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Uproar Records added three new artists to its 2010-2011 roster. Rockdale sophomore Garrett Muston, playing the piano in the North Village Community Center, Plano freshman Amy Boykin, playing her guitar at Founder's Mall, and Flower Mound senior KJ Kenneth-Nwosa, a rapper, were selected.

Made the cut: Meet three new Uproar artists

By LIZ APPLING
REPORTER

Uproar Records officially released the names of three new artists for the 2010-2011 artists roster Monday.

Amy Boykin, Garrett Muston and KJ Kenneth-Nwosa are the newcomers to Uproar, Baylor's student-run record label, and are joining returning performers David Dulcie and the Ragtag Army, Zoo Studio and Brin Beaver.

There was a delay in the release of this information due to the

"overwhelming talent received at this year's auditions," a press release from Uproar Records stated.

Following initial auditions, with 47 students trying out, Uproar narrowed the group down to six performers and then narrowed that group down to three.

Jacob Voncannon, Uproar Entertainment and Music Group general manager, said the decision was difficult.

"First off, we look and see if they meet the talent threshold, which they definitely did. After that, we start looking at things

like the ability to perform live, stage presence, confidence when they sing and songwriting ability," Voncannon said.

Plano freshman Boykin has been playing the piano since kindergarten. She began playing the guitar in the eighth grade and recently took up the ukulele.

Although she is just in her first year, Boykin has already taken the stage at Baylor with her performance of the song "Hallelujah" at After Dark in September.

However, she first heard about Uproar during Line Camp before

classes at Baylor had even started.

"One of the nights was 'Common Grounds Night,' which was a night when all the Line campers went to Common Grounds to hear artists performing," Boykin said. "There was a break and my Line Camp leader encouraged me to just go up there, so I ended up going up there to sing and play a song that I had written on the piano."

Boykin said she is glad she gave an impromptu performance because it eventually led to her association with Uproar.

"Afterwards, it got an awesome reaction from my peers and Taylor Ashcraft from Uproar approached me and recommended that I audition," Boykin said.

Boykin also met Flower Mound senior KJ Kenneth-Nwosa, the first rapper for Uproar, at Line Camp when he approached her and suggested they work on some music together.

"He was one of our bigger surprises of auditions," Voncannon said. "We weren't expecting to have a rapper show up, especially one that was good. He is definitely

extremely talented, especially for someone in a genre we've never had before."

Kenneth-Nwosa has been rapping for many years and also plays the drums.

"One of the reasons we took KJ was to diversify our talent pool," Voncannon said.

Rapping and free-styling is what he does, but Kenneth-Nwosa also described himself as a songwriter.

"My inspiration is old music

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Starr, students discuss Uganda

By NYDIA PEREZ
REPORTER

A group of Baylor graduate students met with President Ken Starr on Tuesday to discuss a sustainable social business project that would benefit the people of Uganda.

The student team has worked on the Acara Sales for Sustainability project that collaborates with the company 3M.

The company's mission is to provide practical solutions to create a societal change.

The students' project includes marketing a food grinder to the people of Uganda.

The group consists of five graduate students: Dorothy Bre, Tingtin Lillu, Jingxuan Marjorie, Rakesh Prakh and Emi Ristani.

The team met with Starr, who has traveled to Uganda, to receive insight and advice from his experience. Starr shared about the culture and social conditions of Uganda.

"In order to improve people's lives and market this product, it is important to understand the customs and meet with people who have been there," Ristani said.

Starr said the context of his visit was to encourage a rule of initiative.

"East Africa has been afflicted with atrocities no one would think would occur after World War II. Uganda continues to suffer from instability in the north," Starr said.

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Christine Browder, a Dallas graduate student of social work, plays with a Kenyan youth on a mission trip with the School of Social Work.

Social work students travel to Kenya, gain valuable perspective

By MEGHAN HENDRICKSON
STAFF WRITER

This past summer, when the School of Social Work took a team of students on a mission trip to Nairobi, Kenya, through Baylor Spiritual Life, the mission was not just to serve, but to learn.

"Students were learning about what social work looks like in Kenya, about some of the needs of the people of Kenya and what local leaders are doing to address those needs," said Dr. Jon Singletary, Diane Garland Endowed Professor in Child and Family Services in the School of Social Work and leader of the team. "We don't go in with the plan of doing something, as much as going to learn from people who are already doing things themselves."

Students agreed that on the trip, Singletary was not the teacher. The local leaders were the teachers.

"It was a life-changing oppor-

tunity in which we got to experience how social work is pursued in another country," Arlington senior Kameryn Phillips said. "We got to experience a day in the Kibera slum when we met with a local pastor who works with the Kibera Transformation Developmental Program. He brought us into a town in the middle of the slum and he told us his daily routine of serving people all day. He was so proud of it and so humble. He told us he would never leave Kibera because that was his mission and calling in life – it was very humbling."

Singletary said that one thing that stood out as a lesson learned is how often American Christians assume the best response to a large number of orphans is to build orphanages as a way to house children.

"When you spend a little time with the families and leaders on the ground in Kenya, they don't want more orphanages. They

want to extend family and keep children connected," Singletary said.

The students learned alternative ways to care for orphans other than orphanages. Local leaders serve orphaned children and families facing the HIV/AIDS epidemic through programs such as foster care, boarding school and kinship care. Kinship care is where orphans can live with their extended family, such as aunts and uncles.

"Boarding schools are really common in parts of Africa for middle school and high school," Singletary said. "Children can live in school and return home on the holidays to stay with extended family, or even neighbors. This is particularly relevant for children in villages, as it is more affordable than orphanages and better for the children."

One of the greatest challenges

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Olympic runner to host charity run

By CARMEN GALVAN
STAFF WRITER

The 2010 Fuzzy Friends 5K run and 1K dog walk will feature special guests this year. Ryan Hall, an Olympic long distance runner, and his wife Sara, also a professional runner, will participate in the Step Together: Run, Race and Dogwalk to benefit both Fuzzy Friends Rescue in Waco and the Hall Steps Foundation.

The Hall Steps Foundation's mission is to bring clean water to underprivileged nations, fight human trafficking and fund a home as a rescue center in Kenya.

Wayne Hampton, president of Waco Composites and an avid runner, originally contacted Hall and invited him to Waco to host a run benefiting the Hall Step Foundation, but soon began collaborating with the annual Fuzzy Friends 5K run and 1K dog walk in order to attract more runners and participants.

"I thought he was interesting and I got this brainy idea to e-mail him and bring him to Waco," Hampton said. "I sent him an e-mail and introduced myself, and asked if he would come to Waco and host a run for their foundation. His wife answered back within the hour and said that they would come."

Step Together participants are asked to meet at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in front of City Hall at Heritage Square. The event is divided in three parts: the 1K dog walk, the 5K race and the 5K training run. However, because of his training restrictions, Hall will not run in the 5K race. He will instead participate and set the pace for the 5K training run, where he will offer tips and training advice to fellow runners. After the runs, Hall and his wife will an-

swer questions at a brunch held in Heritage Square.

Nancy Goodnight, race director for Step Together, was surprised when Hall agreed to come to Waco, but hopes that everyone will take the opportunity to meet with him.

"I was really surprised. Who knew someone of that caliber would come to Waco?" Goodnight said. "He is raising funds for clean water in Africa. Sometimes it is easy, especially in Waco, to get in a bubble and we don't realize that there's a global need out there and that it's important to give back to our community."

Hall placed 10th in the Olympic marathon in Beijing in 2008.

Hampton said he hopes Baylor will be well represented at the event.

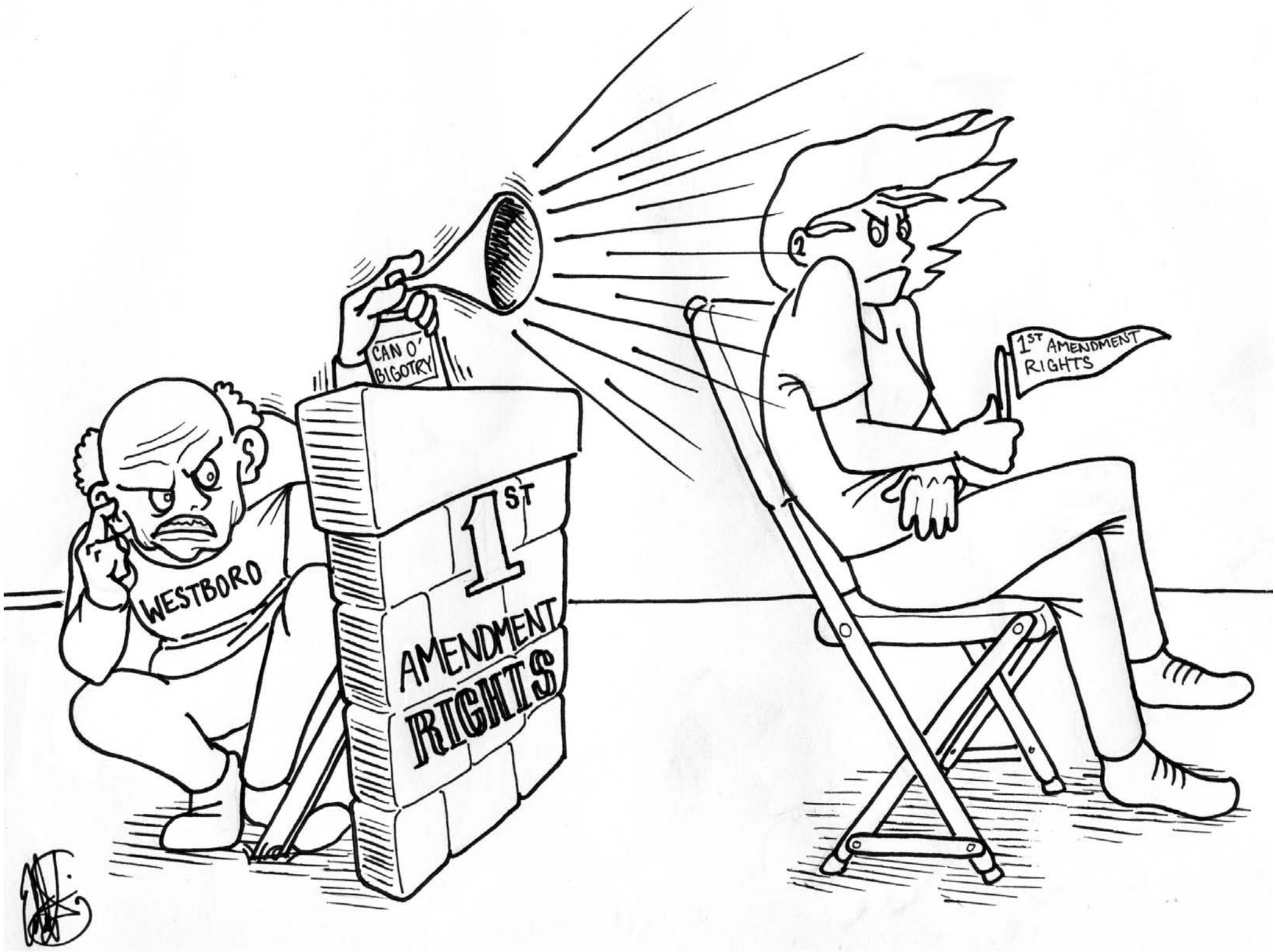
"What I'm hoping for is a Baylor turnout. Baylor has so many runners — student runners who run in the Bearathon," Hampton said.

"There's hundreds of runners at Baylor and I hope that we have a good turnout."

The event includes a bake sale, food and drinks, face painting, goodie bags and a best costume, best trick and waggiest tail contest for dogs and cats.

Registration ranges from \$20 for the dog walk to \$55 for the walk, race, training run and brunch. Proceeds equally benefit Fuzzy Friends Rescue and the Hall Steps Foundation, and all those who register receive a free T-shirt.

"This is really exciting for Waco, and we're excited for people from other communities to see how great it is to run along the river and in the park," Goodnight said. "I don't think a lot of people realize how great a place Waco is for running."



There’s no such thing as the freedom to hurt

Last week the Supreme Court of the United States heard arguments in the case of Snyder vs. Phelps, a case that is arguably one of the most emotion-stirring cases on the docket this term. The case pits protest vs. privacy in regards to the highly publicized Westboro Baptist Church and its inflammatory protests of military funerals. Wielding signs plastered with phrases like “God hates fags” and “Thank God for Dead Soldiers,” Westboro Baptist church members — young and old — protested 1,000 feet away from a church where the funeral of Matthew Snyder, a deceased Marine, was being held in Maryland on March 10, 2006.

Snyder’s father, Albert, sued the pastor, two of his daughters and the entire church and was awarded \$2.9 million in federal District Court. On appeal, the Fourth Circuit Court ruled in favor of Phelps, the pastor, claiming that the church’s “utterly distasteful” message was protected by the First Amendment.

According to Lyle Denniston, a reporter for the SCOTUS blog, the “Circuit Court said [Westboro’s speech] was speech on matters of public concern — including homosexuality in the military, and the political and moral conduct of America and its citizens.”

As a counterargument to the Snyder’s claim that the church had intruded on private matters, West-

boro Baptist Church said “this is a case involving speech on vital public issues, by a group that is probably fairly characterized as media..., that angered by its content a man [Albert Snyder] who is probably a limited purpose public figure.” The venue was “a traditionally public forum, far removed from any topic or place that could be deemed private by any analysis.”

The decision that is handed down at the end of this term will very likely have lasting effects on the First Amendment, the classification of media outlets and the protection of hyperbolic speech.

Had it been a public debate, the outcome might be different. However, it was a funeral for a family to honor its loved one. Westboro Baptist has every right to enter a public debate, but it has no right to intrude upon the funeral of a soldier killed in Iraq.

The views of Westboro (which are completely unaligned from the accepting and loving values Jesus Christ taught) are views that spark anger in many. The church has a right to hold those views and publicly display them, but the church didn’t enter a public debate — it trekked from Topeka, Kan., to Maryland and spitefully, crudely and despicably insulted a grieving family. We think it can be argued that the types of so-called truths Westboro wields on rainbow-gradient signs cause just as much emotional

damage to a grieving relative as a physical altercation would. No one is allowed to be physically harmed by another person in this country — and we think Westboro’s hateful slurs are metaphorical blows to a human’s mental stability. The reason the location of the church’s protest matters is because the family had no place to go. It is not logical to ask a family to chose between hearing hateful speech or leaving its loved one at the grave.

In his commentary on the arguments for the case, Denniston said, that Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., repeated “with increasing force the accusation that the Westboro Baptist funeral protesters had singled out the dead soldier’s father and the funeral, not to enter a discussion about public affairs including morality, but simply to achieve ‘maximum publicity.’”

What the legal defense for Phelps (who is his daughter, Margie J. Phelps) is saying was a debate on the public stage was in fact an attack on one grieving family. It is obvious that Westboro forced this event onto the public stage though the family was simply attempting to bury its lost one in peace.

One friend of the court brief said that if the church’s actions are deemed unconstitutional, more cases regarding protest-filled college campuses will pop up attempting to stifle the free speech of many

organizations. However, that argument is logically flawed. College campuses are, arguably, public places and well-advertised events happen on campuses across the country every day. If the church had protested on a college campus, its freedom of speech would have been applicable. In fact, when the church came to the edge of Baylor’s campus in the spring of 2010, it had every right to.

The key difference that lies at the heart of this issue is that of privacy. Simply because we are workers in the news industry, doesn’t mean we will sacrifice our rights, as citizens, to privacy.

With that, a citizen’s right to privacy — such as their right to hold a private funeral — should be protected from unlawful intrusion. Westboro denied the Snyder family that right and thus should be held accountable.

The church’s views are skewed and unfounded, and in America, legal.

However, it’s when Westboro begins to infect other’s private lives and encroach on other’s rights that problems arise. Westboro Baptist Church should stick to the public debates and leave anguished families alone. Americans’ freedom of speech promotes democracy and keeps the government accountable — but Americans should never be allowed to hurt other Americans.

Blood donors improve life of those in need, relatives

As I walked down Fountain Mall last week, a day before my grandma’s would-be 88th birthday, I noticed the blood drive buses. They terrify me, because I am afraid of needles and pain and just about everything that comes with having blood drawn.

I either faint or come close to it every time I get a shot and I don’t handle blood work much better. It’s pathetic. I’ll be the first to admit it.

But I hope this is a fear I can overcome someday. I am consistently awed at the enthusiasm and willingness of blood donors, both here on campus and elsewhere, to give to others. And, as someone who is terrified of needles, I admire their bravery, too.



Sara Tirrito | Staff writer

As I walked down Fountain Mall, though, I wondered how many donors realize the full impact of what they are doing.

According to the National Institutes of Health, approximately 5 million patients are given blood each year. With each of those patients comes a group of people — parents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, friends — who are also very much affected by that patient’s ability to get the blood they need. One person’s selfless act has an impact that is deeply felt by many other people. The donated blood may not be running through their veins, but it is running through the veins of their loved one. It is helping to prolong their loved one’s life, giving them a little more time to spend together. In the last few years before my grandma died, she needed numerous blood transfu-

sions and she was always able to get them. Those bags of blood, donated by complete strangers, gave her a little more strength, a little more fight, a little more life. And so they also gave my family more time with her, more time to talk and laugh and enjoy life. They gave us a few more holidays to spend together and a few more birthdays to celebrate.

I am so grateful that those days were made possible. They provide a treasure trove of memories that I might not have gotten to make if blood hadn’t been available each time my grandma needed it.

I wish I could thank the numerous people who unknowingly gave my family that gift of time

when they sat down at a blood drive or a blood bank somewhere to make a donation, but I don’t who donated blood.

I do know, however, that here at Baylor I am surrounded by donors who gave at the blood drive last week, who have given at previous drives and who plan to give in the future. I hope each of you knows that with your donation, you aren’t just prolonging one person’s life — you are giving an incredible gift to that person, their family and their friends.

And somewhere out there, those people are probably wishing they could thank you too.

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Faculty Senate discusses Internet, retention

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

A university wide Internet filter, a policy dealing with transfer credit for online courses, a proposal for a new procedure to designate Master Teachers and student retention were among the topics discussed at Tuesday night's Faculty Senate meeting.

Three new senators were also elected and seated at the meeting.

The Internet filter, which is used to block dangerous software online that can track a person's keystrokes to get their personal information, is already in place in residence halls. However, it may eventually be put in place across the university. The filter is strictly for security purposes, said Dr. Raymond Cannon, chair of Faculty Senate and professor of mathematics.

"We're not talking about filtering on content, we're talking about

filtering on security," Cannon said. "It's whether the site you're going to is trustworthy or not."

No decisions were made at Tuesday night's meeting about the implementation across campus, but the Faculty Senate will be discussing the possibility with the vice provost at their next meeting.

Faculty Senate is also working on a new policy to address the issue of transfer credit for online courses. Currently, students are not allowed to receive credit for online courses taken at other institutions. However, administrators have found that online sections of courses sometimes show up as regular courses on transcripts.

Some departments still want to ensure that online credit is not being accepted, so a new way of determining whether courses were actually taken online is needed.

"People want a policy that you can live with," Cannon said. "Hav-

ing a policy that is not enforceable is counterproductive. And it leads to frustrations. So what we'd like to do is to get people in dialogue about what possibilities are open for establishing a policy that's enforceable. That's what I would like to see."

Cannon said he hopes the Faculty Senate can act as a bridge between the administration and individual departments to come up with a policy that is workable for both sides.

Dr. Rosalie Beck, member of the Faculty Senate executive committee and associate professor of religion, said the policy discussion was important to raise awareness of the changes that technology is bringing to education.

"We're making some moves because there are some departments on campus that have already made decisions about online courses, and trying to be fair to incom-

ing students and to the academic integrity of a department is not always an easy dance," Beck said. "They're sort of unequal partners, and so just basically to help folks be aware that there are new trends in higher education that weren't even dreamt of 10, 15 years ago that will really change the face of education."

Dr. Todd Still, member of the Faculty Senate executive committee and associate professor of Christian Scriptures at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary, said some faculty are concerned that online courses are not equitable to regular courses and that online courses might not prepare students for Baylor as well.

"That's really at the heart of this," Still said. "It's not a desire to say we want to make things more difficult on students. It's a desire really at the end of the day that we want our students to flourish here."

A proposal for a new procedure to designate Master Teachers was also discussed Tuesday night. "Master Teacher" is an honorary title that was previously bestowed upon faculty members at the discretion of the president. The new proposal would provide guidelines for appointing Master Teachers and would allow them to be chosen by a committee of faculty members, alumni and students.

"If people are going to be given this honorary title, the faculty just thought it shouldn't be at the whim of the president," Cannon said. "There ought to be some procedure."

Student retention was another topic considered by the senate Tuesday night.

Beck said the Faculty Senate talked about working with retention offices in the administration to come up with ways to encourage students to stay at Baylor.

"We're hoping that the faculty will become more involved in identifying students who are possibly thinking about transferring or just dropping out of school and help them make a decision to stay because it's better for the student and it's better for the university," Beck said.

Cannon said retention is a concern because it is financially better for a university to retain its students throughout their upperclassman years, but that his main concern is for the students themselves.

"You welcome these kids at orientation, you want them to do well," Cannon said.

Three new senators were elected and seated at the meeting. Dr. Francis Beckwith, professor of philosophy, Tom Odegard, senior lecturer of economics, and Dr. Janelle Walter, professor of family and consumer sciences, were elected to one-year terms.

Judge delays hearing for Fort Hood shooter

By ANGELA BROWN
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT HOOD— A military hearing to determine whether an Army psychiatrist should go to trial for last year's deadly Fort Hood shootings was unexpectedly stalled Tuesday, without testimony from any of the dozens of survivors, after defense attorneys requested a monthlong delay.

Col. James Pohl, a military judge acting as the investigating officer in the case of Maj. Nidal Hasan, said he would rule on the defense request to start the Article 32 hearing Nov. 8.

Lt. Col. Kris Poppe said Tuesday the delay was necessary because of certain issues but did not elaborate. He said attorneys needed a day to prepare the request in writing, and Pohl adjourned the hearing until Wednesday.

"We're not operating on a time limit or

clock," Pohl said. "We've got to protect everybody's right."

Hasan, 40, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the Nov. 5 attack, the worst mass shooting at an American military base.

The Article 32 hearing will determine whether there is enough evidence to proceed with a trial. Hasan's lead defense attorney declined after the hearing to say why the defense team asked for the delay or explain the issues mentioned in court.

Even the start of Tuesday's proceeding was stalled for nearly three hours because of what Pohl described as scheduling issues. Later, Col. Michael Mulligan, the lead prosecutor, told Pohl the defense has had months to prepare and he opposes any further delays.

Tuesday was the third time Hasan appeared in a military courtroom for a hearing, and he did not speak as he sat in his

wheelchair wearing his Army combat uniform. He pulled a knit cap over his ears and glanced around the room a couple of times, but otherwise looked at Pohl or his attorneys.

He was paralyzed from the chest down after being shot by Fort Hood police officers last Nov. 5, and he has been in custody since. The military justice system does not offer bail.

At least one soldier wounded in the attack was seen in a courthouse room. Prosecutors had planned to start calling witnesses Tuesday in the hearing expected to last at least three weeks.

Shortly after the hearing began, Poppe renewed a request that the hearing be closed to the public. Pohl denied the request as he had done last month, after defense attorneys said an open hearing would jeopardize Hasan's right to a fair trial because nearly three dozen injured victims were to testify.



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In this courtroom sketch, defense attorney Lt. Col. Kris Poppe, right, speaks to Investigating Officer Col. James L. Pohl, center, while Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan listens during Hasan's Article 32 hearing Tuesday inside the U.S. Magistrate court in Fort Hood. Hasan is charged with premeditated murder and attempted premeditated murder in a Nov. 5 attack that killed 13 people and wounded 32 others in a processing center where soldiers were making final preparations to deploy.

Officials begin rescue of miners trapped in Chile

By MICHAEL WARREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile — The first of 33 men was rescued Tuesday night after 69 days trapped in a collapsed mine, pulled to fresh air and freedom at last in a missile-like escape capsule to the cheers of his family and countrymen.

Florencio Avalos, wearing a helmet and sunglasses to protect him from the glare of rescue lights, smiled broadly as he hugged rescuers, then embraced Chilean President Sebastian Pinera.

Avalos' wife, two sons and father looked on. His 7-year-old son Bairo sobbed, as did Chile's first lady, Cecilia Morel.

After he emerged from the capsule that was pulled out of a manhole-sized opening, bystanders cheered and clapped, then broke into a chant of "Chi! Chi! Chi! Le! Le! Le!" — the country's name.

Avalos gave a thumbs-up as he was led to an ambulance and medical tests after his more than two months deep below the Chilean desert — the longest anyone has ever been trapped underground and survived.

Avalos, the 31-year-old second-in-command of the miners, has been so shy that he volunteered to handle the camera rescuers sent down so he wouldn't have to ap-

pear on the videos that the miners sent up.

Minutes earlier, mine rescue expert Manuel Gonzalez of the state copper company Codelco grinned and made the sign of the cross as he was lowered into the shaft to the trapped men — apparently without incident. He was followed by Roberto Ros, a paramedic with the Chilean navy's special forces. Together they will prepare the miners for their rescue — expected to take as many as 36 hours for all to surface.

"We made a promise to never surrender, and we kept it," Pinera said as he waited to greet the miners, whose endurance and unity captivated the world as Chile meticulously prepared their rescue.

Mining Minister Laurence Golborne said he hoped the first of the miners would still emerge before midnight, a slow process because of the need for methodical testing with a rescue worker inside once all the cables are attached and tested.

The last miner out is also decided: Shift foreman Luis Urzua, whose leadership was credited for helping the men endure 17 days with no outside contact after the collapse. The men made 48 hours' worth of rations last before rescuers reached them with a narrow borehole to send down more food.



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Chile's President Sebastian Pinera embraces miner Florencio Antonio Avalos Silva Tuesday after he was rescued from the collapsed San Jose gold and copper mine where he was trapped with 32 other miners for over two months, at the San Jose Mine near Copiapo, Chile.

Janette Marin, sister-in-law of miner Dario Segovia, said the order of rescue didn't matter.

"This won't be a success unless they all get out," she said, echoing the solidarity that the miners and people across Chile have expressed.

The paramedics can change the order of rescue based on a brief medical check once they're in the mine. First out will be those best

able to handle any difficulties and tell their comrades what to expect.

Then, the weakest and the ill — in this case, about 10 suffer from hypertension, diabetes, dental and respiratory infections and skin lesions from the mine's oppressive humidity.

The last should be people who are both physically fit and strong of character.

Texas man put on waiting list to get face transplant

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FORT WORTH — A construction accident two years ago with a high-voltage power line left Dallas Wiens critically burned and destroyed much of his face.

The 25-year-old Fort Worth man had lacked health insurance but could soon get the chance for face transplant surgery thanks to new coverage under his parents' policy as part of the new federal health care plan.

Wiens, who lost his nose, lips and skin from forehead to chin in the November 2008 accident, learned Friday that he made the waiting list for surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, a complex where the nation's second facial transplant was done in 2009.

He is now covered under a new federal law by a policy carried by his parents. The law extends family insurance coverage to adult children until age 26.

"My dad talked to his human resources department, and within three hours I was fully covered," Wiens told The Dallas Morning News.

Medicaid had paid for Wiens' initial care at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, where he spent months in the burn unit. After his discharge from the public hospital

he began getting government disability payments — which pushed his income over Medicaid limits in Texas.

As a disabled person, Wiens was expected to qualify for Medicare coverage by next spring, delaying his ability to pay for the surgery and expensive drugs he will need to suppress his immune system following the transplant.

"I find Dallas to be remarkably well-adjusted, given the trauma he's had and the prolonged hospitalizations, the countless surgeries," said Dr. Jeffrey Janis, a plastic surgeon at Parkland who has operated on Wiens. "He's got a good heart. He's a good person."

The cost of the surgery, about \$300,000, will be covered by the Defense Department, which is underwriting the transplant in an effort to eventually help soldiers with severe facial injuries, according to The Dallas Morning News. His own insurance would still need to cover the cost of anti-rejection drugs and his other medical recovery needs.

Wiens would be hospitalized in Boston for at least six weeks after he is notified a donor has been found and has the surgery. No timetable has been provided, but Wiens said he believes the transplant could occur within three months.

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Mexican commander killed

By Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Mexican police commander investigating the reported shooting of an American tourist on a border lake was decapitated and his head was found in a suitcase outside a Mexican Army base, a Texas sheriff said Tuesday.

Ruben Rios, a spokesman for the Tamaulipas state prosecutor's office, said Rolando Flores, the commander of state investigators in Ciudad Miguel Aleman who was part of a group investigating the reported shooting of David Hartley, was slain.

Rios said authorities "don't know how or why he was killed. We don't have any details on how he died."

But Zapata County Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez told The Associated Press later Tuesday that "reliable sources within the law enforcement community of Mexico" told him that Flores' head was found Tuesday morning in a suitcase outside of an Army base.

Cartels have used beheadings to

terrorize the public and send messages to Mexican law enforcement. U.S. officials have said threats from drug gangs who control the area around Falcon Lake have hampered the search for Hartley.

Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday that backing off when confronted by threats like Flores' slaying is "the worst thing we can do."

"I think their attempt is to intimidate law enforcement, no matter who they are or where they are," Perry told the AP. Their message is to "stay out of their territory."

"The worst thing we can do is let the terrorists dictate the terms of how we're going to live."

Perry said the threat should be handled by increasing "the numbers of law enforcement and military."

Hartley's wife, Tiffany, said she and her husband were on Jet Skis on Sept. 30, returning to the U.S. from photographing a half-submerged church in Mexico, when they were attacked by pirates on speedboats. Hartley was shot and presumably

fell into the lake. Tiffany Hartley said she tried to retrieve her husband's body and his Jet Ski but the pirates continued firing and she fled. Gonzalez has said he has an eyewitness who corroborates her account.

U.S. officials, particularly Perry, and Hartley's family have been pressuring Mexico to step up the search for Hartley and determine what happened.

Gonzalez said Mexican divers searched the lake Monday and Tuesday, and that the chances of finding Hartley's body grow slimmer with each passing day.

"The possibility is there. But in all probability the body will never be found," he said.

Falcon Lake is a dammed section of the Rio Grande, 25 miles long and 3 miles across.

Pirates have robbed boaters and fisherman on the Mexican side, prompting warnings to Americans by Texas state officials, but Hartley's death would mark the first violent fatality on the lake.



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President Ken Starr talks with Emi Ristani and a group of graduate students about his experiences in Uganda Monday in Pat Neff Hall. The team of students is working on a social sustainability business project.

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"The stories are horrible. I did go up into Gulu, an area of instability and a lot of need. There continues to be a sad number of displaced people; the social needs are profound."

Starr also said the country has positive characteristics.

"There is a trend to have some integrity. The people are quite resourceful and entrepreneurial. Everyone has a little business going; as a whole the society gets very little sleep," he said. "They are very keen on education. Stories are legion of great sacrifices and most education as far as I was able to see was closely related to mission work. God works in a very sacrificial way. The work the students are doing fits right in."

Ristani said working on a project that contributes to meeting the needs of people from countries such as Uganda is important.

"Social sustainability is important for Africa," Ristani said. "Instead of just pouring cash, what we are doing is helping them understand how to utilize their resources."

She said she had a sense of responsibility in being involved. "It's

always a cycle of give and take. Everyone should be giving and receiving in one way or another. Give back to society. Give in terms of time, you don't have to wait until you have a lot of money to contribute," Ristani said.

Jim Anderson, President and CEO of ETCetera International Inc., currently teaches the International Marketing class the graduate student team is taking. He said the project just seemed to come together.

Anderson said the partnerships came at opportune moments.

"My wife and I went to a program hosted by Invisible Children at a high school in McKinney where I live. The speaker was Otim Charles," he said.

Charles, of Uganda, who is currently touring the United States with Invisible Children, a non-profit working to bring peace to Uganda, agreed to serve as the on-the-ground in-country expert.

"Everything came together and just seemed to fit in ... It's something when even the president of the university stops and takes time to bless this project. This is kingdom work," Anderson said.

Dr. Andrea Dixon, executive director for the Keller Center for Research and Center for Professional Selling, recently learned about the project when Anderson was approached by graduate students with the desire to do a project that dealt with real people and with a real company.

Dixon said this project hits the core of Baylor's vision.

"At the base level it's what Baylor is all about. It reaches the heart of caring for others and bringing intellectual and spiritual growth for students," Dixon said.

The Acara challenge, Sales for Sustainability, is a program that promotes problem solving as applied to major global issues.

There are currently eight universities participating in the Sales for Sustainability project: Baylor, DePaul, Indiana, Houston, North Carolina A&T, Southern, St. Catherine University and Makere University in Uganda in collaboration with Compatible Technology International.

The students will make their presentations this December at 3M headquarters located in St. Paul, Minn.

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and the way music talks about life," he said.

Kenneth-Nwosa hopes to perform in live shows and do collaborations with other artists during his time with Uproar.

Joining Boykin and Kenneth-Nwosa is Rockdale junior Garrett Muston, who writes all of his music and has recruited a band to help him perform.

He has a history with Uproar because he provided his talent to one of the compilation albums in 2009.

Muston started taking piano

lessons when he was 7 years old and also taught himself guitar during his freshman year of high school.

Muston said he was extremely surprised he aced his audition because he was sick with a cold, a hindrance that would make any musician anxious.

"I knew that the competition was getting a lot tougher and then I heard that they were only taking three, so I didn't really know what to expect," Muston said.

This year, Uproar is planning to record several albums, including a

compilation album.

The new members will also be doing five-song EPs with David Dulcie and the Ragtag Army and Zoo Studio.

"It looks like we're going to put out a lot more content than we ever have this year," Voncannon said. "As far as social media goes, we are going to be really active in making videos as well."

Voncannon said the artists should be getting more coverage outside of Waco, too.

"We are really pushing to get these artists out there," he said.

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team members said they faced in Africa was the reality of the magnitude and vastness of widespread poverty.

"I think we all go in knowing that poverty is overwhelming," Singletary said. "There's no one thing that causes poverty and there's no one solution that fixes poverty. But it's still hard to wrap your mind around. So what do we do about it? It really is a combination of things.

To see how the people are starting their own businesses, encouraging one another through local churches, and caring for extended family members – they're doing things that would be hard for any of us to ever imagine doing, and they do it with such great passion and ease."

Christine Browder, a Dallas graduate student of social work, said that the innocence and laughter of the children in Kenya is one

of the most beautiful things in the world.

"Their faith is incredible for people who have suffered so much; they have a whole other understanding about what it means to depend on God than those of us in the West," Browder said.

"In the midst of their suffering and poverty, there is such joy that comes from their relationship with God."

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