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Campus Internet outage linked to Dallas

Campus-wide outage
limits Web site access,
frustrates users

By Farah Damani
Reporter

All clicking and typing came to a halt for two and half hours on Monday when an extended Internet outage occurred, according to networking technicians.

"We don't like being out that long," said Carl Flynn, director of marketing and communications for Information Technology and University Libraries. "If it's only for five minutes, everybody understands that."

Information Technology Services detected the Internet connection failure at 12:42 p.m.

Local services, such as e-mail between Baylor e-mail addresses, university Web sites and Blackboard were not affected by the outage, but all external e-mail and Web communications were unavailable for the duration of the outage.

"As long as you stayed within the Baylor network and Web sites it was okay, but sending e-mails outside of the Baylor network didn't work," Flynn said.

Bob Hartland, director of security, networking systems and ITS, explained that several systems throughout Baylor's campus were able to detect the Internet outage. Once detected, ITS staff performed a trace route from the electronics on campus in order to show where there was connectivity. Staff discovered that the problem wasn't

with campus connectivity, but connectivity coming from elsewhere.

"Once we realized the problem was not on campus, we traced the route up to Dallas," Hartland said.

He explained that the issue was with the Internet service provider and that there was a bad connection in the port of the router connected to campus.

Having determined that the issue did not occur because of equipment failure at Baylor University, the network administrator contacted technicians at Qwest Global, Baylor's Internet service provider, to report the issue.

"Within 10 minutes of the outage, we were on the phone with the Internet service provider because we knew the

outage wasn't a local problem," Flynn said.

Baylor students and faculty were informed about the outage through the library Web site.

"Our protocol was to not e-mail students and alarm them. We would e-mail them if we knew the outage was long term, but in this case we had no idea," Flynn said.

With the Internet down, students in class became frustrated when they could not continue with their scheduled assignments.

"Our professor posts video for organic chemistry lab online, and since we couldn't watch it, no one in our class knew what we were doing," said Sugar Land junior Rakhi Wadera. "It wasn't the greatest way to start

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Stephen Green/Lariat Staff

Weslaco sophomore Monica Soto works on homework Monday in the Moody garden level computer lab of Moody Memorial Library. The Internet connection was interrupted for two and half hours Monday.

Second arrest made in Waco Hall thefts

By Brittany Hardy
Staff writer

The Baylor Police Department made a second arrest Jan. 29 in connection with a total of 11 to 12 projectors stolen from Waco Hall on multiple occasions since March 2008.

Baylor police arrested Seabrook senior Nick Amelang and charged him with two counts of burglary, Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said.

Amelang was released on a \$20,000 bond, \$10,000 for each of two charges, on Jan. 29, according to the McLennan County Jail.

On Jan. 28, The Baylor Lariat reported that the Baylor Police arrested senior Wesley Parker in connection with the projectors stolen over the past year and that were consequently sold for profit. At the time, the police were working to make another arrest.

Parker received one charge of burglary of a building, which is a state jail felony and punishable by up to two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine. He posted his \$10,000 bail, according to the McLennan County Jail.

Neither Amelang or Parker have been indicted, and therefore have not yet pled "guilty"

or "not guilty." Trial dates have not yet been set.

As previously reported, the Baylor Police Department first arrested Parker in connection with the theft of the projectors, as well as a video camera unit and several of the other large projector screens.

Parker worked for Waco Hall two to three years ago, Helpert said.

Baylor has now recovered five projector systems, a video camera and other equipment related to the burglaries, Doak said.

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Waco Hall investigation timeline

March 2008
The first of the 11 to 12 projectors is stolen from Waco Hall.

October 2008
Baylor Police Department receives leads concerning the burglaries.

November 2008
An official investigation begins into the burglaries.

Jan. 28, 2009
Baylor Police Department arrests student Wesley Parker in connection with the stolen projectors.

Jan. 29, 2009
BPD arrests student Nick Amelang, who is charged with two counts of burglary.

Electric rates rise in Texas

By Jay Root
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — In the decade since Texas deregulated its retail electricity market, rates have skyrocketed higher than any other state with such open competition, according to a report released Monday.

Commissioned by the Cities Aggregation Power Project, a nonprofit coalition of Texas municipalities, the report found that residential electricity rates rose 64 percent between 1999 and 2007. Before that, Texans paid rates that were well below the national average, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

"Consumers have paid too much for too long under deregulation," said Jay Doegey, chairman of the municipalities group that seeks to curb market abuses. "Instead of excuses or ignoring the problem, Texans deserve meaningful reform."

The Association of Electric Companies of Texas said rates have been falling sharply recently and the group said allowing residential users to select their providers has worked as intended.

"The simple fact is that in most parts of the state there are lower competitive prices today than when prices were regulated," said John Fainter, president of the trade association. Other advocates of deregulation say the law has sparked investments in cleaner energy and greater generation capacity.

The Legislature passed a sweeping deregulation law in 1999 that sought to break down electric company monopolies and remove strict government control over retail electricity rates. The idea was to allow competitive market forces to drive down prices. The sponsor of the legislation, former Sen. David Sibley, acknowledges rates have gone up but said he still considers the bill a success.

Sibley, who now lobbies for power companies and others, blames the hikes on increased natural gas prices. He said Texas is far too dependent on natural gas and would see lower rates if it diversified to coal, nuclear and other energy sources.

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Waco police nab 'most wanted' fugitive

By Brittany Hardy
Staff writer

A Waco native who appeared on the Texas Department of Public Safety's Most Wanted Fugitives list was arrested Saturday by the Waco Police Department.

Rhigo Montoya, 36, was arrested and taken to McLennan County jail Saturday almost a month after the publication of the list.

"Montoya was arrested at a club after someone called it in," Public Information Officer Steven Anderson said.

Montoya is charged with parole violation, attempted burglary of a habitation, and aggravated assault with a

deadly weapon.

There is no bond set for the parole violation. There is a \$15,000 bond for the burglary charge and a \$35,000 bond for the aggravated assault charge.

The trial date has not yet been set.

Montoya, whose last known address is in Waco, has active warrants out for armed car-

jacking and assault/family violence. He made the Most Wanted Fugitives list on Jan. 29.

He was twice arrested and sent to McLennan County Jail during 2006 in two different incidents when he was charged with assaulting live-in girlfriends and hitting them multiple times with his fists,

according to the DPS Web site.

Montoya's previous charges included possession of a controlled substance, criminal mischief, driving while intoxicated, assault/family violence, aggravated assault causing bodily injury and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, the Web site said.

Obama calls Congress to act quickly on stimulus package

By Jennifer Loven
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama pressed Congress Monday night to urgently approve a massive economic recovery bill, using the first prime-time news conference of his presidency to warn that a failure to act "could turn a crisis into a catastrophe."

With the nation falling deeper into a long and painful recession, Obama defended his program against Republican criticism that it is loaded with pork-barrel spending and will not create jobs.

"The plan is not perfect," the president said, addressing the nation from the East Room of the White House. "No plan is. I can't tell you for sure that everything in this plan will work exactly as we hope, but I can tell you with complete confidence that a failure to act will only deepen this crisis as well as the pain felt by millions of Americans."

When the stimulus bill passed the House, not a single Republican voted for it. On Monday an \$838 billion version of the legislation cleared a crucial test vote in the Senate by a 61-36 margin, with all but three Republican senators opposing it.

Obama said the federal government was the only power that could save the nation at a time of crisis, with huge spending outlays and tax cuts that he contended could save or create up to 4 million jobs.

"At this particular moment, with the private sector so weakened by this recession, the federal government is the only entity left with the resources to jolt our economy back to life," Obama said.

Rejecting criticism, he said that 90 percent of the jobs created by the plan would be in the private sector, rebuilding crumbling roads, bridges and other aging infrastructure.

"The plan that ultimately emerges from Congress must be

big enough and bold enough to meet the size of the economic challenge we face right now," Obama said.

Again and again, he stressed that the economy is in dire straits.

"This is not your ordinary, run of the mill recession," he said. Obama said the United States aims to avoid the kind of economic pain that Japan endured in the 1990s, the "lost decade" when that nation showed no economic growth.

"My bottom line is to make sure that we are saving or creating 4 million jobs," he said, and that homeowners facing foreclosure receive some relief.

While Obama stressed the economy in the opening minutes of the news conference, he also faced questions on foreign policy, and was asked how his administration would deal with Iran, a nation accused by the United States of support-

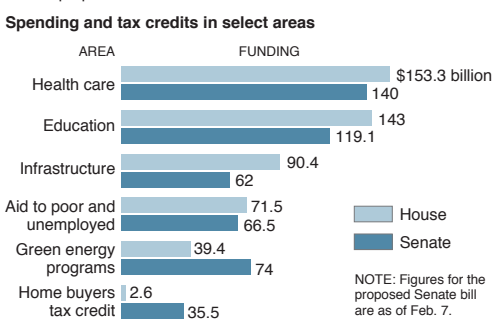


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President Barack Obama answers questions during his first prime time televised news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Monday. He urged Congress to approve a massive economic bill recovery plan while warning that a failure to act could spur a crisis.

Funding differences in stimulus bills

Proposed spending and tax credits in the economic recovery plan vary between the \$820 billion House-approved bill and the \$827 billion Senate proposal.



Editorial

Perks of new sports facility outweigh cost

Wednesday was national signing day for high school recruits, and the Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athletic Complex played a huge role attracting talent.

The new sports facility was originally slated at \$12.1 million, but grew to a price tag of \$37 million with the inclusion of donations and additional projects. With that price tag, the university took some flak from alumni, local media and other supporters, but when compared to other Big 12 Conference schools, the prices are nearly identical.

Texas A&M University's cost the same, at \$37 million, the University of Kansas' total was \$31 million and the University of Texas' facility was a large portion of a \$90 million renovation to Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

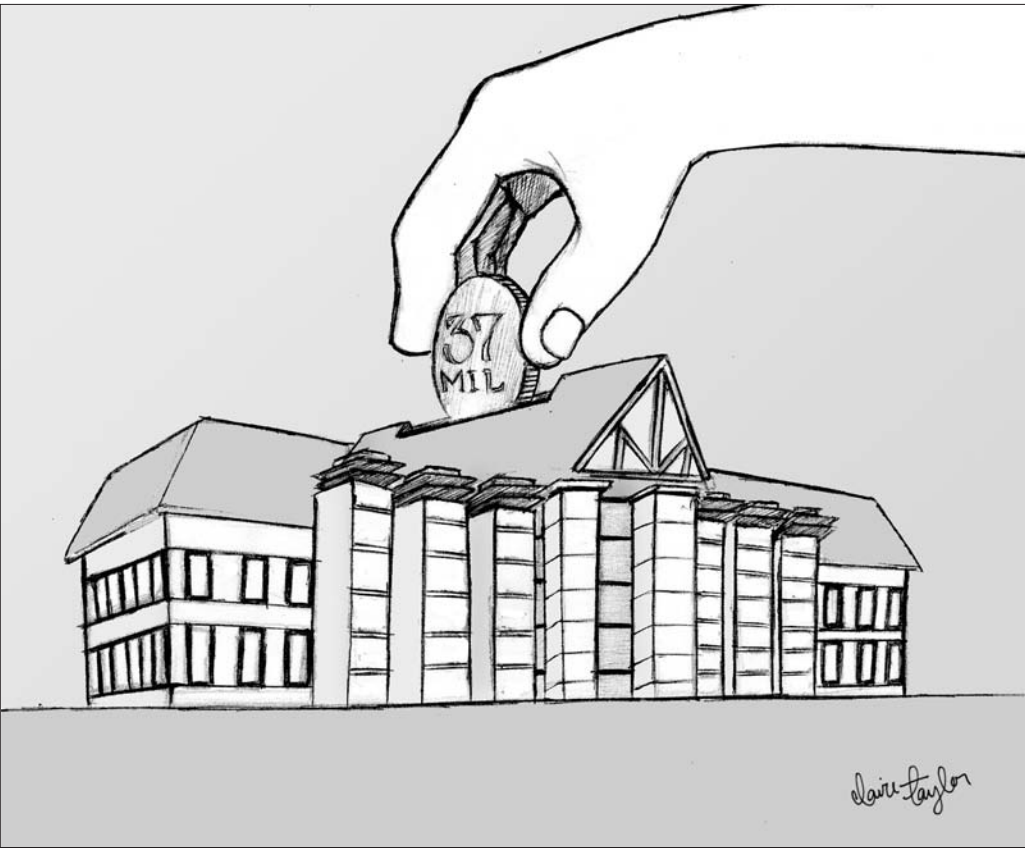
While the price tag may be higher than originally expected, the success Baylor will have in athletic endeavors, as a result, will pay for it.

In football, it has been no secret that the Bears have held the lower standings of the Big 12 in place for the past decade. However, that all began to change with the Highers complex. The Baylor Board of Regents proposed the building of the center on Feb. 7, 2007, nearly a full year before new head coach Art Briles and star quarterback Robert Griffin came to campus. In the next few months, the Bears' recruiting class improved drastically - all on the notion of a yet-to-be-built building.

"It put us on a whole different level," Briles said. "You would hate to think that we wouldn't have gotten some of these guys if we wouldn't have had it, but the reality is it wouldn't have happened. We would have missed out on at least four to eight of these prospects. We are definitely thankful for having that facility and for the people that allowed it to happen because it made a huge difference in our recruiting process."

Now with the building completed, the Bears have scraped together one of the best recruiting classes Baylor has seen. Several of the recruits have claimed the building to be one of their top reasons for signing with Baylor.

It's a phenomenon that's happened at Baylor before. Baylor baseball has been a consistent competitor in the Big 12, but not until long after the conversion of Ferrell Field to luxurious Baylor Ballpark.



Since then, better recruits and results started to pour into the baseball annals. Now in its 11th year, Baylor Ballpark is still the most pristine baseball field in the Big 12, according to College Sport Television, Baseball America and several other notable organizations, and is consistently rated one of the top parks in the nation.

The same will likely be true for the football team.

For those who doubt the importance of athletics in a university setting, take this note to heart. The amount of exposure a school like Baylor receives from athletics is invaluable.

During sporting events shows on television, Baylor gets to host several free 30-second advertisements for the school.

Depending on the sport, the network and the time slot, that is saving the university millions of dollars.

Beyond that, simply having a sport can create a market for the school. Schools such as Southwestern University in Georgetown, the University of Texas at Dallas, Trinity University have amazing programs in health, computer science and other related fields. However, the average high school senior - and even the hiring manager looking at a resume - has likely never heard of it. Schools like Baylor, Wake Forest University, and to some extent even Southern Methodist University would fall into this category if it weren't for athletics.

Furthermore, success in

athletics attracts more applicants. Just look to the national championship in football and the corresponding applications the following year.

In 2000, Virginia Tech lost to Florida State, but saw its applications jump nearly 12 percent. At the University of Texas, 15 percent more students applied. It was the largest percentage increase in more than 20 years, presumably due to the national championship victory.

Except for the possibility of tennis, baseball or women's basketball, Baylor won't be winning a national championship anytime soon. Whatever success the athletic program has, the rest of the university will follow.

point of view

Role model status comes with duty

It was the inhale heard around the world.

Yes, I am talking about Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps and his recent marijuana scandal. Not since former President Bill Clinton denied inhaling has marijuana been at the center of such media attention.

A picture of Phelps using a marijuana pipe surfaced last Sunday in British tabloid News of the World. The picture was reportedly taken in November at a house party while Phelps was visiting the University of South Carolina.

Phelps quickly issued a statement of apology the same day, calling the incident "regrettable" and promising "it will never happen again."

I, along with the rest of the world, was captivated by this Phelps' incredible swimming performance in the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. He seemed to be invincible and the ultimate athlete. The recent drug incident was a sober reminder that Phelps is human just like everyone else and makes mistakes.

This isn't the first time Phelps has had to issue a public apology for "regrettable" behavior. In November 2004, Phelps was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol in Maryland. He pled guilty to driving while impaired and served 18-months probation, paid hefty fines and was ordered to speak to high school students about alcohol education.

This being the second time Phelps has been busted for stupid behavior, it's safe to say that he lacks the "What kind of trouble will I get into if I do this?" part of the brain.

Everyone can recall a time when critical thinking skills went out the window and all things impulsive set in. Inevitably, when that happens, dumb behavior is sure to follow. These dumb acts vary in degrees of severity, but everyone can think back on one thing and cringe with embarrassment or shame.

It's easy to forget that Phelps is still a 23-year-old guy who just happens to be an Olympic swimmer. He has been in the public eye since he was a teenager and has had to deal with the weight of the entire Olympic competition riding on his shoulders.

He literally became a celebrity overnight and with celebrity status comes money, peer pressure and, unfortunately, drugs. There is no way anyone can justify marijuana use beyond approved medicinal purposes, but that doesn't mean people don't do it. That's the reality of drugs and everyone is susceptible to it, including world-class athletes.

I'm not saying what he did was right or his behavior should be excused because of who he is, but he apologized for it. So let's move on. He made it clear in his statement that he considered his actions "regrettable" and vowed to never do it again.

I don't think Phelps intended for any of those photos to ever surface, let alone even knew a picture existed.

In response to the pictures, U.S.A. Swimming, the governing body for competitive swimming, suspended Phelps from swimming competitively for three months. Phelps also lost one of his sponsors. Kellogg's decided not to renew their endorsement contract with him in light of the recent picture scandal. I hope that will be a strong message to Phelps that reckless behavior won't go unpunished.

The real tragedy isn't that Phelps did drugs; it's the fact that he is a role model to thousands of kids. He didn't choose to be a role model, but it comes with the territory in any sport. He didn't just let down his family and friends, but an entire country. That's a lot for one person to deal with.

Let's just remember that underneath the perfectly chiseled six-pack abs and million-dollar smile is a 23-year-old guy who is still young. He had a lapse in judgment like most young people do, but because he is Michael Phelps his mistake was broadcasts around the world. I hope Phelps can clean up his act and set a better example for his younger fans.

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Proper grammar vital in communication

Your column, "Correct grammar is, like, so hard," should be a wake-up call to university students who want to be taken seriously when they enter the job market.

As a retired professor who taught written business communication in Hankamer School of Business for 28 years, the incorrect grammar that bothered me the most was the use of "go" and "goes" instead of "say" and "says."

I first noticed this over 30 years ago; and if my students were carrying on the conversation that you mentioned in your column, they would have said: "And I go, 'You lied to me about where you were yesterday.'" He had a blank stare on his face, and I go, "I think we should talk about this." I was told that this was Valley Girl talk, and I was surprised to find that very bright students spoke that way.

You didn't mention "go" and "goes" in your column, so hopefully Baylor students are not speaking that way these days, but I still hear 50 year-olds saying "I go" and "He goes." I corrected Baylor students when I heard them using incorrect grammar, but I can't recall that they used "like" in the way you described in your article. Perhaps it was in use but I don't recall my students using it.

I'm pretty sure that Baylor students don't use this incorrect grammar when they write, so why speak that way?

People who continue to use slang and incorrect grammar after college appear to be very immature and lacking in proper communication skills. This reflects poorly on the person as well as

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U.S. should not use governmental aid to endorse specific religious position

Abortion is a domestic issue and should not be used as a bargaining tool to determine who deserves American aid. If one is so concerned with the aid given to other nations then it is best to look into helping the numerous people who die each day from lack of potable water or the thousands of already existing children who suffer from childhood diseases that are easily prevented in industrialized nations.

Supporters of the Mexico City Policy (MCP) have offered little proof of an anticipated increase in abortions since the first time it was repealed under President Clinton in 1993, so why should such an increase be expected now?

It is worth noting that when the MCP was firmly in place, abortions were still occurring, but in some of the most horrendous conditions imaginable. According to the Center for Reproductive Rights, every year 78,000 women die due to unsafe abortions worldwide. The removal of the ban on funds for reproductive health could greatly reduce this number. It is a crime against humanity to demand that women be forced to carry pregnancies to term and then not provide the social and economic

Correction policy

In Friday's article, "Student Senate confirms three new members," Tuan Loh is a sophomore not a junior. To clarify the issue of who remains during executive session, Student Senate enters executive session in order to question those who presented the nominees without the nominees present. Then, Senate votes to confirm.

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By Jo Vita
Dade City, FL

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out a Monday afternoon.”

After evaluating the issue on their end, Qwest technicians responded to report that the outage was caused by a failed piece of equipment in Dallas. The press release stated that the equipment was quickly replaced and the Internet connection was restored to the campus by 3:15 p.m. By 3:30 p.m., all Internet service was restored to faculty, staff and students on campus.

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Some of the video equipment was recovered from the students' residences, Baylor Police Lt. Kevin Helpert said. He said one of those projectors was recovered from as far away as Houston.

The investigation for this case began right after the first projector was stolen in March 2008, but the main investigation has been active since Nov. 2008, said Officer Brent Howell, the lead investigator in this case.

Howell said the Baylor Police Department received some leads in October 2008 and have been following them since.

Investigation into the case is currently ongoing.

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ing terrorism and pursuing nuclear weapons.

The president said his administration was reviewing its policy toward Iran “looking at places where we can have constructive dialogue.” He also said it was time for Iran to change its behavior.

“My expectation is in the coming months we will be looking for openings that can be created where we can be sitting across the table face to face,” Obama said.

He said that Iran must understand that funding terrorist organizations and pursuing nuclear weapons are unacceptable.

On the economy, Obama took a swipe at Republicans for criticizing the stimulus bill as wasteful. He pointed out that he inherited the current economic crisis and a doubling of the national debt from eight years of the Bush administration.

Yet, he also acknowledged that some components of the bill would not create jobs, as GOP critics have complained. While such spending plans might be worthy, he said, “those programs should be out of this.”



White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel (far left) and White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs (middle) listen to President Barack Obama during a news conference in the East Room of the White House on Monday.

Obama spoke a day before his administration was to announce new policies to rescue the ailing financial industry. A major goal of that program is to persuade hedge funds, insurance companies and private equity firms to buy into some of U.S. banks' riskiest investments.

“The credit crisis is real and it's not over,” Obama said. He faulted the way the first \$350 billion of the \$700 billion bailout program was spent. “We

Stimulus package barely approved in Senate test vote

By David Espo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON An \$838 billion economic stimulus bill backed by the White House narrowly advanced in the Senate on Monday over strong Republican opposition, and Democratic leaders vowed to deliver the emergency legislation for President Barack Obama's signature within a few days.

The vote was 61-36, one more than the 60 needed to move the measure toward Senate passage on Tuesday. That in turn, will set the stage for possibly contentious negotiations with the House on a final compromise on legislation the president says is desperately needed to tackle the worst economic crisis in more than a generation.

The Senate vote occurred as the Obama administration moved ahead on another key component of its economic recovery plan. Officials said Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner would outline rules on Tuesday for \$350 billion in bailout funds designed to help the financial industry as well as homeowners facing foreclosure.

As for the stimulus, Obama said Monday night at the start of his televised news conference, “I can tell you with complete confidence that a failure to act will only deepen this crisis as well as the pain felt by millions of Americans.”

The Senate vote was close but scarcely in doubt once the White House and Democratic

leaders agreed to trim about \$100 billion on Friday. As a result, Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania broke ranks to cast their votes to advance the bill.

Moments before the vote the Congressional Budget Office issued a new estimate that put the cost at \$838 billion, an increase from the \$827 billion figure from last week. Ironically, the agency said provisions in the bill intended to limit bonuses to executives at firms receiving federal bailout money would result in lower tax revenues for the government.

“This bill has the votes to pass. We know that,” conceded Sen. John Thune, a South Dakota Republican who has spoken daily in the Senate against the legislation.

In the hours before Monday's vote, Republican opponents attacked it as too costly and unlikely to have the desired effect on the economy. “This is a spending bill, not a stimulus bill,” said Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.

All 36 votes in opposition were cast by Republicans.

The two remaining versions of the legislation are relatively close in size, \$838 billion in the Senate and \$819 billion in the House, and are similar in many respects.

Both include Obama's call for a tax cut for lower-income wage earners, as well as billions for unemployment benefits, food stamps and health care.

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“The fuel mix is a problem,” Sibley said. “We're building nothing but natural gas plants.”

Sibley said the amount of transmission capability, demands from population growth and pressure to reduce emissions can also affect rates.

But the report found that even among neighboring states heavily dependent on natural gas, Texas has higher rates.

Oklahoma and Louisiana, for example, are big users of natural

gas but did not deregulate their markets as Texas did, the data shows. Texans currently pay about 10.3 cents per kilowatt hour on average, compared to 8.3 cents in Louisiana and 7.3 cents in Oklahoma, a snapshot of federal data shows.

Ratepayers in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, which have also introduced retail electric competition, saw electricity prices rise by 39 percent and 62 percent between 1999 and 2007, respectively, according to the study.

Former Gov. George W.

Bush signed the deregulation law, declaring that competition would “benefit Texans by reducing monthly rates.”

The legislation for the first time authorized competition among retail electric providers, allowed power companies to charge ratepayers billions of dollars for pre-existing investments and provided incentives for the use of renewable energy.

The report does give the law credit for encouraging the use of renewables, enhancing efficiency standards and helping to reduce emissions.

The Cities Aggregation Power Project, which pools the energy needs of its member cities in order to negotiate better prices, does not recommend going back to the pre-deregulation system. But the group says it wants the Legislature to curb market abuses by limiting how much power any one utility can generate.

The coalition also advocates reforms that would allow citizens living in its municipalities to join together and negotiate better rates the way governments do now.

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On-campus housing establishes trends

By Ashleigh Schmitz
Reporter

The Association of College and University Housing Offices has chosen Baylor as one of three college campuses to start planning a residence hall of the future as part of the 21st Century Project.

Due to the national attention the North Village Residential Community and Brooks Residential College and Flats living and learning centers have been receiving, Baylor was chosen along with Indiana University and Colorado College to plan a prototype residence hall suitable for the needs of the future.

"A national jury selected Baylor, Indiana and Colorado College because of their potential to inspire other campuses with their housing projects," said Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, in an e-mail interview. "The hope is that these three campuses will eventually build these 21st Century residence halls and that colleges and universities nationally will visit these buildings to research and plan residence halls on their campuses."

Before Baylor kicks off the 21st Century Project there will

be a university-wide meeting on April 8 to discuss the best way to receive and accomplish the vision. The association will send a facilitator for the discussion and the group will decide what the next residential community will look like at Baylor.

"By the end, I hope that we,

"The more housing Baylor has for students, the stronger the campus ethos of student engagement becomes."

Frank Shushok
dean for student
learning and engagement

as a Baylor community, have a strong sense of a collective vision for what will one day be the East Village Residential Community," Shushok said. "I hope that there is renewed enthusiasm for how having more students living on campus changes the campus ethos in significant ways."

Rishi Sriram, assistant dean for student learning and engagement said that the 21st Century Project does not outline specific goals in mind for these residence halls. Instead, each campus will

determine what current residence halls are lacking and go from there in choosing what the new residence hall will offer.

"The purpose is to look for the best ways to promote student learning, sustainability and the use of technology. They really want those decisions to come from facilitating the campus-wide conversation," Sriram said.

The application process to be chosen for planning the prototype was lengthy and while North Village and Brooks Village helped, the Baylor 2012 vision played a role as well.

"Baylor's 2012 vision has helped situate Baylor as a real leader in college housing and it will affect others nationally," Sriram said. "It helps get Baylor's name and story out there; the hope is that we can create the residential community of the future."

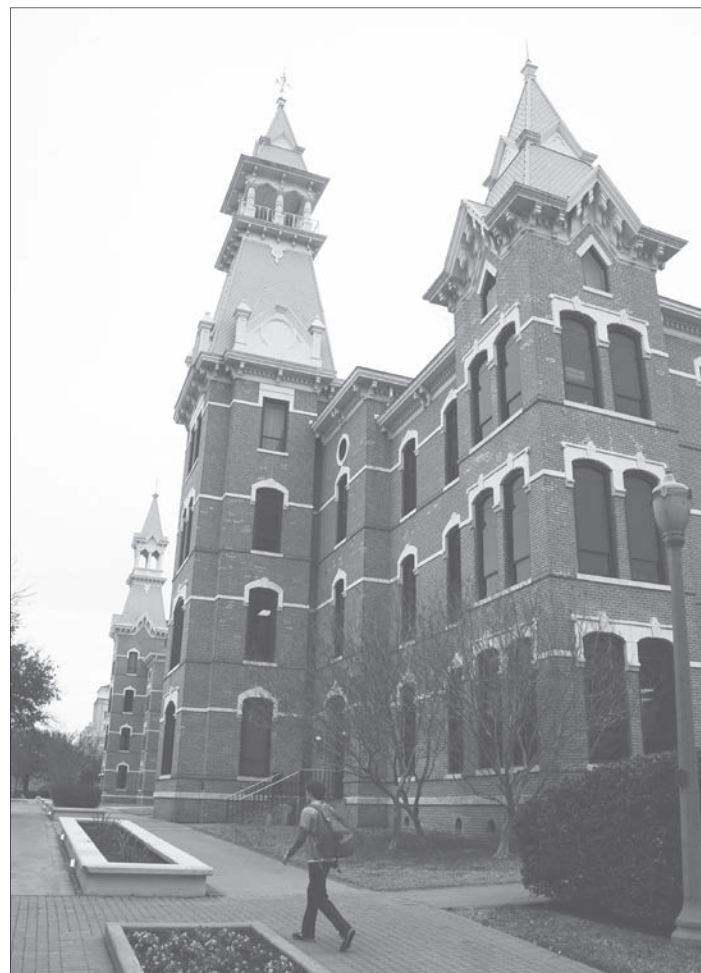
He said Imperative II of Baylor 2012 includes a step that would "develop residential facilities that will enable up to 50 percent of students to live on campus." Working on this 21st Century Project will help enable Baylor to accomplish that goal. Accomplishing this goal will also help meet the increased demand for on campus housing.

"Because demand has never been higher in Baylor history, we are at or above capacity for freshmen and turning down upper-level students," Sriram said. "It's hard turning away students who want to live on campus because that's what we want: students who want to live on campus."

A press release on the Baylor Web site said that the opening of North Village Residential Community and Brooks Residential College increased the number of students living on campus from 30 to 40 percent. Shushok believes that the presence of the 21st Century Project at Baylor will blend well with and complement the Baylor 2012 vision.

Evidence that Baylor is already on the right track came last year when teams from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Arkansas and Southern Methodist University visited the residential halls in order to learn and gain insight.

"The 21st Century Project should be an important tool for Baylor to discern what, when and where to build," Shushok said. "The more housing Baylor has for students, the stronger the campus ethos of student engagement becomes."



Stephen Green/Lariat Staff

A student walks past Old Main Monday afternoon. Baylor is one of three universities selected to plan residential halls for the future as part of the 21st Century Project.

Students serve community, Baylor makes national honor roll

By Dache Johnson
Reporter

After competing with more than 4,000 schools, Baylor has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with a total of 114,444 hours of quality service hours in 2008, impacting students and the community.

"This is an external recognition of the quality of service engaged in by our students, faculty and staff," said Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president of Student Life. "The whole idea of service is ingrained in the culture of Baylor."

Baylor sets itself apart because of the quality of its programs, the impact on the community and the educational experience involved with its community service, Director of Student

Activities Matt Burchett said. The number of hours served is an impressive number considering Baylor's size, he said.

"Community service isn't about awards but about relationships and making a difference," Burchett said. "Our students have a heart to serve those around them. We are blessed to have those kinds of students at Baylor."

While recognition isn't the point of service, it does point to the fact that it's part of what he said Baylor is about, Oliver said. It validates and endorses the service culture of the university and communicates that to current and potential students.

There are numerous service opportunities at Baylor campus-wide.

One opportunity is First Step. A kick-off to Steppin' Out, First

Step is for incoming students participating in Line Camp, a freshman orientation, to serve the Waco community and understand the value of community service at Baylor. By getting students out there and recognizing a need, students make connections and realize they need to do something, Oliver said. Students' first memories at Baylor include serving others, which makes a difference, he said.

The difference is evident in the Steppin' Out projects conducted by Baylor alumni across Texas and the nation. Baylor networks allow for alumni to get together and serve other communities. The experiences students have through Baylor's community service projects continue to affect them and those they serve.

In addition, community ser-

vice has a positive effect on students' leadership and communication skills including spiritual growth and moral development, cultural understanding, career development, personal identity, and sense of belonging.

"Preparing students for a life of service is an integral part of Baylor's mission. Taking care of our neighbors, being good stewards of the environment and acting out of love and compassion are central to our faith," Magjuka said.

The application process for the honor roll is extremely competitive and Magjuka completed the exhaustive application. Evidence and documentation must be provided for factors like the size, innovativeness and effectiveness of service programs.

Other factors like the centrality of Baylor's service, its

alignment with the mission statement, the number of students and faculty involved and the number and type of hours logged must all be proven.

"This award recognizes Baylor for a commitment to service and civic engagement. I am so proud of our students, faculty and staff," Magjuka said. Baylor plans to continue and improve its excellence in community service to make an impact on the surrounding community.

"We will continue to collaborate across campus in providing these kinds of opportunities for our students, faculty and staff. Baylor has an obligation to give back to not only our local community, but to others around the world," said Dr. Elizabeth Palacios, dean for student development.

"When we learn to give of

ourselves, we have the opportunity not only to share Christ's love, but to grow and learn more about ourselves. Community service allows our students to practice what they learn in the classroom, explore their own talents and interests, move out of their comfort zone in a supportive environment, learn about others different from them, challenge their own ideas, as well as develop a connection to the world around them."

Established in 2006, the Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and is sponsored by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development.

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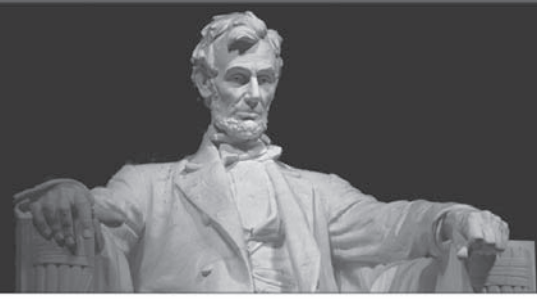
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Sports briefs

Canion blanks No. 1 Florida in final game of series

Freshman pitcher Whitney Canion allowed three hits, one walk and no extra base hits on her way to a complete game shutout of No. 1 University of Florida Sunday at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium in Gainesville, Fla.

The win marked the program's first-ever victory over a top-ranked opponent, and came after dropping the first two games of the series by a combined score of 11-0. Junior Courtney Oberg recorded the Lady Bears' only hit of the game, which came during the critical fifth inning that saw the Gators commit two errors, allowing pinch runner Sophia Lujan to score the go-ahead run.

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Lady Bears need to rope in Cowgirls to keep record

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

The No. 7 Baylor Lady Bears will look to maintain a perfect road record in conference play when they travel to take on the Oklahoma State Cowgirls Wednesday.

The game will be the second meeting of the two teams this season. The first time they played, then-No. 5 ranked Baylor beat then-No. 22 ranked Oklahoma State University 75-57 in the Ferrell Center. Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said that while the Cowgirls will no doubt have changed a few things since the last time they played Baylor, their personnel is still the same.

"The first thing that worries you is Andrea Riley," Mulkey said, referring to the junior Cowgirl guard who put up 33 points the last time she played Baylor. "She's such a tremendous player. She makes the other players better by what she brings every day. I just know our transition defense and knowing where she is, is going to be very important."

Sophomore guard Melissa Jones said that Riley is one of the fastest players she's ever encountered.

Freshman guard Cherrish Wallace played the role of Riley in practices before the two teams' first meeting, but has been sidelined the past three weeks with a stress fracture.

Since that last meeting, the

"It's going to be a battle."

Kim Mulkey
head coach

Cowgirls have fallen out of the rankings after losing three straight home games to the Universities of Texas A&M, Texas and Oklahoma. Mulkey said Oklahoma State's recent record, however, was not indicative of how good they are.

"Don't look at their record. That record is very misleading," she said. "I don't imagine they're

any different from the rest of us. We're, like, 'wow, when do we have a breather?' It's going to be a battle. It's a big home game for them and another tough road game for us."

It's only the second time in five games that the Lady Bears have had an unranked opponent, but Mulkey said that any team with a player like Riley is dangerous and that they would prepare for the Cowgirls as they would any other team.

"No different. I don't think in all the games we've played I've ever said anything to them about where they're ranked," she said. "We talk about strengths, weaknesses, ways to win the ball game and this won't be any different."

Junior post Danielle Wilson said that even though the game is on the road, the team wouldn't do too much differently than if it was a home game.

"We always try to do the same routine, have the exact same routine as we do at home," she said. "It's just different that we're not sleeping in our own beds."



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

Baylor guard Melissa Jones goes for a lay-up against Kansas State Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Ferrell Center. The Lady Bears won 59-50.

Former Ranger A-Rod admits using banned substances

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez, the player who would restore integrity to baseball's home run record, admitted Monday to using performance-enhancing drugs himself.

The All-Star third baseman said in an interview with ESPN that he used steroids with the Texas Rangers for three years, from 2001-03, in an attempt to justify his status as the game's highest-paid player after signing a 10-year, \$252 million contract.

"Back then it was a differ-

ent culture," Rodriguez said. "It was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know — and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He said he quit after 2003, his first of three AL MVP seasons, because "I've proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that."

He was traded to the New York Yankees before the 2004 season.

The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that Rodriguez was among 104 names on a list of players who tested positive

for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball. The results weren't subject to discipline and were supposed to remain anonymous.

"When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," Rodriguez said.

"And I did take a banned substance and, you know, for that I'm very sorry and deeply regretful. And although it was the culture back then and Major League Baseball overall was very — I just feel that — You

know, I'm just sorry. I'm sorry for that time. I'm sorry to fans. I'm sorry for my fans in Texas. It wasn't until then that I ever thought about substance of any kind."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks said the admission caught him by surprise.

"I feel personally betrayed. I feel deceived by Alex," Hicks said in a conference call. "He assured me that he had far too much respect for his own body to ever do that to himself. ... I certainly don't believe that if he's now admitting that he started using when he came to the Texas Rangers, why should I believe that it didn't start before

he came to the Texas Rangers?"

The 33-year-old Rodriguez ranks 12th on the career list with 553 homers, including 52, 57 and 47 in his three seasons with the Rangers. He is 209 behind Barry Bonds' record 762.

Now, though, he's on top of a much different list — the highest-profile player to confess to doping, joining teammates Jason Giambi and Andy Pettitte.

Rodriguez's admission is in stark contrast to the denials of former teammate Roger Clemens and Bonds.

Bonds, a seven-time MVP, is scheduled for trial next month

on charges he lied when he told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs. Another federal grand jury is considering whether to indict seven-time AL Cy Young Award winner Clemens on charges he lied when he told a congressional committee last year that he never used steroids or human growth hormone.

SI.com reported Rodriguez tested positive for Primobolan and testosterone.

"It was such a loosey-goosey era. I'm guilty for a lot of things. I'm guilty for being negligent, naive, not asking all the right questions," Rodriguez said.

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