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Ken Starr assumes presidential role



Judge Kenneth Starr speaks to Baylor students, staff and faculty on Feb. 16in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Starr began his tenure as BU's 14th president on June 1.

STAFF WRITER

Judge Ken Starr, dean and professor of law at Pepperdine, was unanimously elected as Baylor's 14th president by the Baylor University Board of Regents and assumed the position on June 1.

"I am very excited and honored to be here," Starr said. "I will do my very best to help Baylor move in the direction it is moving, which is ever up-

In an interview with the Lariat, Starr said he is honored and humbled that he was elected Baylor's president.

"It's a great university with a proud tradition of 150 years, plus," Starr said. "And standing for great principles of integrating faith and learning.

And happily situated in my native state." Starr was Solicitor General of the United States from 1989 to 1993 and was appointed to serve as the independent counsel for the Whitewater investigation of former President Bill Clinton and most wellknown for his investigation in the Monica Lewinsky scandal. He was the author of the Starr Report, which provided evidence to impeach Clinton.

He argued 25 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, until he moved on to a career in academ-

Starr was born in Vernon and raised in San Antonio and moved to Waco from Malibu,

"I'm a fifth-generation Texan so it was a call to the heart to come home, but especially [to] a great renowned Christian institution," Starr said.

The search for a president took more than a year and a half after Dr. John Lilley was forced

out of office in July 2008.

Dr. David Garland, dean of George W. Truett Seminary, served as interim president from August 2008 until Starr took of-

"We had well over 100 names that we considered," said Joseph Armes, Baylor regent and chairman of the Baylor presidential search committee.

"We had conversations with approximately 25 people and interviewed 10. And we narrowed the field from there. It has been a very comprehensive process."

"We were patient and we are thrilled with the outcome," Armes said.

Dary Stone, chairman for the board of regents, said Starr is a perfect fit for Baylor.

Stone said the committee looked at many traditional candidates who had strictly

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STEPHEN GREEN | ROUND UP PHOTOGRAPHER

Hey! Sic 'em Bears

A Baylor student and members of the Golden Wave Marching Band cheer on the Baylor Bears football game during a home game at Floyd Casey Stadium. The Bears will play their first game of the season against the Sam Houston State Bearkats on Sept. 4.

Weekend for BU parents set for Sept. 10, 11

By SALLY MOYER REPORTER

Parents and families of many students will visit campus Sept. 10 and 11 for Parents Weekend, an event hosted by Baylor's Chamber of Commerce.

"Parents Weekend is a 50-year-old tradition started in 1960 and it is an opportunity where Baylor parents and families come on campus to experience the Baylor environment and Baylor atmosphere, different programs," said Cypress sophomore Daniel Haddad. Haddad is the Parents Weekend 2010 chairman. "A lot of it is so that [parents] can come and feel welcome at the university that they support."

Every year, about 3,000 people come for the weekend.

"For the most part, the events haven't changed very much. They've just gotten better," said Dallas sophomore Edie Todd.

Todd is the Parents Weekend general assistant for this year.

"You're not going to find a weekend like this on the UT campus or on the A&M campus," Todd said. "We really try and make it special."

Parents Weekend will begin the night of Sept. 10 with a reception and a traditional event called Baylor Then and Now.

"It highlights Baylor's past, our present, and where Baylor's looking to go in the future," Haddad said.

Following that, the Waco Visitors Bureau will host an introduction to Waco.

"On Friday night we also have Dessert Party, a classic event that's a very popular event," Haddad said. "[Students and their families] get to enjoy desserts, coffee and ice cream while listening to jazz music."

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Baylor Bears push toward improvement

By Justin Baer SPORTS EDITOR

The Baylor men's basketball team will enter its summer workouts with a yearning desire to outperform what it accomplished this season, but the task won't be simple.

The Bears, whose historic tournament run concluded in the Elite Eight to eventual national champion Duke, won as many games in the NCAA tournament this season than all of Baylor teams past.

"This is the team people will talk about," said John Morriss, voice of the Baylor Bears.

"This elite team of 2009-2010 is the one we will always remember."

The year had an abundance of firsts and records broken. The Ferrell Center attendance record was shattered in the final game of the season when 10,562 fans witnessed Baylor's shellacking of the University of Texas.

The Bears also set the Ferrell Center record for most wins at home (15).

"How we win all but one game is very simple, and that is you have great, great fans," head coach Scott Drew said. "I think everybody saw just how impressive Baylor nation was when were down there in

Houston (for the South Regional

Additionally, the team set the school record for most wins in program history (28) and had its best record in the Big 12 since the conference was established

semifinals).

All of that was unexpected, though.

The team scripted an improbable story to the season after finishing with a 5-11 record during conference play last season.

The Bears lost three 1,000-point scorers and were predicted to finish 10th in the

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DANIEL CERNERO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 13 center Ekpe Udoh shoots over Iowa State No. 21 forward Craig Brackins Feb. 3 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears won a record 28 season games and made it to the Elite Eight this year.

Work begins on traditional parade

BY BRENT SALTER REPORTER

At Baylor, fall is more than just a season; it's an experience.

Swirling leaves are not all that are carried by cool winds, but also the greetings of friends who haven't seen each other since the past spring semester, the cheers of football fans as they hope this is the year the Baylor Bears make it to a bowl game, the nostalgic feelings of seniors who are nearing the end of their college experience and the anticipation of freshmen just beginning their own journey.

These are all elements of a Baylor school year's beginning, but they also provide the backdrop for one of Baylor's oldest and most beloved traditions of the season — homecoming.

The celebration takes place over the course of a weekend in late October or early November and includes events that range from musical performances like Pigskin Revue to pep rallies like Extravaganza - the lighting ceremony of the annual bonfire.

Some elements such as these

stay the same from year to year and contribute toward homecoming's traditional qualities, but other things change, giving each year a sense of singularity and freshness.

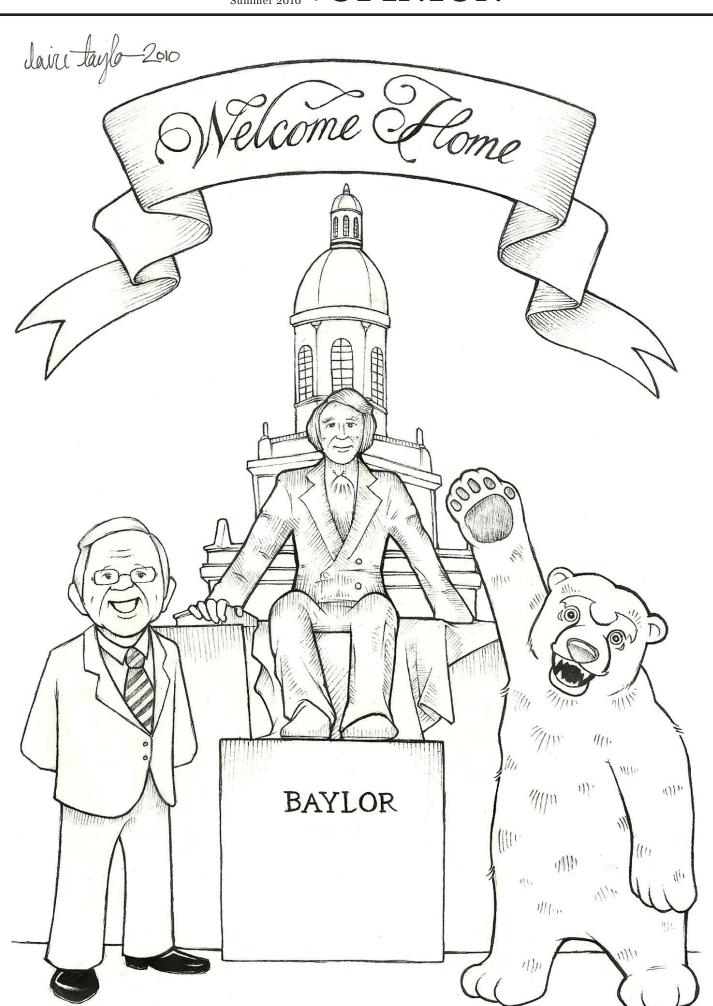
For example, several special events including a firework show and a museum exhibit, were added to last year's celebrations to commemorate the 100th anniversary of homecom-

While it might seem difficult to follow a centennial celebration with something equally exciting, Sarah Carrell, the 2010 homecoming chairman, said a great deal of work is being invested into this year's Homecoming.

"We are working hard to make sure that the campus comes to life by creating an atmosphere that captures the essence of homecoming through traditional decoration and school spirit," said Carrel a San Antonio native who has been a member of Baylor's Chamber of Commerce for two years.

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'Baylor Experience' transcends generic notion of BU traditions

"The Baylor Experience" is a phrase that has been thrown at incoming students in many different fashions. We hear from Campus Living and Learning how having a new roommate is a part of this experience, how attending Line Camp is part of the experience, and how joining an organization will add to this "Baylor Experience." What makes a Baylor Experience different from the common college experience? What makes Baylor University a special place?

A Baylor education has a deeper meaning. It has roots that are covered by grace and founders that were guided by God.

The quintessential difference between a college experience and a Baylor Experience is the history, the involvement of the faculty and the environment worthy enough to grant personal discovery.

The Baylor Experience can mean a plethora of ideas. It could be stepping out into new territory and discovering new talents. It could be experimenting with different classes to uncover the direction of life. Though none of these things compare to what an actual Baylor experience can be.

As former university president Dr. Samuel Brooks once said, Baylor students are the "new trustees" of the university, and in that we should all take pride.

The duty of the class of 2012, and those that follow, comes with responsibility to nurture the history and meaning behind one of the first chartered schools in Texas and to protect the legacy of our green and gold, while at the same time uncovering our own ways to leave a mark in the

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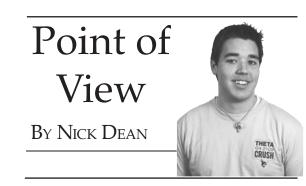
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community we live in. Our ability to both treasure the past and venture toward the future is a special privilege.

A "Baylor Experience" cannot be defined and molded into an exact cookie-cutter experience because the school promotes individual adventure. Part of my challenge to the class of 2012 is to holistically utilize these resources and begin discovering the purpose behind life. Do not simply acknowledge the treasurers hidden within Baylor University — engage in becoming a part of the riches.

We can be challenged to nothing more than the pursuit of personal discovery while developing professional skills in the academic realm. Academics shouldn't be secondary, but rather, education should be all-encompassing. Mark Twain has been quoted an almost

Mark Iwain has been quoted an almost sickening number of times as having said, "I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."

The truth behind the statement isn't centered on stifling academic work. It is centered on promoting actual, legitimate

education beyond curricular

When I began my college career at Baylor University in August 2008, I came knowing that I wanted to thoroughly enjoy my time at college, but I also wanted to learn more than the basics. I wanted to develop my stances on controversial issues and become a citizen that stood on a foundation well-researched research beliefs.

I soon came to realize that I was taking the wrong angle with my

goals. Rather than finding my opinions of "hot topics," I should have focused on developing a personal character that enhances the way I viewed social issues.

My hope for the class of 2012 is that we build friendships, communities, and traditions that are eternal and break out of the "Baylor Bubble." Waco is the 19th poorest city in the nation; that is a blessing in horrid disguise for the students of Baylor. We are directly in the middle of one of the greatest mission fields. Through intentional involvement within the Waco community, we have potential to build relationships within the community while constructing our own "Baylor Experience."

Through growth and adventure, my classmates and I will find true identity, leading to overall character. That pursuit is the essence of a Baylor experience.

Nick Dean is a junior journalism and political science major from Austin and the incoming editor in chief for the Lariat. His column was originally published on March 25, 2008.

Natural, artificial beauty reflective of Baylor blessing

Point of View

By Claire Taylor



After weeks of school cancellations due to unpredictable weather ranging from snowstorms to thunderstorms to sunshine, a single day of perfect weather made the wait seem totally worthwhile.

On my way to classes, I think to myself how unbelievable it is that anyone on earth, myself included, would be willing to trade such a gorgeous day for the monotony of the classroom.

Once a my professor greeted me with, "It is a beautiful day outside. Thank you all for coming anyways."

My thoughts exactly, professor.

Honestly, though, call me awestruck, artsy or easily impressed, but I'll never get caught being called unappreciative of the beauty that is Baylor University.

On a day like yesterday, (or today for that matter) it's impossible to overlook the enchantment of the lovely little campus we call home.

Being constantly groomed by teams of landscapers, perfectly trimmed bushes displaying "Baylor" proudly across the lawn surrounded by painstakingly tailored flower beds nearly all seem to be commonplace here.

I felt like when I first walked around campus I assumed I was only caught up in the beauty of things because it was new. I thought I'd get used to it, but I never did. No matter how many times I walk by Pat Neff and the afternoon light catches that gilded dome just right, my jaw still drops. Even after experiencing the immensity of what is the Baylor Sciences Building firsthand, I'm still blown away by its powerful presence nearly every time I lay eyes on it.

With the outward appearance of buildings like the Mayborn Museum, built with Pantheon-esque architectural style and reverence, to the inward beauty of buildings like the Browning Library or the Memorial Hall Cafeteria, it is obvious that Baylor is not just some typical university.

Even the Tidwell Bible Building, itself a monument, boasts hand-carved panels depicting 35 different scenes from the Bible.

As if the campus itself were playing a joke on nature, the copper sculptures, now stained a teal green from years of battling the elements, stand as a testament that even what should be a deterioration in condition can in fact end up being more appealing than it

was before.

Baylor itself is an exemplification of the natural beauty in which it already resides. Like a large-scale terrarium, Baylor is just a carefully groomed example of what natural beauty it readily has

Being a proud Central Texan, I'd be willing to argue with anyone that this here's the most beautiful countryside known to man, and y'all can bet on that. With that in mind, I feel this campus may have a slightly unfair advantage to other places in respect to appearance.

A Texas sky on a spring day is something worthy of fogging up the eyes. You can look up and see tiny, wispy clouds peeking from around hue changes in the sky, almost like they themselves are embarrassed to be blocking such a view.

All things considered, Baylor to me is the apex of these natural aesthetic phenomena, resulting in a campus so refined it demands notice, especially on a perfect day.

I've been to other campuses before, visited parks and exhibits, but few leave an impression on me like Baylor

The sheer fact that it is an institution with the purpose of education, and so much emphasis is put on maintaining and enhancing the campus just for our visual enjoyment is grounds for gratitude at least

Walking through this campus is a blessing, and you should consider it so.

Next time you're out there complaining about drainage problems or parking availability, take a step back and appreciate the beauty that is all around you. (Even if you do have to step in a puddle or two.)

It's as if God himself chiseled out a space specifically for us and not a day should go by that we don't recognize that.

A unique place indeed, so much so that we should be eternally grateful for having been given the opportunity to grace its divine territory with our presence.

To loosely quote Shakespeare: This other Eden, demiparadise, this blessed plot, this earth - this Baylor.

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Everybody NoZe

Since 1926, secret society has been source of on-campus pranks

By Chris Day Reporter

The Noze Brotherhood is a Baylor co-ed secret society known for its satirical publication, The Rope, and performing various pranks around campus.

The group was founded in 1926, Dr. William Long, aka Brother Short Nose said.

The active members have a

different story.

"When the very first baby sneezed for the very first time, the booger broke into a thousand pieces and they all went skipping about," Lorde Mayor Bro. Jesus-loves-me-this-I-NoZe said.

"That was the beginning of the Noble NoZe Brotherhood. We think this was around 1924."

The brotherhood has its own lore and a way of speaking exclusive to the group.

Lorde Mayor is the title giv-

en to the active president and the Cunning Linguist is the title given to the editor of The Rope. Exiles are brothers who have

The Rope has mocked various campus organizations, including fraternities, the Lariat, the Board of Regents as well as faculty and administration. The publication has frequently mocked Christianity and various churches attended by Baylor students.

Every semester the brotherhood hosts Unrush, the brotherhood's equivalent of a fraternity/ sorority recruitment.

Unrush involves submitting a humorous essay to the brotherhood and leaving your contact information.

If the brotherhood thinks it is funny, the writer will be contacted and asked to perform a humorous task. Such tasks have been dressing up as Bilbo Bagette, a parody of a hobbit from the Lord of the Rings series, or supplying the brotherhood with the first season DVD of "Touched By An Angel," according to junior Jordan Wilson.

If your performance is adequate, the Neophyte process begins, which one must complete in

order to become a brother.

"Unrushing is like the opposite of rushing. I can't say much cause we're super secret about everything," Bro. Tickle-me-elm-NoZe said.

"What I can tell you is that you don't want to do it. Satisfying your curiosity is the worst mistake you will ever make."

Although their unrushing process is kept secret, the NoZe do offer some insight into their selection process.

"We don't have pledges. We have neophytes. Basically we tromp around Penland two times a year and pick the most pathetic, loneliest-looking kid. You know, the kid that looks like he'd get rejected from TKE," Bro. Hurricane KatriNoze said.

"We take him under our wing and make him funny. Sometimes it works, but sometimes we get brothers like Bro. NoZe Chance in Hell."

Whenever the society appears on campus publicly, they wear masks, which typically feature a fake plastic nose as well as a full costume, but a brother's costume is up to his or her choosing.

"Keeping your identity as a brother secret is encouraged, but



Judge Kenneth Starr dons his new nose and glasses, presented to him by the Noze Brothers on Feb. 16 in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Starr is the newly elected 14th president of Baylor.

not required," Bro. Jesus-loves-me-this-I-NoZe said.

"However, what is absolutely forbidden is outing another brother."

Over the years, the brother-hood has garnered an impressive resume of pranks, including bringing a donkey to Chapel, putting giant NoZe glasses on Old Main and dumping ping-pong balls on the speaker at Chapel.

"Collectively, our favorite NoZe moment was the moment before we became NoZe brothers," Bro. Jesus-loves-me-this-I-NoZe said.

"Since then, we live in a daily of cycle of blowing chunks and crying uncontrollably. The pingpong ball thing was pretty cool too."

The brotherhood prides themselves on their comedy, but they

also boast a highbrow taste in movies as well.

"'Muppet Treasure Island,'
The Room,' 'Baby Geniuses,'
The Notebook,' 'The Exorcist,'
The Lake House' and 'Mrs.
Doubtfire' are all NoZe classics,"
Bro. Tickle-me-elmNoZe said.

"We have bimonthly movie nights where we eat ice cream and talk about boys and life and stuff."

Chamber member: We do it because we love it

By Amber Owens Reporter

Gathered on the steep concrete ramp of Floyd Casey Stadium, a mass of freshmen class waited in anticipation to feel the soft artifi-

cial grass beneath their heels.

The upbeat melodies of the Baylor Golden Wave Band filled the ears of the eager freshmen

Excitement filled their minds as they waited for the thrill of being able to rush the field for another Baylor football home

B-A-Y-L-O-R is spelled out on six gold flags that cover the football field.

Baylor spirit radiates from the

freshman class, giving their fellow Bears encouragement to secure a win and let Pat Neff glow

So who is at the root of all this Baylor spirit and leading the mass of gold jerseys with their own mass of green jerseys? Baylor Chamber.

Not only does Chamber lead one of Baylor's most well-known traditions, the Baylor Line, Chamber is also in charge of a number of student and family activities throughout the year.

Since Feb. 26, 1919, Chamber has been serving Baylor through leadership, service, scholarship and its motto "Anything for Baylor."

"It becomes a part of us. Every

member of Chamber does their part," said Chesterfield, Mo., senior Justin Kralemann, 2010 president of Chamber.

One of the first events of the year that a new student and their family get to experience is Parents Weekend. Chamber puts on the entire weekend.

From covering Baylor traditions and history, to the parent-faculty coffee, to After Dark, Chamber members supervise and manage the weekend every step of the way.

"To me the best part of being in Chamber is seeing parents hug their students at Parents Weekend and seeing students smile," said Houston sophomore Daniel Haddad, the 2010 Parents Weekend chair.

In addition to Parents Weekend, Chamber is also to thank for the success of Baylor Homecoming, the oldest and largest homecoming parade in the nation.

"If anything, it's an exciting reason to keep working hard," said San Antonio junior Sarah Carrell the 2010 Homecoming chair.

To some, the pressure to uphold such standards and traditions may be overwhelming, but it is the purpose of Chamber. "It takes a lot of inspiration

and encouragement," Kralemann said.

Nicknamed "The Keepers of Tradition," Chamber is responsible for keeping the Baylor tradition alive and relaying it to all of the incoming freshmen and transfer students.

In addition to the Baylor Line,

Parents Weekend and Homecoming, Chamber is credited with the successes of Diadeloso, Winter Premiere and the care of Baylor's mascots Lady and Joy.

"It's a lot of work and very time consuming, but rewarding," said Harlingen junior Reece Fitzgerald, a bear trainer.

This may seem like a lot to handle for one group of students, but for the tight-knit group of leaders that call each other family, the enjoyment of getting to serve the Baylor community is a reward in itself.

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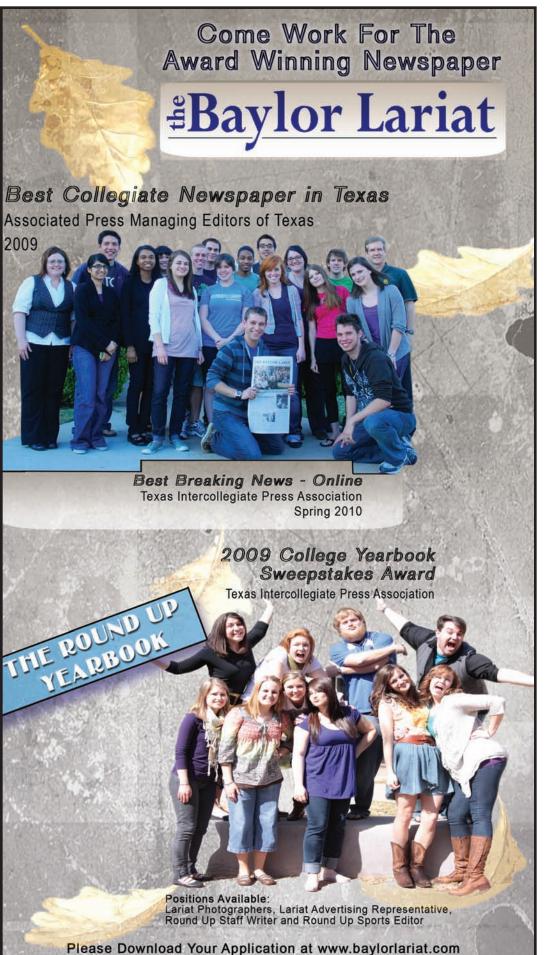
not because we have to," said Pennsylvania sophomore Rachel Pinkerton.

This year also marked a historic year for this group, as it was the first time in 14 years it has participated in All-University Sing.

Headed by their 2010 Sing chair, Austin junior Dakota Farquhar-Caddell, Chamber, opened the show and set the tone of the evening, though it did not compete.

Many Chamber members were in agreement on the impact this organization has brought to their Baylor experience.

"Being in Chamber is a way of life; it's made all the difference," said Carrell.



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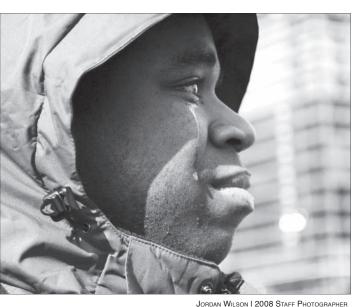
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The Lariat takes home collegiate-realm honors



This photo by the late Jordan Wilson was recognized by the Region 8 Society of Professional Journalists convention in Austin for his photography skills. Wilson won first place in the feature photograph category.

By Tori Leggitt

While the Bears made a name for themselves this year in Baylor sports, three student-run organizations on campus also had success. The Baylor Lariat, Round Up yearbook and Focus magazine all received awards for their hard work.

The Associated Press Managing Editors of Texas named the Lariat the Collegiate Newspaper of the Year at a convention held in College Station.

Three of the Lariat's best newspapers from 2009 were judged by professionals in the field.

"This is recognition by external professionals that Baylor University has an outstanding journalism department, and that our students can compete with anyone," Paul Carr, director of student publications, said.

The Lariat, Round Up yearbook and Focus magazine also received 52 awards in total from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association annual convention, held in Kerrville. The Round Up yearbook took home the sweepstakes award, which is best described as the best all-around collegiate yearbook in Texas.

The Round Up can add this sweepstakes award to their recent recognition as one of eight 2009 Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker finalists. According to Taylor Publishing, this is the first time Round Up has been named a Pacemaker finalist.

"All the accolades, being a finalist for Pacemaker and winning sweepstakes for TIPA, is a real shot in the arm for our book, it solidifies what we have been working on for the last four years to make a book that is both approachable and understandable

for the students here, but that also maintains the integrity of the quality of publication that is upheld through the rest of the state and the nation," said Ryan Brinson, editor-in-chief of Roundup. "It affirms why we spend so time working on print while the rest of the world is going digital, we are winning awards for what we are doing on paper." Some students have also been recognized individually for their work during 2009. The late Jordan Wilson was recognized by the Region 8 Society of Professional Journalists convention in Austin for his photography skills. Wilson, a Round Up photographer and Lariat correspondent for Barack Obama's presidential inauguration, won first place in the feature photograph category. His photograph will now compete in the national competition.

Wilson's photo was also

awarded third in the nation from the Associated Collegiate Press.

The Lariat's online coverage of the tragedy at Fort Hood was also awarded first place by the Region 8 Society of Professional Journalists convention and will now compete in the national competition. "Finishing up my 27th year at Baylor it is really wonderful to see all three student publications receive top recognition," said Dr. Sara Stone, a journalism professor. "For many years the University of Texas swept the top awards followed closely by University of Texas Arlington, so it is extra special to now win top awards in all three categories."

Two other students also received national Hearst awards for their editorial writing -- alumna Ashley Killough, who received fourth place, and alumna Anita Pere, who received 19th place.

University 1000 quells first-year anxiety for BU students

By LaDawn Penigar-Mitchell

University 1000 is a seminar in the department of new student programs that was designated for first-year students to make a successful transition into college and teach them the values that will lead to not only academic excellence, but also personal growth.

During summer orientation, freshmen meet with an adviser to register for classes, including the University 1000 course, which may be specified for their major.

Upon returning to Baylor in August, students will meet with their groups during Welcome Week and share a dinner or picnic together.

Freshmen are required to meet with their University 1000 group for the first six weeks of fall semester and each class is composed of small groups to create an intimate atmosphere while being lead by a faculty member.

Normally, a book for new students to read over their summer break is included in their Baylor orientation package.

The common reading was instated to prompt group discussion during the class and touch on important topics within the book that correlate to students' concerns and questions as they begin their undergraduate ca-

However, this year the university has decided to end that

Lecturer David G. Henry of the Baylor Law School is one of the numerous faculty advisers for the University 1000 program and has taught the class for the past three years.

His motivation to teach this class comes from his larger motivation to give back to the school that gave him a chance when he was a young man himself.

After dropping out of high school as a junior and going from one dead-end job to another. Henry realized he was throwing

"I realized that my path would

provide no future and that I had become my own worst nightmare a person who had nothing of

"If the point was to make connections to transition from high school to college, it definitely worked."

> Jessica Brooks Grapevine freshman

significance to offer others to improve their lives or the world at large," Henry said.

Reviving his lost dream of attending Baylor, he was offered admission after excelling at a junior college.

Although he had no financial resources and a weak academic background, Henry was successful and eventually graduated from Baylor and went on to graduate school in law.

"Baylor gave me a second chance when few, if any other universities, would have done so," Henry said. "Were it not for those at Baylor who believed in me and invested in me with little reason for doing so, my life as I know it would not exist."

This fundamental belief propels Henry to set aside time from his professional life to help and mentor young people just as those at Baylor helped him as a young man.

His main approach to leading a University 1000 group is to help students grasp the importance of transitioning from childhood to what he calls the first phase of "real life" in which students have the freedom to make their own

'By encountering freshmen at the outset of their college careers, I feel that I have the best opportunity to help set them on a right course of personal success and happiness," Henry said.

Ultimately, he hopes that students leave his University 1000 class with the knowledge that they are at a college filled with people that care about them as students and will help them to succeed in life.

Grapevine freshman Jessica Brooks did not always see the purpose of her University 1000 group but acknowledges that she made a lot of good friends through the class.

"If the point was to make connections to transition from high school to college, it definitely worked," Brooks said.

Brooks keeps in contact with many people from her group and still appreciates the sensitivity her faculty adviser showed to her class when they were all new students struggling to adapt to college life.

Another freshman, Michelle Caunitz from Colleyville, was especially grateful to be put in a University 1000 class that consisted of nothing but biology majors. Her faculty adviser, whom she may have as teacher, enjoyed telling the class stories and talking about everyday subjects as well as any concerns students would have. Caunitz thinks the class was helpful in encouraging students to get to know one another and having faculty willing to help students in case they were struggling. However, Caunitz wishes the class could have been more relaxed due to the weekly homework assignments and book reading. "I liked it but don't think it should be so structured because it's already stressful to worry about classes your first semester," Caunitz said.

Like many other freshmen, Caunitz found University 1000 beneficial in the area of making new friends with the same major.

"I did make a lot of acquaintances," Caunitz said. "I don't think I would've liked being in a random group." University 1000 strives to help connect new students while allowing them to learn to understand the principles and foundations that will greatly impact their undergraduate experience at Baylor.

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"Within the first few hours after dropping me off at Baylor, my mom called four times to check up on me." said Milan Wright of her first night at Baylor.

Many parents feel the need to constantly contact their children the first time they are dropped off at a University.

Often-times the anxiety of their children's safety as they leave home for the first time leads parents to worry about the many dangers of living away from

and worry, there is an organization here at Baylor that helps par-

However, to ease this anxiety

Started in 1968, The Baylor Parents League was created to help keep parents better connected to what's going on campus.

Since then, the Parents League has come a long way in not only helping parents, but assisting students as well.

However, the league's main focus is still for the parents.

In order to keep them involved and aware of on-campus activities, the league sends out a newsletter every few months titled "Perspectives."

In the latest edition of "Perspectives," The League, headed by Judy Maggard, addressed the issues of the fall 2009 semester and some common issues about which most parents are con-

Even though the league is primarily geared toward parents, students are not left out of its

When asked, some students had no idea that The Parents

League even existed.

A few students had heard of the League, but weren't sure of its purpose.

Students had various thoughts about what The Parents League was, including: a group of parents joining together to prevent students from making mistakes, a group of parents that act as mentors or a group of parents that pray over students.

The league does all of these things, including other benefits students were shocked to hear about when informed.

"They what? I was not aware they offered these things," said freshman Natalia Gutierrez about the Parent's League Student Emergency Fund. The Student Emergency Fund

is one of the many things the donations from Baylor parents help students in times of need.

Through this fund, The Parents League is able to offer up to a \$500 allotment to any student who may need it based on a financial need.

This fund is available to students once every semester during their Baylor career and helps to pay for unexpected expenses.

These include, but aren't limited to: car repair, living expenses when a parent loses their job, medical bills not covered by insurance and, in Adrina Pawlak's case, books for last semester's

"When my mom told me about The Parents League and what they could do, I didn't believe her. Like I really didn't. I thought she was exaggerating. But after actually talking to them, I was really relieved at all the help they could give me," Pawlack said.

There are students like Paw-

lack who know little about the help provided by the league, but who could benefit from it.

Freshman Alli Baker said that she would soon be looking into the help offered by the Parent's League after hearing about the emergency fund and the Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Currently, the scholarship is helping provide financial help to 29 students on campus.

A lot of students were surprised that these financial opportunities existed and were wondering how they didn't find out about these opportunities before being asked.

The Parents League has numerous ways of informing students know about the offers that are available through the league.

"The Parents League organization is introduced to parents of incoming freshmen and transfer

students at summer orientation and at student send-off events in the summer," Maggard said. "I also serve on a panel of administrators during fall, winter and spring premiere programs hosted by the Office of Admissions to let

parents know about our office." According to some students that have heard of the league, the organization called them numerous at their homes and sent plenty of invitations to events

The league has always been accessible, just overlooked.

through the mail.

Even though the league may not be able to help with all problems, their goal is to help those finish out their college careers.

If it seems a financial strain may keep you from continuing here at Baylor, the Parents League has many offers from which students could benefit.

Homecoming's eternal flame goes up in smoke

By Laura Remson Staff writer

story in itself.

In the past few years of Baylor's homecoming, the guarding of the flame has become a news

After numerous controvercial incidents in recent years, Chamber decided to end the guarding of the flame tradition during Homecoming 2009.

In 2005, after recommendations from the Risk Management Department, the decision was made to move the bonfire from Fountain Mall to the parking lot of the Ferrell Center.

Then, 2006 saw the first in a string of injuries blamed on the

Then-junior Justin Brown said he was hit in the face with a lacrosse stick by the freshmen guarding the flame. He was taken to the hospital with a broken

In 2007, the administration took action to prevent injuries by setting a 2 a.m. cut-off curfew. The flame would be returned to students six hours later, at 8 a.m.

However, in an unexpected turn of events, the guarding was ended early at 11:30 p.m., when Baylor police put out the flame and notified Baylor Chamber of Commerce. One student dislocated her knee and another suffered

In 2008 the curfew was once again set to 2 a.m., but fighting put another two people in the hospital. One was a police officer, who dislocated his finger during the commotion.

"It only takes one student," said Houston senior Tanner Vickers, a Freshman Mass Meeting chair of Chamber. "In this case, it was a group of students and it took their actions and that's all it really takes. One person gets hurt, so Baylor PD asked us to put (the flame) out."

After the last few years, Chamber knew that changes would be made; it was only a matter of

"Chamber made the decision

- that was members of Student Life, along with Risk Management. It was not a telling, it was more of a sit-down type of discussion," Vickers said.

"The university as a whole agreed this is not where we need

After looking into the flameguarding tradition, Chamber was contacted by upper-level administration and told to revamp this tradition or it would be totally

"The university had approached us and said we cannot have these dangerous events happening," Vickers said.

The flame will be shut down. We cannot, as a university, harbor an environment that is dangerous for students."

Others on campus are cheering the decisions of Chamber and the administration.

"I think it is a very wise decision," said Baylor Police Chief

"I salute those in the decisionmaking process. When you look at the recent history, that makes this a very wise decision."

Vickers said the flameguarding tradition is not about the physical flame itself, but the flame and spirit within the people of Baylor - those on campus and those who have left.

"I think that what we have to always remember is that the real flame, the real spirit – that's not something that burns out on campus somewhere," Vickers said. "That's not something that

can be physically touched. It's not even in the buildings. People are Baylor: It's in our hearts and in our minds." Vickers also hopes that follow-

ing 2009's homecoming, students will better understand this tradition by understanding the story of the Immortal Ten. "The flame is not the most im-

portant piece, it's just a representation. It was never meant to be 'the' spirit," Vickers said.

The Freshman Mass Meeting was started in 1927 as a memorial service for the Immortal Ten, a group of students who died after their bus was hit by a train on its way to a basketball game in Austin. Vickers doesn't believe that the events of the past few years represent the original memorial to the Immortal Ten.

"If we could possibly talk to any of the members of the Immortal Ten and say, 'Is this what you wanted? Is this respectful of you and your story, who you are and who you represent for the university?" Vickers said. "I would think that we would get a resounding no."

Another change to Homecoming last year will the movement of the Freshman Mass Meeting to Thursday instead of Wednesday night. "For a very long time, it was held on Thursday," Vickers said. "So it's not like that is a major change into something that is very foreign for Baylor, when in fact Freshman Mass Meeting traditionally was held on a Thursday for many years."

To overhaul the old fameguarding tradition, Chamber named 'torchbearer' representatives from each of the

These selected members then lit the bonfire. These torchbearers were chosen based on humility, Christian leadership, Baylor spirit, service to the Baylor and Waco community and academic achievements. They were recognized throughout homecoming

At the same time, some students don't share the outlook of Chamber. "I think it's lame that they don't get to experience the tradition of guarding the flame, but at the same time I understand it was getting a little too violent," said Frisco senior Rusty Drve.

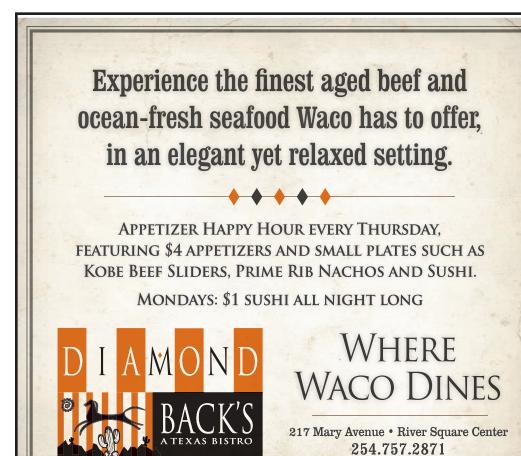
"I feel like the tradition could be continued as long as certain steps are taken to ensure the safety of all participants - taking lacrosse sticks before coming close to the flame, no objects that can cause serious harm to the participants, things like that."

Drye also points out the camaraderie that is built within the freshman class by pulling all-nighters to guard the flame and said it was one of his favorite experiences.









New choir director: I have really high hopes

By Shirley Mok REPORTER

With a bright smile and energetic gestures, Dr. Alan Raines' presence can be felt a mile away. Baylor music students have said enthusiasm is exactly what a choir director needs and Dr. Alan Raines sure fits that.

After a two-year search, Baylor selected Raines to be the new director of choral activities. Raines was offered the position in January 2009 and was given the Mary Gibbs Jones Endowed Professorship in Music.

Prior to Baylor, Raines was the director of choral activities at Stetson University, a private university in Florida.

"I love Baylor. It's a worldclass university with a strong Christian background, which is exactly what I wanted," Raines said."It was a great opportunity to come here."

Raines received his master's

of music and his doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Raines served as the assistant conductor of the Angeles Chorale during his time at UCLA.

"I always knew [music] was my gift, ever since I was a little Raines said. "My mother, father and sister were also wonderful musicians."

He grew up playing the piano, saxophone, organ and loved to sing and was a drum major of his middle school and high school.

Raines has conducted choirs throughout the world. His consucting has sent him to Korea, Finland, Canada, China, the United Kingdom and Russia.

"My most memorable trip so far has been my recent trip to China this past summer," Raines said. Raines traveled to Suzhou, China, where he conducted Handel's "Messiah" on Easter. The concert was in celebration of the opening of one of five churches of the Du Shu Lake Christian Church.

"To see the birth, life and resurrection of Jesus Christ and spread the gospel in a country where Christianity is less than 1 percent is truly amazing," Raines

"It was a touching experience because you know that this isn't a normal routine for people over

Raines toured Texas with the Baylor A Cappella Choir this

"I love my students," Raines said. "I had the most fun touring with them because they are an amazing bunch of individuals and I learn so much from them." This was the first year after

a long hiatus that the a cappella choir has been on tour. "I think touring is a great way

to spread the green and gold afar," Raines said. "It's a great way to recruit members and promote the university."

The a cappella choir toured in major cities such as Fort Worth,

"My goal is... to build on the legacy and history. To make the choir world class."

Dr. Alan Raines

San Antonio and Houston.

Raines has plans of expanding the tour next year to Oklahoma, Tennessee and Arkansas.

"I have really high hopes with the choir," Raines said. "In a few years we can even tour out of country to places in Europe."

Besides music, Raines said his proudest accomplishment is his

"Though I am basically a music nerd and my life is music,

I have not achieved anything greater than my family," Raine s said. "I love spending time with my wife and our twin boys."

A giant grin could not escape Raines' mouth when talking about his 9-month-old twins and wife, and he said his wife is the most influential person in his

When not conducting, Raines also enjoys horseback riding, snow and water skiing. Something that that people may not know about Raines would be that he has an awful fear of heights. "I tried to zip line one time. ...It didn't work out so well," Raines

Raines said he holds a special place in his heart for the elderly.

"I think they have a lot to say about life," Raines said. "I respect them very much."

Raines plans to stay with the choir for years to come while teaching and growing with them.

Raines has one piece of advice

"To be a giver. There is a prayer 'It is in giving that we receive, the most will come out if you do work for others," Raines said. Raines believes that everyone should try to make the most

"You are not guaranteed tomorrow," Raines said.

Raines said he tells his students: "Don't ever let a note go by that's not musical. Don't ever let any moment pass you by. Every moment counts and is impor-

"[My goal is to] continue to build upon the predecessors," Raines said. "To build on the legacy and history. To make the choir world class."

Raines strongly encourages all students who are interested, even non-music majors, to audition for a choir placement at Baylor.

"I want the choir to grow and I believe any student can do it,"

Civil War buff joins BU ranks

By Adeola Aro REPORTER

The history department received a new addition this year – Dr. Clayton Jewett, a professor who is already making an impact on his students.

"I think that most people cringe when they think of a history class," Stephenville sophomore Allison Woerner said. "A professor stands at the front of the room and drones on and on while reading from his lecture notes. His students are expected to memorize obscure names and dates, and then regurgitate them

Woerner was enrolled in Jewett's class and recently added a history minor after taking his

"His lectures almost feel more like a discussion because he is so engaging. He challenges us to think for ourselves and to really understand the underlying themes of the subject," Woerner

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said. "On the first day of the class, he asks us why we thought we were there. Most of us immediately answered that we are there to learn history, but we quickly discovered that isn't Dr. Jewett's purpose for us."

Jewett's mentor, Jon L. Wakelyn, Professor Emeritus at Kent State University, said Jewett's work ethic is amazing.

"I believe the secret to his success is that he truly loves to impart his subject matter and he cherishes his students," Wakelyn said. "Somewhere he learned that students were what education was all about. He is always available and he cares what happens to his students."

Jewett grew up in Friendswood, about 60 miles south of Houston, and attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his bachelors of arts

Upon graduation he attended Catholic University of America where he received both his matters of arts and doctoral degree specializing in Texas history, the Civil War and southern history.

Jewett, a seventh-generation Texan, said his deep interest and fascination with Texas and the Civil War were his reasons for pursuing higher education in his-

Before coming to Baylor, Jewett taught Civil War and American history at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin. Jewett said he has always had a preference to teach at a private religious insti-"Those types of schools attract

and education. That's the type of student I enjoy teaching," Jewett said. Jewett said he prefers to teach in a way that gets students to think by encouraging students to debate over critical issues. Woerner siad Jewett's class

a student more sincere about faith

forced her to step out of her com-

"I not only feel like I have learned a lot about American history, but I feel like I have learned a lot about myself. There have been days in his class when I would voice my opinion, and Dr. Jewett would just look at me, and then he would ask me if that was really what I thought.

"It might catch me off guard a little, but ultimately it would either make me strengthen my resolve, or perhaps I might reconsider my position," Woerner said. "Whatever the outcome, I was expected to think intelligently and to make a decision for myself."

Jewett said his experience at Baylor thus far has been as an enjoyable one. In his spare time Jewett serves as the coach of the men's rugby team.

In addition to his reputation as an engaging professor, Jewett has written three books.

Jewett has a collection of essays on the Civil War that will be released this year, and he is currently working on a biography of former Texas Governor Pendleton Murrah.



Dr. Clayton Jewett completed his first year as part of the history department staff. He was also the coach for the men's rugby team.

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Bears' newest adventure: wakeboarding

By Lauren Brandom REPORTER

The first Baylor wakeboarding team is in its first years, but with all of the team's ideas, goals and new members, it is planning on placing in nationals for the second year in a row.

After the Fall 2009 Collegiate Wakeboard Tournament in Beaumont, the dream of the wakeboard team was born

Baylor students Trevor Stewart, Caleb Kaker, Matt Johnson and Patrick Hamner competed as single contestants and won three podium finishes that earned them spots at the National Championship.

They soon started riding together every day, eventually building a team that was chartered in February 2010.

The small team established officers who began to get the word out for tryouts by making flyers and T-shirts, setting up a boat on campus, and talking to as many people as they could.

"We scoured the campus for any kid who looked like he could shred and any girl who was brave enough to get into the 50-degree water," said Patrick Hamner, president of the wake boarding team. "We have a pretty substantial membership now with over 50 students involved and from the looks of it we are starting out with a strong team."

At tryouts, each person rode for 20 minutes and hung out on the boat for about an hour getting to know the members.

"The tryouts went well," said sophomore Camille Duhon, marketing assistant for the wakeboarding team. "I can tell we got a good group of people who are going to enjoy working hard and having fun on the river with the

Future tryouts for the team will be held at the beginning of each semester with a tryout fee of \$15 per person. Each person will do a few runs and will find out a few days later.

"Not all members have to be able to do tricks on a board. In fact, many riders on the team are beginners," Hamner said.

This is not a problem because the tournaments the team competes in have different divisions: beginner, intermediate, advanced, open, wake skate and separate a division for women.

Each semester members pay dues of \$100, which include unlimited time on the water when the weather permits it, \$10 off of anything the member buys on www.buywake.com, the sponsor of the series the team is part of, and access to attend tourna-

The first tournaments the newly chartered team competed in were in Beaumont on April 7 and 8 and nationals on April 14 to 18 in Austin. They will be in three additional tournaments this summer in Dallas, Beaumont

"As one of the founders and president of Baylor Wake, I want to see the team qualify for nationals every year from now on," Hamner said.

"I also want to see the team acquire a team boat by next December. We desperately need one, so hopefully we can come up with \$60,000 soon."

Until now, the team has been alternating between Kaker and Hamner's boats.

"Baylor Wake is an organization that isn't just about wakeboarding," said Paradise junior Caleb Kaker, captain of the wakeboarding team.

"We also respect the chill on the lake aspect of our sport. It is a privilege to get to enjoy the beautiful waters of the Brazos River every day and we always remember to have a good time and that wakeboarding is rooted



together by people just looking Seguin junior Trevor Stewart flips in the air during a run with the Baylor wake boarding team. Stewart, along for ways to have a good time out with several other members of the team, chartered the first wake boarding group at Baylor in February 2010.

BU adds three majors, six minors to repertoire

By Michelle Witt REPORTER

Much thought is put into a student's selection of a major and with the addition of three new majors and six minors, the possibilities at Baylor are ever increas-

Baylor now offers a bachelor of arts in astronomy and astrophysics and a bachelor's of science in astronomy, astrophysics and environmental health science.

Minors now offered include astronomy, astrophysics, educational psychology, Arabic, Chinese and Italian.

The new majors were decided based on national trends and by what tier one schools are doing said Natalie Terry, an academic

In the past, majors "came about because students were interested. When they proved that there was enough of a desire then the administration took it from there," Terry said.

The process of approving new majors is not a simple one.

"It's not a very quick process, a couple of years normally, from start to finish," Terry said.

Terry said the university has

and professors have to be found to teach the material.

The new environmental health science major is offered at two schools in Texas, Baylor being the largest of the two.

"A biology, chemistry, environmental science degree wrapped up into one" is how Bryan Brooks, associate professor and director of the environmental health science program, explained the interdisciplinary science degree.

"The specialization of the courses and the required courses make it compatible with national accreditation requirements," Brooks said. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are more than 13,000 jobs available in this field.

"I think it really meets a critical area of national health need, and in fact I think that because that's what the CDC, Centers for Disease and Control, thinks," Brooks said. Unlike most science degrees, an environmental health science degree offers the opportunity to enter directly into the work force.

"It prepares students to step in right after graduation into a marketable, timely and critically important area of national health

The national accreditation and strength of the program will provide graduates with a variety of options. "To prepare students to go on to medical school, graduate school, professional schools in public health, to pursue law, there are so many different avenues, medical missions... that's environmental health," Brooks said. The department of physics has widened its scope by creating new astronomy and astrophysics majors. "We kept getting more and more interest in astronomy and astrophysics," said Dr. Truell Hyde, vice provost for research

The astrophysics major evolved from growing attraction to the classes already being offered Hyde said. "We've always had a lot of interest in the research of CASPER. Coursework to go along with it is always a good thing," Hyde said.

CASPER stands for the Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics & Engineering Research.

Hyde predicts an increase in students enrolled in a major in the physics department.

'We'll have a lot of people that are interested because for a long time people have been asking about it," Hyde said.

Duo starts new theater company

By Ryan Brinson CONTRIBUTOR

Rowlett junior Matt Tolbert and Huntsville sophomore Josh Gonzales have spent time in the spotlight on Baylor stages in everything from musicals to "Macbeth" but this summer, they are also stepping into the producer's seats. The duo have created the Greyman Theatre Co., an independent company that will be producing its first musical this

August, "Dani Girl." While spending time on Youtube, Tolbert and Gonzales discovered, the songwriting duo of Michael Kooman and Christopher Dimond and fell in love with their work. After Tolbert saw one of their shows last summer, he and Gonzales headed to New York City and met with Kooman. They worked out a deal to pay for the rights for the show and the revised draft was sent to them.

"It's important to encourage new people to keep writing new works," Gonzales said. "The world is changing and the work reflects the art of the time. The questions the old art ask are out-

Tolbert saw the potential experience for collegiate students to be a part of a new production to be invaluable.

"With a new work, artists can create it as their own. Young people don't usually get to do that. It's usually older artists on Broadway that get to create new characters," Tolbert said.

But with a new work comes new challenges.

"This show is a musical and for musicals, I usually listen to the soundtrack to learn the music. But we don't have that. All we have is just sheet music so it's exciting. It also means we won't be imitating anyone on a cast album," Tolbert said.

While both Tolbert and Gonzales will be performing in "Dani Girl," they were aware that the duality of their roles as producers and actors had limitations.

"When it comes to final say on design, marketing, ultimately, we have the authority," Gonzales said. "But for the actual show, we know to take our producer hats off, be the director's actor and not overstep."

The Director that took the reins of "Dani Girl" is Kelsey Ervi, theater performance major

"I was looking for an internship for the summer and was approached for this show," Ervi said. "It got down to the wire and I decided to do the show. I know it would be a really great experi-

It's been a new experience for Ervi as she had to cast and prepare the show before rehearsals begin this summer.

This was the first full-length show I've casted with auditions." Ervi said. "I had a blast but it was a really hard decision. It really came down to instinct. I'm looking forward to pulling things out of these actors that I know so well and help to develop them."

Keller junior Rachel Brown and Merritt Island, Fla., senior Sarah Winter round out the fourperson cast with Tolbert and Gonzales and along with Ervi will be working in every aspect of the production from making costumes to building sets to hanging lights.

"This show is great because I haven't really gotten a chance to explore my talent and now I've been entrusted with something I can really dig into and find myself more as a performer," Winter

For Brown, the opportunity meant more stage time but also more time to learn.

"I'm excited to have a challenge of a big part," Brown said. "I came in late to the department, so any opportunity I can have to learn more is great."

Now that the actors and director are in place, Tolbert and Gonzales have been putting their energy into getting the word out about the show and while the Baylor theater department has a long history of presenting shows to sold-out audiences, Tolbert and Gonzales emphasized that none of the proceeds are going into their pockets.

"What's neat about it is that is has the potential to raise funds for scholarships each summer as well as being a platform for new work," Tolbert said.

And since the focus of the Greyman is on new work, Tolbert and Gonzales didn't feel any pressure to choose a popular show that is meant to draw audiences off of name recognition.

"New work is difficult, especially now when theater is more difficult to produce. Theaters are into what's proven to guaran-



RYAN BRINSON | ROUND UP EDITOR

Rowlett junior Matt Tolbert and Huntsville sophomore Josh Gonzales began their own theater company, Greyman Theatre Co., and will open their first show, "Dani Girl," this August.

tee audience members," Tolbert said. "We chose this first show on basis of what kind of audience we're trying to attract. Waco is so conservative as far as the limited amount of theater that comes through and they don't see a lot

of new works like this."

"Dani Girl" will be presented in Theatre 11 of Hooper Schaeffer Fine Arts Building August 12-15. For more information, look for the Greyman Theatre Group on

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