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Obama addresses Senate, talks on stopping bickering

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Shaking off a summer of setbacks, President Barack Obama summoned Congress to enact sweeping health care legislation Wednesday night, declaring the “time for bickering is over” and the moment has arrived to protect millions who have unreliable insurance or no coverage at all.

Obama said the changes he wants would cost about \$900 billion over decade, “less than we have spent on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and less than the tax cuts for the wealthiest few Americans” passed during the Bush administration.

In a televised speech to a joint session of Congress, Obama spoke in favor of a provision for the federal government to sell insurance in competition with private industry. But in a remark certain to displease liberals, he did not insist on it, and said he was open to other alternatives that create choices for consumers.

Obama said he remains ready to listen to all ideas but added in a clear reference to Republicans, “I will not waste time with those who have made the calculation that it’s better politics to kill this plan than to improve it.”

In an unusual outburst from the Republican side of the House chamber, Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., shouted out “You lie” when the president said illegal immigrants would not

benefit from his proposals. The president paused briefly and smiled, but from her seat in the visitor’s gallery, first lady Michelle Obama shook her head from side to side in disapproval of the interruption.

In general, the president shied away from providing lawmakers with a list of particulars he wants to see included in the legislation, and there was nothing in the speech to invite comparisons with Bill Clinton’s pen-waving veto threat more than a decade ago on health care.

Obama’s speech came as the president and his allies in Congress readied an autumn campaign to enact his top domestic priority. Republican opposition, contentious town hall meetings and drooping polls have contributed to their woes. An AP-GfK survey released hours before the speech showed public disapproval of Obama’s handling of health care has jumped to 52 percent, an increase of 9 percentage points since July.

While Democrats command strong majorities in both the House and Senate, neither chamber has acted on Obama’s top domestic priority, missing numerous deadlines leaders had set for themselves.

In a fresh sign of urgency, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., an-

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SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Do you Jiu-Jitsu?

Graduate student Jeremy Reid(left) and second-year Jiu-Jitsu club member Mariano Mercado demonstrate the “ Drop Ipon Sainnagi” to the Baylor Jiu-Jitsu club. “This move is used to take your opponent to the ground and to hold them there,” Reid said. “Jui-Jitsu is all about ground fighting.”

Survey looks at abuse, clergy

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Baylor University’s School of Social Work recently completed the largest national survey ever in order to look into clergy sexual misconduct with adults.

Dr. Diana Garland, Dean of the School of Social Work, spearheaded the project.

“We expect shepherds to take care of the sheep,” Garland said. “We found that more than three out of 100 women who are active in a congregation have experienced a sexual overture from a religious leader sometime during her adult life.”

According to Garland, the sample also includes men and is not limited to either gender.

“I can’t think of a university other than Baylor that ought to be doing this research,” Garland said. “We are interested in determining how often clergy sexual misconduct takes place in congregations so that we can understand it, so that we can prevent it.”

The survey was included within the General Social Survey, which was established in 1972 and is only second to the U.S. Census in the field of social sciences. The survey was administered nationwide to a random sample of 3,500 American adults. Participants were asked

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Hand scanners bring convenience to SLC

JENNA THOMPSON
REPORTER

In late August, Baylor installed biometric hand scanners in the Student Life Center in order to increase efficiency and security

The scanners use information about the shape and size of the user’s hand to pinpoint their identity.

The fundamentals of all of the scanning machines are the same, however the machines installed in the SLC run on a different operating system.

There are many misconceptions about these scanners and how they actually work.

Contrary to popular belief, the scanners do not function based on actual fingerprints.

Instead, the mechanics are a bit simpler.

“Your (Baylor) ID number is registered to your profile. The hand scanner takes your profile, and you put your hand on the scan pad and it looks at the geometry of your hand: the size, shape and weight,” said Corpus Christi senior Sammi Gottlich.

“Once you register, it matches it to your profile.”

Gottlich works at the Student Life Center and witnessed the installation of the scanners.

The scanners are made to handle a high volume of traffic and were installed in order to serve as an extra security measure and an entry option for those who forget to bring their ID cards, Gottlich said.

When the user places his or her hand beneath the scanner, the machine records 31,000 reference points on the hand and takes more than 90 precise measurements of length, width, surface area and thickness, according to the Schlage Recognition Systems Info site.

This information is then matched against a previously created profile to ensure that the student or faculty member is who they claim to be.

This entire transaction takes place within a second.

“I think it will help a lot now that we have gates up and they only admit one person at a time.

The swipe line is going to get

“It is also convenient to use your hand as a credential because it is always with you.””

John Atkinson
System Administrator

really long, and I think having an alternate entry point is going to speed things up,” Gottlich referencing the SLC entrance.

The SLC was not the first building on campus to receive hand-scanning installments.

Scanners were already in place in the Simpson Athletic Center and the Lt. Jack Whetsel Jr. Practice Facility.

“The biometric hand-geometry readers were initially installed at the basketball practice facility in 2006,” ID system administrator John Atkinson said, in an e-mail to the Lariat.

“They provide security and convenience. The technology

uses the person’s hand as their credential, which is not something that can be easily duplicated. That makes it very secure. It is also convenient to use your hand as a credential because it is always with you.”

Biometric hand scanners such as the ones installed around the Baylor campus are increasingly utilized in public places such as airports, banks, government buildings and hospitals.

This new system of identification is also being used by the United States military overseas. Military base camps in the Middle East installed the Schlage Recognition Systems hand readers as part of a nine-month test to ensure that only authorized personnel could gain access to specific areas, according to a 2006 Schlage press release.

The hand readers’ performance was successful, and was in no way affected by hands with dirt, minor injuries or surrounding dust.

“It’s really helpful if you forget your card.” Brownville senior Renee Sanchez said.



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Students enjoy the ease of the recently installed biometrics hand scanners located in the McLane Student Life Center. The machines take the hassle of carrying around your student I.D. card.

New pre-health director keeps future in mind

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REPORTER

The pre-health department will see many changes in the coming semesters as new director Dr. Rich Sanker attempts to modify the pre-health tracks through service opportunities designed to better prepare students for their futures.

Sanker, who came to Baylor from Saint Louis University in Missouri, hopes to create programs through classes and experiences with service organizations so students can better investigate the pre-health

programs. Sanker said many students go into pre-health programs without a full understanding of what is expected from this major.

“I started to realize, maybe we should educate them on actually what happens in professional schools, what courses do you take in professional schools, what is actually the training process,” Sanker said. “It’s weird; you spend your whole life wanting to (be a doctor), but you don’t actually know what you’re going to be doing.”

Medical schools are starting to change their outlook on

prospective students and undergraduate programs across the country have to reevaluate their styles, Sanker said. The introduction of new courses, such as a potential class called medical foundations, is part of the programs upgrade. A big part of the change will come from increased service opportunities for those involved in pre-health organizations.

“A lot of people, when they think of particularly health professional schools, think it has everything to do with grades and test scores, and the true nature is all the professional schools have

shifted in the past four or five years,” Sanker said. “They’re more concerned with professional development and maturity of the student in determining entry into a graduate program.”

The curriculum now must shift so students are better prepared for post-graduate schooling as well as careers. The new approach is focusing more on helping students understand what it means to be a medical professional.

The program’s new direction will place a bigger emphasis on pre-health organizations. As students begin the admissions pro-

cess for medical schools, they understand more the need to be involved in these organizations.

“The program’s steering is good. You can get turned down if you don’t have service or leadership positions,” Monroe, La., senior Alex Anders said.

Community service is a factor of growing importance in the medical school entrance process. Senior Medical Service Organization president Tiffany Mason hopes this new program will give students more opportunities to serve in the Waco community. There have been difficulties in the past for students

looking to serve.

“I contacted every service agency student activities listed, and only about four or five responded,” Mason said.

Mason looks forward to the programs emphasis on service; it will help students already involved in a service organization find more opportunities.

She hopes that the new direction of the program gives more diverse opportunities for students involved in MSO to volunteer. She is also looking for opportunities to involve the

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Sporting events enhance college experience

Point of View



BY JESSICA GOODLETT

After three years at Baylor University, I would like to thank my parents for allowing me to be a part of Baylor sports history.

Now, I know what you’re thinking. I should be thanking them for giving me my education and thus a leg up in the workforce.

Nope.

I don’t mean to be condescending. Education is great, but it’s not why I call myself a Baylor Bear. I don’t get pumped up for school because I’m taking advanced physics or molecular biology. As I sit in class, all I can think about is when the next football game is or how long it is before the season opener for basketball.

For me, classes are secondary.

Of course, I’m not expecting everyone to salivate when they hear the volleyball team is playing Texas State or the football team’s home opener is against the University of Connecticut. However, if the only memories you have of college are about that professor with the weird nervous tick or when your cell phone rang during a test, serenading the class with “Hit Me Baby One More Time,” you may need to reconsider your college experience.

Sporting events are an integral part of college life. They are the time when Baylor feels like a family. A family is your support system. They praise you in good times and encourage you in bad. Baylor is a family and this is most apparent when we all come together, painted up or dressed in silly costumes, to cheer our team to victory.

So where is everybody?

I mean we love our family, right? If so, let me remind you that the players on the team are a part of your family and they need your support. If that isn’t enough to make you change your weekend plans, let me paint a picture for you.

Floyd Casey Stadium. Oct. 21, 2006. It was Homecoming and we were playing the University of Kansas Jayhawks. At halftime, as the Bears made their way to the locker room, trailing 35-17, some fans made their way to the parking lot. Only the devoted fans, like yours truly, stayed. After all, Kansas had blown a 17-0 lead the week before, but they still seemed confident of themselves.

They underestimated the Bears.

The second half, or better yet the fourth quarter, proved to be most thrilling. Quarterback Shawn Bell threw three touchdown passes in the final 10 minutes of the game. By that time, those who left the game were heading back to the stadium. This was a game for the history books, a game that couldn’t be missed.

With just over a minute left, Dominique Zeigler scored the winning touchdown. The score was now Baylor 36, Kansas 35 and the Jayhawks failed to answer. The stands emptied as we rushed the field, singing That Good Old Baylor Line and doing countless Sic ’ems.

OK, so that was 2006. Hello, Jessica ... it’s 2009. I understand that, but this was a game that I will always remember. A game that I would be kicking myself for if I had missed it. It’s definitely not my only memory at a sporting event. To count all those would be exhaustive.

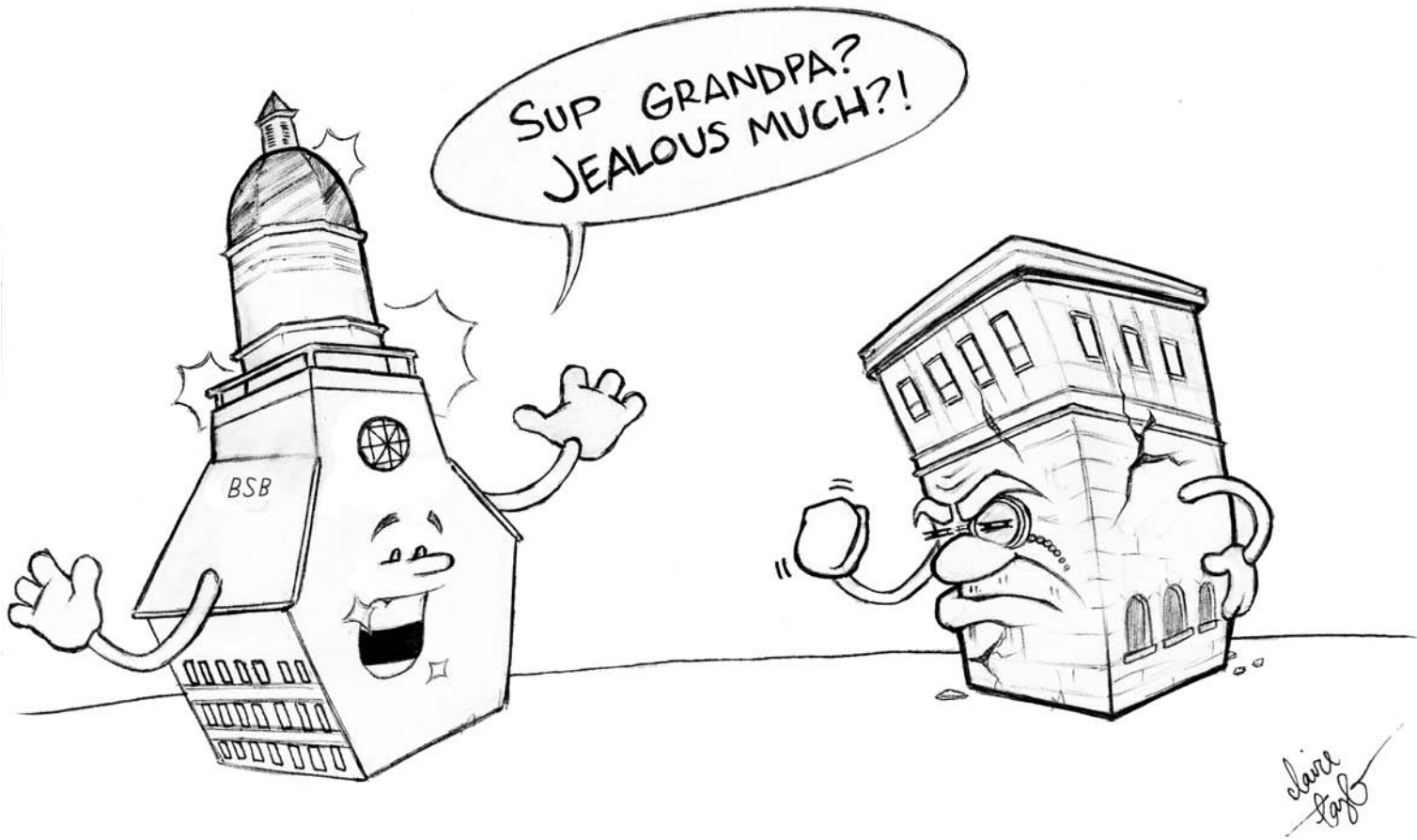
The point is: Baylor athletics is on the rise. All 18 of our intercollegiate programs are showing major potential. Why would you want to miss any of them? I was a part of Baylor history for that Homecoming game and for many other games.

Don’t you want to be a part of it too?

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Correction

Wednesday’s front page football photos were incorrectly attributed. The photos were courtesy of Brian Westerholt from Wake Forest University.



Outdated accommodations create classroom inequalities

Editorial

Few people would deny that the \$103 million poured into the Baylor Sciences Building was a good use of money. The new building has given students and faculty an unmatched environment for learning, teaching and research.

While students enrolled in courses within the science monolith enjoy “smart” classrooms and adequate accommodations, there are students just across campus sitting on the floor in Old Main and trekking down to the basement of Marrs McLean Science Building for a required foreign language course.

The technological bells and whistles found in the new Baylor Sciences Building or the Hankamer School of Business are simply not available to departments such as modern foreign languages, English or anthropology. These under-accommodated departments are located in Old Main and Carroll Science Hall, older buildings in which classrooms are not equipped for retrofitting smart technologies, and may not contain adequate seating.

The most unfortunate classroom facilities, however, can be found within Marrs McLean Science Building. This building, which houses the anthropology and forensic sciences department as well as the statistics department, is arguably the most outdated building on campus.

In the past, Baylor has done a good job of supporting the modern foreign languages department financially, the director of modern foreign languages told the Lariat, but there are

some challenges the department faces related to the outdated nature of the Old Main’s classrooms. A lack of space and trouble implementing certain technological capabilities are only a few of the building’s shortcomings.

Even those students who spend the majority of their time in the university’s modern buildings will have to fulfill their required four English courses and four semesters of a foreign language — if applicable — in outdated facilities. One would think that modernizing these three buildings would be high on the university’s list of renovations considering they are so highly trafficked.

It seems that instead of remodeling or rebuilding these facilities, the administration is focused on building projects for departments that attract the most donations and garner high-profile publicity. In fact, a new business school is one of the other buildings, is in the planning stages as part of the campus master plan, Mark Minor, associate vice president for major gifts, told the Lariat on Wednesday. On the contrary, Minor said he is not aware of any discussions concerning renovation of Carroll Science Hall, Marrs McLean Science Building or Old Main.

Baylor is only as strong as its weakest link, or in this case, its most outdated learning facility.

The administration should focus its energy, and expenses, on updating old facilities before building new ones. The Baylor business department is no more worthy of a new facility than

any other department, especially considering that the current business building is well-equipped to meet faculty and student needs.

The learning environment is important. Those departments located in outdated buildings are forced to deal with problems incorporating new technologies and space limitations, while those in the Baylor Sciences Building and Hankamer School of Business do not have to worry about these things that might hinder the classroom experience.

There have been small improvements to Marrs McLean in the form of a new computer lab set to open this week and a proposed revamping of select classrooms that were requested by the department some time ago unfortunately, a fresh coat of paint and some new carpeting will not bring this facility up to par with the rest of the university. This building alone stands as a blatant testament to the inequality in accommodations among university departments.

The most practical solution is for the administration to bring the subpar learning facilities up to the university standard before taking on expensive rebuilding projects such as the newly proposed business school. By prioritizing the remodel of outdated buildings, every department will have the opportunity to operate from the same level and give students the most for their money.

European culture discovered, appreciated during time abroad

I told myself at the beginning of this summer that I wouldn’t leave Europe, and the Baylor in Maastricht program, the same way I came. After spending three months there, I am convinced that would have been virtually impossible. There is something about hopping on a train with a backpack on your back every weekend and being in another country in a matter of hours that changes your perspective on everything.

Mark Twain once said that travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness. As Americans, we often get so caught up in our own culture and way of life that it traps us into a superior way of thinking. It’s almost as if we forget there are other cultures with the potential to teach us much more than we could ever imagine.

At times, everything was different, yet I discovered that many things weren’t so foreign. Languages and customs may vary, but emotions are always, always the same.

Traveling has the power to destroy some stereotypes, while, unfortunately, perpetuating others. For example, Americans really are loud. This is no myth. We just can’t seem to help it. We also complain loudly - and often. We are ambitious, driven by deadlines and live life by rigid time constraints. We work from 9 to 5 every day, five days a week, though six or seven is preferable. We work our way up to two weeks of vacation. Time is precious - every moment counts. We go to college for four years, grad school for two

Point of View

BY SOMMER INGRAM



and are settled down with a job and family by the age of 30.

In Europe, life moves along at a much more leisurely pace. It isn’t uncommon for stores to open at noon on a Monday and close by 7 p.m. The entire month of August is devoted to vacation, so I eventually stopped being surprised when nothing was open.

Though differences like these can be frustrating, the key is to not to unfairly judge an entire group of people by the slim view you have been afforded into their worlds. There are kind people, rude people, funny people, smart people and deceptive people in every country.

Travel has a way of stretching the mind and freeing the spirit. This comes not necessarily from the immediate gratifications of trying new food, seeing new styles and learning new languages, but from experiencing how others do differently what we believed to be the right and only way.

Time flew by and time stood still. I had forgot-

ten the world could still be so lovely. I saw God in everything— in the peaks of the Swiss Alps, in the orange and pink blends of a Greek sunset and the gentle, rolling hills of the Irish countryside. We live in a wonderful world overflowing with beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the discoveries we can make if only we seek them with open minds and hearts. There were small obstacles in the form of late trains, questionable hostels, metro fines and faulty maps, but I wouldn’t trade my time abroad for anything.

Something unexpected this trip left me with was a thirst to travel more. The lens through which this program helped me view the world is one that helps me appreciate every moment, every person, every opportunity; to understand the vastness of the world more fully, soak in the beauty of diversity and live more vibrantly. I believe that experiencing life in a different way, even if only for three months, has left me a changed person. And the way I see it, only people who have been significantly changed have the power to, in turn, change their own worlds.

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Study abroad fair offers cultural opportunities

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The Baylor study abroad fair will be held Tuesday during Dr Pepper Hour, providing students with a window to venture outside of the classrooms in Texas and immerse themselves into the cultures of other countries.

"Studying abroad has spurred me to become more involved in my school and community. There are mysteries, culture and cuisine in Waco just as there are in any foreign city," said Spring junior Claire Moncla, who studied abroad in Maastricht, Netherlands.

Baylor in Maastricht is one of the oldest and most popular

study abroad programs at Baylor, with 40 to 45 students participating each semester. Students travel with a program director and take classes with both the director and at the Center for European Studies at the University of Maastricht.

"Classes were set up differently than American classes, with little to no written homework during the week and only a midterm, paper and final," Moncla said. "The classes were discussion based with very heavy emphasis on reading, primary materials instead of textbooks."

The University of Maastricht has a variety of classes offered to Baylor students, from intercultural

philosophy and communication to Dutch art history.

"I picked Maastricht because anyone can go no matter their major. I am a biology major and most study abroad programs are specialized in either art, history or business," said Kingston, N.H., junior Katie Little. "From the 40 people that went, there was a wide variety of majors represented and people were able to make it work through alternative classes taught by the University of Maastricht, to classes taught by our Baylor program director, to online classes corresponding with a Baylor professor (in Waco)."

Courses are taught Monday through Thursday for eight

weeks, with four weeks set aside for travel at the end of the semester. Students participating in the program are given a three-month Eurail pass, which can be used in over 20 European countries.

"One day I would be in Germany and the next day I would be laying on a beach in Greece. Then a few days later I would hop over to Italy and visit the Vatican and see the Coliseum. I learned and saw so many things," Little said. "I dare someone to find a person that has done the Maastricht study abroad program and didn't love it."

Baylor has multiple study abroad programs during the

summer for students who cannot take a semester to travel. One program available for students is Baylor in Italy, a month long program by the classics department that involves traveling in Rome, Sicily and Naples.

"I didn't pick Italy; Italy picked me," said alumni Benny Barrett. "I couldn't afford it, but a professor helped me find scholarships so that I could go."

Once in Italy, Barrett enjoyed his trip.

"I got to have class sitting on a bench in Capri, overlooking the ocean. It was absolutely beautiful," Barrett said.

Studying abroad gives valuable world experience to Baylor students.

"There were many nights spent on trains and miles and miles of walking through foreign streets, but I soaked in every moment," Moncla said.

"I came back realizing I had not made the most of my time at Baylor like I had in Europe. In Europe I wanted to dig my roots into everything: food, culture, modes of travel, language and people. Why had I not done that at Baylor in Waco?"

Information about Baylor in Maastricht, Baylor in Italy and other study abroad programs will be available during the study abroad fair from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

New survey notes ethnic races at BU

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Baylor will begin its ethnicity re-identification survey Monday.

The Department of Education and the Department of Labor issued guidelines in October 2007 that create new, separate categories of race and ethnicity. These categories will be included in this survey.

The collected data may then be used for research or reported to the federal government.

The first question will be whether or not the respondent is Hispanic or Latino, which is defined as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Central American or other Spanish ori-

gin, regardless of race.

The second question asks the respondent to select one or more races from five racial groups: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African-American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander or White.

Respondents will also have to identify sub-categories that fall within each group to provide Baylor with more information on its faculty, staff and students.

The survey will be available on Bearweb to everyone upon initial login.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to respond to the survey as soon as possible so that the most accurate data will be available for reporting.



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Growling for grub

Judge Lady Bear eyes her Baylor Chamber of Commerce trainer's hand, which is full of oranges and craisins, Wednesday. This routine is part of her walk in front of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Man hijacks Mexican plane after 'revelation'

By MARK STEVENSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY — A Bolivian religious fanatic briefly hijacked a jetliner from the beach resort of Cancun as it landed in Mexico City on Wednesday, police said. All passengers and the crew were released unharmed.

The Bible-carrying hijacker used a juice can he said was a bomb to hold the 103 passengers and crew on the tarmac for more than an hour. Masked police stormed the aircraft with their guns drawn and escorted several handcuffed men away without firing a shot. Police later said there was only one hijacker.

Jose Flores, 44, told investigators he hijacked Aeromexico Flight 576 after a divine revelation, according to Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna. Flores said Wednesday's date — 9-9-09 — is the satanic number 666 turned upside down.

Flores, speaking to reporters after he was detained, said he took control of the aircraft with "a juice can with some little lights I attached."

"Christ is coming soon," he added, smiling.

As the plane was landing, Flores stood up and showed his contraption to a flight attendant, saying he and three others were hijacking the plane, Garcia Luna said. Flores later told police his three companions were "the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

He ordered the pilot to circle over Mexico City seven times and asked to speak with Mexican President Felipe Calderon, saying he wanted to warn him of an impending earthquake, Garcia Luna said.

Garcia Luna said Flores is a drug addict who was convicted of armed robbery in Bolivia, and has lived in Mexico for 17 years. Flores described himself as a pastor in southern Oaxaca state who had gone to Cancun to preach.

He is also a Christian music singer who in videos posted on YouTube sings of leaving drugs



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Police prepare to enter a hijacked Aeromexico plane sitting on the tarmac Wednesday at Mexico City's international airport. A Bolivian used a juice can he said was a bomb to briefly hijacked the plane from the beach resort of Cancun as it landed in Mexico City. All passengers and the crew were released unharmed.



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Jose Flores, 44, admitted he hijacked an AeroMexico passenger plane after he had a "divine" revelation that a massive earthquake was going to hit Mexico City.

and finding God.

"I was in jail, I was a despicable drug addict, but Christ freed me a few years ago," Flores sings along with recorded norteno music to a crowded stadium.

In other videos, Flores, who goes by the stage name Josmar, is seen playing with nunchakus and shooting a coin he tosses in the air.

At the Uncionmusic Web site, a Christian music distributor based in Oakland, California, that sells Flores' music on the Internet, he

is described as "an international evangelist with a shocking testimony on how God rescued him after his family sent him from Bolivia to Mexico City on a one-way ticket ... because of his addiction to cocaine and alcohol."

Saul Bueno, of Uncionmusic, said that he doesn't personally know Flores and that his music has sold poorly since they began offering his CDs two years ago.

"As a Christian I think about what was going through his mind, because that's not the way to get attention," Bueno said.

The attorney general's office said it was opening an investigation into terrorism and kidnapping.

U.S., French and Mexican citizens were among the passengers, according to a U.S. official in Washington who was briefed on the situation. The official was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke on condition of anonymity.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said at least 14 U.S. citizens were on the plane and they were being

interviewed by Mexican authorities at the airport.

Passenger Rocio Garcia told the Televisa network that the pilot made an announcement after landing in Mexico City that the airplane was being hijacked.

"These were scary moments," she said.

Passengers said the hijacker stayed in his seat throughout the incident and the pilot came back from the cockpit to negotiate with him.

Mexican officials negotiated the release of women and children through the pilot before sending in the police. The plane was isolated at the end of a runway in an area designed for emergencies and the airport remained open.

The most recent hijacking attempt in the Americas occurred April 19, when a man with a handgun tried to commandeer a Canadian jetliner in Jamaica. The standoff ended before takeoff at Montego Bay's airport when military commandos burst onto the plane and disarmed the man, who was described as "mentally challenged."

BEAR BRIEFS

The Sports Sponsorship and Sales Mixer will be held at 6:15 p.m. in Room 110 Cashion Academic Center. All students are welcome.

Panhellenic Council Presents Recruitment Orientation at 6:30 p.m. in Waco Hall. All women interested in sorority recruitment should attend this important informational meeting. You will learn more about registering for recruitment at Baylor, the requirements and the schedule of events.

There will be a Best Buddies Interest Meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. in Kayser Auditorium in the Hankamer School of Business. Best Buddies is a program that allows students to mentor special needs kids.

The Pre-Physician Assistant Society Interest Meeting will be held at 8 p.m. tonight in the A236 Baylor Sciences Building. All majors are welcome.

The Pulse Undergraduate Journal is accepting admissions. Students are encouraged to submit religion-based papers to be considered for publication in The Pulse this fall. Submission information is available online at www.baylor.edu/pulse. All submissions are due Monday. For additional information, contact abby_worland@baylor.edu.

Freshman Leadership Organization Applications are due Friday. For an application or for additional information, visit www.baylor.edu/leadership/flo or the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement office.

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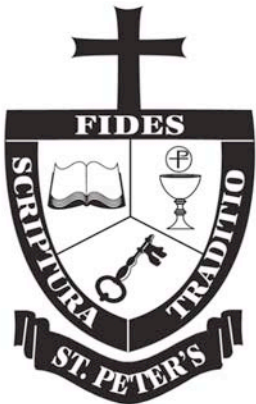


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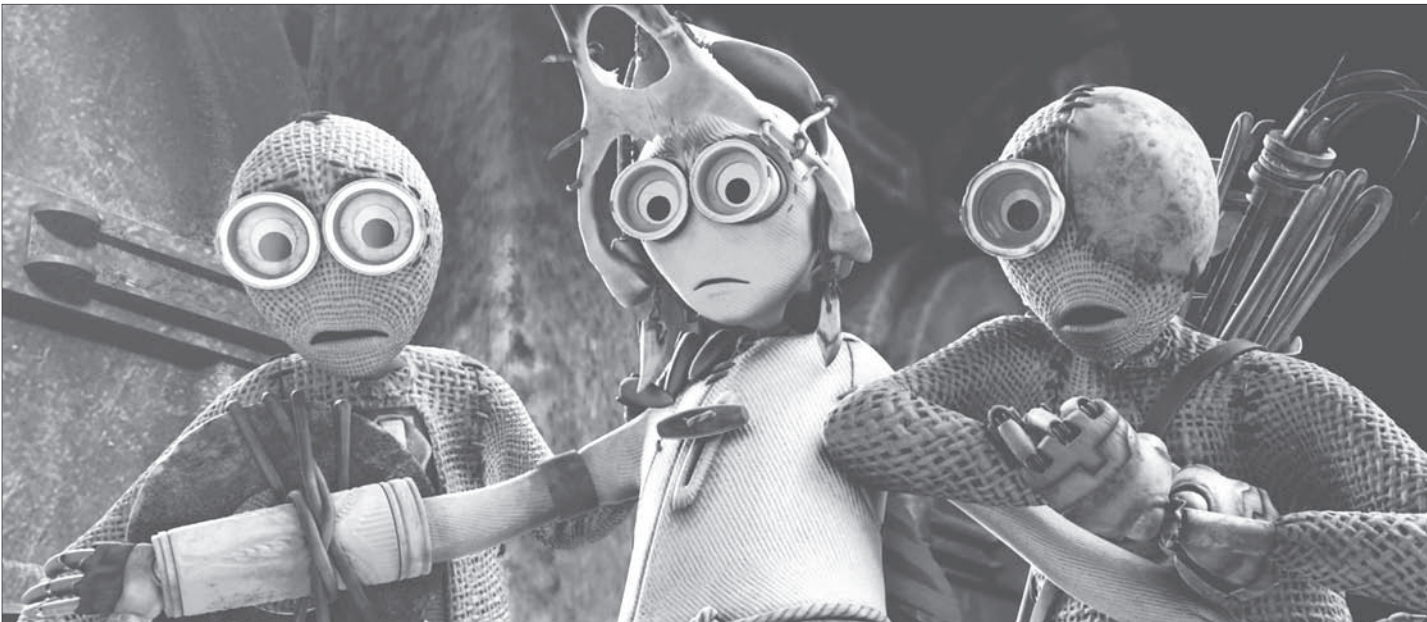
Jay-Z creates colossus with latest 'Blueprint'

By GLEN GAMBOA
McClatchy Newspapers

Sorry, young rappers, Jay-Z's whole "Blueprint" thing was a trick. These albums don't show a path to success. They show how Jay succeeds and why he cannot be duplicated. "The Blueprint 3" (Roc Nation) is the most untouchable of them all. Put aside that no one else could nab Kanye West to produce the bulk of the tracks or get Alicia Keys to sing a memorable hook. Though they're part of what makes this so special, in the end, it all rests with Jay-Z, whose rhymes are as pointed as ever and whose flow proves to be more flexible than ever before. He out-does Eminem on the quirky "Thank You." He outpaces hip-hop's leading edge by twisting the Europop-influenced "What We Talkin' About" and "On to the Next One" around his style. But most important, he tops himself, both as he takes a victory lap as hip-hop's reigning champion — on "Run This Town"

and "Empire State of Mind," where he declares, "I'm the new Sinatra" — and when he pushes for change. Though Jay-Z is known for his party anthems, he's actually at his best when he speaks out on what's irking him — whether it's his campaign against AutoTune on the hard-hitting "D.O.A. (Death of AutoTune)" or the takedown culture on "Hate," where he and West egg each other on, pushing each other to try wilder approaches. But it's "Off That," where Jay takes on race-baiting and pushes back at Bill O'Reilly and Rush Limbaugh, that shows his best skills. It's both pointed ("It's 2010, not 1864," he deadpans) and still lighthearted enough to remain accessible. It would be great if that touched off a run on well-crafted, well-meaning hip-hop, but Jay-Z's latest "Blueprint" is so good that it's almost impossible to follow. "The Blueprint 3" comes out Friday.

Grade: A



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Nine (Elijah Wood), Seven (Jennifer Connelly) and Five (John C. Reilly) try to survive a world filled with machines after a scientist's creation goes awry.

Graphics overshadow plot in '9'

By ASH ANDERSON
Entertainment Editor

The trailers of "9" should be used in film classes as prime examples of how to mislead your audience. With scenes of intense action cut in between statements of "This isn't your little brother's animated movie," I expected a film with a mature plot, deep characters and phenomenal graphics. I went one for three. Set in a post-apocalyptic world where humans are non-existent and intelligent machines roam free, "9" sets its focus on a group of rag dolls known as "stitch-

punks." With a number painted on their back as a chronological record of creation, the stitch-punks are the last line of defense against the roaming machines. Enter 9 (voiced by Elijah Wood). As the final creation of The Scientist, 9 is awoken to find his creator expired on the floor. You'd think that the plot would be explained after this, but it's not. In fact, the most basic plot elements aren't explained until about 30 minutes into the movie. When the entire film is a meager 79 minutes, you can see how this is a problem. What upset me the most is

that these "stitchpunks" really had some depth to them, but the movie is far too short for anyone to emotionally invest in them. I wanted to care about these survivors, but alas, it seemed as if the plot took a back seat to the graphics. Speaking of the graphics, "9" has some of the best computer generated imagery that I've ever seen. When the film was first unveiled, I heard rumors of a more technologically advanced form of stop-motion animation. Those rumors couldn't be farther from the truth. The animation is so smooth that when you

see the opening scenes of The Scientist's fingers as he puts the finishing touches on 9, you will swear that you're looking at human flesh. Sadly, the graphical achievements are where most of the praise for this film ends. When the middle of the movie rolled around, I was just starting to understand it, and when the end credits began to roll, I found myself upset at the fact that I didn't get to get to know those cute little stitch-punks on a more personal level.

Grade: C+

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19 Kentucky Derby entrant
20 Start of an investor's quip
23 Firefighting aid
24 Turndowns
25 Pleasing breeze
29 Asian inland sea
31 Butcher's units: Abbr.
34 Gallic she
35 Appointment
37 Words on a desk box
39 Quip, part 2
41 Quip, part 3
43 Dentist's request
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46 Sensible
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50 Good-sized chamber ensembles
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53 Elmer Fudd, for one
55 End of the quip
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64 Source of a suit
65 "Chestnuts roasting ..." co-writer
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Men's golf benefits from Michigan State transfer

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS REPORTER

Chipping out of Bermuda grass was far from the only thing on Payne Gniewek's mind as he rolled into Waco on Aug. 19.

The Baylor golfer transferred from Michigan State University before the semester started and he went to work as soon as he arrived.

"It was a little tricky getting settled in," Gniewek, a junior from Trenton, Mich., said. "We had qualifying the first day."

And the second. And the third.

Then after qualifying and three more days of practice, Gniewek found himself heading back north. This time to Riverside, Iowa, and this time with a gold "BU" emblazoned on his green polo. The color of his shirt is one of the few things that the former Michigan State Spartan did not have to adjust to.

Gniewek earned a spot in the first tournament despite the lack of time to prepare. Battling his new teammates on his first day in Waco for a spot on the tournament team, the junior landed the fifth and final spot.

"I didn't know what to expect but was confident coming in," said Gniewek.

He contributed his confidence to his consistent play over the summer months. Gniewek's solid play goes back to the spring as well. According to the 2008-2009 Michigan State University Golf Media Guide, Gniewek averaged fewer than 74 strokes a round for his sophomore season (second best on the squad) and closed out April with a first place finish in the Fossum/Spartan Invitational.

But upon arriving in Waco, Gniewek put his days as a Spartan behind him. It's all about this season and making the necessary adjustments to contribute to the Baylor team.

When asked about the differences between playing in Michigan and Texas, Gniewek first noted the difference in weather.

"It's much hotter down here, and windier," Gniewek said.

But after the weather, only a few golf-savvy folk would think to guess the changes in grass types as the next significant difference between East Lansing, Mich., and Waco. Bent grass, a thinner, softer grass type, is common to many northern golf

courses but many Texas courses feature Bermuda, which usually creates a thicker, heavier rough to hit out of and a slower green to putt on.

"I grew up playing on bent grass, but down here it's all Bermuda," Gniewek said. "But it's good to get used to it."

The junior said the ability to adapt to different grass types would be useful if he plays on the PGA tour someday. But for now Gniewek is focused on the task at hand: winning some tournaments with his new squad.

"The guys on the team are great," said Gniewek. "They're competitive. (There are) 10 guys grinding it out each day and that's how you get better."

Baylor golf coach Greg Priest expressed his excitement for the addition of Gniewek to the team and the team as a whole.

"I think he's going to be great," Priest said. "He's a great guy and fun to be around, very coachable."

And as for the team, Priest believes Gniewek will contribute to the new vision for the season.

"(There is) a different attitude. We all have one goal: getting to nationals," said Priest.

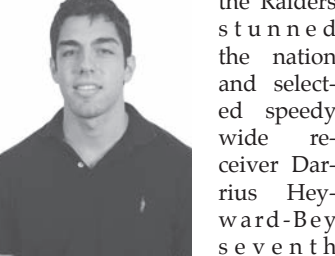
Ex-Tech player holdout detrimental to team, image

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

Zero games played, zero catches, zero yards, zero touchdowns. Those are the NFL statistics of Michael Crabtree, a player who keeps refusing an offer of \$20 million to play professional football this season.

So why on earth would a kid just out of college, in the middle of a recession, pass on so much money? Because he thinks he is worth more.

In April, the San Francisco 49ers thought they hit the jackpot when the Raiders stunned the nation and selected speedy wide receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey seventh overall.



Kevin Tamer

That allowed the Niners to take Michael Crabtree from Texas Tech University at pick No. 10.

While Heyward-Bey has the acceleration and speed to stretch the field, something Raiders' owner Al Davis idolizes, Crabtree's swift route-running and strong hands had many believing he was the top receiver on the board, including Crabtree.

The pick quickly turned disastrous when Crabtree announced he would sit out the 2009 season unless he is paid the \$23 million he would have received if the Raiders drafted him. Crabtree has been negotiating his contract based on a fictional mock draft that had him going seventh overall, rather than the real draft that actually took place. Such irrational behavior is why the 49ers find themselves in the midst of a hold-



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San Francisco 49ers No. 1 draft pick, Michael Crabtree watches Alex Smith during practice when the 49ers training facility.

out, days before their first game.

Crabtree's cousin and "advisor," David Wells, has been quoted saying that Crabtree "wants to be paid like one of the best players." I'm fine with that, but Crabtree must prove he is in fact "one of the best players" before he makes demands like one. Yes, Crabtree was a great college football player. I will never forget the amazing touchdown he scored as time expired in a game against the University of Texas last season.

He should take pride in his college football career. However, his prima donna attitude is laughable since he has yet to play a down of professional football. Until I see him score a touchdown on a defense like the Ravens or take a hit from Troy Polamalu, I won't even consider him as a player who deserves that kind of money.

So what's in store for Crabtree if he does indeed sit out this season? Not only would he lose a year of training with NFL-cal-

iber players, but he also wouldn't make any money either. If anything, Crabtree should learn from former Cincinnati Bengals receiver David Verser. Like Crabtree, Verser was the No. 10 overall draft pick from a Big 12 school.

However, Verser held out for more money, signed late and eventually slipped into the shadow of Cris Collinsworth, a second-round draft pick.

So Michael Crabtree, just sign already. You are 21 years old, getting paid millions of dollars to play football. You owe it to your team and the few fans you have left since bringing this ridiculous distraction to football this off-season. All you are doing is coming off as another arrogant football player who only cares about money. But there is still time to prove us wrong.

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Los Angeles wide receiver David Gettis hauls in a pass during Wednesday afternoon's practice at the Higher's Athletic Complex. Gettis led the Bears in receiving during Saturday's game against Wake Forest University. Gettis tallied five receptions for 65 yards and a touchdown en route to a 24-21 Baylor victory.

Gettis expects strong senior year

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

Entering 2009, questions arose around who the Bears could depend on to perform at the wide-out position. Four minutes into the season opener at Wake Forest, David Gettis answered the team's call. Now Gettis is looking to finish his senior campaign as strong as he started.

While sophomore Kendall Wright led the team in receiving as an inside receiver, the 6-foot-4-inch Gettis is still expected to haul in passes as he did for a 37-yard strike in the Bears' opening drive.

Performances like his five-catch, 65-yard effort against the Demon Deacons are crucial to the team's success, says head coach Art Briles.

"It's gratifying to coaches, teammates and him individually. What he did against Wake Forest, making plays, we have a good chance to be a good football team," Briles said.

Gettis, a participant in the 2005 U.S. Army All American Bowl, totaled 64 receptions and 880 receiving yards through his first three seasons. His lone touchdown, though, came against Oklahoma State University his freshman year.

Scoring touchdowns, though, falls lower on his priority list than providing solid yardage for the team.

"If I have a game with 90 yards and no touchdowns, that's a successful game for me because I got yards and helped the offense along," Gettis said.

Being synchronized with Get-

tis and the receiving core is something quarterback Robert Griffin stressed throughout spring practice. Griffin said he expects to see pay dividends this season.

"That was a point of focus coming into this season, having everybody else around me do more," the Copperas Cove sophomore said. "(Gettis) played well early, and that gives me a lot more confidence."

"David has certainly molded himself into somebody that other guys respect for his work attitude, team member attitude and everyday production."

Art Briles
Baylor head coach

During the offseason, Gettis made the effort to work with Griffin and learn his quarterback's capability to improvise on the run.

"You know even when the pocket breaks, there's still a chance of getting the ball," the Los Angeles native said. "(Griffin's) going to run with his eyes up, and he's one of the most athletic quarterbacks I've ever played with."

That athleticism gives Gettis time to create space down the field. Briles' offense gives him options to read defenses and make decisions, which is something Gettis appreciates.

"It's definitely fun, and it's not a boring offense," Gettis said. "We have a lot of option routes where we can read defenses and adjust."

Gettis also uses his speed on kick returns; his ability earned him three consecutive 400-meter state championships at Dorsey High School, one of which was clocked at 45.84 seconds.

Both Gettis and Wright share the task of replacing the 385 receiving yards gained by Thomas White, who graduated last year with 95 career receptions for more than 1200 yards.

Now a four-year letterman, Gettis leads the receiving core with experience that Briles notices when the receiver takes the field on practice and game days.

"You lead through production and reality," Briles said. "David has certainly molded himself into somebody that other guys respect for his work attitude, team member attitude and everyday production."

Although Griffin directs the offense on the field, he counts on seniors like Gettis for advice that players can only learn with time.

"He's played a lot, and he knows what he has to do to get open," Griffin said. "That experience allows him to be a lot more comfortable out there and allows me to be more comfortable throwing to him."

Briles has no doubt that Griffin will count on Gettis and all of the receivers to move down the field.

"It's not a deal where the receivers might get called on," Briles said. "They are ready to get called on."

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announced that his Senate Finance Committee would meet in two weeks to begin drafting legislation, whether or not a handful of Democrats and Republicans have come to an agreement. The panel is the last of five to act in Congress, and while the outcome is uncertain, it is the only one where bipartisanship has been given a chance to flourish.

Obama said there is widespread agreement on about 80 percent of what must be included in legislation. Any yet, criticizing Republicans without saying so, he added: "Instead of honest debate, we have seen scare tactics" and ideological warfare that offers no hope for compromise.

"Well, the time for bickering is over," he said. "The time for games has passed. Now is the season for action."

"I am not the first president to take up this cause, but I am determined to be the last," he added.

The president was alternately bipartisan and tough on his Republican critics. He singled out Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., for praise at one point. Yet, moments later, in a line apparently aimed at McCain's former running mate, Sarah Palin, Obama accused Republicans of spreading the "cynical and irresponsible" charge that the legislation would include "death panels" with the power to hasten the death of senior citizens.

In one gesture to Republicans, Obama said his administration would authorize a series of test programs in some states to check the impact of medical malpractice changes on health insurance costs.

Responding on behalf of Republicans, Rep. Charles Boustany, R-La., said the country wants Obama to instruct Democratic congressional leaders that "it's time to start over on a common-sense, bipartisan plan focused on lowering the cost of health care while improving quality."

"Replacing your family's current health care with government-run health care is not the

answer," said Boustany, a heart surgeon.

In a reflection of the stakes, White House aides mustered all the traditional pomp they could for a president who took office vowing to change Washington. The setting was a State of the Union-like joint session of Congress, attended by lawmakers, members of the Cabinet and diplomats.

The House was packed, and loud applause greeted the president when he walked down the center aisle of the House chamber.

Additionally, the White House invited as guests men and women who have suffered from high costs and insurance practices, seating them near first lady Michelle Obama. Vicki Kennedy, the widow of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., was also on the guest list. Kennedy, who died last month, had made health care a career-long cause, and Obama spoke movingly of his efforts.

Obama intends to follow up the speech with an appearance Saturday in Minneapolis, the White House announced.

Despite deep-seated differences among lawmakers, Obama drew a standing ovation when he recounted stories of Americans whose coverage was denied or delayed by their insurers with catastrophic results.

"That is heartbreaking, it is wrong, and no one should be treated that way in the United States of America."

The president sought to cast his own plan as being in the comfortable political middle, rejecting both the government-run system that some liberals favor and the Republican-backed approach under which all consumers buy health insurance on their own.

Obama said the legislation he seeks would guarantee insurance to consumers, regardless of pre-existing medical conditions, as well as other protections. "As soon as I sign this bill, it will be against the law for insurance companies to drop your cover-

age when you get sick or water it down when you need it most," he added.

The president assured those with insurance that "nothing in this plan will require you or your employer to change the coverage or the doctor you have."

Obama also said the legislation he seeks would help those who lack insurance to afford it. "These are not primarily people on welfare," he said in a line that appeared aimed at easing concerns among working-class voters. "These are middle-class Americans."

The president also said he wants legislation that "will slow the growth of health care costs for our families."

Obama said a collective failure to meet the challenge of overhauling health care for decades has "led us to a breaking point."

The so-called government option that Obama mentioned has emerged as one of the most contentious issues in the monthslong debate over health care, with liberal Democrats supporting it and many moderates inside the party opposed. An early draft of Baucus' plan calls for an alternative consisting of nonprofit co-ops. Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, the Republican who seems most inclined to cross party lines on the issue, favors a different approach, consisting of a standby in which the government could sell insurance if competition fails to emerge in individual states.

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group as a whole.

"MSO has members that serve at Hillcrest and Providence, and the VA hospital," Mason said. "We don't generally serve altogether as a group because we are so large."

It was at Saint Louis University that Sanker began to understand the importance of these organizations, and started to emphasize the importance of being a part of these groups.

"Professional schools want to see a student take their own initiative to gain experience," Sanker said.

It is through pre-health groups that a majority of students will see the shift in direction. Ennis senior Tiffany Treadaway believes that the aid in finding doctors to shadow is a huge asset to the program.

"I had to find a doctor to shadow on my own," said Treadaway, who is a pre-medical marketing major. "It was hard to find someone to shadow. Hopefully the new programs will help students find these opportunities."

The changes to the programs will mostly affect younger students, although leadership will be required from older students in the organizations. Implementation of this program will tell if Baylor's new direction is more effective than other schools.

"Everyone is just kind of experimenting right now," Sanker said. "Baylor has qualities that are remarkably advanced compared to other institutions."

Right now, Sanker hopes the pre-health department will help students find their niche in the school, and get started as soon as possible on the track they best fit.

"I can't tell a student what it's like to be a doctor," Sanker said. "It's much better for them to get out into the community, to shadow physicians, to work in clinics. I think that teaches them much more than any classroom or any amount of advising could provide. My goal is to help them realize the significance and importance of participating in service."

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if, after turning 18, they had ever encountered sexually advances from a religious leader.

"The average American goes to a congregation of 400," Garland said. "In that congregation 60 percent are women. So on average, there are seven women in every congregation, if this were spread across the country. It gives a sense of the size of the problem."

Garland has also been working with survivors and their families, as well as offenders, in hopes of developing more insight into possible prevention techniques and strategies. According to Garland, these issues are not limited to Christian congregations.

"One of the survivors in fact, that has a clip on our Web site, is Jewish and as a consequence of the abuse she experienced from a Rabbi, switched to a conservative Jewish denomination, where they separate men from women, as a way to feel safe," said Garland.

The insight gained from this survey will go hand in hand with the interviews to develop a curriculum and code of ethics for Christian congregations, groups and communities.

"It's one of those huge under-the-table issues," said Jill Scoggins, assistant vice president of media communications for Baylor University.

"The code of ethics and policies certainly protect congregants, but they will also protect the religious leader as well."

The more that is learned about the problem, the more it can be understood, Garland said.

"It can be emotionally and spiritually coercive, even if it's not physically coercive," said Garland. "This is about abuse of power, it's not just about sexuality. So it's not just a private matter. When leaders abuse their power, that becomes a community matter."

According to Vicki Kabat, the media relations coordinator for the School of Social Work, the code of ethics is available now, and the curriculum should be completed very soon.

"I expect this to be available by spring, if not sooner," Kabat said.

Kabat said that the curriculum will be available free for anyone interested from both the School of Social work and also the Center for Family and Community Ministries.

The curriculum is an effort to educate people on the issue and combat it, Garland said.

"It's about recognizing that our leaders are human," Garland said.

"If we have policies in place about what's expected and what's not expected, everybody has a better understanding."

Engaging students in research is a big part of Baylor said Scoggins.

"This is exactly the kind of research that Baylor should be doing," said Scoggins, "This is who we are and why we exist."

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