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## Students voice concerns about tuition

By Ashley Corinne Killough  
Staff writer

Students raised questions regarding parking and tuition increases, among other issues, at the Student Government Town Hall meeting Wednesday night in the Barfield Drawing Room.

Student Body President Bryan Fonville, Vice President of Student Life Dub Oliver and Student Body Internal Vice President Parker Short listened as students voiced suggestions to unresolved problems and asked questions about future practices.

The lengthiest discussion involved tuition increases.

Baylor's tuition has climbed steadily the last few years, including a 6.5 percent increase for the current year and a 7 percent increase approved for 2009-2010.

One senior in the audience asked about the possibility of increasing merit-based scholarship for upperclassman along with tuition hikes.

"There's still a lot of people who are struggling with tuition but don't necessarily qualify for financial aid," he said. "Maybe Baylor could offer financial incentives based on performance during college."

In response, Fonville and Oliver said the proposal is ideal but challenging to implement. When more merit-aid is distributed, they said, the funding has to come from somewhere within the budget and might require tuition increases to compensate for the additional scholarship money.

Oliver took note of the idea, however, and agreed to explore it further.

"Maybe we can look at different angles, come up with differ-

ent strategies to look at incentives to increase scholarships while students are still here," Oliver said.

Another senior asked the panel about Baylor's cost-cutting strategies, adding the university could limit wasteful utility spending. Other students pointed to incidents where they found lights on in vacant sections of buildings and sprinkler systems going off during rainstorms.

"There's always the question of what should we stop doing to cut costs," Oliver said, noting the last time Baylor made cost-cutting decisions, such as hiring freezes and capital cuts, was in 2003-2004. "We have not had any cost-cutting this year because we haven't had any budget deficits in the last few years."

Other students raised concerns about parking and over-

crowding issues, arguing Baylor continues to accept more students than the university can accommodate.

"When we met with the Board of Regents, we said that if we're going to expand at the rate we're going, we'll need to do it at a rate that's feasible," Fonville said.

Oliver, explaining the overcrowding situation, said the class of 2009 was a "big surprise" with 3,168 students, several hundred more than Baylor anticipated, making it the largest class in history.

The current freshman class is the second largest. Oliver said Baylor was aiming for 2,850 students but enrolled just over 3,000 instead. Before Baylor knew the size of the incoming freshman class last year, it had recruited a large number of



Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

A Student Government Town Hall meeting drew numerous questions and concerns from students Wednesday night in Barfield Drawing Room. The Town Hall provided a chance for students to get answers to questions ranging from parking to tuition.

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### Writing history

Celebrated Texas journalists Hugh Aynesworth (left) and Mike Cochran recount their experience covering of the assassination of John F. Kennedy during a forum Wednesday afternoon in 100 Marrs McLean Science Building. The event was sponsored by the department of journalism and was a part of the Hartman-Radford Lecture Series. The Lariat will take a look back at the JFK assassination on Friday with a feature story and pictures.

## F.A.C.E.S. tackles campus diversity

By Rebecca LaFlure  
Reporter

Fellowship Among Cultures Ethnicities and Shades, a Baylor multicultural women's group, will hold a screening of the movie "Higher Learning" today in hopes of stimulating a dialogue about race relations at Baylor.

The movie night, one in a film series that began last semester, will be held at 6:30 p.m. in 103 Cashion Academic Center. Snacks will be provided and a

discussion will follow the film.

Higher Learning, directed by John Singleton, is about a diverse group of college students who encounter racial tension on a university campus.

Amy Letteri, F.A.C.E.S. president and a senior from Pleasant Valley, NY, said the movie will give students a safe outlet for discussion on racism.

Although a women's organization, Letteri invites all students to attend.

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F.A.C.E.S. president

ism, especially with people who

are culturally different from them," she said. "Responding to scenes in a movie is often easier to do than to offer or respond to personal testimony."

Racial epithets were shouted at Barack Obama supporters outside of Penland Residence Hall on Election Night, and a perceived noose was found hanging in a tree outside of Morrison Hall earlier that day. The rope was concluded to be a rope swing.

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## Summit talks education level issues in Waco

By Chad Shanks  
Staff writer

The Greater Waco Education Summits kicked off Wednesday night at the Waco Convention Center.

The 3-day event is the first of five annual meetings aimed at engaging the entire community in increasing the education level of Waco's workforce.

Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy's Community Visioning Project and the Greater Waco Chamber Education Workforce Initiative sponsored the education summit.

"I'm thrilled with the turnout tonight," Mayor DuPuy said. "It shows that the people do care about education and that the community has had this on their mind."

Former Texas Workforce Commissioner Ron Lehman delivered the keynote address discussing U.S. business and education meeting the demands of the 21st century.

The summit continues today with a report on the state of education in the greater Waco community and work groups focusing on 11 diverse sectors in the community that play vital roles in local education, such as parents, businesses, faith-based groups and government.

Each work group will discuss steps they can take to help prepare local children for

elementary school and foster their further development to ensure post-secondary educational success.

They will present their results at the final session Friday morning.

The ideas and strategies developed in the Greater Waco Education Summit will be implemented throughout the year and reevaluated at the next four annual meetings.

Walker Moore, a Truett Seminary student and community organizer for the Waco Community Development Corporation, will present ideas in the non-profit sector work group.

"I hope that this summit brings about a commitment by the whole community to begin actively working on ways to strengthen education in Waco. We need to work on maximizing the existing assets in Waco and come out with strategic plans of how we're going to address issues," Moore said.

Leah Jackson, Baylor Law School's associate dean, and Tyler Horner, Baylor Family and Consumer Sciences lecturer, served on the summit planning committee and view Baylor's involvement as essential.

"Baylor's involvement is key because the faculty and staff have expertise that can be utilized to find ways to help support education in the

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## Grad student works to bring filtered water to Latin America

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff writer

After spending his childhood in Latin America, Nathan Griswell knew that he wanted to do something to give back to that community.

His giving back comes in the form of research that will lead to innovative, environmentally friendly techniques to filter water.

Griswell, an environmental studies graduate student, is researching wastewater filtration techniques for low-cost application in Latin America. He will attempt to create a filter system that will clean up graywater,

which consists of all wastewater from the home except for toilet water.

Though he is American-born, Griswell's family moved to Argentina when he was 3 years old. They then moved to Mexico when he was 9, where he spent the rest of his childhood and adolescence.

Griswell said that the cultural experiences he was exposed to during his time in Latin America still contribute to how he lives his life in America.

"The way they live their lives is much more relational in Latin America," he said. "It's very much concentrated on how they relate to each other and how those

relationships influence the work they do. Staying connected plays out very strongly in that culture, and that's something I've carried over here with me."

With such a strong connection to that culture, Griswell said he feels called to do work there.

"I've grown up with a real passion for Latin America," he said. "Having an environmental background, I feel like water management is really an area I can make a real impact in. I want to take my training and apply it down there so that it will empower those people to enrich their own lives."

Griswell spent 10 days in

Costa Rica this summer observing the problems and coming up with possible solutions.

The filter system he came up with will consist of two primary chambers: one for solids to settle in and the second to be filled with gravel to provide basic mechanical treatment of the graywater.

Griswell's goal is to make the system inexpensive to construct from locally available materials and easy to understand and maintain. The main components used to build the system will be available even in the most isolated communities.

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Courtesy Photo

Environmental studies graduate student Nathan Griswell is researching water filtering techniques that could filter water in Latin America inexpensively.





Alex Song/Lariat Staff

## A sidewalk to remember

Several boards along the sidewalk leading to the McLane Student Life Center demonstrate facts about North Korea. The student organization, RANK (Raising Awareness of North Korea), will have a worship service for North Korea from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday in Miller Chapel in the Tidwell Bible Building.

# Students and Waco’s homeless to share Thanksgiving dinner

By Prisca K. Anuolam Reporter

Each year, students gather around Fountain Mall for the annual All-University Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Student Government, the sophomore class, Aramark, and Baylor Religious Hour Choir.

It’s a Thanksgiving tradition Baylor students can’t get enough of, and now homeless members of the Waco community can participate as well.

The dinner will be held on Fountain Mall and will feature turkey and other Thanksgiving favorites.

The event is free of charge and all a student needs to participate is a Baylor ID.

Sophomore class president Emily Saultz said that this was the first time members of the Waco community have been invited to participate in the dinner.

“As the sophomore class officers sat down to plan our student government projects for the year, we really felt a call to bring Baylor students into the community and raise awareness of the poverty in Waco,” Saultz said.

Working alongside Jimmy Dorrell, director of Mission Waco, the sophomore class invited homeless people from My Brother’s Keeper shelter to the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Saultz said the goal is to help Baylor reach out to our neighbors in Waco and make a positive change in the community.

“We are hoping to remind Baylor students of the poverty right in our backyard and to show our friends from My Brother’s Keeper that Baylor cares about them and wants to help” Saultz said.

Last year, more than 3,000

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Abby Byrd  
Sophomore Class Vice President

students were fed over the course of the day and this year, that number is expected to increase.

“We are so excited about this event,” Saultz said. “We have prayed about it so much, and things have really fallen into place for us.”

Baylor Religious Hour choir will play to host homeless people throughout the evening as part of their mission to serve Baylor and the community, Saultz said. She said it has been a community effort as a lot of individuals and organizations came together to make sure the event is a success.

About 50 homeless people were invited through Mission

Waco, said Abby Byrd, Omaha, Neb., sophomore and vice president of the sophomore class. Baylor Religious Hour choir members and Student Government will meet them and bring them onto campus.

Byrd said the dinner was great because it brought the whole campus together and is a good way to spread the holiday spirit. She said however, that there was work to be done outside Baylor’s campus.

“(Poverty) is right across the interstate from us, and we need to reach outside the bubble,” Byrd said.

Junior class secretary Jessica Kim said that she hopes the dinner motivates students to volunteer and give back to the community.

“This is not a sympathy dinner,” Kim said. “It is just to show that we genuinely care and want to help.”

She also said the dinner allowed students not only the opportunity to meet and mingle, but the opportunity to hear the stories of the homelessness in Waco.

Garland senior Essey Bedilu said she enjoyed the previous dinners and is glad to see Baylor students reach out to the community in this way.

“It’s a good way for Baylor students to interact with homeless people and dispel any assumptions that they might have about each other,” Bedilu said.

# International Education Week promotes global awareness

By Janna Quinn Reporter

Baylor University globally expanded its way of thinking this week by incorporating International Education Week on campus with free movies, lectures and receptions.

In the past, Baylor’s Center for International Education has shown movies or held information sessions, but this is the first time they have done events every day, all week long, said Katie Erickson, exchange program and study abroad advisor.

According to the International Education Week Web site, this week is an initiative by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment.

“These events are a way for students to understand there are a lot of opportunities to become more international without going overseas,” Erickson said. “There are ways like meeting people who have studied abroad and seeing foreign films.”

Events will continue today through Friday with two receptions.

The Sixth Annual Study Abroad Photo Contest reception is at 3:30 p.m. today in the Foster Success Center study lounge located in the Sid Richardson Science Building.

The contest winners will be announced and numerous prizes

es will be awarded, including a \$75 gift card for Diamondbacks that will be given to the “Best in Show” winner.

The International Student Appreciation Day reception is from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday on the second floor of Poage Legislative Library. Free finger sandwiches, chips and salsa, cookies and other snacks will be served. Students are free to come and go throughout the reception.

Other events have included study abroad information tables in the Bill Daniel Student Center, where students were given a chance to speak with Erickson and past participants about going abroad.

A table for Peace Corps representatives was also available Tuesday for students to come and ask the representatives questions.

“Since Baylor is such a service-oriented university, having people from the Peace Corps come to campus and talk with students seemed like a good event,” Erickson said.

The table was never empty, Erickson said. In two hours, over 40 people came and asked questions.

In a lecture Monday, titled “Taking Foreign Languages Abroad,” Erickson spoke about the advantages of studying abroad.

Being in a community where English is not spoken regularly only reinforces what one learned in class, Erickson said.

“Here, if you take a language,

you only speak it in class and once you leave the classroom, you switch back to English,” she said. “But, for example, in France, you leave the classroom and you’re still listening to French.”

Alvin senior Hunter Weakley and four international students also spoke Wednesday about studying in non-traditional destinations such as China, Korea, Turkey, South Africa and Egypt.

“People need to realize there are other places than just Europe to go abroad,” Erickson said. “With the way the economy is, chances are it is less expensive to go to non-traditional destinations.”

People do not take things for granted in Egypt, Weakley said.

“In Egypt, there is so much life,” Weakley said. “People make the best of everything. Take 15 kids, give them an old, worn-out soccer ball and they’ll have the best time of their life.”

A different international movie was also shown every night in the student center den in celebration of International Education Week. Among those films were “Hero,” “Motorcycle Diaries” and “Amelie.”

The movies were chosen because they were more current and had interesting plots, Erickson said. They were aimed at students trying to take those languages or know those cultures.

“This week’s goal was to just let people know that the world is bigger than what we know,” Erickson said.

## BEAR BRIEFS

**The Baylor University Early Music Ensembles** will perform at 5:30 p.m. today in Armstrong Browning Library’s McLean Foyer of Meditation. The Baylor University Jazz Ensemble will present its third program of the concert season at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall. Both concerts are free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call the Baylor University School of Music at 254-710-3991.

**The Baylor University Investment Society** will present Kirk Rimer at 6 p.m. today on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center. For more information, contact Cayla\_Wright@baylor.edu.

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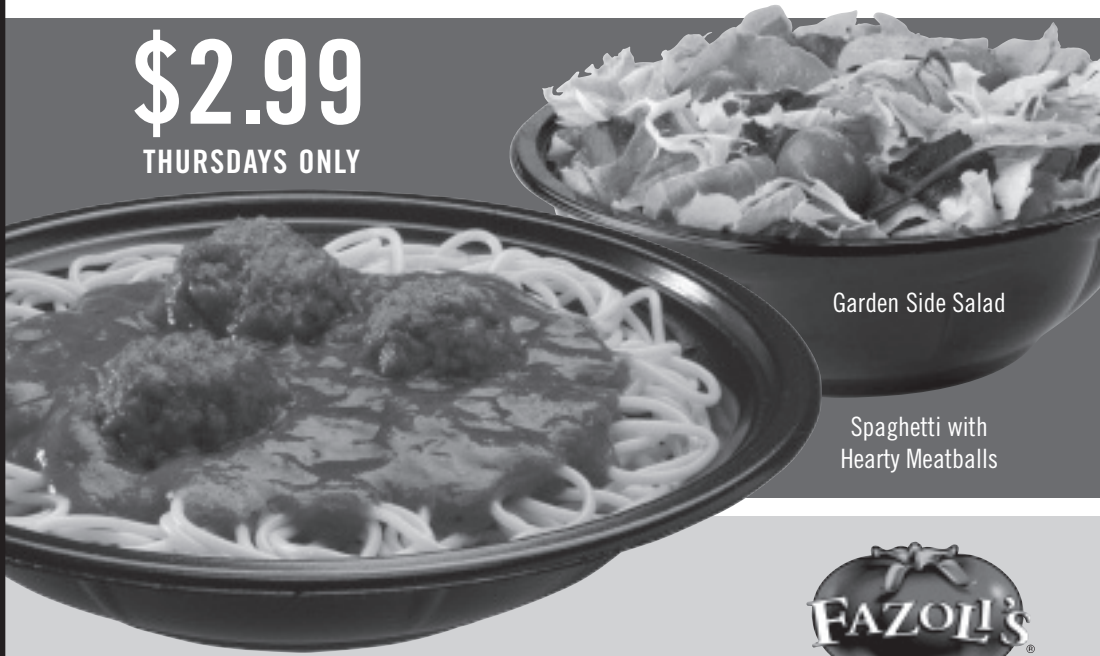
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Baylor Interim President David Garland (left) and Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy, chatŕ during registration for the Greater Waco Education Summit held at the Waco Convention Center on Wednesday evening. The summit extends through Friday and was convened for the first time this year to establish a commitment by the community to improving childhood education in Waco.

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community. Baylor is part of the Waco community and what happens in the community impacts all of us. The strength of Waco reflects on Baylor and vice versa,” Jackson said.

Mayor DuPuy said she is grateful for Baylor’s support and credits the university with developing the background research for the summit.

“Baylor is one of our strongest assets. We are so fortunate to have their support in this time where the community is pulling together,” she added.

According to Dr. Horner, Baylor’s assistance in the summit is inherent to its mission as a Christian university.

“Part of Baylor’s mission statement is to prepare men and women for leadership and to serve the community. With Baylor’s expertise and resources, we would be remissed if we didn’t serve our mission by helping and leading. Baylor has natural connections with education to help families and children and we hope to have

a higher educated workforce that will stimulate the local economy,” Horner said.

Baylor students are encouraged to participate in the summit as a way to give back to their temporary community and prepare themselves for involvement in their future communities.

“Students should care about this because for four years or more, Waco is their community. As a part of our Christian mission, we should help those in need in our local community. Even if education and teaching isn’t their main objective, it provides opportunities for service and they can learn to help their communities when they eventually find jobs,” Horner said.

A mini-summit will be held at 6 p.m. tonight for those who could not attend earlier in the day.

The education summit is free and open to all members of the community interested in attending. For more information, visit [www.educatewaco.com](http://www.educatewaco.com).

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upperclassmen to live on campus this year. To accommodate for the unexpected amount of students, Baylor took measures such as converting study rooms into dorm rooms in the residence halls.

For next year, Oliver expects another class size of around 3,000 students, as well as a sufficient amount of reserved housing.

He also noted the Fairmont Apartments behind the Speight

Parking Garage will be turned into on-campus housing.

Regarding parking, Short announced the decision made Nov. 11 by Baylor’s parking services to convert an estimated 50 unused faculty and employee parking spaces in the Speight Parking Garage to student parking.

The spots, located on the second floor, have historically been designated for students but were converted in the summer for the new McMullen-Connally Faculty Center.

Shelley Deats, manager of

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“In most cultures where I’ve lived, there is very little awareness about environmental issues,” Griswell said. “Environmental problems are something they don’t grow up knowing a lot about or being able to deal with. It is largely an issue of poverty, but also a lack of knowledge of the potential solutions.”

The wastewater in Latin America currently goes completely unfiltered into the environment. With Griswell’s filter system, the water will be cleaned up hopefully to the point that it can be reused for

purposes such as irrigation in the home.

“I hope this solution will be easy enough that they can learn how to use it on their own,” Griswell said. “Often mission trips fail because when the missions teams leave, all the technical expertise leaves with them. Using this system sustainably will hopefully change a lot of different areas of their lives as far as economic situations.”

Within the next couple of weeks, Griswell will be building the filter systems for testing in Baylor’s geology labs.

After the systems have been built, Griswell will create a rainfall simulator over the sec-

## F.A.C.E.S. from page 1

In 2005, a Baylor fraternity hosted a “ghetto party” where students dressed up as black stereotypes. Controversy ensued when pictures of the party were posted online.

Austin senior Funmi Ogunro, vice president of F.A.C.E.S., said although these acts do not reflect the Baylor community as a whole, racism is a continuous problem. F.A.C.E.S. has been working to improve race relations on Baylor campus since the spring.

“Racism stems from fear and ignorance,” Ogunro said. “As a Baylor family, we should make it our job to enlighten others as well as promote unity on campus because that is the key to eliminating ignorance.”

Letteri said F.A.C.E.S. was

created as a way to bring women of all backgrounds together and discuss controversial issues relating to race and gender.

She said she saw the need for such a group as soon as she arrived to Baylor as a transfer student.

“I grew up in New York and saw faces of every color. I never knew what it was like to judge people on the basis of race,” she said. “It was not until I came to Baylor, and the South in general, that I saw such blatant discrimination. I was shocked by the self-imposed segregation here.”

Letteri had two black roommates last year, and began talking with them and their friends about race relations on campus.

She said several minority students felt like they couldn’t call Baylor home.

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Baylor’s parking services, said she hopes the spots will be ready before final exams.

Oliver also mentioned the East Side Garage that is largely unused. He said Baylor plans to build residence halls around the garage, which should help alleviate the parking situation for students in the future.

One freshman suggested that Baylor prohibit freshmen from bringing their cars from their hometowns, saying she hasn’t needed a car while living on campus. Others objected, including one senior who

said he needed his car during his freshman year to work off campus.

“While we could recommend ‘freshmen don’t need a car,’ it would become a recruitment issue if we didn’t allow cars. (Potential) students might view Baylor as oppressive if they heard they couldn’t bring cars to school,” Oliver said.

Oliver, Short and Fonville recognized the students’ parking concerns and promised to continue working on finding solutions.

ond chamber to test what the system would actually look like if it were implemented in Latin America.

Dr. Joe Yelderman, professor of geology and director of the Baylor Wastewater Research Program, advises Griswell in his research. Yelderman said he values Griswell’s history with the Latin American culture.

“The key thing is finding the right person to do research,” Yelderman said. “Nathan is very familiar with their culture and problems, which helped us modify our project so it will be directly usable with people in that part of the world. With Nathan’s background, educa-

tion, and passion, he is just the perfect person to do it and make it succeed.”

Ultimately, Griswell wants the Latin American people to take his filter system and develop it into their own industry and way of life.

“Over here we have the resources and training for people to be able to make lifestyle changes,” he said. “In Latin America they may want to do the same thing, but they don’t have the same opportunities. Hopefully this is the beginning of their opportunities. I’m most excited about the follow-through and long-term implementations of the research.”

“Many faced discrimination on school projects when students told them they could not be the face of a project presentation because of the way they looked or talked,” she said. “I’ve heard many similar stories, and I wanted to do something about it.”

Houston junior Kim Omwanghe, F.A.C.E.S. treasurer, was one of Letteri’s roommates last year, and helped create the group.

She said she specifically noticed racial separation when she walked into the Bill Daniel Student Center one day.

“In the SUB I noticed that Asians were with Asians, blacks were with blacks and whites were with whites,” she said. “We wanted a group so Baylor women could leave their comfort zone and learn from one another”

The group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the faculty lounge of the student center.

Some topics they’ve covered are the role of race and gender in politics and the affects of stereotyping in the workplace.

F.A.C.E.S. participates in a weekly after school mentoring program at University High School, and frequently volunteers at the Women’s Abuse Shelter in Waco.

They plan on bringing in a guest speaker next semester to discuss how women can balance having a successful career and raising a family.

The group also hopes to film a documentary called “What It’s Like to be Me,” featuring a series of short interviews with Baylor women of all races, religions, ethnicities and economic backgrounds.

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## RESTAURANTREVIEW

Actually, they originated three years ago in China Springs with the opening of Zeb's Backyard Grill.

Known to China Springs locals as "Zeb's," the burger restaurant's full name is only two-thirds true. Yes, the restaurant belongs to a guy named Zeb (short for Zebulon), and it does utilize a single flat-top grill for most of the cooking. But, if you're looking for Zeb to show up with a "Kiss the Chef" apron and a sunburn, you'll leave disappointed — there's no backyard.

Although the backyard grilling happens inside, the modern atmosphere feels like a laid-back summer afternoon. Orange walls with neon-green trim extend up to a lofted ceiling, adorned with dark-blue fans and purple track lighting. The 91-seat dining area offers plenty of walking space and two rows of booths that dance along with the bass of Waco's country radio playing overhead.

Zeb's is not extravagant or fancy. It's a burger joint. You should expect friendly service, fresh ground beef and even the giant playing card you're given as an identifier.

What you might not expect is the size of the menu. The dark-blue monstrosity hung on the front wall is exhaustive enough to make you forget where you

are. In true backyard grill fashion, you're brought back to reality with an array of hamburgers, hand-cut fries (that actually taste like potatoes), tater tots and onion rings.

Local regulars and employees recommend Zeb's Wombo jalapeño cheeseburger. The Wombo combines premium ground beef, sautéed jalapeños, pepper jack cheese, onions, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes and mustard for a flavor that's spicy but bearable. And, it's all assembled on the famed Wombo jalapeño bun, which is buttered, toasted and as tender as the meat housed inside. The Wombo transforms the burger bun from an afterthought to a prime feature for less than \$7.

If hamburger baskets aren't your thing, you might fancy one of the eight different platter meals. A 10-ounce ribeye steak tops the list in presentation and price. It's served with a house salad, choice of side item and a slice of buttered Texas toast for \$11.95. I recommend shying away from the fried side items and choosing a loaded baked potato or some steamed vegetables.

The chefs show off their talent by keeping the steak tender and tasty with Zeb's own blend of seasonings. It's no Diamond Backs, but then Diamond Backs' prices are no Zeb's, either.

Chicken and fish also dominate as much of the menu as burgers and steak. The Hawaiian chicken platter features a butterflied, boneless, grilled-to-order chicken breast with side item and toast for \$7.29. This particular meal also comes served over a large bed of rice and is

adorned with chopped pineapples that enhance the meat's tender finish rather than make up for a dry chicken breast.

The rest of the menu includes a large selection of appetizers, fresh salads and dressings, sandwiches, baked potatoes, quesadillas and desserts, not to mention a kids' menu. All the food is cooked to order and prepared in full view of the customers.

It's obvious that the restaurant's reputation doesn't depend on its desserts. The selection is modest at best, with shakes, two different cheesecakes and a fried brownie. However, the fried banana foster cheesecake is worth a try, if you can stomach a bit more fried food. The fried fritters are served five to a plate around a double scoop of vanilla ice cream. A bland presentation is forgiven by the explosion of cheesecake and banana flavor wrapped up in a crispy shell.

Zeb's offers friendly service, but that doesn't always mean perfection. Don't put it past the college-age employees to miss a shake order or forget how you wanted your beef cooked. They keep it friendly and relaxed by communicating with customers about botched orders and offering quick fixes for their mistakes.

If you're looking to get away from the monotony of Bear Bucks, the Baylor bubble and chain-eating, take 15 minutes to drive out to China Springs and experience some unique local food for a price that won't destroy your college budget.

If nothing else, it's worth saying you got "Wombo-ed."

Grade: A-

# Art Ambush changes tunes to feature popular band

By Lincoln Faulkner  
Contributor

Avid fans of MTV's hit series "The Hills" will recognize the headlining band at Art Ambush Friday. Vadera, a Kansas City, Mo., alternative-pop quartet, has had music featured twice this season on the popular show.

The weekend show will also feature Hot Chelle Rae, James Callihan, and Caleb Lee (former front man for Yay For Squares). The show starts at 6:30 Friday and tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

The show is different because it is not a hard-core or metal show, said Gabriel Colbert, owner of Art Ambush, a local piercing, tattoo, clothing store and venue located at 3523 Franklin Ave. He said he hopes to attract audiences with different musical appreciations.

"It's broadening the horizons for Art Ambush, to show people that we like all genres of music," Colbert said.

Since Vadera's has been featured on "The Hills," he said he hopes that will attract fans to the concert as well.

May, along with guitarist Brian Little, drummer Drew Little, and bassist Jason Douglas, started a band called Veda, which means "sacred writing" in Hindu, in 2004, May said.

In high school the group formed to record music, she said, but then they started touring.

"No one knew who we were," May said. "We just hopped in a van and went on our own."

When it comes to live performance, May said she loves the experience, but said it can be scary.

"You're putting your heart out there," she said. "But when people connect with your lyrics and what you're saying, and realize that they are just a small person, you can be bigger than yourself and people can connect on a human level."

As a lyricist, a lot of inspiration comes from break ups, hardships, relationships, and coming to know your own self, May said.

"(Inspiration) can be between two friends, it can be between families, it can be relationships with the world around you," she said. "I try to keep in kind of open in that way."

The tour also caused an evolution of the band's name.

The band changed its name in late Nov. 2005, she said, due to complications with a band in L.A. that shared the same name.

"When we had to change our name, we wanted to keep part of 'Veda,' so we just put the word 'era' in it as well. So it's 'a new era of Veda, Vadera,'" May said.

Hot Chelle Rae, an alternative dance rock band hailing from Nashville, is one of the opening bands for the show. The band's high energy performance is like a time bomb, said front man Ryan-Keith Folllese.

"I don't want to say (the performance) starts out chill, it just starts out very intense," he said. "By mid way through the set I'm usually in the audience."

Folllese started the band in 2005 with guitarist Nash Overstreet, bassist Ian Keaggy and brother Jamie Folllese on drums.

"This whole thing started out as a solo project when I was 14 or 16," Folllese said. "My guitar player (Overstreet) worked in a music store close by me."

However, at first personalities clashed, Folllese said.

"When we first met each other we didn't like each other,"

he said. "I was clean cut and he was real dirty looking."

Eventually, Overstreet joined after impressing Folllese with his guitar skills at an audition, he said. The two then began the hunt for a bassist, he said.

"We went through about five bass players," Folllese said.

Keaggy was friends with Overstreet but he didn't play bass, but turned out to be a perfect fit, Folllese said.

"He was naturally a really good bass player without even knowing it," Folllese's brother Jamie Folllese would then complete the band as the drummer.

"It was meant to be," Folllese said. "It's kind of ironic how it all worked out, but it worked out."



Courtesy Photo

(Left to Right) Jason Douglas, Kristen May, Brian Little and Drew Littleforth make up the alternative-pop band Vadera. The band will be playing Friday at Art Ambush.

for the best."

Influences for the band include a broad spectrum of artists such as Muse, Duran Duran, Metallica and even Sheryl Crow, Folllese said.

"Queen is a huge musical influence on us, even though you can't hear it," he said. "We look up those people."

Though the band has never been to Waco, they are eager to play for Waco's growing music scene Folllese said.

"I'm excited," he said. "Hopefully people will come out and it'll be a good time."

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# Volleyball defeats TTU 3-2

By Kevin Cullen  
The Daily Toreador

The inability to string together consecutive set-wins has plagued the Red Raiders all year long. Wednesday's match was no different.

The Texas Tech volleyball team (5-23, 0-17) fell to Baylor (17-11, 8-9) 3-2 Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

The loss (25-19, 22-25, 25-21, 14-25, 13-15) was one of the more tightly contested matches of the season for the Red Raiders who have been unable to overcome the always-competitive Big 12 schedule. It also is the 36th consecutive Big 12 loss for Tech.

"It's a crappy ending for us," Tech coach Nancy Todd said. "That is a bummer, but we played well. There's a lot of good things that happened."

The Red Raiders took the first set 25-19 behind the strong play of two of their middle blockers, Brandi Hood and Amanda Dowdy.

The duo each notched a .375 hitting percentage while Hood led Tech with five kills and Dowdy chipped in four. Outside hitter Hayley Ball added four kills of her own.

With the score tied at eight, Tech took the next point to go up 9-8 and did not surrender the lead for the remainder of the set.

Helped by three kills and an ace from Hood after taking the lead, the Red Raiders finished

the set on top and went up 1-0.

The second set was a game of cat and mouse as neither team jumped out to a sizable lead.

The teams were tied as late as 19-19 when the Bears were spurred by two Briana Tolbert kills, enabling them to close out the set on a 6-3 run.

The bulk of Baylor's damage was inflicted by outside hitter Katie Sanders, who led the team in the second set with five kills. The final set score of 25-22 knotted the match at one apiece.

In the third set, the teams played tight until 12-12. After consecutive kills by Ball and Dowdy, respectively, Tech took a 14-12 lead and maintained control for the remainder of the set.

When it looked as though Baylor could come back after four unanswered points that brought the score to 24-21 in Tech's favor, a controversial call was made to give Tech the 25-21 victory.

As Dowdy attempted a kill, Baylor blocked it, but it was called out by the official. Baylor's Taylor Barnes argued the call for several moments before returning to her respective bench to prepare for the fourth set. The call remained unchanged giving the Red Raiders the set-point.

"I turned around and said to the girls, I go, 'They are gonna be incredibly irritated and very fired up over those calls and they are gonna come back really upset,'" Todd said.

As it turned out, Todd was

right.

The Bears began the fourth set on a tear as they put the Red Raiders in a sizable hole early and seemed determined not to let the set come down to a call by the officials.

Baylor rode the strong attacking of outside hitters Ashlie Christenson and Sanders to a 19-7 advantage.

Tech regrouped after that and traded points with Baylor, but it was too late as the Bears had too much cushion to allow the Red Raiders back into the set.

Baylor eventually won the set 25-14 on a Christenson kill.

Todd said momentum is paramount in volleyball, something the Red Raiders have struggled to keep all year, which again was evident in their showing in the fourth set.

"You gotta be able to carry your momentum from game to game," she said. "Coming off the high of game three and coming into game four it's a completely different group."

The final set turned out to be just as competitive as the entire match.

Baylor took an early 2-0 lead and kept Tech at bay to finish the set on top, 15-13.

Dowdy kept the Red Raiders in the set with three timely kills, but they eventually fell to the Bears after Tech setter Caroline Witte's service error ended the match.

The strong play of the fresh-



Daily Toreador  
Texas Tech's Hayley Ball spikes the ball against Baylor's Ashlie Christenson during a volleyball game Wednesday at Texas Tech.

man Dowdy is nothing new to the Red Raiders as she leads the team in kills for the season. She finished the match with 20.

"She's amazing," Witte said, who led all players with 51 assists. "She's got great potential. She's always there and it just showed tonight because we got her the ball a lot."

Dowdy said she was pleased with the overall effort of the Red Raiders even though a win did not come.

"We played our hearts out," she said. "We had our ups and downs and we gotta work on staying up more than staying down, but everybody fought so hard and we stayed together. The outcome didn't go our way and it was really hard, but we fought for it."

# Economy stifling bowl games, too

By Ralph D. Russo  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After years of relentless expansion, college football's nearly month-long holiday party — the bowl season — finally seems to have maxed out.

Those involved in the bowl business say that, with the national economy flailing, events which are as much about tourism and corporate sponsorship as football now are staring at a set of challenges that will level off the number of second-tier bowls if not reduce them.

"We're talking about disposable income and that's drying up as fast as water in the desert," said Paul Hoolahan, chairman of the Football Bowl Association and CEO of the Sugar Bowl.

The bowl roster now stands at 34, giving 68 teams the opportunity to play a nationally televised game and be pampered by host the community. That's more than half of the 119 schools playing college football at its highest level.

The NCAA has been liberally licensing new bowls in recent years. Since 2002, 11 new bowl games have been established, while only three have closed up shop. Two games will debut this

season, the EagleBank Bowl in Washington D.C., and the St. Petersburg Bowl in central Florida.

To get a license, organizers need a stadium, sponsorship, an agreement with two major college football conferences to put teams in the game and a network willing to televise the show.

People in the industry suspect that getting licensed and keeping that license will be tougher because of the economic crisis.

"As they are evaluated on an annual basis, I think a stricter criteria would probably be implemented to establish the fiscal viability of the business model," Hoolahan said.

In other words, can you raise enough money to pull this off?

Hoolahan runs a game with little to worry about. The Sugar Bowl is part of the Bowl Championship Series, along with the Rose, Orange and Fiesta bowls, and the national championship game.

ESPN agreed this week to a pay the BCS \$125 million per year over four years, starting in 2010, to televise its games, excluding the Rose Bowl, which has its own lucrative TV deal. That's up \$40 million a year from the current deal with Fox.

# Adam 'Pacman' Jones wearing stars again

By Stephen Hawkins  
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The NFL is giving Adam "Pacman" Jones another chance.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday the suspended cornerback has been reinstated by league commissioner Roger Goodell, but he must miss two more games — this Sunday and the following game on Thanksgiving. He'll be

back Dec. 7 at Pittsburgh.

"He much appreciates the Cowboys and Jerry Jones for standing behind him and encouraging him, and he's grateful to the commissioner," said Worrick Robinson, Adam Jones' Nashville-based attorney.

Jerry Jones would not reveal any conditions the commissioner may have imposed and the league office said it would not have any immediate comment. Robinson, said, however, "He knows what he has to do. It's very clear."

"He's a long way, a long way from having clear sailing," Jerry Jones said.

Adam Jones was suspended from the entire 2007 season because of multiple incidents while with the Tennessee Titans. Over the offseason, he was traded to Dallas and then given another chance by Goodell. The Cowboys gave him a security team to help keep him in line, but on Oct. 7, Jones got into an alcohol-related scuffle with one of the bodyguards during a private party at a Dallas hotel.

Jones spent part of his time away undergoing alcohol rehabilitation.

"He has demonstrated something very important to all of us," Jerry Jones said.

It also will be up to Pacman to police himself. The Cowboys will no longer be providing bodyguards.

"It all starts with him and his decision-making," Robinson said. "He's comfortable making decisions for himself."



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Louisiana Superdome workers pause to study their work as they paint the logo for the BCS Championship football game on the field in New Orleans. A business that combines tourism, college football and corporate sponsors is not likely to expand.

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