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From left: Waco freshman Alex McElroy, Dallas senior Tyler Yates and Waco senior Elizabeth Joyce join their fellow Baylor Democrats along with The Baylor Republicans and Young Conservatives to watch President Barack Obama's first State of the Union Address live on television Wednesday evening in the Cashion Academic Center.

BU, BCM remain separate

College of Medicine maintains independence

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor College of Medicine released a statement on Wednesday, that it would remain as an “independent, autonomous institution.” This is after weeks of debate regarding a possible change in relationships between BCM and either Baylor or Rice.

Talks with Rice ended Jan. 12, when the two organizations agreed to strengthen their relationship without a formal merger.

In a news release late Wednesday, Dr. William T. Butler, interim president of the BCM, indicated that part of this decision was influenced by the reactions and opinions of the university community.

“These months of discussions with others and thousands of hours spent looking at our organization have left us with one obvious path to take,” Butler said. “We are particularly grateful for the advice and counsel from our faculty, students, staff and alumni. Baylor College of Medicine must take charge of its own destiny.”

Butler stated that the future of the BCM lies within the school itself.

“In both cases, all parties involved decided it was best to support each other without any change in our affiliation status,” Butler said. “All are agreed that we have identified many areas where we can develop joint programs.”

Dr. Dary Stone, chairman of the Baylor Board of Regents released, a statement shortly after announcing that Baylor would cease its talks of the affiliation. At the same time, he confirmed Butler's statement of a mutual withdrawal of talks.

“We agree with the conclusions of BCM's Interim President, Dr. William T. Butler, that our conversations have helped us to identify many areas where our institutions can, in the future, develop joint programs to benefit the research of our faculty, our educational programs and our students,” Stone said.

In addition, Stone pointed out that the relationship between Baylor and

Obama: Change coming too slow

President aims to ease unemployment anxiety

By JENNIFER LOVEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Declaring “I don't quit,” President Barack Obama fought to recharge his embattled presidency with a State of the Union vow to get jobless millions back to work and to stand on the side of Americans angry at Wall Street greed and Washington bickering. Defiant despite stinging setbacks, he said he would fight on for ambitious overhauls of health care, energy and education.

“Change has not come fast enough,” Obama acknowledged Wednesday night before a politician-packed House chamber and a TV audience of millions. “As hard as it may be, as uncomfortable and contentious as the debates may be, it's time to get serious about fixing the problems that are hampering our

growth.”

Obama looked to change the conversation from how his presidency is stalling — over the messy health care debate, a limping economy and the missteps that led to Christmas Day's barely averted terrorist disaster — to how he is seizing the reins. He spoke to a nation gloomy over double-digit unemployment and federal deficits soaring to a record \$1.4 trillion, and to fellow Democrats dispirited about the fallen standing of a president



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Professors, students debate speech

By KATY McDOWALL
REPORTER

The department of political science, Baylor Democrats and College Republicans held a watch party and post-speech forum Wednesday night for President Obama's first State of the Union Address, sparking lively discussion between students and professors.

Obama spoke about the economy, the war in Iraq, education reform, the need for clean energy and a number of other subjects.

Following the address, Dr. Gayle Avant, an associate professor in the political science department, and Dr. John Pisciotta, an associate professor in the economics department, led a discussion about the speech.

“I would call President Obama a progressive and a progressive is someone who believes that government can do good (and) can make the lives of people better,” Pisciotta said. “People like Thomas Jefferson and myself believe government should do very little.”

This speech was important for

Obama because this is a challenging time for Democrats, Avant said.

“This is Obama's first State of the Union message and it's occurring immediately after an election of a Republican senator from Massachusetts who is strongly opposed to Obama's health care initiative,” Avant said.

Obama needs to draw attention away from health care, which has consumed the public for the last 10 or 12 months, and focus on putting jobs and the economy in the foreground, said Dr. Martin Medhurst, distinguished professor of rhetoric and communication and professor of political science.

“It's important politically because Obama's agenda hangs in the balance, especially his health care agenda,” Medhurst said.

Pisciotta said Obama needs to make a double pivot. The first pivot is away from health care and towards job correction, and the second pivot is towards private enterprise.

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Baylor band to hold Haiti benefit concert, auction



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After Midnight, a local band of four Baylor faculty and staff members, will hold a benefit concert at 7 p.m. Friday at Lake Shore Baptist Church. Members include (from left) history professor Barry Hankins, associate professor of journalism Robert Darden, economics department chair Steve Gardner and academic consultant Lance Grigsby.

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

After Midnight, a local band composed of four Baylor faculty and staff members, will be hosting a benefit, “Hope for Haiti,” Friday at Lake Shore Baptist Church. The benefit will last from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The band's members include Baylor associate professor of journalism Robert Darden, professor of history and church-state studies Barry Hankins, professor and chair of economics Steve Gardner, and academic consultant Lance Grigsby. The band hopes the benefit will not only raise money, but also keep awareness of Haiti's plight on the minds of the public.

“We would love to make as much money as possible. The

need will go on for decades; there's no way you can get too much money,” Darden said. “Secondly, for the same reason, I would like to keep this issue in front of the public. To be frank, this is still happening-- people are still dying there. Even if you don't come to our event, I hope you'll remember that this is happening and that you'll be supportive somewhere a month from now, a year from now.”

All proceeds from the benefit will be distributed to World Hunger Relief, Habitat for Humanity and Doctors Without Borders in order to help with post-earthquake efforts in Haiti.

“Any money raised will go immediately to those groups,” Hankins said. “We just wanted to try and identify three local organizations that also have a

presence in Haiti.”

There is no ticket cost, but a minimum \$5 donation is recommended. Donors will have the option to choose which organization will receive their money.

“There's this unbelievable need in Haiti right now. Even though the needs will go on for years, there's a moment right now where it's at the front of everybody's mind so we'd like to respond and kind of do what we can right now,” Gardner said. “There's a possibility we'll want to do this again farther down the road. It's going to take years to rebuild Haiti after what they've gone through.”

The band will also have a silent auction to raise money for the three organizations.

“Obviously money is good in a time like this, and we're

really trying to do the best we can on short notice through things like the silent auction and whatnot to raise money for the various groups,” Grigsby said. “We may not make a lot of money but hopefully anything we get will be some help to somebody.”

The silent auction will include a range of donated items from signed books, homemade jewelry and hour massages, to chances to sing with the band.

“Don't forget to overbid on a massage — you know your wife wants it,” Darden said. “And you know you've always wanted to sing backup on Free Bird — you know you have. This is your chance. Don't try to deny it. And if you want to play cow bell, have I got a cow bell for you.”

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World Mandate to spread evangelical message in Waco

By BRITTNEY HERMAN
REPORTER

Thousands are expected to join in a three-day international mission conference as Antioch Community Church holds its

22nd annual World Mandate at 7 p.m. Friday at the Ferrell Center.

World Mandate began in 1987 with 30 to 40 people attending in Latham Springs, a little Baptist encampment in Aquilla. The

conference has now expanded to Waco and last year included more than 3,500 people.

Caleb Gallifant, associate college pastor at Antioch, said Antioch started World Mandate and that it has never been sepa-

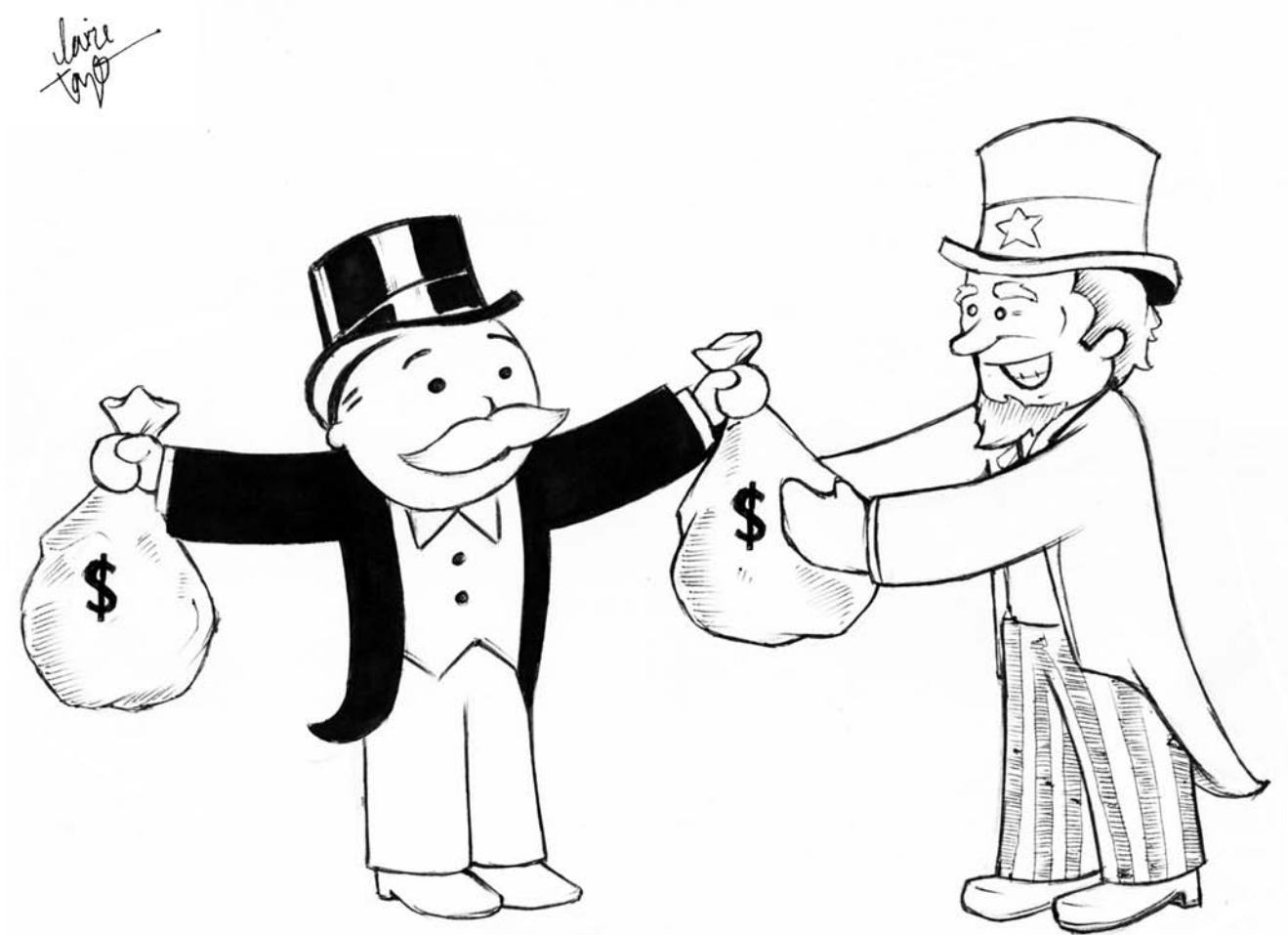
rate from the local church.

“I actually started doing registration for World Mandate three years ago; lots of detailed stuff,” Gallifant said. “Most of my job is promotions along the campus lines. Students from all

over the world come to Waco for this conference. I'm in charge of how students get funded and housed.”

Throughout this three-day mission conference, a schedule of different activities will be tak-

ing place each day. The three main sessions will be Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday night.



Court advances in battle to protect First Amendment rights

In a closely divided five to four decision that toppled former Congressional precedents on Thursday, the Supreme Court ruled that the government does not have the constitutional right to prohibit campaign spending by corporations.

The court rightfully overturned the precedent on the basis that the Congress, by controlling the money that companies want to spend on campaigns, was violating the First Amendment right to express political opinion. The First Amendment is an honored right, which must be continuously fought for.

The case stemmed from an incident that occurred as a result of a documentary funded by Citizens United titled “Hillary: The Movie,” which was critical of current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and released during her attempt to gain the presidential nomination in the Democratic primaries of 2008.

Citizens United was prohibited by the Federal Election Commission from releasing the film nationwide. However, Citizens United planned to release the film on certain television stations and ran advertisements for the documentary.

The lower courts decided that Citizens United was in violation of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 that prohibited critical partisan broadcast funded by corporations within 30 days of primary elections and 60 days of actual elections.

The Supreme Court made its decision based on the fact that Citizens United is a nonprofit conservative corporation and the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 was not applicable to the situation that was at hand.

Dissenters were quick to point out flaws in the decision made by the court. One flaw was that the First Amendment applies to individual speech, and corporations are not individuals. Dissenters state that the judgment was based on a law that doesn’t apply to the situation.

Among the dissenters was President Barack Obama, who said

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of the decision, “I can’t think of anything more devastating to the public interest.” He also maintained that his administration would do all that it could to assist Congress

in developing a “forceful, bipartisan response to this decision.”

Another counter-opinion that was brought before the court was the increased possibility that now big business would run the elections, that the candidate with the most ties to companies with swelling pocketbooks would undoubtedly win every time.

This bold, conservative step for the court is to be commended. From the government assumption of so many businesses to the health care debacle that will require citizens to have health care or to pay a federal tax, it is encouraging to see the Supreme Court take such a forceful stand on the behalf of individual rights.

Although corporations are not individuals, they are composed of individuals who may just want to spend the money they have earned for the company where and how they would like, uninhibited by the unconstitutional laws laid down by Congress.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, the author of the opinion for the majority, defended the decision based on “the right of citizens to inquire, to hear, to speak and to use information to reach consensus. [It] is a precondition to enlightened self-government.”

While some may not agree with the Supreme Court’s decision, it must be realized that the court did precisely what it was created to do: determine the constitutionality of the actions of the other two branches of the government. Congress was limiting the rights of the people by wielding the power to limit how money is spent to fund mass media-based political speech.

Thus, while the decision may be controversial, it ultimately fortifies the rights that are laid out by the First Amendment and is a step to maintain the right of citizens to vocalize concern they may have with the government.

Traveling abroad bursts Baylor Bubble

The combination of reading a novel, traveling Europe and spending a month with three people taught me a lot. First, sometimes you need to go away to understand what you’re coming back to. Second, spending almost all of your time surrounded by other people teaches you things about yourself. And third, traveling to new places molds who you are and changes you for the rest of your life.

For a lot of people in Waco, Baylor is safe. It’s where they can go to church every Sunday without ridicule, where Chapel is mandatory and mission trips are never lacking. It’s the Baylor Bubble.

While abroad, one of my travel companions asked our opinions of a Bible verse. We shared and she said, “Yeah, those are great answers — but how do I defend that, and my faith, to a non-Christian?”

It’s not something we often need to do at Baylor, and, for some, that’s why they chose to spend four years here — to not have to defend themselves. Maybe that’s why I came. But going thousands of miles away made me see Baylor as more of an outsider and less as a member of the bubble. Religion has a different meaning in Europe — there is a cathedral in Maastricht that is now a bookstore (but a beautiful one), and another one being converted into an apartment complex. Thousands of churches are top tourist sites but have few churchgoers. Being in Waco has given me the chance to plug into a church and be very involved, something I am very thankful for. Baylor is certainly a one-of-a-kind place I’ll appreciate more because I left, but I won’t be there much longer.

Edgar Sawtelle, or perhaps more so author David Wroblewski, helped me realize this. The Story of Edgar Sawtelle delves into the lives of the Sawtelle family that breeds and raises dogs, but after multiple tragedies strike, the boy Edgar flees into the forest with three dogs from his litter. This escape makes him understand the purpose of everything his family does.

My trip to Europe was anything but fleeing Baylor, yet the time away nurtured my mind and soul in a way Baylor couldn’t.

Point of View



BY NEELY GUTHRIE

At Baylor I am surrounded by amazing, godly friends, and I’ve worried what I’d do without them. But in Europe I’ve had to choose to worship when it’s not built-in on Sundays, Wednesday nights and everywhere in between — and it’s empowering. It’s eye-opening to see in Edinburgh that students are either Christians or they’re not. You know it either way, and there is no middle ground. It’s refreshing after life in the bubble.

It’s refreshing to meet people raised in an entirely different way, an entirely different world, and how we can still relate through our differences. A vendor in Barcelona told me, “If you travel you can feel it. You’re different from people who have never traveled, and you’ll feel it in 20, 30 years.” What wisdom from a woman who sold skirts! Wisdom I’ll take to heart and, as she said, feel in 20 years when I tell a friend how I country-hopped Europe in college.

Such extensive travel has also shed new light on the relationships I formed while moseying through Europe. Traveling reveals things about people you don’t typically learn through hanging out, having classes together or being in the same sorority. Situations are different, and I learned who was flexible, who was unaccommodating, who was a leader and who got frustrated. And seeing these qualities in other people made me realize I appreciate respect for others’ opinions; I am a moderator. I try to find the best option for everyone, and if I want to do something different I have no problem going off and doing it by myself.

Europe isn’t comfortable. It’s not the Bible Belt; people stare at you if you read your Bible on the train. Lots of people bash Americans, America and our president. People speak to you and you blankly stare without understanding a word. If anything, Europe is a reverse bubble, burst in your face with a surprising sting. But you survive. It’s a challenge I urge all to face.

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Healthy ways to get ready for spring break

Point of View

BY BRITTNEY HERMAN



Spring break is in the air and there are about six weeks and counting until March 8.

What is on everyone’s mind? How to look great in a swim suit for spring break. Not to sound cliché, but for those who are going to that tropical destination, it’s a common theme. This anticipated week-long break is talked about for months before it actually takes place.

Have you checked out the SLC lately? Workout facilities are packed with students who are trying to get in shape.

There are so many unhealthy ways to go about preparing for spring break.

Some students go on a so-called “crash diet.” Although it may seem to work in the beginning due to a loss of glycogen— more commonly known as carbohydrates—the body goes into a form of shock. Drinking water and ditching carbohydrates quickly reveal the most desired results. However, a common weight gain comes after this quick loss. Fat is added back into the body much quicker for those who cannot keep up with their crash diet. This is also called the yo-yo effect. It’s a common theme among these types of dieters.

For those who are seeking positive results, a simple Internet search could yield a safe and effective plan for dieting. Who would have thought there was actually a healthy and attainable “spring break diet”?

For an effective outcome, following these healthy guidelines will give the results you want:

First, do not skip meals. Most students think this is eating less, but really your body becomes hungrier and allows you to easily overeat at the next meal.

Next, stock up. Fill your cabinets and pantries with healthy pre-cut and prepared fruits and vegetables. This is great for students in a hurry to class or on a tight budget. Set realistic goals. Losing a pound a week is healthy and attainable.

Those who seek to lose 5-10 pounds initially find guilt and dissatisfaction as their result.

For those who like to count their calories, keep a food journal. Students are constantly busy, but writing down what you have eaten throughout the day has proven to be beneficial.

Motivation is essential for maintaining a healthy and positive diet. Post encouraging signs or quotes around your house to keep you focused.

Some think the main issue at hand is losing weight. True, but even more important is how to stay in shape during spring break.

Upon arrival, many students forget about their rigid diet and go out to eat for every meal. Quickly, they put back on the weight lost, plus additional pounds.

This leads me to my next question: Is it really worth it? After all that time spent on constantly talking about your awful spring break diet, it soon becomes known as a waste of your time.

Meanwhile, for those who care about maintaining what they worked so hard to accomplish, here are a few helpful tips:

Find a fun and cardio-based activity like running on the beach or exercising in a fitness room.

Oftentimes thirst can be confused with hunger, so carrying a water bottle at all times is essential.

When eating out, find healthy menu items, and possibly research the restaurant before going.

Also stick to a regular eating schedule. On vacation, the tropical dining is so much more alluring than a typical meal at home.

These few tips are important, although one in particular tops them all. Watch what you sip. The common theme on college spring breaks is purchasing alcoholic drinks. These cause the extra weight gain that soon catches up with you. Fruity drinks tend to be the norm and the highest in calories. Drinking a glass of water in between each beverage is important.

Keeping up with your daily intake of food and drinks will lead to a much healthier and fit vacation.

Don’t get stuck in the dust with everyone. It’s proven that this method really does make a difference. Follow your goals and attain a fit body because spring break fever is in the air.

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Please Recycle This Issue

A little bit of proper etiquette, instruction

Newest member of Waco Chamber of Commerce can help with manners

By CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

The Etiquette School of Central Texas, which teaches classes in proper dining, dating and business may be one way to improve essential skills needed in life.

Marie Martin, owner of the Etiquette School of Central Texas, teaches etiquette to children, young adults and adults. Her classes cover subjects from how to write thank you notes to proper telephone etiquette.

"I think it is important that everyone learn the basic rules of living that make our lives a little bit more gracious," Martin said. "I think that perhaps our society is becoming a little less civil towards one another. I think some people are not given the opportunity to learn the rules of the society to make us get along better."

The young adult seminar includes an advanced dining overview, dating etiquette, mock college and employment interviews and business skills.

Scot Sanders, account executive for membership development for the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce said the chamber accepted the Etiquette School of Central Texas as a new member in December.

"We do a lot of public relations on their behalf to establish their presence in the community," Sanders said. "We provide a lot of opportunity for marketing...we support them through our economic development efforts."

Martin is excited to be a member of the chamber.

Sanders said he is looking forward to working with Martin. Sanders looked at some of the etiquette school's advertisements and realized the chamber did not have a business like the etiquette school as a member. He decided it would be a good opportunity for the chamber and the etiquette school.

"I really did not think we had a member of the chamber that does the same thing she does, and I saw an opportunity to get the word out about a good business," Sanders said. "I think she definitely has a good product and service that I think so many people could really benefit from having exposure to."

Martin instructs a variety of people, from first grade through adulthood and teaches a variety of people. She said she teaches families, friends, business professionals and couples.

"One of the things I appreciate is she works with kids and adults," Sanders said. "The work that she does is exciting because you don't have to be a business person or professional to need good manners. She has a great service and a great personality."

Sue Mock, a mother of a middle school student, said the class was helpful to her young daughter.

"She is becoming a young lady, and I wanted to give her the right tools," Mock said. "She would just be able to learn more coming from someone else and that setting would teach her more than what I could do."

Martin tries to work with customers on pricing and scheduling. She said she does not want people to be excluded because of price or time conflicts.

"I try to be flexible and arrange the classes for the convenience of the person," Martin said.

Martin received her certification for etiquette training from the American School of Protocol in Atlanta.

"It was a good class for the girls to bond together, and Marie did such a good job," Mock said. "Her house was warm and welcoming and she took it very seriously."

Martin said an etiquette class is beneficial to everyone.

"I think that my students leave my class with more confidence," Martin said.

The 6-week courses costs \$95 and the personal two-hour brush-up classes are \$50.

Classes can be scheduled by appointment only, and those interested can find more information at www.graciousmanners.com.

Book describes Christianity, violence in Iran



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Dr. Chris Van Gorder stands next to his office door Tuesday. Dr. Van Gorder's book "Christians in Persia and Muslim and non-Muslim Relations in Iran" was just published by the Lexington Press in 2009.

By JAMES BLAKE EWING
REPORTER

Mehdi Dibaj, a Pentecostal pastor in Iraq, was imprisoned in 1983 for sharing his faith.

Christians from around the world sent thousands of letters to the Iranian government and even more prayers for Dibaj.

In June of 1994 he was released, but six months later, Dibaj went missing.

Two weeks later he was found dead.

At the time of Dibaj's imprisonment, Dr. Christian van Gorder, associate professor of religion, was working for a Christian human rights group named Open Doors International in Ermelo, The Netherlands.

"That year of his arrest, trial, release and untimely death was a roller-coaster of emotions for us," van Gorder said.

The story of Dibaj's suffering and imprisonment inspired van Gorder to begin a book about Iran, focusing specifically on the Christians, Jews and Baha'is and how they were treated in Iran.

In 2008, van Gorder spent a month in Iran researching for his book.

"Christianity in Persia and the Status of Non-Muslims in Iran" was released Jan. 16 by Lexington Press.

"It relates to the history to that part of the world, both historical and contemporary," William Bellinger, Jr., chair of the religion department, said.

Because of the difficulty with entering and traveling in Iran, I, van Gorder had to have a government-appointed guide with him at all times. He was able to get an Armenian guide, which allowed him better access to the Christian community in Iran.

"It was a great honor for me," van Gorder said.

He met those persecuted in Iran and said their stories had a great impact on him.

"I think Iran is a very misunderstood country," van Gorder said. "The press presents the country as a place that does not have a diverse marketplace of ideas."

Van Gorder said there are

strong political movements in Iran for both women's rights and environmental issues.

Van Gorder said many Christians are unaware of the positive growth in the country that has come from Armenian communities or from the existence of Christian communities in Iran.

"I hope this book encourages Christians around the world to appreciate the great price their sisters and brothers in Iran have paid," van Gorder said.

Van Gorder dedicated the book to his son, Brendan, and said he wishes him to retell the stories of his Persian brothers in suffering.

"I'd encourage students and fellow scholars to visit Iran and learn first hand for themselves," van Gorder said. He spoke of how he heard many beautiful stories that displayed the deep faith of the Christians in Iran.

"Van Gorder is being eminently fair to all religions and creeds," Ralph Wood, university professor of theology and literature, said.

Bagby accepts lifetime achievement award at Nashville

By JOHN D. ELIZONDO
REPORTER

Many only dream of being honored with a lifetime achievement award, but not associate professor of management and The Robert M. and Louise Rogers chair of entrepreneurship, Dr. Ray Bagby.

"I never really dreamed about something like this," Bagby said. "It was a shock when they wanted to nominate me, probably I would say shocking because there are a lot of people out there who have done a lot of good things."

Bagby accepted the United States Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship Lifetime Achievement Award on Jan. 15th in Nashville, Tenn.

Bagby knew long before he received the award that the director of Baylor's entrepreneurship program, Dr. Kendall Artz, nominated him and that several colleagues wrote letters to the selection committee recommending Bagby for the award.

While Bagby was being ordained as a minister in December, Bagby found out that he won the award.

One of Bagby's close friends, Dr. Les Palich, associate professor of management and holder of the Ben H. Williams Professorship in

entrepreneurship, said, "From what I have heard the committee's deliberations lasted all of about one minute,"

"Once they saw [Bagby] was in the group considered for the award it didn't take any time for them at all to decide that he was the guy to receive it."

Palich and other professors were in Nashville to see Bagby accept his award.

"Typical of Ray, he was very humble about it. I mean from the time he knew he was going to receive the award right through the present," Palich said. "He has a way of saying 'I am not even sure why they picked me,' but we all knew why they picked him."

"People know him, respect him, like him and he expresses his genuine concern for other people. He has been a tremendous asset for Baylor and his longtime work for the university," Palich said.

Bagby, who has taught entrepreneurship at Baylor for 22 years, cited his work for the Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice journal as a strong reason for his recognition.

Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice is an academic journal owned by Baylor in which professors in the entrepreneurship field publish research. Bagby has been the executive editor for the



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Ray Bagby, right, receives the United States Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship Lifetime Achievement award. Bagby is the Robert M. and Louise Rogers chair of entrepreneurship.

journal for 25 years and aided in the journal being brought to Baylor.

Bagby said that when he was applying for a teaching position at Baylor, he asked if the university would buy the journal and bring it to Waco so he could continue working on it and making it better.

The university bought rights to the journal in 1988 and, as Bagby said, "the rest is history."

The journal is on the Financial Times list as being one of the top

40 journals in the world in business. Bagby said the journal was at the brink of extinction when he started working on it and now it sells more than 4,000 subscriptions in more than 60 countries all over the world.

He also said that when he received his lifetime achievement award, the presenter said the journal gives legitimacy to the entrepreneurship field.

"Baylor gets a lot of recognition as a result of his work in the journal and the fact that the journal is housed at Baylor, and will stay at Baylor," Palich said, "His work outside of the classroom doesn't overshadow his work in the classroom, and the impact he has on his students."

Baylor alumnus and one of Bagby's former students, Rhett Dawson, said, "His expertise brought a value to the classroom experience."

Dawson, who is now the international director for Success Motivation International in Waco, said that Bagby did not lecture but he created dialogue with his students and Dawson said what he has learned from Bagby's classes has helped him in his career today.

"The fact that the classroom experience is still relevant seven years later says a lot about the

character and the level of professionalism he brings to the job, above and beyond of what the requirements are," Dawson said.

"I am really just delighted that he is being honored in this way, and I couldn't think of a better person who could receive it."

Despite receiving a lifetime achievement award, Bagby said he has more to prove.

Palich said Baylor's entrepreneurship program is ranked fourth in the nation with the likes of Harvard, MIT, and California-Berkeley [2009 Entrepreneur Magazine college rankings]. Palich said the recognition wouldn't have come if it weren't for Bagby.

"I think that the journal is so highly regarded and the fact that it is connected with Baylor and people recognize that, and it would have not given [the program] that reputational burst were it not for Ray's leadership," Palich said.

Dawson said Bagby's recent award is a sign of things to come for the program.

"I would set the challenge for Ray to take the program and bring what he has been able to do in his career to really push the boundaries with that program and get it to be that top program," Dawson said.

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Opera entertains this weekend

By James Byers
Reporter

If gossip, scandal and sexual frustration aren't themes that students normally associate with opera, then they haven't seen "Albert Herring."

They'll have that chance when "Albert Herring," presented by Baylor Opera Theater, opens at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Theatre, located within Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Performances are also scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 3 p.m.

"I can't imagine somebody coming to this and not enjoying it," said Dr. Michael Johnson, director of Baylor Opera.

"Albert Herring," set in the Victorian-era English town of Loxford, was written by Benjamin Britten and premiered in 1947. Lady Billows, the town matriarch, is in charge of selecting a May Queen for the annual May Festival. Lady Billows has such lofty standards that even a hint of sexual impropriety is enough to disqualify any girl. Unable to find a single girl with a clean reputation, Lady Billows is instead forced to crown a May King, Albert Herring, who is less than thrilled to be declared a virgin.

Johnson said students will laugh at the stereotyped characters and exaggerated situations.



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Katherine Dulweber (Mum/Mrs. Herring), Senior; Jacob Fulcher (Albert), graduate student will perform "Albert Herring" at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Theatre.

"Students will get a kick out of the whole premise," Johnson said. "We still live in a society where a girl's reputation is more easily stained than a guy's. It's funny in that British humor sort of way."

Though the opera is in English, a screen above the stage will display the dialogue so that audience members can keep up with the subtle humor and fast-paced singing.

Johnson designed the sets,

which include antique furniture in Lady Billows' drawing room and a colorful painted backdrop of the town square.

"I'm much more pleased with the sets this year," Johnson said. "We spent less money, but the result is that this looks like a really high-quality college production."

Several of the characters in the opera have been double cast, meaning that one student will play a character one night, and another student will play that

same character the next night. Johnson said this gives more students a chance to perform.

"Our singers are among the best in Texas," Johnson said. "It's important for us to be able to provide a number of performance opportunities for those singers."

Leah Michael, a graduate student from Dayton, Ohio, will play Lady Billows on Thursday and Saturday. Michael said the cast of "Albert Herring" has been rehearsing diligently since the beginning of the fall semester.

"We've become one with our characters," she said.

The 12-piece Baylor Opera Orchestra will provide music throughout the three-hour performance. Stephen Heyde, Mary Franks Thompson professor of orchestral activities and conductor-in-residence, said the music of "Albert Herring" is both clever and challenging.

"Every single person in the Opera Orchestra has an important solo at some time or another," Heyde said. "It's a challenge for anybody, even a professional musician, to play that long and stay focused. But I'm really proud of what they've done. They're terrific."

Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. For more information, call the theater department box office at 710-1865.



McClatchy Press

With computer effects, Sam Worthington, left, and Zoe Saldana become aliens in James Cameron's "Avatar."

'Avatar' sinks 'Titanic'

By Claudia Eller
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Self-proclaimed "king of the world" director James Cameron has upstaged himself.

The filmmaker's sci-fi fantasy epic "Avatar" has surpassed his own 1997 record-setting disaster movie "Titanic" to become the highest-grossing movie ever, not accounting for ticket price inflation, foreign currency fluctuations and surcharges on 3-D screens.

Through Tuesday, according to Forbes.com, "Avatar" racked up \$1.86 billion in worldwide ticket sales, edging past "Titanic's" \$1.84 billion, a feat it achieved in fewer than 40 days, according to the film's distributor, 20th Century Fox.

"Avatar's" domestic take of \$554.9 million still slightly trails "Titanic's" \$600.7 million, but overseas it has taken in slightly more, \$1.3 billion to the earlier film's \$1.24 billion.

However, "Titanic" still rules the universe in terms of how many people went to

see it compared to the number that have lined up for "Avatar."

As Bruce Nash estimates on his box office site the-numbers.com, domestic ticket sales for "Avatar" would have to reach \$925 million in today's dollars to match, on an inflation-adjusted basis, the box office that "Titanic" achieved in 1997. Given the current estimated average ticket prices of \$7.46, "Avatar" still needs to sell about 50 million more tickets before it matches the inflation-adjusted domestic gross of "Titanic."

While it may be a long shot that "Avatar" would ever reach that milestone, the film continues to have staying power. Its weekend-to-weekend box office declines have been minimal compared with that of a typical movie.

In its sixth weekend, the movie dropped only 18 percent domestically and 16 percent internationally, according to Fox.

"Avatar" is still playing on 16,000 screens worldwide, with 72 percent of its ticket sales coming from 3-D screens.

Apple releases the next big thing

By Rex Crum
MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Inc. put an end to months of speculation Wednesday when the company lifted the wraps on the iPad, a new touch-screen tablet device.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduced the device at an event in San Francisco. Apple shares were down 1.6 percent to \$202.70

during the event. The stock has more than doubled in the past 12 months, in part due to speculation for the possibilities of the device.

The iPad has a 9.7-inch touch-screen and looks similar to an enlarged version of Apple's mega-popular iPhone. Jobs said the iPad is designed to fill a gap between the iPod touch and iPhone and its MacBook line of laptop computers.

"We asked if there was room for a third category in the middle, something between a laptop and a smartphone. In order to create a new category, it needed to be far better at doing some key tasks such as browsing the Web, doing e-mail, sharing photos, watching video, gaming and reading e-books," he said.

He also took a dig at netbooks, the ultra-small laptops that other companies have launched in an

attempt to fill this market.

"The problem is, netbooks aren't better at anything. They are just cheap laptops," he said.

The iPad is being targeted at media uses such as listening to music, watching movies and playing video games. The device is also geared heavily toward readers, with newspaper publishers in partnerships with Apple to market their content on the device.

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Jones helps upset No. 8 Aggies

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

Before she could score or make one of her patented hustle plays, Melissa Jones drew a thunderous ovation for something she had not done in Baylor's past four games: checking in.

Jones gave the season-high 8,702 fans 17 points and three steals in 36 minutes, and along with Brittney Griner's 20-point performance the Lady Bears beat Texas A&M, 61-53, on Wednesday night.

After missing four games with a stress reactor, Jones entered the game within the first minute to a warm Ferrell Center welcome. She nailed a fadeaway jumper that tied the game at two, and the Aggies were never able to tie or regain the lead. Neither Baylor nor Jones looked back once her first shot swished through the net.

"When you're playing a team as good as A&M, it gives you that confidence that you're going to go in and keep taking it to them," Jones said on her first points of her return.

The Lady Bears seized a 3-2 lead then turned to Jones and Griner for their next 10 points. During the stretch Griner blocked two shots and Jones drew three shooting fouls.

"The difference in the ball game? You could say Melissa Jones. Her attitude makes everybody else on that team play hard," Aggies coach Gary Blair said. "Jones looked like she was playing hurt out there a little bit with one leg. But she gutted it out and kept going and that just shows a lot of class."

Baylor's defense also held Texas A&M to 2-13 shooting while jumping out to the 13-6 lead. Unlike in its previous three losses, the Lady Bears denied their opponent of dribble penetration and forced the Aggies to rely on jump shots throughout the night.

Coach Kim Mulkey praised the defense effort from Griner and Morghan Medlock, who

held the Aggies' center Danielle Adams and forward Tanisha Smith to a combined 5-25 on the night.

"I thought (Medlock) did the best that she could with being as physical as she could against a bigger player. When Adams went outside we tried to contest as many shots as we could," Mulkey said.

And then there was Jones. Her hard-nosed style of play lead to eight first-half free throws, six of which she made. Seeing Jones crash to the floor to fight for loose balls and earn trips to the charity stripe gave her teammates a boost, Griner said after the game.

"She's our captain. She's the glue that holds us together. To have her out there on the floor lifted all of us and, like coach said, she makes us all better," Griner said.

Mulkey tried to give Jones a rest with six minutes left in the first half, but two turnovers and two missed shots later, the junior guard returned from her one minute on the bench. She soon sent the crowd into hysteria with a half court heave that landed in Griner's hands for a layup and shooting foul.

The Lady Bears took a 30-18 lead into halftime, which increased to 40-26 before Mulkey again tried to give Jones a breather. Having already helped her team immensely, Jones extended her helping hand to the ball girl, grabbing the mop to clean the floor before exiting.

"I was just looking out for nobody to get hurt," Jones said.

Jones and senior forward Morghan Medlock are the only Baylor players who have been in the Lady Bears program more than two years. Medlock had 10 rebounds.

"I sure wish we would have had her the last four games. That's what you expect players of her caliber to do," Mulkey said. "She makes everybody around her better. ... It's her presence that is so valuable."

Another two turnovers and



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Melissa Jones drives to the basket during her first game back from her injury. The Lady Bears beat the Aggies, 61-53.

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

It may be basketball season, but news that sophomore quarterback Robert Griffin's knee is healing well is enough to catch the attention of even the most devout of Baylor basketball followers.

"I'm feeling good and believe I'm ahead of schedule," Griffin said Monday. "I ran on it two weeks ago, and it felt great."

Griffin suffered a season-ending knee injury against Northwestern State University in September and underwent surgery in early October after getting cleared for a medical redshirt.

Since then, he has gone through rehabilitation and voiced his pleasure at getting closer to full workouts.

"The initial feeling you have is 'Will I ever be able to walk again?', because it hurts so bad," Griffin said.

"It's good when you can start walking up stairs and it doesn't hurt, and you don't have to hop on one leg. [Now] I feel like I could run a 400-meter dash and be fine."

Unfortunately, it's the doctor's confirmation that Griffin, as

well as the rest of Baylor, is waiting for before its quarterback can completely rejoin practice.

"I know Coach Briles will be eager to get me in there when he sees all the things I can do," Griffin said.

"I know the fans are going to want it and I'm going to want it. But we've got to listen to the doctors and the people who are qualified and just back off. I'll probably look normal, but not quite there yet."

Still, Griffin did not hold off on showing his excitement for what the younger players and potential recruits could bring to the team next season while also displaying his understanding of the expectations heading into his third season at Baylor.

"Even with a lot of young talent that did play," Griffin said of last season in an interview with Fox Sports Southwest, "there is a lot of young talent that didn't get to play."

"And especially with the recruits we [have] coming in, it will be exciting to see all the speed we [have] on the field. What Baylor wants the most is our football team back, and that's our job to do that and were looking forward to doing it."

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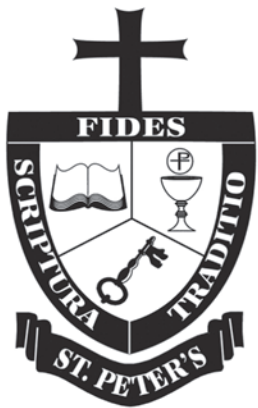
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the BCM would return to what it was previously.

“Baylor University will continue to appoint members to the Baylor College of Medicine board and retain rights to the ‘Baylor’ name,” Stone said. “Our history shows that we have always exercised our rights and responsibilities to BCM in a generous and appropriate manner. We remain immensely proud of our affiliation with the Baylor College of Medicine and stand ready to assist the College as it moves forward with its plans.”

This news comes on the heels of an online petition by BCM that was signed by 539 members, as of Wednesday. The petition outlines BCM students, faculty, staff and alumni concerns for the BCM/Baylor affiliation.

“As BU is a religion-affiliated

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they hoped would carry them through this fall’s midterm elections.

With State of the Union messages traditionally delivered at the end of January, Obama had one of the presidency’s biggest platforms just a week after Republicans scored an upset takeover of a Senate seat in Massachusetts, prompting hand-wringing over his leadership. With the turnover erasing Democrats’ Senate supermajority needed to pass most legislation, it also put a cloud over health care and the rest of Obama’s agenda.

A chief demand was for lawmakers to press forward with his prized health care overhaul, which is in severe danger in Congress. “Do not walk away from reform,” he implored. “Not now. Not when we are so close.”

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“He’s really at a junction in his presidency, in which, certainly, the high hopes have not been realized and some pretty big setbacks have happened in the last couple of months,” Pisciotta said. “He’s one year in and this would be an opportunity to find some things to turn it around.”

Seated in front of two large screens, students were able to

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.”

Following this petition, the BCM reiterated this was not a merger, but an affiliation.

In interim president Dr. David Garland’s Jan. 21 statement

Republicans applauded the president when he entered the chamber, and even craned their necks and welcomed Michelle Obama when she took her seat. But the warm feelings of bipartisanship disappeared early.

Democrats jumped to their feet and roared when Obama said he wanted to impose a new fee on banks, while Republicans sat stone-faced. Democrats stood and applauded when Obama mentioned the economic stimulus package passed last February. Republicans just stared.

On national security, Obama proclaimed some success, saying that “far more” al-Qaida terrorists were killed under his watch last year in the U.S.-led global fight than in 2008.

Hoping to salve growing disappointment in a key constituency, Obama said he would work with Congress “this year” to repeal the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the

to the students, faculty and staff, he noted that Baylor was in talks for a stronger affiliation with the BCM and Texas Children’s Hospital, but this would not constitute a merger between the groups.

“Baylor University is a scholarly community that has always exercised its rights and responsibilities in a generous and appropriate manner in order to best serve the university and the College of Medicine,” Garland said.

Butler noted that there were feelings of deep respect for both Rice and Baylor universities.

“Rice University and Baylor University are both respected institutions and we have high regard for their leaders, faculty, staff and students. We move forward in a spirit of mutual respect.”

In a statement late Wednesday, Garland noted that the promise of partnership between the groups still remained strong.

military. But in a concession to concern about the move among Republicans and on his own party’s right flank, Obama neither made a commitment to suspend the practice in the interim nor issued a firm deadline for action.

The president devoted about two-thirds of his speech to the economic worries foremost on Americans’ minds as recession persists. “The devastation remains,” he said.

Obama emphasized his ideas, some new but mostly old and explained anew, for restoring job growth, taming budget deficits and changing a Washington so polarized that “every day is Election Day.” These concerns are at the roots of voter emotions that once drove supporters to Obama but now are turning on him as he governs.

Declaring that “I know the anxieties” of Americans’ struggling to pay the bills while big

“Our conversations with BCM have helped us to identify areas of potential research collaboration between our institutions, as well as joint educational programs to benefit our students,” Garland said. “We look forward to further exploration of these possibilities in the future.”

The initial talks of affiliations between Baylor, the BCM and TCH stemmed from recent financial troubles with the BCM. These concerns were addressed by Butler’s statement.

“Over recent months, we have had a significant improvement in our financial performance,” Butler said. “We have a positive cash flow and our cash and investments now exceed \$1 billion. Both clinical services and research revenue are up and the margins in both of those activities have increased.”

banks get bailouts and bonuses, Obama prodded Congress to enact a second stimulus package “without delay,” specifying it should contain a range of measures to help small businesses and funding for infrastructure projects.

Obama acknowledged “my share of the blame” for not adequately explaining his plans to the public and connecting with their everyday worries. At the same time, he offered an unapologetic defense of pursuing the same agenda on which he won.

The president is keeping to the tradition of taking his themes on the road. He will travel to Florida on Thursday to announce \$8 billion in grants for high-speed rail development, to Maryland on Friday to a House Republican retreat, and to New Hampshire Tuesday to talks jobs. Cabinet officials were fanning out too.

Lively discussion ensued, especially with regard to Obama’s statements regarding the paying off of student loans.

Obama stated that college students’ loans would be forgiven after 20 years, but for those working in public service jobs it would be lowered to 10 years, a statement that greatly bothered Pisciotta.

“Not only would your loans be forgiven after 20 years, but if you went into public service your loan

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The event will also include three breakout sessions, including “Matthew 28: Strategic Discipleship, Runway for the Nations and Power Evangelism.”

“For Matthew 28 you will learn how to disciple, whether in the business world, or in the nations,” Gallifant said. “Runway to the Nations focuses specifically around church movements, and how to get God’s heart for the nations. And last is Power Evangelism. This is focused on how to share the gospel in the city, and how it looks to pray to people in the city. I would call this a vision piece. The people attending the conference will have a short discussion time and then break out into the city to spread the word.”

These breakout sessions will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Gallifant describes his desire and vision for this year’s World Mandate as being something more influential and life changing than just another spiritual weekend to add to a list.

“Most of the time you go to a conference and leave feeling great and fully impacted. You might get a cool burst, but a lot of times the question you find asking yourself is: How do I make this apply to today? What does it mean right now or what does it translate, especially if I’m in the working force?” Gallifant said. “A lot of people will perceive a mission conference as being for missionaries. That’s not it at all. The international mission conference is directed around God’s heart to reach people whether that is overseas or right here in Waco.”

Over the course of events for this weekend, there will be three speakers: Jim Yost, a missionary from Papua, New Guinea; Jimmy Seibert, Antioch’s senior leader

and Robert Herber from All People’s Church in San Diego, Calif.

Throughout this process of planning, Gallifant explained that the main goal is to get everyone who would like to come able to attend the conference.

Gallifant said scholarships are also available through Antioch on request for the conference.

Even though this conference is not sponsored by Baylor, it is well known around the university.

“I remember it being such a unique time to worship with people all over the world and to see how missions are affected by church’s and church planting throughout the nations,” Shreveport, La. senior Meredith Smith, said.

Drew Steadman, strategy trainer at Antioch, explained his vision as a great result from years past.

“Our desire is to see people take the message and use it to broaden their perspective and walk out of there realizing that there is more to life than what is here on earth,” he said. “We would love to see people pray for and support anyone they can. I want there to be an awareness that this is not just something happening on the other side of the world, this is something for us,” Steadman said.

Gallifant said he would like to see a wide range of people attend the conference this weekend.

“I would say the main point I would like to communicate to people is that you don’t have to be a missionary to come to the conference. We welcome anyone who seems even slightly interested,” he said “Our target is really to students and those who are off the transitional age or people who might be young adults and are settled somewhere nearby. Anyone with a desire to come, we want them to have the opportunity to attend,” Gallifant said.

population,” said Galveston senior Oscar Boleman, president of the Baylor Democrats.

Obama’s announcement that the law banning gay Americans from fighting for their country will be repealed this year was met with enthusiastic applause from a number of students in attendance.

“If we don’t get this deficit under control, your futures are severely threatened,” Pisciotta said.

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