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Central Texas H1N1 cases increase

By SAMREEN HOODA
REPORTER

The H1N1 virus, previously known as the swine flu, has had major outbreaks in Central Texas since the beginning of the school year.

The number of cases has gone up, and so has the worry people are feeling. This is because most of the swine flu cases have hit people between the ages of five and 24, making college campuses especially prone to it.

“We’re not seeing it in the older populations or populations where you see the traditional flu. You’re not seeing it in the very young or the very old,”

said Louri Genous, director of the department of wellness.

Last Monday, West Middle School reported that 120 out of the 325 students were absent due to flu-like symptoms. The number of absent students has increased at Waco Independent School District and both Temple ISD and Copperas Cove ISD have at least one confirmed case of the H1N1 virus. One confirmed case of type A influenza even hit close to home, at the Piper Child Development Center.

Type A influenza is the strain of flu from which H1N1 derives.

“We had one child with a

confirmed case of type A,” said Barbara Crosby, director at the Piper Child Development Center. “Of course the child hasn’t been here. It happened over the weekend, so the child hasn’t been here since last Friday.”

“It’s not going to affect that at all,” Crosby said. “Everybody is aware that we had that one case, so if there were any concern, we would make sure that we did whatever we had to do to keep the students safe and our children safe.”

Though exact numbers have not been released yet, Kelly Craine, public information officer at the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District,

said they have seen an increase in cases overall.

Since the beginning of the school year, the Public Health District has been keeping a count of cases in McLennan county, Craine said. She calls the count slow and steady. Since last week, 15 cases of flu-like illnesses were reported in McLennan county, and 17 were reported the week before.

As schools and universities get going in full swing, specialists say the public shouldn’t be surprised if cases continue to pop up.

“Naturally when people come together from different geographic locations, there will

be a period of increases in infectious illness,” said Dr. Sharon Stern, medical director at the Baylor Health Services. “But we have not seen a significant increase at Baylor University Health Services yet.”

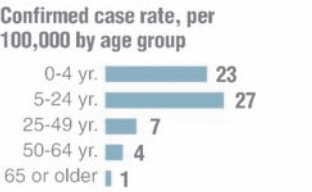
With other college campuses battling the same fears, prevention seems to be key.

“We’re not really focused on numbers right now,” said Lisa Albert, associate director of communications at TCU. “We’re focused on treatment.”

And these treatment plans seem to be working to keep numbers to a minimum. Here at Baylor, the Pandemic Plan is in full swing, keeping students

Those at risk

Every state in the United States has reported cases of swine flu. More than 6,500 people have been hospitalized and 436 have died.



informed on how best to prevent getting the flu and what can be done if cases do come up.

“I began meeting with various people in Health Services, as well as officials at Baylor, during late spring and early summer,” Stern said. “We developed a pandemic plan which we are

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Current student Web site gets makeover, provides information

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STAFF WRITER

When students log on to the Baylor home page today, they will notice significant changes to the Web page for current students.

“The most noticeable change is that the site is transformed from an endless list of links to an information resource for current students,” said Jeff Bowles, director of electronic marketing.

Randy Woodruff, Assistant Vice President for Electronic Communications, expressed that it was time for the change.

The site will feature special sections such as a daily Bible verse selected by faculty and staff members.

Along with the new additions, students will have improved access to essential resources previously less accessible, providing a single-stop for events, online directory and links to timely information. Students can also expect to find a “news for you” section, with news about Baylor from internal and external sources, such as postings from On The Horizon, The To-Do and The Associated Press.

Not to mention the addition of a weather bug that provides real-time weather conditions on Baylor’s campus.

“Students will find much more power in the new site and want to make it their home page and visit it often,” Bowles said. “This resource is a central location for communication for current students.”

Students will still have access to the older version of the Web page, “If a student was comfortable with that one, and still want to access it, it is still available,” Bowles said.



A screen shot of the new design for the current students web page shows the site’s new design. The university is making the page live today with new features as well.

Students can find a replication of the links under the left navigation but in a list form.

The need for a newer, updated version of the page began two years ago, when the university

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Director of Electronic Marketing

decided to systematically phase out older sites, so that new pages could be created that catered specifically to its constituents.

First up was the faculty / staff page, which launched last August. Since its launch the page has received positive feedback from faculty.

“It’s actually my home page,” said Chris Hansen, Assistant Professor of Film and Digital Media. “The page has

relevant information to faculty and staff.”

Bowles hopes that students will have similar reactions to the newly created site.

“We expect students to do what faculty and staff are doing. Bookmarking the page and returning often,” he said.

The new students page completes a process that began last fall with student focus groups, and feedback from faculty and staff. The groups served as liaisons between the developers and the student body.

The developers asked the students what was important to them, and took careful note.

“We received an initial design in early May, and received positive feedback from a group of about 15 to 20 students,” said Woodruff. “It looks like it’s from Baylor, but it looks like it’s for students.”

Woodruff described it as a “place of communication” for

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Decline in parking sparks student interest

By CAROLINE SCHOLES
REPORTER

Baylor welcomes its students back to school this year with a decrease of parking. Students agree that parking spots should be added, not eliminated.

“There is a never ending reduction of on-campus parking,” Flower Mound senior Meredith Monroe said.

The parking spots along North and South Russell on Third and Fourth Street were eliminated over the course of

the summer, as well as the parking in front of Penland on Fifth Street, and it is causing frustration among students.

Shelley Deats, manager of parking services, said Baylor’s Executive Council instructed Baylor’s design and construction crew to eliminate the parking along these streets to allow conversion from one-way to two-way streets for safer traffic flow.

Alumna Dawn Stover remembers when there used to be parking in between North

and South Russell. “It seems like they decrease parking every year,” Stover said.

Currently Baylor has 6,638 parking spots for students and 1,519 parking spots for faculty.

“We receive complaints on a daily basis, most complaints are about not enough covered parking,” Deats said.

Spring, Texas junior Rachael Gilbert said she thinks only certain freshmen should have the option to apply for a parking permit and be able to have a car on campus, since freshmen are

required to live on campus anyway. This way, students who live off campus won’t be left to fight for a spot to park.

“Most freshmen don’t move their cars for days or even weeks at a time I will see the same car parked in the same spot day after day,” Gilbert said.

All changes in parking have to be approved by Baylor’s parking committee, and they have not approved changes in freshman having cars.

“We have never seriously considered it at this point,”

Deats said.

A professor of theology also has concerns regarding parking on campus. Students are allowed to park in faculty and staff parking throughout Welcome Week.

However, some freshmen are not aware that this is the only time that they can park there without being cited.

“I wish there was a way for Parking Services to work more closely with Campus Living and Learning to clarify the confusion,” he said. “We need to help

new students better understand designated areas of parking for new students.”

However, compared to major universities in Texas, Baylor ranks well in price in parking permit and availability of spots. Baylor charges less than University of Texas, Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M in parking permit costs. This year Baylor charges \$225 for a parking permit compared to a \$743 UT parking permit, a \$250 SMU parking permit and a \$275 A&M parking permit.



SHANNA TAYLOR | PHOTOGRAPHER

Meet, Greet and Tie-Dye

Members of Kappa Delta Phi meet new students to have some fun tie-dyeing t-shirts Tuesday evening at Russell Field.

Fiji water furthers fads

Point of View



BY CLAIRE TAYLOR

To most people, the word “Fiji” conjures up images of an island paradise, blue skies and sandy beaches - anything anyone would expect to find in a nation made up of around 300 separate islands.

However, to some, the more familiar image brought up by the word “Fiji” is that of the Fiji Water company. The company uses its island paradise appeal with fancy, artistic- looking bottles to attract trendy kinds of people. Of all the designer bottled waters that have emerged, Fiji has established itself as the chicest of them all.

What most people don’t know is that the nation of Fiji, where the water is produced, has suffered a tumultuous past, making the water itself anything but trendy.

In 2006, a high-ranking military official named Commodore Bainimarama took over the nation. Immediately upon assuming power, Bainimarama dissolved the Parliament and enacted martial law, effectively putting him and his army in control of the entire island, according to a New Zealand Herald article that came out earlier that year.

Since then, the Commodore has refused to allow democratic elections of any kind to take place. In 2007, New Zealand Prime Minister John Key held a unanimous discussion that led to the expulsion of Fiji from the Pacific Islands Forum.

And that’s not even the half of it. Fiji bottling plants produce the bottles on site with plastics shipped in from China, according to Michael I. Niman, a columnist for ArtVoice. The plastic that is shipped in is called PET, or polyethylene terephthalate, and it is said to be one of the highest grade and long-lasting plastics on the market.

As seen in an article by IceNews, Fiji Water company’s exports alone brought in nearly \$130 million last year. With that in mind, it’s no wonder Fiji Water Company wants to protect this precious commodity in a durable, fancy little shell.

Because of this high-grade plastic shell, coupled with the fact that the water itself is harvested from the artesian aquifer on the island of Viti Levu, the expensive Fiji Water is normally sold at upscale shops and restaurants.

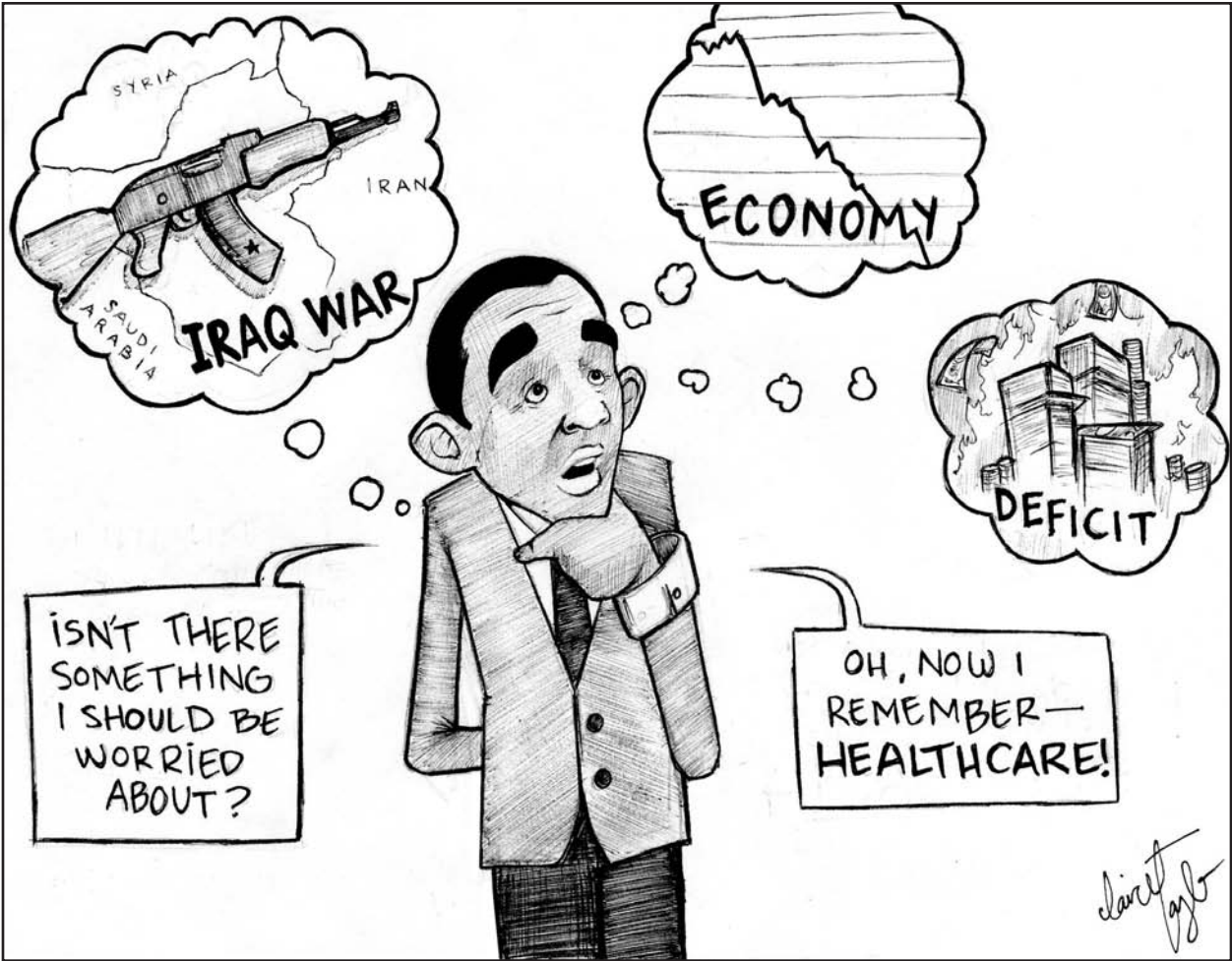
You might expect that with all this expensive water being exported, the nation’s people themselves would surely not suffer from a lack of hydration. However, according to a panorama released by the BBC earlier this year, one-third of the island’s population does not have access to clean water, causing people to die of typhoid fever all over the nation. The dictatorship profits from exploiting the land’s natural resources, yet fails to provide basic necessities for its own people.

Here at Baylor, Fiji Water can be found in nearly every beverage vending machine on campus, most likely because of its trendy nature.

The problem is that we, at Baylor, take pride in the fact that we’re educated, moral people, yet we blindly follow fads. Fiji Water is an example of how following some fads may be contrary to our moral beliefs. It stands as a small testament to the idea that to follow a crowd is to lose touch with one’s own morality.

Fiji Water and the circumstances surrounding its production embody the antithesis of what Baylor stands for and the university and students should not fall victim to this fad.

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Health care reform can wait

Editorial

Many Americans agree that health care needs to be fixed. Whether it is said in a public or private sector is the decision that brings about separation. But the detail that the health care system could be improved is still ubiquitous.

If health care reform is induced in this term, under the current economic conditions, we are the generation who is going to be footing the bill.

Those who promote prompt legislation for reform argue that there will never be a good time for the reform and that it needs to be taken on as a burden now.

Statistics are proving that current times could be the worst to enact the reform. Programs that are currently being discussed on Capitol Hill would drive up future deficits by \$240 billion or more, according to a recent article in the Washington Post.

The revamping of the health-care system has been forecasted to cost \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. It has also been calculated that the current administration’s overall budget plans will amount to a \$7.1 million deficit in a decade.

Those figures are detrimental to a

generation of 20-somethings that, in 10 years, will be in full-stride starting families and settling down, only to be living in what could be the most unstable time in American history.

Numerous supporters of health care reform also boast that alterations to health care, such as a complete transition to a public form of coverage, are the exact cures needed to solve deficit problems.

On the contrary, White House budget director Peter Orszag was quoted in the Washington Post as saying that health-care reform cannot solve the nation’s budget problem by itself, and deficit reduction will need to be a top priority.

It is an inappropriate time for health care reform. These types of reforms have been attempted in the past, and every one of them has failed.

In a recent article by National Public Radio, a biologist attributed the failures of the 1915 and 1940s health-care reform movements to fear. It is believed that the opposing party instilled fear in its constituents by threatening that the reforms would cause the country to become more communist or socialist. Therefore, the reforms were

never passed.

Although many believe that the current changes in question would push the nation’s government to a more socialist-leaning system, the main concern should be the foundation from which the reform is launched. Launching major changes to the health-care system from a solid foundation should be the first priority. And, unfortunately, America is not economically stable at this time.

The argument over private and public health care should not be the primary contention. Rather, Americans should be discussing the best way to get America back on solid ground so that, as a nation, we can progress forward in several areas, including health care.

The health care debate is clearly divisive, but after the economic fluctuations that have occurred the past several months, now is not the best time to delve into another immense project such as health care reform. Our time and effort should be fully utilized in staying afloat and returning to stability. Adding another helping of economic stress could be the straw that breaks the camel’s back.

Small decisions yield real meaning

As a sophomore in college everything is a bit more familiar. By no means do I have everything figured out, but at least I have a sense of belonging at Baylor and a small sense of home came with my return to Waco this fall.

I remember coming into Baylor and not having a clue what to expect or what to look forward to, and I am going to go that route again this year.

My freshman year brought so many friendships with professors and students and it allowed me to understand my place here.

In a column I wrote last semester at the Lariat, I said: “Through growth and adventure, my classmates and I will find true identity, leading to overall character. A pursuit that is the essence of the Baylor experience. We must holistically utilize these resources and begin discovering the purpose behind life. Do not simply acknowledge the treasures hidden within Baylor University, engage in becoming a part of the riches.”

As I look back on the past year, and hopefully as you look back, I see times of tribulation that I handled maturely, and times of kid-like joy that helped to build some of the strong bonds of friendship I now have here at Baylor.

Most importantly though, I hope to look back and realize that my decisions, my interactions with those around me and my personal commitment to every aspect of life were the defining forces of the way my life went.

It’s intimidating to know that decisions change the course of everything,

Point of View

BY NICK DEAN



all the time. Sure, most of the time those decisions are simple and lack any actual strength in comparison to life’s major decisions, but they still alter the events that follow.

Those small, seemingly insignificant decisions must occur in order for the large events in life to have merit, worth and value. I am looking forward to seeing how the now-insignificant choices in life will play out in the future.

Some intricate events in life brought me to this reality— each and every one of us is a small, impactful force in another person’s life. We may not all be the people that cause great life changes for those around us. However, most of the time we are simply small deposits into the larger investment. With every smile, nod and wave someone’s day may be brightened.

We all have professors, friends and relatives that have greatly influenced who we are today. But only we can decide who we are tomorrow and who will influence our lives in the greatest ways. What we take from those around us is up to us. Our decisions are the most important force on the future of our lives from here on out.

We decided Baylor was where we

wanted to get an education, we chose our individual majors and we chose our current class schedules. That also means we have and will face our failures, defeats and mishaps. The decision that was completely ours went unhindered from outside forces.

Sometimes we may even end up with little to show for it, but the pleasure of that mistake is glorious to most college students. Making those mistakes on our own is the first step to understanding that we are in a place that encourages spiritual and intellectual growth.

My question is now, where do we go from here? The only answer I have concocted is that we have to take it one step at a time, just like we did our freshman year. Baylor is the same inspiring place. It has even more resources for reflection, debate, friendship and learning than ever before and it is time that we realize that we can decide each choice one at a time but we cannot plan out our entire lives right now.

Knowing exactly where I would end up in 10 or 15 years is not desirable after realizing that my plan does not matter. God has it taken care of and each day will come and go and be full of small yet life-altering decisions.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28.

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Lariat Letters

Economics professor speaks out about government

We have witnessed a flurry of domestic policy initiatives from Democrats in the first six months of the Obama administration.

How can one characterize what has happened so far in 2009?

Here is a chant that is fairly common in Christian circles.

God is good
all the time,
All the time,
God is good.
A slight change can be used to capture the spirit and faith of progressives in DC.
Government is good.
all the time,
All the time,
government is good.

Dr. John Pisciotta
Associate Professor of
Economics

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Senior volleyball player enjoys last season

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

When Katie Sanders steps on the volleyball court this season, every game will be special for her. As a senior, this will be Sanders' last season playing a game that she grew up around and grew to love.

"Volleyball runs in the family. Both my parents played as well as my sisters and my brother," Sanders said. "I've always loved volleyball, and no matter what happened, volleyball was always fun to me. I've never got enough of it."

Such enjoyment and passion for the game led the Katy native to continue her volleyball career at Baylor, where she spent the past three years accumulating impressive stats across the board.

During her Baylor tenure, Sanders has established herself as one of the best outside hitters in Bears history. Sanders led the Bears in kills in both the 2007 and 2008 seasons with 479 and 392 kills respectively. Her staggering numbers place her eighth on the all-time kills list at Baylor. If Sanders is able to match her 2008



FILE PHOTO

Senior outside hitter Katie Sanders will play her last season with Baylor this year. She is currently ranked eighth in on Baylor's all-time kills list.

statistics, she will move to second place on the list.

However, Sanders' impact extends beyond her ability to hit a

volleyball.

According to her peers, her character and leadership abilities on and off the court inspire her teammates to be better players and people.

"On the court she is definitely a presence, and she helps us to stay calm and to push through," said Buda senior middle blocker Anna Breyfogle. "No matter if she is playing a little off or amazing, she has the same attitude. Off the court she is mature. She is a leader and she can help everyone make the right choices."

In addition, fellow senior Taylor Barnes notices the pivotal role Sanders plays on the team. "Katie is one of the most consistent players on our team," Barnes said. "She can get kills and digs for us and she typically leads in both of those categories. She keeps the ball in play and she's a good leader on the court. You couldn't ask for a better teammate."

Sanders believes much of her personal success comes from her ability to trust her fellow teammates, which she says stems from their relationships away from the game.

"When you can trust your

teammates around you, it makes it a lot easier," Sanders said. "I trust Taylor (Barnes) to be there to cover me, and I trust Anna (Breyfogle) to block the ball. I know my team will be there for me. For us to have been maturing together and spending time together, it really helps us on the court."

It is no secret that Sanders has had an exceptional career as a Baylor athlete. However, in the classroom she has been just as successful. Sanders, a sociology and history major, has been named to the Academic All-Big 12 first-team and the Spring Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll this year.

Knowing this is her last year, Sanders said she plans to give everything she has to make this season a success. Despite all of her accomplishments, Sanders will be disappointed if the Bears don't make the NCAA tournament.

"I expect to make it to the tournament," Sanders said "If we don't, it would be heartbreaking to me as a senior knowing I won't get another chance at this; so I will do whatever it takes to get there."

BEAR BRIEFS

The Department of Multicultural Affairs is accepting applications for the Multicultural Leadership Cabinet. The MLC focuses on event planning, decision making, leadership, and collaboration. Applications are available in the Bill Daniel Student Center and are due at 4 p.m. today.

An interest meeting for OneBU will be held at 5:30 p.m. today in the Beckham Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The Medical Service Organization will hold an interest meeting at 7 p.m. today in D109 Baylor Sciences Building. It is a great organization for students interested in health care.

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Waco aims for greenest city

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The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce launched a Green Business Network earlier this month, which will encourage sustainability among Waco businesses and lead to a green identity for the city.

"Our number one goal is for Waco to be recognized as the greenest city in Texas," said Scott Connell, senior vice president of strategic development for the Chamber.

Through this green identity and initiative, Connell said the chamber hopes to learn what businesses are doing and how they can get started with sustainability.

This will hopefully create a cleaner operating environment and make Waco a cost-effective place to do business, Connell said.

Two of the long-term goals associated with the Green Business Initiative are to create a better environment and to bring in companies that want to be in this area and attract Baylor people.

Baylor's recent sustainability efforts have played an important role in the city's sustainability endeavors. "Baylor is one of the first members of the Green Business Network," Connell said. "Colleges are really leading the way, Baylor in particular."

Carl Flynn, director of marketing and communication for Internet technology and university

libraries, said Baylor's involvement in the Waco green initiative is like a partnership.

"We're more of a partner in the creation of this," Flynn said. "We dynamically encourage one another."

As a Waco business, Flynn said that hopefully Baylor will encourage other businesses in their green practices.

Flynn said the Chamber's sustainability initiatives have already provided more opportunities for collaboration between Baylor and the Waco community.

"Going forward, I think it will just continue," he said. "We see this synergy in athletics."

At athletic events, Baylor and the Waco community work together to encourage food vendors to deal in paper and plastic rather than Styrofoam.

Education is another way Flynn sees Baylor's impact on Waco's sustainability.

"A lot of sustainability is about education," Flynn said. "The environmental sciences department and the business school are key ways where we can work to find ways to educate the broader Waco community."

Although there are numerous ways in which Baylor and Waco individually affect one another's green practices, Flynn and Connell both emphasized the strong partnership between the two.

"There is a lot of potential to work together to help create a more sustainable community," Flynn said.



SARAH GROMAN | PHOTOGRAPHER

The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce Green Building, which opened this summer, is the first green, environmentally friendly building in Waco. It is also the first green chamber building in America.

Lecture to discuss Facebook, life

By LENA WATERS
REPORTER

The Honors Residential College will kick off its annual lecture series today and will engage students in discussion on a familiar topic: Facebook.

Thomas S. Hibbs, dean of the honors college and distinguished professor of ethics and culture, will give his annual film lecture at 7 p.m. today in the Alexander Reading Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The lecture, titled "The Unlived Life is not Worth Examining: Facebook, Your Soul and Liberal Education," is part of an interdisciplinary lecture series held each year by the Honors Residential College.

Dr. Sarah-Jane Murray, Honors Residential College faculty member, said the purpose of the lecture series "is to provide students across the university an opportunity to interact with, and

hear from, speakers who bring varied and unique perspectives to questions that may or may not be dealt with in the classroom."

Hibbs' lecture will explore the way technology, specifically Facebook, tempts people to record our lives as a substitute for actually living our lives.

Hibbs will also discuss the relationship between technology and contemporary films, drawing upon examples from "The Dark Knight."

"Film, a prominent art form that makes use of advanced technology, is a useful tool for thinking about these matters," Hibbs said in an e-mail to the Lariat. "The essay is ultimately about the need for an integration of thought and life, critical reflection informed by the best books and art works available to us, and active participation in the world around us."

The lecture will provide an opportunity for students to discuss

the way familiar aspects of culture subtly affect how life is lived.

"This is such an exciting opportunity for all of us — students, staff, faculty — to get together and discuss important and pressing issues," Murray said in an e-mail to the Lariat. "Our university is, after all, not only about going to class and getting a degree, but also about becoming more engaged and open-minded citizens of the world, who go out after graduation and make a difference in our local and global communities."

Lectures in previous years included "Seeking With Groans: A Christian Approach to Contemporary Film and Culture" and "Wide Awake: Spiritual Quests

in the Films of M. Night Shyamalan."

Student attendance in the past has ranged from 75 to 220 students, Murray said. The successful response is largely attributed to Hibbs' "engaging (and unscripted) presentation style," Murray said.

The lecture will last 35 to 40 minutes and will be followed by a reception and time for students to ask Hibbs questions.

Hibbs has regularly spoken on film and popular culture and has made more than 100 appearances on radio, according to the Honors College Web site.

He has also written on film, culture, books and higher education.

Students prepare for social work project in Kenya

MELISSA PERRY
REPORTER

A new partnership between Baylor and Buckner International is not only giving orphans in Kenya hope for a better future, but also giving social work students a chance to help every step of the way.

Joining forces with Buckner, a global Christian ministry that cares for orphans and children at risk, seemed like a natural fit to Dr. Jon Singletary, who oversees the School of Social Work's Family and Community Ministry Center. While the school had a local partnership with Buckner for several years, Singletary said he was looking for ways to strengthen that partnership.

Students in the School of Social Work will have the opportunity to complete an internship at Buckner's newest projects, The Kay School and The Reynolds Center, in Kitale, Kenya. The school will serve as an educational base for children during the day, and the center will provide family support and training in the evenings.

Neal Knighton, vice president of planned giving and major gifts at Buckner, said the goal for Kay School is to provide Kenyan children with pre-school and kindergarten education to give them a head start on becoming more effective students in later grades.

At The Reynolds Center, social work students will offer basic health care and hygiene classes, family support groups, parenting classes and conduct research on what program methods yield the best results.

Singletary said he is also excited about an innovative micro-finance project started by a group of Kitale foster families, which allows them to invest their own money in a chicken farm to sell the eggs for profit. Social work students will assist in the project.

Besides giving students the chance to apply their studies in an international setting, Singletary said he hopes the partnership with Buckner will pave the way for better care for orphans and their needs.

"It is a common misconception that orphans have no ties to family," Singletary said.

In reality, the definition of an

orphan in many countries around the world is a child who has lost at least one parent. By this definition, more than 140 million children are considered orphans worldwide.

Because African communities put a great deal of emphasis on family, Buckners said his approach is to place orphans in the care of extended family members or foster families as opposed to the traditional orphanage setting, which Singletary said leads to a

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Dr. Jon Singletary
School of Social Work

breakdown of families.

While Buckner actively supports orphanages around the world for children who truly have no family, they are committed to pursuing a model of foster care and kinship care for the orphans they serve.

"We have data that supports what we know is true about family and what is true about family life," Knighton said. "We want to see children prosper and grow and realize they might have brothers and sisters who are cousins or second cousins, or third cousins or other children who have also been adopted."

While social work students will not arrive until the spring semester, Singletary is currently in Kenya and will begin preparing for them. He will then monitor their work from Waco and return to Kenya in April for the end of the internships. Even after all of the Baylor students have finished their work, Singletary, who hopes to spend several months in Kitale with his family next summer, will continue working with Buckner in their effort to strengthen families and care for orphans.

In addition to working with Baylor and the School of Social Work, Buckner actively seeks to form partnerships with individuals, churches and organizations who would like to serve as interns or plan a short-term mission trip.

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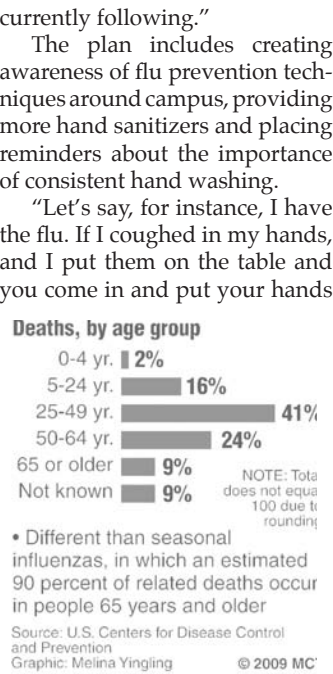
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on the table where my hands were, then you could get the flu,” said William Lopez, graduate assistant for the department of wellness. “That is why it is so important to wash your hands.”

It is even more important to get vaccinated.

“We also are ordering more than our usual amounts of flu vaccine, both for seasonal flu and H1N1 flu,” Stern said. “And we have increased the amount of antiviral medication we keep in the pharmacy.”

Getting vaccines on time is a crucial step. Lopez said it is a three-shot process: a shot for the regular flu, a shot for the swine flu, and two to three weeks later, another booster shot to continue prevention.

However, the vaccine isn’t currently available at Baylor.

“They’re still working on the vaccine, and we haven’t received it here yet,” Lopez said. “The good news is that the regular flu vaccine will be here by next month.”

Seasonal flu shots will begin on Oct. 5 on Baylor campus.

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students, and like Bowles, he hopes that students will take full advantage of the resource presented to them.

“The page is designed to help you find a place to go and belong as part of the Baylor family.”

Research fuels student fellowship abroad

LAURA PATTON
REPORTER

While many students look for ways to avoid work to spend their summer relaxing, San Angelo junior Austin Cook-Lindsay has a very different idea of how to spend his time.

He committed summer 2009 and will spend 2010 pursuing his passion for environmental studies by researching aquatic ecotoxicology at Baylor.

Cook-Lindsay is one of only a handful of Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowship recipients in the entire country.

The Web site said that up to 20 students can receive the undergraduate award, but no more than 16 students have been awarded in the last 12 years. Some years have seen as few as 10 recipients.

The GRO Fellowship is in association with the US Environmental Protection Agency, one of the largest job providers in the field of environmen-

tal science in the country. The fellowship gives out nearly \$1 million for the GRO award alone.

Split between so few students, each student has the potential to receive a grant of up to \$46,500.

Beyond financial advantages, the award presents the opportunity for a great experience.

“I saw the ad the environmental science faculty put up and just applied,” Cook-Lindsay said.

The program attracted Cook-Lindsay with its freedom of research and academic prestige. The EPA is among the most esteemed environmental organizations in the country. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the EPA employs over 8,000 engineers and scientists. The agency’s mission is to protect human health and the environment.

Since 1970, the agency has studied environmental issues and educated people about the environment.

Cook’s application process included multiple essays as well as recommendations, which he received with help from Baylor faculty. Included in the application was a research proposal.

Cook-Lindsay spent the summer working closely with Dr. Bryan Brooks from the environmental science department researching aquatic ecotoxicology.

“He gained experiences with laboratory techniques such as wet chemistry methods and bioassay protocols,” Brooks said.

In addition to this, Austin gained experience identifying research methods and designs appropriate for his research.

“We were working to understand how different chemicals and substances interact with each other and the environment and aquatic systems,” Cook-Lindsay said.

The fellowship requires that the recipient spend up to 12 weeks of the summer between their junior and senior under-



San Angelo junior Austin Cook-Lindsay spend the past two summer researching aquatic ecotoxicology at Baylor.

graduate years interning at an EPA facility, either in the United States or in one of its territories. Cook-Lindsay is hoping the 2010 internship will put him in contact with some of the top environmental scientists in the country.

Cook-Lindsay’s research is giving him a chance to be men-

tored by some of the best scientists in the field.

“I’m a first time researcher, and I’m learning on the job,” Cook-Lindsay said.

Cook-Lindsay is currently taking a break from environmental research, and taking advantage of the Baylor in Maas-tricht program.

Families, friends of detained hikers speak out

ing this.”

Friends say Bauer, Fattal and Shourd unknowingly crossed the unmarked border into Iran. In his last correspondence, Bauer called his friend, Shon Meckfessel, on July 31 to inform him that the three were being detained.

Family members are asking for the Iranian government to allow consular officials to visit the hikers where they are being held. They have also been working with the U.S. State Department in order to make contact with the detainees.

“There’s been no word,” said UC Berkeley alumnus Molly Nakahara, a former housemate of Bauer and Fattal when they were students.

“We encourage the Iranian authorities to understand this was a really big mistake and let them come home.”

“It was just a mistake on their part.”

Nora Shroud
Mother

While an Iraqi official alleged that the three hikers are C.I.A. agents and purposely crossed the border, Nora Shourd said it was simply a “regrettable misunderstanding.”

“It was just a mistake on their part,” she said. “They just got lost when they were hiking and ended up in the wrong place.”

Nora Shourd said her daughter had been teaching English in Damascus, Syria, before having a week off to take a vacation

with Bauer, Fattal and Meckfessel in Kurdistan, a northern region of Iraq.

According to a statement, Meckfessel said he felt ill and opted to stay behind when the trio made the trek that brought them into Iran.

To continue sharing news of the hikers, their friends and family members have created a Web site-freethenhikers.org as well as a Facebook group and a Twitter tag.

Students on campus are also organizing ways to spread the word of the former UC Berkeley students.

To show its support for the three hikers, Associated Students of UC-Berkeley President Will Smelko made a statement at yesterday’s press conference and the ASUC Senate is considering a bill this week that “condemns Iran’s treatment of the

UC Berkeley alumni.”

The bill also authorizes Smelko and External Affairs Vice President Dani Haber to write letters to relevant parties concerning the detainment.

While many students who saw the “Free the Hikers” banner being carried around the campus today said they were unaware of the hikers’ detainment, they said they wanted to learn more about it.

“I did read this in the news,” said junior Daniel Tran.

“I just wanted to educate myself on this issue ... I didn’t know they were still there.”

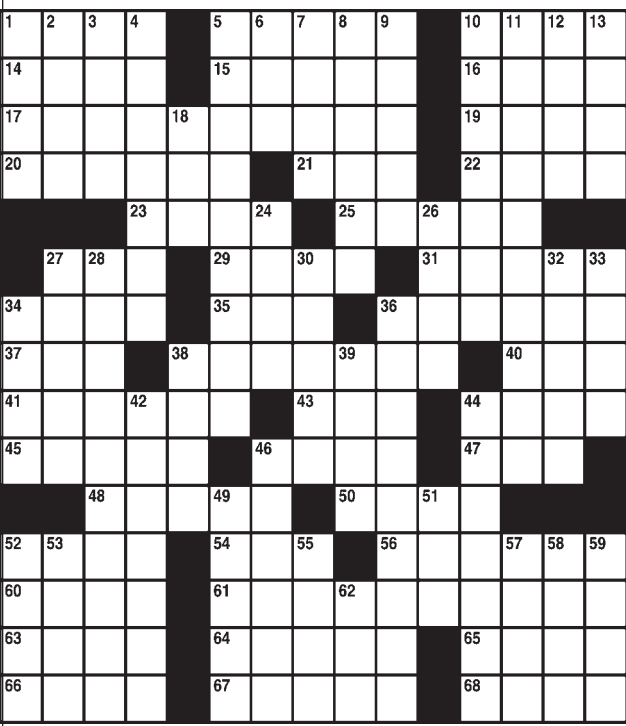
But until word reaches Alex Fattal about the condition of his brother and friends, he said he will continue to push efforts to bring them home.

“We wait on good news,” Fattal said. “We hope it’s forthcoming.”

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