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**BCM director says online petition distorts talks as possible merger**  
  
By SARA TIRRITO  
STAFF WRITER

In opposition to talk of a merger between Baylor University and Baylor College of Medicine, a group from the college began an online petition. It has since gained 534 signa-

tures, some accompanied by comments or notes to Interim President of Baylor College of Medicine William Butler and Marc Shapiro, chair of the Baylor College of Medicine Board of Trustees.  
The petition states that the two institutions’ missions are “incongruous” and that science and medicine should not be mixed with religion.  
“As BU is a religion-affiliated institution that promotes values and teachings from religious

beliefs throughout its ranks, we cannot overlook the restrictive influence that this potential merger would have on BCM, a leading biomedical research-oriented college,” the petition states. “The religious ideologies that permeate throughout BU’s academic policies may adversely affect both scientific progress and the culture at BCM, particularly in relation to issues such as evolution, embryonic stem cells, and sexual orientation. While we respect everyone’s right to

religion in his or her own life, we believe that science and medicine must be separate from religion, and urge you to reject any such merger.”  
In an e-mail to the Lariat, Lori Williams, executive director of public affairs and media relations at Baylor College of Medicine, said a merger was never considered.  
“The online petition focused on the possible merger of Baylor College of Medicine and Baylor University,” Williams said. “A

merger between the two institutions was never under consideration.”  
In an e-mail to the university last Thursday, Baylor’s Dr. David Garland said that a strengthened affiliation with the College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital is being considered.  
“We believe that such a strengthened affiliation could be helpful to the University’s continued growth and advancement,” Garland wrote. “Talk of

a strengthened affiliation has encouraged us to think broadly about some exciting new opportunities for the faculty and students of Baylor University.”  
Dr. David Pennington, professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Baylor, said concerns that an affiliation could enable the university to dictate what research opportunities are pursued by Baylor College of Medicine are unfounded. He

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Exploring our thoughts: Science, theology meet  
Profes discuss unity, separation of two disciplines

By CATY HIRST  
STAFF WRITER

Science and theology have been enemies since Nicolaus Copernicus removed the Earth from the center of the universe, and the rift just widened with Darwinism and carbon dating of the Earth. Now, some Baylor faculty members are trying to unite science and theology, convinced the two do not contradict.  
Dr. Donald Schmeltekopf, provost emeritus and director for the Center for Ministry Effectiveness, headed a conference at the First Baptist Church of Austin on Saturday entitled “Science and Faith Breaking Down the Wall.”  
Dr. Barry Harvey, professor of theology in the honors college, began the conference with a lecture entitled “What’s God

Got To Do With It: Why Theology and the Physical Sciences are Not in (Epistemic) Competition.”  
Harvey emphasized that the Bible and the physical sciences explore two different types of knowledge, which do not conflict or compete with each other. He gave the example of the creation story.  
“The knowledge offered by the Bible aims at establishing a different set of relations with the world and the one who brought it into being out of nothing,” Harvey said in an interview Monday.  
The physical sciences explore creation by the changes that have occurred and what brings about those changes. He said the physical sciences seek to establish relations with the physical world though measurements,

predictions, and manipulations. The Bible is trying to convey God’s power and involvement with the world.  
Harvey said the creation story helps the church see itself in relation to a triumphant God so that life and freedom can flourish. He said poetic images, such as God scooping up dirt to make the human being in Genesis Chapter 2, makes God’s involvement with man and man’s involvement with God intimate and concrete.  
“The parables use material that is drawn from the everyday world, though they do not describe events that occurred at a certain time and place,” Harvey said. “The parables are still true in what they tell us about God and God’s dealings with

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Pledge the pounds to feed Waco’s hungry  
Weight loss challenge helps local food banks

By JOHN ELIZONDO  
REPORTER

There is now a way to lose weight and help the community at the same time, thanks to the Pound for Pound Challenge, which is being sponsored for the first time by the Baylor fitness department to help serve Waco food banks.  
The Pound for Pound Challenge organization will donate 14 cents to Feeding America, a national food bank distributor, for every pound pledged to be

lost. Feeding America will then donate and distribute the money to local food banks, Caritas and Mission Waco. According to its Web site, 14 cents is the amount of money deliver one pound of food to a food bank.  
“The Pound for Pound Challenge will donate a pound of food for every pound of weight pledged to be lost and it is going on now until June 30 of this year” Crystal Brewster, campus recreation graduate assistant, said. “So what we are trying to do as Baylor’s fitness department is to

get the whole Waco and Baylor community involved because our community does have a dire need for food in our food banks, and we could all get fit.”  
This is the first time the challenge is taking place at Baylor, and the visionary of the event, assistant director for campus recreation fitness Van Davis, believes it is the perfect source of motivation for people who want to lose weight.

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Bears beat UMass

No. 13 center Ekpe Udoh shoots over No. 22 forward Sampson Carter of the Massachusetts Minutemen on Saturday at the Ferrell Center. The Bears took down the Minutemen 71-45 in their last non-conference game of the season. Read the full story at [www.baylorlariat.com](http://www.baylorlariat.com).

220,000 gallons evaporated, dispersed in oil spill

By JOHN MCFARLAND  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — The worst Texas oil spill in more than 15 years was contained Monday, and authorities credit a massive emergency response with averting an environmental disaster.  
About 462,000 gallons of oil spilled when an 800-foot tanker headed for an Exxon Mobil Corp. refinery in Beaumont collided Saturday with a vessel pushing two barges. As of Monday, roughly 220,000 gallons of oil had evaporated, dispersed or been recovered, the U.S. Coast Guard said.  
No injuries have been reported. Port Arthur residents were evacuated after the spill while officials tested the air quality. So far only two oil-covered birds have been reported; one of them was captured and cleaned up,

and the other flew away.  
More than 60 vessels and 550 people from the Coast Guard, the state, the shipping company and others responded to the spill. More than 11 miles worth of the plastic walls known as booms are floating around the spill, and 27 skimmer boats were removing the oil floating on the water.  
“This response has helped contain this oil and keep it from becoming a catastrophe,” said Texas General Land Office spokesman Jim Suydam. “Had this oil escaped the ship channel, it could have been a catastrophe.”  
It was the largest spill in Texas since 1990, when a Norwegian tanker spilled 4.3 million gallons about 60 miles off Galveston. The state typically has about 800 spills a year, but nearly all involve less than one

barrel, according to the Texas General Land Office.  
Two sensitive wildlife areas near the spill remain unaffected by it. The spill is mostly contained in a 2-mile stretch of the Sabine Neches Waterway near Port Arthur, about 90 miles east of Houston. The estuaries and other delicate environments are crucial for fish, shrimp and “everything that lives in the Gulf,” Suydam said.  
Environmental watchdogs were encouraged by the speedy response but concerned about what air pollutants people nearby were exposed to.  
Hilton Kelley, a Port Arthur environmental activist and head of the group Community In-Power and Development Association, said he was near the water Saturday during the evacuation. He said the smell was so overpowering that he had to put

on a respirator mask, and that he told two women walking down the street with their coats over their faces to leave because it was dangerous.  
“The fumes were just unbearable,” he said. “Our main concern is the number of people who might have been impacted over the long term by the fumes.”  
The evacuation was lifted Saturday night. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality was monitoring the air and water quality and said there were no reports of problems with drinking water or wastewater.  
“We’ve learned a lot over the years how to do this right,” said Tom “Smitty” Smith of the activist group Public Citizen. “The downsides, of course, are the long-term impacts of the people who are exposed to the



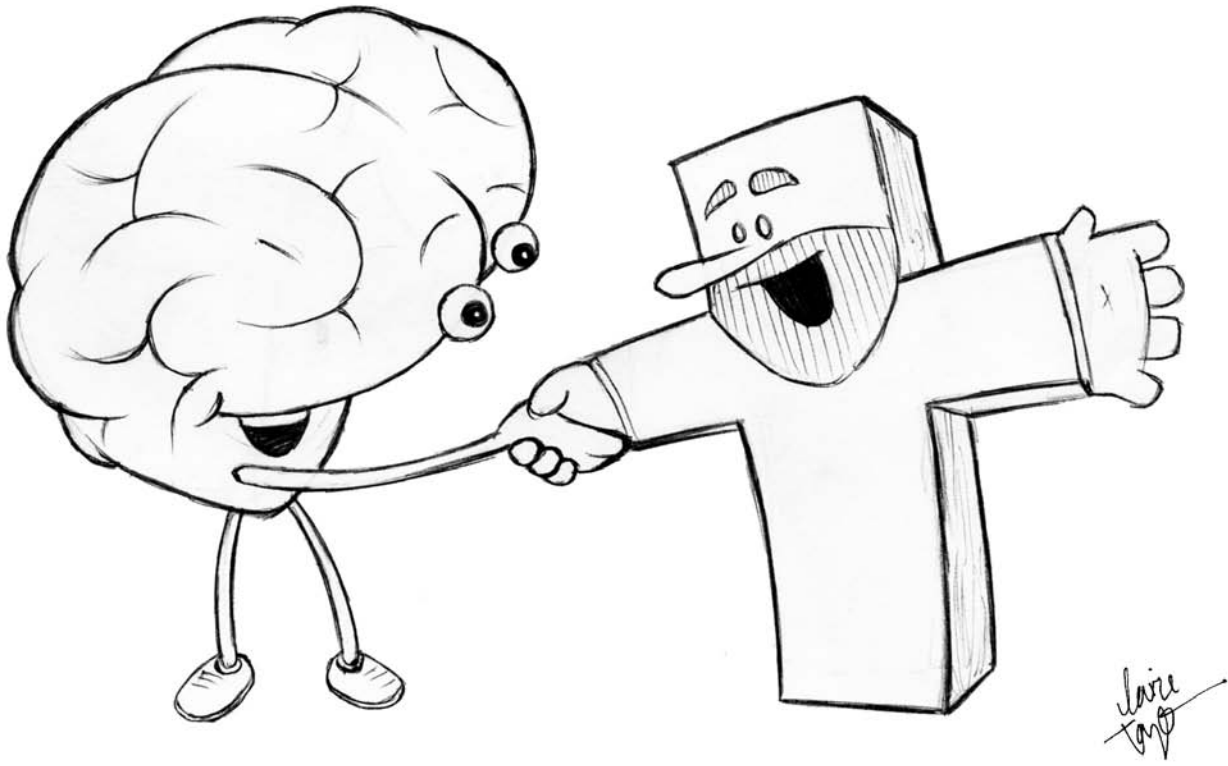
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Officials ride along the water where crude oil was spilled when two vessels collided, Saturday causing as much as 450,000 gallons of crude oil to spill in Port Arthur. Officials contained the spill but were still assessing the scope and cause Monday.  
Coast Guard said. Coast Guard Petty Officer Larry Chambers

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# Reasoning against affiliation appears faulty in light of Baylor’s research

As word that Baylor University is in talks with Baylor College of Medicine to pursue a closer affiliation spreads throughout the academic community, opposition is mounting at the medical school.

Although both universities have made it clear that any closer affiliation would not equate a merger, an online petition from some of the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Baylor College of Medicine clearly states their opposition to either idea. In their view, Baylor’s religiously-oriented mission permeates the academic culture to the point of being a danger to the college’s scientific progress and degrading its reputation.

“We cannot overlook the restrictive influence that this potential merger would have on BCM, a leading biomedical research-oriented college,” the petition reads. “While we respect everyone’s right to religion...we believe that science and medicine must be separate from religion, and urge you to reject any such merger.”

While it is true that Baylor has a mission grounded in religious beliefs, it is both narrow-minded and presumptuous to insinuate that our Christian heritage makes us any less of a prestigious institute or assume that our faith will hinder the medical school’s reputation. In fact, Baylor College of Medicine is already affiliated with a number of other institutions, including St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital and The Methodist Hospital — both of which are faith-based institutions.

Despite these facts, many who signed the Baylor College of Medicine petition, which has 534 signatures thus far, left comments suggesting that the mission of a religious-affiliated university and a biomedical research-oriented college can only clash in the long run.

“It would be the beginning of the end for the Baylor College of Medicine,” one commenter posted. “It would really be a great loss for American science. The proud institution would lose the brightest minds, students and at the end reputation. Merging with the Baylor University is not the answer.”

However, what they fail to account for is the fact that although Baylor is a Christian university, it is also a nationally acclaimed teaching institution and an emerging research commu-

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nity with educated faculty from around the world, as well as top-of-the-line training facilities. The Carnegie Foundation has classified Baylor as a research university with high research activity receiving more than \$40 million in active research grants. Many of Baylor’s bioscience programs have earned an international reputation, including the premedical program. According to the Baylor Web site, the acceptance rate of Baylor students into medical schools is much higher than the national average.

While remaining committed to its Christian mission, Baylor has continued to progress in the realm of research, especially scientific, with a keen eye for our perception and reputation in the broader academic world.

The idea of a religious affiliation hindering scientific progress at this university is a faulty argument, at best. Though funding for research was a past concern, Baylor researchers are no longer prohibited from seeking out and accepting federal or state funds to further their work.

Just last week the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas awarded Baylor a \$200,000 grant to be put toward research on new cancer treatment agents. The institute wouldn’t have provided these funds to a university that isn’t regarded as a serious presence in the research fields.

Baylor also remains on the cutting edge with first-rate facilities and equipment. Just this semester a new professor joined the physics department, bringing with her the equipment and knowledge necessary to start a Scanning Tunneling Microscopy lab. The lab will be equipped with the tools to show actual atoms and molecules on surfaces.

Baylor’s mission may be one grounded in a religious faith, but this mission is certainly not its only one. Diversity of education for students, innovative research and a firm commitment to society are all things Baylor strives for on a daily basis. Our Christian mission makes us unique in the academic and research worlds, but it does not hinder us, and a strengthened affiliation with Baylor College of Medicine will not impede the progress or damage the reputation of either entity.

## Point of View



BY OLGA BALL

During the fall semester, I learned more about Brazil, Japan, China and many other countries. I was able to taste cuisine from all over the world and listen to music from artists I would have never discovered on my own. No, I didn’t study abroad. I got to know the international students here on campus.

In a conversation with Beth Walker, the former international student relations coordinator, she told me, “We need to fulfill the responsibility of friendship to people who come to our country — if we make good connections, international students go home with a better feeling about the United States.”

I hear people complaining about how other countries view the United States. By extending hospitality to international students, we can change that opinion, one person at a time.

I know the feeling of being dumped into a new culture with no real sense of direction. When I first moved to the United States, I knew three words — hi, bye and frog. Unfortunately the sentence, “Hi frog, bye!” does not get you far in life, so I had to learn the language and adapt to the culture of a completely new country. Although international students usually have a much more solid background in the English language than I did, the transition is still scary. In my conversations with international students this semester, they told me that the easiest way for

them to adapt was to communicate with students from the United States who were willing to guide them during their time at Baylor.

Just as international students can learn about the United States culture and Baylor life from us, we have so much to learn from them and their experiences in their home country.

I have learned about the many differences between university life in United States and other countries. I have danced to cultural dances and learned about fashion around the

world. I have felt much more cultured without ever stepping out of the Baylor environment. We don’t always have a chance to travel to every country, but we do have the opportunity to learn about different countries from others.

I encourage you to reach out to the international student community this semester. It’s easier than you might think. You could join PAWS or simply attend one of the free international student dinners, which are open to all students. If you see international students in one of your classes, ask them about their home country. Reach out. The impact you make by a simple gesture is much greater than you could ever imagine.

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## Resumes reflect experience, no drive

### Point of View

BY LIZ FOREMAN



A few years ago, I listened as a seasoned journalist regaled me with the story of how he landed his first job at a newspaper.

Like in the movies, he simply walked in, handed the editor his resume and said he was willing to do anything necessary to write for the paper — anything. He was given a chance to prove himself, and prove himself, he did.

I was inspired enough to try this tactic two years ago. I wanted the same opportunity, to prove myself.

In keeping with our modern age, I called the local newspaper back home, which did not typically offer internships, and asked for a chance to work in the newsroom for free during the summer. Unfortunately, the conversation quickly deteriorated and I resorted to begging to get coffee and sweep the floor. My offer was declined for reasons related to the editor’s problem with the ethics of unpaid internships, and foremost, his inability to promise anyone a full-time position due to a then-crumbling economy.

From this and subsequent experiences, I learned a valuable lesson.

Employers are not used to this type of initiative by young people anymore. In fact, they often do not know how to react. Most have become so accustomed to sitting at a desk, rifling through stacks of paper for a glimpse at an applicant’s character in the form of ink, that such a gesture is unwanted.

While this sort of strategy was once a good way for inexperienced but eager young adults to stand out among career professionals, it is no longer so effective. Thanks to a widely accepted but rigid and impersonal application process, selecting candidates has become discriminatory toward inexperienced college graduates.

The typical resume and cover letter combination in format reduces applicants to a page or two, purposefully streamlining the process for the time-starved employers who would rather nix the under-qualified with a glance than a good, old-fashioned conversation.

It is we, the inexperienced young adults, who suffer the effects of this quick, experience-centric mode of assessing job candidates. Especially now, with qualified men and women competing with young prospects for the same job, the less-experienced often cannot expect to look good on paper. A resume is designed to highlight only experiences, while a cover letter does not allow for a fair chance at exhibiting potential — the key to our success.

It may also be our generation’s fault. Maybe we have become lazy and so accustomed to this process as well, believing that anything more seems absurd.

It is fresh minds like ours that employers need. While the wave of new technology and ideas threatens to overtake our parents’ generation, it is one we’ve been surfing since birth. As Millennials, we are expected to rewrite the rules and test boundaries. These are traits that employers need, especially in this economy, and they know it.

However, the rigid format in which we are taught to adhere to in job applications directly contradicts the creativity and fresh ideals we have to offer. Often, with the exception of certain fields, an application packet that veers from the norm directly translates into an applicant not being taken seriously.

Either way, it is up to this generation of young professionals to change this process in the future. We must get out of our rut and expect more of ourselves in the application process.

We must present ourselves in a way that ensures face-time with a prospective employer. I’m not simply talking about spicing up a cover letter by printing it on high-quality paper (this should be a given).

In a time when a prestigious degree from Baylor will not ensure a post-graduate salaried endeavor, I believe it’s OK to start pushing boundaries and surprising employers. While respecting business etiquette, I think our generation needs to start transforming the application process back to a more personal one.

The newspaper experience did not deter me from exercising the personal method in later applications, although my strategy differed a little.

It’s up to us to go beyond the application packet to show employers that we are not only qualified, but willing to do anything it takes.

As applicants, we have the right to set the standard for what we expect of employers. We should expect attention to potential and character, not just experience. Unless we start doing this, the inexperienced young professional will continue to be stuck in a cycle that overlooks our greatest assets.

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# Model Arab League opens minds of participants to culture and politics

BY NEELY GUTHRIE  
REPORTER

A two-and-a-half-day convention, weeks of preparation and hours of research give Baylor students a firsthand look at how the Arab world functions.

Each spring, Baylor sponsors a Model Arab League, which simulates the Arab League of Nations that represents one or more Arab nations at a regional competition.

Each nation has several committees, such as an environmental, social or defense committee, with two delegates per group.

"A lot of people would say, 'Oh, it's one of those things that looks good on your resume,' but things like that are important because it's a unique opportunity," San Antonio junior Christina Riley said.

Riley learned about the Model Arab League freshman year from her twin, Caterina Riley, who heard about it in her Arabic class.

Although the Model Arab League is extracurricular, it is worth one credit hour for participating.

The Rileys have participated in the Model Arab League the past two years and are getting ready for a third.

Dr. Mark Long, director of the Middle East studies program and associate professor in the honors college, and Dr. William Baker, associate director of the Middle East studies program and senior lecturer in Arabic and Middle East studies, are the faculty leaders for the league this year. Baker began advising the team when he came to Baylor in 2000.

Baker said that in the beginning, he wasn't given much guidance and was not sure of what was expected of him.

Now, however, the students handle most of the responsibility.

"You know what? Baylor students continuously amaze Dr. Long and me," Baker said.

"It seems like year in year out, regardless of what team we put

together, Baylor students do an outstanding job. It has nothing to do with Dr. Long's involvement or mine. Matter of fact, last year I was least involved and they seemed to do the best they'd ever done," Baker said.

The league meets biweekly and participants usually discuss current events of their assigned country during the meetings.

Their instructor describes the correct parliamentary procedure to follow because the competition is a political debate.

"The leaders would typically emphasize that you need to take on the guise of your country," Christina said. "You need to get to know your country and speak as if you were someone from that area."

Students not only learn role-playing and public speaking skills but are also able to widen their scope of understanding.

"[Students also learn] how to see things from another perspective because you can't look at it from a Western perspective," Caterina said.

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Caterina gave an example of a student who was supposed to represent Egypt but was acting very business-like. She said that is not how they conduct business in the Middle East.

"I would say that [perspective] is really important, especially now because you have so much bias in the West against the Middle East and a lot of misunderstanding," Christina said.

The competition, which will be held this year at University of North Texas, is primarily a political discussion but also features cultural aspects. Caterina said the competition usually offers Middle Eastern food and traditional Arab dancing.

Christina and Caterina, often finishing each other's sentences, said, "After the entertainment was done, we went up to the Arab peoples and we kind of started dancing a little bit and all of the foreign kids came over and started dancing, ... it was really funny."

# White brings added asset to women's track and field

BY JEREMY JOSEPH  
REPORTER

DeSoto freshman Skylar White holds titles such as Dallas Morning News' 2008 Girls All-Area Track and Field Athlete of the Year; Sports Day's 2008 Girl Athlete of the Year; and back-to-back UIL 5A shot put and discus champion as a high school sophomore and junior.

The last time the No. 16-ranked women's track and field team had a field athlete come in with those kind of credentials was Brittany Devereaux in 2005.

White has already shattered her records.

"It's been a while since we've had someone like Skylar come in. The last time we've had a girl like this come in was Brittany Devereaux, who got here in 2005," head coach Todd Harbour said. "We haven't had many of them; it's not just an event we've been strong at, so it's nice to get a girl like Skylar."

White was ranked as one of the top five female throwers of the decade by TXRunning.com, an affiliate of Milesplit.us, the nation's premier high school track

and field/cross country network.

Skylar set a personal best and broke a school record in the shot put Jan. 23 at the Razorback Invitational with a throw of 49-1 1/3.

"You can build around someone like Skylar," Harbour said. "She's going to be a good discus thrower as well."

Not only does White bring her credentials with her, but also she brings a can-do attitude.

"You will never see a person with a bigger smile," her throwing coach at DeSoto High School, Willie Beal, said. "She is very desirable to be around. Her character

was second-to-none. I never heard a negative word from her."

White said she thinks she can bring a new environment to the team.

"I think I can bring smiles and a little more joy and happiness," White said. "I can also contribute to this team since they haven't had a thrower in two years, so I will be able to bring in points and contribute to their success."

White was successful as a high school athlete. She was a four-time Texas 5A State Champion in throws. She won her last state championship in 2008 with

a shot put throw of 46-5 1/4 and a discus toss of 154-6.

"Skylar came to us already prepared, technically speaking," Beal said. "Her throwing was real good. Her coach Mike Carter in the summer was real good. He prepared her for high school. Outside of that, Mike would work with her during the offseason. We tried to add strength through weight strengthening."

He also said that she even helped coach ninth-graders and inspired other kids in the program to work harder.

Beal thinks that White will

only help Baylor and help build their field reputation.

"She brings a winning attitude. Because of her outstanding achievements she can inspire the other throwers to do better than what they have done," Beal said. "She will probably be the biggest name in terms of throwers to the newcomers. Baylor has been known for its running ability, but she will help with the field aspect."

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added that in his years at Baylor, the university's Baptist affiliation has not kept the chemistry department from being able to pursue any research topics.

"Any thought that we would govern what they can or cannot do research on is based on misinformation," Pennington said. "In my entire experience at Baylor, I have never seen anyone at the chemistry department denied an opportunity to participate in research."

Garland noted in his e-mail that Baylor is classified as having high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation and that university researchers can now utilize federal and state funds in their work.

Dr. Jaime Diaz-Granados, associate professor and chair of psychology and neuroscience, said comments on the petition, a misperception of the university. "It seems like some of the comments on the petition are coming from a misperception of us being a Bible college that is against doing research, and clearly we're

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this wayward creatures, even if that knowledge is not of the kind given us by either the writers of history or physical scientists."

Dr. Gerald Cleaver, associate professor in the physics department, followed Harvey with his lecture titled "Faith and the New Cosmology."

Cleaver outlined the basics of string theory, the fundamental particle of the universe, and talked about how human kind has perceived the universe in the past and the current understanding of the universe.

"It has gone from something very simple to a more accurate perception of reality," Cleaver said.

"For example, Genesis was written in the context of the three-leveled universe. Basically you have the flat earth, the ocean on which it floated, and then below that was the land of the dead."

Cleaver said mankind has gone from this three-leveled perception to a geocentric view of the universe, in which the earth is the center, to a heliocentric view where the sun is the center.

Scientists now know there are many galaxies, and Cleaver said there are indications in modern cosmology that there are many universes.

Cleaver said it is important to note that Genesis was written during a time period when knowledge about the universe was limited, and people must read Genesis with the new knowledge scientists have recently uncovered.

Dr. Phyllis Tippit, lecturer in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, has a doctorate in geology and spoke on Earth's evolution. At the conference, Tippit gave a lecture titled "Does Life Have a History?"

"We know the Bible is written in an ancient language and it was written in terms the people then could understand," Tippit said.

"The question becomes, if we go back with our knowledge, can we find that there still is truth there that is as applicable today as it was 4,000 years ago? And the answer is yes."

Tippit said the modern world is faced with a plethora of information the ancients did not have knowledge of. Many discoveries

not," Diaz-Granados said. "We have an enormous amount of science research on the campus; we have many collaborations at the Baylor College of Medicine."

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said there are currently 13 vessels waiting offshore to get into the waterway and 11 waiting to get out. He said about a dozen tankers move through the waterway each day.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said the economic impact from closing the waterway could be minimal if it reopens soon.

"If I had to say anything, I think (the closure) will be measured in days, not weeks," Patterson said.

AET Tankers, which owns the Eagle Otome, said it's still unclear exactly how the accident happened.

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have challenged the perception of the world, such as dinosaur remains, carbon dating and evolution. She said fossil remains and DNA evidence have only augmented the theory of evolution and gives the example of fish.

She said scientists can trace the evolution of fish all the way up to reptile.

"You are hard pressed to find scientists today that deny life has changed through time," Tippit said.

"The question becomes how does the church deal with that? If you are a believer, that should drive you back to the Bible."

Tippit said part of the problem people have with understanding science and theology is that they read the Bible through a lens of habit and tradition.

"We see God, for example, as an engineer who builds the bridge and then goes away and leaves it. Or a potter who makes a pot and then sits back and admires it," Tippit said.

"But what if God is a gardener? Gardeners prepare the soil, they choose the seeds, they plant the seeds, craft the trees and prune the trees.

The great thing about gardeners is that they are always involved, and if God is a gardener,

# Beach House's new CD a true 'dream'

By JAMES BYERS  
REPORTER

If Kappa Kappa Gamma allowed Beach House's new album "Teen Dream" to enter the Baylor Beauty Style Show, it would instantly become the prohibitive favorite.

The Baltimore dream pop duo's third studio album is out today, and it sounds absolutely gorgeous. "Teen Dream" overflows with delicate sonic subtleties and beautiful melodies that will likely help the band become the latest indie act to achieve mainstream success.

To understand why "Teen Dream" is so revelatory, it's best to review Beach House's first two albums, 2006's self-titled release and 2008's "Devotion." Both albums follow a similar formula. Victoria Legrand's haunting vocals are complimented by Alex

Scally's colorful guitar textures and a healthy amount of organs and keyboards. The music is slow and dreamy, yet there's little variation between songs. Despite that drawback, it's always apparent that Beach House is capable of big things.

On "Teen Dream," the band takes a significant leap forward. The sound of the first two albums is fleshed out, and each song has a soul all its own. In the third album, everything moves a little faster. "Used to Be" exemplifies this change. Released as a single in 2008, the song was reworked for "Teen Dream" and now sounds much more confident and fully developed. Clearly, the band spent the last two years addressing its weaknesses and perfecting its strengths.

Like all great-sounding albums, details begin to reveal themselves after repeat listens.

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"Most people put together a weight loss goal, they stop [working out] two or three weeks into it, but hopefully this will serve as more of an incentive to do it for a bigger cause than just themselves," Davis said.

According to the organization's Web site, the state of Texas has 7,701 pledges and more than 240,000 pounds of weight pledged. The Baylor Pound for Pound Challenge only has 40 to 60 participants right now including from students, faculty and Waco residents.

Mansfield senior Lauren Novak is participating in the challenge and thinks the event is a great idea that will provide an opportunity for fellow Baylor students to help serve the community.

"I thought it was a good incentive to maintain health and lose a little bit of excess weight so that it is better for our bodies and then give back to the community, especially those that are in need," Novak said.

Novak said some of her friends have signed up for the challenge already and encourages others to

"Silver Soul," an already stunning swirl of reverb-laden guitar, is enhanced by Scally's soft, chant-like background vocals. "Norway" opens with 15 seconds of buzzing noise before yielding to Scally's glittering guitar line and Legrand's breathy vocals, one of the album's most exhilarating moments. "Better Times" is the sun-soaked ballad that will have you longing for spring break.

"Walk in the Park" best summarizes the opposing themes of regret and hope that dominate the album: "The face that you see in the door/isn't standing there anymore," Legrand sings, before she concludes, on a happier note,

"In a matter of time/it would slip from my mind." She may be lovesick, but she maintains an attitude of youthful optimism that gives the album its name.

While Scally's arrange-

ments hold the songs together, Legrand's voice is an instrument in its own respect. She's not a spectacular singer in the sense of hitting absurdly high notes; her voice has a warm, almost husky quality that's perfectly suited to Beach House's brand of nostalgia-tinged pop.

Don't be fooled, she can belt when she wants to, as on "10 Miles Stereo," a standout that features a soaring synth line and Legrand's most emphatic vocal display.

Last week, Vampire Weekend's album "Contra" was the best-selling album in America, proving that small label bands can compete with the corporate giants. "Teen Dream" doesn't have quite the buzz to make that kind of a splash on the charts, but it's so good that Beach House's next album just might.

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do so too.

"It is easy [and free] to join the Pound for Pound Challenge," Brewster said.

To join all people need to do is to go to the Baylor fitness Web site, click on the Pound for Pound Challenge link, state the amount of weight they pledge to lose and then e-mail the fitness department at fitness@baylor.edu to let them know how much weight and how many pounds they pledge to lose.

Davis said there will be many events to help people who join the Pound for Pound challenge, including a Body I.Q. forum at 7 p.m. Thursday in Bennett Auditorium, which will allow students and faculty to ask questions regarding health, wellness and body image.

Prospective participants of the Pound for Pound Challenge may also receive free fitness assessments that will help participants find out body fat percentage, body weight and BMI (Body Mass Index) at 2 p.m. Saturday in the McLane Student Life Center.

Every month, the Baylor Pound for Pound Challenge will

hold fitness events, such as a Bingo Walk; Beach Blanket Bash; Walk, Bike and Rock event and a Kickball Fun Day, to help keep participants active and fit.

Brewster suggested for students to utilize the facilities at the SLC or get involved in any of the campus recreation programs, such as Bearobics and Bear Cycle.

"It is a great opportunity to help set a healthy lifestyle, and it doesn't have to mean losing weight if someone doesn't have any weight to lose," Brewster said. "But just so you could be part of the community and help the community with the food donations that they receive."

Davis thinks the challenge is the perfect way to help the community and one's health.

"You have nothing to lose, except for the weight, but you get to feed the hungry; it is a win-win situation," Davis said.

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