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Recent graduates find relief in payment plans

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The federal government is providing ways to ease the burden of debt for recent graduates with loans to pay off.

The government has introduced two new plans for federal student loan repayment that will give recent graduates relief when repaying loans.

The new plans will consider income, family size and debt amount when determining monthly payments, said Jeane

nette Kucera, associate director of counseling in the office of academic scholarships and financial aid.

Under the Income Based Repayment Plan, the required monthly payment is capped at an amount that is intended to be affordable based on income and family size.

Under the income contingent repayment, guidelines are similar to the IBR.

However, the biggest difference is that payment amounts will be increased every two

years regardless of whether income increases.

"This gives (students) more time to get on track," Kucera said.

Students nows have the ability to prolong their individual repayment schedule up to 25 years.

"The downside is that the longer a student takes to pay, the more interest will accumulate," Kucera said.

Also, students that do not pay off their loans in the 25-year period will have their loans for-

given, but they may have to pay taxes on the remaining amount.

While, there isn't a great deal of detail on the newly created plans, Kucera said it provides benefit to those who find themselves unemployed.

Nathan Allotey, a recent Baylor graduate, said that although he is not currently enrolled in the program, he plans to as soon as he finds employment.

"I think the plan addresses the fact that students may not get the dream jobs they thought they would when they entered

college," Allotey said.

For example, a recent college graduate with an entry-level job starting at \$31,000 who also has \$31,000 in federal Stafford loans would pay \$170 less per month utilizing one of the new plans, compared to the payment due under the standard plan, according to information from a SallieMae press release.

Students can calculate whether they qualify for this program on Web sites such as www.studentaid.ed.gov, which will also give students the opportunity to

compare it to alternatives, simulate IBR results under different income assumptions, access the likely time to pay in full and evaluate the total cost of each option.

Dr. Chuck North, associate professor of economics, agrees that while the program would relax some debt constraints, it may have harmful effects for future students.

Students with loans could potentially pay for a longer

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Pregnancy center brings Huckabee, raises awareness

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

Care Net's 25th Anniversary Celebrate Life Banquet was a success in the minds of its coordinators and featured former Arkansas governor and presidential candidate Mike Huckabee.

The event was held Tuesday at the Ferrell Center. Also in attendance were numerous state and local government figures, judges and Mayor Virginia DuPuy.

"Well it is incredibly awesome, over the top, a God-sized experience," said Judy Patterson, director of community outreach for Care Net.

"We had about 1500 (tickets sold) before the day started and we've continued to have people buy tickets. We've had them buying them all day," Patterson said. "When our phones went off at noon to come here, people started calling the Baylor office to get tickets."

Many people were excited to see Huckabee speak.

"It's kind of exciting to have a celebrity come to Baylor," said Boston sophomore Trisha Kelley, a Catholic Student Association member.

As keynote speaker, Huckabee's presence was important

to everyone involved with the event.

"Care Net had invited me to come and help them with their event tonight," Huckabee said. "I do quite a few pro-life events around the country because it's something near and dear to my heart."

He insisted that his participation in this event was not politically minded.

"For me this isn't a political endeavor at all, and I've always said the pro-life issue and the pro-life movement for me are not political. It's something I deeply believe in, and I did long before I ever thought about running for something," Huckabee said.

Care Net CEO Deborah McGregor, DuPuy and Huckabee spoke at the event, and Keron Jackson provided music. Also on the agenda were video testimonies from former Baylor student and her mother. After finding herself pregnant last year, she considered having an abortion before visiting Care Net. After her experience there, she decided against it.

"There's nothing closer to God's heart than an innocent heart, and there's no hearth more innocent than an unborn baby's heart," McGregor said, in her portion of the night's fes-



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Mike Huckabee spoke at the annual Care Net fundraising banquet, which was celebrating its 25 Anniversary Tuesday at the Ferrell Center.

tivities.

The event, in addition to raising money, was also to raise spirits for the pro-life cause.

"I think that one of the good pieces of news is that the Gallup polls over the last few months have shown a dramatic shift and more people now are actually claiming to be pro-life, which is very encouraging," Huckabee said.

Student volunteers from

Bears for Life and the Catholic Student Association helped at the registration table and ushered for the event.

Salem, Ore., freshman Sally Ann Moyer joined Bears for Life because it suited her personal beliefs.

"I'm very concerned about the issue of abortion and I

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Carter: Wilson's public outburst 'based on racism'

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Former President Jimmy Carter said Tuesday that U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson's outburst to President Barack Obama during a speech to Congress last week was an act "based on racism" and rooted in fears of a black president.

"I think it's based on racism," Carter said at a town hall held at his presidential center in Atlanta. "There is an inherent feeling among many in this country that an African-American should not be president."

The Georgia Democrat said the outburst was a part of a disturbing trend directed at the president that has included demonstrators equating Obama to Nazi leaders.

"Those kind of things are not just casual outcomes of a sincere debate on whether we should have a national program on health care," he said. "It's deeper than that."

Wilson, a South Carolina Republican, was formally rebuked Tuesday in a House vote for shouting "You lie!" during Obama's speech to Congress last Wednesday.

The shout came after the president commented that illegal aliens would be ineligible for federal subsidies to buy health insurance. Republicans expressed their disbelief with sounds of disapproval, punctuated by Wilson's outburst.

Tuesday's rebuke was a rare resolution of disapproval pushed through by Democrats who insisted that Wilson had violated basic rules of decorum and civility. Republicans characterized the measure as a witch hunt and Wilson, who had already apologized to Obama, insisted he owed the House no apology.

Wilson's spokesman was not immediately available for comment, but his eldest son defended his father.

"There is not a racist bone in my dad's body," said Alan Wilson, an Iraq veteran who is running for state attorney general. "He doesn't even laugh at distasteful jokes. I won't comment on former President Carter, because I don't know President Carter. But I know my dad, and it's just not in him."

"It's unfortunate people make that jump. People can disagree — and inappropriately disagree — on issues of substance, but when they make the jump to race it's absolutely ludicrous. My brothers and I were raised by our parents to respect everyone regardless of background or race."

South Carolina's former Democratic Party chairman said that he doesn't believe Wilson was motivated by racism, but said the outburst encouraged racist views.

"I think Joe's conduct was

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Campus gets Crowd-ed

Local musician talks on ideals, inspiration behind Chrisitan music

By LENA WATERS
REPORTER

While some may think Waco doesn't have much to offer, it does have David Crowder, guitarist and lead singer for the David Crowder Band.

In the weeks leading up to his new CD release, Crowder is not making national publicity appearances. Instead, he is visiting Baylor.

Today marks the end of Crowder's three-day residency on campus, which included a public presentation, classroom appearances and even coffee with students at Common Grounds. The residency is a part of this year's Hearn Innovator Series sponsored by the School of Music.

The series is designed to bring to the campus together with Christian artists who are thinking creatively and blazing new trails and to inspire students to do the same, according to the School of Music Web site.

"The goal is that David's

presence would be more than a lecture," said Dr. Randall Bradley, director of the Center for Christian Music Studies. "We are all impacted in one-on-one or small group kind of moments and we tend to remember those and tend to ask the questions that are most important for us."

While most of the event was intended for church music students, Crowder made a public presentation Monday in Waco Hall, despite his nerves.

"(Public speaking) is terrifying for me. I am much more comfortable behind an instrument or a microphone singing songs or talking in one-on-one settings," Crowder said. "The problem is my mouth works a lot quicker than my head so what comes, we all hear for the first time, which is not a gift to look for in professional orators."

Crowder spoke on the idea of beauty being pulled from perceived chaos. He used math as an example and discussed how both math and music must find order in the chaos of our world, and beauty and worship in the chaos of our culture.

Crowder's talk not only demonstrated his creativity but also

his intelligence. He spent most of the time, however, answering questions from the audience.

"He presented with a style that was personable, not just trying to teach us something, but to answer our questions and

"David is certainly on the forefront of Christian music these days."

Dr. Randall Bradley
Director, Christian Music Studies

relate with us," Rockwall junior Lauren Ward said.

Crowder, a Baylor alum and worship and arts pastor at University Baptist Church, entered the music industry when he realized that over half of the students at Baylor were not going to church. He began to invite students to worship times and write songs relevant to young people to help draw them in, said the School of Music Web site.

One thing that Crowder em-



SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After a session of audience Q&A Tuesday night, David Crowder, lead singer of the David Crowder Band, talks with some of his audience members individually at Waco Hall on Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

phasized throughout his lecture is the way he always writes music with the community of University Baptist Church in mind and credits the success of the band to that community.

"It really is due to the songs being written for a very transient population. The songs travel back home with the students, to their settings, to their camps in the summer, to all these differ-

ent locations," Crowder said.

"Eventually, we found ourselves following the songs around trying to figure out what is our responsibility to these things."

To Ward, Crowder's worship style brings something different to the Christian community.

"I think that David Crowder presents a new way of worshipping for students that didn't

grow up in the Bible Belt, something they can relate to musically," Ward said.

The David Crowder Band has been recording music since 2002 and will release its next album, "Church Music," next Tuesday.

Although Crowder is well

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Inspiration in former First Lady

Point of View



BY BRITTANY HARDY

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was and still is a great role model for women because of the courage she showed in the face of adversity.

Not only did the nation love her, but because of her wide range of languages and in-depth pursuit and knowledge of history, she won over many foreign leaders during her husband’s presidency.

Jackie had a charisma and appeal that few people were able to put into words.

Her husband, President John F. Kennedy, once said, “I do not think it altogether inappropriate to introduce myself to this audience. I am the man who accompanied Jacqueline Kennedy to Paris and I have enjoyed it,” to a audience of French journalists at a press conference.

Jackie was a free-thinker. As the president’s wife, it is inevitable that society will attempt to place rules on who you are and what you should be doing, at all times.

“People told me 99 things I had to do as first lady and I haven’t done one of them,” she once said.

Jackie’s powerfully unshakable independence did not simply arise as she became the wife of a president, however.

During an era when many women were told to hide their intelligence, those close to Jackie claimed that her reading a book per day was not unusual. She was intensely free and independent and constantly working to improve her vast intelligence.

Against her parents’ insistence for her to stay on the East Coast, Jackie was relentlessly set on studying abroad in France and, of course, her strong will prevailed.

She revolutionized the way people from all over the globe viewed women, as a result of her intellectual and cultured nature.

Each of us has faced setbacks and trials. Jackie witnessed and was entangled in enormous tragedy, especially with the assassination of her husband.

“Do you think seeing the coffin can upset me, Doctor? I’ve seen my husband die, shot in my arms. His blood all over me. How can I see anything worse than I’ve seen?” she said to the doctor as her husband’s casket was brought in.

The nation watched as Jackie managed all her hardships with a shocking strength and seamless grace.

After her husband’s horrific death, Jackie poured herself into caring for her family. Consistently pursuing knowledge and hard work, she returned to work as a publisher.

Jackie Kennedy never allowed her adversities to cause her to crumble.

It would be unrealistic to imply that Jackie never got down or discouraged, but the real brilliance and beauty of her character was that she always persevered, even when it was hard, even when she may have felt weak.

For me, and for many, Jackie was proof that intelligence is at least as beautiful and beneficial as a pretty face, that education is something worth pursuing, that you do not have to conform to the rules of society, that a free spirit has power and that perseverance in the face of adversity is an extremely admirable way of life.

Jackie’s life was far from perfect. Yet, in this, she is found relatable and human. She witnessed great tragedy and handled it with alluring class and grace. She is truly someone to be admired.

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Lariat Letters

‘Day-go’ national trend

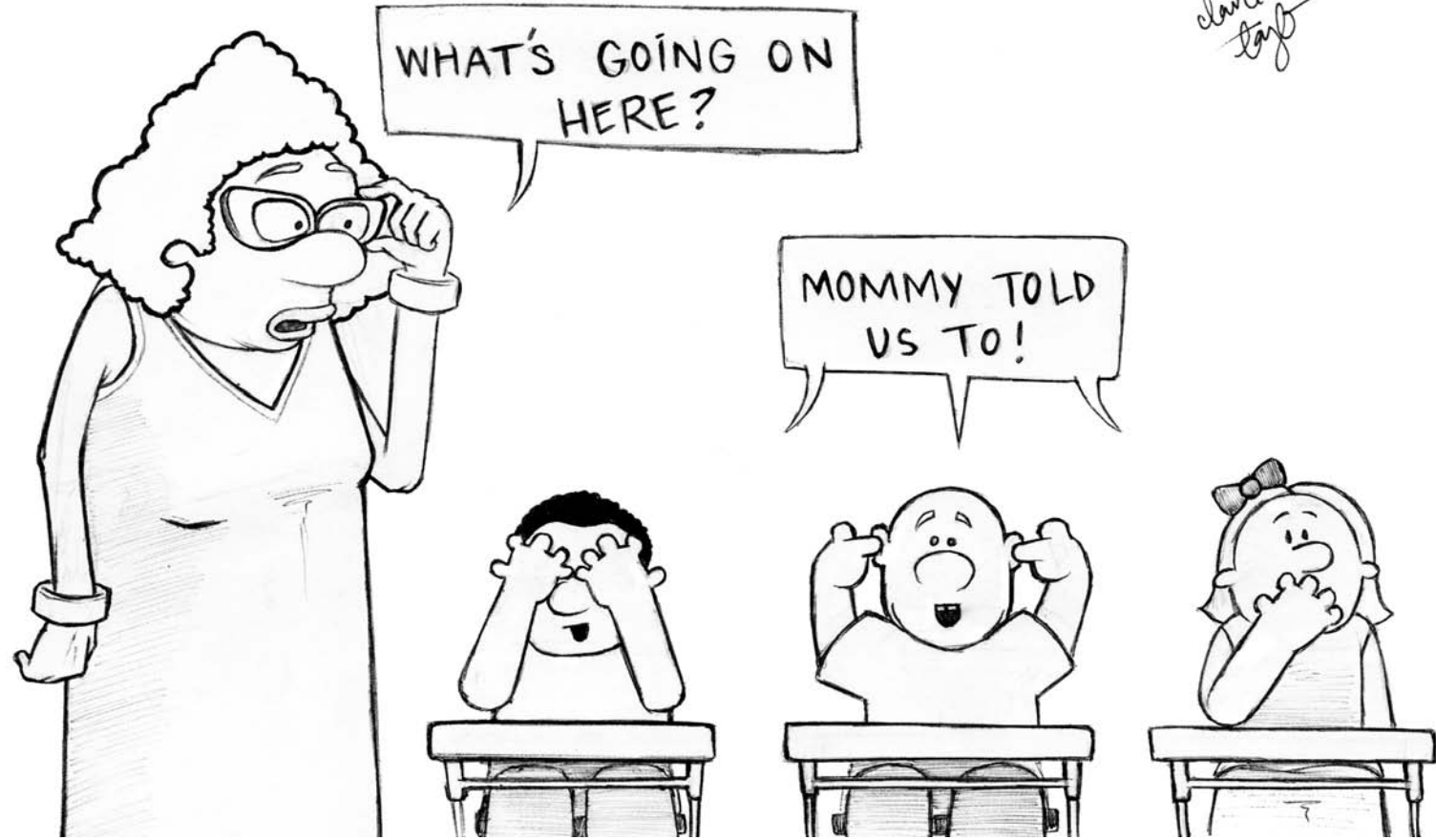
“Why would you let a guy, who claims to know nothing about fashion, write about a fashion trend? I agree about the Ugg boots and Nike shorts thing. However, the neon trend happening right now is not a Baylor phenomenon. If he had researched it at all, he would notice that wearing ‘day-glo’ is super popular right now all across the nation.”

-Annelise Hardegree
Irving senior

Bright colors allow expression

“Neon business suits do not exist in pop culture. But we’re not discussing formal attire, we’re discussing the effective use of bright colors to associate with organizations. College students are granted four years (sometimes five) to expand horizons and express themselves in any way possible, including our daily clothes. I say we sport those neon shirts, sunglasses and croakies to show our dedication to the organizations we support.”

-Austin Moore
Forth Worth junior



President deserves citizens’ respect

Editorial

Last week, President Barack Obama delivered a televised back-to-school speech from Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va., to America’s school children on the importance of education and staying in school.

Many parents and citizens became concerned, especially those who are already frustrated about the economy. Many conservative parents believe he was bypassing their role and speaking straight to the students about his political agenda.

Other parents were most upset about the proposed lesson plans to accompany the speech, which included a section for students to write a letter to Obama about how they could help him.

Although the lesson plans were revised, and never mandatory, some parents were still upset that the federal government was attempting to engage in educational curriculum, something that is decided individually by the states. Many threatened to pull their children out of school last Tuesday if the speech, much like ones given by former presidents Reagan and Bush, Sr., was shown in the classrooms. Students in our own area, Waco ISD, were not shown the video.

While the Baylor Lariat recognizes and understands the point of view owned by some concerned Americans, most of these accusations were unfounded and taken to an uneducated extreme. Whether people agree with Obama’s policies is irrelevant because his policies were not addressed in this speech.

It is certainly the individuals’ right to form opinions about the president and even remove their child from school. Yet, it is also an act of intolerance and disrespect to refuse to allow the

youth of America to view the president’s address as a result of fear.

Human nature is such that when people are upset, they find others who are upset and the chains of frustration tightly bond them.

If citizens read the transcript of the speech, released last week, or watched the video, they would have clearly seen that Obama was absolutely not speaking his political agenda. Contrary to allegations from some Republican leaders before the speech, the president neither incited the children to riot over health care nor formed a battle force on behalf, what some may call his “socialist” agenda.

He stuck merely to discussing the importance of working hard in the process of succeeding and overcoming the obstacles that often keep students from working hard in school. If there was a political agenda anywhere in this message, it has yet to be found.

Former first lady Laura Bush told CNN, “I think there’s a place for the President of the United States to talk to school children and encourage school children... You know that certainly is the right of parents to choose what they want their children to hear in school... (But) I think it’s also really important for everyone to respect the president of the United States.”

She makes an excellent point. Teaching the youth of America to run from opposing viewpoints and to show disrespect for the president of the United States does nothing more than foster close-mindedness, a trait that should never be instilled in the future of this nation. It is not OK to demonstrate to children that we can show blatant disrespect to the president, especially

simply on the grounds that mom and dad do not agree with his policy.

Few would deny that a main strength of our president is his inspiring public-speaking ability. Just as he instructed the youth to develop their most positive qualities and personal talents, Obama utilized one of his own to encourage the children — and future — of America.

Everyone should watch the video with an open mind. Part of being an American is having the freedom to construct well-grounded and well-educated opinions and act on well-informed decisions.

One of the last lines of the speech goes as follows: “So today, I want to ask all of you; What’s your contribution going to be? What problems are you going to solve? What discoveries will you make? What will the president who comes here in 20 or 50 or 100 years say about what all of you did for this country?”

The hope is that this generation is not remembered by the words “intolerant,” “uncivilized” or “disrespectful.”

The public outcries were uncalled for, and the children should have been allowed to see their president address them with the reasonable, encouraging and pre-approved message he had prepared.

We have seen people from very different walks of life (Laura Bush, Newt Gingrich, Lamar Alexander, and Bill Frist are a few examples) say that perhaps the most important thing the president can do is to challenge our nation’s youth.

Unfortunately, many missed an eloquent, thoughtful challenge last week.

Bad sportsmanship incited player’s punch

Point of View

BY CHRIS DERRETT



Like everyone else watching the replay from the Sept. 3 Oregon-Boise State game, I could not believe that Oregon’s LeGarrette Blount actually threw a sucker punch at Boise State’s Byron Hout, took on his own teammates who tried to constrain him, and nearly went into the stands to fight heckling fans.

Like many television anchors and columnists, I condemned Blount’s actions as an inexcusable loss of self-control.

But unlike most who criticized Blount and moved on, I took serious consideration of the issues that the situation brought up, beyond just Blount’s actions.

Watching the events that led up to the punch and those that followed, it became evident to me that somewhere between shock and outrage towards Blount, a huge degree of accountability was lost. Believe it or not, Hout and the hecklers were far from innocent victims of unsportsmanlike conduct.

Hout initiated the confrontation during the postgame handshake after his Broncos defeated the Ducks 19-8. He hit Blount on the shoulder pads and yelled something that clearly upset Blount, something offensive enough to spur Boise State head coach Chris Petersen to grab Hout and pull him away from Blount.

Freeze the tape right here. Hout’s team just served its opponent a humiliating loss, and instead of acting professional Hout hit Blount on the shoulder and teased him like a second grader on the tetherball court.

Blount then delivered a blow to Hout’s face that sent him staggering to the ground.

He was forcefully escorted into the locker room tunnel before enraged fans got his attention with screams and jeers. The next 30 seconds unfolded so quickly that most people, including myself, could not understand what ignited Blount’s charge toward the fans.

YouTube provides video evidence of one fan walking down the stairs to the field level, and, when Blount walks within arm’s length, striking his shoulder.

Stop the film again. A fan, a person who should have no involvement in the game other than cheering and making it difficult for the opponents to focus, made aggressive physical contact with a player.

Neither sucker-punching an opponent nor attacking fans should ever be considered acceptable. But in the same sense, neither are the actions of Hout and the fans. They both disrespect the game of football and athletics in general.

Athletes use sports to push themselves to the best of their abilities and test their strength and determination against opponents. When the game is over, regardless of the outcome, you shake

hands with competitors and thank them for giving you their best effort. You respect them.

Hout failed to respect that concept and deserves to spend at least a few games on the bench. Instead, Petersen only reprimanded Hout, telling the Idaho Statesman, “Byron is being disciplined... but if everybody got suspended for saying something, half the teams wouldn’t have guys to play games.”

So because everybody else does it, it makes it OK? Somebody also needs to remind Petersen that Hout not only insulted an opponent but put his hands on him, all after his team already won the game.

In addition, the fans embarrassed their school and all of college football with the way they reacted. I realize people heckle all the time and will continue to, but when you make an effort to come out of your seat and offend a player standing a few feet away, you are breaking the boundaries as a fan.

You are crossing the line between trying to get inside a player’s head and making a personal attack. Being criticized for their performances is something athletes can expect; having expletives screamed at them is unfair and abusive.

Let me reiterate that Blount’s season-long suspension fully fits his actions, and even criminal penalties may be in order for the punch. But if we’re going to eject Blount, we need to flag Hout and the fans for personal fouls as well. When everybody breaks the golden rule, nobody wins.

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Please Recycle This Issue

School benefits from national ‘box top’ program

By **BETHANY MOORE**
REPORTER

During a daily routine of eating Cheerios, catching up on homework, getting dressed and leaving for class, students have the opportunity to help better a child’s education.

Box Tops For Education is a national program that supports education, kindergarten through eighth grade, through the everyday use of household items.

Each box top collected is worth 10 cents and can be found on the packaging of everyday items such as General Mills cereal, Avery school supplies, Kleenex and Ziploc bags.

Schardae Randolph, a program manager for J.H. Hines elementary as part of Community in Schools, is glad that Baylor is taking an interest in the school.

“Being new to J.H. Hines, I can definitely see how this program can help build up our resources and allow the children a chance to see people in college giving back to the community,” Randolph said.

Student government, the Living and Learning Center and American Medical Student Association are participating in this program by encouraging students to cut out their box tops to raise money for the school. Students can drop off box tops outside the

student government office in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

It is a campus’ and community-wide effort to raise money for the elementary school, which as of next year, will be the only elementary school in East Waco, only five minutes away from the Baylor campus.

This will be a year long event with two main collection dates on Oct. 19 and Feb. 16.

Two months after the boxtops are mailed in, the school can expect a check for the amount of money raised, which the principal will use for the school’s best benefit.

This year, the box tops will go to create a “uniform closet” at the

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Emily Saultz
Study Body External
Vice President

school, where students who could not afford a uniform can borrow one for the year. With 92 percent

of the student body of J.H. Hines living below the poverty line, inability to purchase uniforms is a continuous problem.

Student body external vice president Emily Saultz said this is not only a great way to raise money for the school but a way to strengthen Baylor students and community relations.

“The Box Tops for Education Drive is important for Baylor students for many reasons,” Saultz said. “It is a simple action that can make a big difference in our community. Clipping the box tops for J.H. Hines not only supports the school financially, but also encourages the kids there to participate along with us and

encourages their parents to get involved. The bigger picture is encouraging student and parent participation at J.H. Hines.”

Baylor students involved with Box Tops For Education will visit J.H. Hines next week to present a quick and fun introduction to the program.

“Baylor student involvement at J.H. Hines is so important because it promotes post-secondary education to the kids,” Saultz said. “It makes the idea of college come to life for them and stresses the value of education. We believe that the kids at J.H. Hines are really excited about teaming up with Baylor students to do something for their school.”

BEAR BRIEFS

Artist Rudy Pozzatti will present a gallery talk on his work that will be followed by a studio demonstration from 2:30 to 5 p.m. today at the Martin Museum of Art in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The Baylor in London summer study abroad program will have an information meeting at 3:30 p.m. today in 249 Castellaw Communications Center. The study abroad program is open to all Baylor students and is sponsored by the communication studies department. The program will take place from July 8 to Aug. 6, 2010.

Baylor Macintosh User Group will hold an interest meeting at 6:15 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center dining room. Anyone from the Baylor community is welcome to attend. There will be free snacks and drinks.

“When Reality Hits Will You Be Ready?” An Evening with Nancy Barry will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. If you are planning on interviewing for a job, internship, or graduate school, this presentation will tell you what employers want all college students to know. This event is sponsored by Career Services, Campus Programs, Multicultural Affairs, Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council, Chi Omega and Pi Beta Phi. The attire is business casual.

Up Til Dawn will hold an interest meeting at 7 p.m. today in E125 Baylor Sciences Building. The Theme will be “Be a Kid, save a Kid.” Up Til Dawn is a letter-writing campaign that raises money for cancer patients at St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Register your band for Battle of the Bands by 5 p.m. Friday. Kappa Delta will be holding the event. Registration is available at www.baylor.edu/Student_Activities, under “Programs.”

The Traditions Rally will be held from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday on the street between Penland and Martin residence halls. Freshman should come with their line jerseys, slime caps, Baylor pride and be ready to rally for the first home football game against University of Connecticut. Following the rally, come out to Fountain Mall for a free tailgate with food. For more information, contact Deryl_Cason@baylor.edu.

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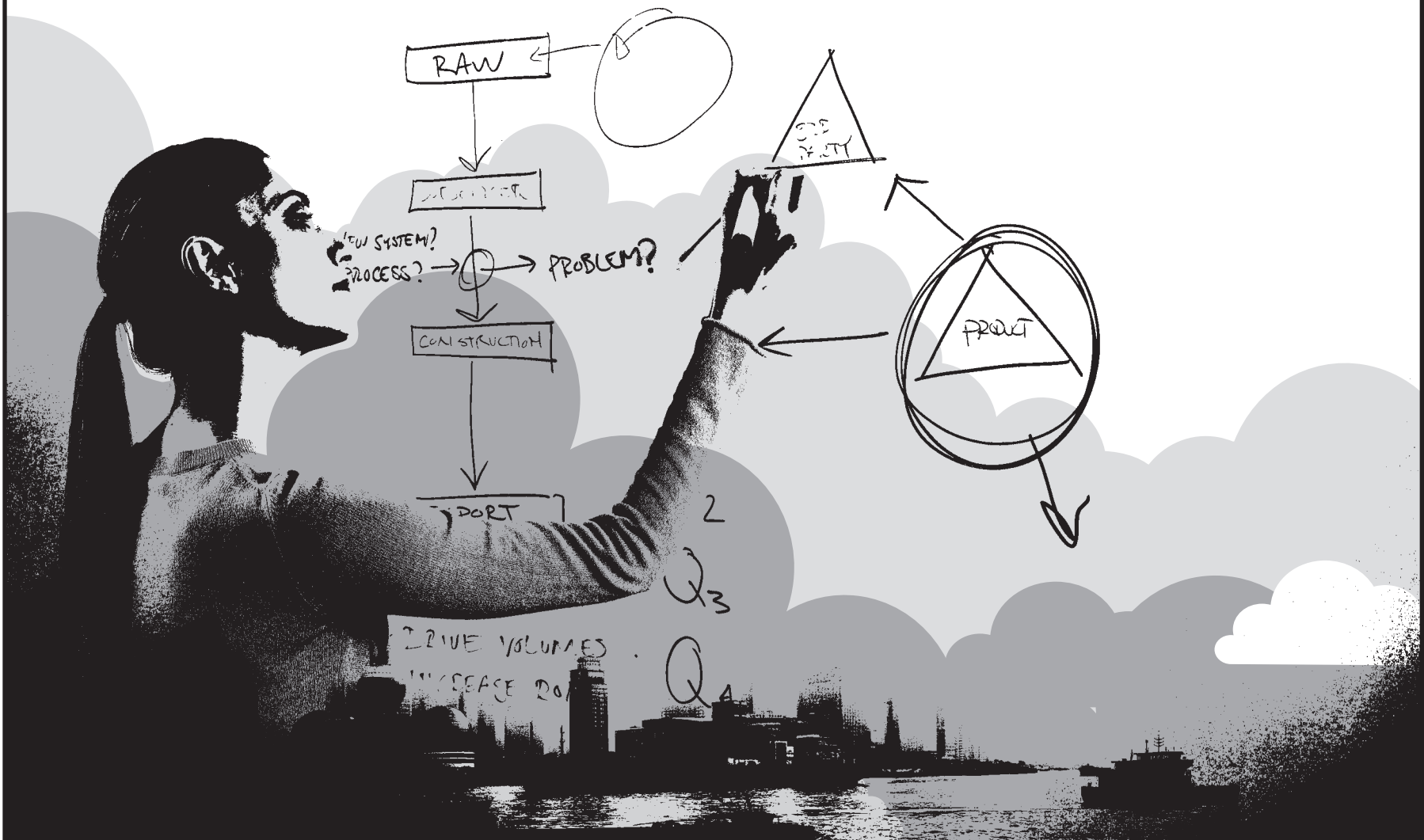
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PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS 

Damon brings irreverent ‘Informant’ to life

By Christopher Kelly
McClatchy Newspapers

An oddball cross between “Catch Me If You Can” and “The Insider,” Stephen Soderbergh’s “The Informant!” suggests that the Oscar-winning filmmaker is so sick of the last two decades of corporate malfeasance that he can only express his outrage as sputtering comedy.

MOVIE | REVIEW

Everything about this movie, right down to the furious exclamation at the end of the title, is a howl of outrage against stupidity and greed, directed at the white collar crooks who keep bilking the public and the feckless Justice Dept. officials who keep letting them getting away with it. If you don’t mind the fact that it’s mostly just shooting fish in a barrel, you’ll likely find it fascinating.

With 30 pounds added to his frame and a wispy mustache curling above his lip, Matt Damon plays Mark Whitacre, a Cornell-educated biochemist and

vice-president at food services giant ADM. Whitacre is working on a potentially lucrative project to develop a new corn additive, but a virus seems to have infected the production process.

One night he receives a phone call from a Japanese competitor, who claims to be responsible for the virus and demands \$10 million in order to solve the problem. Mark takes this information to his bosses, who immediately decide to bring in the FBI.

The best thing about “The Informant!” is Damon’s sneaky, tour-de-force performance: You know there’s something a little fishy about Whitacre, but the actor is so likable and sincere that you keep rooting for him. (Whitacre is a kind of schlubby suburban cousin of Damon’s Tom Ripley character from “The Talented Mr. Ripley.”) Much of the charm comes from the bizarre, discursive voiceover narration, which takes us inside the brain of this strange man, whose thoughts are often miles away from the matter at hand.

Is Whitacre some kind of paranoid schizophrenic? Is he a sociopath? Is he just a well-intentioned scatterbrain who



McClatchy Newspapers

Mark Whitacre (Matt Damon) goes to work as an FBI informant after his job as a biochemist puts him in a sticky position.

could use some Lexapro? Damon never once tips his hand, and he holds together a movie that might otherwise have turned overly complicated and tedious.

With the FBI now involved

in the case, Mark and his wife Ginger (Melanie Lynskey) panic: What if the investigators stumble upon the truth about ADM and its price fixing schemes, which Mark has been partly responsible

for? Working with two eager agents (Scott Bakula and Joel McHale) who never bother to question his motives, Mark turns informant, helping the agency collect dozens of hours of recorded conversations and videos of ADM working with its Japanese and French competitors to bilk consumers out of millions. The Justice Department thinks it has an open-and-shut case about the company.

Not quite — and the second half of “The Informant!” is a freewheeling, increasingly bizarre account of how the case turns upside down and Whitacre’s true motives are revealed. Based on Kurt Eichenwald’s 2000 non-fiction book, this is certainly gripping material that might have been transformed, ala “The Insider” or Soderbergh’s “Erin Brockovich” into a gripping corporate thriller. (The screenplay adaptation is by Scott Z. Burns.)

But all of Soderbergh’s stylistic choices push it toward farce: The insistent, Rat Pack-style score by Marvin Hamlisch; the casting of comedians like Tom and Dick Smothers and Patton Oswalt in supporting roles; and, of course,

Damon’s non-stop, gee-whiz exclamations. (“This is just like Crichton’s ‘Rising Sun,’” he notes at one point.)

The result is clever, but also a little smug: A stunt that mostly seems designed to prove how much smarter Soderbergh is than the people he’s making a movie about. At this stage in the worldwide economic meltdown, it hardly seems bold to make a movie that portrays both corporate and government leaders as a bunch of bozos. If anything, both Whitacre’s story — which ultimately involves embezzlement, pathological lying and megalomania — and especially Damon’s performance seem to invite empathy for corporate America, that Soderbergh isn’t willing to proffer.

Who was this incredibly smart man who created for himself an inescapable hall of mirrors? You walk out of “The Informant!” intrigued, but frustrated: This might be the only Hollywood movie in recent memory that might have been better served had it been more conventional.

Grade: 3/5 stars

Former models weigh in on CW’s ‘Beautiful Life’

By Rick Bentley
McClatchy Newspapers

The new CW Network series “The Beautiful Life: TBL,” which launches tonight, portrays the profession as a weight-losing, back-stabbing, ego-destroying, modesty-ignoring, party-going, addiction-driving world where the line between success and failure is as thin as a magazine cover or as small as a size zero dress.

That description is based largely on the show’s actors and producers, many who started as models. Ashton Kutcher, an executive producer of “TBL,” started walking runways before he became a TV and film star. “It was a completely alien

experience. I think that that’s why, at the end, it makes really interesting fodder for a show like this, because it’s such a foreign world,” says Kutcher during an interview to promote the series. He’s joined by the attractive cast that includes Corbin Bleu, Elle Macpherson and Sara Paxton.

Kutcher was an Iowa farm boy when he was approached to model. He balked because he didn’t know that guys modeled, a misconception that was soon changed. He was soon on his way to New York, where he encountered a case of culture shock.

“You’ve got this world that you’ve never even really heard of, and then you’ve got this city that is just daunting. And then

you’re surrounded by some of the most beautiful people you’ve ever seen and then some of the most eccentric people

“It’s a fish-in-the-desert story.”
Ashton Kutcher

that you’ve ever seen, in the artists and the designers and the photographers,” Kutcher say. “So that fish-out-of-water story is completely out of water. It’s a fish-in-the-desert story.”

Producer Adam Giaudrone, who was with Elite’s men’s division in Milan when he was

younger, describes modeling as a constant struggle for some.

He points to himself as an example. That’s why the new series will look at those who are perfect for the catwalk and those who are close but may be one pound from being successful.

It wouldn’t be a CW Network series without lots of young, attractive people. That’s perfect for the show, says Kutcher, because so much of the modeling world has to do with young people becoming adults in an industry that puts the new thing, the next big new thing, on the pedestal.

“Most of us work in industries that the longer you’ve been there, the more wisdom that you have, the more integrity you have in

the workplace,” Kutcher says. “The fashion industry is always about the next big thing, so the longer you’ve been there isn’t necessarily the good thing. And, so I think, we’re going to find a lot of drama in that as well.”

Elle Macpherson, who plays the owner of a successful New York City modeling agency, has managed to survive longer than the average lifespan of a model with 26 years in the business. Even the 46-year-old Macpherson knows the majority of models have only a finite professional life.

“My career has spanned many different mediums from television to film. For the last 15 years, I have really been focusing on business. I have a lingerie

company and a body-products company,” Macpherson says.

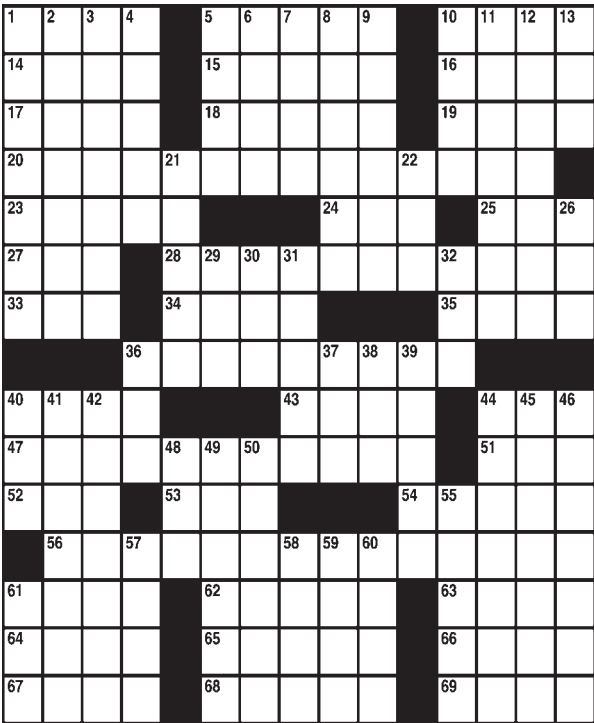
She likes that the new series shows modeling is not all glamorous clothes, exotic trips and celebrity. It is also about a major industry.

“We, as a team, because of our multiple experiences, are working very hard to make sure that this program is authentic -- authentic in its human relations, authentic in its portrayal of the industry, authentic in the growth and the arc of people within this industry,” Macpherson says. “It is not a manufactured, dramatized version. We have all had enough experience to be able to really monitor that and work as a team to keep this real, to keep it honest, and to have an integrity.”

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- Mil. school at Annapolis
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Bears begin Big 12 slate

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

After starting the season in dominant fashion with an 11-game winning streak, the Baylor volleyball team enters a new realm of stiff competition as conference play starts.

Like the majority of sports in the Big 12, women's volleyball is statistically dominant from bottom to top. Eleven of the 12 teams have a non conference record over .500 and four teams, including Baylor, find themselves ranked in the American Volleyball Coaches Association top 25 poll.

Among the Big 12 teams receiving rankings were the University of Texas (No. 2), the University of Nebraska (No. 8), Iowa State University (No.10) and Baylor (No. 24). In addition, Kansas State University received 71 votes and Texas A&M University received 45 votes.

"I believe the Big 12 is the best volleyball conference in the nation," Baylor head coach Jim Barnes said. "But we have expectations to be playing with the best at the end of the season."

Such high expectations stem from the Bears' hard work and preparation they put into this season. According to Waco sophomore Jordan Rice, the Bears won't be caught off guard by the tough competition they face in the Big 12.

"During the preseason, we really didn't look at it as the preseason. We tried to look at it as if we were playing UT, Nebraska or some Big 12 team," Rice said. "We tried to play with the same intensity, so we wouldn't be shocked when conference play starts."

The Bears' biggest test comes tonight as they travel to Austin to face the No. 2-ranked Longhorns, a game that will be televised nationally on ESPNU. Under head coach Jerrett Elliot, the Longhorns have posted a 63-7 record against in-state opponents, including a 15-1 record against Baylor. Such a history is no secret to Coach Barnes.

"They are probably the most athletic team in the nation," Barnes said. "We know the team well and we know we are going to have to play a near-perfect game to beat them. They are that good."

Much of their success comes from



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Katie Sanders digs the ball Sept. 8 against Texas State University.

the presence of senior All-American setter Ashley Engle, who was named the AVCA National Player of the Week and Big 12 Player of the Week. Engle led UT to the Hawaiian Airlines Wahine Classic title after averaging 8.82 assist, 2.91 kills, 2.27 digs and 0.64 blocks per-set for the week. Engle and the Longhorns started the season with victories against five ranked opponents, the previously ranked No. 4 University Hawaii, No. 10 University of California, No. 15 San Diego University, No. 19 Saint Louis University and No. 23 Long Beach State University.

The Bears on the other hand haven't had much luck against ranked opponents in recent years. Despite the Bears' recent win over 24th-ranked Purdue in the title game of the Holiday Inn & Suites Baylor Classic, Baylor had not won a game over a ranked opponent since Oct. 27, 2006, when it beat 16th-ranked Missouri.

Despite the daunting task of the match on Wed., Barnes is eager to see how his team will perform as the underdog.

"The pressure is on them, they are at home, it's on live TV and they are supposed to win," Barnes said. "We need to go over there with the mentality of knocking them off and being fearless."

Sports take: Media's obsession with USC's Barkley overbearing



Chris Derrett
Sports writer

In America, we love young phenoms. We've had a 2-year-old Tiger Woods on the Mike Douglas show and child prodigies on Oprah. ABC televises the Little League World Series each year. People pay Rivals.com to get every morsel of information they can on

the nation's best high school athletes.

So it's no surprise that when USC quarterback Matt Barkley became the first freshman to start an opening game as the university's quarterback, the media outlets salivated over the coverage opportunity.

But the way they devoured Barkley, both before the game and during the broadcast, was unfair and indicative of our unhealthy obsession with anticipation.

Leading up to game time, everything targeted toward him asked the same question, the answer to which all college football fans were waiting to see. Would Barkley succumb to the pressure of 100,000 screaming fans wanting to see him fail or would he remain composed and lead his team to victory?

The media demanded a response from Barkley prior to kickoff. His options were limited to, a: Yes, I have confidence in myself and the team, or, b: I think the pressure is going to get to me.

Of course option B goes out the window in the masculine world of college football that prohibits admitting fear.

And the public perception of option A? He's cocky. He's ignorant. He is too young to know what he's talking about.

Take the interview after USC's blow-out of San Jose State, for example. A NBC Los Angeles story referenced his comments when asked what he learned about himself as a quarterback, including, "That this is fun. This is easy. This is what I was made to do."

It also mentioned him stating that no crowd would faze him.

I can understand if the public finds



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Southern California quarterback Matt Barkley (7) looks for room to pass against Ohio State during an NCAA college football game Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

him cocky after these responses, but what should Barkley have said otherwise? That he hates football and that he was not made to win? That the crowd would be too much for him to handle?

The questions may have put Barkley in a no-win situation, but they couldn't stop at pregame coverage. The obsession with Barkley continued all the way through the game.

I do not remember the Trojans starting a drive without hearing, "The young Barkley takes over," "Let's see how the freshman commands his team," or some other variation.

Even after USC broke into Ohio State territory on its winning drive and the Trojans primarily ran the ball to reach the endzone, there was only praise for Barkley's efforts and leadership.

Barkley did provide two huge passes of 21 and 26 yards early in that possession, but Joe McKnight rushing for 32 of the drive's final 37 yards went without mention. USC's defense, whose goal line stand held the Buckeyes to a field goal in the first half, got no attention.

All the commentators' energy went toward congratulating Matt Barkley and his 15-31, 195-yard and one-interception

effort.

According to the media, Matt Barkley is the reason for USC's successes or failures.

Before anybody calls me a hypocrite, I realize that I am a member of the media (a very, very small part, but included nonetheless), which means I am a part of the industry I just criticized.

As the media (newspapers, in particular) struggle to turn profit in a world that has 24-7 news availability, there is more and more emphasis on covering whatever sells.

Regardless, there is a responsibility to keep readers informed with the truth. It is wrong and insulting to readers' intelligence to deem worthless material newsworthy enough to offer in a finished product.

With Barkley and other highly anticipated figures, however, we often angle questions to stir controversy, to produce responses that generate strong feelings in readers. It's all done so that readers keep coming back for more.

That's what really matters, isn't it?

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Cross country teams ranked regionally

Baylor's men's and women's cross country teams were ranked in the South Central Region, according to the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association. After sweeping the top three individual spots at the Bear Invitational and winning the meet, the Lady Bears start the season ranked No. 1 in the region. The men, who also won the 2009 Bear Twilight Invitational, earned a No. 6 ranking in the polls.

Men's tennis receives preseason recognition

The men's tennis program notched four athletes in the International Tennis Association's preseason poll. Junior Jordan Rux (No. 27), senior Atilla Bucko (No. 85), sophomore Julian Bley (No. 113) and sophomore Maros Horny (No. 25 in doubles with Rux) all earned individual rankings.

Season ticket sales reach highest mark in 10 years

With Baylor's home opener against the University of Connecticut quickly approaching, the Baylor athletics department has announced that season ticket sales have increased 12.2 percent since 2008. While final totals won't be available until after the weekend, the department has already sold more than 13,000 tickets a number that hasn't been surpassed since 1999.

Golf finishes seventh

The Lady Bears golf team shot a collective 875, 16 shots behind the University of Idaho, to earn seventh place in the Ptarmigan Ram Classic. Sophomore Jaclyn Jansen collected her first career top-10 finish. Jansen finished 2-under-par for the tournament to lead Baylor, while Hannah Burke concluded the tournament at even par.

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By JIM VERTUNO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

While thousands stormed the field to celebrate, Colt McCoy stood on the sideline in stunned silence.

The Texas quarterback had rallied the Longhorns into the lead, then watched as Texas Tech drove to Michael Crabtree's winning touchdown catch with one second left on the biggest play of the 2008 season.

Now the Red Raiders are coming to Austin and revenge is the buzzword of the week, even if the second-ranked Longhorns are publicly trying to avoid it.

"They got us," McCoy said Monday. "That's one of the greatest plays that's ever happened. The hardest part is you what you did in that game: The offense goes down and scores right at the end of the game and we think we've

got it won."

Crabtree's touchdown will go down as one of the most heartbreaking in Longhorns history. Not only for the loss, but the domino effect that followed.

The loss ultimately forced a three-way tie in the Big 12 South, bumping the Longhorns out of a chance to play for the Big 12 title. That honor went to Oklahoma, a team Texas beat on the field.

By extension, it probably also cost McCoy a chance to win the Heisman Trophy. He was runner-up to Oklahoma's Sam Bradford.

But for everything Texas lost in that one second in Lubbock, Longhorns coach Mack Brown says he won't talk about "revenge" with this team.

"Some people use it but it's not my personality," Brown said. "Revenge is fine if that helps. We tell the players to figure out what

"Hopefully we'll come out with a different outcome."

Sergio Kindle
University of Texas linebacker

turns you on, what excites you."

McCoy said he's focused not on revenge but trying to win every game this season.

"I've never been a revenge-type guy," McCoy said.

Texas Tech coach Mike Leach seemed unconcerned about whatever may be motivating Texas this week. The Red Raiders can expect 100,000 Texas fans to be thinking revenge the entire night, especially after seeing highlights of Crabtree's TD catch all week.

"It's hard to sustain (revenge) for an entire 60 minutes out

there," Leach said. "At some point you got to worry about doing your job and playing well."

Brown says he's seen enough of Crabtree's catch and won't watch last season's game again. He watched the tape the morning after "three or four times," but can't stomach it any more.

"If I get home and it's on (ESPN) Classic, I won't turn it on," Brown said. "I move forward. You can't lay and wallow in it."

Texas went into Lubbock ranked No. 1 and quickly found itself down 19-0. The Longhorns took a 33-32 lead behind two touchdown passes from McCoy to Malcolm Williams and Vondrell McGee's 4-yard touchdown run with 1:29 to play.

The Red Raiders marched down the field and Texas had a chance to wrap it up when freshman safety Blake Gideon

dropped what should have been an interception off a tipped ball.

One play later, Crabtree scooted into the end zone, sending Tech fans onto the field not once, but twice.

The first time they did it without realizing there was still one second on the clock. After game officials restored order, the crowd flooded the field again when the game was finally over.

Tech couldn't keep it rolling. A tough game the next week against Baylor was followed by a blowout loss at Oklahoma. Then came a bowl game loss to Mississippi.

Meanwhile, Texas has kept a low burn simmering for its chance at revenge, even if they don't want to call it that.

"A new year, a new team," linebacker Sergio Kindle said. "Hopefully, we'll come out with a different outcome."

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amount of time and pay more interest, which North said could possibly reduce the amount of funding available for loans for future students.

"If government is mandating loans, the new terms could reduce the total amount of funds available for student loans from private lenders, because you are introducing uncertainty," North said. "There is a possibility companies will be a little more reluctant to make loans."

North said it isn't clear how big the effect will be.

Dr. Kent Gilbreath, professor of economics, said the program is a very wise idea and feels the program would benefit students by alleviating stresses and allowing students to make important life decisions.

"For example, decisions about getting married, buying a home are all affected by, and in most cases, placed on hold by the debt they've incurred," Gilbreath said.

While the program has its advantages, Gilbreath doesn't believe it will have a direct effect on the economy.

"I don't think it will directly boost the economy to the extent that loans are affordable, not crippling, to students," Gilbreath said.

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known in the world of Christian music, he has much more to offer than celebrity. "We look to host people whose work is feeding into the bigger stream of what is Christian music and is changing the color or the texture of what is going on in the church," Bradley said. "David is certainly in the forefront of Christian music these days."

Past guests for the Hearn Innovator Series have included Argentinean world music figure Pablo Sosa, African music expert Roberto King and Irish composer Keith Getty.

Students will have one final opportunity to interact with David Crowder at noon today during a brown-bag lunch at George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

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asinine, but I think it would be asinine no matter what the color of the president," said Dick Harpootlian, who has known Wilson for decades. "I don't think Joe's outburst was caused by President Obama being African-American. I think it was caused by no filter being between his brain and his mouth."

Harpootlian said he received scores of racial e-mails from outside South Carolina after he talked about the vote on Fox News.

"You have a bunch of folks out there looking for some comfort in their racial issues. They have a problem with an African-American president," he said. "But was he motivated by that? I don't think so. I respectfully disagree with President Carter, though it gives validity to racism."

Carter called Wilson's comment "dastardly" and an after-shock of racist views that have permeated American politics for decades.

"The president is not only the head of government, he is the head of state," he said. "And no matter who he is or how much we disagree with his policies, the president should be treated with respect."

Associated Press Writer Seanna Adcox in Columbia, S.C., contributed to this report.

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found out that this is an organization on campus that was pro-life and I really want to get involved with that," Moyer said.

Southlake senior Kacie Wall said she had some personal involvement with Care Net.

"I volunteer for Care Net as one of the counselors who sees girls who come in wanting to know whether they are pregnant or not," Wall said. "Also I did a public relations internship with Care Net last semester."

Beyond that, Wall said she supports Huckabee's political career and was excited to hear him speak.

"I really like him and his politics and values," Wall said. "It was) wonderful fundraiser for Care Net."

Care Net's message is one of hope, in a situation where there seems to be very little.

"Once that girl is pregnant, no matter what decision she makes, her life is gonna change," Patterson said.

Blockbuster contemplating 960 closures

By ASSOCIATE PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Blockbuster Inc. may close as many as 960 stores by the end of next year, shedding more dead weight as the struggling video rental chain tries to reverse its losses and fend off rapidly growing rivals Netflix Inc. and Redbox.

The cuts outlined in documents filed Tuesday would leave Blockbuster with about 20 percent fewer U.S. stores. The previously confidential documents didn't identify the locations of the endangered stores.

Blockbuster hasn't made any final decisions on the possible store closures, Chief Executive James Keyes said in an interview Tuesday.

Keyes described the closures as something that Blockbuster is considering as it sets up more DVD-rental kiosks in the stores of other merchants.

It's a concept that has been popularized by Coinstar Inc.'s Redbox.

By the middle of next year, Blockbuster hopes to have 10,000 kiosks scattered around the country. It had just 500 kiosks at the end of August.

"We could have fewer physical stores and still have more rental points for our customers," Keyes said.

Blockbuster's shift serves as another reminder of video stores' waning appeal as consumers buy and rent movies through the mail, on the Internet and through cable connections and standalone

kiosks.

The shift has threatened to turn once-mighty Blockbuster into a dinosaur.

The Dallas-based company has been trying to evolve by embracing kiosks and expanding into rentals delivered through the mail and the Internet.

But it hasn't been enough to justify keeping so many stores open, prompting management to consider cutting much deeper than it anticipated to save money and keep its lenders happy. About 18 percent of Blockbuster's stores aren't making money, according to the documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Blockbuster is thinking about closing between 810 and 960 of its U.S. stores before 2011, up

from the 380 to 425 stores that normally would be closed during that time span, according to Tuesday's filing.

Besides closing stores, Blockbuster indicated that it will convert at least 250 stores into smaller outlets.

Netflix's DVD-by-mail service, launched a decade ago, has hit Blockbuster particularly hard as more households have embraced the concept of picking out their rental choices online before the DVDs are delivered through the mail for a monthly subscription fee that usually runs from \$9 to \$17.

In the last two years, Netflix lured even more customers by building up its library of movies available for instant viewing over high-speed Internet connections.

Netflix now has 10.6 million subscribers and, unlike Blockbuster, is becoming more profitable.

Redbox also has been hurting Blockbuster with its red kiosks that rent DVDs for just a \$1 per night. That low price has proven particularly compelling during the recession as more people pinched pennies.

In a Tuesday research note, Barclays Capital analyst Douglas Anmuth said Blockbuster's accelerated store closures should bolster Netflix. Investors seemed to agree as Netflix shares surged \$1.69, or 3.9 percent, to close Tuesday at \$44.97.

Blockbuster's cost-cutting plans also pleased Wall Street as its shares gained 7 cents, or 5.2 percent, to \$1.40.

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