayhawks. Kansas spent the rest of Saturday afternoon making up for lost time and delivering an emphatic blowout victory.

After a 98-minute pre-game rain delay and a 30-minute lightning delay in the first quarter, No. 20 Kansas (6-0, 2-0 Big 12) defeated Baylor (3-4, 0-3) by a score of 58-10. Strong thunderstorms pummeled Memorial Stadium steadily throughout the morning, soaking the turf and driving both teams' players to the shelter of the locker rooms. Baylor did not give in

immediately once the game finally started, instead losing gradually to Kansas.

The repercussions of Saturday's game will go far beyond last weekend. Head coach Guy Morriss said Sunday he's considering benching Szymanski, who is now 0-6 in Big 12 starts. The progression Saturday went like this: Szymanski, Ryan Roberts, Szymanski again and

finally Tyler Beatty. Junior John David Weed was the only quarterback on the roster who didn't see the field.

After Szymanski expressed concern over his benching after the game, Morriss said Sunday that every coach worries about the psyche of a quarterback after being pulled like that.

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Editorial

Fair trade laws pose viable alternative

With today's editorial, we will begin the first of a series about issues we believe are being under-reported to young people.

We figured it is one thing to complain about our generation's lack of awareness of important issues, but another thing to try to do something about it. There are many issues out there that deserve our attention, but unfortunately some of the static surrounding traditional hot-button issues leaves other important ones in the shadows. We certainly don't claim to be experts, but hopefully you will come out of this with more information than you had before.

To begin our series, we will discuss the debate about free trade.

Friday, President Bush promoted his efforts to win free trade agreements with Peru, Colombia, Panama and South Korea.

The agreements would allow the removal of most industrial tariffs for U.S. producers in Peru, new duty-free access for American crops in Colombia, increased access for American farmers and ranchers, as well as open opportunities for American businesses to participate in the expansion of the Panama Canal and the incorporation of American goods and services into the growing economy in South Korea.

Trading in open markets is certainly a good thing for the American economy. We just have to do it responsibly and try to minimize the effects that increased competition will have at home and abroad.

In the large scheme of things, Peru, Panama and Colombia are relatively minor trading partners and won't have a significant effect on the U.S. economy. But these types of agreements are occurring more often and already have a cumulative effect on the economy.

As a general rule of thumb, free trade is mutually beneficial for both countries. That does not mean that the benefits are always equal, however. With more free trade agreements, the U.S. risks losing jobs at home, particularly in the manufacturing sector.

This is most easily seen by the trouble major U.S. automakers have gone through in the past couple of decades. In the case of South Korea, the proposed trade agreement would eliminate tariffs on Korean-made cars, creating more competition for an already troubled American industry. Many economists theorize, however, that challenges to a strong economy such as ours will eventually work themselves out over time.

But potential problems with free trade don't stop within our borders. Take the example of the proposed agreement with Colombia. The country's history of violence and corruption should be of great concern when deciding on a potential agreement. President Alvaro Uribe has presided over the country's decline in murders, political assassinations, kidnappings and terrorist attacks. But Colombia's government continues to be plagued by corruption, with drug cartels maintaining a high level of influence in Colombian politics.

Trade liberalization also poses problems for the poor and indiginous populations of countries with which we have agreements. The North American Free Trade Agreement is an example of how subsidized products like agriculture make cheap imports into countries like Mexico and put small farmers out of business. It also opens the door for multinational corporations to come in and establish operations that often exploit workers.

But aside from all the doom and gloom, there is a potential answer — fair trade.

Fair trade is about creating opportunities for economically disadvantaged producers as well as fostering transparency and accountability. Payment of a fair price for products, gender equality, safe working conditions and environmental protection are all hallmarks of the fair trade movement. It is a growing topic of conversation and should be explored at the highest levels.

We are glad to see President Bush looking out for our country's interest when he said "expanding trade will help our economy grow" and that he understands "many Americans feel uneasy about new competition and worry that trade will cost jobs."

By providing more substantial funding for trade adjustment assistance to help Americans make the transition from one job to the next, he can take a step toward ensuring this happens. But when President Bush argues that freer trade serves "America's security and moral interests" around the globe, does it really?

If the president really wants to serve the United States' moral interests around the globe, he should consider fair trade, instead.



Latest loss spells curtains for Coach Morriss

For the first time in his five-year tenure at Baylor, the voices calling for Guy Morriss' resignation have risen to an overwhelming crescendo after a demoralizing 56-10 loss against Kansas.

And it doesn't seem like they're going away this time.

So it was just his luck that he had to take his traveling circus, the fast-plummeting Baylor Bears, on the road to face a Top 25 squad in Kansas following arguably the most embarrassing home loss of his short Baylor career.

It seems odd to call a 20-point loss to Colorado a bigger embarrassment than, say, a 62-0 shellacking to Texas two years ago.

Or the season-ending 35-0 beating Oklahoma gave the Bears in 2004.

But look at it from a Baylor fan's perspective.

Morriss has had five years to recruit, build and mold.

Despite some encouraging improvements, his recruiting classes are still mired in the nation's bottom half.

According to Rivals.com, his average recruiting class since his arrival is 70th out of 119 D-I schools.

Call it the Baylor factor, but any

sports take

BY WILL PARCHMAN



school should expect better than that, let alone a BCS school.

His inability to recruit quarterbacks has been the scariest part. No Morriss-recruited quarterback has ever won a Big 12 game.

Following Baylor's loss under the lightning Saturday to Kansas, Blake Szymanski is 0-6 as a starter in Big 12 games. Last Saturday's 20-point blowout to Colorado was the closest he's ever come to winning one.

That's why it appears this Morriss-built program has reached a disappointing plateau.

This team has been five years in the making.

Where is the progress?

Ever since Morriss' arrival at Baylor in 2003, the ups and downs that typically accompany one of the hottest seats in the conference over the last decade have been wildly evident.

After a shameful 27-20 overtime

loss at home to Army last year, Morriss looked defeated. He sounded defeated.

The fans gave him attitudes to match, failing to properly support the team for the rest of the year.

When the Bears completed one of the most incredible fourth quarter comebacks in their history last season and pulled together a 19-point quarter to defeat the Jayhawks 36-35 on homecoming, the fans had already streamed out at halftime.

About 20,000 people were left at Floyd Casey Stadium to witness the scene.

The Baylor Board of Regents has not been blind, deaf and dumb throughout all of this.

Judging by Baylor's hiring history since the Big 12 formed, something big is going to happen this off-season, and the trend doesn't favor Morriss.

The calls for Mike Singletary, Baylor's legendary linebacker of the 1980s, are deafening.

Now an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers, Singletary was a prime candidate for Baylor's head coaching job back in 2003.

Fresh off a 7-5 season at Kentucky, just his second as a head coach, Morriss took the job instead.

Kentucky is now ranked No. 8 in the latest polls, by the way.

The only conceivable way Morriss can save himself now is a bowl bid, something Baylor hasn't had in hand since 1994.

A couple conference wins won't satiate the Baylor crowd anymore. The frenzy is too great, the gap between winning seasons too long.

Judging by the result in Lawrence Saturday, six victories seem as distant and unreachable as the highest steppes of Mount Everest.

Above all, Baylor fans are tired. They are tired of losing, tired of being a conference doormat and perhaps most of all, tired of bowing down to Texas A&M and Texas each year.

Morriss isn't a bad guy; he's just not the one to accomplish those tasks. He's already proven as much.

So we can probably say goodbye to Morriss now. The Colorado game dug his coaching grave. This loss to Kansas nailed his coffin shut.

Just like the backup quarterback in any town, the most popular guy in Waco after the season will be the one who replaces Guy Morriss.

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Lonely Russian e-mails give taste of true love

Guys, I hate to break it to you, but I'm being crushed on by about a million lonely Russian girls right now.

That is, if my e-mail inbox is to be believed.

I have to screen really carefully to find these e-mails, though, since they're usually hidden among a ton of junk mail.

Fortunately, I am too clever for schemes offering me bogus stocks or man-only medications.

The latest round of Russian-crushing happened last Friday when I got an e-mail from this person named "Laurence Hadley."

I don't know any Laurences personally, so I naturally wondered who the heck he was and how he got my e-mail address.

Then I read the message.

"Hello!" it began. "I am tired this afternoon. I am nice girl that would like to chat with you."

At first I was a bit confused. When I think of the name Laurence (which is maybe twice a year), I

point of view

BY BEN HUMENIUK



think of some guy with weak ankles and an asthma problem, not some lonely girl who has problems typing English.

But you know who has trouble typing English?

Russians.

Which meant that she was either a spy, or she was looking to meet some better guys than the ones on the commune.

I guessed it was the latter, because if she were a spy, she'd ask me to kill James Bond or something.

The big giveaway was that she asked me to write her back at a different address from the one she had the original message from.

"E-mail me at lr@SuperOnset.info only," she requested, "because

I am writing not from my personal e-mail."

"Writing not." That's terrible grammar. Yep, she was definitely a Russian.

She was probably just borrowing her friend Laurence's computer, I surmised. That explained everything...

Except, of course, her name. That was until I looked at the new address. Her initials were "LR," which probably meant something like "Laurina Ruskovaddavichamick."

And that is totally a Russian name.

But then came the last phrase: "Mind me sending some of my pictures to you?"

Now, when dealing with Russian females over e-mail, you must be careful about such things.

She could be talking about pictures as in, "Hey, I am photography hobbyist; come see picture I take of Kremlin."

Or she could mean, "Hello, I am

gifted at arts of drawing and painting; please view reproduction I make of Mona Lisa."

Or she could mean pictures ... of herself. Which is sketchy.

Even if she's, like, Anna Kournikova's little sister. Which she is not because her initials are "LR" and not "LK."

Regardless, that's not how I roll. I got standards and stuff.

So I decided to ignore the whole thing. I didn't think she'd be terribly hurt. After all, I checked the "to" box, and it was actually made out to some joker named Ben Harvie.

This made me disappointed with my inbox, because you figure it would remember how to spell my last name by now.

So, whatever. It's probably best for her, too. I mean, I'm a great guy and all. But I'm in America, and she's in Russia.

And I'm terrible at long-distance relationships.

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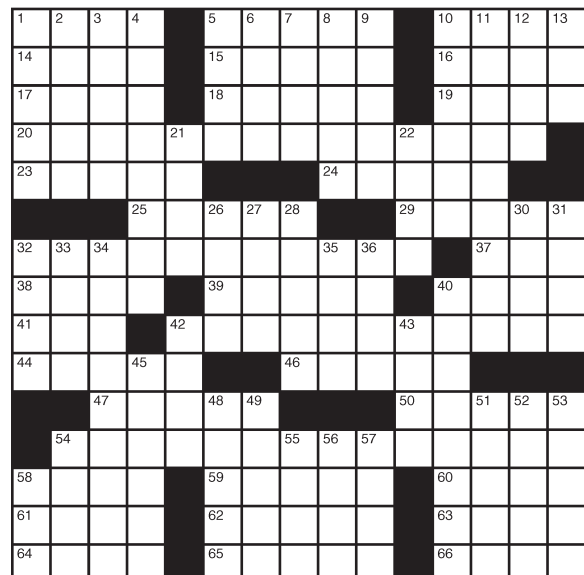
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SPJ set for visit from NPR's John Burnett

Acclaimed correspondent to speak on world experience, investigative reporting, award-winning career

By Selena Mejia
Reporter

The Society of Professional Journalists will host National Public Radio's nationally recognized journalist John Burnett at an open reception at 5 p.m. today in 245 Castellaw Communications Center.

Burnett will discuss the need for investigative reporting and encourage students to dig up things that would otherwise go unknown.

"There's an attraction to fluffy journalism, which doesn't really advance our knowledge," Burnett said.

Burnett brings more than his stamp-filled-passport to Baylor. He has an award-winning career of which most journalists only dream.

He travels around the world to report on natural disasters, wars and other world events. He has traveled to 25 different countries and covered stories such as the Branch Davidian disaster, Hurricane Katrina and Central America's civil wars.

Burnett got his start working for the *Waco Tribune-Herald* in the 1980s and has since been fond of Waco.

"I'd like to give back. I'd like to inspire college students if I can," Burnett said.

Burnett has received numerous awards and national recognition for his in-depth investigative reporting.

Not only does Burnett stand out because of his professional accomplishments, but his height makes as dramatic of an impact as his resume.

"There are times when being tall is a good thing. Then, there are times when it's not," Burnett said.

Standing 6-foot-7, Burnett recalled an uncomfortable experience while traveling abroad.

At a Death to America Rally, he was the tallest American among a crowd of screaming protesters.

Since he has spent time in the Middle

East, Burnett said he is now less likely to complain about the Texas heat.

"It was like standing in front of a hair dryer on full blast," Burnett said about an interview he conducted in 130-degree weather in Iraq.

"I kissed the ground when I got home," Burnett said. "It makes me appreciate the peace."

KWBU Station Manager Brodie Bashaw said she was excited to hear about Burnett's presence on campus.

"We're grateful he's willing to share himself with us, as well as the students," she said.

Burnett will be offering an hour of his time on the airwaves of KWBU.

Robert Darden, associate journalism professor and personal friend of Burnett, says it's a rare opportunity for students to get a chance to hear from a journalist who has been at the greatest, most dangerous events.

"Any time bullets fly, John Burnett is there," Darden said.

Burnett has also been recognized for his abilities to write feature stories.

"He's a well-rounded reporter," Darden said. "He can do beautiful lyrical writing as well as war coverage."

Dr. Sara Stone, journalism professor and adviser for the Society of Professional Journalists, said Burnett's experience in events such as covering the aftermath of Sept. 11, Iraq and Afghanistan brings a rare insight to students.

"It's a terrific opportunity for our students to hear from a professional who has traveled the world to cover news," Stone said.

"We don't normally have veteran foreign correspondents visit our campus. So I see it not only as educational, but inspiring for students interested in a career in news," she said.

Although Burnett isn't coming to promote his 2006 book, *Uncivilized Beasts & Shameless Hellions: Travels with an NPR Correspondent*, copies will be available at the reception.



Burnett



David Poe/Lariat staff

Lady Bears hooked by Texas

Marietta, Ga., senior Jessica Hutton, 2, tries to make a pass by Texas' Kendall Campise Sunday. An early goal for No. 1 Texas was the difference as the Baylor women's soccer team came within a few feet of earning a tie, or even a win, against the top-ranked Longhorns in a 1-0 loss at Betty Lou Mays Field.

Mukasey hearings to focus on Bush terror policy limits

By Lara Jakes Jordan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the chief federal trial judge in Manhattan, Michael Mukasey approved secret warrants allowing government roundups of Muslims in the days after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Six years later, the man President Bush wants to be attorney general acknowledged that the law authorizing those warrants "has its perils" in terrorism cases and urged Congress to "fix a strained and mismatched legal system."

Mukasey's caution about the material witness law probably will please Democrats who control the Senate Judiciary Committee. At confirmation hearings set to begin Wednesday, they plan to press the retired federal judge about the Bush administration's terrorist detention policy. The committee chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, long has criticized the government's use of the warrants. They allowed the FBI to detain, without charges, an estimated 70 people, all but one of whom was a Muslim, as witnesses after the terrorist

attacks in 2001.

Leahy, D-Vt., is expected to question Mukasey about this and other issues the senator has described as arising "from this administration's abuse of secrecy and expansion of executive power."

A fellow Democrat on the committee, New York Sen. Charles E. Schumer, said he supports Mukasey but disagrees with some of his positions on terrorist detentions.

"We may have some disagreement on what that structure should be. But he will not try to unilaterally expropriate all of the lawmaking to the executive branch. The point is that it's done with open debate, and Congress has to pass it," Schumer said Friday.

White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said Sunday: "Judge Mukasey is looking forward to the opportunity to respond to questions from the Judiciary Committee. These are complex legal questions, and Judge Mukasey will bring the unique perspective and experience of someone who had to address these questions in the courtroom."

'The Golden Age' examines reign of famous British queen, Elizabeth I

By April Leman
Contributor

A true adventurer, Elizabeth I stands unmoving among the cliffs outlining the British coast. With arms outstretched, she embraces the wind and the coming victory over the great Spanish armada.

Elizabeth: The Golden Age dramatizes the events which led to a time of peace and prosperity in England. While combating a Spanish-induced holy war and surviving an assassination attempt, Elizabeth also battles her own demons of loneliness and self-doubt.

MOVIE REVIEW

In 1585, Europe is violently split between Catholicism and the newly established Protestant religion. Elizabeth's nation remains divided, half Catholic and half Protestant, yet the queen refuses to take any action against her people.

"Fear creates fear," she said. "I am not ignorant of the dangers, sir. But I will not punish my people for their beliefs. Only for their deeds."

While her people lovingly refer to her as the "virgin queen," Elizabeth also fields the insulting names of "whore," "usurper" and "bastard." Although obviously affected by such accusations, she doesn't hesitate to return fire.

Fully in command of her sharp wit and tongue, Elizabeth is any man's equal as a verbal pugilist. "I, too, can command the wind, sir," she said. "I have a hurricane in me that will strip Spain bare if you dare to try me."

The Spanish portray Elizabeth as a heathen, devoid of moral character. But the use of symbols and imagery give the audience quite the opposite point of view. The cinematography and magnificent costumes highlight Elizabeth's regality.

One scene in particular depicts Elizabeth as almost angelic. While praying with her ladies-in-waiting at a public cathedral, a young man fights through the minimal security and attempts to assassinate the queen. Elizabeth turns at the sounds of shouting and faces her attacker. Streams of light blaze through the cathedral windows, lighting her perfectly white face and setting her red hair afire. In that moment, Elizabeth embodies a heavenly picture of purity.

Beneath her regal exterior, Cate Blanchett brings to life the passionate, almost frenzied, side of Elizabeth's complicated character.

The Queen's close friendship with her courtier, Bess (Abbie Cornish), plays a central part in developing her character.

In one scene, the ladies humorously puff on a peace pipe filled with tobacco brought from

the Americas and are sent into a simultaneous coughing and laughing fit.

The two other big names headlining the film are Clive Owen and Geoffrey Rush. Owen plays Sir Walter Raleigh, a New World explorer who falls in and out of grace with the queen. Rush takes on the role of Elizabeth's trusted adviser.

Both men act as an anchor for Elizabeth in her strongest and weakest moments.

The film incorporates motifs of light and dark to distinguish the righteous from the misguided. Since the Spanish and English both claim Christianity, it could be potentially difficult for the audience to determine which side God will favor.

However, the Spanish black attire contrasts heavily with Elizabeth's gloriously porcelain skin and face. King Philip and his subjects convey a sinister message to the audience while Elizabeth is completely lovable. This distinguishes Elizabeth as God's chosen monarch.

The grandiose imagery and drama sends the film over the top at moments.

However, Blanchett does an amazing job in her leading role and is surrounded by an excellent supporting cast.

Elizabeth: The Golden Age is a compelling and meaningful film.

Grade: A

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generated some discussion and is now under consideration." She also said her office will research the topic and examine the practices of other private universities, then make a recommendation to the administration regarding announcing this information in the future.

Morley said the university isn't trying to hide information, but simply hasn't provided this information to the public. Morley was unsure exactly how long these numbers have not been reported, but said, "as long as the common data set had been around, (debt figures) were not reported." This lack in reporting is not unusual, according to Reid.

"There's a lot of missing data," he said, noting that even schools reporting student debt data sometimes do not provide it every year. Reid said the lack of transparency in student debt figures adversely impacted the study's accuracy and reliability. He said colleges should report these figures in order to fully understand the gravity of stu-

dent debt. His statement agrees with the study's recommendation: "Colleges and universities should make a good-faith effort to calculate and report accurate annual debt figures." The study also calls for federal regulation of colleges to report loan data. Douglasville, Ga. junior Mark Bailey is approximately \$12,000 in debt for college. He

said he thinks the university should report average student debt data, even if it is a private university. Houston sophomore Jordan Stephens has not yet taken out loans thanks to scholarships and family support, but anticipates taking out as much as \$40,000 in student loans. Stephens sees both sides of the issue. "I'd like to know where I

stand as opposed to others, but I think (reporting this data would be) a little invasive," he said. **To see Baylor's common data set reports, visit www.baylor.edu/irt and click "institutional research and reports."**

Rice hopes to close peace gap

By Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice opened an intense round of Mideast shuttle diplomacy Sunday, struggling to bring Israelis and Palestinians close enough to make a planned U.S.-hosted peace conference worthwhile. The two sides are at bitter odds over an outline of a peace agreement that would be presented at next month's conference, and Rice sought to lower expectations her mission would finalize preparations for the gathering.



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U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice shakes hand with Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak during their Sunday meeting in Jerusalem.

Underscoring her less-than-optimistic assessment, Israeli and Palestinians traded shots about the other's commitment to peace even as she arrived in the region. During her four-day visit, she will bounce between Israel and the West Bank, seeking a consensus. Her hope is to close the gap as Israel and the Palestinian Authority try to forge an outline of an eventual peace deal and produce a joint statement for the conference. It is expected to be held in Annapolis, Md., in late November.

tough issues." And on her flight from Moscow, where she held talks with Russian leaders, Rice said she did not believe her visit would clear the way for that statement or make enough progress so that conference invitations could go out. "I don't expect out of these meetings that there will be any particular outcome in the sense of breakthroughs on the document," she told reporters on her plane. She said she intends to return at least once to the Mideast before the conference. Rice said she wanted to "help them narrow differences that they may have

about what the nature of this document has to be." "I do think it's important that they address the core issues in some fashion," she said. "I also think it's important that the document be substantive enough that it points that there is a way forward toward the establishment of a Palestinian state." Israel is pressing for a vaguely worded document that would give it more room to maneuver. The Palestinians want a detailed preliminary agreement with a timetable for creating a Palestinian state as well as specifics on borders, sovereignty over disputed Jerusalem and a solution for Palestinian refugees — the

"final status" issues. Israel said Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni would lead negotiations with the Palestinian team led by Ahmed Qureia, a former prime minister. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told his Cabinet he did not believe the joint statement was a prerequisite for the conference. He repeated that in his two-hour plus meeting with Rice, according to his office. The goal, Olmert said, "is to arrive at a joint statement during the international conference, even though the existence of such a statement was never a condition for holding this conference."

But the acting Palestinian foreign minister, Riad Malki, said his side would skip the conference without agreement on a statement. "Without a document to resolve this conflict, we can't go to the conference next month," he said. "Olmert is looking for a public relations conference and one that will allow normalization with Arab countries. We will not help him in this." Ahead of her meetings, Rice delivered a rare warning to Israel not to take any steps that might erode confidence in the peace process. "This is a very delicate time," she said. "It's just a time to be extremely careful."

Her comments referred to the renewal of a road project that Palestinians fear is intended to tighten Israeli control over strategic West Bank areas near Jerusalem. Israel says construction is not imminent and is meant to ease Palestinian movement.

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"Yeah, that's always a dilemma," Morriss said. "That's why a lot of people go too long before making a change so that you don't affect his confidence."

Morriss has emphasized a player's performance in practice as a solid indicator to their prospects to start on Saturdays. When running back Jay Finley sparked the running game's best performance under Baylor against the University of Buffalo earlier this year, Morriss benched him in favor of Brandon Whitaker the next week because of Whitaker's solid week of practice.

"We've just got to execute or we're not going to get any better," Morriss said. "All the wishing and the hoping is just not going to get it done. You've just got to go out and make plays and we didn't do that today."

Neither team emerged from the extensive pre-game delay looking sharp. Kansas lost two yards on its first possession and Baylor gained just four yards on its first drive before punting the ball away. Kansas' special teams gave the sleepwalking offense a bit of an early boost when Baylor junior wide receiver Joe Bennett misplayed a punt return with 10:54 remaining in the first quarter. Kansas senior tight end Derek Fine recovered the fumble at the Baylor 36-yard line.

"We found ourselves in a lot of holes," sophomore linebacker Joe Pawelek said. "We felt like we came out strong but then we got the kickoff returned and things just kind of went downhill from there. Obviously Kansas has a great team, but obviously we're doing things that keep us from being competitive."

Baylor scored its lone touchdown when sophomore wide receiver David Gettis returned a kick 97 yards for a touchdown. Baylor's inability to score an offensive touchdown and failure to put together a drive longer than 50 yards reinforced just how dominant the Kansas defense was Saturday.

Junior linebackers Mike Rivera and Joe Mortensen frequently found their way into the Baylor backfield and the Kansas secondary intercepted four passes.

Baylor's only measure of offensive success came in the guise of senior running back Brandon Whitaker, who gained 54 yards rushing and 45 receiving.

The loss dropped Baylor to 3-4 and 0-3 in Big 12 Conference play. With Texas' win over Iowa State earlier Saturday, Baylor became the lone winless team in the Big 12 South division.

The Baylor Lariat's sports editor Will Parchman contributed to this story.

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"In the future we might move some cardio pieces from the SLC into the Russell Fitness Center," Davis said. She said she would like to see at least one of each bicycle, elliptical and stair climbing machine in the fitness center soon.

In addition to opening this new facility, the campus recreation staff is beginning a new five-week circuit training program in the Russell Fitness Center in November.

This program is geared toward faculty but open to students as well. The circuit training program will incorporate two training steps.

The first step is a session to familiarize students and faculty with the proper technique of lifting weights, and the second is an established program, where one will be required to participate and attend classes twice a week.

"In the past, Russell Gym has just been used for classes," Davis said.

However, from a collaborative effort made by the Campus Recreation and the Health, Human Performance and Recreation departments, Russell Fitness Center is now open to accommodate students and faculty members' needs.

"If students have not seen the gym, I would encourage them to stop in, come by and walk through the facility," Davis said.

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practically begging to be recorded as 5 feet 2 1/2 inches," Parrish said. "She just wanted to fly. She knew she could do it and she did."

"These women didn't know if they were going to live or die. They tested the planes for safety before passing them on to the men. They were guinea pigs. Yet they didn't care. They wanted to serve their country," Parrish said.

According to the Wings Across America Web site, www.wingsacross-america.org, 25,000 young women applied for the Women's Flying Training Detachment in September 1942. Only 1,830 were accepted.

On Dec. 7, 1944, General Hap Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, gave a speech to the last graduating WASP class. "You and more than 900 of your sisters can fly wingtip to wingtip with your brothers. I salute you and all the WASP. We of the Army Air Force are proud of you. We will never forget our debt to you," Arnold said.

The speech is on display at the exhibit, in addition to the Web site.

Thirteen days after Arnold gave the speech, the group was disbanded, and the caskets of the fallen flyers were not draped with American flags. According to the Web site, their military records were stamped as "classified" or "secret" and filed away in government archives for 33 years.

"The women were asked not to talk about the WASP. Their records were top secret. World War II historians just had no way of looking at their information, and so their story didn't get in history books," Parrish said. Now history that had virtually been buried is under the spotlight at Mayborn Museum Complex.

"Soundbites of the WASP," a video that plays constantly at the exhibit, features clips from the pilots' interviews. Among the items on display at the exhibit are sunglasses and uniforms the women wore, journals they wrote in, medallions they received decades later after reaching legal veteran status and even a food ration slip.

The traveling exhibit will be on display at the Mayborn Museum Complex until Nov. 28 during regular museum hours.

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