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BU officials: Funds fine despite loss

By ADEOLA ARO
STAFF WRITER

Baylor’s endowment has decreased by 13.3 percent in the past year because of the downturn in the global economy.

According to university officials, the endowment decreased from approximately \$1.05 billion dollars in June 2008 to \$936 million dollars this year.

The last time the endowment decreased significantly was in 2003, when it dropped from \$584 million to \$561 million.

However, officials say it could have been worse.

Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, said the endowment has not suffered like those of other universities that are endowment-dependent.

“We have not had to make drastic cuts; we are not nearly as dependent on the endowment like other schools,” Fogleman said. “We are very tuition-driven; by national standards we are faring well. We have not been immune, but we’ve fared well.”

Freezing salaries and cutting student programs are actions the university has yet to face, Fogleman said.

In addition, the university has been able to hire more critical staff.

“We were able to add nearly 100 faculty and staff over the past academic year in the

areas of greatest need, as well as start new degree programs: [a] Ph.D. in business school, master’s of public health in community health, a new bachelor’s of science degree for computer science fellows, among others and other projects,” Fogleman said.

“For instance, one of the areas of greatest need was geology...they’ve been able to add outstanding scholars, such as Dr. Daniel Peppe, who came to Baylor from Yale to serve as an assistant professor of geology.”

Fogleman said that Baylor is positioning its geology department to become nationally recognized among the Ph.D.-granting geo-science departments in the United States.

Officials at Southern Methodist University, TCU and Harvard have said their universities’ endowments have also decreased in the past year. TCU reported an 18 percent decline in its endowment.

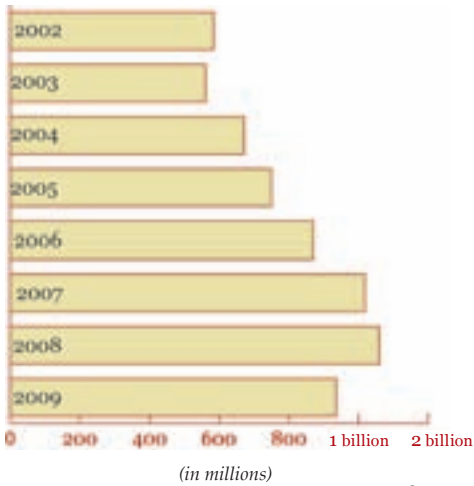
Harvard reported a 27.3 percent decline, dropping its endowment from \$36.9 billion in 2008 to \$26 billion in 2009.

Officials at SMU told The Lariat that while actual numbers showing a decrease in its endowment are private, they were able to release that the endowment had been hit by the economy.

The almost \$11 billion loss forced Harvard to lay off 275 people in June because of its

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Baylor University Endowment 2002-2009



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SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dutton Dance Party

Baylor Alumnus Logan Walter sings lead vocals for The Dutton Band. The band held a CD release concert at Common Grounds on Thursday as a promotion for its latest album, “All Things Fada.” The band is originally from Waco, and began its successful career in 2004 at University Baptist Church, located on Dutton St., before gaining national prominence.

Hasan gets 13 counts of murder

By ANGELA BROWN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT HOOD — The Army psychiatrist suspected in the Fort Hood massacre was charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder Thursday as he lay in a hospital bed and President Barack Obama ordered a review to determine if the government fumbled warning signs of the shooter’s contacts with a radical Islamic cleric.

Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan

could face the death penalty if convicted.

Army officials said they believe Hasan acted alone when he jumped on a table with two hand guns last week, shouted “Allahu akbar” and opened fire. The dead included at least three other mental health professionals; 31 were injured.

Additional charges were possible, said Chris Grey, spokesman for the Army Criminal Investigation Command. It had not been decided whether to charge Hasan with the death

of the unborn child of a pregnant soldier who died, officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the case publicly.

Meanwhile, Obama ordered a review of all intelligence related to Hasan to determine whether it was properly shared and acted upon within the government. John Brennan, assistant to the president for homeland security and counterterrorism, will oversee the

review. The first results are due Nov. 30. Obama also ordered the preservation of the intelligence.

Members of Congress are pressing for a full investigation into why Hasan was not detected and stopped. A Senate hearing on Hasan is scheduled for next week.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, and others have called for a full examina-

see HASAN, pg. 6

Texas gas emissions rate down

JOHN MCFARLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — While Texas maintains a firm grip on the dubious title of the nation’s most prolific industrial polluter, an environmental group’s report Thursday found that wind power and other cleaner energy sources have helped cut emissions linked to global warming in the state.

Environment Texas analyzed the most recent U.S. Department of Energy statistics that show the state is still the leader in carbon-dioxide emissions but cut such pollution by 2 percent between 2004 and 2007.

In that same four-year period, emissions around the country went up 0.7 percent and in-

creased in 33 states, according to the report.

“We can drive the economy without driving up pollution,” said Environment Texas Director Luke Metzger.

“By moving to clean energy, we can cut pollution, help jump-start the economy and create millions of new clean energy jobs around the country.”

The group’s analysis covered 2004-2007, but emissions in Texas actually began dropping in 2002, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Carbon dioxide emissions in the state have dropped 5 percent between 2002 and 2007.

Finding the balance between the environment and the economy is a constant struggle in Texas.

The state relies heavily on

the energy industry and has more coal-fired power plants, chemical plants and oil refineries than any other.

And with a rapidly growing population, there’s always need for more power.

Environment Texas, a citizen-funded environmental advocacy group, says less coal has been burned recently thanks to increased wind power, natural gas use and improved efficiency at power plants.

Texas produces more wind power than any other state.

The state is not required to regulate carbon dioxide emissions, which come mostly from coal-fired plants and vehicles, but the climate bill pending in Congress calls for cuts of 20 percent for carbon dioxide polluters by 2020.

The report says Texas has the clean energy capacity to make those larger cuts and urges passage of the measure.

The House version narrowly passed in June, and a similar version faces a tough fight in the Senate.

Metzger said the report indicated that the 20 percent cuts were feasible and would not harm the economy “as the governor tries to suggest.”

Gov. Rick Perry has been an outspoken critic of the climate legislation, saying it will do massive harm to Texas industry, but has been a big proponent of alternative energy.

“Texas is successfully fostering the next generation of ener-

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Prominent coaches to face off Sunday

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor’s Lady Bears and Tennessee’s Lady Volunteers share many similarities entering this season: high expectations and prolific head coaching, but also youth that remain unproven as a team.

On Sunday the two teams meet in Knoxville for the State Farm Tip-Off Classic, both eager to show their full strength and potential to the ESPN2 audience.

Missing four of the top five scorers from 2008-09, Baylor faced many question marks in the offseason. Having the No. 1 ranked recruiting class certainly helped coach Kim Mulkey’s cause, but teaching her system to almost an entire team’s worth of players has been challenging.

“You like the challenge be-

cause you feel like what you’re working with is a talented group of kids,” Mulkey said. “It has been a long time since we have had this much youth.”

Of the Lady Bears’ youth, none has received more attention than Brittney Griner. She played 44 minutes over her team’s two exhibition games, scoring 38 points and blocking eight shots.

Junior Kelli Griffin has the most 2008-09 experience on this year’s squad, averaging 29 minutes per game last season, and is followed by Melissa Jones’ 24. Both started as guards in 2009 exhibition play and provide on-court leadership.

“I think it gets us riled up. There’s that bit of excitement that we all have, playing at Tennessee in front of all that orange and Pat Summitt,” Jones said about the Lady Bears’ first SEC

matchup since beating Louisiana State University in 2006. Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt responds to Baylor’s challenge with her own youth. Her 2008-09 Lady Vols, whose starting lineup consists of three freshmen, a sophomore and a senior, dropped their first-round NCAA tournament game to Ball State.

From 6-foot-6 sophomore center Kelley Cain down to 5-foot-2 sophomore guard Briana Bass, Tennessee returns hunger. With such an inside presence and a team that sank 163 3-pointers last year, they have the right tools for the job.

“I don’t think many teams are going to have an answer for (Cain). She’s a tremendous player and (Tennessee) does a great job of getting the ball to her,” Delta State coach Sandra Rushing said after a 79-46 exhibition loss to the Lady Vols in

Knoxville.

While the game has little bearing on how their teams will ultimately finish their seasons, neither Mulkey nor Summitt overlooks the Sunday showdown’s magnitude.

“I am honored that we were asked. I think it is an honor for Baylor University to be considered one of the elite programs in the country,” Mulkey said.

Summitt expects both the arena and television audience to see a competitive game. “With such a great opponent coming in, not only will it be an exciting environment for women’s basketball, but I think it’s also going to be two teams battling from beginning to end,” Summitt said.

Neither team is a stranger to the State Farm Tip-Off Classic. Tennessee has made six appearances, the last a 2002 win over

Kim Mulkey

Head coach: 9 years
Career wins: 667
Final Four showings: 8
National Championships: 2
Olympians coached: 1

Mulkey vs. Summitt

Pat Summitt

Head coach: 35 years
Career wins: 1,000
Final Four showings: 35
National Championships: 8
Olympians coached: 12

Lariat Letters

Kistler not good source for Fort Hood article

While reading Laura Remson’s piece on various soldiers’ reactions, I was upset to read one of the people quoted in the article was Dr. David Kistler of The Faith and Freedom Institute.

This is first disappointing because Dr. Kistler is not a soldier, and his quotes are out of place on a page of soldiers’ reactions to the Fort Hood shooting. I am sure that there were plenty of other soldiers that could have been interviewed for this piece.

Secondly, and more importantly, the use of Dr. Kistler leads me to question the motives or lack of preparation used by the writer when piecing together this article. The Faith and Freedom Institute is an extremely radical conservative organization with viewpoints that would not be accepted by many Americans regardless of partisanship or belief.

The mission statement of the group has the basic premise of blurring the separation of church and state. One of their objectives is to “warn the citizens of the United States of America of God’s impending judgment.” Kistler is notorious for his apocalyptic sermons and his public announcements claiming that many big-named Democratic politicians would be going to hell.

A simple journey to the Faith and Freedom Institute Web site greets you with an open petition calling for the impeachment of President Obama, including a list of nine grievances rallied against the president such as his bowing to the King of Saudi Arabia, an “insane desire to develop a civilian militia” that would work at his discretion, and the nonexistence of his birth certificate. Most of the claims are wholly outrageous and are only voiced by a small fringe group.

Also included on the Web site are sample letter templates arguing against health care reform that tie conservative politics with religion; a petition against the Treaty of Copenhagen; and a page dedicated to the history of the United States, which misrepresents the actual religious beliefs of many of our nation’s founding fathers.

Dr. Kistler’s quotes in the article are anti-Muslim, and they further a xenophobic opinion that needs to be reprimanded rather than showcased, especially in an article dedicated to telling how soldiers feel after the shooting. He incorrectly states that all terrorism which has ever happened in the U.S. can be attributed to Muslims. This view ignores Pearl Harbor, Timothy McVeigh and the assassination of George Tiller, just to name a few.

It is disconcerting that the author of this piece would choose a person like Dr. Kistler to quote. This raises questions as to whether any research was done into his background prior to publishing.

The Lariat should be more careful in who it quotes and whose ideas it allows within its articles because it reflects poorly upon the newspaper as a whole.

Ryatt Yates
Class of '09

Article real reminder of important issue

I read with pleasure the Nov. 10 article about the Social Work Department raising awareness for the global problem of human trafficking.

I graduated from Baylor in 1987 with a B.A. in English and again from the Baylor Law School in 1990. After that, I practiced law in Houston until 2004, most of my years spent as a prosecutor at the Harris County DA’s Office.

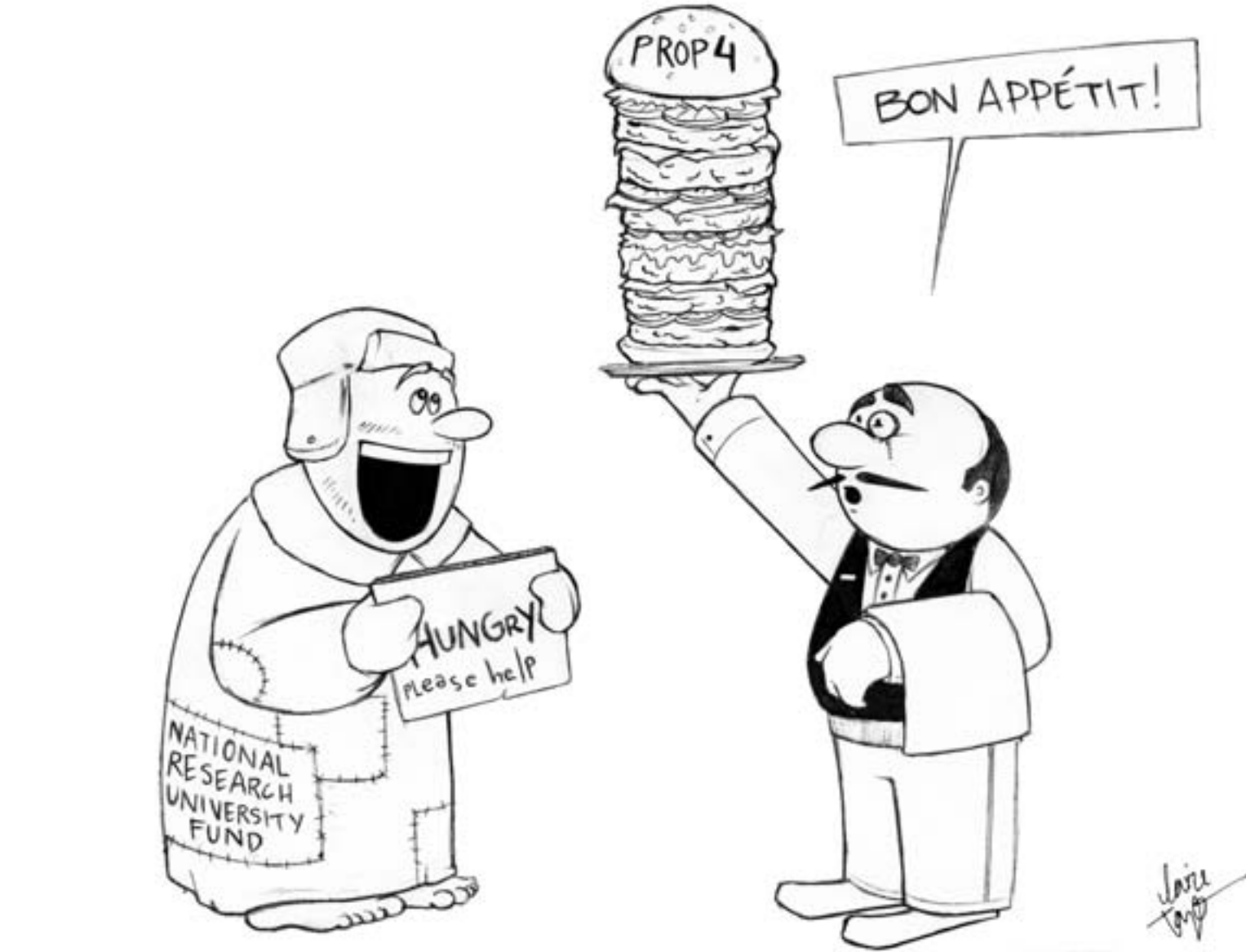
In 2004, I moved to Cambodia to teach at a Cambodian law school, and in 2007, I joined International Justice Mission in Cambodia as the director of the IJM Cambodia field office in Phnom Penh. With a staff of expatriates and Cambodian nationals, we work together with law enforcement, government ministries, embassies, and a number of NGO’s and IO’s to address the many issues surrounding the trafficking of women and children into the commercial sex industry.

It’s a huge and difficult problem, to be sure. But it’s not impossible to make a difference. We are privileged to see successes each and every day. Currently, there is a bright and gifted Cambodian national who is in Waco working on a M.A. in social work.

All who know her are excited for her opportunity to continue to develop her professional skills as a counselor for survivors of trafficking and other similar trauma.

I sincerely hope that many choose to take and wear the purple armbands at the BU-UT game this coming weekend.

Patrick Stayton
Class of '87



Proposition Four is great addition to research, state

Editorial

Texas voters made the right move last week when they approved Proposition Four, an amendment to the Texas Constitution that will encourage more high-level research by allowing seven emerging research universities to tap into a multimillion-dollar fund to elevate their programs.

The vote for the amendment creates a \$500 million National Research University Fund similar to funding responsible for advancing universities like The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M to Tier One status.

Baylor is not included in these seven potential research universities, but considering its emphasis on the importance of the advancement of research, it should still support the amendment. This will benefit more than just the seven universities targeted — bolstering the research of more Texas universities will propel the economy of the entire state, which will only help Baylor. Emphasis on research, spin-off enterprises, increased competitiveness and utilization of technology can all have a significant impact on the economy.

Adding two typical Tier One universities to the state by 2035 would create more than 340,000 permanent jobs and generate \$4.2 billion in state revenue a year, according to a study conducted by economist M. Ray Perryman and the Perryman group. The analysis strives to show the benefits of investing in the “intellectual infrastructure” of our state. Research institutions cultivate a highly engaged and highly skilled work force, provide a melting pot of diversity

and trading of knowledge, as well as encourage entrepreneurship.

This is undoubtedly a long-term endeavor, but it is one the state is rightly willing to take on. Texas lags behind other states in the number of nationally recognized research universities. Currently Texas has only two public universities and one private university, Rice University, that have reached Tier One status. California is trouncing us with nine Tier One universities. As the second-most-populated state in the country, clearly more of these research entities are needed in Texas. We must choose not to leave our state at this competitive disadvantage by cheating ourselves out of retaining the top talent and facilitating the best environment for these high-performing individuals to train.

In the absence of an abundance of resources for research, Texas is forgoing its chance to attract the most talented students nationwide, and even worldwide. With the addition of these students, the state will be significantly benefitted. By affording students this expanded educational opportunity to attend more top research universities, we will develop a highly skilled work force and possibly keep more of them in state.

Research universities are typically adept at developing skills needed to be proficient in the engineering and professional fields, both of which are indispensable in boosting a state’s

economy. In these shaky economic times, this is exactly the kind of resource we need to hone and retain.

It is also important to note that the money for the fund will come from an existing higher education fund that has remained dormant for years. Taxpayers won’t have to worry about getting stuck with another fee since the money will come from this old account. Voters were smart to see that this fund could be put to better use rather than lying infinitely stagnant. And when the state has money waiting to be used, there is no better way to use it than by investing it in something that the state will see a return on in years to come.

Money from the fund won’t simply be handed over to these universities with no strings attached. It will be distributed to each university according to its own individual accomplishments. The seven schools tapped for use of the fund will have rigorous standards to meet in order to receive part of the fund, including awarding a certain number of doctoral degrees a year and boosting their individual endowments to \$400 million — no easy task.

The establishment of the National Research University Fund is a critical step in the ongoing process to make Texas a serious national contender in the research realm and generate a more educated population. Though it is a small step along a long road, this amendment can serve as the catalyst for a change that will benefit Texas immensely, including Baylor.

Making the most of what we have

Jeff Bezos helped to convert his parents’ garage into a technical laboratory during his time in high school, before creating the powerhouse that is Amazon.com.

Bezos’s story reminds us that big successes start small.

With all the many opportunities we have been granted, it is time for students to utilize these resources and employ their minds. Free enterprise allows nearly unlimited means for people to chase after their deepest desires. Often what begins as simple ideas yield the greatest feats.

As we near the end of the semester, it feels easy to slip into complacency and trudge through the remaining classes in foglike exhaustion and discouragement, but I encourage you to keep your focus on learning and utilize your license to wonder as we finish off 2009.

Find your passion and chase it.

Asafumi Yamashita, 57, might not be a household name. However, you very well may have eaten one of his vegetables. His greenhouse, located in Paris, supplies vegetables to some of the world’s top chefs and his unique business grosses about \$150,000 per year.

Yamashita’s idea began small: an initial investment of \$500 to buy seeds from Japan. You can do this. Take control of your story. Begin with your

Point of View

BY BRITTANY HARDY



passion, whatever it is. Create a small idea and channel your energy, resources and mind into making it a reality. Stop settling. Stop underestimating. Take advantage of what you have been given.

These stories are not exclusive to the older generation; look at John Goscha, 25, Jeff Avallón, 25, and Morgen Newman, 25. While undergraduates at Babson, these men created “Idea Paint,” a paint that transforms any wall into a dry-erase service. Their business, which raised \$5 million dollars last year, resulted from the three men’s frustration over lack of funds to afford whiteboards when they wanted to have school (or otherwise) brainstorming sessions. Simple idea. Big results.

Our minds are powerful tools. I hope that we all take hold of the opportunities directly before us.

Though I believe learning is very valuable, I do not simply refer to opportunities of the academic realm. Go love on people. Go learn a new sport. Go find adventure. Get off the treadmill of life and wake up from the slumber of the everyday. Begin to take advantage of what you have been given.

Life is fleeting. No matter where you are today, buried deep in stress, mourning in an oceanic valley or feeling the breeze and witnessing the view of an emotional mountain: Breathe. Look at the beautiful resources and opportunities you have been entrusted with and take hold of them.

None of this is easy. Being comfortable is easy. Being lazy is easy. Doing what may simply come natural is easy. But to play a role in these stories of great passion and to utilize opportunity requires courage and patience. Do not be another statistic. You could be so much more.

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Lucado: Imagine your life without fear

By TRENT GOLDSTON
STAFF WRITER

Best-selling Christian author and San Antonio minister Max Lucado spoke to an almost soldout audience at Waco Hall Thursday night about topics surrounding his latest book, "Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear."

Lucado came to Baylor as part of this year's annual Ferguson-Clark Lecture, which was started in 2001. Interim President Dr. David Garland welcomed Lucado to the stage.

"Max Lucado has written 60 books that have sold over 65 million copies," Garland said. "We are so glad to have Max Lucado tonight. He's going to explore a question, which is certainly appropriate for our world in chaotic and uncertain times."

Lucado's topic, "How we can imagine our lives without fear," was one that evoked many emotional responses from the audience. Most often laughter followed Lucado's stories, but also at times was solemn.

Lucado used the Biblical story of the storm on the Sea of Galilee to help illustrate his discussion of fear, while interweaving stories from his own life to connect the dots.

"Fear leads us into a prison and locks the door. Can you envision a day in which fear has no voice?" Lucado said. "Our generation is using more mood-altering drugs than any generation in the history of mankind. One psychiatrist recently reported that the average child today has the same level of anxiety as a psychiatric patient in the 1950s."

In the Bible story, Jesus and

his disciples are sailing across the sea when a terrible storm begins thrashing the boat to and fro. While the disciples are falling into chaos, Jesus sleeps soundly under deck. When the disciples wake Jesus in desperation and blame him of not caring for their fates, Jesus calms the storm and

Lucado said the first step in putting a stop to fear is prayer.

Austin senior Allyson Riley said she was particularly touched by the evening's lecture. Riley explained how with a graduation drawing near, this was a lecture that meant something to her.

"I didn't know what [the lec-

"Fear is the perceived loss of control. Fear causes us to question the goodness of God. Fear unleashes a swarm of doubts."

Max Lucado
Christian author and San Antonio minister

reminds them of their need for faith.

Lucado explained that this biblical story shows how courage, trust, hope and most importantly, faith, can overcome any conundrum.

"Fear is the perceived loss of control," Lucado said. "Fear causes us to question the goodness of God. Fear unleashes a swarm of doubts."

Lucado said that Jesus spoke about the importance of courage more than almost any other specific quality.

Lucado said that fear can be conquered through a persistence of faith and courage.

"What we may not know is that fear is an option and not an obligation," Lucado said. "Haven't your fears taken enough? How 'bout putting your foot down?"

ture] was going to be about, but I liked it a lot," Riley said.

Lori Fogleman, director of media relations, expressed the importance of the lecture series and the importance of Lucado's presence.

"We nearly have a sell-out here in Waco hall," Fogleman said. "All of the proceeds from tonight's events go to our students and are going into the Moody Memorial Library."

Lucado also stressed the importance of libraries and of the lecture series.

"I believe a library is like a pharmacy for the mind," Lucado said. "It organizes and collects and protects this special commodity of knowledge that we must have in order to develop just as human beings, but even more to develop as children of God."



MATTHEW HELLMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Acclaimed Christian author Max Lucado signs Marquita Catlin's copy of his book, "Fearless," during his presentation about living life without fear on Thursday in Waco Hall.

Association aims to improve graduate student life

By MELISSA PERRY
REPORTER

The Graduate Student Association has outlined a new set of initiatives to improve the academic and social lives of the university's graduate students.

GSA President Alessandra Gonzalez, a Ph.D. candidate in the sociology program, said the association exists to advocate for graduate students and present their concerns to the graduate school and the university's administration. They also work to increase awareness about Baylor's graduate departments and help the university rise above

competing programs.

"We advocate on behalf of graduate students with the mindset that thriving graduate programs at Baylor will benefit all of the Baylor community," Gonzalez said.

A press release from the association outlining proposed measures also discussed concerns regarding better health care options for graduate students, including paid parental leave for students with families, increasing money for professional development and budgeting for on-campus dining and subsidized parking.

While the association shares

some of the same concerns as undergraduates, graduate students face issues of their own.

"Graduate students have a lot in common with undergrads: concerns about parking, interest in sustainability, concern for Baylor's ranking and so on," said Vivien Zelazny, chair of the GSA Policy Task Force. "But they also face a particular set of challenges: things like the availability of office space, affordable housing, childcare, finding work for spouses in Waco and availability of public transportation."

The inclusion of paid parental leave is an important issue

within the health care initiative. A large number of graduate students are married and have children, Gonzalez said.

"We do want to help Baylor match its vision to promote a family-friendly environment for its students," said Gonzalez. "Our graduate students have raised important and legitimate concerns about the viability of a graduate student having to decide between starting a family and finishing their studies."

While many of the initiatives focus on the specific needs of graduate students, the GSA is also proposing a measure that would benefit undergraduates.

One of these proposals is to provide on-campus dining discounts to graduate students who teach.

"We requested allotment for graduate students who are teachers of record to receive on-campus dining discounts so that we could eat with our students and foster intellectual discussion outside the classroom," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said the recommendations were presented to the administration last spring and several of them, such as options for subsidized parking, will receive a place in the budget as soon as next fall.

In addition to advocating for quality-of-living issues, the association serves as a social outlet for graduate students who spend the majority of their time working and studying. Because all graduate students are considered members of the association, whether they actively participate or not, they have the opportunity to meet people outside of their departments.

"It's easy to get caught up in your own world, and to forget that there is life outside the lab or the office," Zelazny said. "The GSA helps students to connect across departments and to forget their work for a little while."

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DASHing through Waco on a big yellow bus



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The DASH, a city bus service that freely transports students through Waco, stopps to pick up and drop off students Wednesday outside Penland Residence Hall. The DASH bus stops outside of Penland Residence Hall every 15 minutes every class day between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

By MEGAN KEYSER
STAFF WRITER

The Downtown Area Shuttle, which began free transportation services this fall, saw an influx in its ridership early on, and it has maintained a steady flow of patrons since the beginning of the academic year.

In August, Baylor, along with the Downtown Merchants Association, Developers and Public Improvement District, launched the DASH, a bus system that runs between the Baylor campus and downtown Waco. The DASH operates from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on days when Baylor is in session.

The shuttle arrives every 15 minutes in front of Penland Residence Hall, the on-campus pick-up site.

According to the Baylor Web site, the DASH is also able to stop for anyone along the route, as it operates under a flag stop system. The DASH will only stop if the driver deems it safe to do so.

Tony Price, driver of the DASH since August, said ini-

tially he had between 100 and 120 people ride on a daily basis. Now, he said, he sees on average 130 to 150 people per day.

"I'll be willing to bet that it will continue [to run]," Price said.

Chris Krause, assistant vice president for Campus Services, said the shuttle has been successful in its first three months.

"The DASH is doing well, quite frankly," Krause said.

Since August, Krause said the DASH has had a total of 6,890 riders.

Because the DASH only runs on days when classes are in session, Krause provided monthly ridership numbers in the context of the number of service days during each month.

In the nine service days in August, the DASH had 840 riders. In September, it had 3,128 riders in 21 service days.

In the 21 service days of October, the shuttle had 2,931 riders.

Michael Gist, of Waco Transit, said these numbers are in line with expectations.

"That's about where we

would expect it to be," Gist said.

The DASH is doing well and Price said there is hope for increasing the number of riders.

Although the DASH is open to Baylor faculty and staff, as well as students, Price said the majority of riders are students.

For this reason, the DASH's busiest times are from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., during morning classes, and from 3 a.m. to 5 p.m., when most classes are ending for the day. There is not a big lunch crowd, Price said, but they hope to develop a greater ridership around lunchtime.

The primary form of advertisement for the shuttle is the bus itself, Price said. The tall bus is covered with green and gold paint and is intended to catch people's attention and encourage them to ride.

The bus stops at Clifton Robinson Tower, Ninfa's Heritage Quarters, Heritage Square and the Dr Pepper Museum.

For information about routes and printable version of the DASH map, visit www.baylor.edu/bus.

Obama promises clear mission for U.S. troops

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — Nearing a decision on sending more troops off to war, President Barack Obama told a military audience Thursday that he will not dispatch them into conflict without proper support — including the backing of the American people.

"That is a promise that I make to you," Obama told more than 1,000 troops and their families gathered at a hangar here, as the president stopped briefly for refueling en route to a four-country trip to Asia.

The president made no direct mention of Afghanistan or his weekslong review, now nearing completion, of how to revamp the struggling war effort there. Obama is expected to send in thousands more troops.

Facing a daunting array of Asian challenges, Obama was on his first major trip to the region, where a surging China and newly assertive Japan are chipping away at America's standing on diplomacy and trade.

At home in recent days, from a somber memorial for the 13 people shot to death at Fort Hood in Texas to a Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Obama has lauded the determination of the all-volunteer military.

But his assurance Thursday about public support was new, and it was unclear how he would roll it.

An Associated Press-GfK poll this week showed that 48 percent of people disapprove

of Obama's handling of Afghanistan, up from 41 percent in October. More than half of all Americans — 54 percent — now oppose sending more troops to Afghanistan, an increase from 50 percent last month.

"I want you guys to understand that I will never hesitate to use force to protect the American people and our vital interests," Obama told the troops. "But I also make you this promise: I will not risk your lives unless it is necessary to America's vital interests."

"And if it is necessary," Obama added, "the United States of America will have your back. We'll give you the strategy and the clear mission you deserve. We'll give you the equipment and support you need to get the job done. And that includes public support back home."

Already the most traveled first-year president ever, Obama took off for Tokyo on an Asian journey that will add four countries — Japan, China, Singapore and South Korea — to the 16 he's already visited.

The trip also will highlight a dramatically changing continent.

Obama was arriving in Japan a day later than planned, his schedule scrambled by Tuesday's memorial for the shooting victims at Fort Hood.

His stop in Singapore for the annual Asia-Pacific economic summit, originally scheduled for two days, was cut back to a mere 20 hours.

Awaiting Obama in Japan was a new prime minister, Yukio

Hatoyama, who swept to power vowing a more equal partnership with Washington.

Hatoyama also has promised to halt Japan's refueling of U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan, review its basing agreement for 47,000 U.S. troops and explore the possibility of a new Asian trading block excluding the United States.

In a pre-trip talk with Japan's NHK network, Obama acknowledged Hatoyama's election as a "political earthquake" but played down any friction.

"This is not a senior-versus-junior partnership," he said. "This is one of equals in which Japan has been an extraordinary contributor."

Obama was scheduled to meet with Hatoyama and hold a news conference almost immediately after arriving so the Japanese leader could quickly fly off to Singapore. Obama planned to arrive at the summit late Saturday night, after delivering a speech in Tokyo and dining with the emperor.

The 21-nation Pacific Rim meeting usually promotes free trade. But this year, with the global financial crisis still reverberating, the tide has been running the other way.

Easily his biggest challenge in Asia is the rising economic and military power of China. Obama will meet with Chinese leaders in Shanghai and Beijing, tour the Great Wall and Forbidden City, and hold a town hall meeting with Chinese youngsters at a Shanghai museum during a three-day stay.



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Fulbright program creates post-graduation opportunity

By CATY HIRST
COPY EDITOR

For many students, the daunting task of what to do after graduation looms in the not-so-distant future, giving them ample opportunity to agonize over possible career choices, graduate schools and sabbaticals. Elizabeth Vardaman, associate dean for special programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, offers students another option to consider in their decision process: the Fulbright Program.

How many students applied for the Fulbright this year?

Last year we had 20, and this year we had 25. They applied to study, to do research or to teach in Paraguay, Cameroon, Ireland, France, Israel, England, Mexico, Russia, Poland, Colombia, Spain, The Netherlands, the Philippines, Taiwan, Korea, Germany, Canada, Malta, Switzerland, Belgium, Slovakia and Denmark. Of course, in three of these countries there were two student applicants.

Over 100 faculty members helped the students in writing the letters and participating in the formal interviews. The students came from the School of Education, the School of Business, the Honors College, Truett Seminary, the School of Music and the College of Arts and Sciences. They came from a wide variety of parts of the university.

It was very exciting to deal with all these different countries and students from different majors and backgrounds.

Can you explain a little bit about the Fulbright?

It is a grant for graduate study, research or English assistantships around the world. Students are not eligible to accept a Fulbright until they have completed their undergraduate degrees. Master's degree students or doctoral students are eligible to apply as well. Most of the Baylor applicants are

seniors right now; they are hoping to take up the Fulbright in the fall following graduation. Fulbright is a government program run through the State Department and over 1,500 scholarships will be given this year to American students who win the Fulbright.

Would you say it is important for students to apply for these scholarships?

It is a wonderful opportunity for many students to think about in their junior and senior year. They have fun asking themselves. "What is the most perfect, practical experience where I could live out the education I have received?" For example, [for] a student who has studied French, or any language here, a chance to immerse himself or herself in a culture that lives out that language is a wonderful option for strengthening language skills, understanding cultures and bringing friendship from the United States to that place. For others, the chance to work on a project that seems to them completely related to what they have done in the past, but also helps open the door to their future — that could be irresistible.

Is there a certain type of student who should apply for these scholarships?

Yes. Students who are curious, students who are adventuresome, students who want to broaden their understanding of the world. These scholarships are for very alive people.

What does Fulbright look for in applicants?

The Fulbright committees look for people who are academically very well prepared in their fields. They want students who are extremely well acquainted with the culture and history of the country to which they are applying. They want them to have solid language skills in the host country's language. They



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Elizabeth Vardaman, associate dean for special programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, offers opportunities to students through the Fulbright Program.

want them to be mature and adaptable, because one never knows when one arrives in that country whether it might be challenging to find your way around the city or deal with the surprise information that there will be no hot water in your apartment until winter. It takes a little bit of courage to step out into the unknown.

Students need to be very energetic and be good sports. Fulbright is looking for that. Fulbright also really wants them to be of service while they are there. They should not go planning to be bookworms. Fulbright wants them to get out of the study environment for a significant number of hours every week and reach out in a wide variety of ways, to make friends and be a contributor to society.

Can you explain a little bit about the application process?

The students start out with very basic information about what they have done. Pretty much the first several pages are

drawn from things anyone would list on a resume. The heart of the application is an essay the applicant writes about the proposed study or research or project, such as teaching, that he or she wants to do. That essay takes a lot of time. The other essay that takes a great deal of effort is the personal statement, which is one page in length. The student is asked to present highlights of his or her life in such a way that the committee can see what the student has done that would enhance and support the project being proposed.

They then have to secure three recommenders to write letters on their behalf. They must take a language examination if a foreign language is required for the country they are going to. And then they must complete the interview process with a campus panel, usually of four or five faculty members, including people there who have expertise in that student's field. The students have to put their packets together carefully,

so that their own documents are in perfect order. And maybe the most importance part for those that want to study is that they must include a letter from a person in the department they want to study [in the host country] that welcomes them and explains that the university where the student wants to enroll would be glad to have that student participate in its programs the next year.

It is a rather huge process for each student, yet when it is done I think most of the students feel a great sense of accomplishment. They work very hard. We are proud of every applicant that went forward this year.

What obstacles do students have to overcome to win a Fulbright?

If they waited until August or September to begin the documents, the obstacle is, "How can I get this done and how can I stay caught up in my classes?" The Fulbright is a big time commitment if the student is striving

to create an effective Fulbright application. Maybe the greatest reason the students love to be finished with this is they can go back to the routine and concentration focused entirely on their academic career. The sooner a student can focus on the country he or she wants to apply to, and begin to think in terms of the project he or she would like to explore there, the better.

How does Baylor help students overcome obstacles?

My experience has been that every faculty member who works with these students is cheering for these students and wants to help them overcome the obstacles. People across the university have been extremely gracious in helping them move through the problems to the solutions.

What recommendations do you have for students interested in applying for these scholarships?

They should attend a workshop where we talk about the Fulbright. I have two or three of those each semester. They should go on the Fulbright U.S. Student Programs Web site and look at the amazing array of opportunities. And they can also send me an e-mail. I will set up a time to talk.

What types of opportunities does the Fulbright provide students?

One of the benefits is the community they become members of. It is a rich, vibrant group. I think many of them would say having won a Fulbright shows a kind of affirmation that makes their applications later for graduate and professional schools very compelling. And they carry with them a set of memories, insights and perspectives that they did not have before. They carry with them into the rest of their lives this extraordinary experience of

Prosecutors attempt to seize 4 mosques, tower linked to Iran

By ADAM GOLDMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Federal prosecutors took steps Thursday to seize four U.S. mosques and a Fifth Avenue skyscraper owned by a nonprofit Muslim organization long suspected of being secretly controlled by the Iranian government.

In what could prove to be one of the biggest counterterrorism seizures in U.S. history, prosecutors filed a civil complaint in federal court against the Alavi Foundation, seeking the forfeiture of more than \$500 million in assets.

The assets include bank accounts; Islamic centers consisting of schools and mosques in New York City, Maryland, California and Houston; more than 100 acres in Virginia; and a 36-story glass office tower in New York.

A telephone call and e-mail to Iran's U.N. Mission seeking comment were not immediately answered. Nor was a call to the Alavi Foundation.

It is extremely rare for U.S. law enforcement authorities to

seize a house of worship, a step fraught with questions about the First Amendment right to freedom of religion.

The action against the Shiite Muslim mosques is sure to inflame relations between the U.S. government and American Muslims, many of whom are fearful of a backlash after last week's Fort Hood shooting rampage, blamed on a Muslim American major.

The mosques and the skyscraper will remain open while the forfeiture case works its way through court in what could be a long process. What will happen to them if the government ultimately prevails is unclear. But the government typically sells properties it has seized through forfeiture, and the proceeds are sometimes distributed to crime victims.

Prosecutors said the Alavi Foundation managed the office tower on behalf of the Iranian government and, working with a front company known as Assa Corp., illegally funneled millions in rental income to Iran's state-owned Bank Mellī. Bank Mellī has been accused by a U.S. Treasury official of providing support

for Iran's nuclear program, and it is illegal in the United States to do business with the bank.

The U.S. has long suspected the foundation was an arm of the

“For two decades, the Alavi Foundation's affairs have been directed by various Iranian officials.”

Preet Bharara
U.S. Attorney

Iranian government; a 97-page complaint details involvement in foundation business by several top Iranian officials, including the deputy prime minister and ambassadors to the United Nations.

"For two decades, the Alavi Foundation's affairs have been directed by various Iranian officials, including Iranian ambassadors to the United Nations, in violation of a series of American laws," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said in a statement.

There were no raids Thursday as part of the forfeiture action. The government is simply required to post notices of the civil complaint on the property.

As prosecutors outlined their allegations against Alavi, the Islamic centers and the schools they run carried on with normal activity. The mosques' leaders had no immediate comment.

Parents lined up in their cars to pick up their children at the schools within the Islamic Education Center of Greater Houston and the Islamic Education Center in Rockville, Md. No notices of the forfeiture action were posted at either place as of late Thursday.

At the Islamic Institute of New York, a mosque and school in Queens, two U.S. marshals came to the door and rang the bell repeatedly. The marshals taped a forfeiture notice to the window and left a large document sitting on the ground. After they left a group of men came out of the building and took the document.

The fourth Islamic center marked for seizure is in Carmichael, Calif.

The skyscraper, known as the

Piaget building, was erected in the 1970s under the shah of Iran, who was overthrown in 1979. The tenants include law and investment firms and other businesses.

The sleek, modern building, last valued at \$570 million to \$650 million in 2007, has served as an important source of income for the foundation over the past 36 years. The most recent tax records show the foundation earned \$4.5 million from rents in 2007.

Rents collected from the building help fund the centers and other ventures, such as sending educational literature to imprisoned Muslims in the U.S. The foundation has also invested in dozens of mosques around the country and supported Iranian academics at prominent universities.

If federal prosecutors seize the skyscraper, the Alavi Foundation would have almost no way to continue supporting the Islamic centers, which house schools and mosques. That could leave a major void in Shiite communities, and hard feelings toward the FBI, which played a big role in the investigation.

The forfeiture action comes at a

tense moment in U.S.-Iranian relations, with the two sides at odds over Iran's nuclear program and its arrest of three American hikers.

But Michael Rubin, an expert on Iran at the American Enterprise Institute, said the timing of the forfeiture action was probably a coincidence, not an effort to influence Iran on those issues.

"Suspicion about the Alavi Foundation transcends three administrations," Rubin said. "It's taken ages dealing with the nuts and bolts of the investigation. It's not the type of investigation which is part of any larger strategy."

Legal scholars said they know of only a few cases in U.S. history in which law enforcement authorities have seized a house of worship. Marc Stern, a religious-liberty expert with the American Jewish Congress, called such cases extremely rare.

The Alavi Foundation is the successor organization to the Pahlavi Foundation, a nonprofit group used by the shah to advance Iran's charitable interests in America. But authorities said its agenda changed after the fall of the shah.

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Annual book sale relies on volunteers, donations to benefit Waco community

By **ASH ANDERSON**
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With the economy fighting an uphill battle and frugality being a virtue in tough times, the Friends of the McLennan County Library annual book sale comes as an oasis in a desert of harsh conditions.

Celebrating 47 years of affordable books, music and movies, the Friends of McLennan County have relied on the consistent donations of Waco natives in order to keep the thriving event an annual affair.

While the main purpose of the event is to raise funds for the library, much of the proceeds go to establishing various events throughout the library system, such as specialized children's events.

The non-profit event relies solely on the dedication of its volunteers.

With a crew that works year-round, including a range of 200 to 250 volunteers over the four days of the sale, the event continues to build upon the established priority of selling books at low prices while providing assistance to the McLennan County system.

Kim Salome, public rela-

tions manager for the McLennan County library, said the total amount of donations exceeds 100,000 each year.

"They're donated through all out McLennan County," Salome said. "People donate from their collections — we have books that come from estates and we get them from all over. We have people that bring us their books from garage sales. We have a lot of books from when Baylor and MCC professors retire."

Because of the rising popularity of the event each year, the organization has made the transition from tickets to using numbered wristbands for entrance to the event.

"So far we're having a great sale [this year]," said James Karney, director of the Waco-McLennan County library. "We had about 300 people that were in line about 10 this morning, and around 600 at noon. That's ahead of last year's attendance pattern. As far as selection, our selection is better than it's ever been. We divide the books into over 70 different categories."

One particularly popular section of the sale is the "collector's corner," where customers can browse a selection of higher-

quality books that range from signed novels to antique history books.

Jim Shepard, head of the storeroom at the event, said that if a book looks like it's worth more than \$1.50, it gets put in a special pile.

If Shepherd thinks it's worth going in the collector's corner, then it does.

"We usually price them to about 25 or 30 percent of what retail would be," Shepard said. "It's rare books or unusual books or signed books."

Shepard also said that he enjoys being able to work in such a well-known and enjoyable volunteer program.

"I'm an avid reader and an avid selector myself," Shepard said. I enjoy working with books. I worked for the federal government for about 30 years, and never did any volunteer work. I never had any time. I was in the Army reserve, so I started looking for something [to do] when I retired. It's nice to find a book that's rare that someone has donated that might be worth 50 or 100 dollars."

For an event that relies entirely on donations, many of the books are only slightly used.

"Everything is donated. We do not have anything brand new unless it is given to us brand new," Salome said. "We have people that buy something brand new, read it once, and then give it to us. We definitely take those. A lot of the books in our collection have been read once and given it to us."

As well, an event like this couldn't come at a better time.

With the holiday season upon us, discount books are a great gift idea for anyone that fancies giving a gift to a reader.

"We do have some people that make this one of their regular holiday shopping locations," Karney said. "It doesn't hurt to have our sale in mid-November when the holiday season is going on."

The event is being held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Heart of Texas Fairgrounds.

Admission is free each day. Books and trade paperbacks are \$1.50, mass market paperbacks are \$1 and children's books are 50 cents to \$1.50.

For more information, visit www.waco-texas.com and click on "Library."



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A patron looks through several rows of books at the Friends of the McLennan County Library annual book sale on Thursday. The event sells used books that have been donated by Waco residents. All proceeds go to the establishment of events throughout the library system.

Latest Switchfoot album resonates with longtime fans

By **SABRINA LANDWER**
REPORTER

After a challenging two years of recording their album independently, Switchfoot is back with their seventh and most well-rounded album, "Hello Hurricane," which is already being called their best album since

joined with Atlantic Records after releasing this album.

Given the variety of styles in every song, you may come to find yourself appreciating each song differently and will not find a bad track — especially if you've been a fan of any of their other albums.

Some songs have a U2-like feel; some have a slow, soulful melody and others have a catchy rock-like tune with stronger drum beats and intense guitar riffs. You'll notice when listening that some tracks are similar while others differ in every aspect.

The album has the melodious love songs ("Enough to Let

Some songs have a U2-like feel; some have a slow, soulful melody...

Me Go," "Your Love is a Song, Yet"), songs more like pop-rock hits that are about life and living it freely ("Needle and Haystack Life," "Mess of Me"), and songs that are more about the



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Switchfoot's latest album, "Hello Hurricane," released Tuesday.

hardships of life and overcoming them ("Hello Hurricane, Al-

ways").

In total there are 12 songs, ranging in genre from rock to alternative to pop, and each track has its own theme centralized around love and the beautiful things in life, as iTunes described them, "wonder, forgiveness, and hope".

Most reviews have given their new album a thumbs up and a five star rating while others say this wasn't their best effort.

It's an album filled with highs and lows and, overall, will sell very well.

Grade: A

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Country band Gloriana makes big debut with Swift

By **Taylor Harris**
CONTRIBUTOR

Gloriana is a fresh new band that is on a fast-track to success. This fierce foursome came together in February 2008 and has already accomplished feats that take other artists years and even decades to complete. Young, driven and talented,

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this quartet is gaining popularity exponentially. Composed of brothers Tom and Mike Gosselin, Rachel Reinert and Cheyenne Kimball, Gloriana has hit the ground running.

Signing a major record deal less than six months after the band's creation, touring the nation with one of the most prominent artists of this generation and having hit singles on mainstream radio, Gloriana has been doing everything right.

Houston sophomore Morgan Lansdown agrees. "Gloriana has the musical talent to make it big in the country music industry. They have catchy tunes with relatable lyrics making them ap-

pealing to country music lovers of all ages," Lansdown said.

Besides catching the eyes of influential producer and songwriter Matt Serletic, whose most recent undertaking is Emblem Records, Gloriana also grabbed the attention of a 19-year-old girl named Taylor Swift. Swift personally called the group to offer them the opportunity to open for her new Fearless tour. This was Swift's first major headlining tour with Kellie Pickler as the special guest.

If this wasn't a dream already, they really needed a pinch once their debut single "Wild at Heart" peaked in the Top 20 of Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart earlier this year. Their second single "How Far Do You Wanna Go?" was recently released.

With all the excitement, the members of Gloriana have stayed humble. One enjoyable aspect is the way the gang involves their fans.

Constant tweets via Twitter, personal videos, contests and Meet and Greets are the status quo for the band. This concept seems to keep the rising stars in reach for the everyday supporter. Through their actions, these 20-something year old musicians



Two of the members of Gloriana, Mike and Tom Gossin, pose with students at Taylor Swift's "Fearless" tour in Dallas. Gloriana received a personal call from Swift to open her tour.

let everyone know that fame has not fazed them.

Because of this, the followers have been great to the band. They are nominated for American Music Award's Breakthrough Artist of the Year, which has a purely fan-based voting system.

They represent the country genre and beat out former touring buds Zac Brown Band to make it to the finals. Gosselin explained

his take on the nomination.

"We were more just glad for them [Zac Brown Band]. We were like, 'Oh, Zac will definitely get it, and that's awesome because he deserves it.' Then, we ended up winning that preliminary round. What I think it comes down to is our fan base we've developed is very Internet savvy. ...We were really surprised when we saw that we won that pre-

liminary round. Now we are just like, 'Man, I wonder if we have a chance to win the main round.' We'd love to."

In addition to the AMA selection, Gloriana has been staying busy even with the 2009 leg of the Fearless tour complete. Gloriana has been playing with other megastars, including Alan Jackson, Jason Aldean, and Dierks Bentley.

They have also been doing their own shows. These performances include longer sets, more crowd participation, cover songs and more.

Gloriana recently visited Dallas and wowed the crowd at House of Blues on Friday. High energy, interaction with the fans, great group harmony, and covers of old rockers made the atmosphere memorable.

There was even a point during the show where an older woman made her way to the front of the stage and practically started to mosh.

Angela Wyatt of Lucas was in attendance with her 9 year-old son Tyler, who proudly sported his signed T-shirt to school Monday. "Gloriana is just the right mix of music, talent, personality, and style. I look forward to the

memories of this intimate show at House of Blues as they grow to bigger venues in their imminent success," Wyatt said.

Fun-loving, prank-pulling, dream-chasing, dedicated musicians, Gloriana creates the perfect balance of country twang with rock attitude.

The band is able to drill into the raw talent of each member and infuse a very distinct feel to its music.

Aside from their undeniable skills and glowing personalities, the foursome's commitment to their music is also helping them gain recognition.

Not only are they on the road for much of the next two months, they will also be teaming back up with CMA's 2009 Entertainer of the Year Taylor Swift in early 2010. See them live as they roll into Texas next March.

Be sure to jump on the Gloriana bandwagon now and beat the craze.

Pick up their debut album to maximize your ears' happiness.

Caution: dashboard drumming and air-guitar strumming are likely to occur. Please plan accordingly.

Grade: A

Reel World Sense: Stop with the computer animation

By **Robert W. Butler**
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Like medieval alchemists struggling to transmute lead into gold, filmmakers seem determined to create a 100 percent believable animated human character.

I understand the whole alchemist thing (who couldn't use some cheap gold?), but I have doubts about the value of an animated character indistinguishable from a real, breathing human being.

For starters, there's the price tag. You could buy an army of no-name human actors for what it costs animators to create just one of the characters in last weekend's box office champ,

Disney's computer-animated "A Christmas Carol."

It's a good movie (hard to mess up Dickens), but among its weakest elements are the human characters that director Robert Zemeckis tries to present with photo-realistic authenticity.

Zemeckis has been down this path before with "The Polar Express" and "Beowulf," both of which got a knuckle rapping (from Yours Truly and lots of other critics) for the "dead-eyed look" of the characters.

Curiously, "Carol" works best when its more cartoony characters take center stage.

Like Jim Carrey's Scrooge. Outfitted in a skin-tight suit and hundreds of motion-capture dots, this marvelously physical

actor portrayed Dickens' miser for the cameras, which recorded his every move and facial expression. These were then transmuted into the animated character you see on screen.

Here's the thing: Scrooge is not photo-realistic.

He's clearly a caricature — a sort of giant human spider with an impossibly elongated nose and chin.

On the other hand, when Zemeckis tries to give us "realistic" humans (like the Christmas carolers Scrooge assaults) they just look creepy, like the animatronic lineup in Disney World's Hall of Presidents.

One of my colleagues had some intriguing thoughts on the situation.

Watch a sleeping baby for a minute, he said, and you'll see more natural facial movement and emotion than hundreds of animators could create in hundreds of hours.

Animators may never capture the subtleties, depth and spontaneity of the human face.

I'm not sure they should.

Did I believe in the old man and the kid who take a balloon ride to South America in Pixar's "Up" (on DVD this week)? Yes, absolutely. They were living, breathing entities with whom I was happy to invest my intellectual and emotional concern.

And yet they weren't "realistic." They were cartoons.

As "Carol" richly illustrates, computer animation is great

for many things. Zemeckis and his bunch have gotten good at shadow and light, at illuminating a scene by candle flame, at making snowflakes fall with just the right blend of lightness and weight.

What would be so wrong with putting real actors into that world? That's what Zack Snyder did with "300," his big, wonderful, homoerotic sword-and-sandal epic. He hired real actors, filmed them on a soundstage and then surrounded them with a computer-animated environment.

And it worked — "300" was a magnificent blend of human faces and a make-believe world that felt more real than actual reality.

Why did Gollum work so well in Peter Jackson's "Lord of the Rings"?

I think it was because he, too, was something less than realistic.

Computer animation technology isn't going away.

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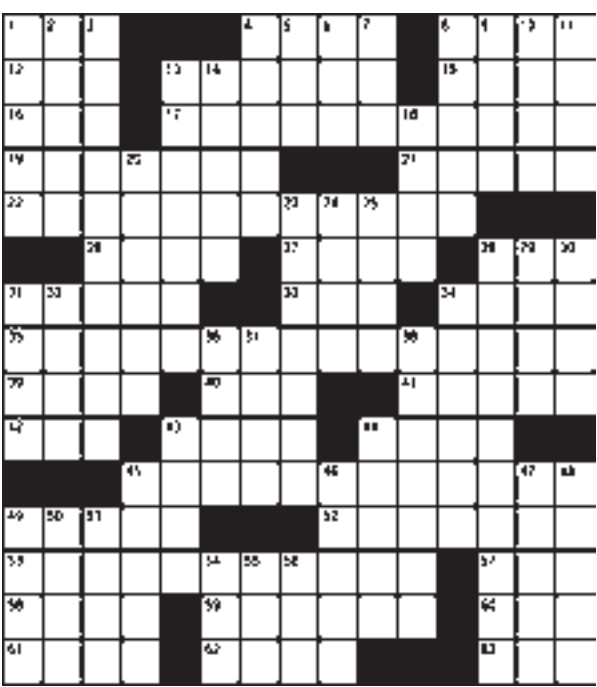
But for a human character I want a real human face.

And then they could put the money they've saved into better scripts.

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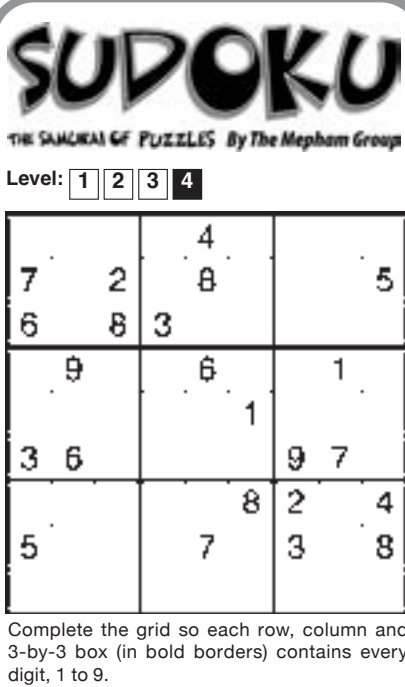
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Transitioning into a new era

With three starters departed, Baylor is searching for niche

By JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

As four-year starters, Curtis Jerrells and Kevin Rogers became synonymous with Baylor basketball. The two, along with Henry Dugat, were paramount in the program's resurrection.

The trio's presence on the floor became methodical game-in and game-out, but all three graduated in May as the winningest-class in Baylor men's basketball history.

With an influx of newcomers donning the Baylor green-and-gold for the first time in 2009, head coach Scott Drew's role has been relegated to assuring his inexperienced squad is in position—physically and mentally, to at least duplicate, if not surmount, the success accomplished by the 2008-2009 NIT finalist squad.

"I think they set the foundation and raised the expectations for what the Baylor basketball players themselves expect on the court," Drew said of the graduated class. "It's an opportunity for other people to step in and assume some of those roles."

The three players left behind a formidable squad, most notably LaceDarius Dunn, capable of filling the voids left by last year's seniors.

The Monroe, La., junior, who has 1,035 career points, is on pace to threaten Terry Teagle's 27-year scoring record of 2,189 points. While Dunn confesses his admiration for shooting the ball, he committed himself in the offseason to advancing his skills advantageous to other facets of the game.

"I am still working on the passing and defense; I am working on that really hard to develop better than this year than

the last two years," Dunn said. "Without Curtis this year, I am going to have to put the ball on the floor more than I did last year, so I am really working on my dribbling."

The Bears also return poised veterans such as Reserve, La., senior Tweety Carter and Boerne senior Josh Lomers. Carter entered Baylor in 2006 as the program's first McDonald's All-American.

While his responsibilities have been diverted amongst a deep set of guards in seasons past, Carter recognizes his role has been amplified to an unsung leader of this season's squad.

"I take on any challenges. I always have, and I am ready for it," Carter said. "With the help of my teammates, it's going to be fine. I just have to take every game the same."

Despite a group of savvy veterans returning to Ferrell Center hardwood, Big 12 coaches projected Baylor to finish 10th in the conference in the preseason poll.

While Drew is disappointed with the low pick, he affirmed to the media that rankings are irrelevant (as evidenced by last season's squad that finished ninth in the conference after being predicted to finished third.)

"Obviously you always want to be picked higher," Drew said. "At the same time, we all know that preseason polls don't

mean anything, it's how you finish up. It will be great motivation throughout the year for us to try to prove people wrong. At the same time we know we lost a lot, and we know we have a lot to overcome."

The upperclassmen are joined by a plethora of newcomers, none more anticipated than University of Michigan transfer Ekpe Udoh.

Udoh garnered a selection to the Big Ten All-Defensive team his sophomore year and left the program third on the all-time shot-block list but hasn't played in nearly two years because of the NCAA's policy on transfers.

"Last year when practiced started up, I didn't have anything to look forward to except for just practicing," Udoh said. "Now I have to start getting ready for a game, and I have to play a part of this team to get us ready."

The stature of Drew's recruiting class accentuates Baylor's transition to a longer and more athletic team.

Nolan Dennis, a former commit to the University of Memphis, is a versatile 6-foot-5 guard with a promising chance of starting, while Cory Jefferson, a Central Texas native, showed Rogers-esque tendencies in the Bears' exhibition Nov. 5.

"One thing this year is I think defensively and rebound-wise we have an opportunity to be better in the standpoint of size and strength and athleticism," Drew said.

With a precedent set by previous Big 12 stars like Kevin Durant

and Darrell Arthur, Drew added that his team is more physically adept to compete with the best of the Big 12.

That task won't come easy, especially in a year where experts have placed such high expectations on the Universities of Kansas and Texas.

Led by Cole Aldrich and Sherron Collins, the Jayhawks are the overwhelming favorite to not only win the Big 12, but also the national championship. Texas turns an abundance of talent and is being raved about for its depth after adding five-star recruits in Jordan Hamilton and Avery Bradley.

Add that potential All-Americans reside on other teams like Iowa State University's Craig Brackins, Oklahoma State University's James Anderson and the University of Oklahoma's Willie Warren, it's not surprising analysts gawk at the conference's potential in the upcoming season.

"I think why the Big 12 is such a good conference is

last year we had numerous players that I could have gone to the NBA, and chose to come back," Drew said Wednesday on ESPN. "Then you add all the great recruits, six of the top 20 recruiting classes were in the Big 12, that's why it's so good."

Even with the overwhelming obstacles certain for the upcoming season, Drew has defined a goal for his team to reach.

"We have so many new guys. At the beginning of the year we are just going to try to gel and get better," Drew said. "At the end of the year, hopefully we will be much more cohesive and efficient in what we're doing."



Tweety Carter
5'11" senior guard

Carter averaged 10.6 points per game last season. With a bevy of guards in seasons past, Carter hasn't been forced to be consistent in leading the team. This year, he will be relied on to be the floor general for Scott Drew's offense.



LaceDarius Dunn
6'4" junior guard

Dunn is one of the most prolific shooters in the Big 12. Aided by a soft touch, Dunn is Baylor's returning leading scorer with 15.7 points per game. Dunn has improved in other areas and should be a more well-rounded player this season.



Ekpe Udoh
6'10" junior forward

Udoh brings an immediate improvement to the Bears' defensive front-line. With a tenacious ability to block shots, Udoh is often overlooked offensively, but he is athletically gifted and will allow the big men to have a bigger role in this year's offense.



Left: Head Coach Scott Drew attempts to get his team's attention during the Nov. 5 match against the University of Central Oklahoma.

Right: Members of the Bear Pit cheer on the men's basketball team during their 86-71 exhibition victory against the Bronchos. The Bear Pit was established in 2005.

Carter prepared to inherit leadership role for Baylor

By JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

Reserve, La., senior Tweety Carter walks into the media room at the Ferrell Center with a grin as wide as the basketball arena he has inhabited for three years. He firmly shakes all the reporters hands and exudes confidence as he takes the stand to be interrogated about the upcoming season's prospectus.

Carter responds to questions whether Baylor can survive losing 50 percent of its scoring, rebounding and assists and what he thinks of the freshmen.

"Those guys are funny," he said with a chuckle. "They work hard. They listen. As a freshman, it's hard to remember a lot of things on the college level as far as plays, but they're making it through."

Carter's familiarity behind the microphone is exhibited with his quick-wit remarks and light-hearted demeanor with teammates Ekpe Udoh and Josh Lomers. While Carter is accustomed to interviews and media brigades, it's been a while since Carter has been called upon to be the focal point of a team.

Three years ago, Carter stepped on campus as head coach Scott Drew's most herald-

"I am going to do whatever it takes for us to win."

Tweety Carter
Senior point guard

ed recruit in his coaching career. Carter's 7,457 career points are the most in high school history and yielded a McDonald's All-American spot for the 5-foot-11 guard.

"It came quick," Carter said of his senior year of college. "I always felt like I was a leader coming in. freshman year, I did some things you sometimes don't want to do, but I became a leader because of that."

After averaging 30.8 points per game his senior year in high school, Carter scored 8.6 points per game his freshman year, a morsel of what he was accustomed to.

While Carter's "mild" numbers can be attributed to his submergence into the swamp of guards that included Aaron Bruce, Curtis Jerrells and Henry Dugat, it was difficult for Carter adjusting his playing style to incorporate into the team's strategy.

A couple of different hairstyles, a new jersey number and 195 career 3-point shots made later, Carter realizes the team's success is tethered to his ability to lead the team—in whatever fashion that may be.

"I am going to do whatever it takes for us to win," Carter said. "If it's me scoring, I will always do that. If not, I have some big fellows that I can rely on. I have (LaceDarius Dunn) and those freshmen that came in."

Drew has been blessed with senior guards for the past two seasons and realizes the benefits of having a natural leader vacating the point guard position.

"Any time you have a senior point guard, that makes the coach sleep a little bit better at night," the seventh-year head coach said. "Tweety had a good summer and has done a good job. We expect him to take another step forward."

That step forward will require Carter to anchor the team to its third consecutive postseason berth. While Carter is flattered with the task, he reassured the media it's not an effort that can be tackled individually.

"With Ekpe coming and the experience me, (Dunn) and Josh have, we are ready to take on the challenge," Carter said. "We are ready to play this game."



Senior guard Tweety Carter pulls up for a shot Nov. 5 against the University of Central Oklahoma. Carter is one of two starters on Baylor's roster, and the second leading returning scorer with 10.8 points per game.

Football welcomes challenge of spoiler role



SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kendall Wright (No. 1) evades Pierre Allen Oct. 31 against the University of Nebraska. Wright leads the Bears with 597 receiving yards and four touchdowns in 2009.

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor football team will look to knock off the No. 2- ranked Texas Longhorns from their national title run with a win at 11 a.m. Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Under 12th-year head coach Mack Brown, the Longhorns enter Waco with a 9-0 overall record, as they have rolled through their opponents with ease this season, outscoring them 369-112.

Texas’ explosive offense is led by Heisman hopeful Colt McCoy, who has thrown for 2,447 yards with 17 touchdowns and nine interceptions this season.

McCoy is coming off a career-high game last week against UCF as he threw for 470 yards with two touchdowns, coming up three yards shy of breaking Major Applewhite’s school record of 473 yards.

Baylor head coach Art Briles respects the talent of McCoy and has great respect for him.

“He’s a good player and a guy that can hurt you with his feet or his arm,” Briles said. “He’s such an accurate passer. He gets the ball out of his hands fast and makes such good decisions that he can make it happen that way.”

Fifth-year wide receiver Jordan Shipley has proved to be McCoy’s favorite target, as the two have connected 75 times for 1,050 yards and six touchdowns this season.

Shipley, who is averaging 116.7 yards receiving, ranks fourth in the nation and broke a school record last week as he had 11 catch-

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es for 273 yards with an 88-yard touchdown reception. Despite his impressive statistics, safety Jordan Lake believes the Bears’ defense has the talent to contain Shipley.

“He does a lot of things based off of how you play your coverage and how you play him,” Lake said. “He runs a lot of option-type of routes that are hard to game plan for, but at the same time if your whole defense is playing on the same page you have a good chance of containing him.”

The Longhorns will look to short-yardage specialist Cody Johnson to take the carries at tailback, as he has rushed for 207 yards and nine touchdowns this season.

Additionally, the Longhorns have multiple threats at running back with Vondrell McGee, who leads the team with 275 rushing yards, and Tre Newton, who has 224 yards and three touchdowns this season.

After throwing for a school-record 427 yards and three touchdowns in last week’s win over Missouri, Garland sophomore Nick Florence and the Bears’ offense will face a daunting challenge when it takes on the Longhorns’ defense.

Texas leads the nation in total defense with 230.8 total yards per game, and is tied for second in

the nation with 26 forced turnovers.

Roddrick Muckelroy leads the team with 63 tackles, while sophomore defensive back Earl Thomas is third in the nation with six interceptions.

Florence welcomes the challenge Texas defense brings and believes the Bears will be able to put points on the board.

“Their defense has a lot of speed and they play with a lot of confidence,” Florence said. “We just need to execute one play at a time and not get overwhelmed with what they are doing. But again, they have weaknesses and that’s what we were going to attack. We should be able to move the ball and score on them.”

History proves to be on Texas’ side, as it has won the past 11 meetings with Baylor with an average score of 48-11. In their last meeting, McCoy threw five touchdown passes as Texas broke away from a 14-14 second quarter tie to beat the Bears 45-21.

This game will be the last home game of the season for the Bears and will mark the last game at Floyd Casey Stadium for seniors as the senior class will get to partake in running on the field one more time.

It is likely Jordan Lake speaks for his senior teammates and the rest of his senior class when he said, “I’d love to go out with a win to end Floyd Casey. Against the No. 2 team in the nation would be obviously something you’ll remember for the rest of your life.”

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men’s regular season basketball opens tonight

Tip-off for the first game of the 2009-2010 season against the Norfolk State Spartans starts at 7 p.m. today in the Ferrell Center. Tonight’s game begins a three-game home stand for the Bears that will continue with a matchup against the Hartford Hawks at 1:30 p.m. Sunday and closes out with a 7 p.m. tip-off Monday against the Southern Jaguars. Fans can receive a \$5 ticket by bringing a canned food item for Food for Families.

No. 21 volleyball takes on Jayhawks

The Bears will take on the Kansas Jayhawks at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lawrence, Kan. The Bears are coming off a win against the Colorado Buffaloes in three-games Wednesday night. The Bears took the first meeting of the two teams at the Ferrell Center in only three sets.

Cross country holds NCAA regional

The Bears return to Waco to hold the South-Central NCAA regional for the second consecutive year at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. The women aim to keep a seven-year streak of qualifying for the NCAA Championships alive. The top two teams from each of the nine regionals across the country qualify for NCAA.

Women’s basketball signs top recruit

On Wednesday, MacArthur High School senior point guard Odyssey Sims signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the Lady Bears beginning next year. Sims is the ESPN consensus’ No. 2 national recruit and was named to the 2008-09 Texas 5A All-State team as a junior, the same team that featured current Lady Bear Brittney Griner. Sims averaged 20.2 points, five steals and five assists last season for her regional semifinalist team.

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tion of what agencies knew about Hasan's contacts with a radical imam and others of concern to the U.S., and what they did with the information. Hoekstra confirmed this week that the U.S. government knew of about 10 to 20 e-mails between Hasan and a radical imam, beginning in December 2008.

A joint terrorism task force overseen by the FBI learned late last year of Hasan's repeated contact with a radical Muslim cleric who encouraged Muslims to kill U.S. troops in Iraq. The FBI said the task force did not refer early information about Hasan to superiors because it concluded he wasn't linked to terrorism.

Hasan was charged in the hospital without his lawyers present, said John Galligan, his civilian attorney.

"What I find disturbing is that my client is in ICU, and he's 150 miles south of his defense counsel, and he's being served with the charges," he told The Associated Press. "Given his status as a patient, I'm troubled by this pro-

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endowment dependence.

Meanwhile, measures have been taken to ensure that Baylor will not be hit too hard by the economic crisis.

The university's Office of Investments has managed to keep the endowment from further decreasing by investing funds in different equities, bonds and investments— a move that has allowed assets to thrive in the economy.

Kent Muckel, chief investment officer for Baylor said assets such as timber and natural gas are stable in a sour economy.

"During this extraordinary economic environment, the Baylor Executive Investment Committee and the Baylor Office of Investments managed the portfolio of investments in a highly diversified manner," Muckel said in an e-mail to The Lariat.

"The portfolio benefited from its exposure to natural resources and investments designed to benefit from market weakness. Baylor's investment office continues to look to preserve and increase portfolio liquidity and flexibility and to explore areas expected to provide attractive returns in the future."

According to Dr. Bill Reichenstein, professor of investments, diversifying assets such as timber and natural gases work in this market because returns are not correlated to the stock market.

So when the market had a horrible year in 2008, those investments managed to keep Baylor's endowment from being severely affected.

"It's like putting your eggs in a different basket," Reichenstein said.

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gy technology and reducing real pollutants like ozone by using incentives and free markets, not by imposing job-killing regulations and taxes on our businesses," Perry spokesman Chris Cutrone said.

The Texas environmental agency, which also opposes the federal climate legislation, praised the Environment Texas report as proof the state's efforts to cut pollution are working.

"As we have said previously, if done incorrectly, CO2 regulations will impose great costs on Texas, without any guarantee of a measurable environmental benefit," said Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Chairman Bryan W. Shaw.

"This report is an example of how Texas' policy of encouraging clean energy and new technolo-

cedure and that I'm not there. I'm in the dark, and that shouldn't be the case. I am mad."

Months before the shootings, doctors and staff overseeing Hasan's training reported viewing him at times as belligerent, defensive and argumentative in his frequent discussions of his Muslim faith, according to a military official familiar with several group discussions about Hasan. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the meetings and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hasan was characterized as a mediocre student and lazy worker, which concerned the doctors and staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, a military medical school in Bethesda, Md., the official said.

Even outside the military, Hasan's behavior drew attention. Golam Akhter, a civil engineer from Bethesda, Md., said Thursday that he had spoken with Hasan about 10 times at the Mus-

Assets whose returns do not vary with stocks will produce more average or exceptional returns than stocks or bonds in the long run.

Baylor is not as heavily invested in U.S. equities as some endowments are.

"For example, in 2008, its probably wouldn't have been a good idea to invest heavily in the U.S. equity market since it tanked," said Dr. Dennis Prescott, vice president of university development.

The Office of University Development is designed to help raise funds and secure private financial contributions from alumni and corporations for the university and works hand-in-hand with the Office of Investments to help offset the 13.3 percent decline by raising more funds.

Prescott said fundraising varies from year to year, but he hopes to undertake a new initiative that will support student scholarships since donors have historically supported student aid and approximately \$350 million of the endowment is restricted to student scholarships.

Baylor's total scholarship fund for 2009 to 2010 has increased by \$9.09 million to more than \$108 million, which includes a 38.7 percent increase in need-based scholarships for freshmen who entered Baylor in fall 2009.

Prescott also said the decrease does not really affect the number of scholarships received by students because the university's spending policy is designed to smooth the effects of the fluctuations in the markets.

gies result in reductions in pollution and other emissions, without heavy-handed regulations."

Two of the three TCEQ commissioners, who are appointed by Perry, also praised the report.

"These programs have resulted in cleaner air and reduced emissions of all kinds, without new regulations from Washington that are based on questionable science," commissioner Buddy Garcia said.

Texas' per capita emissions from electric generators fell by 4 percent from 2004-2007, the report said. Texas got 2.5 percent of its power from cleaner energy sources in 2007 and that figure has more doubled in the two years since, Metzger said.

After Texas, the biggest carbon dioxide polluters are California, Pennsylvania, Ohio,

lim Community Center in Silver Spring before Hasan left for Texas last summer.

"He used to not believe that 9/11 was solely the work of Middle East people," Akhter said. "His main thing was, 'America is killing Muslims in the Middle East.' That made him very, very upset."

Akhter said he sensed that Hasan was "a troubled man" and feels guilty for not alerting others.

"I tried to convince him to try to be a moderate Muslim," Akhter said.

Hasan repeatedly referred to his strong religious views in discussions with classmates at Walter Reed, his superiors and even in his research work, the military official said. His behavior, while at times perceived as intense and combative, was not unlike the zeal of others with strong religious views.

But some doctors and staff were concerned that their unfamiliarity with the Muslim faith would lead them to unfairly

single out Hasan's behavior, the official said.

Some questioned Hasan's sympathies as an Army psychiatrist, whether he would be more aligned with Muslims fighting U.S. troops. There also was some concern about whether he should continue to serve in the military, the official said.

But they saw no signs of mental problems, no risk factors that would predict violent behavior. And the group discussed other factors that suggested Hasan would continue to thrive in the military, factors that mitigated their concerns, the official said.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday he was appalled at news leaks about the investigation into last week's deadly shootings at Fort Hood.

"Frankly if I found out with high confidence anybody who's leaking on the Department of Defense, who that was, that would probably be a career-ender," he told reporters traveling with him to Oshkosh, Wis. "Everybody ought to shut up."



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Bags sit on the floor inside the apartment of Maj. Nidal Hasan, Wednesday, in Killeen, Texas. Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, is accused of killing 13 people and wounding dozens more Nov. 5 at Fort Hood.

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