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Clifton Robinson: Our roots are here

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

Sixty-five years ago, a young boy delivered papers for the Waco Tribune-Herald. He wasn't the boy who normally ran the route, but he took over when others couldn't. He even went around with a notebook and a sales pitch attempting to sell the papers.

That same boy is the owner of the Tribune-Herald: Clifton Robinson, a respected businessman and philanthropist well-known throughout Waco and Central Texas.

"It was a lot of fun selling newspapers," Robinson said. "It's a lot of fun selling newspapers today."

At 72, Robinson has lived in Waco his whole life and has been an avid Baylor supporter. He attended Baylor and graduated in 1963. He met his wife, Betsy, at Baylor, and his one of his sons attended Baylor.

As a longstanding contributor to the university, Robinson most notably donated the Clifton Robinson Tower, which houses many of Baylor's administration offices. He has also created the Clifton Robinson and

Betsy Sharp Robinson Endowed Scholarship Fund, which funds students in the Honors College.

Before the Tribune-Herald, Robinson worked in the real estate and insurance industries.

"I have tried Wall Street – unsuccessfully, I might add. I decided I would put my money in Main Street," Robinson said. "I'm not limited to anything, but it's what I happen to do."

In 2003, Robinson started Friends of Baylor, a group that supports Baylor and was founded in support of former university President Dr. Robert Sloan. They have donated more than

\$1 million to the university.

More recently, Robinson donated the General Tire facility that will one day house the Central Texas Research Park and Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative.

The Lariat sat down with Robinson Tuesday to talk about changes at the Tribune-Herald and hear his thoughts on happenings around Baylor.

What does it mean to bring the community a locally owned and operated paper, as opposed to out-of-state ownership?

Well, my sons and I are in-

involved in this community and we have the pulse of this community better than someone in some other city. We were all born and raised here. We know where the skeletons are buried. We know everything about this community, and I dare say there are very few people who work at the newspaper today who were born and lived their entire lives like we have. My family goes back to the Civil War in Waco, Texas, and our roots are here. Our relatives are buried here. We know everybody and everybody knows us. And that gives us an advantage over

someone coming in. They have no historical knowledge like we do. It is a civic responsibility, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

You said you're trying to appeal to the conservative base in Waco. Has your content changed?

Well, we have tried to beef up our local content. We are making a determined effort to beef up our business stories. We

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Seniors aim to leave legacy

By BETHANY MOORE
REPORTER

Last year the senior class raised more than \$50,000 for the senior class gift of scholarships, and this year's seniors plan to exceed that.

The senior class officers are busy working to surpass last year's record-breaking fundraising, with T-shirt sales and campaigns to get the seniors involved.

Senior class president Jessica Kim, and head of the senior class gift scholarship, said this is a great chance for seniors to be remembered at Baylor.

"It is important to leave a legacy behind and a way to give back to Baylor," Kim said.

The senior class officers have been in the Bill Daniel Student Center for the past two weeks selling game day T-shirts for the Baylor football game against University of Texas, which is a large part of their fundraising efforts.

This past year, the \$50,000 senior class scholarship, which is given on need and merit, aided two Baylor students.

Students are able to contribute all year online or to give extra when they purchase fundraising items such as the T-shirts. The senior class officers encourage students to eat at McAlister's Deli on Dec. 8 during study "dead days." The deli has agreed to give 10 percent of its proceeds to the senior scholarship fund. The class officers will also utilize the annual giving call center, as they have in the past, to call seniors and offer them the opportunity to give.

In the spring semester, they hope to hold an event at Common Grounds coffee house, as well as a campuswide event to raise awareness and raise funds for the scholarship endowment.

Dallas senior Rachel Rutledge said she plans to donate to the scholarship because with tuition rising, students need all the help they can get.

"It's a good thing to help incoming freshmen, especially since Baylor is increasing tuition and I know the pressure of finances on top of school work can be very difficult," Rutledge said.

The class of 2009 also set a lofty goal to install an eternal flame in Traditions Square by the Immortal Ten statues, a \$160,000 project. Unfortunately, that goal was not as easily achieved as the scholarships. The seniors this year have thus decided to return to scholarship funding.

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MATT HELLMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Polly Wants a Peck

Houston senior Jena Willard kisses her pet parrot, Ernie, as she meets with friends Tuesday in the SUB bowl. Jenahas thought of building a second home for the exotic animal at the local coffee shop, Common Grounds, where she works.

Food for thought: Ending Texas hunger

By MELISSA PERRY
REPORTER

Students will have the opportunity to confront the widespread problem of hunger at Texas at the Table: The Baylor University Hunger Summit in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The conference is the product of a collaboration between Texas Baptists (formerly the Baptist General Convention of Texas) and the School of Social Work's

Center for Family and Community Ministries.

Combining efforts to solve the problem of hunger in Texas, the two organizations formed the Texas Hunger Initiative. The main goal of the initiative is to eradicate hunger in Texas by 2015.

"The Hunger Summit will cast a vision for establishing food security in the state of Texas while also ensuring availability of nutritious food with

the hope of decreasing obesity," said Mallory Homeyer, lead organizer for the Texas Hunger Initiative.

Texas has the highest rate of food insecurity, or not knowing where the next meal will come from, among children, according to a Baylor press release. Even with an estimated 96 billion pounds of food being wasted annually in the United States, 1.3 million Texans experience hunger daily. Finding ways to

drastically reduce that number will be the major concern of the summit.

Jeremy Everett, director of the Texas Hunger Initiative, said the problem of hunger is not attributed to a lack of resources.

"There are plenty of resources to go around to end hunger," Everett said. "The federal programs provide enough, but we have not used them efficiently."

Everett said that nearly half of the families eligible for the

federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program do not utilize the program's resources.

To see the 2015 goal become a reality, the initiative serves as a community organizer, helping implement food planning associations in every county across the state. They have also created the Food Policy Round Table, where the Texas Hunger Initiative and their sponsors are

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BU beats Eagles, 100-55

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

After dropping its season opener at the University of Tennessee, Baylor returned to Waco and defeated Tennessee Tech, 100-55, in its home opener Tuesday night. Freshman guard Jordan Madden led the Bears with 21 points, while Brittney Griner blocked eight shots before fouling out in the second half with 10 points.

Madden began the game on the bench, entering at the 13:36 mark and stealing the ball within her first minute of action. Later she scored seven straight Baylor points to put the team ahead, 22-10.

After the game coach Kim Mulkey spoke about Madden and Kimetria "Nae-Nae" Hayden, who finished the game with seven points and four

steals, one of which created a fast break layup that drew a foul.

"Their body language on the floor is exciting. They're athletic, they're quick, they have range, and they do bring a spark from the bench," Mulkey said.

Mulkey was also quick to point out areas of needed improvement, citing the pair of turnovers that both Madden and Hayden added to the team's total of 23.

The young Madden also dished out three assists and credited her teammates for creating scoring opportunities.

"When I was in high school, I had to do it all by myself, so it is nice to have teammates that can help me out. It was very exciting for me scoring 21 points," Madden said.

Griner finished the first 20 minutes with two fouls but

picked up her third one minute and 36 seconds into the second half. Tennessee Tech consistently brought double teams on Griner, making shots difficult and containing her to 3-9 shooting on the night.

Griner nearly recorded her first official dunk two minutes after picking up that third foul but lost the ball just before bringing to the rim. The crowd soon found other reason to cheer, though, as Griner hustled down the floor to block a Tennessee Tech transition layup and sent the ball flying out of bounds.

Still, the most important thing Griner took from the game was more experience playing in foul trouble. Mulkey said she left Griner even after her third and fourth fouls.

"It's definitely a learning

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SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 25 guard Lindsay Palmer forcefully drives by a Tennessee Tech defender en route to the basket during the Baylor Bears' 100-55 victory Tuesday night at the Ferrell Center.

Lariat Letters

Compassion International allows people to look outside themselves

Point of View



BY ALYSSA MENDEZ

We cannot deny, as college students, that we look into our future with some uncertainty. What am I going to major in? Will I graduate on time? Will I get married? Will I find a job? Will all this work be worth it? These are questions that will be answered within the next few years. I know I continually ask these questions and have even allowed them to consume me at times, but when I take a step back and compare my life to others', these questions appear trivial and selfish.

Around the globe, there are people trying to find answers to questions most of us have never asked and will never ask in our lives.

They do not know where their next meal will come from. They do not know what their next source of income will be. They do not know if they will have another year of life.

For example, 49 percent of Uganda's population lives on less than one dollar a day and more than 100 thousand children are living with AIDS. This only makes up a small part of the world's poverty statistics.

All this is occurring around us while we are satisfying ourselves by paying thousands of dollars for an education, sipping on \$5 coffee from Starbucks, keeping up with today's latest fashions, entertaining ourselves, upgrading to the newest phones and supporting our texting habits.

The list is ongoing. For more than a year I have been sponsoring a child through Compassion International. Compassion is a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from economic, physical and social poverty, but, most importantly, from spiritual poverty.

Through sponsorship, sponsors are enabled to become responsible, Christian adults. Committing to pay \$38 a month to sponsor one child has been the most satisfying and rewarding decision of my life.

The most exciting part of this sponsorship is the relationship that I have formed with my child, Larisha, who is from India.

The letters I have received from her remind me to take joy in the simplicity of life. It has been such a blessing to have the opportunity to encourage her in the Lord.

You too can have this opportunity and be blessed by a relationship with a child.

It might take a few sacrifices in your life.

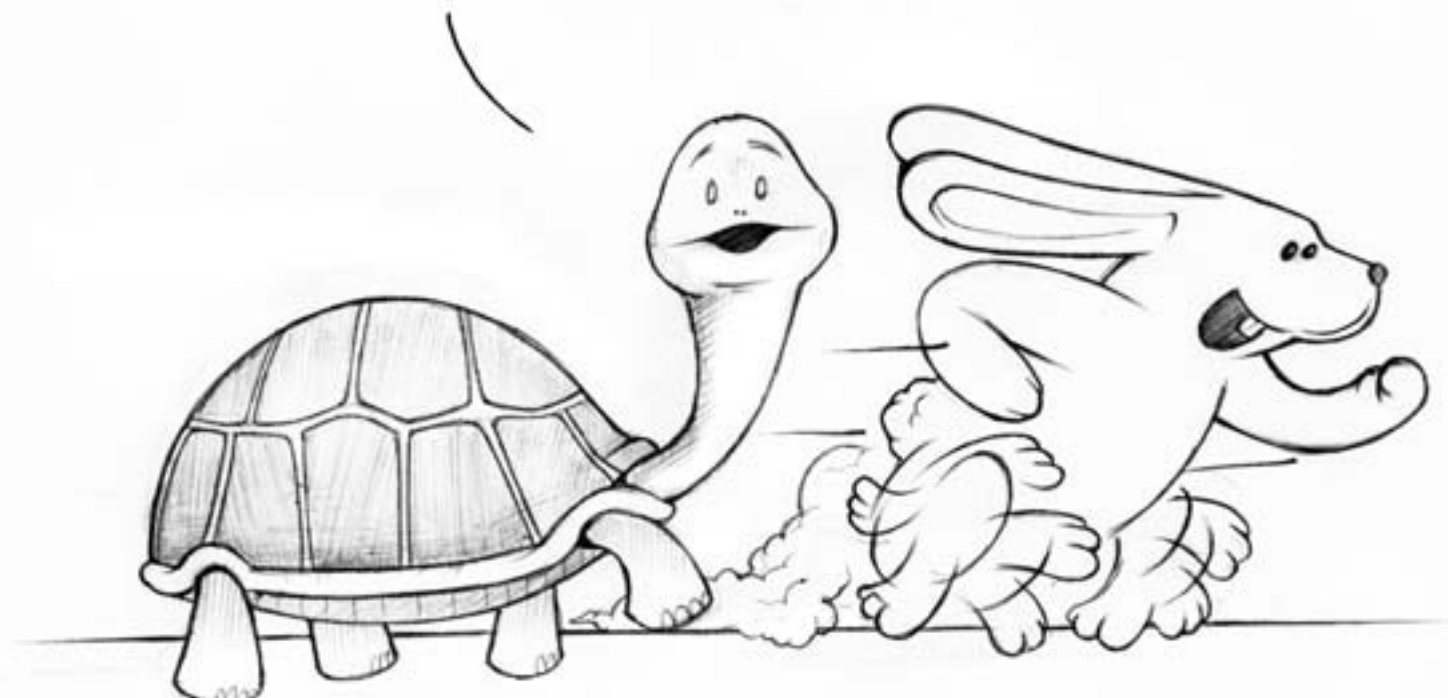
I won't tell you what you can sacrifice, because I'm sure you know what it is. Instead of ignoring the cries of those around us, make a difference in someone's life.

Take the focus off yourself and your "problems" and realize that you can be the answer to the uncertainties in a child's life.

Compassion sums it all up perfectly. "Help turn the tide of poverty. You can."

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WELL, WE ALL KNOW HOW THIS ENDS UP.



"THE RACE TO HEALTHCARE"

Jesse Top

White House administration should slow down on passing health care bill

Editorial

On Nov. 7, the House of Representatives narrowly approved a version of the widely disputed health care bill. This bill, which would seek to expand coverage to more than 30 million uninsured Americans, represents the culmination of the Democratic Party's domestic dream. The burden now rests with the Senate, who is unwisely being pushed to make a decision before Congress breaks for the holidays.

Proponents of the health care bill seem to have two goals in mind: to make health care available to everyone and to make the system operate more efficiently. Democrats in Congress have long fought for keeping health care costs low and widely available to all and now are eager to see their ambitions come to fruition, no matter the cost.

President Barack Obama has been pumping up this bill with his usual eloquence, and Congress has yet to achieve to the lofty goals his rhetoric has set.

The White House is looking at the lifespan of the bill in Congress and not liking what it sees. Visions of Obama reforming health care within one year of holding office seem to be slipping further and further away from them, and now the administration is scrambling toward a messy finish.

As a result of this, the executive branch is putting increasing pressure on Senate to act

quickly. It seemed as though the bill had barely made it out alive from the House vote before Obama was imploring Senate to "carry the baton" of this great feat to the finish line, and to waste no time in doing it.

"I look forward to signing comprehensive health insurance reform into law by the end of the year," he said.

It seems as though Washington has done what it is notorious for — putting politics ahead of what is best for the public.

As congressional midterm elections of 2010 draw nearer, the administration is undoubtedly aware of its party's potential to become politically vulnerable and that passing legislation could become harder after those elections.

These partisan politics aside, conservatives and liberals are arguing within their respective parties as well. On the left, Democrats are battling to find a satisfactory medium between the more moderates and liberals of the party in efforts to keep the Democratic coalition cohesive. Democrats, who have their fingers crossed that this will be a historic victory for the party, were forced to concede many issues like abortion rights when the bill passed in the House, and the

more liberal-leaning are eagerly pushing for the Senate to remedy this.

Congress and the White House should work to keep the good of the general public at the forefront of the debate.

Those on Capitol Hill should take off their red- or blue-tinted political glasses and work to make this the best bill possible for the American people. The bill should not be pushed simply because Obama or Obama's fans want to get it done within his first year as president.

While it may be true that Obama is eager to complete this mission so that he can devote more attention to other pressing issues, both domestic and foreign, this is landmark legislation that should be handled with care, not with haste.

Just like Obama is taking his time with the decision about sending more troops to Afghanistan, we should handle health care in this same fashion — slowly and cautiously.

This decision will affect every American, both the insured and uninsured, and we should be able to count on our elected officials to take the care to look at every possible angle.

This is an unprecedented step for health care in America, and whether the bill passes or not, Senate and the rest of Capitol Hill should take the time to ensure that the right decision is made for such a historic and sweeping reformation of this nation.

Sept. 11 terrorists should be handled differently

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. announced Friday at a news conference at the Department of Justice that five suspects in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, including the self-proclaimed mastermind, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, will be transported to New York City to face trial for their crimes against the nation.

The five men are currently imprisoned in a controversial military prison in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and the "mastermind" Mohammed has been held there since 2006.

These five men will be prosecuted as civilians in a federal court, in which prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty, and while some feel these men should be tried where the crime was committed, this may be more of a hindrance to justice than a benefit.

It seems that the prosecution of these five men on American soil, let alone in one of the very cities that was devastated by their horrific crimes, may cause more damage and inconvenience than if the men were tried elsewhere.

The first issue that immediately came to mind was the strain that these five high-profile trials are going to bring to the citizens of New York. Are these emotional hardships ones that the people can handle?

Although 9/11 was more than eight years ago, the thought of having these evil men back in America, which they hated enough to terrorize, seems disconcerting to say the least.

Moreover, if these men are returned to Ameri-

Point of View

BY JESSICA ACKLEN



can soil, as opposed to being tried by a military commission, they will be afforded constitutional rights of the accused.

This means that the controversial interrogation techniques employed at Guantánamo could be brought into question. Also, when these terrorists were captured, it is very unlikely that they were told of their Miranda Rights.

Thus, while it is unlikely that these men would be acquitted, is that even a risk we are willing to take?

Do these men even deserve the rights that are being afforded to them? It is unlikely that these men deserve much because of what they subjected America to, and it may cause more danger than good.

Another factor that should be taken into consideration before the proceedings of these trials begin is the height of security that will

need to be provided in order to maintain control over the suspects, their supporters and their enemies, which in America are many.

Not only did Holder announce Friday that these men are being brought back to the soil on which they shed American blood, he also announced that another group of five infamous terror suspects associated with the bombing of the Cole, an American Navy destroyer in Yemen, will be tried before a military commission.

Wouldn't that be a better option for the suspects accused of the crimes of plotting the 9/11 attacks?

This decision to keep these men separate from the American people is not only keeping the public safe from potential supporters of these men, but also saving large sums of American tax dollars that would be spent to house the detainees.

This is the path that should have been taken with those charged with the 9/11 attacks. The way in which the suspects associated with the bombing of the Cole are being handled is the safer and surer approach to the proceedings.

These men deserve to be punished and receive justice. Hopefully, the American justice system can deliver it.

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Please Recycle This Issue

Journalism professor recognized for latest book

By TRENT GOLDSTON
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Mia Moody, Journalism professor, has been receiving great reviews for her latest book, "Black and Mainstream Press' Framing of Racial Profiling: A Historical Perspective," most notably from the publication Journalism and Mass Communication.

Will Crockett, public relations director for the College of Arts and Sciences, said Moody's recognition from J&MC is monumental.

"This is the flagship journal of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication and a premier journal in the field," Crockett said. "The journal provides leadership in developing theory and introducing new concepts to its readership."

Dr. Clark Baker, chairman of the journalism department said he was very pleased to hear about

Moody's work being recognized. "It's great. We are very proud of her," Baker said.

Moody's book covers primarily how different media entities framed racial profiling before and after Sept. 11. Moody said that she was surprised and excited to see what positive responses the book has received, and that the book had been a long-term project.

"I was always interested in racial framing, especially after Sept. 11. Before 9-11 racial framing was covered by primarily Hispanic and African-American perspectives [both of which said it was bad]," Moody said. "After 9-11 we had even some black writers who said that [racial profiling] was ok."

According to the J&MC reviewer, Queenie A. Byars, Moody's book came at a point in history that amplifies its importance.

According to the review, the work took on a renewed and

timely significance with the election of Barack Obama.

The review boasts that Moody raises the bar in understanding social phenomenon through frame structures.

"Moody's book will appeal to diverse audiences, from policymakers to social scientists and journalists," the review said.

Moody is also in the process of finding a publisher for another work, which is focusing on how the media frames black and white women.

Moody has also taught a course specifically dedicated to media framing titled Radford Seminar: Women and Minorities in the Media. The class will be offered again this spring.

Houston senior Chrystal Buckner, who took Moody's Women and Minorities in the Media course, said Moody's passion for her research leaked over into her teaching, creating a course that has a great impact on students.

"It was a good course. I thought we learned a lot about how the media frames different cultures, especially women," Buckner said. "[Moody] would do presentations on research that she had personally done and she would be very passionate about it."

Moody said many of her students have had been thankful for knowledge they acquired in the course.

"Students will tell me at the end of the semester 'thank you,'" Moody said. "It will be the first time that many of them have ever talked about media framing. The media shows us images to sell products, but many of students have never talked about it. It's liberating, particularly for the female students."

Moody said a knowledge and awareness of media framing is crucial especially these days, and encourages anyone interested in learning more to enroll in her course next semester.



SHANNA TAYLOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Mia Moody, professor of journalism, recently published "Black and Mainstream Press' Framing of Racial Profiling: A Historical Perspective," a book about racial profiling in the media.

Former Mafia boss shares views on women in business

By KELSEY MOHR
REPORTER

One second in line to be a New York mafia boss, Michael Franzese had a major change of heart. Today he is a strong Christian and motivational speaker who travels all over the country.

Franzese addressed Baylor Business Women Tuesday night on the topic of Dollars and Sense: Gender and Power in Business.

Franzese is the former Captain of the Colombo crime family and was at no. 18 on Fortune Magazine's "Fifty Most Wealthy and Powerful Mafia Bosses" list in the '80s.

"Franzese was one of the biggest money-earners the mob had seen since Al Capone," said the Organized Crime Task Force, an organization that investigates and prosecutes multicounty, multi-state and multinational organized criminal activities occurring within the state of New York.

Franzese was successful as a mobster because of his great head for business. He had his hand in many different business ventures, both legal and illegal, including movie production.

While working on a movie set, Franzese met his future wife

Cammy Garcia, a dancer from California, who shared her faith with him and helped to change his heart.

"If it wasn't for a woman in my life, I wouldn't be here. I'd either be dead or in prison. My wife was a tremendous force in my life," Franzese said.

After coming from a world that women are excluded from, Garcia was a direct contradiction to everything else around him, Franzese said.

"She's had an absolutely major impact on my life. I believe she saved my life because she was definitely the catalyst God used to make this major change in my life bringing me to the Lord," Franzese said.

"I'm just amazed. All the struggles that we've had, all the issues we've been through, eight years in prison, 13 months on parole, death threats in my life, this girl has gone through so much. She's been my absolute foundation and rock."

Since his first speaking engagement to professional athletes about illegal gambling, Franzese has visited more than 400 universities. This is his fourth visit to Baylor.

"I love the Christian principle



MATTHEW HELLMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Franzese, described as "one of the biggest money earners the mob had seen since Al Capone," speaks at a Baylor Business Women event as a guest lecturer Tuesday in the Cashion Academic center.

that [Baylor] is built on. I think it's for real at Baylor and I say that because I've been to other Christian universities that seem to me to be hiding their Christianity and their faith and I don't like that," Franzese said.

It may not have been his first visit to Baylor, but it was his first time speaking to an audience of businesswomen.

"I've been dealing with so many women lately in high positions and I've been really enjoying it, so women are doing a good job in my view, and I wouldn't mind telling you if I didn't think they were," Franzese said.

Franzese was chosen to speak Tuesday night by Baylor Business Women after Melanie

Smith, academic adviser and Baylor Business Women faculty adviser, met him at a conference he spoke at in Los Angeles four years ago.

The lecture was a new spin on what Franzese usually speaks about.

"We wanted to make a way for him to talk about his experiences and his past and then be able to relate that to women in business," said Kalie Karnes, Kansas City senior and Baylor Business Women programs chair.

"I feel that business is business, whether it is being conducted by a woman or a man. I certainly don't believe that there should be a difference in pay scale between men and women. Whoever does the job, they should be paid equally," Franzese said.

Today Smith is taking Franzese to speak to the prisoners in the Prison Entrepreneurship Program, a Houston-based nonprofit organization that connects the nation's top executives, MBA students and politicians with convicted felons and Baylor Business Women's philanthropy.

"I visit a lot of prisons and speak to a lot of inmates and they really do appreciate people from

the outside imparting any kind of knowledge or wisdom or encouragement that you can give them," Franzese said.

Along with a busy speaking schedule, Franzese is an author.

He has written four books, two of which were published this year.

His newest book, "The Good, the Bad and the Forgiven," is just now being released in bookstores.

"I'm really excited about this book because I see it as a ministry tool that will really encourage people, give them hope and make them understand that no matter what you have done in life we have a loving God that is there to forgive you," Franzese said.

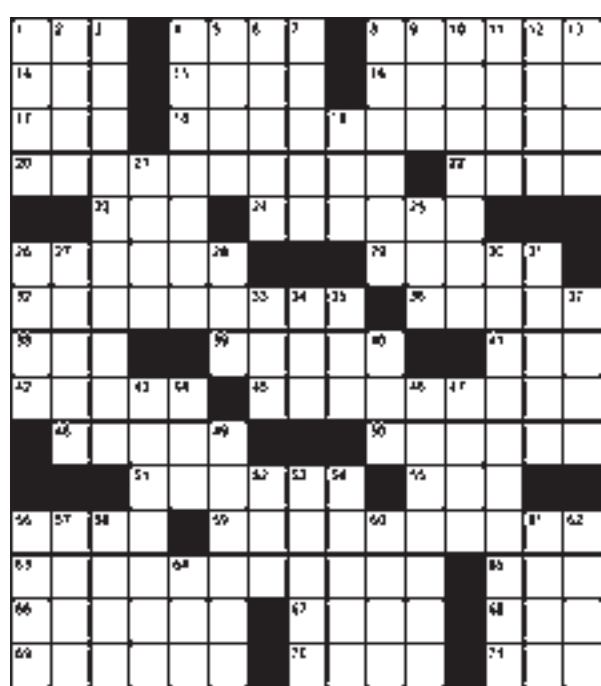
This book is unlike his previous works because it focuses strongly on his faith and the change it made in his life.

"I always have stories of the past that impacted me and made me realize that God allowed me to go through that in preparation for what he has me doing now. So people always enjoy the mob stories in every book that I write, that is a big part of it, but they are stories with a purpose," Franzese said.

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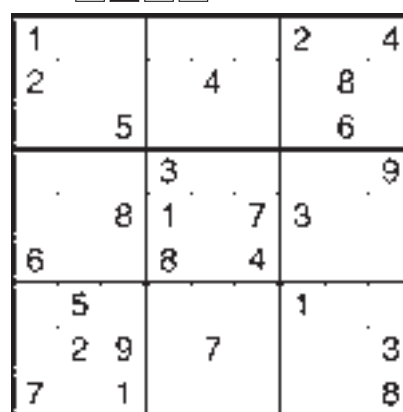
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Law school to promote National Adoption Day

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The Law School's Public Interest Legal Society will be holding adoption hearings from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday at the law school in conjunction with National Adoption Day, a day set aside to celebrate adoptive families and provide an opportunity for courts to finalize the adoptions of foster care children. "The students and I coordinate everything with McLennan County Office of Child Protective Services," said Bridget M. Fuselier, associate professor of law and the Public Interest Legal Society faculty sponsor, in a press release. "We secure donations from the community, present gift baskets to the families and have a reception in their honor. This year, we plan to have 19 children who have their adoptions finalized." This will be the society's second year to participate in National Adoption Day, and the adoptions hearings will be presided over by 74th District Court Judge Gary Coley Jr. The 74th District Court is a court of general jurisdiction, mainly covering civil cases including all child protective services cases in McLennan County. "We definitely have higher participation in that this year we are having 19 adoption ceremonies," said Anjolie Patel, law student and secretary-treasurer of the Public Interest Legal Society. Nationally, more than 25,000 children have had their adoptions finalized on National Adoption Day since it began

10 years ago.

November is National Adoption Awareness Month, with specific emphasis on the adoption of children who are in foster care.

Law students Joshua Borderud and Brandon Kinard began the Public Interest Legal Society in August 2006. "It's very important that we learn how to balance work and public service," Patel said. The motivation for the creation of the society was the part of the Baylor Law School mission statement about "a commitment to public service and leadership within one's community and profession (and) a commitment to ensuring meaningful public access to our system of justice." "Right now from a leadership perspective, more than anything we are trying to put together a list of sources for the other members. We've been looking really hard to find opportunities to serve the Waco public interest," Patel said. The society has more than 50 members who are working with community service organizations such as the Salvation Army soup kitchen and Catholic Charities immigration services. "I really love being able to do these sort of projects like National Adoption Day. It allows you to go back to school more enthused," Patel said.

The Public Interest Legal Society works as a group with National Adoption Day and the People's Law School.

"When you are so busy as a law student, you tend to lose sight of the bigger picture," Patel said.

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experience having three or four fouls and learning how to play with them," Griner said, "Luckily this wasn't possession by possession and we had a good enough lead."

Ashley Field also made the most of her playing time and scored seven points in just over three minutes, giving the Lady Bears a 33-19 lead. She benefitted from her ability to finish plays,

often getting open in the low post and receiving accurate passes for layups.

Veteran guard Melissa Jones and forward Morghan Medlock scored nine and 13 respective points.

The Lady Bears combined to block 13 Golden Eagles shots and steal 12 times, getting 64 of their points from the bench.

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"We wanted to only raise money for the scholarship this year because it is such a good cause," Kim said. "Those other projects are great, but they usually need another donor and this gift gives seniors the opportunity to allow someone to have a Baylor education."

Marty Wold, faculty adviser for the senior class gift, said the gift has existed for many years, but these past two years, seniors have worked mainly toward scholarships.

"The senior class gift has been a tradition at Baylor that has been going on for a very long time," Wold said. "There were a number of senior classes who tried to start scholarship funds and also many left something tangible they could come back and see, like Bear Park next to South Russell."

However, Wold explains that many of those areas on campus that many of the previous gifts, such as beautifying campus, or building statues, weren't getting as much use as the seniors would like, therefore they decided to make a scholarship their main goal.

"In 2007, the officers sat down and started brainstorming a large way to make an impact on campus and they came up with the idea of a scholarship," Wold said. "Which other senior classes had tried to do, but it was always that class trying to start its own and if they couldn't get there then a lot of times that money would sit there and wait till a point when it is fully funded. So really the only logical way to make that happen was to make a permanent senior class gift, which is when we make the senior class gift endowed scholarship."

That first year the scholarship raised \$29,000, which was used at that time to endow a \$25,000 scholarship, and financially helped a student.

Those interested in apply for the scholarship, which will be posted in the spring, are able to do so online at www.baylor.edu/finaid.

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are giving much more coverage to the high school sports and we are actually thickening the paper.

We have lowered our advertising rates and thickened our newspaper to give the people a better variety and at the same time, we have moved from the left to the center on the opinion page, with a slight bend to the right.

The opinion page had shifted more to the left than I like. I am a conservative and my thinking is more conservative. I'm tempering my personal thoughts toward the center more, trying to make this more of a centerist paper, and I'm trying to appeal to both sides. And fairly balance everything in the truest sense.

Will the coverage of Baylor change? One of your columns said, "There will be very positive coverage of Baylor University. But there will also be negative coverage if there deserves to be negative coverage." Can you define negative coverage?

To me, nothing negative has happened at Baylor University since I've owned the newspaper. But back seven or eight years ago, the basketball scandals that were going on at Baylor University were certainly negative and would have been covered in a negative manner - it would have been reported. I'm not going to go out of my way - ever - to harm Baylor University. Period. If Baylor University does something, which I doubt they would, ever, that harms someone, it would certainly be reported. But I can't imagine what that is.

What would you say to many of the retired professors who think that Baylor is changing from a teaching university to a research university?

It's not changing. It's adding research. Baylor is not de-emphasizing teaching. Baylor is only adding the research programs, and unfortunately the retired professors out there taught at Baylor during a different time. It's not the same Baylor that it used to be and that's

a good thing. Baylor is moving forward. It's moved so far forward in the last 10 years, I can't believe it. And I'm all for everything that's going on out there. I see nothing wrong with change. Most people don't like change, most people hate change. They ran Robert Sloan off because he changed Baylor. He made it better. You have to move forward, not backward.

As a Baylor alumnus, how do you feel about what has happened between BU and the Baylor Alumni Association?

Well I am the original founder of Friends of Baylor, and I founded it because Baylor was not getting the support from anywhere that Baylor needed. I founded it on the principles of supporting the university all the time. We support the administration, the board of regents, the faculty, the students and the parents. We support Baylor. We don't support them part time. We don't support them when we feel like it. We support Baylor University unequivocally. We think that the board of regents are smart people. They are capable of running that university. We don't think it's the alumni association's duty to be a watchdog for Baylor University. Baylor doesn't need a watchdog. And for me, while I'm a lifetime member and have been for a long, long time of the alumni association, I'm not an advocate of what they're doing in their watchdog, independent status that may be harmful to Baylor. I don't ever want to do anything harmful to Baylor or allowed to be done. I support Baylor all the time, not when I want to.

Do you wish the alumni association had been absorbed into the university?

Absolutely. It was the biggest mistake they ever made in their life. Any time somebody makes the biggest mistake, it can be a fatal mistake.

You're talking to someone who has put their money where their mouth is and will continue to do it. I don't mouth about

what's wrong with Baylor. I mouth about what's right with Baylor and I put my money up. A lot of people who mouth about Baylor, you go back and you look, they don't contribute to Baylor other than negative controversy. The people who support Baylor with money are the supporters of Baylor University— money and full commitment to that university, not part-time commitment.

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working to streamline the policies and procedures that have proved ineffective.

Dr. Jon Singletary, director of the School of Social Work's Center for Family and Community Ministries, said the problem of hunger affects the Baylor community, as well.

"There have been and are Baylor students who are hungry," Singletary said. "Food insecurity is what the government uses to designate hunger in the U.S. and the term means not knowing where your next meal is coming from. Baylor has had students who qualify for food stamps and the WIC program."

The biblical mandate to feed the hungry is also a driving force behind the Texas Hunger Initiative.

"Christ's call to feed the hungry is an echo of the Old Testament prophets, of the law itself, and it expresses God's desire that all of God's children should be cared for and fed," Singletary said. "Even some of Jesus' most simple acts of love, like sharing a meal with others, were seen not only as hospitality, but as bold acts of justice."

For students who wish to be a part of Texas Hunger Initiative's work, Everett outlines three ways they can get involved. The initiative needs people to be community organizers with them, volunteer their time or to become a partner. Everett describes a partner as someone who believes in the cause, but may not have time to be involved. He encourages those students to raise awareness about the issue of hunger.

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