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Internships suffering with economy

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff writer

It's that time of year — when students tweak their resumes and mail applications by the dozens, all in hopes of landing that perfect summer internship. But with companies laying off employees by the thousands, paid internships often become the first victims of the cost-cutting axe.

Dr. John Boyd, director of

Career Services, said he hasn't seen internship markets this tough in a long time.

"And I think we're going to see this trend continue throughout the year," Boyd said. "Texas has been somewhat insulated, but that insulation is wearing thin."

Boyd points to the decline in the number of companies registered for Baylor's Feb. 18 internship/job fair, which will have around 60 companies, compared

to last year, which had 125.

"A lot of companies have backed off. They're uncertain. There's a great concern as to what is going to happen in the short term," Boyd said.

Several financial companies, consulting firms and banks will be among the missing at the upcoming career fair.

Walgreens Company, the nation's top intern employer, hired an estimated 7,350 interns in 2008, down from nearly

8,000 interns in 2007, according to CollegeGrad.com. On the other hand, the number of the company's entry-level positions increased by about 600 in the same time period.

Coming in at second with the most interns, PricewaterhouseCoopers selected approximately 2,550 applicants, compared to 2,676 in 2007.

Boyd said that while some in the business sector are limiting internship offers, the engineer-

ing, science and technology fields remain the strongest. He also credited the accounting industry as one that's remaining relatively stable.

"But even the big four accounting firms are laying people off," Boyd said. "These are tough times, and, personally, I don't think, right now, we're able to see the end of it."

Don't get discouraged,

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Top Intern Employers for 2008
1. Walgreen Company
2. PricewaterhouseCoopers
3. KPMG
4. General Electric
5. Deloitte & Touche USA LLP
6. Ernst & Young
7. Target
8. Enterprise Rent - A - Car
9. Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
10. Intel
Source: collegegrad.com

Tax team takes first place at national event

By Hayley Hibbert
Reporter

Hankamer's student accounting team won the 2008-09 National Champion title at the PricewaterhouseCoopers annual xTREME Games tax and accounting competition Friday in Washington, D.C.

"Nobody at Baylor has ever won this award before. The students at the other schools are so smart and worked as hard as we did, but our team had good effort and synergy, and that put us ahead of the game," said San Antonio junior Tristan Vick, a member of the Baylor xTAX team. "It was great hearing our names announced as this year's winners. We prepared for months, flew all the way out to D.C. to present our case, and it would have been disheartening to fly home without a victory."

Along with Vick, the winning team included sophomores Justin Bexley, of San Antonio and Kathryn Mothershead, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and graduate Master's of Taxation students Abby Haston and Brinn Serbanic.

Other finalists competing for this year's title were Bentley University, Brigham Young University, the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Wisconsin.

PricewaterhouseCoopers launched its xTREME program in 2002 to help increase

students' exposure to professional services and the world of public accounting. Since then, the games have grown substantially, with more than 85 schools participating and more than 2,000 teams comprised of 10,000 participants, with \$1 million in prize money. More than 400 teams from 41 schools competed in this year's competition.

When the teams arrived at the Mandarin Oriental hotel in Washington Thursday evening, each team captain was responsible for determining the order for the next morning's presentation by random drawing. Baylor's team presented second on Friday in front of a panel of judges.

In addition to being a competition among the top five schools, this year's competition involved a rivalry between Baylor's coach Dr. Brett Wilkinson and Bentley University coach Tracy Noga, who both attended Texas Tech University, said Vick. The judges told the students that this year's competition was the closest they had ever witnessed.

Vick said it was a good feeling to know that the Baylor team edged out another team for the title of National Champion, even if the victory was only marginal.

Rick Staun, director of Tax

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Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

'Sic' it to them

Naperville, Ill., senior Jip Hubbard sports a bear suit in support of the Baylor men's basketball team, as he cheers them on during the game against Kansas in the Ferrell Center Monday night.



Courtesy photo

Baylor's xTAX team won the national title at PricewaterhouseCoopers annual xTREME Games Tax and Accounting competition Friday in Washington, D.C. From left to right: San Antonio sophomore Justin Bexley, Cape Girardeau, Mo. sophomore Kathryn Mothershead, Mineol graduate student Abby Haston, Salado graduate student Brinn Serbanic and San Antonio junior Tristan Vick.

Catholic group gains campus charter

By Brittany McNamara
Reporter

Baylor's Catholic Student Association (CSA) was chartered Nov. 21, as the first non-Baptist religious organization to be recognized as a Baylor Student Organization.

"I'm so excited to get started. This is a whole new ball game, and I'm just anxious to figure out all that we can do," said Austin sophomore and

vice president of CSA Elizabeth George.

Baylor's all-Baptist Board of Regents revised the university policy for religious organizations in August.

Vice president for Student Life, Martha Scott, stated that student body presidents have continuously been trying to bring the heeds of students before the regents.

"This discussion has existed as long as I can remember," Scott said. "There has consis-

tently been a desire for students to be able to gather with

DID YOU KNOW...
1,945 Baylor students identify themselves as Catholic?

Source: Baylor University 2008 Fall Facts

like minds, whether it be, religious, political or professional minds."

In the early 1990's, Baylor required all organizations to acknowledge the Southern Baptist Convention's, "Baptist Faith and Message."

"This put students in the awkward situation of compromising their beliefs," Scott said. "It was not a good fit."

The policy now states that religious organizations of other Christian denominations can be chartered and granted

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Senate confirms Eric Holder as first black attorney general

By Larry Margasak
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Eric Holder won Senate confirmation Monday as the nation's first African-American attorney general, after supporters from both parties touted his dream resume and easily overcame Republican con-

cerns over his commitment to fight terrorism and his unwillingness to back the right to keep and bear arms.

The vote was 75-21, with all the opposition coming from Republicans.

Holder's chief supporter, Sen. Patrick Leahy, said the confirmation was a fulfillment of

civil rights leader Martin Luther King's dream that everyone would be judged by the content of their character.

"Come on the right side of history," said Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Holder becomes the only black in the Obama administra-

tion in what has traditionally been known as the president's Cabinet.

Three other African-Americans have been chosen for top administration positions that hold the same rank.

Holder was a federal prosecutor, judge and the No. 2 Justice Department official in the Clin-

ton administration. Even his critics agreed that Holder was well-qualified, but they questioned his positions and independence.

The debate turned partisan in its first moments, when Leahy, expressed anger that a few Republicans demanded a pledge from Holder that he wouldn't

prosecute intelligence agents who participated in harsh interrogations.

Leahy singled out Texas Republican John Cornyn as one who wanted to "turn a blind eye to possible lawbreaking before investigating whether it

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Editorial

Limiting sources creates information flow problems

It's true that knowledge is power. Being informed enables people to save lives, to move up in their careers and to make good decisions. And while the media aren't the only sources of information, they do help the public understand what's going on from day to day. Restrictions keep the media from being able to quickly and accurately disseminate information. For this reason, information should readily be available to the media.

Last week, Waco Independent School District board of trustees proposed that only three people would be allowed to speak to the media on issues concerning the district. These people would be the board's president, superintendent and public information officer.

Though the board believes this would be more professional by keeping board members from expressing personal opinions as the stance of the entire board, it will actually make it more difficult for the media to get information out to the public. If the press can only go through three specific people, it is likely that the process will be slowed down and the com-

munity will have to wait longer to receive information that they need.

If members of the press can't get in contact with one of these three people, they can't get the news out at all. This is a problem, especially because the news that comes from this board can directly affect Waco children and their education.

Beyond slowing the spread of information, this proposal could affect the quality of the statements the press is given. It's impossible for three people, even the three most informed people, to be the most qualified to speak on every issue that arises in a school district. If they're not an expert on a particular issue, they will either have to give the media information or go look into the situation further, again causing a delay in the flow of information.

And anytime a spokesperson has time to look into a subject, he or she also has time to spin the story in a positive light. This can lead to somewhat inaccurate, sugar-coated stories that may not give the public a true feel of what is actually going on.



Having specific media contacts is similar to what many large corporations and television networks do when dealing with the press. Many have just one person designated to speak to all of the media. But when stories come up that most media are covering, it is impossible for one person to respond to them all in a timely manner.

If a big story breaks involving one of these corporations and it makes national news, it can be assumed that hundreds of news organizations across the country will be requesting information. For one person to handle this quickly and thoroughly is almost impossible.

More groups around the country should try to make

information more obtainable.

Though some organizations are making it more difficult for the media to receive information, the U.S. government is now trying to be more transparent. On President Barack Obama's first day in office, he expanded the Freedom of Information Act, which had been restricted during the Bush Administration, according to an article in The New York Times.

The Freedom of Information Act is a law that requires full or partial disclosure of U.S. government documents. Former President George W. Bush had signed an order shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, that restricted access to some government records and allowed govern-

ment agencies more freedom in denying requests for information, according to the New York Times article.

Obama changed this, prompting agencies to opt for transparency rather than secrecy. This allows the media to have much more access to the actions of the government, which in turn allows them to divulge it to the public. The press can do its job by getting information out to the public, and the government can be held accountable to do its job.

Allowing the media freer, more easily accessible information ensures that society stays informed on what is going on around them, which helps the community function more smoothly.

point of view
Keep human interaction strong

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that there is a law of nature about happiness, freedom and peace of mind – the three things humans crave most. He said they are received solely by giving them to someone else. In America's current situation, the exchange of these cravings is nearly non-existent.

As I was traveling over Christmas break through-out New York City I was confronted by unique Northern hospitality. I went a few days without noticing the



BY NICK DEAN

contrast between the North and the South. But I finally stumbled upon the impolite society and was taken aback. I wasn't in Texas anymore; people didn't care if you held a door or thanked someone for a service. Northerners acted as though those that were serving others were invisible. As if to say, "That is what they are paid to do? Why thank them?"

I didn't want to pass up this time in the North to truly examine why the boorish etiquette existed. I finally encountered a man in a subway train playing the bongos for a living. He seemed to break the mold of a New Yorker – he had a smile. He began to tell the occupants of the train that his short "act" was his only source of income for his family. Everyone in the train immediately tried to occupy themselves in order to avoid the awkward, yet talented entertainer.

That is the moment I realized I was in New York City at the wrong time to judge the kindness that surrounded me. It didn't matter whether I went to northern Idaho or southern Mississippi. Due to economic turmoil and financial turning points, most people are thinking one thing: Who has time to care?

Despite fiscal fretting and presidential pessimism, we are still one group of people. Fake smiles and limp handshakes are separating political and socio-economic groups from embracing each other in these times of crises. If all man-made stock markets and financial systems are failing, the one system that should stay strong is that of human interaction. It seems as though right instep with the failing economy, people are ceasing to extend a helping hand.

As self-sufficiency becomes more important in this day and age, charity too, diminishes. According to the National Council of Nonprofits, foundations have lost an average of 30 percent of their assets due to the sink in the stock market. Charities are suffering just as much as families, though if charities suffer then multiple families suffer. Outrageous donations aren't needed from everyone.

Arthur C. Brooks, author of "Who Really Cares," says giving actually benefits the economy. His reports showed that in America, \$1 given privately will tend to increase gross domestic product by \$15. He also found that the most generous group of people in America is the low-income working families. They give away approximately 4.5 percent of their income.

Despite the financial aspects of charity, I realized another truth as I walked away from a conversation with a random woman walking her dog. Her salutations were nice, her conversation wasn't trite. She seemed to care. These small acts of pure kindness can make someone's world better. It reveals the hope of humanity in a very basic manner. Without the opening of a wallet or the sacrifice of personal comfort everyone can still contribute to the well-being of our country in these dismal times. Smile, laugh, encourage – care.

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By Josiah Breward
Scranton, PA

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Wacoans compete to benefit school teachers

By **Brittany Hardy**
Staff writer

Waco ISD Educational Foundation will hold the H-E-B Celebrity Cook Off Friday, where influential Wacoans will become chefs for the evening and participate in a silent auction and raffle to raise money for Waco public school teachers.

The event will be 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and the tickets were sold for \$100 each. The tickets are not only sold out, but the standing room only general admission is also full.

The cook-off has been a project for a Baylor Public Relations intern each year.

This year, the intern is Heather Sheppard, Baylor PR student. Sheppard has been interning with the Waco ISD Educational Foundation for 2.5 weeks. She said she has done some of the slide shows and worked on the program.

“The slideshow for the introduction shows pictures of all the sponsors and the kids the Waco ISD Educational Foundation benefits, because the whole thing is to raise money for the kids of the Waco ISD,” Sheppard

said.

Some of the Waco celebrity chefs include coaches, restaurant owners, commercial realtors, politicians, athletes, news anchors, administrators, an NFL star, an audiologist to the stars, radio broadcasters, and CEOs.

Joe Calao, former TV personality, won Best Chef last year.

Each Waco celebrity, in their own kitchen, will individually cook enough food for 250 people. They then bring the food to the McLennan Community College Conference Center, where the dinner is held.

The cook-off has been held at a different location each year, because every year they outgrow the previous location.

This year, Waco ISD Educational Foundation is expecting 320 people.

The evening will include a live auction with 5 items: \$900 in restaurant gift cards, an H-E-B catered dinner with in-home chef and celebrity waiters: Bruce Gietzen and Ann Harder (anchors for News Channel 25), a four-day trip for four people to California’s wine country including six wine tours, a sweetheart package to Salado

which includes bed and breakfast, a diamond heart necklace and flowers every month for a year, and an in-home wine-tasting for six couples by an Austin-area wine company, Bansi.

There will be a reverse raffle, the Central National Bank \$10,000 Giveaway, rewarding the winner with \$10,000 in H-E-B gift cards.

“*There is a lot of anticipation and a lot of excitement about this (raffle).”*

Traci Marlin
Waco ISD community resource coordinator

Each of the participants’ names are drawn and removed from the raffle. The remaining participants may still vie for the money. The remaining contestants can make deals with each other, choosing to divide the money among themselves

or sell their tickets to someone who wants to buy themselves back in.

“There is a lot of anticipation and a lot of excitement about this event. We did a practice raffle with our board members and they got so excited. It was a lot of fun,” said Traci Marlin, the community resource coordinator of Waco ISD Educational Foundation and co-chair of the event.

This is the organization’s first year to add the reverse raffle.

Several companies bought tables, not for themselves, but for the teachers to use, making the Waco public school teachers also eligible for the \$10,000 raffle.

These companies are Bird-Kultgen Ford (Waco), PBK Architects (Houston), Estes, McClure & Associates (Tyler), Englander Container & Display (Waco), Sanderson Farms (Waco), and Classic Heat & Air (Waco).

“We used to have a golf tournament every year on Columbus Day. Three years ago we added auction items, like equipment signed by Tiger Woods, as a part of the dinner with the golfers. But we did not have great

attendance, so we came up with an idea to get more people involved,” Marlin said.

The idea was to not only invite well-to-do Wacoans, but to make them a part of the event.

The local celebrities became the chefs and all the money previously used for catering went directly to fundraising.

This is the third year for them to put on these celebrity dinners.

The Waco ISD Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 corporation that awards money to Waco public school teachers and funds grants for the improvement of education in Waco.

They have an endowment worth more than \$2 million and have awarded more than \$600,000 to Waco teachers since 1997.

The Waco ISD Education Foundation aims to grow the event in the future by adding a red carpet component and inviting even bigger celebrities, from outside of the city and bringing them in through local contacts.

They also say they hope to gain the attention of the younger generation, because everyone likes prizes and food.

BEAR BRIEFS

The deadline to submit papers to The Pulse Undergraduate Journal of Baylor University is today. The Pulse is accepting papers from all disciplines for the Spring 2009 print edition. Submission information is available at <http://baylor.edu/pulse>.

The 4th Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference Keynote Address will be held Feb. 5 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Armstrong Browning Library’s treasure room. The presentation and reception are open to the public.

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Courtesy photo

Baylor professor Kathryn Mueller and students pose in front of the Tien Mu Pagoda in Hue, Vietnam. Students went to Vietnam during winter break after being re-routed away from Thailand because of riots in Bangkok.

Baylor in Thailand trip gets re-routed

By **Lauren Hollon**
Reporter

Sometimes trips abroad don’t quite go according to plan. The annual Baylor in Thailand Interim Program that takes place over the winter break was re-routed at the last minute due to upheaval in the capital city.

Protesters, angry about an allegedly fraudulent election, took over Bangkok’s international airport at the end of November.

Former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was accused of rigging the September election by using his personal wealth to buy votes in support of his brother-in-law, a virtual unknown named Somchai Wongsawat.

Members of the People’s Alliance for Democracy political party demanded Wongsawat’s resignation.

They took over Bangkok’s international airport after peaceful protests outside the parliament building failed to produce results.

The protest grounded planes, hitting the Thai economy hard at the peak of tourist season and stranding many tourists in Bangkok.

With the Baylor in Thailand

program set to leave on Jan. 1, decisions had to be made quickly. On Dec. 1, when unrest was at its peak, Baylor’s International Travel Committee decided not to send students into Bangkok.

Kathryn Mueller, professor of sociology and the coordinator of Baylor in Thailand, said she scrambled for the next month, trying to re-plan the trip.

The trip normally includes visits to Thailand, Hong Kong and Cambodia.

“First of all, we needed to find a country labeled safe by the U.S. State Department. Vietnam was on the safe list, along with Singapore,” Mueller said, “The challenge was planning a meaningful schedule where students wouldn’t be disappointed.”

In the end, students got to visit four countries instead of three. They traveled to Vietnam, Hong Kong, Cambodia and Singapore.

The changes didn’t disappoint, Mueller said, and the trip turned out to be a learning experience that filled in gaps in the students’ history education.

“Students told me they had very little understanding of the Vietnam War going into the trip - why we were there, why we lost, who the Viet Minh and the

Viet Cong were,” Mueller said. “It was exciting for me as a teacher to see them getting excited and academically engaging in their assignments.”

Lakeville, Minn., senior John Eisen said he was happy with the changes to the itinerary.

“I was really excited to see Singapore, as someone who’s interested in business,” Eisen said. “The professor had some cool connections in Thailand, but we got to go to four countries instead of three. Seeing Vietnam was amazing, considering our history with the country. With the additions of these two countries, I was almost more excited to go on the trip than when it was mainly focused on Thailand.”

Mueller arranged for guides and special lecturers to speak as the group traveled to major battle sites and memorials in Vietnam.

They lectured on the Vietnam War - known there as the American War - from the Vietnamese perspective, while Professor Mueller filled in the American side of the story.

The group visited the War Remnants Museum in Ho Chi Minh City.

Centennial, Colo., senior

Emily Hinkle said she had mixed feelings about the museum.

“It was like all of America’s dirty laundry aired in one place. I walked out of there feeling incredibly ashamed,” Hinkle said. “But I realized we have to remember that the majority of American soldiers didn’t act that way, and that people on both sides did horrible things.”

She said she appreciated the new perspective she gained while traveling in Southeast Asia.

“We have an incredibly Eurocentric view of history in America,” Hinkle said “In Cambodia, we visited the genocide museum and the killing fields.

I had never learned about the Cambodia genocide before, but it was amazing to see the healing that’s going on in that country.”

Students had an enjoyable and memorable experience despite the changes, Eisen said.

“There was nothing we could do about the trip being changed. Baylor did it for our safety. If anything, I think we actually got more for our money. It would have been cool to meet the King, and the royal family, but I think we all had a blast. It was the trip of a lifetime,” Eisen said.

Mother of octuplets hires spokeswoman to arrange new deals

By **John Rogers**
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES – The mother of the world’s longest-living octuplets is being deluged with offers for book deals, TV shows and other business proposals, but has not decided what she might do other than care for her children, her newly hired spokeswoman said Monday.

Hundreds of requests have been made since Nadya Suleman gave birth to six boys and two girls a week ago, said Joann Killeen, president of Killeen Furtney Group, a public relations company.

“She’s the most sought after mom in the world right now,” Killeen said. “Everyone wants to talk to her.”

But Suleman, who remained hospitalized with her children Monday at Kaiser Permanente’s Bellflower Medical Center, hasn’t decided what she’ll do next, Killeen said.

Some of the deals and requests for interviews involve offers to pay, said Killeen and her partner, Mike Furtney. They didn’t reveal the amounts being offered, but Killeen noted that raising eight babies will be expensive, adding that Suleman plans to carefully review her financial opportunities.

“Right now her top priority is to be the best mom she can be to all her children,” she said. “She’s hired us to manage all of those opportunities.”

Suleman, a 33-year-old single

mother, already had six children, ages 2 to 7 when she gave birth to her octuplets on Jan. 26.

Her babies continue to grow stronger, the hospital said in a statement Monday. It wasn’t immediately known when the octuplets or their mother would be released from the hospital. At the time of the births, doctors said the babies would stay about two months.

In seven other documented octuplet births, at least one of the babies died within a week. The world’s first live octuplets, born in 1967 in Mexico City, all died within 14 hours.

The first set of U.S. octuplets was born to Nkem Chukwu of Texas on Dec. 20, 1998. A week later, the tiniest infant died of heart and lung failure. The surviving seven siblings celebrated their 10th birthday in December.

Suleman retained the Killeen Furtney Group to represent her last Friday. Furtney said the company, which normally handles corporate clients and crisis public relations, was referred to her by the hospital. Its clients include the Union Pacific Railroad and the California State Parks Department.

Suleman’s mother told The Associated Press last week that her daughter has always loved children and had wanted to be a mother since her teens.

Suleman had all 14 of her children through in vitro fertilization, according to her mother, Angela Suleman, who is caring for the other six while her daughter is hospitalized.

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Botanist discovers legume

By Shanna Taylor
Reporter

Heaven is a garden, at least according to Dr. Walter Holmes. Then again, he is a professor of botany in the biology department, and curator of Baylor's herbarium, a museum exclusively for plants.

Holmes is in the business of botanical discovery. One of his most recent finds, *Galactia watsoniana*, or Watson's Milkpea, was hidden in a remote region of the Texas Hill Country in Bandera County on the Love Creek Preserve, according to a Baylor statement released in January.

This particular pea won't be revolutionizing frozen food aisles at the local grocery store however. The plant has been listed as an endangered species, as fewer than 100 are known to exist. "Part of botany is to enumerate the plants of the world," Holmes said.

"We need to preserve all these things because we don't really know what we have now. It may turn out to have some kind of benefit, for agriculture, or maybe medicine. To be able to learn that, you have to know it exists in the first place," he said.

Holmes, who has named several hundred plants from around the world, said it is quite common to discover a new plant, even in an area that has been inhabited for generations.

"We weren't sure if it was new at first. We thought it might exist somewhere in Mexico or elsewhere in the southeast U.S.," said Jason Singhurst, a botanist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department who was work-

ing with Holmes when he discovered the plant.

"People see these things and they misidentify it, and then somebody comes out and it just strikes them as different. People are constantly finding new things, especially in Texas," he said, citing the state's size and



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff
Dr. Walter Holmes, botany professor and curator of Baylor's herbarium, a plant museum displays another one of his findings. He discovered the *Galactia watsoniana*, or Watson's Milkpea.

geographic variety — from coastal plains to mountains — as the reason.

The Love Creek Preserve, where the new legume was first seen, is a pristine area owned by the Texas Nature Conservancy.

"It looks like heaven. I dream about the place," Holmes said. "There's a little cabin there and it's got the stream running through and it's just full of ferns and beautiful flowers of every

description."

Holmes and Singhurst named the pea after Geraldine Watson, a fellow botanist and conservationist.

"There are women who earn a name for themselves because of what they do and what they stand for, and in Texas these women are icons," he said. "Geraldine Watson is in that mold. She's one of those fixtures of Texas."

Watson, a botanist, conservationist, artist, author and musician, was the motivating force behind the Big Thicket National Preserve in Southeast Texas. By naming this plant after her, Holmes has given her what he feels to be the highest honor possible in botany.

Galactia watsoniana, now has a place among the other samples of Texas plant life in Baylor's herbarium, which Holmes fondly refers to as his giant stamp collection.

"They transcend just private ownership," he said of herbariums. "It's a world resource. Ours is a small one, but it's growing. I like it, that's why I am here."

Holmes has had a long road to get here — from his Cajun roots in southern Louisiana to a career as a pilot in the Navy, to a tenured professorship at Northwestern State University in Louisiana, and finally to Baylor, but through it all he's kept his dry sense of humor and a Cajun undertone in his speech.

"He's known internationally for plant taxonomy, and has published over 100 journal articles and several books during his career," Singhurst said. "I think he is a hidden jewel in the Biology Department there."

Seminars target fitness issues

By Trent Goldston
Reporter

College life is an existence dominated by study and stress, and often health priorities fall to the wayside. In efforts to help rejuvenate the lives of its students, Baylor University "B a healthier U week," which starts tonight, will feature several speakers who will offer advice to help students improve fitness and eating habits.

"College students sometimes put their health on the back burner, and ten years down the road these (bad habits) result in more imminent risk factors," said Dr. Darryn Willoughby, director of the Baylor University Exercise and Biochemical Nutrition Laboratory.

"Being healthy shows that you care about yourself, and with good habits you increase not only your lifetime, but your ability to live well. You can do more things, you can be more energetic," said El Paso senior, Val Figueroa, a peer nutrition educator at the McLane Student Life Center.

The event kicks off at 5 p.m. today at the Bill Daniel Student

Center, with Dr. Janelle Walters speaking about "Eating Healthy on a Budget."

"We really wanted to focus on the needs of college students. Since the economy has been slowing down, it becomes harder to spend your money wisely, especially for a college student," said Beaumont senior Amanda Beattie, who also works as a peer nutrition educator.

For the first time, "B a healthier U week" will feature lectures geared specifically toward both men's and women's health.

These will take place separately at 6 p.m. Wednesday, in the Baines and Beckham rooms of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

For female audiences, Dr. Jennifer Bunn, a postdoctoral research fellow at the Baylor University Mind-Body Medicine Research Laboratory will give a lecture titled, "Nutrition for Women and Fitness."

She will also be giving tips on preparatory eating for the upcoming Bearathon race and focus on dietary tips for women.

"Because men and women are different, there are more dif-

ferences in the dietary needs of each then most people realize," Figueroa said. "Regardless of what you may already may know, you will learn a lot and this will be a great learning experience."

In a speech tailored for men, Willoughby will give a lecture titled, "Nutrition for Men and Fitness," which will cover topics like sports nutrition and effective supplements.

"It's always good to hear it from true experts, instead of some guy at the gym or a friend at work. There are so many work out plans and products that will do nothing more than waste your time and money," Willoughby said.

"Regardless of age, learning about health and wellness is important, and for college students the most critical time to do that is now," he said.

Dr. Suzy Weems, chair of the department of family and consumer sciences, will discuss weight-loss resolutions, the truth about fad dieting and how to achieve lifetime healthy eating habits in her lecture titled, "New Years, New You: Sticking to Your Resolutions."



Courtesy Photo

Students visit booths publicizing information about Waco's wetlands Monday at the Baylor Sciences Building. Students were able to test the toxin level of Waco Creek's water and learn about volunteer opportunities to help with the Gear Up Mash Madness program which allows Waco ISD and LaVega ISD to get involved.

'Marsh Madness' protects wetlands

By Sean Doerre
Reporter

The Baylor University Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems and the City of Waco partnered Monday at the Baylor Sciences Building to hold an informative event on Waco's Wetlands. The event was held in correlation with World Wetlands Day ceremonies held around the world.

"We wanted to make people aware that we have a local wetlands," said Nora Schell, Lake Waco wetlands coordinator. "We wanted to celebrate World Wetlands Day and let students know a wetlands exists so close to campus."

At the event, Baylor students were able to test the toxin level of Waco Creek water and learn from several other presentations on the Waco Wetlands at the event.

"We wanted to get people to think about things they do in their watershed and how that has effects on people downstream," said Melissa Mullins, Baylor environmental education

specialist. "We all have to do our part to keep our watershed where we live clean."

Each year, a program called Gear Up Marsh Madness allows Waco ISD and LaVega ISD students to participate in wetland education by taking two instructional learning field trips to the Lake Waco Wetlands.

The Marsh Madness activities are designed to both help improve science scores on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test and to encourage students to pursue careers in science, according to the group's Web site.

Baylor students can get involved working with Marsh Madness and help protect the wetlands.

"Students can volunteer their time to harvest out and replant some of the aquatic vegetation that grows around here, so it is basically getting wet and muddy and doing some leg work," Schell said.

Construction on the Lake Waco Wetland Project began in late August 2001 to diminish the effects of the city's decision to raise the water level of

Lake Waco. The change of water depth in the lake caused the loss of five acres of natural wetlands. However, the 180 acres of built wetlands were intended to replace the destroyed areas.

"Wetlands help with your drinking water, ultimately," Schell said. "The main purpose though of our Waco wetland is to serve as a wildlife habitat."

The Lake Waco Wetlands is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to the public Monday through Friday and alternating Saturdays.

The World Wetlands Day event marks the date of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands on Feb. 2, 1971 in Ramsar, Iran.

However, World Wetlands Day was celebrated for the first time in 1997.

This year's slogan for World Wetlands Day was "Upstream-Downstream: Wetlands connect us all," hoping to draw attention to the role wetlands play in the environment.

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Courtesy of Cirque le Masque
In a portion of the Cirque le Masque show “Carnivale,” performers are suspended by cloth in order to display the strength and balance of the acrobats. Cirque le Masque will be performing at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Waco Hippodrome.

High-flying art comes to Waco

By Caley Carmichael
Reporter

Performers of superhuman strength will perform feats of skill and daring tricks in tonight’s Broadway production Cirque le Masque.

“Carnivale,” the latest production of Cirque le Masque, will be staged at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Waco Hippodrome.

“I brought in Cirque because the European-style circus has never been to Waco before,” Hippodrome executive director Scott Baker said. “It’s proven to be a unique experience. We’ve had musicians, plays, concerts and comedy events, but a show like this is really different.”

“Carnivale” uses elaborate costumes, skilled trapeze artists and complex acrobats to tell the story of a young lover, Moira, who acts upon her dream to become a showgirl.

“This performance touches every emotion. Each of the acts are special in a different kind of way,” Dennis Schussel, owner and creative director of the Cirque le Masque said.

Comedy, rhythmical movements, emotion and expressive gymnastics are intertwined throughout the production.

“Each act has its own choreography and we work acting into the show to have a story line,” stage manager Mia Caress said. “The professionals that are working in the show have decades of experience.”

The original cast will be performing at the Waco show, with approximately 25 members.

“Performers from all over the world come together to form a very eclectic and talented group,” Baker said.

With trapeze acts, defying gravity and spectacular light shows, “there is actually more going on backstage that what we see on stage,” Caress said.

Caress said she strategically positioned people on stage to assist with the ropes, pulleys and operations of the backstage.

“Carnivale” has been running since the mid-1990s as a product of New York’s Circus Dance Theater.

Despite being in production for over 15 years, Schussel said he works hard to ensure that ingenuity and freshness of the

performance still do not run dry.

“The creativity of this show are of highest level that you are going to see,” Schussel said. “I aspire to make our shows exciting and unique.”

Fresh content is also brought to the show through audience participation.

“Live theater is different than television and cinema because you get an immediate response from a live audience,” Caress said. “The energy from the audience is inspiring.”

Cirque le Masque travels around the world, reaching audiences stretching as far away as France, Greece and the United Arab Emirates, in addition to performances all over America.

The performance is currently working its way through a six-stop tour: New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, California, New Mexico and Idaho.

Although Waco does not have the glamour and personality of a top-tier city, Schussel said the cast and crew find Waco more intimate and fun to perform in.

“I like the small town feel, and the appreciation of the audience,” Schussel said. “The artists are very excited about coming to Waco. We have heard such great things about the city and the theater that we will be performing at there.”

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Dennis Schussel
Owner and Creative Director of Cirque le Masque



Courtesy of Cirque le Masque
During “Carnivale,” a performance by the Cirque le Masque, a performer does a trick called Cube Juggling. The performer balances the cube, throws it in the air and at different times during the show other actors suspend from the cube.

This is the first time a Cirque le Masque show, or anything like it, has come to Waco.

“When we go to a small town, nobody has seen anything like this before,” Caress said. “We become the talk of the town!”

The actors on tour with the show make sure to stay energized and in shape on their travels.

“When performers are on the road, they will work out. We try to always be at hotels that have work-out facilities, and we never oversleep,” Schussel said.

Even with the stress of travel and long hours Schussel still finds the simple pleasures in the show.

“The greatest moment of the show is when the cast is taking their final bow and the audience is standing, applauding and yelling ‘Bravo!’” he said.

Tickets can be purchased from the Hippodrome box office (254) 752-9797 or online at www.wacoperformingarts.org.

Prices range from \$28 to \$50.

‘New In Town’ lacks fresh take on worn-out storyline

By Kelli Boesel
Entertainment Editor

On paper, the pairing of sassy Renée Zellweger and sexy yet rugged, Harry Connick Jr. may have seemed like a good idea. On screen their romance falls flat.

FILMREVIEW

Co-written by C. Jay Cox, who brought audiences the down-south charm of “Sweet Home Alabama,” “New In Town” delivers worn-out jokes and a lackluster plot.

In a classic fish-out-of-water story, “New In Town” follows high-powered businesswoman Lucy Hill from sunny Miami to the bitter cold of New Ulm, a small town in Minnesota.

Lucy is on the fast track to a vice president slot in a Fortune 500 company when she is transferred to Minnesota. Her job — head up new production in a food plant and make the transition from real people to robotic arms go as smoothly as possible.

Little does Lucy know that the small-town charm of New Ulm will work wonders on her perspective and, despite the cold weather, she will warm up to the people there.

Helping Lucy’s transition is, of course, the heartthrob Ted Mitchell, played by Connick. Ted is a widower with a young daughter who moved to New Ulm for his wife’s health but can’t bring himself to leave after her death.

“New In Town” comes with fundamental problems right from the start.

Zellweger is unbelievable as a hard businesswoman. This feeling most likely stems from relating her previous roles as Bridget Jones or Dorothy Boyd (“Jerry Maguire”) to Lucy. What emphasizes the disbelief is that Zellweger’s transition to the softer, in-love Lucy is too easy. Initially, Lucy has the strong feminist attitude of “I don’t need a man to be complete,” but then



Courtesy of Lionsgate
Renée Zellweger plays Lucy Hill, a higher-powered business woman who moves to a small town in Minnesota to head up a production plant.

the instant Ted comes into her life she becomes the 1950s’ picture of feminine gender ideals. The underlying problem is really not Zellweger, but the writing of romantic comedy clichés.

Despite Zellweger’s acting transition into the softer side of Lucy, the process of that transition is unrealistic. There is no step-by-step process of personality change. One minute she couldn’t be more unfeeling, and the next she was in love with the town and the people in it. It’s common knowledge that when a character needs to grow in a film, it can’t be an instantaneous process.

Other than plot flaws, the comedy is below average. The entire basis of the comedy centers on stereotypes of people from Minnesota. It was brilliant in “ Fargo ” but uninspired in “New In Town.” Every small-town cliché is used: the women gossip about anything and everything; the men can’t be unglued from the TV; the minute Lucy arrives she is set up with Ted; the northern accents are appalling; and Lucy, as the outsider, is teased and hated.

Perhaps the greatest flaw in the entire film is the blatant lack of chemistry between Zellweger and Connick. Their relationship seemed to form out of convenience rather than real pas-

sion. Connick revives his “Hope Floats” role with less enthusiasm and Zellweger acts like she has never fallen in love for a film. She is lifeless and boring.

The slight glimmer of hope in the film was J.K. Simmons, who plays Stu Kopenhafer, the plant foreman and “big man” in town. Simmons was mildly funny but nowhere near the standards of his most recent comedic roles in “Burn After Reading” and “Juno.” Maybe “New In Town” would have swum a couple strokes before it sank if Simmons would have gotten a little more screen time.

By definition a romantic comedy needs two things — comedy and a believable romance. “New In Town” didn’t deliver on either account.

Grade: D-

“New In Town”

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Fans unite to white-out Jayhawks

Baylor fans cheered Monday at the Ferrell Center to support the Bears in their game against the Kansas Jayhawks. The Bears lost 75-65.

More than 9000 people attended the game. White T-shirts were placed in every seat at Sunday and Monday's game.

The game is the second of two Baylor appearances on ESPN's "Big Monday" college action.

(Above) San Clemente, Calif., senior, Josh Lyons cheers for the Bears Monday.

(Far left) Baylor fans white-out the Ferrell Center Monday.

(Left) Bruiser, the Baylor Bear Mascot dances during a time-out in the first half against Kansas.

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Men’s doubles dominate Qualifiers

By Ben Powell
Reporter

Baylor men’s tennis dominated the field this past weekend at the Baylor Tennis Center, going 11-1 in singles sets and 5-0 in doubles.

Friday, the Bears, now 3-1 for the season, defeated No. 67 University of Utah, 7-0, without dropping a set in the first of two Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Team Indoor Qualifying matches. Junior Dominik Mueller finished first, flying past Utah’s John Taylor 6-1, 6-0. Sophomore Jordan Rux and freshman Julian Bley shortly followed, to give Baylor the necessary four points to secure the match. Junior Attila Bucko closed the night in a thrilling second-set tiebreaker, acing Jason Smits of Utah to finish the match and give the Bears the shutout.

“I’m pleased with a lot of the things that happened this weekend,” head coach Matt Knoll said, “It’s hard not to be happy with our doubles particularly.”

The Bears won every doubles match this weekend, averaging a 5.3 game margin of victory, including two shutout matches.

“I think we played the best doubles match I have ever played with Jordan,” junior Denes Lukacs said about his match with Rux versus Georgia Tech University, “the guys didn’t even have a chance to break us.”

Saturday, coach Knoll and the Bears took down No. 58 Georgia Tech 6-1 in front of a handful of quiet fans to secure a spot in the 2009 ITA National Team Indoor Championship held by the University of Illinois at the Midtown Tennis Club in Chicago, Ill. Feb 13-16.

Rux blanked his opponent 6-0, 6-0 to earn the only singles shutout match of the weekend. Mueller finished next at 6-1, 6-1. Georgia Tech’s Eliot Potvin hit a forehand error against Julian Bley to give Baylor the win. Bley finished the match at 6-2, 6-3 and earned the fourth team point for the Bears in both dual matches this weekend.

Lukacs played an intense match versus Georgia Tech’s No. 14 ITA-ranked Guillermo Gomez. Lukacs, ranked No. 21 by the ITA, dropped the first set four games to six before charging back to take the second set 6-3.

“The guy was fighting hard. He did a really good job of making me work,” said Lukacs, a native of Eger, Hungary. “The second set, I wanted to jump back. I could break him, I felt.”

Lukacs fought a high-adrenaline and highly contested tie breaker, but emerged the winner with a final score of 10-8.

“Today, I really needed this win to be honest,” Lukacs said, “I really fought hard to get this ‘W’ because I didn’t start the season well, my confidence was down a little bit. I’m really happy I got the winning streak now.”

Lukacs defeated then-ranked No. 33 Gomez, last Fall 6-2, 6-4 in the main draw of the ITA All-American Tournament in Tulsa, Okla.

The team’s next match before they travel to the ITA Indoor Championship is against Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi at 2:00 p.m this Sunday at the Baylor Tennis Center.

“We are really excited to play A&M Corpus (Christi) next week,” coach Knoll said in prepared statement, “that will be another great opportunity to get better.”



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

Senior guard Curtis Jerrells (0) dribbles the ball in Monday night’s game against the University of Kansas Jayhawks’. The Bears lost 75-65.

White-Out erased by Jayhawk’s win

By Brian Bateman
Sports editor

University of Kansas fans showed up en masse Monday at the Ferrell Center, cancelling Baylor’s plan for a “white-out” and a chance for a Baylor win.

The out-of-staters chanted “Rock, Chalk, Jayhawk” for the rock-solid front court, which decimated Baylor in a 75-65 victory.

The Jayhawks (18-4, 7-0) had 42 points in the paint, compared with 20 from Baylor (15-7, 3-5). Four of those came in the final three minutes, when the game was already decided.

“Our guys just played better than they did,” Kansas head coach Bill Self said.

For the fourth time in as many games, senior guard Curtis Jerrells proved to be the center of the defense’s plans. His four points, which is 12.8 below his average for the year, all came from the free-throw line.

Baylor did hit eight 3-pointers, but missed several key free-throws when Kansas pulled out an 17-13 run in the final six minutes.

Henry Dugat sparked the Bears’ hitting 4-of-6 from the field, including two 3-pointers. He would lead Baylor scorers, along with senior forward Kevin Rogers.

Baylor had the lead for the majority of the first half, but Kansas’ junior guard Sherron Collins lobbed the ball over Baylor freshman forward Quincy Acy’s reach at the buzzer for a 30-28 halftime lead.

“Sherron (Collins) was fabulous,” Self said. “To have played (39) minutes and guard like he guarded and still yet control the entire game like he did in the second half ... I thought that was one of his better games.”

Collins was just 5-of-13 from the field, but led all scorers with 17 points, 7-of-8 from the free-throw line.

From there, the Jayhawks never lost the lead.

Kansas benefited from 16 Baylor turnovers, but the Jayhawks had 15 of their own. However, the Bears didn’t capitalize on them. Kansas did.

Kansas opened the second half with a 13-5 run, thanks to two quick turnovers by the Bears and freshman forward Marcus Morris’ four straight buckets. That extended the Jayhawk lead to 10 with just four minutes off the clock.

“I think that if we came out with the same intensity in the second half, it would have been a different game,” senior guard Henry Dugat said.

Baylor wasn’t finished, however. Kansas sophomore center Cole Aldrich found his way to the bench when he picked up his fourth foul with 8:16 left in the game.

With the big man out of the picture, Baylor then went to its four-guard offense.

“Anytime you can get a team’s best interior player on the bench with four fouls, you always want to try and attack them inside,” said Rogers, a South Oak Cliff native.

Down 11, the Bears turned their offense inside-out, hitting three 3-pointers and drawing contact on another shot.

From there, the Bears proceeded to cut the lead to three before the turnover bug bit Baylor again. Kansas then returned the lead to 11.

“We spread it out and we drove it,” Kansas head coach Bill Self said. “We got the ball to the rim. If there’s anything that we did better offensively it was the way we drove in the second half.”

Junior center Josh Lomers earned his stripes in the first, controlling three timely rebounds, adding an assist and keeping Kansas’ potent guards out of the lane, all in 10 minutes of time on the floor.

With the loss, Baylor drops to eighth in the Big 12 Conference, three below the expected cut-off for the NCAA tournament. Kansas remains unbeaten in conference play and will tie the University of Oklahoma for first place, which led the Jayhawks by a half game going into Monday.

Baylor returns to the road, Saturday to play Texas Tech (11-10, 1-5) in Lubbock. Kansas will play host to Oklahoma State University (13-7, 2-4) Saturday.

Lady Bears work on offense

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

Great defense has always been a hallmark of the Baylor Lady Bears since Kim Mulkey grabbed the reins. This season hasn’t been any different.

The Lady Bears rank No. 4 in the conference in scoring defense, allowing an average of only 55 points per game. Last week, they held a No. 2-ranked University of Oklahoma team that averages 80.3 points per game to 56.

Sunday, they limited No. 16 University of Texas, a team that scores 74.3 points per game, to 58.

Generally when the Lady Bears are able to keep their opponents scoring in the 50s, wins follow. This was not the case, however, against the Sooners and the Longhorns, due more to a lack of offense on Baylor’s part than to anything spectacular done by Oklahoma or Texas, according to head coach Kim Mulkey.

“Our team is struggling right now to find offense,” Mulkey said after Sunday night’s 58-55 loss to Texas. “It has nothing to do with Texas. We’re just not shooting the ball good. We’re not making lay-ups. We’re rushing shots. It’s us. It’s about Baylor right now.”

Senior guard Jhasmin Player said that she didn’t think there was anything her coach could do to get the team out of its offensive slump, citing individual mentality as something that needs to change.

Mulkey said that, while she would love to take the blame away from the players, there’s only so much she can do.

“You always want to protect your players and I will always do that, but sometimes I can’t do that when the visible eye allows you to go ‘that’s a missed lay-up. That’s a missed free throw,’” she said. “I can’t come in here and sugarcoat it.”

It’s a situation the Baylor coach called “frustrating.”

At the same time she insisted that she was sure it would get better, saying that she didn’t have any plans for drastic changes to



Stephen Green/Lariat staff

Baylor’s Danielle Wilson (11) goes for a lay-up against the University of Texas Longhorns Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Ferrell Center. The Lady Bears lost 58-55.

the offense.

“You don’t change anything,” she said. “You keep giving them the looks that you’re giving them. They’re getting great looks. You just keep plugging away. The ship is not upside down. It’s not sinking. It’s not any of those things. We now have expectations that are as high as they come and I like that, our players like that, and that’s where the disappointment comes in.”

But while the ship may be fine, that doesn’t mean Mulkey can’t change a few sails on it if it could help jump-start the team’s ailing offense.

After the Texas game, she said that she would start fresh-

man Ashley Field at post alongside junior Danielle Wilson.

At Monday’s press conference she reiterated that intention and added that she will also try to give sophomore Arkansas transfer Whitney Zachariason some playing time.

“You try to stay honest and yet as positive as you can with them and that’s what we’ll do. I’m a believer that you stay with certain seniors and kids who have earned the right to work their way through things but there comes a time when you give someone else a shot,” Mulkey said. “Let those kids in there and see if they can score some.”

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though, Boyd said. Opportunities still exist – it’s just going to take some extra work.

He recommends that students talk with professors in their departments, who might have connections or advice on internships, and start perfecting their resumes and honing their speaking skills in preparation for the internship fair. Professional attire and demonstration of credibility are a must, Boyd said.

“They should be on the top of their game plan and be prepared with an elevator speech on what they could bring to the table,” Boyd said. “They must come across as distinctively competent because the competition is going to be severe.”

Plainview senior Lindsay Collins spent hours doing research last year while looking for an internship, one that was required for her fashion merchandising major.

“I knew I wanted to intern at a magazine, so I found ones I was interested in and worked really hard to find out who to get

in touch with about internships because they weren’t advertised,” Collins said.

After sending in her resume and work samples, Collins flew to New York for an interview with Seventeen Magazine, after which she was offered her an internship.

“It was unpaid, but it was worth it because of the experience,” Collins said. “And it looks good on my resume.”

Despite her high-profile internship, Collins, who graduates in May, said she’s not having as much luck job-hunting.

“No one is hiring. Everyone is cutting jobs,” she said. “I’ve applied to nearly 15 companies, and I finally just heard back from one.”

Many students are experiencing similar lulls as they seek out internships. And when supply falls and demand rises, the competition stiffens.

Internship placement programs, third-party firms that match an applicant with a company, are seeing a 15 to 25 percent increase in interest over a year ago, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Programs like the University of Dreams and Brill Street &

Co. find both paid and unpaid internships for students according to their interests and talents – but for a price that could range in the thousands.

“I wouldn’t rule those programs out, but I’d be very careful and do a lot of research,” Boyd said. “There are some reputable placement programs out there, but many of them are costly. Sometimes it’s worth the cost. That’s a determination each individual has to make.”

Fast Track Internships, a consulting firm based in Highland Village, Texas, offers a service that doesn’t place students in internships but assists them in finding around 100 internships, mostly unadvertised, at ideal companies. Once a list has been accumulated, the firm helps polish and print internship-focused resumes for the student to mail. Each client is guaranteed an offer for a cost of \$799 for an unpaid internship and \$999 for a paid one, or they get their money back.

“Fast Track is really invisible to the companies,” said Steve Rodems, senior partner. “We’re a way of helping the students make contact with those companies.”

Rodems said he’s seen around a 20 to 25 percent increase in clients this year. He attributes this to an already-rising demand among college students for internships in the last few years, as well as a growing concern over competition.

“I think the economy is very much on these students’ minds right now, and they know if there are thousands out of work who have years of experience looking for jobs, then it must be really difficult for students looking for internships,” Rodems said.

Fast Track encourages students to first try using university career centers, online searches and personal connections.

“But if you’ve exhausted those three things and are still interested in getting an internship, then we can help students go after those unadvertised internships out there,” Rodems said.

Boyd said the internship-hunt may be more stringent than usual this year, but the intrinsic value of paid or unpaid positions can go a long way for a student’s future.

“It’s not too late to get started,” Boyd said. “But I wouldn’t waste another day. The time is fast approaching.”

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official recognition.

Groups must affirm the basic tenants of the ‘Statement of Common Faith,’ including basic Christian beliefs, and submit a statement of their faith.

“More and more students we find are not calling themselves Baptist,” Scott said. “And they want to find individuals they can grow spiritually with.”

CSA set goals and a constitution developed. Goals of CSA include bringing awareness of Catholicism on campus, attracting new members to St. Peters Catholic Church and increasing membership within CSA.

“Getting CSA chartered was in fact a long journey for all those involved,” said Melissa Rivera, Houston junior and CSA president. “We had countless meetings regarding what we wanted CSA to be and what its purpose would be on Baylor’s campus.”

Approval from three student departments was a 10-month wait. Rivera noted that by the time the approval process was overwith, everyone at Student Activities knew her by name.

CSA hopes to use its on-campus status to seek out Catholics.

Rivera stated that there are several Catholics walking around campus who may not know about St. Peters. CSA desires to let those students know they aren’t alone in their faith.

Membership is not dependent on one’s denomination. This allows students from all different denominations to come, learn more about Catholicism and fellowship with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Rivera described her experience of being Catholic at a Baptist university.

There are both positive and negative aspects, but all seem to be advantages for Rivera.

“The only time it may become difficult is when I come across certain people, students and faculty alike, who make assumptions as to what Catholics believe and how they practice those beliefs,” Rivera said. “I believe that being in at a Baptist university has caused me to know my faith a lot better from being asked so many questions, which is wonderful.”

George added her own thoughts on being Catholic at Baylor.

She wants to accommodate others who seek a better understanding of Catholicism.

“It makes you really look at your beliefs and know how to defend them,” George said. “Lots of people of have questions and it’s good to know how to answer them.”

CSA’s charter may bring hope for other non-Baptist organizations. What does the future hold ecumenically for Baylor?

“I would like to think Baylor is becoming a lot more ecumenical. We saw there was lots of room for growth at Baylor and we wanted to put our foot in the door,” Rivera said.

According to CSA’s site, “This is a very exciting time for Catholics at Baylor and being allowed to spread the word and the love of God on our beautiful campus.”

CSA will hold it’s first meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 in room B110 of the Baylor Science Building.

Those interested in more information can go to <http://www.baylor-catholic.org/stpeter/Home.html> and click ‘Baylor CSA.’

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for PricewaterhouseCoopers, announced the Baylor team had won the Alexander Hamilton Award for first place. Vick calls this victory the proudest moment in his life.

Salado graduate student Brinn Serbanic was in the master’s of Tax program and a member of the xTAX team during the competition in October.

She has since graduated, and is now working for Deloitte Tax in Austin. This was her fourth year participating in the xTAX

competition.

“When I was a sophomore,” she said, “my team won the Baylor competition and was selected to go to nationals. My second year, I was on the winning Baylor team again, but we were not selected for nationals. My third year, my team won second at the Baylor competition.

Finally, this year, we won both the Baylor and national competition.”

Winning the competition after many years of participating, Serbanic said, validated all of her hard work.

“PwC’s xTAX competition has become such a winning tra-

dition at Baylor,” Serbanic said. “Baylor teams have been selected three out of the last five years for the national competition. We were so proud to be the first team to actually bring home the trophy for Baylor.”

Serbanic explained that a few things set her team apart from the other four teams competing for the national title.

“I think the diversity of our team enabled us to compliment each other’s strengths,” Serbanic said. “Some team members were more creative thinkers, while others had the technical proficiency to mold the ideas into a tax solution. The one

thing we had in common is that we trusted each other to come through for the team.”

Both Serbanic and Vick said they enjoyed the activities put on by PricewaterhouseCoopers, and said their experiences outside of the presentation room made the trip that much more enjoyable.

“It was interesting to visit the nation’s capital in the midst of such an exciting political environment,” Serbanic said. “PwC’s tax professionals shared a lot of fascinating insights about the tax effects of various political decisions and their predictions of the future of our economy.”

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occurred.”

“No one should be seeking to trade a vote for such a pledge,” Leahy said.

When Cornyn rose to announce his vote against Holder, he did not make such a demand. However, he accused the nominee of changing his

once-supportive position, on the need to detain terrorism suspects without all the rights of the Geneva Convention, to one of harshly criticizing Bush administration’s counterterrorism policies.

“His contrasting positions from 2002 to 2008 make me wonder if this is the same person,” Cornyn said. “It makes me wonder what he truly

believes.”

Cornyn and Sen. Tom Coburn said Holder was hostile to the right of individuals to own guns, despite a Supreme Court ruling last June affirming the right to have weapons for self-defense in the home.

Holder said at his confirmation hearings: “I understand that the Supreme Court has spoken.” But he added that

some restrictions on guns could still be legal.

Holder’s confirmation will trigger reviews, and changes, to the most controversial Bush administration policies, from interrogation tactics to terrorism trials and warrantless surveillance.

Those are some of the known issues. Even Holder doesn’t know what he’ll find when he

looks at secret memos in the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel.

Holder also will likely review civil liberties issues including warrantless surveillance, and he has said he will re-examine a ruling by former Attorney General Michael Mukasey that immigrants facing deportation do not have a right to government-provided lawyers.

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for two and a half hours to write reports. There have been no arrests at this time. Waco officers responded later that day to a shooting at 12th Street and La Salle Avenue, which were related.

Anita Pere contributed to this report.

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