

# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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## Baylor brings Briles to Waco

### New head football coach signs 7-year, \$1.8 million contract

By Brian Bateman  
Sports writer

Hundreds of Baylor fans, students and alumni filled the Galloway Suite at Floyd Casey Stadium on Wednesday evening as Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw and President John Lilley announced the newest head coach: the University of Houston's Art Briles.

And as Baylor's 25th head football coach marched in, he proudly formed his right hand into a paw.

"Alrighty, Sic 'em, Bears!" Briles said.

At 11 a.m., Briles signed a 7-year, \$1.8 million contract with the Bears, officially making him part of the program.

"Ian (McCaw) has done an outstanding job and brings

forward in Art Briles a person who can begin a new era for Baylor University football," Lilley said.

The former Cougar spoke to the Baylor players Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., explaining his new plans and offensive strategy, as well as offering some motivating words.

"We're all glad to meet him. As a team, we feel that he is a leader of our team that can lead us to the next level," offensive lineman Dan Gay said. "I'm just really looking forward to getting started, working hard until the fall and getting to a championship."

But for linebacker Joe Pawelek, it's not his first visit with Briles.

"I actually took an official visit there," he said, speaking of

Houston. "It was kinda ironic that it was really between Houston and Baylor, and one of the things that made me want to go to Houston was getting to play for Coach Briles. He's just a good, old-fashioned football coach."

Briles, who has coached his entire career in the state of Texas, has turned two perennial losing clubs — Stephenville High School and the University of Houston — into acceptable programs. His latest came in Houston when he exchanged a team with just eight wins in three seasons for a Conference USA title and two bowl berths.

And that is why McCaw brought Briles to the Bears.

"Briles embodies all of the qualities that we seek in our head football coach," he said. "He is a godly man who believes in the Christian mission of the institution."

A quarterback in high school and a wide receiver at Houston, Briles' focus has always been on the offensive side of the ball. Coaching Stephenville High School to four state championships, his team amassed 8,650 yards of offense — a national high school record.

Added to that are his feats at Houston. He created a new offense, the "Houston Veer," which became the No. 4 offense in the nation with 439.9 yards per game. In 2006, Houston became the only team in history to have a 1,000-yard rusher, 1,000-yard receiver and 3,000-yard passer in the same season.

He also led the Cougars to a 26-24 record, a Conference USA championship, their first-ever victory over a Big 12 school and three bowl games.



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Baylor's new head football coach, Art Briles, participates in a Sic 'em Bears Wednesday during the press conference to announce his hiring in the Galloway Suite at Floyd Casey Stadium. Briles coached at the University of Houston for five years before joining the ranks of the Big 12 Conference.

That last bowl game is the 2007 Texas Bowl. Asked if he would coach the Cougars in the final game, he replied that it would be the duty of the new interim head coach, Chris Thurmond.

"I'm a Baylor Bear as of about 11 o'clock this morning."

And inheriting a program used to watching other teams play during bowl season can be tough. But Briles said he was committed to changing the culture.

"You don't win without everybody going in the same direction," he said. "Let's don't worry about what happened yesterday, let's worry about tomorrow. However good we were yesterday isn't good enough."

And one way to get better is recruiting, in which Briles excels. Copperas Cove quarterback Robert Griffin, the nation's No. 3 dual-threat quarterback

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### Past success yields bright future

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

It all began in 1979 at Sundown High School. Art Briles, a 24-year-old recent graduate of Texas Tech University, accepted an assistant coaching position for the mighty Roughnecks.

With a school population of a mere 100 students, Briles said Sundown was not the dream-coaching job he had in mind.

But 28 years later, Briles has worked his way up the ladder of success to become the 25th head football coach of Baylor University.

Who would have ever guessed that a coaching position in such a low populated town 50 miles west of Lubbock would be a stepping stone to become a Big 12 Conference coach?

"To me coaching is coaching," Briles said Wednesday at a press conference in the Galloway Suite at Floyd Casey Stadium. "It doesn't matter where you're at, or how big the school is. It's all about interacting with the athletes."

Briles only stayed at Sundown for a year before moving on to Sweetwater High School to accept the same position. His first head-coaching job came at Hamlin High School, another 1A school, in 1984. Four years and a brief stay in Georgetown later, Briles

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Baylor's athletic director Ian McCaw, President John Lilley, new football head coach Art Briles, and coaching legend Grant Teaff stand for photos Wednesday during a press conference in the Galloway suite of Floyd Casey Stadium. Briles signed a 7-year, \$1.8 million contract with the Bears Wednesday.

## Organizations come together to unite Baylor

By Tessa Shockey  
Reporter

BUnited, a campus wide event to bring organizations together, will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Union Center.

This year's theme, One University, One Dream, parallels Olympic ideals of oneness and unity in diversity.

"We're all different, but one common thing is that we are Baylor students," Arlington senior Sherry Chao said.

"One University, One Dream is to unite us all," said Chao, a public relations officer for OneBU.

OneBU was recently chartered as an organization but has already made its mark on campus. Last year, OneBU won Best New Student Organization of the Year, and its event, BUnited, won Best New Event. The group's purpose is to celebrate Baylor's cultural diversity.

"Everything from the creation of OneBU has been a grassroots effort by students," said Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement. Shushok, the adviser for OneBU, said the group was the result of student brainstorming on how to unite the campus.

Kansas City, Mo., freshman Felicia Wong said BUnited will feature performances from six multicultural organizations that will showcase their cultural foundation but incorporate the overall theme.



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Katy freshman Eddie Seto and Plano senior Steven Tsai practice singing and dancing for BUnited Wednesday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Union Center where the show will be held Friday.

ISSA, Heavenly Voices gospel choir and the Asian Student Association are some of the organizations performing.

"Each organization is bringing something different, whether it be a dance or a musical production," Wong said. Wong and other OneBU officers screen the performances before the event.

Performances will interlock with the theme of unity. Houston senior Victoria Mgbemena said the OneBU committee asked the organizations to base their performances on what the theme

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## BU students may work more service hours than logged

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

Student organizations continue the strong Baylor legacy of commitment to service hours with upcoming events such as Kappa Omega Tao's Christmas Tree Lighting and Chi Omega Santa's Workshop. Although 25,439 service hours have been logged so far this fall, Karin Klinger, associate director of student activities, thinks students have performed more hours than this number projects.

"The greatest challenge we face regarding our service hours reporting is just that: reporting. While our students reported having completed nearly 57,000

hours of service last year, we suspect that they actually performed up to 100,000 hours. They just failed to report all their hours," Klinger said in a recent e-mail to *The Baylor Lariat*.

But even the 56,413 hours reported to student activities last year are a sizeable improvement from the 48,816.25 hours tracked during the 2005-2006 school year. Even fewer were reported the year before.

Steppin' Out saw a spike in student attendees this fall, busying 3,329 students versus 3,043 the previous fall, further proving the non-submittal of hours since this falls logged service hours are near average.

Klinger said students may not

realize the benefits of reporting hours.

"Student participation in service programs affects the university accreditation, national and regional rankings, and funding opportunities including grants that in turn support further service programming. Without accurate reporting, our students may miss out on future improvements to service programming," she said.

Allen senior Erin Geil, philanthropy chair of Delta Delta Delta, is not surprised by allegations that students are not steadfastly turning in hours.

"Students probably don't

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## Funeral services slated for senior

Funeral services for Houston senior Megan M. Small have been scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday at Jersey Village Baptist Church. The church is located at 16518 Jersey Drive, in Jersey Village, northwest of Houston.

Small, a biochemistry major and member of both the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Golden Key National Honor Society, was killed Sunday in a three-vehicle collision on Highway 6

north of Calvert in Robertson County.

Students who would like to talk with a counselor may call the Counseling Center at 710-2467 or University Ministries at 710-3517.



# Both sides of Christmas culture wars need to chill

Recently a giant national chain of home improvement stores referred to its holiday trees as "family trees" instead of as "Christmas trees."

In response to an outcry from mostly conservative Christians, it changed the label back to "Christmas trees."

Personally, I'm bemused by both the change and the response from Christians.

Does any store really think calling Christmas trees "family trees" is going to improve their sales or avoid an avalanche of criticisms from non-Christians? I just can't believe it.

On the other hand, why do Christians so desperately want

evergreen trees sold around Christmas time called "Christmas trees" by everyone—including non-Christians?

Don't they know that for many years bringing trees into the houses and decorating them at Christmas was considered a pagan practice by conservative Christians?

Haven't they read Jeremiah 10:3 that condemns cutting down and decorating trees? The practice began in Christian households around the time of Martin Luther (16th century) and most of the Protestant reformers rejected it as paganism.

Can a decorated tree really be

## point of view



BY DR. ROGER OLSON

a "Christmas" tree? What makes it better or worse by labeling it a "family tree?"

Of course, this is all part of an ongoing controversy between some Christians and some secularists over the nature of the winter holidays that extend from Thanksgiving through New Year's.

For Christians, the heart of

the holidays is celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, but we've incorporated all kinds of pagan and secular customs into that celebration. For secular folks, the heart of the holidays is gift-giving, feasting, drinking and just having a merry old time.

So, we have one holiday season shared by at least two groups of people in one country. To whom does it really belong? Well, celebration of the winter solstice (e.g., by decorating trees) goes back to pre-Christian, pagan Europe. Santa Claus is a vulgarization of Saint Nicholas. Singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" is distinctly Christian. (Although in Germany

Protestants prefer not to sing it—because it is Catholic).

Perhaps we Christians should allow pagans and secularists to call them "family trees" or "holiday trees" while we call them "Christmas trees." What difference does it make? Perhaps the pagans and secularists are more correct.

Perhaps we Christians should consider that a pagan and secular festival overlaps with our Christian observance of the incarnation and not be too shaken by that. We've adopted some of the pagan and secular trappings of that festival and they've adopted some of the Christian trappings of our observance.

But nobody should be censured or punished for calling them "Christmas trees." Nor should anyone be censured or punished for calling them "family trees." They're both.

Wise Christians will go around this winter holiday/Christmas season recognizing its dual nature and not getting too upset when our pagan and secular neighbors (who might even call themselves Christian) celebrate the winter solstice and New Year's using some of our Christian practices for celebrating the coming of the Savior.

Dr. Roger Olson is a professor of theology in George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

## Editorial

# U.S. needs consistency in promoting democracy

There's a seeming disconnect in the Bush administration's approach toward democracy. We are constantly told that the spread of democracy is the administration's overarching foreign policy goal in the Middle East and elsewhere.

So when it comes to governments with which the United States is extremely friendly, one would think democracy would seem to be part of the equation. The fact that it isn't necessary to be a democracy to be in good standing with the U.S. makes sense in foreign policy, but it doesn't always turn out pretty. Especially when the ally nation is actively suppressing democracy and violating human rights.

This most recently happened in Saudi Arabia, where a 19-year-old woman was traveling with a man who was not her relative (illegal under Islamic law in Saudi Arabia) when both were gang raped by a group of men. She was then sentenced to receive 200 lashes and six months in jail for violating the law.

If one of America's other allies had pushed a similar sentence onto one of its citizens, can you imagine the government's outcry?

If a woman in Canada had been thrown in jail and sentenced to 200 lashes after being gang raped, wouldn't the state department call the action something other than "surprising," as it did in this case? Talk about understatement.

But then again, we can't have anything disrupting that oil flow and jeopardizing our relationship with the royal family, can we?

Then there's Pervez Musharraf, the president of Pakistan, who's received a lot of attention lately for

suspending Pakistan's constitution and instituting martial law.

Political suppression and violence have been rampant while calls for Musharraf to "take off the uniform" and step down from his position as the commander of the military were finally heeded Wednesday amid mounting pressure.

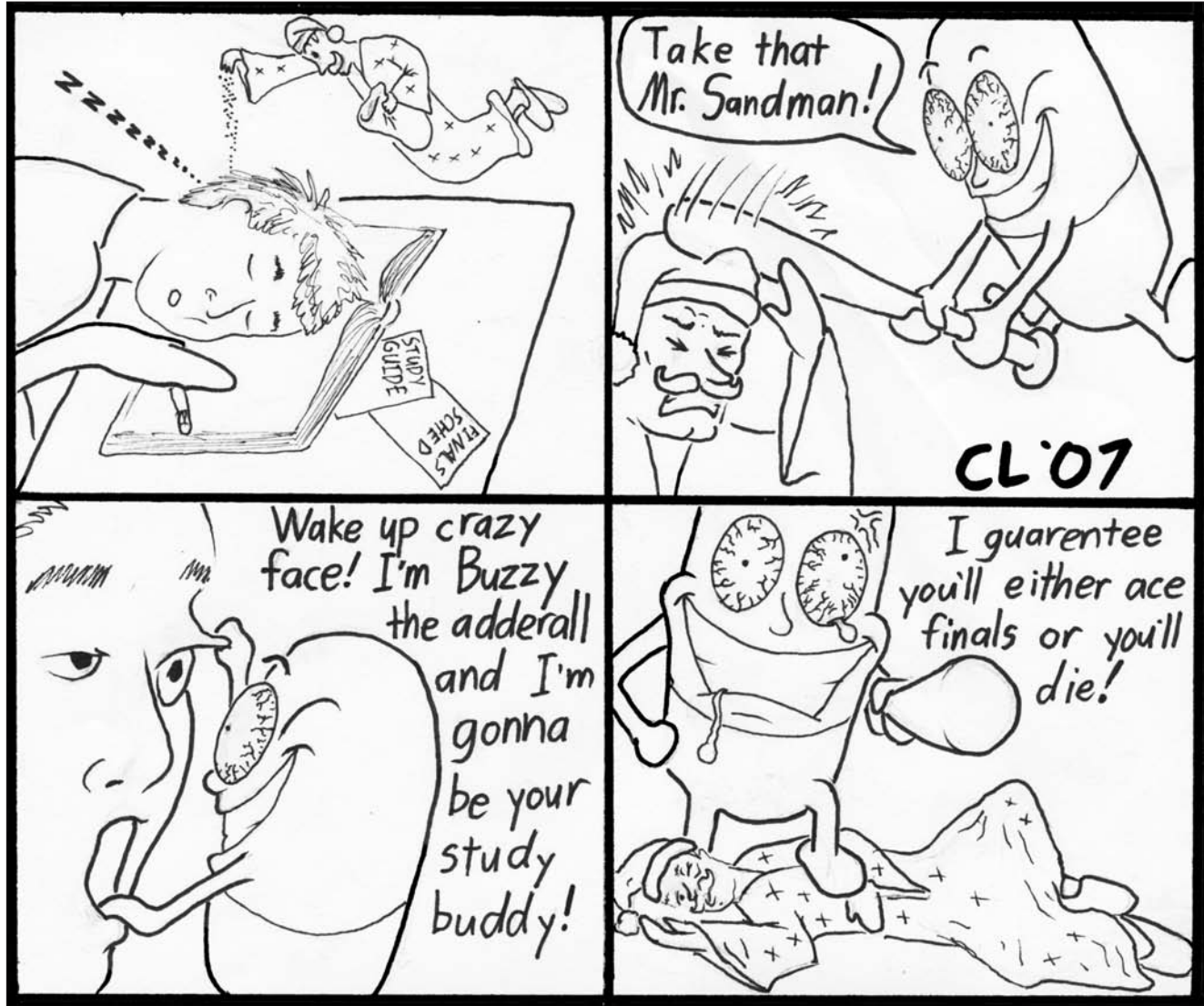
President Bush chimed in with his hope that Musharraf would do so, saying that Musharraf "believes in democracy." While a questionable statement on its own, it sent a subtle message to Musharraf, effectively saying, "OK, enough is enough, now do the right thing, got it?"

The administration took its own sweet time in addressing this ongoing situation—letting Musharraf dismiss members of the Pakistani Supreme Court and letting Musharraf and the military and intelligence services play the U.S. like a fiddle in securing foreign aid while passively allowing al-Qaida and the Taliban to regroup.

A double standard exists, and the U.S. only makes it worse by preaching democratic ideals so ardently and then keeping silent when democracy and human rights are violated to the extreme.

The U.S. doesn't have to invade every country with a political problem in order to send a message about democracy. Sometimes speaking out is more than just a noble effort—it can be an effective means to an end.

Democracy is a goal worth advancing, even if we have to verbally chastise our strategic allies once in a while.



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# Soccer is world pastime and it's time for Americans to join the tradition

Christmas Day, 1914, German and British troops in World War I played a friendly soccer match.

Fast forward to the 21st century. British soldiers played soccer in Afghanistan and Iraq with locals, forging a bond on the pitch.

September 2007, Iraq, a nation in ruin, wins the Asian World Cup. Soccer transcends war, culture, racial barriers and language.

Everywhere except America. Whipping out a Louisville slugger and baseball mitt in Afghanistan would garner puzzled responses. Besides, bats and mitts are difficult to pack.

However, tossing a soccer ball onto a dusty lot can

instantaneously bridge cultural divides.

Baseball and soccer reflect differences in pastimes. Stefan Szymanski and Andrew Zimbalist, authors of *National Pastime*, named baseball as America's pastime and soccer as the world's pastime. Baseball and football are high-scoring games dependent upon special equipment.

The beautiful game, as soccer legend Pele described it, is a game of finesse, patience and calculated goals. Defense is just as important as offense. That is why ties result. Red-blooded Americans are critical of ties. Winner or loser, none of this "tie" business.

Disparity in game play has

## sports take



BY TESSA SHOCKEY

everything to do with culture and its presence around the world. Soccer is inexorably intertwined to globalization.

Globalization is often coined "Americanization of the world." America has put Mickey Mouse ears on the world and taken McDonald's to the four corners of the Earth, but American football has been unsuccessfully exported.

Introduction of interna-

tional soccer in the U.S. is seen by some as taking globalization too far. Soccer in the U.S. brings to mind the proverbial baby boomer soccer moms, with white New Balances and SUVs, not the shrieking madness in Stamford Bridge or Old Trafford stadiums.

Soccer, as the rest of the world knows it, is slowly beginning to emerge in Major League Soccer. David Beckham and his famous Spice Girl wife boosted interest in soccer.

Or interest in a celebrity. You can read all about where Beckham gets his hair done and watch as Victoria decorates their plush Beverly Hills home. Observant Americans may notice the occasional reference

to Beckham's credentials. This brings it back to center pitch, or should we say, home plate. Sports reflect culture, and the way they are marketed reflects culture.

Due to either bad publicity or apathy, many Americans are oblivious to the U.S. women's team took third place in this September's Women's World Cup in China. Do we still remember Mia Hamm?

Contrary to popular opinion, the World Cup has more viewers than the Olympics. Franklin Froer points out in his book, *How Soccer Explains the World*, that the World Cup is a worldwide affair. The World Series is a one-country wonder. There are players from Latin America and

the Caribbean that play baseball, but this can also be tied to exportation of culture.

Millions of ardent fans are brought together every four years to revel in the sport that so many are willing to riot over. They are some of the most die-hard fans you will ever meet.

It is OK to do it the international way. Differences in culture can be erased on the pitch. But maybe not to the tune of "I Did it My Way."

Soccer brings peace and violence, passion and intensity. It gets under your skin like an incurable fever. It's time America gets with the game.

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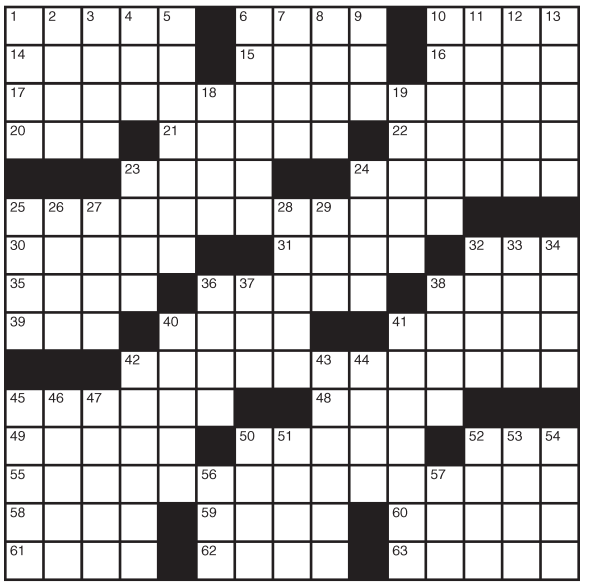
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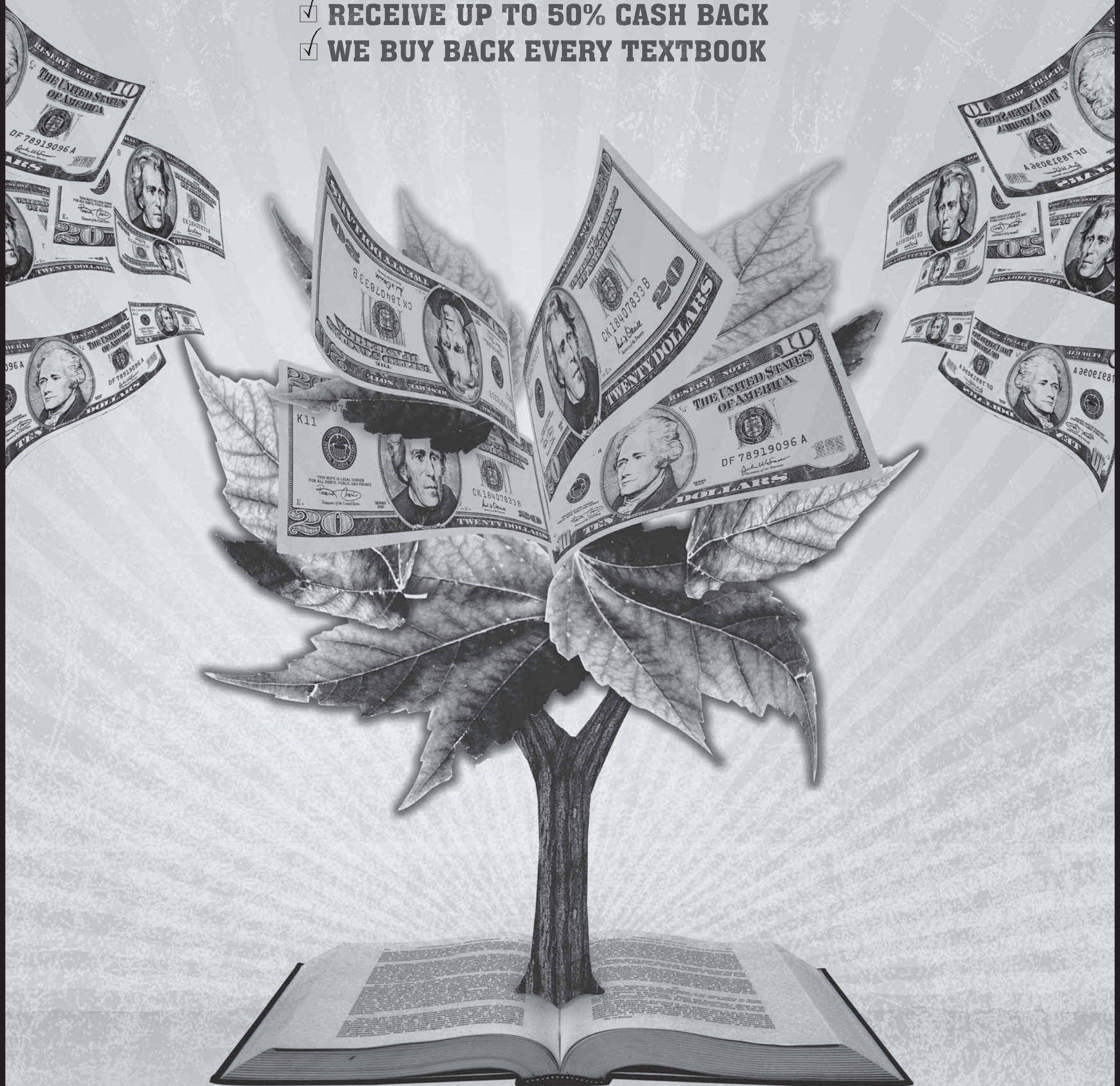
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# Senior scholarship gift sets bar for future classes

By Katherine Farlow  
Reporter

This year the senior class gave back a little extra to the student body through its gift, establishing an endowed scholarship fund.

But the endowment scholarship is poised to become a permanent tradition as each new senior class contributes to it as a gift.

"At this point and time and in the best interest of the senior class gift, we will continue to grow this scholarship from here on out," assistant director of the Baylor Fund Marty Wold said. "Every class will continue to contribute to it and (it will) hopefully be (the) largest endowment scholarship."

Wold said he is excited about the potential the gift has to impact a large number of students.

Past projects may get torn down or moved over time, but the scholarship fund will be permanent, senior class president David Hao said.

"We looked at what other schools did for their senior gift," Hao said. "And the majority had endowment scholarships."

This is something to give back to all students, Hao said.

Donors and Student Development have been pushing for this to happen, he said.

Student Development has worked closely with the senior officers in developing the senior gift.

Wold said as recently as the last few years the senior class has opted to go with a more capital project as their gift.

Setting up an endowed scholarship is the best method for seniors to impact students at the university, Wold said.

"It's a fantastic way to leave a legacy behind and impact the lives of future students," he said.

The goal is to raise \$31,000, with \$25,000 to go toward the endowed scholarship and the other \$6,000 to get a kiosk on campus to create an easy donation location.

Hao said about \$16,000 has been raised so far.

"I hope we continue to get more and more support from the student body and raise awareness of the student body to give back to Baylor in support," he said.

The senior class sponsored a fundraiser, selling \$5 T-shirts to raise money for the endowment fund, and has also received donations through the Baylor

Call Center.

This is a new tradition, and there are many events planned for next semester for the senior gift and to bring the student body together.

McAllen senior Jen Kim said the senior gift creates a sense of unity among seniors while giving back to Baylor.

"It's setting a fundamental ground for something that's going to be much larger," senior class secretary Kim said. "In the long run, this could be one of the largest scholarships at Baylor."

She said she thinks this gift is more beneficial because it will directly help future students who otherwise might not get the chance to receive a higher education.

"I think one of the biggest strengths is the long term investment and vision," Hao said.

The endowment scholarship fund will build off itself and increase over the years, he said.

The majority of interest will go toward the scholarship and the remaining money will go back into the fund.

The scholarship is open to all students through financial aid, Hao said.

## BEAR BRIEFS

T-shirts for the Kappa Omega Tau Christmas Tree Lighting are on sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this week in the Bill Daniel Student Center and at Penland, Memorial and Collins residential restaurants. All proceeds will benefit multiple sclerosis.

Student Activities will sponsor a Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. For information, contact Gretel\_Hill@baylor.edu.

The Combined Choirs Christmas concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. For ticket information, call the Baylor School of Music box office at 710-3571.

Stomp Fest registration forms are available in the Campus Programs Center in the Bill Daniel Student Center and are due Monday. For more information, contact Molly Bergmeyer at 710-4994.

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## 'Tis the Season

Orange County, Calif., junior Anthony Carillo and Fort Worth sophomore Garrett Isom help prepare Wednesday for Christmas on 5th Street by taking poinsettias to Barfield Drawing room where Baylor Religious Hour Choir will host the Annie Moses Band tonight at 7 p.m.

# Churches poised to gain from marketing

By Amanda Allen  
Reporter

Marketing might seem like a buzzword meant for the business world, but Christian and non-profit institutions benefit from marketing also.

Universities, churches and charities have an increasing number of choices when it comes to reaching their community.

Businesses and churches may use similar marketing tactics to reach their target market, which is defined by the organization's mission, said assistant marketing professor Dr. Chris Blocker.

He said as far as churches go, it's interesting to see their different ideologies about how they can be the best stewards of the resources they've been given.

"In a profit world, you'd have a different mentality," Blocker said.

While businesses usually have an advertising budget, most churches or nonprofit institutions allocate money to advertising as needed.

Blocker said America has been pretty quick to market Jesus.

"Almost 99 percent of the time, I find a pretty strong distaste with how they use marketing principles," he said.

He said he is wary of churches that get to the point of operating like a business.

"I teach marketing and enjoy it thoroughly, but there are boundaries, and there should be a lot of thought put into it," Blocker said.

Gary Rhodes, worship pastor at Highland Baptist Church, said the church's biggest form of advertisement is through word of mouth. Although this form of marketing is free, he said the church might spend thousands of dollars on marketing an event.

On Dec. 9, for instance, Highland is holding a concert featuring Point Of Grace, which is attracting a lot of attention. Other ways they reach the community include newspaper articles, ads, summer camps and vacation Bible school.

Rhodes said he thinks there's a line between what's appropriate spending and what's overboard.

"I think it depends on how

the advertising is done. If it's done in a tasteful way, I think it can be inspiring."

If carried out the wrong way, he said, the church might be better off without it.

John Barry, vice president of marketing and communications, said there are certain principles in marketing that don't have to do with the budget. These can be applied to both profit and nonprofit based institutions.

"Fundamentally, the principles are understood - to know your product, know your audience and know how to connect to them," Barry said.

Barry explained how a nonprofit institution would vary from a company such as Coca-Cola.

"At a church, you're looking for a group of people that share your values," he said. "If it's Coca-Cola, they're going to define their audience differently. What you actually do to reach out to those people is where you see wild variation."

Baylor has a wide range of options to recruit new students, including billboards and magazine ads, which are very expen-

sive but yield high visibility, Barry said.

However, if Baylor were to purchase the names and information of students who scored at least a 1200 on the SAT, the university can market more directly, he said, which is less expensive, but much more targeted.

Barry said he thinks in the last 10 years, the nonprofit sector, including universities, has realized it's competing.

"Even though they aren't competing for a product, they're competing for people who are making decisions about how to allocate their resources," he said.

Whether it's for education or another organization, "they're competing for dollars you'll give to someone," Barry said.

How a university reaches students is where price variation comes in. Each time Baylor calls a student or sends out information in the mail, there's a cost associated.

Barry said his department is constantly thinking of what will be effective and have the most positive impact on a student's experience.

# Musharraf quits decades-long commander post

By Munir Ahmad  
The Associated Press

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan — A tearful Pervez Musharraf ended a four-decade military career Wednesday, giving up his army commander's ceremonial baton on the eve of taking an oath as the purely civilian president of Pakistan.

The United States, keen to promote democracy while keeping Pakistan focused on fighting Islamic extremism, praised Musharraf's relaxation of his grip on power as a "good step"

forward.

But it gave him no slack on the other key demand that he end a state of emergency that has enraged political rivals, strained his close ties with the West and cast doubt on the ability of opposition parties to campaign for parliamentary elections in January.

"We welcome Musharraf's decision to shed the uniform," said former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, leader of one of the two main opposition parties. "Now the Pakistani army has got a full-fledged chief and

they can better perform their duties."

But she said her party would "not take any decision in haste" on whether it could accept Musharraf as head of state.

Nawaz Sharif, another former prime minister and opposition leader, again rejected Musharraf's presidency, saying his presidential oath Thursday would have "no legitimacy."

Musharraf's belated retirement as chief of the military denies him the authority that has sustained him for the eight years since he seized power in a

coup. He will likely retain great respect among the generals, but he will have to sharpen his political skills to stay in control.

He relinquished command Wednesday at army headquarters in Rawalpindi, a garrison city near the capital, Islamabad. He handed over his baton to his hand-picked successor, Gen. Ashfaq Kayani, a career officer who analysts expect to show his independence from the president.

"This army is my life. This army is my passion," Musharraf said.

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# Republicans clash in CNN/YouTube debate in Florida

By Liz Sidoti  
The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Republican presidential rivals Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney scornfully debated immigration Wednesday in a provocative CNN/YouTube debate just over a month before the first votes are cast. Giuliani, the front-runner in national polls, accused Romney of employing illegal immigrants at his home and running a "sanctuary mansion." The testy personal exchange came after Romney said Giuliani had retained New York's status as a sanctuary city while he was mayor.

Romney said it would "not be American" to check the papers of workers employed by a contractor simply because they have a "funny accent." He had landscapers at his Belmont, Mass., home who turned out to be in the country illegally.

Giuliani shot back, calling Romney's attitude "holier than thou."

"Mitt usually criticizes people when he usually has the far worse record," Giuliani said.

The audience, however, booed Giuliani as he tried to persist in his criticism of Romney. The confrontation came at the start of an innovative CNN-YouTube debate that forced the candidates to confront immigration immediately, signaling the volatility of the issue among Republican voters.

The eight Republican candidates encountered a range of questions, including abortion, gun control from a gun-wielding NRA member, and farm subsidies from a man eating an ear of corn. They were even asked if they believed every word in the Bible by a man holding the holy book, and a question on the powers of the vice president from a gun-toting cartoon-version of Dick Cheney. At the outset, immi-

gration dominated the questions submitted online and swept in the remainder of the Republican field.

Fred Thompson took the opportunity to distinguish himself from both Romney and Giuliani, arguing that Romney had supported President Bush's plan to provide a path to citizenship for some immigrants in the United States illegally now. He took Giuliani to task for attacking Romney's employment of illegal immigrants.

"I think we've all had people who we've hired who in retrospect was a bad decision," he said.

Sen. John McCain, for whom the immigration issue has proved particularly vexing, defended his support for an unsuccessful overhaul of immigration laws that included a temporary worker program and a path to citizenship.

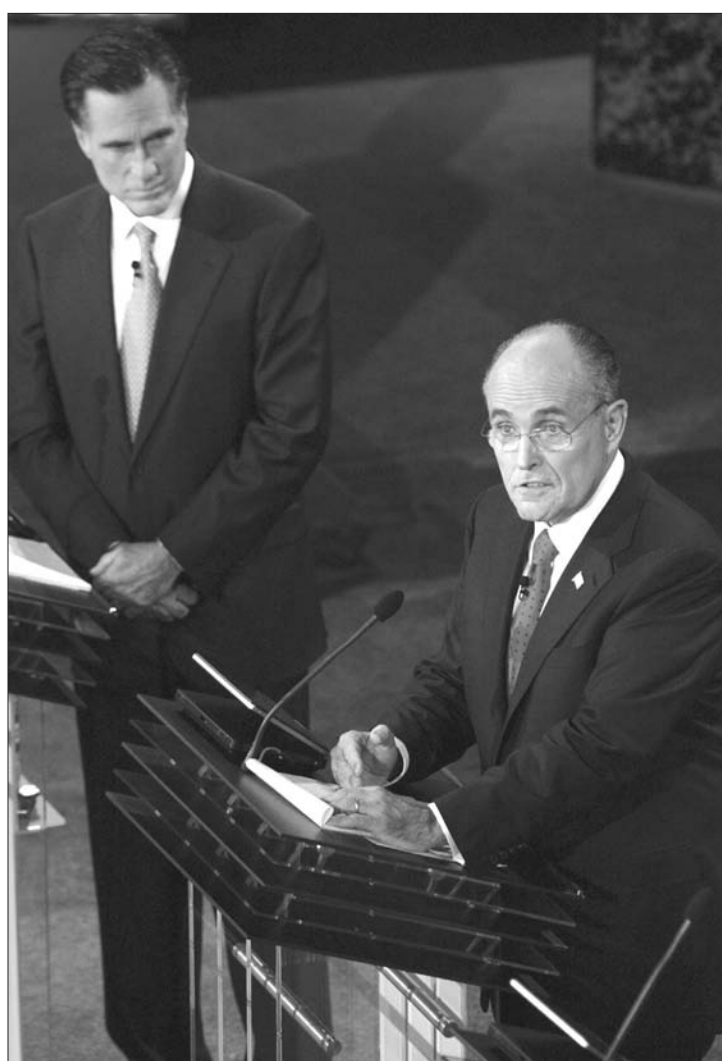
"We must recognize these are God's children as well," McCain said. "They need our love and compassion, and I want to ensure that I will enforce the borders first. But we won't demagogue it."

Mike Huckabee, who has also come under GOP criticism for some of his immigration policies while governor of Arkansas, defended benefits he supported for children of illegal immigrants, including allowing children to be eligible to apply for college scholarships.

"Are we going to say kids who are here illegally are going to get a special deal?" Romney asked.

Huckabee objected, saying the benefit was based on merit. "We are a better country than to punish children for what their parents did," he said.

The most fierce exchanges were among the candidates with the most at stake with only five weeks left before the first voting in the presidential contest begins.



The Associated Press

Republican presidential hopeful, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, right, speaks as Republican presidential hopeful, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, listens, during the CNN/YouTube debate Wednesday.

Giuliani leads in national polls but trails Romney in early-voting Iowa and New Hampshire. Romney faces challenges from Huckabee in Iowa and from Giuliani and McCain in New Hampshire.

Thompson, in what amounted to one of the first video attacks of the campaign, questioned the conservative credentials of two of his rivals in a YouTube clip. The video challenged Romney on abortion and Huckabee on taxes.

"I wanted to give my buddies here a little extra air time," Thompson said to laughter as he defended the video.

For Thompson, Romney and Huckabee are his biggest obstacles toward establishing himself as the candidate of conservatives.

# 6,000 Sunnis join security pact with U.S. in 'last gateway'

By Lauren Frayer  
The Associated Press

HAWIJA, Iraq — Nearly 6,000 Sunni Arab residents joined a security pact with American forces Wednesday in what U.S. officers described as a critical step in plugging the remaining escape routes for extremists flushed from former strongholds.

The new alliance — called the single largest single volunteer mobilization since the war began — covers the "last gateway" for groups such as al-Qaida in Iraq seeking new havens in northern Iraq, U.S. military officials said.

U.S. commanders have tried to build a ring around insurgents who fled military offensives launched earlier this year in the western Anbar province and later into Baghdad and surrounding areas. In many places, the U.S.-led battles were given key help from tribal militias — mainly Sunnis — that had turned again al-Qaida and other groups.

Extremists have sought new footholds in northern areas once loyal to Saddam Hussein's Baath party as the U.S.-led gains have mounted across central regions. But their ability to strike near the capital remains.

A woman wearing an explosive-rigged belt blew herself up near an American patrol near Baqouba, about 35 miles north-east of Baghdad, the military announced Wednesday. The blast on Tuesday — a rare attack by a female suicide bomber — wounded seven U.S. troops and five Iraqis, the statement said.

The ceremony to pledge the 6,000 new fighters was presided over by dozen sheiks — each draped in black robes trimmed with gold braiding — who signed the contract on behalf of tribesmen at a small U.S. outpost in north-central Iraq.

For about \$275 a month — nearly the salary for the typical Iraqi policeman — the tribesmen will man about 200 security checkpoints beginning Dec. 7, supplementing hundreds of Iraqi forces already in the area. About 77,000 Iraqis nationwide, mostly Sunnis, have broken with the insurgents and joined U.S.-backed self-defense groups.

Those groups have played a major role in the lull in violence: 648 Iraqi civilians have been killed or found dead in November to date, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press. This compares with 2,155 in May as the so-called "surge" of nearly 30,000 additional American troops gained momentum.

U.S. troop deaths in Iraq have also dropped sharply. So far this month, the military has reported 34 deaths, compared with 38 in October. In June, 101 U.S. soldiers died in Iraq.

Village mayors and others who signed Wednesday's agreement say about 200 militants have sought refuge in the area, about 30 miles southwest of Kirkuk on the edge of northern Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish region. Hawija is a predominantly Sunni Arab cluster of villages which has long been an insurgent flashpoint.

The recently arrived militants have waged a campaign of killing and intimidation to try to establish a new base, said Sheikh Khalaf Ali Issa, mayor of Zaab village.

"They killed 476 of my citizens, and I will not let them continue their killing," Issa said.

With the help of the new Sunni allies, "the Hawija area will be an obstacle to militants, rather than a pathway for them," said Maj. Sean Wilson, with the Army's 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. "They're another set of eyes that we needed in this critical area."

# Maintaining a healthy lifestyle can counter bad weather blues

By Kimi Willingham  
Reporter

If feeling blue and under the weather when studying for December finals, research shows cold weather may be the culprit for sluggish feelings.

A study released in July 2007 by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center indicated cold weather may be to blame for lack of motivation, mood swings and irregular sleeping patterns during winter months.

The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center stated that cold weather has seasonal effects that sometimes cause a psychological disorder called seasonal affective disorder. This disorder peaks in the fall and winter months but then goes into remission in the spring and summer.

Dr. Tamara Rowatt, Psychology professor, said that sea-

sonal affective disorder, though uncommon, comes from being surrounded by cold climate conditions.

"It is a form of depression that manifests itself in the cold weather," she said.

The study stated that a deficiency of serotonin in neurotransmitters, chemicals in the brain that carry messages between nerve cells, may be the cause of this type of depression.

Rowatt said the change in the number of hours of light might be the reason for this type of disorder. In the past, she said, studies have been conducted that expose individuals to synthetic sunlight in order to reach a conclusion on the effect light plays in the brain.

Some symptoms that might indicate seasonal affective disorder, such as craving sweet or starchy foods, weight gain, feelings of heaviness in arms and

legs, drop in energy level, tendency to oversleep, heightened irritability, sensitivity to social rejection and lack of concentration, according to Family Doctor.com.

Sparkpeople.com, a health and wellness Web site, provides ways to escape the wintertime blues, such as exercising, maintaining a healthy diet, spending time outdoors, relaxing, getting more sleep and embracing the holiday season.

Dallas sophomore Caroline Cox said she is happy this holiday season because she is going on a cruise to the Caribbean. She said she is looking forward to getting away from the cold weather and lying out in sun.

Cox said a lot of her friends go tanning in the winter to counteract the feelings the cold weather brings.

"Being more exposed to the sun puts you in a better mood," Cox said.

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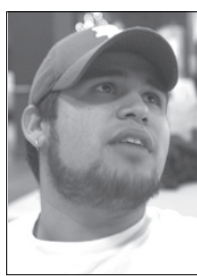
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# Students react



**Jose Sanchez**  
Sinton senior

"I think it's a good hire. He has a tradition of winning football games. The University of Houston has been really competitive in their conference. He's already coming here with a winning tradition. Hopefully this will bring our team up to the next level and give us more motivation."



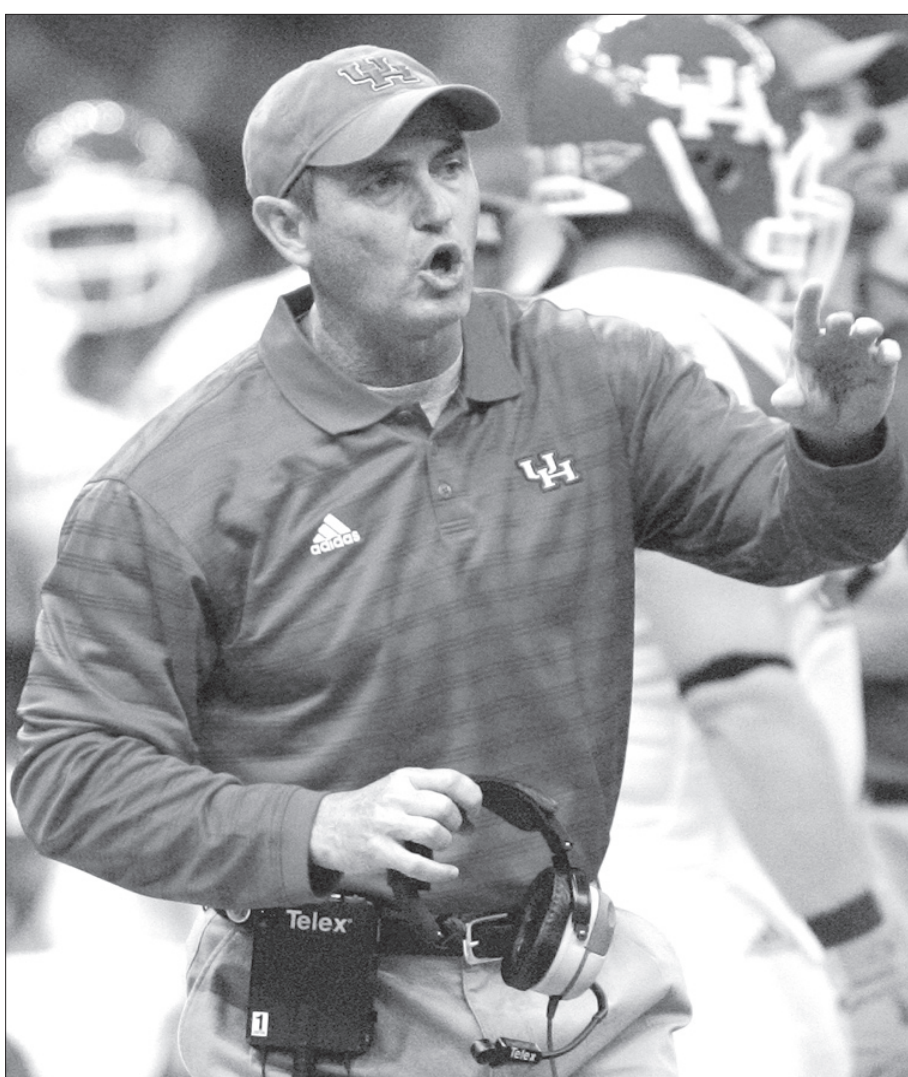
**Curtis Okpara**  
Missouri City senior

"I think it's a good decision because they were known for the office that they ran the past few years. He's an expert at running staff. I think bringing him in is a good asset to this program and I think it might bring Baylor over the edge so they can compete with the Big 12 schools here."



**Ben Franklin**  
Dallas senior

"I think it's worth the risk. He's going to hold up for us. I really prefer Single-terary but I guess we'll have to settle for what we can get."



The Associated Press

Art Briles, pictured above in a Sept. 15 contest against Tulane in New Orleans, could be bringing the nation's No. 3 dual-threat quarterback recruit Robert Griffin to Waco with him.

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recruit, committed to Briles earlier this fall. But with Briles' move to Baylor, Griffin could be making a switch.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported on its Web site late Wednesday that Griffin had indeed switched his commitment to Baylor following Briles' departure, but he could not be reached for comment.

But even outside of current commitments, Briles' familiarity with high school athletes and coaches will bring much-needed life into Baylor's recruiting process.

He was the president of the Texas High School Coaches' Association, the governing body of all UIL-sanctioned athletic events.

"Coach Briles will bring a much-needed connection to the (THSCA) to Baylor, and he is an outstanding offensive coach," former Baylor coach Grant Teaff said.

Griffin takes the field against McKinney-Boyd High School at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Briles began his new era by extending his thanks for two Waco legends in the audience. He praised Dave Campbell, former sports-writer and publisher of *Texas Football Magazine*, as well as Teaff.

# Lewis dances way into hearts of Baylor faithful

By Selena Mejia  
Reporter

Although Jeff Barlow is the head equipment manager for the Baylor football program, he readily acknowledges that it's Clint Lewis who actually runs the show.

"He runs the show behind the show," he said.

Barlow said Lewis holds team meetings with the other managers and develops a theme each week before a game.

"He really gets into it," Barlow said. "He makes posters each game and carries them out to the sidelines."

Clint Lewis of Mart brings more than his equipment managing skills to Baylor athletics. His associates and friends all say he brings a cheery outlook to life and that his rosy cheeks and huge smile are contagious. He has a passion for doing what he can for others, Barlow said.

"I help people make their dreams come alive. Anytime you need me, I'll be right here," Lewis said.

Something else separates the 32-year-old Lewis from the rest of Baylor's equipment managers — he was born with Down syndrome. But as his coworkers all say, his disability doesn't keep him from living his time at Baylor to the fullest.

Former track coach Tom Hill and his wife Kristin helped make Clint's dreams come true. They opened up their home and helped Clint adjust to life away from his parents. Ultimately, they helped guide him towards the next chapter in his life.

The transition for Clint came about after his high school graduation.

In the beginning it was a sizeable adjustment and a learning process for everyone involved. While the family adjusted to living with Lewis, he adjusted

to his daily routine in a new place and even getting used to the family dog. The Hills played a pivotal role in guiding Lewis towards gaining his own independence.

Now living on his own, Lewis remains near the Hill family.

"I live in my own apartment. It's right next door to my foster family, so I can stay close to his (coach Hill's) family," Clint said.

While he's now technically living on his own, at least a piece of Lewis will never leave the Hills.

"Clint spent a wonderful time with us. We have a lot of funny memories," Tom Hill said.

Hill originally brought Clint to help out around the track to eat up some of his spare time, and now he's now a common fixture at the track and on the sidelines of the football field.

Life without Baylor is something Clint says he can't imag-

ine. He said he loves to work and says working with Baylor athletics is what makes him happy.

"I'll be a part of this team for the rest of my life, until I die," Lewis said.

Lewis said that he doesn't like to lose and that he typically takes losing worse than the coaching staff.

Lewis makes his presence known by saying, "Honey, I'm home," as he walks through the door to the equipment room and promptly greets everyone with a hug. He said it's his little joke, and when he says it, it always gets the other managers' attention.

In addition to working with Baylor athletics, Lewis also works as a bagger at H.E.B. He's worked at the grocery store for almost 12 years and has been recognized by H.E.B. for his hard work by being awarded sacker of the year.

His schedule consists of

working at H.E.B. in the morning and the football field or track in the afternoon.

Lewis has also volunteered at Providence Hospital's cardiac unit, adding to his duties at Baylor and H.E.B.

To make things easier for everyone, Kristin Hill taught Lewis the city bus routes, expanding his options. He would ride the bus to the hospital, then to work at H.E.B. and then walk to the track.

"It was a slow process, but he was on top of it," Tom Hill said. "He's volunteered at the hospital, working at H.E.B. and working with Baylor all at the same time. He did great."

Lewis not only loves to work, he also loves to dance. Almost any time there's music playing, you can find Clint dancing. Whether he's listening to his headphones while walking from H.E.B. to the stadium, in the equipment room and on

the sidelines, he said he always makes time to dance.

"The best part of game-day is his dancing," assistant equipment manager David Case said. "He has a Michael Jackson dance style on the sidelines. Any time there's music playing, he's dancing."

But dancing isn't the only piece of his artsy repertoire.

"Almost everyone knows I have a voice of an angel," Lewis said.

In fact, every year he sings publicly during Christmas at his church in Mart.

The Baylor Alumni Association recently granted Lewis honorary alumni status and named him an honorary member of the B Association, which gives him the same privileges Baylor letterman receive when they return to Baylor.

"(Baylor is) all I think about," Lewis said. "I'll do anything to make (Baylor) happy."

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took over the head coaching vacancy at Stephenville High School, where his legacy officially began.

Prior to Briles' arrival, Stephenville had not made the playoffs since 1952. Briles led the Yellow Jackets into the playoffs just one year into his tenure.

By 1993, the Rule native had turned a once-disastrous football team into a state champion and a high school football juggernaut.

The Yellow Jackets repeated as state champs the following year. By the time Briles left Stephenville in 2000 to return to Tech as the running backs coach, he had added two more state championship rings to his hand.

"Once you have crossed a couple of bridges at whatever university or whatever level, there is always one or more two out there to cross," Briles said. "It's sure fun to walk on that path a lot of people haven't walked on."

In 2003, Briles accepted the head coaching position at the University of Houston, which had finished 0-11 just two years before.

A wide receiver for the Cougars in the 1970s, Briles inherited a team that only won eight games in its previous three years.

Just like he did in Stephenville, Briles turned around an unsuccessful program. In 2006, Briles led the Cougars to a 10-4 record and an appearance in the



David Poe/Lariat staff

Art Briles, left, is welcomed Wednesday by athletic director Ian McCaw, center, and President John Lilley as Baylor's 25th head coach. Briles leaves a bowl-bound 8-4 Houston Cougars squad, his fourth bowl eligible team in five years there.

AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

He was named 2006 Conference USA Coach of the Year and has put up an 8-4 record to lead Houston to the Texas Bowl this season.

Now, Baylor supporters look upon Briles to make the same type of drastic improvements that he has made in the past for other programs.

Baylor is the only school in the Big 12 not to make it to a bowl game since the conference formed in 1996.

The Bears' last bowl game appearance was in the 1994 Alamo Bowl. You have to go back to 1992 for the last time

the Bears actually won a bowl game.

"We just finished the three best years in athletics we've ever had, but somehow people don't see all of that," president John Lilley said Wednesday. "We can win 10 tennis championships, but until we win a football championship, we haven't won."

Briles met with his new team an hour before he was introduced to the public as Baylor's newest head coach.

Judging by a pleased crowd and player reactions, Briles has the persona to help the Bears become a championship caliber program.

"He is a really genuine guy," Jordan Lake said. "He is not afraid of anything, and he is really committed to winning."

Expecting to turn Baylor into an immediate national championship contender is a steep request, but Baylor fans are desperate for a football program in which they can take pride in.

"People are hungry. That's one of the things that attracted me to Baylor," Briles said. "I have always said, every day you are fighting for your next meal."

"There are really no guarantees out there. Every day you have to work your best and prepare yourself to be the best."

**Briles' coaching past**

**University of Houston - head coach - 2003-2007**

As head coach, Briles led the Cougars to the 2006 C-USA championship, landing them a spot at the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, where they lost 44-36 to South Carolina. The same year Houston saw its first victory over a Big 12 team when the Cougars beat Oklahoma State 34-25. In 2006 Houston quarterback Kevin Kolb was named C-USA player of the year and drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles as the Cougars had the No. 6 offensive ypg (439.9) in the nation.

Under Briles' leadership, Houston also went to the 2003 Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl, where they lost to Hawai'i 54-48 in triple overtime.

The Cougars were 26-24 during Briles' tenure at Houston.

**Texas Tech University - assistant coach/RBs - 2000-2002**

**Stephenville High School - head coach/AD - 1988-1999**

Stephenville hadn't made the playoffs since 1952. Under Briles, they won the state championship four times, including back to back in 1993 and 1994. The team set a national record of 8,650 yards of offense in 1998, and Briles' record at the school was 136-29 (82 percent).

**Georgetown High School - head coach/AD - 1986-1987**

In Briles' time at Georgetown, his first two years of varsity 5A sports, the school's record was 3-16.

**Hamlin High School - head coach/AD - 1984-1985**

Hamlin made the playoffs both years Briles coached there. He left with a 27-1-1 record.

**Sweetwater High School - assistant - 1980-1983**

**Sundown High School - assistant - 1979**

**Pats and patsies**

By Dave Goldberg  
The Associated Press

Even Bill Belichick is having a hard time ignoring the attention on his New England Patriots as they get ever closer to the NFL's first unbeaten season in 35 years.

"I don't care what everybody else thinks," he snarled this week after first suggesting that no one cared except the reporters asking the questions.

"I can tell you what this team thinks. Right now we're thinking about getting ready for Baltimore. That's how we approach the game. I can't tell you what anybody else thinks. I don't care what everybody else thinks. It doesn't make any difference."

Not to Belichick and the Patriots maybe, but it sure does to the Miami Dolphins, for a couple of reasons.

New England is 11-0 on the way to 16-0—or 19-0, the record if it wins out through the Super Bowl.

That would make the Patriots the NFL's first unbeaten team since the 1972 Dolphins went 14-0 in the regular season and 17-0 overall, beating Washington in the Super Bowl.

Now, the Dolphins are at the opposite end in this season of extremes in the NFL, 0-11 after slogging through the Pittsburgh mud for 59 minutes and 43 seconds Monday night before the Steelers managed a field goal to win 3-0. It was the Dolphins' sixth loss by three points in a thus-far fruitless season.

This is only the third time in the NFL's 88 seasons that there have been 11-0 and 0-11 teams at the same time.

The last time was in 1984, when Miami, on the way to a 14-2 record and Super Bowl trip, was 11-0 with Dan Marino setting passing records that wouldn't be broken for two decades.

The 0-11 team was Buffalo, which finished the season 2-14, setting the stage for a housecleaning that brought in an administration led by Bill Polian and Marv Levy. All they would do is get the Bills to four straight Super Bowls from 1990-93.

The only other time it happened was 1942, when Chicago started 11-0 and Detroit 0-11.

Most of the focus this time is on the Patriots.

So dominant are they that oddsmakers are having trouble setting lines to entice wagers against them. They are winning by scores like 52-7 and 56-10 and their victory margin is 23 points a game as Belichick demonstrates he doesn't need to cheat.

He was fined \$500,000 and the team \$250,000 for illegally taping the New York Jets' defensive signals during the season's first game.

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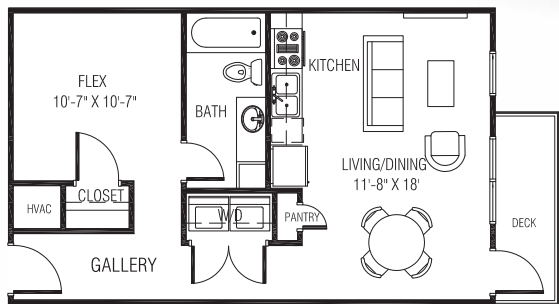
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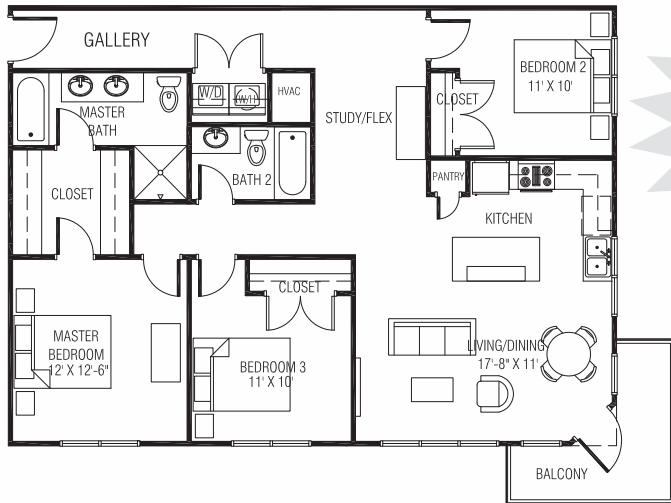
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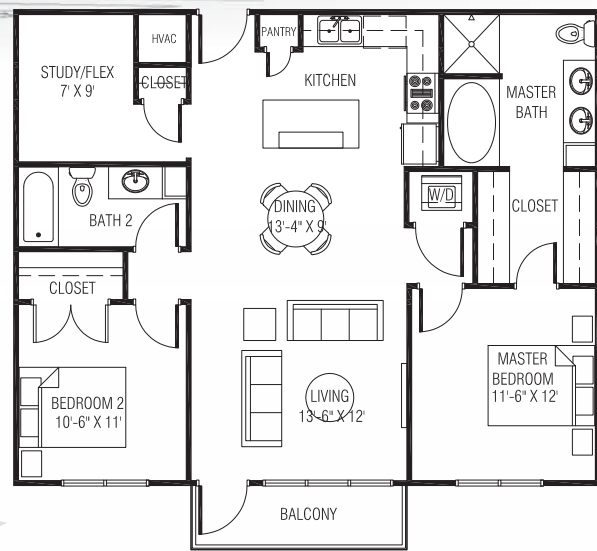


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# Heavenly Voices' new album displays divine inspiration

**BU gospel choir to hold CD release party, concert on Saturday**

By Chris Stone  
Reporter

Heavenly Voices Gospel Choir will release its first CD, *Heirs of the Covenant*, Saturday at a CD release party and concert at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Woodway.

The CD was recorded live in April during the choir's concert at Victorious Life Church.

The album includes seven original songs as well as two original poems and has been in production since the concert.

"We are super excited," said Dallas senior Jenn Wright, Heavenly Voices vice president. "We're so ready for Saturday to be here."

Wright said it felt good to see the project completed because the group has been working and practicing for it since long before last spring's concert.

"The month of April was crazy," she said. "We had so many extra practices, and on top of practices we still has our regular schedule."

A member of the choir since

coming to Baylor in Fall 2005, Wright said the songs were inspired by personal experience and focus on being heirs of the covenant God made with Abraham in Genesis.

"We're recipients of that promise and that same covenant applies to us today," Wright said.

Speaking of biblical parallels, Ronald English, academic support adviser and the choir's staff sponsor, said he thinks many of the group's members felt like Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years while the CD was being finished.

After all the hard work and some uncertainty, Saturday's event will be like entering the promised land, English said.

"I'm so proud of the way these students have pulled together to do this amazing amount of work," he said.

English also said there is a plan to use the money earned from CD sales to set up an endowed scholarship, but the details have yet to be finalized.

"We hope to get the CD played on radio here in Texas," English said. "That would be the ultimate goal and would hopefully increase demand for the CD."

He said the choir would like

to see thousands of copies sold, which would provide funds for the scholarship and cover the cost of the CD's production as well as future Heavenly Voices events.

"We're going to need funding to do whatever God's calling us to do," Wright said.

Conroe junior DeAndre Upshaw, Heavenly Voices public relations chairman, said the choir has already begun putting aside money for a scholarship fund.

"So many members of the community have poured into us and this is a way we can give back," he said.

And since the choir has grown from a consistent 10 to 15 members, to around 30 members in recent years, looking ahead means recognizing the need for additional finances.

In addition, English said although this project took an immense amount of work, including returning to the studio multiple times to re-record and master the tracks, he would like to see another CD made.

Upshaw said he thought this project would have a great payoff and making another CD would be a good idea.

"For a group our size, it was a bit difficult to make it work,"



Members of Baylor's Heavenly Voices gospel choir perform here and prepare to release their first album with a concert and CD release party Saturday at First Baptist Church of Woodway.

Courtesy photo

Upshaw said. "It will probably be a little while (before another CD is made)."

But before the group thinks about taking on a new project, Heavenly Voices can breathe a sigh of relief, knowing this proj-

ect is finally finished.

Upshaw said Saturday's event will include a song sung partially in Spanish and a salsa dance the group has been practicing for.

"It's going to be a celebration,"

Upshaw said. "We're going to do what we do best: We're going to sing."

Admission to the concert and release party is free and open to the public. CDs will be available for purchase for \$10.

# BU Composers, Orchestra hold concerts on campus tonight

**Original pieces to highlight musical programs**

By Shannon Daily  
Reporter

The Baylor Composers, Campus Orchestra and Baylor Bronze will take the stage in turns tonight to entertain audiences with the products of semester-long practices.

The Baylor Composers concert will take place at 9 p.m. in the Meadows Recital Hall in Glennis McCrary Music Building.

The concert will consist of pieces by 10 different student composers to be performed by musicians from the music school.

Allen junior Stephen Variames is one of the composers who will be featured in tonight's program.

Variames has had a piece performed in the composers concert every semester he's been at Baylor.

Students are encouraged to have their piece performed if they have them, but the performances aren't required.

"It's pretty laid back in the composition department," he said.

This year the piece hits a little closer to home for Variames.

"I wrote it for my grandfather who passed away this semester," Variames said. "It's a funeral march. I found inspiration there to get through the emotion of it all."

The Campus Orchestra and Baylor Bronze (a handbell ensemble) will be performing "A Kaleidoscope of Bells and Bows" together at 7:30 p.m. in the Jones Concert Hall, also located in the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

Plano sophomore Shelley James, a member of the Baylor Bronze handbell ensemble, said this year's concert is special.

James said Arnold B. Sherman, one of today's better-known handbell composers, composed a piece specifically for the Baylor Bronze.

"It's our world premiere tomorrow," she said. "I'm really excited."

Sherman is an amazing and energetic composer, James said. Hinton, Okla., senior John Carmack agreed.

"(He is a) very friendly guy, and seemed really excited to be rehearsing with us," said Carmack, a three-year member of the group. "He seemed to think we were a pretty impressive group."

Working directly with the

composer gives the performers a better idea of what a composition is intended to sound like, Carmack said.

"It's always fun to play new music because the composer comes in and we get to hear exactly what he had in mind."

Carmack also said the piece by Sherman is his favorite of the ones they will perform.

The Campus Orchestra is made up of 29 students under the direction of Dr. Michael Alexander, associate professor of string music education.

The 13 members of the Baylor Bronze will be under the direction of visiting assistant professor Carla David.

The campus orchestra will perform, among other pieces, Arcangelo Corelli's Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op. 6, No. 8, a piece also known as the "Christmas Concerto."

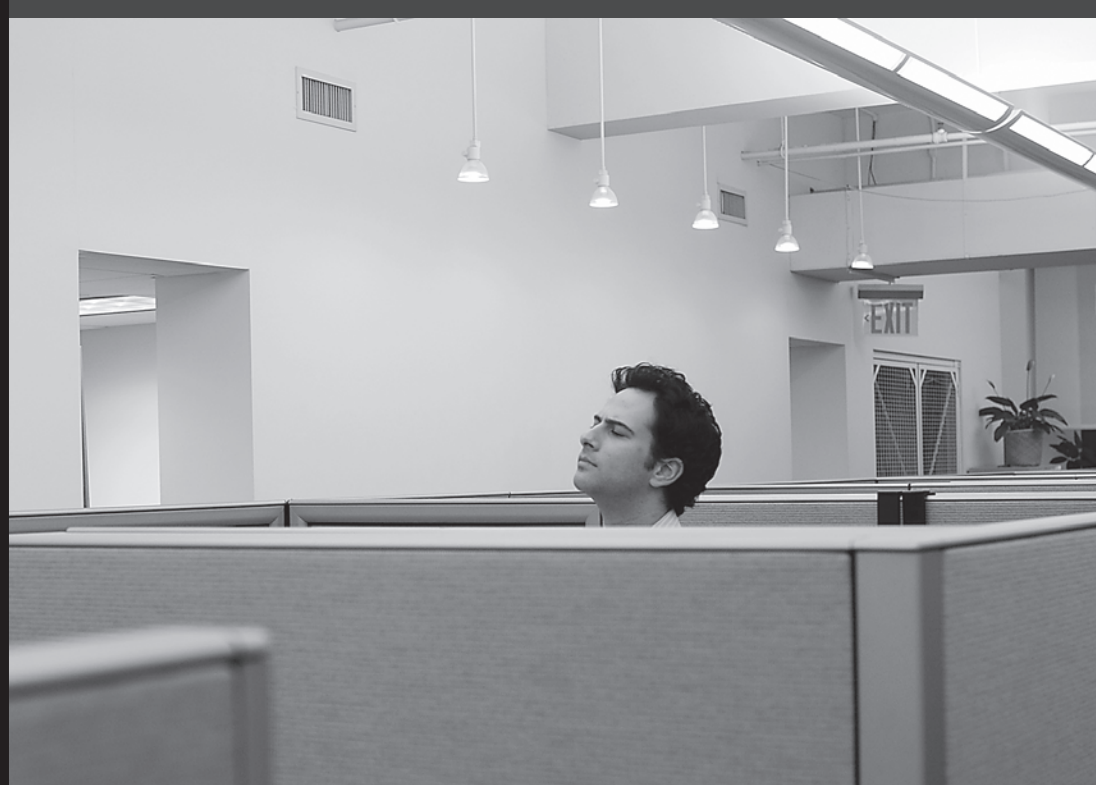
The orchestra will also perform a piece by Baylor graduate Carlos Colón titled "Fantasy" on *What Wondrous Love Is This*.

In addition to original piece, "Spiritoso," the Baylor Bronze will perform two more of Sherman's arrangements.

They will also perform "Trepak" from Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker*.

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meant to them. Last year, Heavenly Voices incorporated the theme of unity by having the audience teach a dance step to someone they didn't know. Unlike the Olympics, BUnited will offer fun for free. The fun is geared at getting students to meet people outside of their social circles. To facilitate this, students and faculty will receive Ziplock bags with different colors of paper and must get all the same color of paper. Students who complete this task will be entered in a raffle to receive door prizes. Mgbemena, who is vice president for OneBU, said last year door prizes were coupons for Best Buy and Chili's Too. She said the goal for the activity and the event itself is for students to "introduce themselves to some-

one they normally wouldn't." Free pizza from Papa John's and free T-shirts are also part of the fun. BUnited will feature pre-approved artwork by students in an art show relating to the event's theme. Students vote by silent auction on a favorite piece of art, and the winner receives a prize. Last year's prize was a digital camera, Mgbemena said. Decorations will follow the Olympic theme with green paper maché interlocking rings, imitating the Olympic rings. "Last year was a huge hit. I especially enjoyed some of the artwork that students had displayed," Shushok said. "It is difficult to attend and not want to attend the following year." Wong said OneBU's goal in 10 years is not to have OneBU because the goal of integration and cultural understanding in the student body will already be accomplished.

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know that it's good for Baylor for (students) to put in their service hours," Geil said. As philanthropy chair, she records hours for all of the 150 active members of her sorority. She called the lack of logging issue "multi-faceted," stemming from students not realizing the importance of reporting but also from laziness and disorganization. Geil accounts for all members' hours in a spreadsheet to assure clarity and order. But women in her sorority often forget to inform her of their hours, Geil said. Also, since only eight hours are required per semester, some members don't see the point in reporting additional hours. Geil thinks the only way to combat this is by offering incentives for performing extra

**Annual Reported Service Hours**

2007-08**:	25,439
2006-07:	56,413
2005-06:	48,816.25
2004-05*:	38,316
2003-04*:	109,315

\*\*This number represents hours reported as of Nov. 27, 2007.

hours, such as extra sorority points which are necessary to attend the group's social functions. Students not involved in an organization but performing service anyway should also enjoy incentives also, such as coupons, she said. Claiming hours is occasionally time-consuming for philanthropy chairs like Geil. When this semester closes, she must submit non-sorority-related hours for all of the women — a task that she anticipates will take her about three hours. Still, she doesn't consider the

job daunting if organized properly. Shreveport, La., junior Jordan Sandefur, Kappa Kappa Gamma service chair, clocks hours for the women in her sorority. But unlike most Greek organizations, her group doesn't require a minimum amount of hours each semester. She said she thinks the lack of a minimum requirement encourages members to do more service. Incentives may help, she believes, but may spur student volunteerism for the wrong reasons. Sandefur said she agreed that incentives may work to curb the lack of reporting, but "you should do service from the heart just to make something better when you leave then when you got there." Students may record their hours online at [www.baylor.edu/student\\_activities/organizations/](http://www.baylor.edu/student_activities/organizations/).

**Venezuela threatens to expel U.S. official**

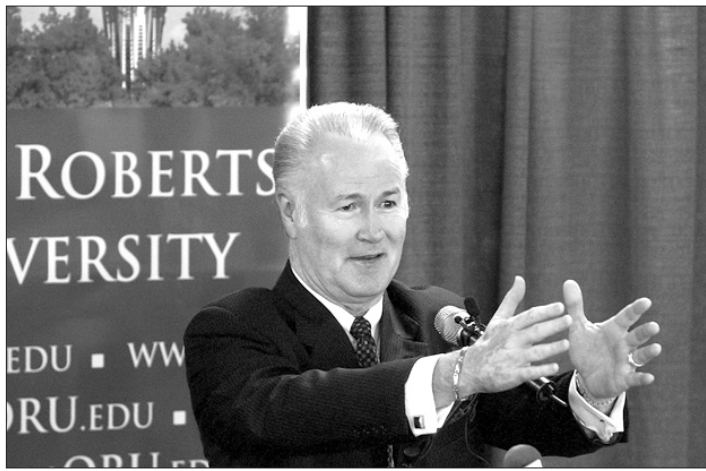
By Edison Lopez  
The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela threatened Wednesday to expel a U.S. Embassy official for allegedly conspiring to defeat a referendum championed by President Hugo Chavez, accusing the diplomat of plotting to sway public opinion. The allegation comes ahead of a fiercely contested referendum on reforms that would allow Chavez indefinite re-election and help him establish a socialist state in Venezuela. Sunday's vote has generated large pro- and anti-Chavez rallies and Chavez kept the rhetoric high on Wednesday by repeating his charge that Washington is plotting to kill him. In Caracas, Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro showed state television a document that he claimed was written by the unnamed embassy official and was to have been sent to the CIA as part of a plan to help ensure that Venezuelans vote against the proposed constitutional overhaul. "It's a script from the CIA to try to generate a block of opinion among Venezuelans that would give a sure victory to the 'No' vote," said Maduro. "We will investigate and if it's that way, we'll remove this person from here as a persona non grata." He did not provide more details of the alleged plot. A spokesman for the U.S. embassy, who declined to be named because he was not authorized to speak on the matter, said he was unaware of the document.

**Roberts: God forced presidential resignation**

By Justin Juozapavicius  
The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Richard Roberts told students at Oral Roberts University Wednesday that he did not want to resign as president of the scandal-plagued evangelical school, but that he did so because God insisted. God told him on Thanksgiving that he should resign the next day, Roberts told students in the university's chapel. "Every ounce of my flesh said 'no' to the idea, Roberts said, but he prayed over the decision with his wife and his father, Oral Roberts, and decided to step down. Roberts said he wanted to "strike out" against the people who were persecuting him, and considered countersuing, but "the Lord said, 'don't do that,'" he said. After submitting his resignation, he said, for "first time in 60 days peace came into my heart." Roberts spoke for only a few



Associated Press

Richard Roberts, president and chief executive officer of Oral Roberts University, is shown in Tulsa, Okla., in this Sept. 30, 2004, file photo. The president of Oral Roberts University who is facing accusations he misspent university funds to support a lavish lifestyle resigned from his position Friday, officials said.

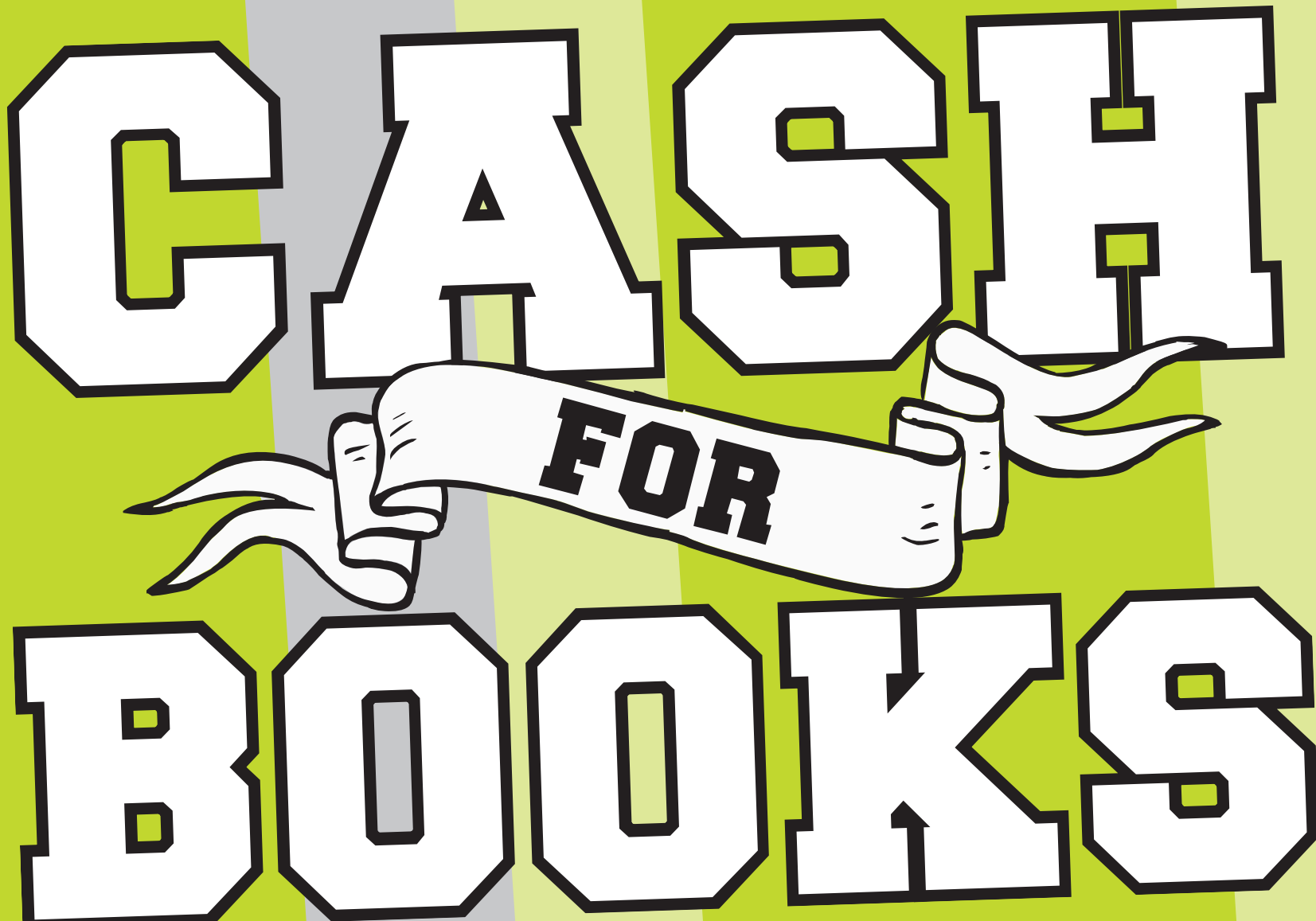
minutes and was applauded and cheered by students. He wiped away tears with a white handkerchief and his hands. "This has nearly destroyed my family, and it's nearly destroyed ORU," Roberts said.

A lawsuit accuses Roberts of lavish spending at a time when the university faced more than \$50 million in debt, including taking shopping sprees, buying a stable of horses and paying for a daughter to travel to the Bahamas aboard the uni-

versity jet. Roberts has previously said that God told him to deny the allegations. The week the lawsuit was filed, Richard Roberts said that God told him: "We live in a litigious society. Anyone can get mad and file a lawsuit against another person whether they have a legitimate case or not. This lawsuit ... is about intimidation, blackmail and extortion." On Wednesday, Roberts said God told him he would "do something supernatural for the university" if he stepped down from the job he held at the 5,700-student school since 1993. On Tuesday, the founder of a Christian office and education supply store chain pledged \$70 million to help the university, provided it passed a 90-day review of the school's finances. Oklahoma City businessman Mart Green, founder of the Mardel chain, offered to donate \$8 million immediately.

**Memorial service set for student**

A campus memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, in remembrance of Baylor sophomore Kate Bronstein. Bronstein died Nov. 14 from injuries in a one-vehicle accident on Nov. 9 while driving on Highway 6 near College Station. The memorial service will be held in The McCall Chapel located in the Stacy Riddle Forum. Kate was a sophomore art history and international studies double major from Houston. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority, where she served as special events coordinator. Condolences to Kate's parents, Dave and Pat Bronstein, may be sent in care of Aaron Dabney, senior admissions counselor in Admission Services, at One Bear Place #97056.



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