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James J. O'Donnell will present "Death of the Gods: What we can learn from Paganism" as part of the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholars Program at 4 p.m. on Nov. 9 in the Armstrong Browning Library Foyer of Meditation. The event is free and open to the public.



By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

Former United States secretary of state and national security adviser Dr. Condoleezza Rice will join Baylor President Ken Starr at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Waco



Rice

Hall to talk about her new book and discuss her time working in President George W. Bush's administration.

Rice, author of "No Higher Honor: A Memoir of My Years in Washington," will be the featured guest for the event "On Topic with President Ken Starr," a discussion series the president's office introduced in March. The conversation will allow Rice to offer her perspective on a number of public-policy issues during her time in the White House.

Michelle Parrozzo, Baylor's director of strategic partnerships,

was instrumental in bringing Rice to Baylor. She and Kathy Wright, vice president of strategic partnerships, worked in the Bush White House and targeted Rice as a potential campus speaker.

"I think [Rice's appearance] speaks highly for Baylor and what we're doing here," Parrozzo said. "I think it shows that Baylor is a campus that can bring in speakers of this level and notoriety."

Parrozzo said Rice's experience as secretary of state, as well as her background as a black woman in government, will provide attendees with an intriguing

look into the nation's highest political office.

"I think she brings an incredibly unique perspective," Parrozzo said. "She was seated in a very powerful position during some of our nation's most crucial times. ... I think she offers a lot for leadership development for young students."

Isabel Borberg, a senior from Caracas, Venezuela, worked to compile a list of student honor societies, political organizations and leadership programs from Baylor, McLennan Community College and various Waco high schools

in order to publicize the event to local students. She said it was an honor to help organize and attract attention to an event with such a prominent speaker.

"I'm not an American," Borberg said, "but I think she made such a difference during the Bush administration and her views can influence others and inspire success for others. She can be an inspiration to anyone who attends the event."

Borberg said she hopes the Baylor community, and Baylor

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From the White House to our house

Condoleezza Rice to talk new book, time in office during upcoming visit

Meet Indah and Bugara

By ASHLEY YEAMAN
REPORTER

At 11 weeks old, two Sumatran tiger cubs have made their debut at the Cameron Park Zoo.

The siblings, 16-pound female Indah and 22-pound male Bugara, will now be on public display each day at 2 p.m., weather permitting.

The tiger cubs enjoy their freedom outdoors and, like many young siblings, frequently wrestle and play together.

The cubs will continue to be closely monitored by their caretakers while in the exhibit to ensure they do not fall into the stream or deep pond, which are more designed for the adult tigers.

Terri Cox, curator of programs



MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Indah and Bugara play at the Cameron Park Zoo. The two 11-month old cubs were the zoo's newest addition to the exhibit when they were introduced on Oct. 27.

and exhibits at the zoo, said the tigers are healthy and have been progressing well, but initially the cubs were in danger because of their mother.

Indah was born Aug. 15 to first-time mother Maharani, a 5-year-old, 206-pound Sumatran tiger, but was rejected at birth, Cox said.

"We always have people on birth watch here at the zoo, so

the keeper that was watching saw that there was some distress," Cox said. "When she saw the mother actually throw the cub, she shifted the mother tiger to another area so she could retrieve the infant."

One-pound, 5-ounce Indah was injured and non-responsive after the incident and had to be resuscitated in a moment Cox described as "intense."

Cox said rejection and injury

of young frequently happen with Sumatran tigers as well as other animals.

"It's pretty common in captivity, but can also happen in the wild," Cox said. "We know in zoos a lot of the first litters — the mom isn't emotionally equipped to deal with it. Generally, the mother may be stressed by the birth pro-

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One family begins their homecoming tradition as another continues its own

By ANNA FLAGG
REPORTER

Attending her first homecoming at only six-months old, Allison Deily, a 2006 Baylor alumna from Houston, has only missed two homecomings in her entire life. Quite like Allison, Boerne senior Martha Garrison first came to homecoming when she was three -months old. Their stories are different, but both revolve around family and a tradition that has seemed to become almost second nature to them.

Allison's parents, Chris and Diane Deily, graduated from Baylor in 1978 and 1979 respectively and began the tradition of taking their three children to Baylor homecoming each year. Even with one child at another school, the family still comes to the celebration together.

"It is wonderful to come back and connect with everyone that had been so special to us during those four years, and have even more fun with them as grown-ups," Diane said. "Being with the people that meant so much to me at Baylor, it kind of feels like going home each year."

Allison said she looked forward to the weekend of Baylor homecoming each year growing up,

"I always remember it being so much fun," Allison said. "Our parents would pick my sisters and me up early from school so that we would be able to see all of the festivities. The atmosphere that was there was so contagious and exciting."

When Allison realized she could see herself at Baylor, and it wasn't just a great school for her parents but for her as well, she



COURTESY PHOTO

Allison Deily and her father, Chris, attend Baylor homecoming in 1985. The Deilys have attended Baylor homecoming since Allison was six-months old.

couldn't wait to experience her first Baylor Homecoming as a student.

"My first homecoming was so surreal and such a neat feeling," Allison said. "I was hosting

my parents, when my parents had hosted me for so long,"

Since Allison graduated in

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Voices to fill the air at annual tribute

By GRACE GADDY
REPORTER

Before the smoke of a bonfire billows through the night, riding in the air will be the sweet harmony of voices.

Singspiration, a homecoming tradition, will feature special tributes to four legends of Baylor's choral heritage and legacy: Dr. Euell Porter, Dr. Hugh Sanders, Dr. Robert Young and Dr. Dick Baker.

Baker founded the Baylor Religious Hour Choir in 1948.

The event will start at 7 p.m. today at Seventh & James Baptist Church and will feature selections from the Baylor Religious Hour Choir and the Baylor Alumni Choir.

Special musical guests of the Baylor A Cappella Choir and the Baylor Concert Choir will also perform, bonding together in one unique ensemble.

Brent Edwards, director of The Baylor Alumni Network and coordinator of the event, said the program is one that will unite the Baylor family while honoring the heritage of a university rooted in faith.

"It celebrates the fact that Baylor University, the world's leading Christian university, can come together as a family of alumni and parents and friends and rejoice in the common heritage that we have in Christian worship," Edwards said.

That heritage reaches back more than six decades, he noted, to the late 1940s when a "huge revival movement that started on the Baylor campus" swept across the region.

Groups of students would gather in the drawing room of Memorial Hall on a Friday night "to just sing," Edwards said.

"And that morphed into the Baylor Religious Hour, which became a midweek service," he added.

Jan Tekell, a 1978 alumna, remembered that service from

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Occupy movement needs good behavior from all

Editorial

With protesters popping up throughout the country and several parts of the world, the Occupy movement has made an impact. Although police reactions would beg to differ, it's not something that should be taken too seriously.

At the beginning of last month, protesters claiming to be the 99 percent showed signs of being an impactful and influential movement. Many directly compared them to the tea party movement and how it grew into a leading, significant group. As time has passed, these anti-Wall Street protesters have lost credibility.

Protesters have decided to "occupy" areas of the country where voicing their opinions about being the 99 percent are irrelevant and useless to their cause. As protesters flood the streets in cities across the nation, their sit-ins have caused police to act aggressively because the protesters do not cooperate with the rules set forth.

An Oct. 30 Reuters article explained what the police have to do when protesters "occupy" cities.

"At Occupy Austin, some 38 people were arrested on Saturday night and early Sunday after refusing to let police take down food tables and clean the City Hall Plaza where they had camped for several weeks," police said to Reuters. "They were charged with criminal trespass and issued citations that mean they can't return to the protest site."

Police action would not have to be as intense if protesters complied with the rules to have peaceful gatherings; protesters instead have chosen to violate these rules.

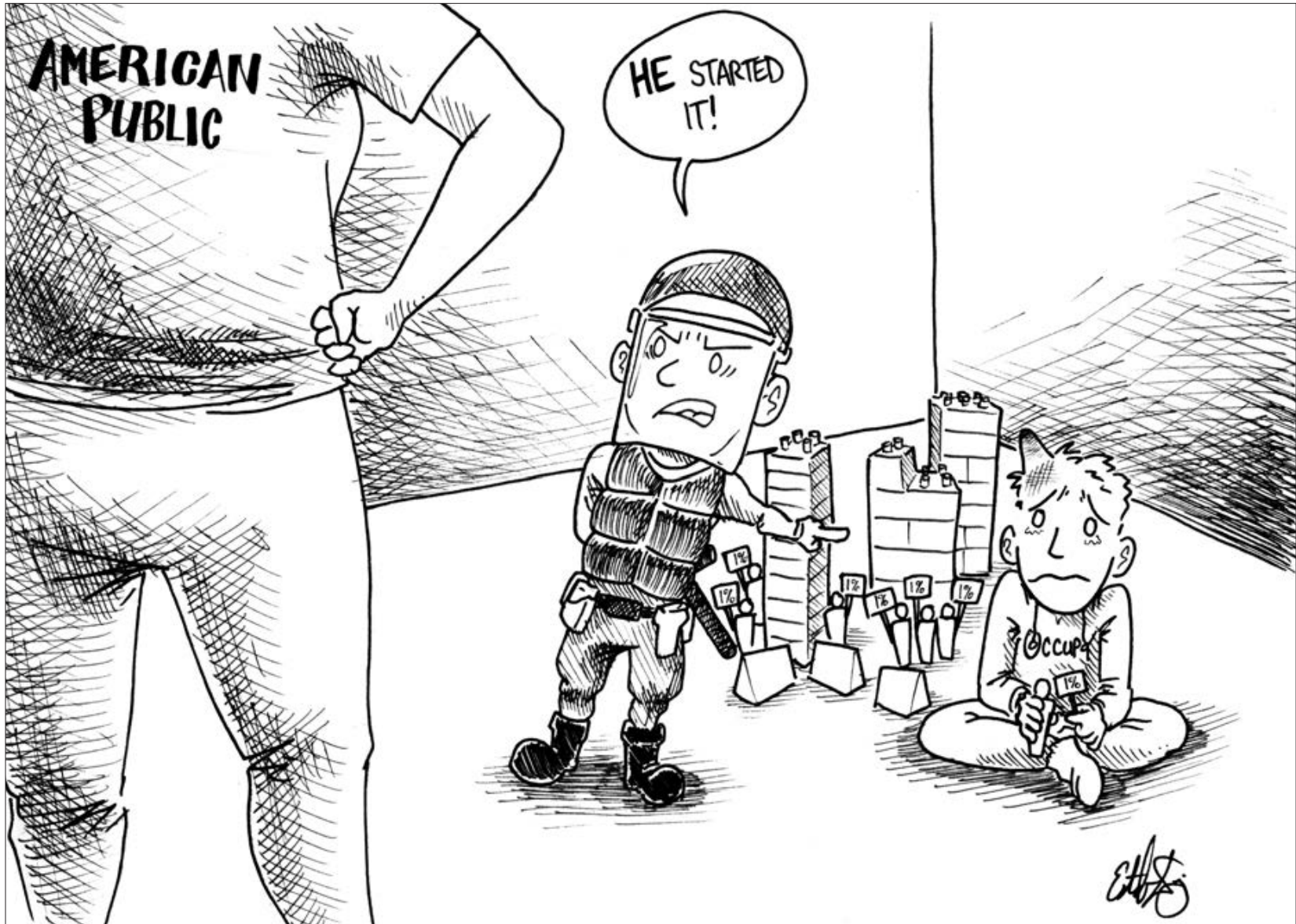
"Makeshift encampments sprouting up in cities nationwide have forced local officials to tread carefully between allowing peaceful assembly and addressing concerns about trespassing, noise, sanitation and safety," Reuters reported.

By blatantly violating the rules established for peaceable gatherings for the occupy movement, the protesters have diminished any respect and seriousness for their outcries against the 1 percent.

If the protesters want attention and want others to consider and evaluate what they are saying, a more reasonable and sensible approach must be taken.

An Oct. 30 Associated Press article said protesters in Portland, Ore., have caused the city council to completely oppose the protesters' actions.

"Saturday afternoon, dozens of protesters marched through downtown, across the Willamette River and back, some of them carrying sleeping bags, saying they planned to camp out in the Pearl District park," the article said. "But Mayor Sam Adams said last week



he would not allow the demonstrators to take over any more parks."

The city council in Portland voiced their opinions to these actions through Commissioner Randy Leonard when he said, "We — the entire city council — are your friends... at present. However, our friendship and support are now being unreasonably tested by the decision to occupy Jamison Square."

Police reaction to protestors, though, can and has been taken too far.

Last Tuesday police officers in Oakland, Calif., used tear gas and riot gear to stop the Occupy Oakland protesters, causing many people across the country to become extremely upset at their actions.

Yes, the protesters may raise concern for being radical and a harm to the city they decide to occupy, but this doesn't mean the police need to react in such a dangerous manner.

If the 99 percent wants America to listen to it and take its message seriously, it needs to comply with the rules and regulations, and it needs to stick to a protest method that doesn't raise the concerns of police officials. However, police reactions ought to be toned down and should not harm the protesters if the protesters haven't physically harmed anyone in their demonstrations.



Ricky Rios of Oakland, Calif., lies on the street with a sign supporting injured Oakland protester Scott Olsen during a rally on Wednesday in Los Angeles. The city became a rallying point last week when Olsen, an Iraq War veteran, was injured in clashes with police.

Republican primary race leaves no clear-cut candidate

Shouldn't some of the Republican presidential nominees have dropped out by now?

Herman Cain made headlines this week with sexual harassment allegations and his temper with some reporters.

A few weeks ago, Rick Perry caught heat for his ranch known for having a racial slur in the name.

Yet with both of these scandals, both Cain and Perry are not only still in the race — they are still competing in the top tier. How can this be?

Is it just me, or is there no rock star candidate among the nominees this primary season? Nobody really jumps out like Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and Rudy Giuliani did in the 2008 primaries.

This is why Perry and Cain are still in it; there is no "sexy" choice worthy of knocking them out.



Tyler Alley | Sports Editor

Mitt Romney has been the most consistent, hanging around 17 to 27 percent in polling since May. Romney, however, does not grab people's attention. He has been in the top tier from the get-go because he looks good next to

the other candidates. The big issue for some Republicans is his Mormonism; for those of us who seek a non-religious reason, it's his flip-flop on issues like abortion and health care. I like Mitt; I don't love him.

When Perry first broke in, it seemed like he and Romney were going to be the only choices. Then Perry opened his mouth, and one poor debate performance after another has dragged him down in the polls.

If Perry wants to get back in this race, he needs to focus on the issues and policy more than blasting Romney so he can spend less time with his foot in his mouth.

Cain's numbers surged recently with his strong showing at the Florida straw poll. People seem to ignore the fact Cain has no political experience due to the economy and jobs being the big issues. A successful CEO seems a

good choice for that.

Then people examined his 9-9-9 plan, and many realized he might have no idea what he is talking about. He also plays up the "non-politician" angle though he ran for Senate and failed in 2004.

Now with the sex scandal, Cain is in damage-control mode and will not gain ground in the polls.

For some reason, Michele Bachmann once had quite a following, especially among tea party voters. I really do not understand why. Her big résumé piece is that she introduced a bill about the freedom to choose your light bulbs. Light bulbs? Really?

She has also made some ridiculous statements, including meeting a mother whose daughter became mentally retarded after having the HPV. Every other speech she makes is about being

a mother and meeting mothers. We get it, Michele; you're a woman.

There's Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich, but neither one of them really warrants more than a sentence. As Saturday Night Live put it, Gingrich does not really want to be president, and Santorum belongs in Salem, Mass., in 1692 with his views on social issues.

Jon Huntsman is Mitt Romney in many senses, with a better record in the private sector and as governor. The biggest issue people have with Huntsman is he served as ambassador to China under Obama. In a time where people needs jobs, people dislike that he took a job?

Then there's Ron Paul. Paul has stuck to his guns as a libertarian for years. The current tea party movement calling for less government is the view Paul has

been espousing for two decades. He is the most consistent in his views, never changing for the popular topic of the day.

The issue with Paul is that the media blacks him out. Even Fox News will deliberately ignore him.

Why talk about all the people? One of them could be our next president, and our generation will have a big factor in who. If you care at all about what your government does, research these candidates and Obama, and make an informed decision rather than following the crowd.

Personally, I like Huntsman and Paul, but like most Republicans, I'm willing to settle for Romney.

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Professor explores dark Bible passages in new book

By GRACE GADDY
REPORTER

Killing entire races of people, slaughtering men, women and children and showing no mercy: such topics don't often make their way into the typical Bible bedtime story, but according to Dr. Philip Jenkins, these darker and often bloodier passages cannot be ignored.

Jenkins, a distinguished senior fellow at Baylor's Institute for Studies of Religion and co-director for the historical studies of religion program, explored such passages in "Laying Down the Sword: Why We Can't Ignore the Bible's Violent Verses."

Jenkins said he took on the

project in the aftermath of 9/11. "People looked at the Quran and said, 'Muslims have all of these terrible violent passages in their book,'" Jenkins said. "If you actually look in the Bible, you find a lot of passages [and] a lot of verses that are just as violent, and in some cases more so."

This spurred Jenkins to plunge deep into history to investigate how such passages came to be ignored, or in many instances,



Jenkins

completely forgotten. "They just don't read them," Jenkins said.

Today, many churches implement a preset list of biblical readings and sermons, which often skip over the blood-and-guts sections.

Jenkins said one could go to church every week for a year, and still not hear anything about them.

But peering back into the history books shows that this hasn't always been the case.

Jenkins offered the Hebrew word "herem," which he explained as "fight[ing] a war of absolute destruction, extermination, annihilation, and you leave no survivors."

In 1 Samuel, for example, God punished King Saul for not wiping out every last Amalekite: men,

women, children and animals.

"A lot of Christians and Jews through history have taken [such passages] and applied them to their own day," Jenkins said. "So we get wars. For instance, when Protestants killed Catholics [and vice versa] based on those passages."

The Rwandan genocide of 1994 also had killers defending their actions by citing the "those very bloody texts," stories in Joshua and Deuteronomy, to justify their actions, he added.

Passages so extreme in nature must be looked at with care and consideration, he said.

"They're really scary in some ways, and you try and reconcile them from what we know from the Bible, the mainstream of the Bible,"

Jenkins said.

That is sometimes difficult to do. Perhaps this is why many have completely ignored them, he said.

Jenkins said that the question becomes "how do we deal with these verses today?"

These verses cannot be avoided as other foreign cultures and societies unfamiliar with Christianity come to examine the passages for the first time, Jenkins said.

He said he believes those who have questions will look to America for answers.

"It isn't good to say, 'Well, we just pretend they don't exist,'" Jenkins said. "We can't just pretend they're not there. What we have to do is deal with them."

So Jenkins wrote his book.

Jenkins said he believes to examine such matters correlates directly with Baylor's commitment to faith and learning.

"Baylor's whole mission is applying serious scholarship to issues of faith, and that's what I'm trying to do," Jenkins explained.

Ralph Wood, professor of theology and literature, praised Jenkins' latest undertaking.

"Philip Jenkins is perhaps the most wide-ranging cultural critic of our time," Wood said.

"His work is spread over virtually the whole of both western and eastern cultures. Nothing that Philip Jenkins writes is anything other than intelligent and provocative, and so I assume that this book will be the same," he added.

Entwined 2012 offers Baylor graduates chance at free wedding

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

In an age when celebrity diva Kim Kardashian can grab headlines by spending (and earning) millions on her nationally-televised wedding, only to implode her marriage 72 days later, one Baylor couple is hoping for something much less dramatic: a free wedding.

Baylor alumni couple Chase Mekaelian and his fiancée Ashley Green are one of 11 finalist couples of Entwined 2012, a contest in which the winning couple receives a completely planned and paid-for wedding. The winning couple is chosen by the amount of online votes they receive. Voting runs until Nov. 15.

The Entwined 2012 wedding features a collaboration of 28 wedding professionals and vendors who will provide everything for the wedding from the invitations to flowers, the catering, a live band, personal fashion styling, photography and more. The wedding is valued at about \$75,000, according to an Entwined press release.

The wedding will take place at the Studio at Fischer, near Canyon Lake just southwest of Austin on March 31, 2012, which happens to be the date Mekaelian and Green picked for their wedding before they even knew about the contest.

Green, who lost her mother to breast cancer when she was 15 years old, said when she found out the Entwined wedding was supposed to take place the same day she and Mekaelian had already chosen, she felt her mother was looking out for her.

"When I found out about the Entwined 2012 contest, I was having a hard week," Green said. "I was not looking forward to planning the wedding without [my mother]. Ever since she passed, a lot of the milestones [in life] became harder to get through, and getting married is one of the biggest ones."

Green and Mekaelian met during her sophomore year at Baylor and the two became engaged in May, after having a two-and-a-half year long-distance relationship.

Green lives near Austin. She is



COURTESY PHOTO

Baylor alumni Chase Mekelian and Ashley Green are one of 11 Entwined 2012 finalist couples competing to receive an all-expenses-paid wedding valued at about \$75,000.

the owner and of Armor of God designs, which creates the Baylor T-shirt dresses sold at Hearts N Crafts that are worn by many students at sporting events.

Mekaelian currently lives in San Diego and works as an admissions counselor at Ashford University.

Green said the long distance relationship has been hard and the couple has not yet decided where they will settle once they are married.

Graduate student Sara Bethune and Green were both sisters in the Kappa Chi Alpha Sorority at Baylor, and the two have been close friends since meeting.

Bethune, who will be one of Green's bridesmaids, described the couple as strong and loving.

"They work well with each other," Bethune said. "They are always just having fun and laughing. Really, when I think of Chase and Ashley, I just think of love because they have gone through so much in their relationship, being across the country from each other, and they're just very steadfast in their

love for each other."


Green said it would be an incredible relief to win the contest.

"[Winning] would make it easy to relax and focus on what the day is really about and not have to worry about the stress of it all," Green said.





Bethune said winning the contest would mean a lot to Green, especially after the struggle of losing her mother.

"She just has such a positive outlook," Bethune said. "I think Chase has been a great testament to her. They've stood by each other through thick and thin, and I think this would be such a blessing for them. I think it would mean the world to her if she won because she thinks of this [contest] as a way her mom is looking out for her."

Anyone with a Facebook account can vote for Green and Mekaelian by visiting their website, www.chaseandashley.com, and clicking on the Entwined 2012 link to the right of the page. The winner will be announced Nov. 16 on <http://entwined2012.com>.




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






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Silver tongue helps student ace contest

By JENNIFER KANG
REPORTER

A member of the Pi Sigma Epsilon chapter at Baylor will compete in a national selling competition in March 2012.

Dallas senior Sam Turtletaub won first place at the Pi Sigma Epsilon Atlantic Regional Conference's Pro-Am Sell-a-Thon competition on Oct. 21 at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

Since 1952, Pi Sigma Epsilon, the nation's only professional business fraternity for men and women, has expanded from one university in Atlanta to more than 170 campuses nationwide. PSE is focused on assisting its members in developing sales and marketing skills. The organization offers opportunities such as national and regional conferences where students compete in a Pro-Am Sell-a-Thon competition, which emphasizes a business to business sales process based on personal relationships with the buyer.

Before the regional competition, Turtletaub was given an information packet to review and prepare for various activities in the two-day regional conference.

"I had to script up a role-play and then practice it a lot before I went. I practiced it with friends, teachers and whoever could play the buyer," Turtletaub said. "There's also a role-play voicemail, and so what I did was leave a voicemail for the person asking to set up an appointment. That's real-life-scenario related."

At the regional conference, Turtletaub studied to become Miller Heiman sales certified in order to compete during the conference. Miller Heiman, a sales performance company, does sales

force training for major corporations, according to Anjuli Graunke, director of public relations at Pi Sigma Epsilon.

"Miller Heiman combined with Pi Sigma Epsilon so we could use their sales training for our student sales competition," Graunke said. "So, Sam had a review of that training in the morning."

Turtletaub was then matched with a professional sales person for a one-on-one coaching session, which lasted two hours. He also presented a 12-minute business-to-business mock sales call.

"He did a sales call featuring Fisherman's Solution for Vector Marketing. Vector is one of the big sponsors for the sales competition, so the product Sam sold was their multi-functional tool," Graunke said. "He was then evaluated by a panel of judges and they ended up selecting him as the winner of all the competitors for the weekend."

Turtletaub said the conference was similar to the professional selling work force experience, and he was given the opportunity to learn different aspects of selling, such as conceptual selling, which focuses on ways to get the most out of the buyer and continue to have a relationship with them.

"It seemed like it was real-life related when we're leaving the voicemail and actually going in for the role-play meeting," Turtletaub said. "You're actually pitching a product and trying to set up another meeting. ... It's like a sales process where you're having your initial meeting and trying to set up another appointment with the buyer."

Turtletaub has participated at other sales competitions, but this is the first for him to compete by himself and win first place.



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My hero

A man lifts an elderly woman after she deboarded a passenger bus on a flooded street in Bangkok, Thailand, on Thursday. The flooding prompted the Thai government to declare a five-day holiday from Oct. 27-31 to allow people to prepare and protect themselves.

Interior designers' demanding work pays off

By ASHLEY YEAMAN
REPORTER

Interior design isn't as easy as it looks. Those that do it right can win big, and those who try it at all at Baylor know the degree is far from fluff.

Some of Baylor's best interior designers will walk away from the university with not just a diploma, but hardware to go with it.

Baylor interior design students won six awards at the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Texas Chapter 2011 Student Symposium in Dallas.

The competition took place on Oct. 14 and 15, and 16 colleges across Central and North Texas participated, including Abilene Christian University, the University of North Texas and the University of Texas.

The symposium, this year titled "Interior Design Boot Camp," brings together not only students, but also practitioners, indus-

try partners and educators from throughout the state.

Colleyville senior Kailey Rawson won first place in the "One Unique Space" category for her retail kiosk design, a project she said was the first one she created this semester.

"It's a mall kiosk project inspired by a famous designer," Rawson said. "I entered my model, which included what inspired it — floor plans, design details and I took pictures of the model."

Rawson also won first place in the scholarship competition and was awarded \$2,000.

McKinney senior Christine Clark placed first in the "Residential" category. Her design, "Low Country Project," followed standards from the American Disabilities Act and incorporated elements from nature.

Along with Clark, Brownwood senior Natalie Rosato and Georgetown senior Jan Jordan submitted a group project into the collabora-

tion category that won first place.

Michelle Brown, lecturer of interior design, said the project involved detailed research.

"They had to look at Waco and eye clinics, and they were specifically looking at pediatrics," Brown said. "They had to design for the special needs of children, looking at materials that would attract their attention and interest, and materials that would hold up well in a community health facility situation."

The students named the pediatric eye clinic Sprout.

All of these projects require hours of work, Rawson said.

"I'm working on a project right now that's due in about a week and a half, and so far I've spent 180 hours on it," Rawson said. "It's frustrating, because a lot of people hear interior design, and they think that's it's an MRS degree, [or] that we're just here to meet someone and get married, but it's brutal. We don't have time to do anything

outside of class projects."

Another category that took place at the symposium did not involve previous work. The on-site competition, called the speed charette, gave students two hours to work together in assigned groups with students from other schools. They were given a design problem that they had to solve through collaboration.

Rawson said this year the design problem involved filling a space with a lounge, coffee area and a meeting space for veterans and their families.

"It's hard because you just met these people and you want to take the time to learn about their strengths, but you have to just jump into it," Rawson said. "Someone always emerges as the leader, and they're the one delegating assignments. It's really intense, but it's fun."

Clark's team won first place in the speed charette, and Rawson's team placed third.

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New public relations class offers real-world experience

By ROB BRADFIELD
CONTRIBUTOR

Baylor Oso Public Relations, a student-run public relations agency and class, is offering enrollment to advertising and marketing majors for the spring semester.

Marlene Neill, a professor in the department of journalism, public relations and new media and Baylor Oso faculty advisor, said the program will “give students a bridge from the classroom to the workplace.”

Last year, the journalism, public relations and new media department began the agency to give public relations students a chance to work in the professional world before they graduate.

Students in the class work for real-world clients on projects dealing with everything from the Internet and social media to press relations.

The first year of the program was so successful that the agency has expanded to the business school.

Neill and the other faculty are working to create a program on par with its older counterparts at the University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma. Neill said the program hopes to maintain high



admission standards to accomplish this. As interest grows, the students participating will be more carefully selected.

“There could very well be a day when students have to go through

an interview process, a screening process, to be a part of an agency,” Neill said.

Students registering for the spring semester won’t have to worry about an interview. The program

has just 15 spots to fill, but students must complete certain prerequisites in order to enroll. The agency focuses on providing juniors and seniors practical experience to complement their education.

One of the agency’s clients is the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative, better known as BRIC.

The Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative is the research

facility being built on the site of the former General Tire plant in East Waco. Baylor Oso Public Relations has been updating the collaborative’s website, tweaking the search engine and designing promotional media to attract companies to the new facility.

Jim Kephart is a BRIC representative working with the agency. “I’m looking forward to working with [the students] in the coming semester,” Kephart said.

The BRIC is one of several clients Baylor Oso Public Relations students will have the chance to work with, but the agency’s oldest client has been the agency itself.

Students have been working in social and traditional media to increase awareness of the program and establish the Baylor Oso Public Relations image, which has included creating a Twitter feed, designing a logo and seeking recognition from the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Though the program is currently limited to 15 spots, students that are not able to enroll in the three-hour class can apply to work as freelance writers, photographers and graphic artists. Students should contact Marlene_Neill@baylor.edu for more information.

Joint-degree program may offer some students faster, better Master’s

By ANNA FLAGG
REPORTER

The Baylor Graduate Council approved a new joint-degree program last week that will offer students the opportunity to earn both a Master of Social Work and a Master of Business Administration simultaneously.

The new program must be approved by the Baylor Board of Regents before it becomes available. A decision is expected later this year.

Dr. Robin Rogers, graduate

program director for the School of Social Work, and Jenna Kinkeade, assistant director of Graduate Student Services for the Hankamer School of Business, presented the joint program during a meeting of program directors.

Social work is a rapidly growing field, said Rogers, and potential employees might find themselves unprepared for administrative positions if they lack an appropriate background, so this program could greatly benefit students seeking a job in social work.

“In our curriculum in the

School of Social Work, as well as the vast majority of schools, you find that we prepare students for clinical practice and for community practice,” Rogers said. “What’s missing is the preparation for administrative practice.”

Rogers said the joint-degree program is an attempt to blend a deep understanding of social work and the necessary administrative skill set to operate an organization.

He also noted that eight other institutions, including Boston College and the University of Pennsylvania, have already developed joint

programs to meet the industry’s need.

The joint-degree program would take three years to complete, saving students’ time by taking advantage of overlapping courses, Kinkeade said.

A standard student could enter the program without a prior degree in either field, whereas the advanced student would enter with a bachelor’s degree in either social work or business.

“With a joint degree, a standard student is still required to take 51 hours,” Kinkeade said. “Some of

the hours reduced are electives, and three core hours are reduced by an administrative course that social work feels that they will get as part of the MBA.”

Dr. Larry Lyon, dean of the graduate school, said he sees the wisdom in implementing this new program.

“More and more we are moving toward learning outcomes,” Lyon said. “You can have 100 hours and not know what you need to know to be what you plan to be. Ultimately the faculty of both schools will determine if students are pre-

pared. For me, that’s really the bottom line.”

Lyon said the rapid growth in graduate studies is largely an outcome of the Baylor 2012 initiative, which began in 2002.

“Under 2012, Baylor greatly increased the resources devoted to graduate education,” Lyon said. “While those additional resources were necessary for our progress, we would not have succeeded without the faculty and staff who employed those resources to build significantly stronger graduate programs,” he added.

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Junction City, Kan., junior and Air Force ROTC member Andrea Moore salutes during “A Tribute to Fallen Heroes” ceremony held Sept. 9 outside Moody Memorial Library. The tribute was one of many events held on campus in memorial to the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.



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Shaun Tomczak from The Sidewalk Prophets plays at Wednesday Worship on Nov. 2 at Fountain Mall. Wednesday Worship is a campuswide worship service that kicks off the Homecoming festivities.



Franklin, Mass., freshman Drew Latha and freshman Mark Matie on Sept. 27 during Homecoming festivities.



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Baylor students attend the Big Event on Aug. 20 at the Ferrell Center. The Big Event aims to get students excited about the upcoming school year with a musical guest and blow-up games.



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No. 2 wide receiver Terrance Williams and Texas A&M No. 22 defensive back Dustin Harris go vertical for the ball on Oct. 15. Possession was given to Texas A&M, which ended up defeating the Bears 55-28, an especially bitter loss after the battle over leaving the Big 12.



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No. 34 sophomore forward Cory Jefferson dunks Oct. 14 during Moonlight Madness in the Ferrell Center. Moonlight Madness consisted of a 3-point contest and a dunk contest, and each basketball player was paired with a student contestant for the event.



Kaufman junior Randy Davis enjoys his time during the event. He was called off in the third quarter due to a foul.

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ng Paint Crush at Minglewood Bowl.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR
Baylor Opera Theatre performs "Signor Deluso" by Thomas Pasatieri and "Gallantry" by Douglas Moore, a pair of one-act comedies, on Oct. 12 in Roxy Grove Hall.



AMBIKA SINGH | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER
Concert Choir performs Sept. 23 at the Parents Weekend Choral Concert in Jones Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. Five vocal ensembles performed at the annual concert.



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The freshman class of 2011 joins together Aug. 20 at the Ferrell Center for the Candlelight Event, a worship service designed to bring students together, commemorate the past and look forward to the coming year.

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No matter how much the grounds change, Baylor will always be worth coming back to. Here's a glimpse of what will make this class come back. Enjoy, alumni.



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himself at the game against Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 17 at Floyd Casey Stadium. Baylor beat SFA 48-0 in a game that
to rain. The Golden Wave band of 2011-2012 includes 275 members from all different academic disciplines.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR
No. 3 midfielder Dana Larsen attempts to pass the ball before being blocked by Mizzou No. 6 defender Mallory Stipetich on Oct. 14 at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field. Baylor left with a 3-1 victory over Missouri.

Campus updates meant to enhance campus tradition

By JORDAN HEARNE
REPORTER

Many Baylor alumni will have an opportunity to see new structural campus changes that have taken place over the past year for the first time this weekend.

While many are pleased with the campus updates, others aren't as comfortable.

Some alumni, such as 2009 graduate Corey Payne, have reservations regarding the changes — mainly the destruction of Fort Faculty housing.

"I didn't even realize these changes were happening. That's sad to see go, the houses close to campus," Payne said. "I would have voted on it if I was given a chance."

Brian Nicholson, associate vice president for facility planning and construction, said noticeable changes, such as the removal of some housing in the Fort Faculty area across from the McLane Student Life Center, are intended to improve campus by utilizing the new space and the central location of these areas.

"The reason these houses were torn down isn't just aesthetic," Nicholson said. "It was done for future plans."

Third Street will eventually run through Fort Faculty and underground utility lines will then run along the extended street, Nicholson said.

Nicholson said that while these structural modifications seem to slightly change the look of Baylor's historical campus, he hopes they will actually enhance tradition.

"I think there are some areas like Fifth Street, there are certain traditions held there, like the parade and Christmas on Fifth, that will never go away," Nicholson said. "Any changes made to these areas will just incorporate those traditions."

Houston senior Daniel Hadad, president of Baylor Chamber of Commerce, said he thinks it is still too early to tell how changes, such as the future renovation of Fort Faculty, will affect homecoming preparations.

Matt Burchett, director of Student Activities, said he has not

heard feedback from alumni, most likely because homecoming will be the first opportunity for returning graduates to see the upgraded campus. Recent changes to campus may mean Baylor Homecoming traditions will need to be altered.

Burchett said this year the homecoming bonfire will be different, as the roads that ran through Fountain Mall used to provide a natural barrier between the fire and outlying grass have been removed. To make up for the missing blockade, a steel wall will be built around the perimeter of the bonfire.

"In years past, we had a rope barrier 20 feet out from the fire as a basic perimeter," Burchett said. "We are just replacing that with a steel wall. It shouldn't make a dramatic difference."

Burchett sees the beautification projects around campus, especially the re-landscaped Fountain Mall, as something that will impress alumni.

"The best thing for us is that what once was road is now grass, and it will be a great atmosphere for the bonfire [today],"

Burchett said.

So far, Nicholson said the university has received nothing but positive reactions to the changes, both from alumni and current students.

Kay Deaton Gentsch, a 1978 graduate, has seen the campus' makeover and appreciates the new additions.

"My outlook might be a bit different since I have a daughter at Baylor, and I see how much she enjoys the campus improvements," Gentsch said.

She said the original character of Baylor and its original appearance still remain true to her experience as a student, saying, "Baylor has aged more gracefully than I have."

Nicholson said he hopes visiting alumni will agree that the updated campus enhances the overall area and gives Baylor a more intimate setting.

"These things aren't meant to change what people remember," Nicholson said. "They are meant to improve the campus and traditions overall."



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER
Houston freshman Justin Lee tosses a football in the renovated Fountain Mall Thursday, Sept. 13. Fountain Mall is one of many locations to receive upgrades this year.

Anonymous sticky notes, sidewalk chalk lift self-confidence

By JORDAN HEARNE
REPORTER

Anonymous compliments posted around campus have boosted self-confidence this semester.

Emma Wood, staff psychologist at the Baylor Counseling Center, has seen sticky notes in bathrooms at the McLane Student Life Center and chalk messages outside of the building giving positive affirmations, such as "your value is not a number on a scale" and



Hearne

"you're beautiful."

While no one has come forward to claim ownership of these random messages, Wood said seeing these encouraging statements is a key to addressing body image issues and fighting negative self-talk.

She described negative self-talk as an ongoing tape recorder in a person's head with messages designed to hurt self-image.

"They think, 'Maybe if I hate my body it will give me motivation to work harder,'" Wood said. "This can lead to eating disorders and depression."

The positive notes are reminiscent to the work of Operation Beautiful, a national campaign dedicated to ending negative self-talk.

According to Operation Beau-

tiful's website, www.operation-beautiful.com, — a blog founded and managed by a girl known only as Caitlin — the mission began when Caitlin started leaving positive messages on mirrors of public restrooms.

"Once you look at societal messages about the value placed on appearances you get a limited idea of what beauty looks like."

Emma Wood | Staff Psychology
Baylor Counseling Center

"I hope it helps readers realize

how truly toxic negative self-talk is. It hurts you emotionally, spiritually and physically," Caitlin wrote on the website. "My personal goal is to leave as many Operation Beautiful notes as I can."

The blog encourages others to continue this practice by leaving inspiring, uplifting messages on sticky notes wherever they go.

Wood said she believes Operation Beautiful and the random notes encouraging self-love can improve a person's ability to stop negative self-talk, something that is difficult to avoid.

"Part of it is a societal thing. It's encouraged to talk bad about oneself," Wood said. "Once you look at societal messages, about the value placed on appearances, you get a limited idea of what beauty looks like."

Lincoln, Neb., sophomore Bailey Jenkins saw one of the messages on the ground outside of the SLC, and again on one of the bathroom mirrors after exercising.

"At first I thought, 'What? Who are you? Why are you saying these things?' because girls aren't used to getting those kinds of compliments randomly," Jenkins said.

She said after thinking about it for a few minutes, she appreciated that someone was trying to tell girls that they are beautiful.

Jenkins said she would support the public affirmations, if they weren't all in the same location.

"I felt bombarded," she said. "Maybe put them in places like Collins where freshman girls can see them."

Wood said she hopes this trend continues and believes this is one

of the biggest ways to impact how students at Baylor view themselves.

"Every girl on campus needs to buy a stack of sticky notes and a pack of markers and really contribute to spreading a positive body image," Wood said.

She suggests putting them in dorms and on bathroom mirrors, but emphasized using only chalk or removable sticky notes.

Both Wood and the website for Operation Beautiful stressed graffiti is not an appropriate way of sharing these messages.

As to the mysterious origin of the Baylor notes, Wood said she hopes the lack of an organization will keep the affirmations coming.

"I would love to see this be a grassroots movement, not headed by any organization," Wood said, "and that it will continue to spread."

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Soccer senior Salinas set to graduate; team feels loss

By DANIEL WALLACE
SPORTS WRITER

Next year's Baylor soccer team will face many tough challenges due to the departure of seven seniors set to graduate in either the spring or winter of 2012. One of the biggest obstacles the team will face is replacing the anchor of what has proven to be a solid defense in the Big 12.

Senior defender Staz Salinas has been the chief of the Baylor defense for the past season and is scheduled to graduate in May.

Head coach Marci Jobson described her as the "general" of the defense and said she has admired her toughness and hard-nosed mentality in the way she plays the game. Jobson said that because of her leadership and maturity in her position, others follow her.

"Staz is a kid that a lot of people just respect because of the way she walks the walk and the way she plays," Jobson said.

She plays physically and aggressively. Salinas said she credits that style of play to growing up with her two brothers — one older, one younger. Through middle school, Salinas ran track and played volleyball and soccer.

When high school began, she had to choose which sport to play — she chose the most physical of the three. Soccer was the obvious choice for the well-rounded athlete.

Salinas was recruited by former head coach George Van Linder and verbally committed to Baylor in the fall of 2007. The Austin native has experienced lifestyle changes since coming to Baylor and said she has become much "deeper."

Salinas said one of her favorite moments at Baylor was during her sophomore year when she was baptized and her teammates were there to celebrate her profession of faith. Salinas described her spiritual journey as one of ups and downs but credited her teammates as her main support system. She said she has experienced friendships with her teammates that go beyond soccer.

"It's just a bond no one will ever be able to take away," she said. "All of us are mostly built on God and we know that at the end of the day, we are all going to be there for each other and have each other's back. Then we will be there for support whenever we are having problems outside, like with God or anything like that. We have that foundation that we are all built upon."

The defensive leader has learned not to take the game she loves for granted and plays soccer for more than the thrill of it.

"I've learned just every time I get out there, it's a privilege and another opportunity to show him [God] off and give him the glory at the end of the day and play for an audience of one," she said.

Fellow senior defender Hannah Dismuke said sometimes Salinas can have a tough shell around her, but that she is actually soft on the inside. She said Salinas does not always necessarily lead with words, but always leads by example. Dismuke also said Salinas brings consistency in every situation, no matter where she is.

"On the field and off the field, she is the same person," Dismuke said. "You are always going to get the truth, you are always going to get someone who cares one hundred percent."

Not only will the Bears miss Salinas' extraordinary ability in the air on headers and defensive skills, but they will miss a leader who plays with passion and toughness, because of who she is playing for.

Salinas plans to enlist in the Air Force after graduating in May.



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Austin senior defender Staz Salinas walks across Betty Lou Mays field with her family Oct. 16 as part of the soccer Senior Day. The Bears celebrated a 5-0 win that day against Jackson State. Salinas is scheduled to graduate in May and is planning to enlist in the Air Force.

Execution date nears for inmate who was denied DNA testing

By JUAN A. LOZANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A judge has denied a Texas death row inmate's request for testing of DNA evidence his attorneys say could prove his innocence less than a week before the man is set to be executed.

Hank Skinner, 49, is scheduled to be executed Wednesday for the 1993 deaths of his girlfriend and her two sons. Skinner's attorneys had asked for testing of DNA evidence that was not tested before his 1995 trial.

But Judge Steven R. Emmert denied Skinner's request in a brief order issued Wednesday and made public Thursday. The order did not explain the judge's decision.

Skinner's attorneys said they are "deeply disappointed" and plan to appeal Emmert's ruling with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

"The stakes in this case are too high to allow Mr. Skinner to be executed before he has a fair chance to make his case that the trial court made a grave mistake in denying his request for DNA testing," said Robert Owen, an attorney for Skinner.

Texas Attorney General's Office spokeswoman Lauren Bean declined to comment on the judge's order. The office is handling appeals in the case for prosecutors in Gray County.

Prosecutors have called the DNA testing request merely an attempt by Skinner to delay his execution again. Last year, Skinner came within an hour of lethal injection before the U.S. Supreme Court stepped in.

Skinner also has filed a federal lawsuit claiming Texas violated his civil rights by withholding access to the evidence. That lawsuit has been put on hold until Skinner's appeals run through the state courts.

Skinner was sentenced to death

for the 1993 deaths of his girlfriend, 40-year-old Twila Busby, and her sons Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Randy Busby, 20. The victims were strangled, beaten or stabbed on New Year's Eve at their home in Pampa in the Texas Panhandle.

About three hours after their bodies were discovered, police found Skinner hiding in a closet in the home of a woman he knew. Tests showed that blood from at least two victims was on him, and authorities said a trail of blood led police from the bodies to his hiding place a few blocks away.

Skinner has acknowledged being inside the house where the killings took place but has insisted he couldn't be the killer because he was passed out on a couch from a mix of vodka and codeine.

The evidence Skinner sought was not tested at the time of Skinner's trial because his lawyer feared the results would hurt his case.

But his attorneys recently argued that forensic DNA testing "has a strong likelihood of confirming Mr. Skinner's claim."

The untested evidence includes vaginal swabs taken from Busby during an autopsy and two knives found in or around Busby's home.

The request for DNA testing is the third from Skinner but the first since a state law about evidence testing took effect Sept. 1. The new law allows DNA testing of evidence even if the offender chose not to seek testing before trial.

Prosecutors maintain Skinner's claims about the evidence aren't new and other courts already have decided the issue.

Last month, a group of current and former prosecutors and lawmakers sent a letter asking Texas Gov. Rick Perry and other state officials to delay Skinner's execution so the DNA evidence could be tested.

Perry's office said it was "a matter pending before the courts."

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Baylor honors 12 for campus donation, Christian commitment

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

Baylor honored 12 people Thursday for their commitment and effort to spreading Christian values in the world, presenting them with various Meritorious Awards following a Board of Regents dinner held at the Andings Exhibition Gallery in the Mayborn Museum.

This is the second year Baylor has presented the Meritorious Awards as part of the homecoming festivities. Those that received awards were either Baylor alums or supporters of the university and all will be special guests at this year's homecoming. Baylor Buddy Jones, chair of the Board of Regents, introduced the award recipients, describing them all as part of the Baylor family.

"We have some very distinguished alums and supporters," Jones said. "They all share two traits, they love the Lord Jesus Christ and they are all committed to the mission of Baylor University. They epitomize the Baylor University spirit and...they all make us proud."

Jones then introduced each award recipient and President Ken Starr and assistant dean of the Honors College Tommye Lou Davis presented each with a medal.

Baylor Legacy Awards were presented to Joe and Barbara Allbritton and Jim and Nell Hawkins. This award is presented to individuals who demonstrate extraordinary philanthropy and service to Baylor or causes that fit its mission

as a university.

The Allbrittons are supporters of the Baylor Law School, the debate program, the art department, Moody Memorial Library and George W. Truett Theological Seminary. They are also donors of the Allbritton House since 1974, which is the home for the Baylor president.

The Hawkins are longtime donors to academic and athletic scholarships and recently donated \$3.5 million for the Jim and Nell Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center. The Hawkins also previously donated considerably to the Lt. Jack Whetsel Jr. Basketball Practice Facility as well as donated funds for the first electronic scoreboard at Floyd Casey Stadium.

The Alumnus of the Year Award was presented to Bob Brewton, president and owner of Brewton Investment Corporation, and founder and chairman of the board of directors of the Baylor Angel Network.

The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year award is awarded annually to a graduate who has demonstrated remarkable achievement in the previous year.

The Young Alumnus of the Year Award was presented to Michael Lindsay who became the 8th president of Gordon College in Wenham, Mass., in July. Lindsay is a leading expert on religion and public life, is also the author of the Pulitzer-nominated book, Faith in the Halls of Power, as well as two dozen other publications and scholarly articles. This award is given annually to a graduate, age



Baylor President Ken Starr presents chairman and CEO of the Newseum and Pulitzer Prize Winner Charles Overby with The Baylor Medal of Service for Media and Arts during Baylor's 2011-2012 Meritorious Achievement Awards ceremony On Thursday in the Mayborn Museum Complex.

40 or under, who has demonstrated remarkable achievement in the previous year.

Max Lucado, one of the world's most influential Christian writers received the Pro Ecclesia Medal of Service Award. Lucado has been named "America's Best Preacher" by Reader's Digest and "America's Pastor" by Christianity Today and is the only author with four Christian Book of the Year awards, having sold more than 80 million books. Lucado is an alumnus of Abilene Christian University and has been the minister of preaching at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio since 1988.

The Pro Ecclesia Medal of Service Award is given to an individual whose broad contributions to Christian ministry have made an immeasurable impact upon a local

or global community.

The Pro Texana Medal of Service Award is given to an individual whose contributions in furthering the mission of the university in the public or non-profit sector have made an immeasurable impact. Mark White, former Governor of Texas from 1983 to 1987, received this award Thursday night. Jones explained that White played an important role in preserving the Big 12 Conference this past July.

"Mark White stepped up like he did a year ago and helped quarterback our effort," Jones said. "For 112 days solid Mark White led us everyday. He was courageous, he was generous, he gave of his time and money and he did it all for Baylor."

The Medal of Service for Media Arts was presented to Charles Overby, chairman and chief executive officer of The Freedom Forum, which is an independent non-partisan foundation dedicated to promoting a better understanding of the First Amendment.

Overby is the former editor of The Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, Miss., which won the Pulitzer Prize Public Service Award in 1983.

The Medal of Service for Media Arts is a new award given to an individual whose contributions to the fields of media communications and the arts, have made a significant impact on society.

The Baylor Founders Medal, established in 1969, is given to those whose service and contributions have been unusually significant to the life and future of the

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year, except last year, when she had her baby on the Sunday of homecoming. Allison and her husband, Cason, will bring their little girl, Madeleine, to Waco on Friday to experience her very first Baylor Homecoming and begin their own family tradition.

Garrison's tradition started even earlier, with her grandmother, who attended Baylor in 1950.

Her parents met at Baylor as freshmen in 1981, and when Martha was born in 1990, she began to

come with them to homecoming each year.

"I was the child that was always wearing the Baylor cheerleading outfit and a huge green and gold bow, making up cheers and dances for the Bears," Garrison said.

Her favorite part of homecoming was sitting in Waco Hall to experience Pigskin Revue.

Garrison said she knew from an early age she wanted to be in the show.

While at Baylor, she has gotten

to not only be a part of the show, but she will also lead her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, in Pigskin Revue this year.

Garrison said being at Baylor now is a completely different feeling than experiencing homecoming as an outsider.

"Baylor is now my own, and I have memories here and a tie to the traditions," Garrison said.

"I lived through my parents' stories for years and now I have so many of my own."

Baylor community, and Baylor students in particular, will respond in large numbers to advertising for the free event.

"I would like for there to be a great student turnout," Borberg said.

"With student and community turnout, I hope we will be able to fill Waco Hall and welcome Ms. Rice [to Baylor]."

Starr praised Rice's record of public service in a Thursday press release, hinting at some of the top-

ics he might discuss next Wednesday with the former White House official.

"As a member of the Bush Administration, Dr. Rice was one of the President's closest confidantes, administering U.S. foreign policy during one of the most challenging periods in contemporary American history," Starr said.

"Dr. Rice served our nation with great resolve and intelligence during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, events she recounts with great candor in her new memoir. We look forward to a fascinating evening of conversation with this outstanding public servant, distinguished academic, award-winning teacher and expert commentator on U.S. and international affairs."

Interested parties can pre-order an autographed copy of Rice's new book from the Baylor Bookstore. Copies will be available for pickup Wednesday starting at 5:30 p.m.

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cess, or there could be some other outside stressor. There could also be a problem with the cub that causes them to reject it.”

Zookeepers said they hoped that having gone through the experience once, she might accept her second cub— two-pound, five-ounce Bugara, born Aug. 16. Unfortunately, he too was rejected, Cox said.

“[Maharani] just didn’t pay any attention to him at all,” Cox said. “She didn’t clean him up, nothing.”

At this point, zookeepers, who were already caring for Indah, took Bugara in as well. The cubs were under 24-hour care at the zoo’s veterinary facilities.

Although Bugara was and remains healthy, Indah has battled a sinus infection since shortly after her birth.

Despite Indah’s difficult beginnings, zookeeper Rachel Anderson said she has proven to be “resilient and independent.”

Animal care manager of mammals Manda Butler said despite their rocky start, the cubs have been reaching all of their milestones.

“I’ve hand-reared several animals over the years, and these guys have been really great,” Butler said. “They’re doing very well.”

At birth, the tiger cubs were bottle-fed every four hours and were under constant care.

They have been gradually weaned off the bottle and are now being bottle-fed only twice a day. Meat has also been introduced to their diets, and at 12 weeks it will be their only staple.

Butler said hand-rearing is an exhausting and challenging experience. Especially when the cubs were younger, she said she and the other zookeepers would often leave at the end of their shifts with scratches on their arms.

“It’s rewarding. It’s demanding,” Butler said. “It really pushes all of us to the extreme.”

But at this stage in their lives, the cubs are now strong enough to be more independent, Cox said.

“They’re very focused on humans since they’re hand-reared cats, and we’re gradually trying to introduce them to the exhibit to make them focus more on each other and their habitat, because as they get larger, they’ll be too big for us to safely handle,” Cox said.

Although it is preferred for mothers to raise their cubs, Cox said she believes the situation worked out for the best.

“It’s good that they have each other because it would be much harder on a single cub reacclimating,” Cox said. “When there’s a pair, they get to have all their tiger behaviors together.”

Cox said the cubs will be shifted in and out of the display with their parents because there’s too much of a risk of keeping them all together in the display.

The cubs could be potentially injured by their parents in rough play.

But, the father, 3-year-old, 350-pound Kucing, seemed to approve of his young by chuffing, a sound tigers make to greet one another, when the cubs were briefly brought into the exhibit Oct. 27.

Maharani still wanted nothing to do with them, but this is not surprising, Cox said, because it is extremely rare that a tiger will accept her cubs after initial rejection.

But Indah and Bugara chuffed back at both their parents when they saw them.

Although the public now has the opportunity to see the cubs as they continue to grow, Butler is grateful that she was one of the few that saw their initial development behind the scenes.

“It’s fun to see their milestones. [The zookeepers] feel like this mushed-together family that we’re constantly [saying], ‘They opened their eyes!’ ‘We have teeth!’” Butler said. “It’s four o’clock in the morning, and I’m sending picture text messages to them. And I know I have to work the next day, but it’s just such a miraculous thing that it doesn’t matter that you’re tired — it’s just so exciting.”

Perry endorses work visas for illegal US immigrants

By WILL WEISSERT
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Texas Gov. Rick Perry proposed the federal government should extend work visas allowing illegal immigrants to move freely between the U.S. and their home countries — but stressed that he opposes amnesty or a path to citizenship.

Perry said in an interview with CNN’s John King on Thursday that expectations that U.S. authorities are going to arrest and deport up to 15 million illegal immigrants isn’t realistic.

Perry added, however, that other Republicans, including fellow Texan George W. Bush, went too far when they previously proposed an immigration overhaul that included a path to citizenship.

The Texas governor also claimed his chief rival for the Republican presidential nomination, Mitt Romney, had once supported amnesty. Romney has drawn criticism for hiring a lawn care company that employed illegal immigrants at his family’s property in a Boston suburb for a decade — but has also said amnesty is not appropriate for illegal immigrants.

“You can put a program into place in which these individuals can be identified, and work visas in which they can move back and forth between their countries but not to become United States citizens,” Perry said. “And I think that’s where McCain, that’s where Romney, that’s where even Bush went wrong when they talked about the issue that, ‘we’re going to give amnesty to these individuals,’ and people just said, ‘no, we’re not.’”

Perry didn’t elaborate on what such a visa plan would look like, saying only that authorities need to determine a better way to identify

illegal immigrants and make them part of mainstream society. He also said the program would only work if the federal government first does a better job securing America’s borders.

“I disagree with the concept that somehow or another we’re going to pack up 10, to 12, to 15 million people and ship them back to the country of origin. That’s not going to happen,” Perry said. “So really has to be part of our conversation. And then you need to have a strategy to deal with it. That is what I think we will have, but first you have to secure that border.”

Perry called Washington’s efforts to stop the flow of illegal immigrants “an abject failure” but said that, as president, he could accomplish the task in just a year using the existing fence, more border patrol agents and air surveillance. Perry also repeated his opposition to a fence running the length of the border, saying it would take 10 to 15 years to build.

“There’s places where a secure fence will work, and that strategic type fencing will work,” he said. “But the idea that people can easily just stand up and say ‘let’s just build a fence’ and be done with it and wipe our hands, and it’s going to secure the border, that’s not reality.”

Perry has seen his polling numbers plummet after a string of lackluster debate performances — and angered some conservatives by defending a Texas plan that extends in-state university tuition to illegal immigrants who were brought into the country as children and attend high school in Texas.

The governor again defended the initiative on Thursday, saying better education helps ensure those participating in the program contribute to society: “We want taxpayers, not tax wasters.”

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her own years on campus.

“We had Wednesday night services on campus in Waco Hall,” she said, during which, the Baylor Religious Hour Choir would lead, in worship.

Now, with children of her own donning green and gold, Tekell holds Singspiration as a time close to her heart.

Generations of the Baylor family as well as her own come together to celebrate their heritage rich in faith.

“It’s kind of like a family reunion for us,” she said. “Everyone comes from Midland or Sugarland or Pasadena and Beaumont, then we all meet together up there for

Singspiration to start the weekend.”

In previous years, her now 91-year-old mother attended as well, giving Tekell a memory too precious to fade.

“There we are, with multigenerations singing ‘That Good Old Baylor Line’ at the end, and somebody took [our] picture,” she said. “And I just thought ‘Wow, that’s just such a treasured time, that we shared that.’”

This year, the program will again feature a reunion for musical traditions, as the title reflects: “From Generation to Generation... We Sing!”

Edwards said there will be “something for everyone.” Music will highlight each generation with a “whole set of traditional evangelistic-style hymn singing, and then a whole set of contemporary worship songs,” he said.

But he said his favorite part of the evening will arise from the hearts and faces present.

“I look forward to watching their response when they go, ‘I had no idea what this was,’” Edwards said. “And every year I have people say that they have it in their head it’s some performance or old traditional worship time that wouldn’t interest them.”

They are in for a surprise and a treat, he said.

The program will incorporate multiple chances for the audience to join in and worship. Praise will be led by the choirs, Edwards, and John and Shari Griffin.

“I don’t want it just to be about entertainment. I want people to really enter into sharing the tradition and sharing in worship,” Edwards said. “And they have.”

Tekell described her memory of the event: “You just are all joining in one heart of lifting up Christ, just singing praise and worship to Him,” she said.

“That’s kind of giving you an idea of what it’s like.”

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