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# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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## Twenty cars burglarized in 24 hours

**By Brittany Hardy**  
Staff writer

The Waco Police Department had their hands full Wednesday when 20 motor vehicle burglaries were reported in Waco in a 24-hour period, almost triple the 15-year average, according to Waco Police spokesman Steve Anderson.

It was reported that the bur-

glaries occurred between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59 p.m.

A few of the reports were from the same area of Waco, but for the most part, the reports were from all over the city, Anderson said.

However, Baylor campus has not had a single report of motor vehicle burglary since January.

For each case of burglary called in, a report was made

and a detective was assigned.

Anderson advises that students not leave anything of value in their vehicle, if they can help it.

As for campus, Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said Baylor has been very fortunate in the motor vehicle burglaries category during the past two months.

“Our officers are working

the perimeter of campus very hard and have made impacts upon the area by their aggressive patrols,” Doak said. “I’m pleased to report we have not had a car burglary since January on campus. This may be a record.”

Baylor crime records reflect car burglaries down significantly from 45 last year at this time, to 33, a 27-percent reduc-

tion, Doak said.

“Again, our officers are making themselves visible and our deterrent efforts seem to be working,” he said.

Doak offered tips to help continue keeping the number of on-campus motor vehicle burglaries to a minimum, by removing objects from cars that would draw a would-be car burglar.

“Purses left on the console or seat, dash stereo systems that are openly displayed or other items of value in open view are magnets for would-be thieves,” Doak said, “Burglary of a motor vehicle is an epidemic nationwide and it can be reduced if the car owners take measures to protect their cars by removing the ‘easy targets’ for the thieves.”

## Secession comment sparks backlash

**By Kelley Shannon**  
The Associated Press

AUSTIN —In a state that once was its own nation, a Republican governor who talked about secession without completely dismissing the idea has Democratic lawmakers in an uproar.

Gov. Rick Perry, in comments following an anti-tax “tea party” Wednesday, never did advocate Texas breaking away from the United States but suggested that Texans might at some point get so fed up they would want to leave the union. That was enough to feed opinions for and against secession on Web sites, cable TV and talk radio across the nation.

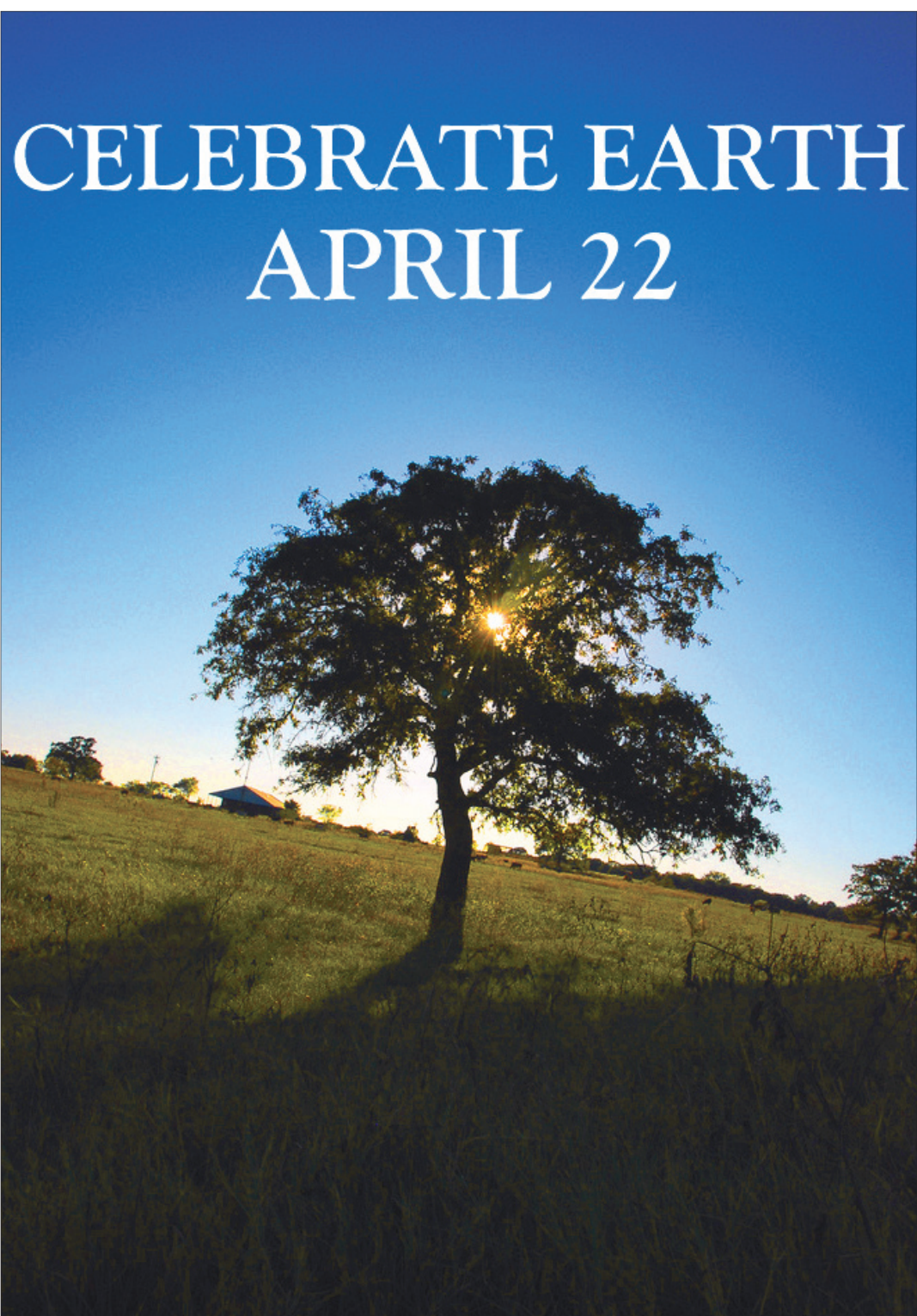
At the Texas Capitol on Thursday, Rep. Jim Dunnam of Waco, joined by several fellow Texas House Democrats, said some people associate talk of secession with racial division and the Civil War and that Perry should disavow any notion of seceding.

“Talk of secession is an attack on our country. It can be nothing else. It is the ultimate anti-American statement,” Dunnam said at a news conference.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat, said that by not rejecting the possibility of secession out of hand, Perry “is taking a step down a very dangerous and divisive path encouraged by the fringe of Texas politics.”

The Democrats are proposing a House resolution expressing “complete and total disagreement with any fringe element

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A Sustainability Fair will kick off a weeklong series of events in celebration of Earth Day, which is on Wednesday. Various organizations such as Aramark Dining Services, Keep Waco Beautiful and the university sustainability committee are participating in the events.

## Campus events to bring Earth appreciation

**By Sean Doerre**  
Reporter

Dr. David Garland, Baylor’s interim president, will headline events held by the University Sustainability Committee next week to celebrate a campuswide Earth Week.

The week’s festivities are centered on Earth Day, which will be celebrated worldwide on Wednesday.

The week will kick off on Monday with a Sustainability Fair from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fountain Mall. The fair will feature representatives from Aramark Dining Services, Keep Waco Beautiful, the University Sustainability Committee and other local student and community groups, who will share their contributions to sustainability in the local community.

“We want to make the Baylor community aware of many of the groups on campus and in the Waco community, whose main concern is sustainability,” said Carl Flynn, director of marketing and communications for Information Technology Services and Libraries.

Following the Sustainability Fair, the committee will hold a teach-in at 4 p.m. on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. Garland will speak at the teach-in along with Dr. Sascha Usenko, assistant professor of environmental science; and Dale Barron, development director of the World Hunger Relief Farm. The speakers will offer brief presentations about sustainability based on their own area of expertise. Following the presentations,

the speakers will field questions from the audience.

“You got three people in their distinct fields talking about sustainability from their perspectives,” Flynn said. “I think it will be good. I think it will be a nice ground for conversation. It will be not only a good opportunity to hear from some experts, but also to engage in a conversation with these folks.”

Garland will discuss how Christian New Testament theology meshes with sustainable principles and Usenko will speak on his recent research about pharmaceutical contamination in river water.

Barron will speak on the work of World Hunger Relief Farm and the benefits of sustainable living.

“I am really emphasizing the importance of sustainable farming and what specific impact it has on the natural environment,” Barron said. “Then also looking at what are the potential ills that arise from non-sustainable methods of farming and living.”

Barron said that he thinks people recently have become more conscious about the Earth’s resources and the large footprint created by its inhabitants and hopes he can communicate how Baylor students can get involved.

“I am hoping that people will get a vision that there are many ways you can practice a more sustainable lifestyle,” Barron said. “It is not just gardening. It is not just raising animals. There is an entire lifestyle connected to sustainability that preserves and

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## Faith stripped down to compassion

**Organization seeks to minister to exotic dancers**

**By Bethany Moore**  
Contributor

Smoke, fishnet stockings, dark lighting, stripper poles and ... Jesus?

When someone thinks of a strip club or the exotic dancers on the job, this image might come to mind, but Jesus is the one who doesn’t generally fit in the picture.

But for Emily Mills, bringing God into a place where traditional America thinks He doesn’t belong is exactly what she is trying to change with Bartimaeus Ministries and Jesus Said Love.

Founded by Emily and her husband Bret in 2003, Barti-



Courtesy photo

Jesus Said Love is a non profit organization started by two Baylor graduates that seeks to minister to exotic dancers in the Waco area. “Jesus Loves Strippers” is the motto used on the organization’s shirts.

clubs and simply does what Jesus commanded: love.

Both Bret and Emily are Baylor graduates, Emily in 1999 with a speech communication specialist bachelor’s degree, and

Brett in 1998 with a bachelor’s in speech communication.

When Emily was 18, she felt a calling to full-time ministry, but said she was unsure how God would provide her the opportunity. When she took Baylor’s “Poverty in Waco” class, taught by Jimmy Dorrell, who heads up Mission Waco, she began helping out at the Friday morning breakfast for the homeless.

It was there that Emily recognized a need to help those who are often marginalized in society, not exactly the homeless, but mainly those who are often overlooked by churches.

Six years ago the Mills were at a conference and learned about the Magdalene Project, which ministers to exotic dancers in the Austin area. After she learned of

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### Just a splash of color

Students revel in messy celebration Thursday evening in Bear Park for the Holi Night event. Indian Subcontinent Student Association sponsored the event in recognition of a Hindu holiday that celebrates the legend of King Hiranyakashipu.



# In troubling times, magazines understand their niches

In high school, I found myself consistently intrigued by the power of snail mail and what it was capable of bringing every month.

It wasn't the fact that it brought last month's electricity bill or more "this-week-only" savings from Bed Bath and Beyond. Nor was it the fact that it sometimes brought that congratulations flier boldly proclaiming that our family had just won \$1 million. If only everyone else on our street didn't get that exact same letter.

No, in our household, at least for me and my sister, the beginning of the month meant something far more important. The new issue of Vogue had just come out, and snail mail was going to bring it to our mailbox.

Maybe it was the joy of flipping through those glossy pages to read up on the latest fashion

trends and celebrity happenings, or perhaps it was the heightened sophistication I felt in displaying the new issue proudly on my desk for my friends (who weren't on the Condé Nast mailing list) to envy. I always looked forward to getting my edition of that magazine every month because it was my favorite, and I believed strongly in the aspirations and hard work that went into creating it.

Unfortunately in today's world, those aspirations and hard work may not be taking the literary minds behind them in the direction they want to go.

It's no secret that several industries, including the print media industry, have taken a direct hit to their businesses. This past February, Denver-based newspaper the Rocky Mountain News officially stopped publication just shy of its 150th anniversary because of



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BY JULIE SESSIONS

multimillion-dollar annual losses. And just last week another long-standing metropolitan paper, the Chicago Sun-Times, filed for bankruptcy. Major newspapers across the country, with their inability to evolve to changing technological times and the economic recession, may just be headed out a lot sooner than we think.

But how does this affect magazines? Where does that leave the state of teenage girls' everywhere precious Vogue? What about grown men's Sports Illustrated? Well, despite the crisis

newspapers have found themselves suffering from, the magazine industry is continuing to flourish. For the most part.

Did you know that 95 percent of new magazines fail within the first year? And 99 percent fail within the first two. How do I know this? Because I devoted two hours of my life to attending a discussion on magazines and walked away with new insight on the world of creating, operating and sustaining a successful business and publication.

Last month at the University of Texas in Austin, D Magazine founder and owner Wick Allison and Texas Monthly senior editor Evan Smith held an informal discussion titled "The Future of the Magazine Industry." The main topic discussed at the forum was how certain print media forms fail, while others flourish in changing economic times like America is faced with

today.

The reason magazines like D Magazine, Texas Monthly and my personal favorite, Vogue, have all flourished in today's economic crisis is not because they are long-standing and well-respected publications, although that plays a huge part. They've each found their niche, and they've been able to successfully maintain their place in it.

These publications thrive on long-form journalism and intensive reporting rather than short-form because that's what consistently draws readers in. They consistently maintain ad sales because they understand their markets and they each tailor their publications to their specific communities' passions and interests. While failed newspapers and magazines fail to acknowledge the rise of the Internet and incorporate it into their business plans, these pub-

lications embrace Web-savvy change.

By embracing the change at hand, reworking business models as needed, and staying true to their original values of high integrity and quality in their products, these publications prove to an economy in disbelief that, yes, it is possible to succeed. Through the insight of Mr. Allison and Mr. Smith, it's obvious magazines like this will be around for quite some time.

Which probably a good thing, too. Considering Vogue is a unanimously close second to the Bible for some women, don't think that would go over too well if dropped from the literary radar.

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## Editorial

# Graduate tuition break doesn't go far enough

Graduate school can be extremely expensive, and any financial help is greatly appreciated.

However, in the case of Drexel University's Sacramento, Calif., campus, it comes with a catch.

Last week, school officials halved the \$47,000 tuition for laid-off prospective graduate students.

"We don't want students to leave Sacramento for another place they think the grass is greener," Oxholm told to a McClatchy newspaper reporter. "We want them to stay and use the time to bone up on their skills, so they can be ready to work at the highest possible level when the economy returns."

Drexel is an university based in Philadelphia, but has a graduate program center in Sacramento. There are roughly 4,000 students enrolled nationwide.

Drexel implemented the cut based on Sacramento's rising unemployment rate, calling the measure a "Bridge to the Future" in which local employers will reap the benefits once the recession reverses itself.

"When the rebound comes, our region needs to be ready to catch the wave. That means we need to be investing now in our best asset — our human capi-



tal," said Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III, the dean and chief executive officer of Drexel University's Sacramento campus in a press release.

It sounds like a good plan for the school, especially when the price of Drexel's graduate school can reach as high as \$47,000 a year. Students would also be required to keep a 3.0 GPA throughout their time at Drexel.

However, the discount is just for people who haven't held a job since December 2007.

Anyone who was laid off from any full-time job is eligible, whether that be a career

job or a temporary job at an entry-level position. The award cannot be combined with any other offer from the university.

Any break in tuition prices is a welcome one, but this move seems to be another case of good intentions falling far short. Even with federal assistance, the chance of an independent applicant affording \$23,500 per year is nearly nonexistent, especially if he or she hasn't held a job in 16 months.

Furthermore, those that have the money to spend on a graduate program aren't the same people that need the education. If a prospective gradu-

ate student has the money to spend on a higher college degree, then chances are that he or she has had a well-paying job.

According to the Sacramento Bee, a few other campuses are offering a discount. Take for instance William Jessup University, a private school in Northern California. WJU has cut tuition 2.5 percent for all students, graduate and undergraduate.

That's much more likely to be a useful change, as it benefits more students who don't already have massive student debt or financial commitments

to a family. Also, there's no income requirement for WJU. It's open to all applicants regardless of whether they have ever held a job.

Drexel is just one of a handful of universities that has attempted to help prospective graduate students attend school.

For its intent, the university should be commended, but it would have been far more effective if it provided a meaningful cut to tuition. More schools should follow the example of WJU, which provides tuition reduction that actually makes a difference.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Rule against homosexuality should be reconsidered

There is someone whose eyes are always on you. They exult in your victories and count all of your mistakes. They push you forward and at times reprimand you. I am not talking about any variation of God; I am referring

to Baylor University.

In order for Baylor to remain a beacon of Baptist academia in Texas, it has laid out a wide variety of expectations for students, including the controversial sexual misconduct policy, which is unusually detailed and explicitly prohibits homosexuality, among

other things. As a private university, Baylor has the right to enforce policies that might be too strict for the general public to stomach, but some might feel that the school crosses an ethical line by mentioning homosexuality in the same sentence as rape and incest. Our university's Baptist heritage should be preserved,

just not at the expense of any student's dignity, and therefore a much stronger balance between a Baptist image and Christ-like acceptance should be in place.

This is a conservative school with a specific Baptist reputation in place, and a strong stance on

homosexuality is necessary to set Baylor apart from the typical university. However, this policy is sensitive because it is one of the only examples of a rule based entirely on Christian Scripture, and while we must respect that, we should ask that the rules and punishments be handled with

no less force, but with greater understanding. If alienation is the only thing in our way, both sides of this argument should be able to work together to find peace.

Hilary Carr  
Social Work, 2012

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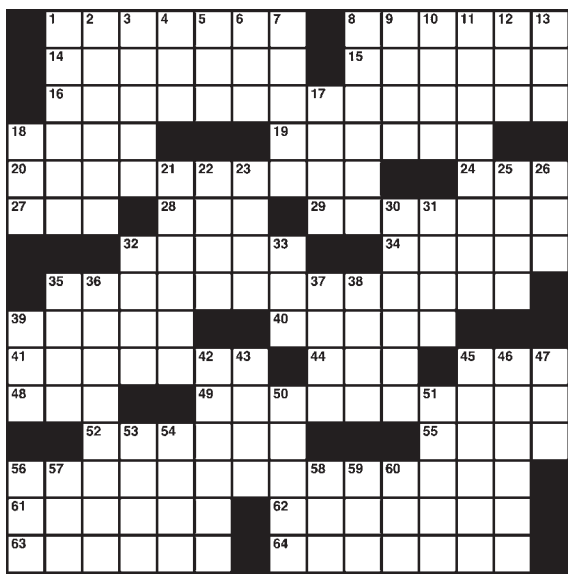
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# Student spins wheel in hopes of fortune on NBC show

By Farah Damani  
Reporter

Most people have heard the Wheel of Fortune chant many times on the popular game show.

Wildomar, Calif., junior Kassie Light, a music education major, got the chance to be on the college edition of Wheel of Fortune; something she said she has always wanted. The episode will air at 6:30 p.m. tonight on NBC.

"All my life my mom has always been like, 'You'd do great on 'Wheel of Fortune,'" Light said. "But I would always say, 'You're dumb, Mom. No one ever gets on there.'"

Light said she was in need of a job, but after a long period of not hearing any good news, she took a shot and applied to be a contestant on the show.

"She was always so good at the show when we'd watch it at home. I knew she could get in," Light's mother, Tanya Light, said.

Light applied in the summer

of 2007 and within a couple of months, she received an e-mail asking her to come audition for the show. However, Light said she was in Waco and the audition was in California.

"I couldn't go because I didn't want to miss school," Light said. "As a music major, you can't easily miss class because we have rehearsals."

In summer 2008, Light received yet another e-mail asking her to come audition for the show.

"I was super surprised that I got another invite," Light said. "It was almost nine months after the first e-mail."

This time, Light said she made sure to go to the audition since she was home in California for the summer, and the audition was only an hour and a half away from her home.

Light said about a 100 people auditioned, and toward the end only a handful remained.

"They told the remaining few that we would receive a letter within three weeks telling us whether we got accepted or not,"



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Wildomar, Calif., junior Kassie Light is one of the many college students participating on the Wheel of Fortune college edition today at 6:30 p.m. on NBC.

Light said.

After waiting for 20 days, Light thought it was over, but on the 21st day Light received an acceptance letter.

"When I hear news like that, it takes a while for it to set in on

what happened," Light said.

Her family was excited for her as well.

"I always told her that if we went on the show together, I would hide behind her and let her do all of the talking in front of the camera," Tanya said.

The letter stated that within the next 18 months, Light would be called to be on the show.

"They told us not to call them or contact them at all, and that they would call me when they were ready for me to be on the show," Light said.

On Feb. 3, Light received a call from Wheel of Fortune, telling her they were ready for her. "I called my parents right away, and they were so excited," Light said.

Christi Campbell, Light's connection group leader from Highland Church constantly said all of her friends believed in her.

"We all had kind of a little joke going and whenever Kassie would enter the room, all of us would hum the tune from 'Wheel of Fortune.' We were all

so excited for her," Campbell said.

Light's parents accompanied her to shoot the show Feb. 19 at the Sony studios in Culver City, Calif. "Being a part of the audience was a lot of fun, and everyone was so nice to us," Tanya. "The way they are on television is exactly the way they are in person; it's not a false persona."

Being a part of the show wasn't always a breeze, she said. They began shooting the show after four to five hours of waiting and filling out paperwork.

"It was fun though because Vanna White popped in to say hi while we were waiting," Light said.

Light will appear on the college edition of Wheel of Fortune. Purdue University, University of Miami and University of Notre Dame will be represented. Baylor is the only college from the Big 12 represented on the show.

"All of the contestants had so much fun together because we were all college students, and we had a lot in common," Light said. "Just waiting with each

other, being around each other really calmed us down."

When the shooting of the actual game show began, Light said things got to be even more nerve-wracking.

"Words cannot explain how you feel when you're on that box and everyone's shouting 'Wheel of Fortune,'" Light said. "When Pat Sajak talked to me and I had to introduce myself, I got super nervous because you don't want to say something dumb."

She said each contestant receives \$1,000 for being on the show in addition to whatever.

"They really wanted it to be a great experience for us," Light said. "They kept telling us 'we have all this money and we just want to give it away.' They wanted everyone to win a lot of money."

Light said she hopes to use the money to travel to Africa for a mission trip as well as experience a European tour.

"I don't want to give away how much I won. Everyone will just have to watch the show to find out," Light said.

# Student business offers helping hands

By Farah Damani  
Reporter

Moving in and out of apartments isn't a favorite activity for most students. Waco junior Phillip White founded Bear Hands to help people with this annoying task while making a little money.

White said his interest in home improvement and knack for odd jobs spawned the idea for Bear Hands a little over three years ago.

"I've never seen 'Friends' or 'Saved by the Bell,'" White said. "After high school, I watched shows like 'Hometime,' 'This Old House' with Bob Villa and other do-it-yourself shows."

After getting his associate's degree from McLennan Community College, White decided to attend Baylor and pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. He said he always knew he wanted to study engineering.

"That was preset inheritance.

I've always liked engineering; I just never knew it," White said.

However, at a Baylor a good education comes at a high price, something he said wasn't the most appealing feature.

White said he needed something he could do during the school year that would pay for things such as food and gas. He began working on the maintenance staff at University Place Apartments.

White had learned electrical intermediate carpentry and said he knew how to do most maintenance work already from helping out at home and at his father's tool shop.

"My mom always asks me to do things around the house, like changing an outlet, because my brother doesn't know how," White said. "To me it's just changing an outlet, yet I'm the only one in the family who knows how so I might as well look to make money out of it."

Working for University Place

not only helped White earn some money, but also gain a client base.

"I helped a lot of the residents move to another unit or even to another apartment," White said. "Word of mouth from people has propagated so much business for me that I don't advertise anymore."

Baylor alumna Natalee Miller said she found Bear Hands on Facebook when she was in need of a mover. "I'm from New England, so my whole family can't really come over and help me move," Miller said. "(Bear Hands movers) were good and really fast too; I don't know why they are not used more."

While White is the sole owner, manager and bookkeeper of Bear Hands, he said he does ask friends to help him out at times with bigger projects.

"It's really important that I trust the people I have work with me," White said. "We are handling people's possessions

and I can't take the risk of hiring strangers."

Miller said reliability is one of the reasons why she chose to move with Bear Hands.

White said the price for moving varies from job to job, but the average is about \$15 to \$20 per hour to move residents in and out of apartments.

"I like what I do because I can set my hours and rates depending on my school schedule," he said. "Basically I like to get on the phone with people and see what they want to do and we can always work out the price."

But, he said performing hard labor that requires so much manpower can be both a good and bad thing. "I don't really enjoy strenuous activity, but hey, at least I don't have to go to the gym that day," White said.

Bear Hands offers more than just moving services. Along with being a handyman, White said he paints houses, does tree trimming and repairs wood floors.



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Waco junior Phillip White founded Bear Hands, a company that gives students an extra pair of hands for moving or home improvement tasks.

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# Costa Rica calls education student

By Jenna Williamson  
Reporter

Baylor's School of Education doesn't receive nearly enough recognition, says Richardson senior Casey Stevens. The preparation Stevens received at Baylor, coupled with her personal drive and dedication to teaching, secured her a job after graduation at a top international school in Costa Rica. Stevens visited Costa Rica over spring break. Prior to leaving, she did her homework - she researched schools, set up interviews and compiled a portfolio. Stevens visited five schools; of those, the International Christian School in Heredia was at the top of her list. "This was the school I wanted if I could have any school," she said. The staff offered to give her a tour, but no interview. "They told me, 'We'd love for you to come by.'"

Daniel Tabor, the elementary level principal, showed her around the campus. Touring

the school, Stevens was struck by the quality of the teachers and the integration of education and faith. Afterwards, Tabor "asked me if I would be interested in coming back to his office," Stevens said. While the principal looked through her portfolio, she was able to explain how Baylor's program had essentially given her three years of experience in the classroom setting. Baylor's education program "is not a playground," Stevens explained. Starting in the fall of her sophomore year, she tutored second-graders, then she led kindergarten small groups in the spring. Her entire junior year, she interned half-days in a fourth-grade classroom. Currently, she teaches full days at Spring Valley Elementary school. Stevens says she is "there for everything" that her third-graders deal with, from choir concerts to parent conferences. "Baylor's program truly prepares you for anything," Stevens

said. "It so sets us apart from schools around the country." Costa Ricans saw that difference as well; of the schools she visited, three were hiring, and all three offered her a job. On her last day in Costa Rica, Stevens received a call from Tabor at the International Christian School. "He had showed me the stack of applications on his desk. He didn't need me," she said. Over the phone, Tabor offered Stevens a position teaching third graders. He has never hired a first-year teacher. Stevens' decision to teach abroad was fueled by professors such as Richard Strot, program director of ESL. Strot heads the Baylor in Costa Rica Study Abroad Program, in which students teach at a bilingual school during the summer. When he showed his class pictures of Costa Rica and pen pal letters from the students, he could tell that Stevens was intrigued. "I helped her make some contacts in the country,"

he added. Stevens' adventurous spirit is an encouragement to students on the brink of graduation. "We have this opportunity to do anything we want right after college. It's the only time in our lives we will have that," she said. Dr. Wesley Null, associate professor of curriculum and foundations of education, described Stevens as a bright, hard-working student who is going into teaching for the right reasons. "She is prepared intellectually and practically ... to go off and change the world with her teaching," he said. While in Costa Rica, Stevens said she hopes be involved with her students outside of the classroom. She has spoken to Tabor about coaching volleyball and soccer teams and starting a school choir. "I am here to dedicate myself to this school in the classroom, out of the classroom and spiritually - I want to give it my all," she said. "This is my passion and my dream."



Stephen Green/Lariat staff

## Flip it good

Hamilton senior Thad Boatner grills some burgers at the Alpha Delta Pi and Brothers Under Christ mixer Thursday in Bear Park.

# Concealed carry on campus sparks debate in Student Senate

By Morgan Hoffman  
Reporter

Student Senate debated for more than an hour Thursday afternoon regarding the support of a bill that would give Baylor the right to choose whether to allow students to carry handguns on university premises. House Bill 1893, authored by Rep. Joe Driver of Texas, states that students who have a concealed handgun license may carry a gun on higher education campuses, but private uni-

versities, such as Baylor, have the right to prohibit concealed handguns being brought into dormitories or buildings owned by the university. However, Baylor would not be able to restrict students with licenses from carrying handguns on parking lots or surrounding areas. President Pro Tempore Jessica Liu, a Waco junior, said the House bill gives Baylor the ability to determine what gun restrictions the university will have on campus.

"Basically we would prefer, as a private institution, to be given the freedom to make our own decisions regarding gun restrictions. This resolution says we are in support of the bill in the Texas House that would allow private universities to make their own choices when it comes to handguns on campus," Liu said. The original resolution presented to Student Senate was amended six times after various arguments and changes made by senators. At one point, a proposed amendment was rejected

by bill sponsors, only to be passed in vote by student senators. "Since no one in the Texas Senate is willing to support changes to the Senate bill, we did not feel it was necessary to include their bill," said one of the resolution's sponsors, Waco junior Becka Bovio said. Texas State Senate Bill 1164 differs from the Texas House bill in that it does not give private universities the ability to determine their own handgun restriction rules.

Katie Jo Baumgardner, Louisburg, Kans., junior and Director of Intercollegiate Relations said there is still a possibility that even if the House passes the bill, it could be changed so that it does not give Baylor the right to choose its own handgun rules. "The bill in the House allows it. The bill in the Student Senate does not, nor will it. What that means is if the Senate bill passes and the House bill passes, there will be a reconciliation committee to clarify what the final bill will say," Baumgardner said.

After much deliberation, the Student Senate voted in favor of the resolution with 20 of the 31 votes being in favor. Senate rules state the majority of senators must vote in favor of a bill (it usually takes 24 votes to pass a bill), but because not all senators attended the meeting, the bill passed. "We, as a nation, have the right to bear arms, but first we are a nation to decide for ourselves," said Beaumont sophomore Will Fuller, a student senator.

# Anonymous donors give millions to universities

By Michael J. Crumb  
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa - A mystery is unfolding in the world of college fundraising: During the past few weeks, at least eight universities have received gifts totaling nearly \$45 million, and the schools had to promise not to try to find out the giver's identity. One school went so far as to check with the IRS and the Department of Homeland Security just to make sure a \$1.5 million gift didn't come from illegal sources. "In my last 28 years in fundraising ... this is the first time I've dealt with a gift that the

institution didn't know who the donor is," said Phillip D. Adams, vice president for university advancement at Norfolk State University, which received \$3.5 million. The gifts ranged from \$8 million at Purdue to \$1.5 million donated to the University of North Carolina at Asheville. The University of Iowa received \$7 million; the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the University of Maryland at College Park got \$6 million each; the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs was given \$5.5 million. It's not clear whether the gifts came from an individual, an organization or a group of people with similar interests.

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# Baylor celebrates heritage with Rock the Mall concert

Megan Duron  
Reporter

The men of Phi Kappa Chi and the women of Pi Beta Phi are joining forces with Baylor Student Life and Student Activities to bring a day of food, festivities and free music to Baylor campus.

Rock the Mall will be Saturday from 3:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Ferrell Center. The event was moved from Fountain Mall due to weather concerns. The event will be in conjunction with Baylor's ongoing celebration of 400 years of Baptist life.

Over the next year, Baylor will recognize and celebrate its Baptist heritage through a variety of conferences, lectures, exhibits and performances that students can find on the school's



Christian vocal group Avalon will join By the Tree, The Robbie Seay Band and Erin McCarley for the Rock the Mall concert Saturday.

Web page.

Rock the Mall involves four free concerts by bands By the Tree, Avalon, the Robbie Seay

Band and Pi Beta Phi alumna solo artist Erin McCarley. The Baylor Religious Hour Choir will also be performing.

Dallas sophomore Caitlyn Cates said Pi Beta Phi is mainly involved with keeping the performers satisfied.

"We are in charge of getting their dressing rooms set up, checking them into hotels. We're personally working with them and we're their escorts to the show," Cates said. "We are their 'groupies' for the day. We will also run a merchandise tent for each performer."

Phi Kappa Chi, on the other hand, is in charge of staffing the event as well as promoting Rock the Mall. Promotions included a Facebook page designated for Rock the Mall, posters around campus and announcements about the event in student organization meetings.

Phi Kappa Chi will also be involved in preparation on the

*"We are hoping to bring together the Baylor, Waco and surrounding community for an evening of fun."*

Travis Cowley  
Louisiana junior

day of the event, including setting up stages, information tables and merchandise tables.

Louisiana junior Travis Cowley said Phi Kappa Chi members are excited to see great things come from this celebratory event.

"We are hoping to bring together the Baylor, Waco and surrounding community for an evening of fun, free, family enter-

tainment as a way to celebrate 400 years of Baptist life," Cowley said.

Cates said she is glad the event is held on the same weekend as Spring Premiere because it will give parents the chance to join students at the day's events. It will give parents an idea of how proud Baylor is of its Baptist heritage as well as an opportunity to see some of Baylor's fraternities and sororities at work, she said.

Michael Reimer, who is responsible for coordinating the event on behalf of the President's Office and the Division of Student Life, said he hopes the people of the Baylor and Waco community enjoy everything these groups have prepared.

"I just want people to enjoy themselves and enjoy being on campus," Reimer said.

## Opening this week in a theater near you



Associated Press

From Left: Ben Affleck and Russell Crowe star in the mystery thriller "State of Play." The death of a congressman's assistant sends journalist Cal McAffrey (Crowe) on a relentless hunt to discover the truth.



Lionsgate Pictures

Jason Statham and Amy Smart star in the action sequel "Crank: High Voltage." After miraculously surviving a fall from a helicopter, Chev Chelios searches for a Chinese mobster who sold his heart on the black market.

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Christy Lemire  
The Associated Press

"17 Again" is one of those movies that requires you to suspend all disbelief and assume that someone who looks like Zac Efron could, in 20 years, turn into someone who looks like Matthew Perry.

(Those must have been some rough years — either that or Rob Lowe wasn't available.)

## FILMREVIEW

Can't do it, you say? Well, that detail is just about as implausible as the film's premise itself: Mike O'Donnell (Perry), a miserable father of two on the brink of divorce, gets a chance to relive his high school days and improve his future by becoming 17 in the present day, all thanks to the magical powers of a mystical janitor (Brian Doyle-Murray).

It's always some odd figure on the fringe who brings about this kind of fantastic transformation, isn't it? This guy literally says to Mike: "I bet you wish you had it to do all over again."

Well yes, there are a lot of elements in "17 Again" that feel awfully familiar.

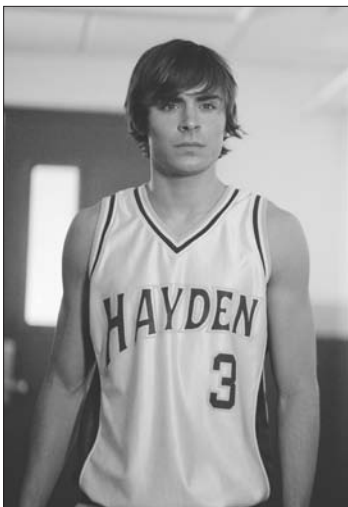
Director Burr Steers, a long way from his darkly comic, coming-of-age debut "Igby Goes

Down," takes you places you've been before — many times — in more charming movies like "Big," "13 Going on 30," "Freaky Friday," "Never Been Kissed" and even "Back to the Future."

The idea of going back to high school is so overdone, there was even an entire episode of "Family Guy" that parodied it.

But rather than changing his decision to abandon his dreams of basketball stardom and marry the girlfriend he knocked up, Mike realizes his true purpose is to reconnect with his wife, Scarlet (played as an adult by Leslie Mann), and teenage kids Maggie and Alex (Michelle Trachtenberg and Sterling Knight). The result is facile and feel-good, not engaging or insightful.

Efron maintains the dreamy presence that made the teens scream in the "High School Musical" series — those eyes! those cheekbones! — which is on full display when Mike-as-adult-as-kid gets a makeover from the K-Fed get-up he initially dons in a feeble attempt at fitting in. He steps out of a Porsche, pur-



Warner Bros. Pictures

Zac Efron stars at 17-year-old Mike O'Donnell in "17 Again." After losing touch with his family, Mike has the chance to start over when a janitor transports him back into his 17-year-old self.

chased by his nerdy childhood best friend Ned (Thomas Lennon of "Reno 911!") who grew up to make it big as a computer geek, and with his aviator sun-

glasses and devil-may-care shag haircut, he looks like ... well, he looks like Zac Efron. At least Steers knows how to capitalize on his star's strongest attributes.

Efron also enjoys a couple of amusing scenes here as a grown-up delivering uptight diatribes in a boy's body, and he connects with Mann in a way that surprisingly isn't all that creepy. But he still seems too pretty and lightweight to be a persuasive leading man capable of carrying a film. It'll happen, though. There's time.

It certainly doesn't help his cause that he's been given such a cliched depiction of high school life in which to function. The jocks (the leader of whom is conveniently dating Mike's daughter), the nerds, the awkward cafeteria moments and an out-of-control house party — they're all there, with nothing new to give them fresh life.

It makes the singing-and-dancing hijinks of the East High Wildcats look downright subversive by comparison.

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# Equestrian poised for title in national championships

By Joe Holloway  
Sports writer

The 2009 Varsity Equestrian National Championships kicked off Thursday at the Heart of Texas Fair Complex and the Baylor equestrian team is already off to a good start.

The Lady Bears, who are hosts for the event for the second year in a row, got their first victory of the tournament when the western team beat Fresno State with an overall score of 5-3 in the first round.

Three of the five wins came when the team won three of the four rounds in the horsemanship competition.

The Lady Bears were then able to garner two more when junior riders Allison Orosz and Madelyn Mooney came up with wins in the reining competition.

Orosz, who had a 146.5 leading score, said winning horsemanship earlier helped the team perform well in the

second half of the match with Fresno State.

"I think it sets the pace," she said. "It just kind of takes some of the pressure off of them and we ended up winning it."

Four horses are used in each competition, one from each school riding and two from other schools. Mooney said she was familiar with the horse she got to ride and was happy she was able to ride it in particular.

"My other teammate rode it earlier this season and she had a great ride on it, so I was really excited and pumped up to show this horse," she said. "I knew I had him underneath me and just went and showed and had fun."

Mooney was quick to give much of the credit for her winning ride to the horse.

"You're teammates when you're out there," she said, referring to the horse. "Growing up, riding our individual horse, you become a team over the years and these horses you

just have to go out and figure out how to trust them and just go and ride and show and let the horse just kind of go with you."

There was still some pressure going into the reining half of the competition, according to Mooney, despite the team taking three wins in horsemanship.

"There's still a little pressure there but having them to back us up is great," she said. "I think you can have a little bit more fun when you go out there without the pressure."

On the English side, the No. 1 overall seed belongs to Auburn, which beat Baylor 11-9 in a March 7 meeting in Waco earlier this year.

Baylor head coach Ellen White, however, said her team still performed well in the loss to the Tigers.

"Actually, I thought we rode very well against them," she said. "The judges just thought they were better, but I beg to differ."



Jacky Reyes/ Lariat Staff

Riverside, Calif., freshman Amber Mooney is one of the Baylor students competing in the Western division of the National Equestrian competition.

# No. 5 women's tennis gears up for 3 matches in 3 days

Ben Powell  
Reporter

The fifth-ranked Baylor women's tennis team will look to carry the momentum from wins over the No. 31 University of Texas and Texas A&M University into this weekend.

The Lady Bears compete against No. 28 TCU today in Fort Worth.

"TCU is an extremely dangerous team. They have top 15 talent and right now they've had a lot of injuries so they haven't played up to their ability, but I think (today) they are going to have their top lineup against us," Head Coach Joey Scrivano said.

The team will then play Oklahoma University on Saturday and Oklahoma State University on Sunday. Both matches are on

the road.

"They (the team) are prepared for that and it is really a positive for us because the schedule is very similar to the way it is going to be in the NCAAAs," Scrivano said. "When you get to that round of 16 to the championship match it is four matches in a row."

Baylor has three players with a winning streak of nine matches or better. No. 31 Lenka Broosova, a junior, has won her last nine matches and freshman Nina Secerbegovic has won her last 15, not having lost since Feb. 14.

Junior Csilla Borsanyi, a transfer from Florida University, is on a 10-game win streak and was just named Big 12 Player of the week.

"Csilla is one of the few All-Americans in the conference,

period," Scrivano said. "She is a great competitor. She hates to lose and for the last month, maybe two months, she has

*"Any time you play A&M and Texas, it is a huge match."*

Joey Scrivano  
head coach

been our most consistent performer."

The matches against OU and OSU will challenge the Lady Bear's perfect conference record, however the team hasn't lost on the road since March 10 when the team dropped a highly contested 4-3 decision to the then No. 8 University of California.

Baylor secured a perfect home record when they defeated Texas 6-1 last Saturday.

Borsanyi and fellow junior Lenka Broosova, ranked No. 16 as a doubles pair, defeated No. 25 duo Vanja Corovic and Marija Milic 8-4 to start the afternoon. The win moved Borsanyi and Broosova up in the rankings to No. 8.

No. 64 Borsanyi clinched the match for the Lady Bears when she defeated Texas' Krista Damico in straight sets 6-3, 6-0.

With the win over Texas Baylor took the lead in the race for the Big 12 regular season title. It was the Lady Longhorns' first conference loss of the season.

On Wednesday the Lady Bears started their five-game road stretch by defeating A&M 6-1.

Borsanyi and Lenka again won the first doubles match and No. 64 duo Taylor Ormand, a junior, and sophomore Jelena Stanivuk earned the doubles point with an 8-6 victory over the Lady Aggies Stephanie Davidson and Morgan Frank.

With momentum and déjà vu on Baylor's side, Borsanyi clinched the match on court four by rolling Janelle Cuthbertson 6-1, 6-1.

"Any time you play A&M and Texas it is a huge match," Scrivano said. "We were fortunate to come out and beat them but we are going to have to probably play them down the road in the Big 12 tournament and the NCAAAs."

Sophomore Karlina Filipiak added to the rout with a 6-4, 6-1 victory on court six. Despite a shakey start to the season Fil-

ipiak has emerged as a major contributor for the Lady Bears, having won six of her last seven singles matches.

Baylor fans will get a chance to see the Lady Bears in action when they host the first and second rounds of the NCAA tournament on May 8 and 9.

Fast Facts..

**15** Freshman Nina Secerbegovic's winning streak, largest on team

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# Aussie readies for last serve

By Ben Powell  
Reporter

The No. 5 Baylor men's tennis team has a chance to clinch the Big 12 regular season title when they take on No. 24 Oklahoma State University at 1 p.m. Sunday at home.

The day will be bittersweet for one Bear, however.

It is Senior Day at the Baylor Tennis Center and David Galic of Frankston, Australia will say goodbye to the fans who have cheered him on since his arrival.

"Dave is going to go down as one of the top 10 doubles players we've had," head coach Matt Knoll said. "Dave has grown a lot at Baylor. He's been a part of some terrific teams. He's made a couple final fours and he's won four Big 12 Championships in a row."

Galic enrolled at Baylor in January 2006. He made an immediate impact for the team in his debut season, tallying a 12-2 win-loss record in doubles with former Baylor player Will Ward that included four wins in the NCAA Championships.

On March 11, 2006 Galic and Ward clinched a match over then No. 6 UCLA in Los Angeles.

Due to potential rain the doubles matches were played after the singles.

Galic and Ward were down 4-1 in an eight-game pro set but came back to win 9-7 and earn the No. 7 Bears the 4-3 upset.

As a sophomore, Galic paired up with Matija Zgaga to lead the Bears in doubles. The duo posted a 9-7 record and ended the season ranked No. 32 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

As a junior, the Aussie was ranked in doubles with both



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Senior David Galic will be playing his last match at Baylor on Sunday against Oklahoma State University. Galic has won four Big 12 Championships while at Baylor.

Denes Lukacs, No. 44, and then freshman Jordan Rux, No. 42. Galic improved in singles that year and at one point was ranked No. 57.

"He is a dominant doubles player that's for sure," said Lukacs, a junior. "He has a pretty dominant personality and his character brings confidence to the team."

This year, Galic sat out the fall season due to a shoulder injury.

He returned to singles on Jan. 22 against St. Edward's University when he defeated Justin Raiti 6-7 (3-7, 6-2, 1-0 (10-3).

Still a double's specialist, Galic, along with Rux, now a sophomore, are ranked No. 28 and have won 10 of their last 11 matches together.

The pair's last five wins have been against ranked opponents

including A&M University's then No. 3 Austin Krajicek and Conor Pollock.

As the most experienced player on the court Knoll acknowledges that Galic is a team leader.

"We don't put seniors on a pedestal and say you are in charge of being the leader all the time," Knoll said. "That said, David has tremendous credibility in the group because he is older and has been through a lot."

Sunday's meeting with OSU is the last scheduled home match for Baylor. The Bears are 15-1 at home and are perfect in conference play this season.

"It's going to be a sad day. It's going to be good fun clinching the Big 12 that day," Galic said. "It's going to be a new world for me after this."

# NBC's John Madden retires

By Rachel Cohen  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK —John Madden's last game as a football announcer was a thrilling Super Bowl decided in the final seconds.

The perfect ending to a run as one of sports' most popular broadcasters, now that Madden called it a career Thursday. Yet it didn't fit Madden's style to think about his retirement that way.

"I'm a grinder," he said on his Bay Area radio show. "You just grind and get through it and when it's all over, you think about it. You don't rush into any decisions."

Madden's exuberance for football and blue-collar persona endeared him to TV viewers for three decades. Boom! As sudden as his signature call, he's leaving midway through a six-year contract with NBC's "Sunday Night Football."

"I think his work ethic and passion and love for the game made him apart from everybody else," said longtime broadcast partner Pat Summerall.

Madden said his health is fine, but at the age of 73, he wanted to spend more time

with his family. His 50th wedding anniversary is this fall, and his five grandchildren are old enough to notice when he's gone.

"The thing that made it hard is not because I'm second guessing: 'Is it the right decision?' But I enjoyed it so damn much," Madden said. "I enjoyed the game and the players and the coaches and the film and the travel and everything."

Cris Collinsworth will replace Madden, moving over from the network's studio show, NBC Sports chief Dick Ebersol said. Collinsworth filled in when Madden took a game off last October.

Ebersol called Madden "the absolute best sports broadcaster who ever lived."

Madden traveled by bus because of a fear of flying, and with the two Bay Area teams struggling and not hosting any Sunday night games, he would be on the road and away from his family the entire season.

Not that Madden expects to sit at home all the time. He'll keep using the bus and stay busy with his many endorsements. His "Madden NFL Foot-

ball" is the top-selling sports video game of all time.

Still, he noted this will be his first season away from the sport since he was a freshman in high school.

Madden was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006. He began his pro career as a linebacker coach at Oakland in 1967 and was made head coach two years later, at 33 the youngest coach in what was then the American Football League.

Madden led the Raiders to their first Super Bowl victory and retired in 1979. He joined CBS later that year.

He worked at CBS until 1994 when the network lost rights to broadcast NFL games, leading him to switch to Fox. He left Fox in 2002 to become the lead analyst for ABC's "Monday Night Football" and joined NBC in 2006 when that network inaugurated a prime-time Sunday game.

Madden won 16 Emmy Awards and became one of the most recognizable voices in television, mixing high-volume enthusiasm with serious analysis on the telestrator.

## Ready for the weekend?

### BASEBALL TRAVELS TO OKLAHOMA STATE

The No. 7-ranked Baylor baseball squad visits Stillwater, Okla., this weekend to face off against the Oklahoma State University Cowboys in Big 12 action.

Baylor (24-11, 9-6) has won four consecutive conference series, but has never done so in Stillwater. Reigning Big 12 Player of the Week Dustin Dickerson enters the weekend in the midst of a 21-game hitting streak, the longest in the Big 12 this season. Saturday's game against the Cowboys will be nationally televised.

### SOFTBALL

Coming off a disheartening loss against rival Texas A&M University, the softball team plays host to the University of Nebraska in a two-game series beginning Saturday. Baylor enters the weekend in fourth place in the Big 12, while the Cornhuskers lag right behind in fifth place.

### MEN'S GOLF

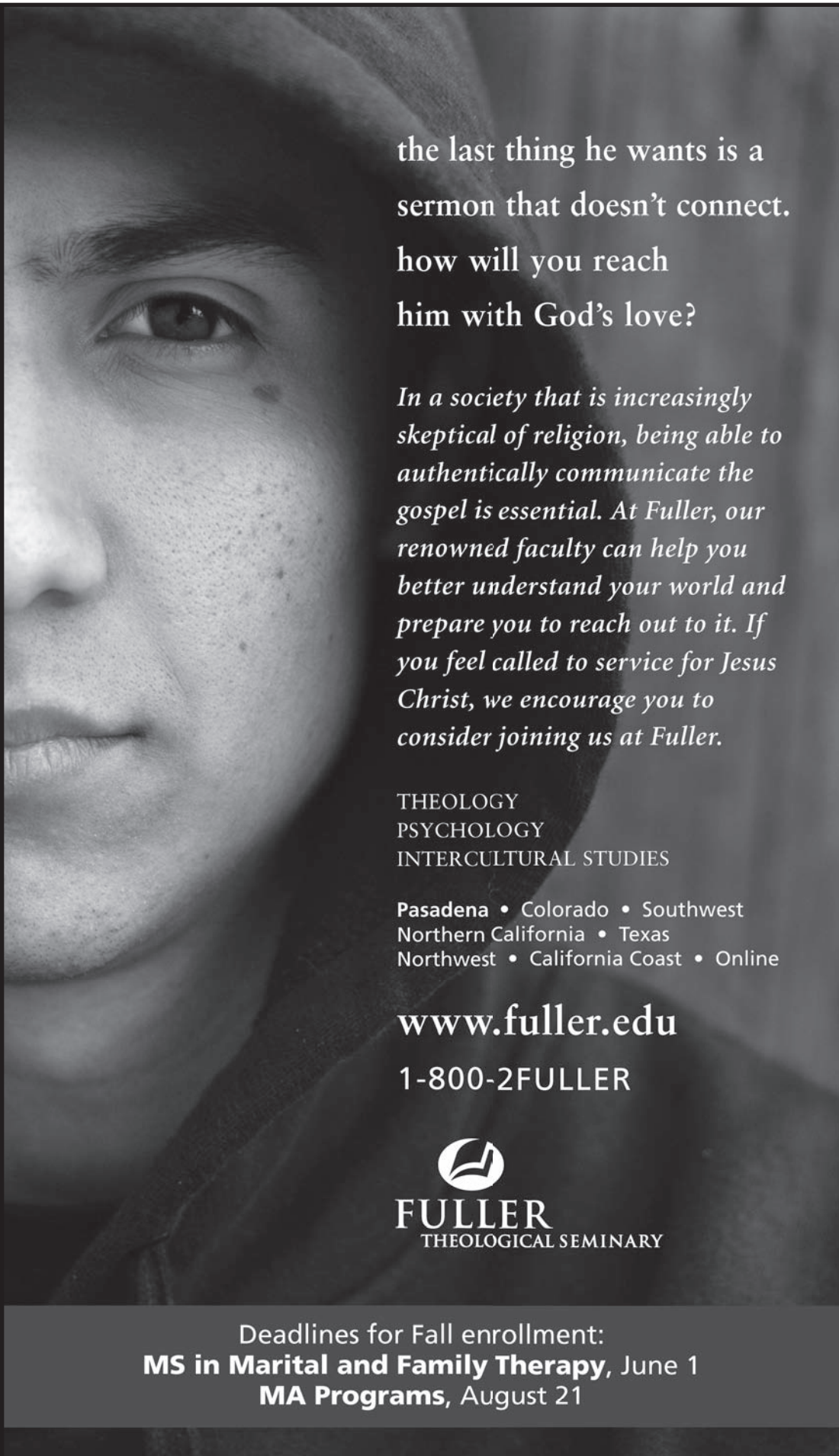
In its last tune up before the Big 12 Championship, the men's golf squad heads down to College Station to tee off in

the Aggie Invitational. After winning the Border Invitational in March, the Bears have missed the top 10 in their final two tournaments.

### TRACK AND FIELD

A week before the famed Drake Relays take place, Baylor's track and field team will play host to the Michael Johnson Classic Saturday afternoon at the Hart-Patterson Track and Field Complex.

The Bears most recently competed in the Texas Relays, where they captured four titles.



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this group, Emily knew that God had called her to bring a similar ministry to Waco.

Since they were not sure how the dancers and club owners would react to their presence, things began tentatively by bringing holiday gift baskets to the dancers, but slowly things began to grow and change.

“When we first started I had this big savior complex that I was going to rescue all these women and change their lives, but our goals as a ministry have changed since then,” Emily said. “Our goal is now to love them regardless of the outcome.”

The ministry’s main focus is to show authentic love to these women who have been hurt and feel abandoned by the world, hoping they see God’s spirit through the ministry’s volunteers, Emily said.

Bartimaeus Ministries and Jesus Said Love are non-profit organizations funded purely by donations.

Emily and Brett Mills support their family through their traveling worship band, which they say goes hand-in-hand with Jesus Said Love because as they lead worship services, they discuss how to worship daily and in a practical way, as illustrated through their work with the dancers.

“Many of the dancers are hesitant, and that is understood. They have been hurt by Christians, especially here in the ‘Bible Belt,’ and it takes time to build up trust,” Emily said. “But Jesus has called us to love, so we have to continue despite fear of rejection with anyone.”

Jesus Said Love is not affiliated with any particular church, which allows people from different denominations to support and volunteer.

“The coolest thing is that God

will provide you those simple opportunities for friendship,” Emily said. “One of the strippers I noticed was having trouble putting on her fake eyelashes, so I asked her if she needed help. She said yes, and we found that we could connect with one another. It allowed us to have a very vulnerable conversation about how horrible her first night dancing was and how she does it to support her 1-year-old son.”

Jesus Said Love has branched out to the other two clubs in Waco, and now Emily does everything from throwing baby showers to collecting clothes and makeup for the dancers.

A dancer at Sonny’s Gentleman’s Club in Waco, who wished to remain anonymous, said Jesus Said Love is “awesome, and so are Emily and the other volunteers. They really love the girls, and I know if I ever needed anything Emily would be there in a heartbeat, not just for Christian reasons, but as a good friend. I don’t think there is anyone who I could call like that.”

Emily has recently helped the dancer and her partner regain custody of her newborn baby.

“The custody battle was really hard but Emily was willing to do anything necessary to help us. If it wasn’t for her encouragement we would have given up,” she said. “We didn’t understand why she was so loving to us, but now we know she is showing us the love that God wants to show everyone.”

Emily explained that it is not always easy and Jesus Said Love could never be possible without her family, her volunteers and God continually pushing her to love.

“It gets hard sometimes, when you feel like what you’re doing is pointless and you have hit a brick wall, but we know we have to continue the mission God has called us to and we know it is always worth it,” she said.

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protects.”

The week will also mark the beginning of the committee’s “Last Out, Lights Out” initiative, which seeks to foster campus energy conservation. The Baylor community will be asked to turn off lights and computer monitors when not in use and to use the stairs instead of the elevator.

“This is all choice. It is just encouragement,” Flynn said.

“The end goal is to have Baylor use less, so the grid can produce, so that the plants don’t have to work as hard and burn as much coal.”

Monitors on campus public computers will be set to power down during low usage hours, except in high-traffic areas. Through the coming weeks the university sustainability committee will put stickers upon light switches to remind room users to turn out the lights on the way out.

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advocating the ‘secession’ of Texas or any other state from our one and indivisible Union.”

Perry emphasized Thursday that he is not advocating secession but understands why Americans may have those feelings because of frustration with Washington, D.C. He said it’s fine to express the thought. He offered no apology and did not back away from his earlier comments.

Perry’s remarks Wednesday were in response to a question from The Associated Press as he walked away from the Austin rally, where some in the audience had shouted “Secede!” during his speech. The governor said he didn’t think Texas should secede despite some chatter about it on the Internet and his name being associated with the idea.

“We’ve got a great union. There’s absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, you know, who knows what might come out of that. But Texas is a very unique place, and we’re a pretty independent lot to boot,” Perry said Wednesday.

A day later, Perry said he found the fascination with the remark interesting.

“I refer people back to my

statement and I got a charge out of it,” he said. “I was kind of thinking that maybe the same people that hadn’t been reading the Constitution right were reading that article and they got the wrong impression about what I said. Clearly I stated that we have a great union. Texas is part of a great union. And I see no reason for that to change.”

Texas was a republic from 1836, when it declared independence from Mexico, to 1845, when it became a U.S. state.

Perry has been speaking out against the federal government lately over federal economic stimulus spending. He’s also in a tough race for re-election against a fellow Republican, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, whom he is trying to portray as a Washington insider.

Perry spokeswoman Allison Castle criticized Dunnam, saying he was “trying to distract from the fact that yesterday thousands of Texans, including many in his own district, expressed their extreme displeasure at Washington’s rampant taxation, big spending and bloated government.”

Dunnam suggested Perry is positioning himself for his political future.

“We all knew he wanted to be president. I just didn’t know it was president of the Republic of Texas,” he said to chuckles from onlookers.

One of her volunteers is Dallas sophomore Lindsey Hawkins, a social work major, who learned about Jesus Said Love when a student at Common Grounds was wearing the ministry’s shirt, with the message, “Jesus Loves Strippers.”

“I asked him about his shirt and he told me all about Jesus Said Love, and immediately I felt I could help in some way. So he told me the Web site and I met with Emily and began training,” Hawkins said.

Emily said that volunteer training is especially important in this type of ministry.

“We put everyone through training who is volunteering because we believe there is constant spiritual warfare going on and you need to be protected. We only let girls volunteer in the clubs, because we know that could be a temptation for men,” Emily said. “The volunteers are dealing with a different, darker world where the girls might cuss you out and aren’t going to be refined. It’s a far cry from the ‘Baylor Bubble.’”

Because of the many facets of this type of ministry, Emily said every volunteer is welcomed to help Jesus Said Love, in more

ways than just outreach at the clubs.

The ministry has a prayer team that covers volunteers on the nights they visit dancers at the clubs, a donations team and an outreach outside the nightclubs that provides activities for the dancers to do with their families, like Waco Arts Group.

Hawkins has only been working with Jesus Said Love for one semester but said she enjoys working with the women so far.

“I love the ministry’s goal, because I feel it is just what Jesus did when he reached out to the marginalized,” Hawkins said. “The girls are really craving attention and love. They have so many questions about why a Baylor girl is helping them. It has taught me a lot and really puts my life into perspective. I really wish more girls on campus knew about it, and got more involved.”

Another dancer, who wished to remain unnamed, expressed her gratitude for Jesus Said Love.

“I don’t really have any family, and friends are in short supply in this business. When I went into labor I wanted someone there, so I called Emily, and

one of the volunteers stayed with me all throughout labor. I never understood why someone who I didn’t even know that well would just care about me for no reason. I think I am starting to understand all this God stuff,” she said.

Brett leads the male volunteers in the ministry who remain behind the scenes most of the time.

“We basically do everything except go into the clubs. The dancer’s job involves manipulation and seduction, and I don’t care who you are, no man is immune to that. We do want the girls to see true gentlemen, and how we should be respectful, but we have to keep our interaction to a minimum,” Brett said. “Plus, the wives of the male volunteers wouldn’t be too happy with their husbands spending Friday night at a strip club, even if it is for religious reasons.”

Brett and Emily said they are hoping to expand Jesus Said Love to include truckers, and basically provide the same love and support they do for the strippers.

“On the selfish side, we can get more men involved, but we also know that there is a lot of

sex trafficking going on at the truck stops, and also many truckers are on the road for so long they have got to be lonely and we just want them to know God loves them,” Brett said.

Brett said he is working to find ways their ministry can show the marginalized of society God’s love, in a practical way.

“We just want to let a group of people that are usually ignored, unless they block your way in traffic, know that they are loved. People don’t usually think about these kinds of people. Not to say that people don’t love—I am always getting casseroles that prove that—but come on, people. Share the love,” Brett said.

Through their ministry, Brett and Emily have learned many things about themselves and Christianity in general.

Brett said they want those who are interested in helping to “not be a God nerd, don’t be a savior. We can’t do that, only God can. Although it is nice to say we can fix these people, we can’t. We can only love them.”

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