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Student senators question alumni proposal

By **BETHANY MOORE**
REPORTER

Interim president Dr. David Garland addressed Student Senate members’ concerns regarding the Baylor Alumni Association, campus housing and parking at the Senate meeting Thursday night.

The questions mainly surrounded a new proposal presented Saturday to the Baylor

Alumni Association that invites it to become a part of Baylor University once again, instead of maintaining its current independent status.

Garland said this request is in line with normal operations at other private universities and that Baylor is the only private school in the nation with a separate alumni association.

“This is the most efficient way, and we can be far more ef-

fective in what we are doing for the alumni,” Garland said.

Garland also said he was disappointed in the public opinion of the university and alumni association, stating that from what he has heard from alumni and others, the alumni association has given Baylor a “black eye.”

“We wanted to give a positive view of Baylor from both sides,” Garland said. “We want to send a message to the world, what is

going on is good, our students are good. That’s our motivation.

“We’re interested in protecting the Baylor brand. We haven’t been aggressive in our quality control thus far,” he said.

When asked about the university’s “PR blitz” over the proposal, Garland said that he was not aware of such a campaign and that after he submitted the proposal, the newspapers got a hold of it.

After many senators brought up the two e-mails that were given encouraging students to back the proposal, Garland said he did not know anything about the e-mails being sent.

In response to why the proposal was brought forth at this time, Garland said the proposal was presented two to three weeks ago. However, one reason the university wanted the proposal passed now, he said, was

the administration’s concern with the damage the university has suffered.

When a senator asked how the BAA is supposed to perform after Baylor removed the alumni association from the university Web site, e-mail and toll free phone this summer, Garland asked him if he understood

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Delays prevalent in soldiers’ school funds

Bill is causing many soldiers to wait, depend on loans

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COCONUT CREEK, Fla. (AP) — Brandon Thomas was hit by shrapnel from a rocket-propelled grenade and twice grazed by bullets fired by the Taliban during his final tour with the Army in Afghanistan.

After risking his life, the 27-year-old father and Purple Heart recipient is one of thousands of veterans who now say they are waiting weeks or months for education benefits under a newly fattened GI Bill, leaving many to scrape up money from family or take loans to cover college costs while the Department of Veterans Affairs pledges to speed up payments.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill is the

most significant expansion of education benefits since the original GI Bill in 1944. Eligible veterans receive payments for tuition, housing and a book stipend. The VA says more than 50,000 veterans and their relatives have given notice that they’re enrolled in college for the fall semester and hoping to be reimbursed under the program, which started making payments in August.

Thomas submitted his paperwork to the VA in July, but he’s still waiting for the first check to arrive. When he bought nearly \$1,000 in books this semester, Thomas billed it to a credit card.

“What was the alternative?” said Thomas, who is studying business.

In the military, there is a phrase often repeated among troops: “Hurry up and wait.” Hurry up and get to the training field. Hurry up and get to

the shooting range. And then, wait for what can seem like an eternity for anything to begin.

Veterans are now finding themselves repeating that phrase as they go to apply for their GI Bill benefits.

“We’re a patient group of people,” Thomas said. “Patience only goes so long.”

According to the VA, 277,403 claims have been filed for benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. Some 205,704 claims have been processed and the rest are pending. The average processing time is 34 days, up from 28 a month before.

“We’re continuing to work hard and we’re not going to stop until this process is smooth for everybody,” Keith Wilson, director of the VA’s Education Service division, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

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Faith and the South

Distinguished professor of Auburn talks on South’s religious climate

By **LENA WATERS**
REPORTER

The South, often referred to as “the Bible Belt,” is considered one of the most religious parts of the United States. However, Dr. Wayne Flynt, professor emeritus and distinguished professor at Auburn University, argued in his lecture Thursday that those conclusions are flawed.

Flynt’s lecture, “The South’s Battle Over God,” was held by the department of religion as part of the annual McGee Lecture Series.

At his lecture, Flynt discussed assumptions about southern evangelicalism and explained how the religious climate of the South is much more complicated than most people believe.

“We assume that southerners are the most religious people in the most religious industrialized nation,” Flint said in an e-mail to the Lariat. “But it depends on what you mean by religious: Belief in God, practice Christian ethics,



SHANNA TAYLOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Wayne Flynt emphasizes a point in his speech “The South’s Battle Over God” Thursday afternoon, in Miller Chapel. Flynt’s presentation was part of the McGee Endowed Lecture Series.

the 10 Commandments in public places?”

While the topics discussed were weighty and challenging, Flynt presented them in a humorous manner, using the analogy of college football.

“We see things as God’s team defending the southern goal, and secularism’s minions defending the northern goal,” Flynt said.

These ideas were not to paint a grim picture of religious life in America, but instead to put forth the idea that America’s Christianity is not able to

lines, Flynt said.

“We also assume that religion in the South is homogeneous, but that is no longer correct,” Flynt said. “Needless to say, when a religious evangelical tries to witness to a religious Jew [in the South], the religious line-up of what it means to be religious in the South gets really complicated.”

The lecture served as an opportunity to challenge students’ thinking and force them

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U.S. jobless claims fall

Texas stays strong among weak times

MELISSA PERRY
REPORTER

The Labor Department released a statement Thursday showing how national unemployment claims have fallen for the third straight week, even after Wall Street economists predicted a rise in claims.

The recent decline in claims reveals that the early stages of economic recovery are easing the burden of layoffs. Fewer layoffs “would be an important sign of improvement,” said Pierre Ellis, an economist at Decision Economics, as reported by the Associated Press.

While unemployment claims

may be falling nationwide, the rate of unemployment around the country continues to grow. According to Dr. Kent Gilbreath, Baylor economics professor, the decline in claims is both a good and a bad thing.

“The growth of new claims has begun to level off, but the decline in claims is also due to the number of people who have exhausted their benefits,” said Gilbreath.

“The rate of growth in unemployment is leveling off somewhat, but things are just getting worse slowly.”

Because unemployment remains high, some local temporary staffing agencies are still reporting a steady flow of people looking for work.

“We see a lot more people

come in and fill out applications,” said Silvia Escobedo, a payroll processor at PDQ Staffing in Waco.

“A rise in applicants is still going on.”

Not all agencies are reporting a rise, however, as some maintain a steady number of job seekers needing temporary or permanent employment.

“We have seen a relatively steady number of applicants,” said Mark Elliott, co-owner of Express Staffing in Waco.

“Even though higher unemployment can increase applicant flow, slower economic times can cause fewer applicants because people are choosing to stick with what they have.”

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Coffee time with music on the mind

Senior Alex Muller and partner violinist, members of the band “Las Playas,” play at Baylor’s first Acoustic Cafe of the year at the SUB on Thursday.



SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Florence Owen was certain she had a criminal in her home.

A gentle knocking on the door of her Hewitt residence brought her and her daughter face to face with Forrest Flesch, a well-spoken young man claiming he could provide them a free home security system that very evening.

Their uninvited visitor informed them of their excellent credit rating after performing an on-site credit check over his cell phone, without using any personal information, and claimed they were currently installing a system at their neighbor’s house; neighbors that Owen knew were not home.

Though she eventually forced the persistent peddler from her home, Owen’s suspicions of his

legitimacy grew days later after seeing a Texas Department of Public Safety warning against a wave of unlicensed aggressive door-to-door alarm sales scams.

“The guy was obviously a scam artist,” Owen said. “I’m in my 70’s, I’ve seen a lot of them.”

However, Flesch is a state-licensed security system salesman for APX Alarm Security Solutions, Inc., a state-licensed

alarm system company based in Provo, Utah. A spokesman for APX confirmed Flesch’s employment, and Flesch himself confirmed he was in Waco that weekend on sales calls.

Widespread Warnings

Online consumer warning Web sites, such Rip Off Report, are littered with user complaints against traveling salesmen using deceptive sales practices

and failing to uphold their end of sales contracts.

Texas is one of several states issuing recent warnings against soliciting pedestrians.

Flesch’s employer, APX, received a Cease and Desist order in 2008 from the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections for installing inferior systems, knowingly providing false information to customers and engaging in deceptive

acts and practices, the Better Business Bureau said.

The Better Business Bureau also gives APX a D+ rating and reports 1,535 customer complaints against the company, including 415 complaints regarding violation of contract issues and 397 complaints about sales practices.

APX proponents argue that

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Lariat Letters

Student questions role of mortality rates, pre-natal care in health care reports

I must respectfully disagree with a few of the statements made in Friday’s article “Health care bill to impact young graduates.”

Dr. Thomas Myers is indirectly quoted as saying the United States has one of the worst health care systems in the world.

He supports this statement by mentioning that our infant mortality rate is among the highest of any developed nation and our pre-natal care is some of the worst. There are serious problems with using these two statistics as a measure of our health system, however.

The most glaring is the inconsistency with which infant mortality statistics are gathered across nations.

The United Nations Statistics Division says that a child, once removed from the mother, who “breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles... is considered live-born regardless of gestational age.”

The United States follows this definition, but many other nations do not.

For instance, in Switzerland, a child born under 30 centimeters in length is not considered living. So, many infants are never considered to be alive, and thus cannot count toward infant mortality figures.

Pre-natal care also seems like it might be an appropriate indicator, but it too is faulty. This better indicates the sad state of our families, not our health care system. A woman giving birth in the U.S. is very likely to be single, and as such, might not have the support needed to adequately care for her child.

Measuring our health care system must be accomplished by using a statistic that meets three criteria.

First, it must involve actual interaction with the health care system. For example, death rates are not an accurate measure because not all deaths occur with people who are interacting with medical professionals; many die in their sleep, in car accidents, etc.

Secondly, the statistic must also measure something on which the health care system can impact. Measuring cancer survival rates, which are among the highest in the U.S., is an adequate statistic. Measuring cancer incident rates is not, because this depends much more on factors such as genetics, diet and lifestyle choices.

Finally, the statistic must be consistently measured across all nations. It is clear that infant mortality rates and pre-natal care do not adequately meet these criteria.

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Environmental health major great addition to curriculum

Editorial

Next semester Baylor will open up enrollment for its new Environmental Health Science Studies degree.

This latest addition to the science department focuses on the effects of the natural and man-made environment on public health. According to the Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs (AEHAP), those with an occupation in this field help maintain food, water and air quality, as well as sanitation conditions in cities.

Baylor will be the second university in Texas to add this major, following Texas Southern University.

Since approving the degree in May, Baylor has stayed vigilant in their efforts to get the program accredited — available for enrollment next spring.

Dr. Bryan Brooks, associate professor and director of the environmental health science program, said he hopes 20 to 25 students graduating from the program in the next few years.

By adding this program- it has a projected placement rate of 90 percent - Baylor has opened several new doors for students wanting to help both the environment and people around the world. Not only does it allow students to learn specifics from different areas of the sciences, but it also gives students a definitive way to help the world in which they live. Instead of fulfilling

one role, graduates of the program will be able to help in a variety of ways.

These potential jobs include health and safety specialists, safety engineers, directors of clinic safety and radiation safety officers.

With the job market currently fluctuating between hiring and not, a projection of 90 percent of graduates having a job is a huge boost of confidence to those heading into the field.

In a time where the economy is limp and jobs are scarce, the reassurance of a career opportunity may be a strong motivating factor in choosing this major.

By creating a degree in which there are a variety of fields to go into, Baylor has increased the value of each individual graduate’s degree. Chemical weapons elimination, international emergency and refugee health and general environmental health services all offer unique and valuable experiences all represent specialties available to those graduates.

While the addition of one major isn’t going to solve the difficulty of finding jobs overnight, it certainly shows that Baylor is conscientious of what is going on in the world and is making an effort to educate students while providing ample opportunities to succeed after they step off campus.

Further, program is one of the many ways that Baylor is showing its concern for the wel-

fare of the environment. By allowing students the opportunity to actively participate in the search for new solutions for the growing environmental problems, Baylor is helping to encourage more young minds to make the world we live in a better place for future generations.

Furthermore, the new Environmental Health program will bring experts to campus to speak on important topics concerning the field of study, according to the Lariat article.

This will greatly enrich students’ educational experience by allowing them to interact with those in the environmental health field.

Also, Baylor will be creating opportunity. By capitalizing on the growing need for educated minds in “Green Jobs,” Baylor is helping to ensure that its students graduate with a degree that can give them an awareness of the world, its people and environment and confidence when looking for future employment. This is a very encouraging prospect when considering the number of programs that often require a master’s before a job can be found.

With many unique majors such as Neuroscience, Theater Design, Forestry, Human Resources Management and Classics, Baylor has worked to provide concentrations almost as unique as its students.

Lariat has many uses- umbrella, anyone?

“Nobody reads the Lariat,” I heard somebody say the other day. Ever since that comment I’ve questioned the validity and accuracy of that news.

This is not the only negative comment I have heard about the Baylor Lariat.

For some time it has had me wondering why some students feel this way.

I am a few weeks into my time reporting for the Lariat. I never could have imagined the amount of work put into each issue. The experience of those who have been working here for some time is, of course, beyond my own, but I must say reporting is hard work. I’ve seen the results of my work and of those writing with me.

I am sure all reporters love when their articles are done, filed and ready to be published in the following day’s issue. When I finally get my hands on the paper the next morning, it is satisfying to see my name under the headline, but, in that moment, that student’s question pays its visit to my mind.

“Is anyone even going to read this today?”

I witnessed certain incidents that began to convince me it was true. I was in the BSB printing homework. After some time, I packed up my belongings and headed toward the exit. Before I reached the door, I passed four guys who were surrounding a Lariat stand, each eagerly grabbing a copy. “Wow, they seem excited to get their

Point of View

BY ALYSSA MENDEZ



hands on that,” I thought. Believing they wanted to read it, I felt a sense of pride for the moment. I reached the doors as the guys ran outside with their newspapers held over their heads, protecting them from the pouring rain.

“I should’ve known,” I thought. “Maybe it is true. Nobody reads the Lariat.”

I’m not exactly sure if I should be happy that my articles are not only occasionally being read, but are being made into make-shift umbrellas.

Should it give me a boost of confidence that my roommate asks me if I have an extra issue of the Lariat to put her art project on while she spraypaints it?

This roommate is the same roommate who has yet to read my published articles this semester but, hey, I’m not too offended. Maybe she’s reading this one.

The Lariat allows students to become informed about campus news, events in Waco and the issues of our world. While we do our best to put news out that’s interesting to our audience, we’re open to the ideas and opinions of our readers as well.

So, instead of making a negative comment about an issue you didn’t like, form it into a suggestion or idea that we can work with and implement in our next issues. Or write a letter- the editors read them.

I can’t say that I’ve always given the Lariat the same recognition I’m asking from you, now. Whether or not it’s true, I would rather not know that not one set of eyes has read over my article. But, as you read this, and even if you don’t care for what I’m writing, all I have to say is, “Thanks for at least acknowledging our work at the Lariat.”

And remember, the resources of our earth are diminishing quickly, so save this issue and reuse it for your upcoming art project or the next time you are caught without an umbrella on a rainy day.

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Please Recycle This Issue

Man behind the lens

New lecturer shares worldly experience in visual journalism

By TRENT GOLDSTON
STAFF WRITER

Curtis Callaway, a recent addition to the journalism department, is passing to students knowledge acquired from nearly 20 years of experience in almost every imaginable facet of visual journalism.

Callaway's work has taken him to 15 countries and given him opportunities to shoot both pictures and video of everything from underwater exploration with John-Michael Cousteau to a live concert with popular rock band Nine Inch Nails.

Callaway said his love of photography came early.

"My whole family are artists: everything from pencil to painting to oil and watercolor," Callaway said. "I kind of converted to photography."

Callaway attended Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he learned the craft of underwater photography.

"They teach the most intensive underwater photography class anywhere," Callaway said. "I walked right out of college and (started) shooting with one of the Cousteau guys."

Shortly after, Callaway met Jean-Michel Cousteau, French explorer, environmentalist, educator and film producer, and started working on contracts with him. Callaway helped design a broadcast system which would send a live uplink from underwater to cruise ships.

"While we were diving underwater, the passengers could see what we were filming and we could have a two-way interaction so they could ask us questions," Callaway said. "We could go anywhere in the world and broadcast."

Some of Callaway's work with Cousteau has been included in the special feature portions of films like "Finding Nemo" and "The Spongebob Squarepants Movie."

Other examples of Callaway's underwater work have been featured on the Discovery Channel's Shark Week and in publications like Science Digest and Ocean Planet: Smithsonian. Callaway says he's logged more than 2,000 hours of underwater footage.

Callaway recounted nearly dying in one incident during a three month expedition in which his diving team became caught in a powerful underwater downdraft.

"We almost lost our whole team — four of us — in Bali, Indonesia," Callaway said. "We were in about a seven knot current, in about 20 feet of water."

Callaway said the current dragged them down to below 100 feet almost instantly and that one of the team members blacked out. Callaway said he almost lost a diving fin in the process.

"I'm thinking, 'If that fin goes, I'm dead.' There's no way — I am starting to black out and lost sight of everybody," Callaway said.

After finally reaching the surface, Callaway said one team member surfaced with his mask full of blood. Luckily, everyone got out alive, Callaway said.

"We laid low for the evening, just kind of re-thinking life," Callaway said. "It was really scary."

Callaway often shares his experiences with his students, which many seem to enjoy.

Plano senior Michelle Wong said she appreciates having a professor with a lot of experience in the field.

"It's really great having a teacher who has had so much experience outside of Baylor," Wong said. "It's great to hear about his experiences. It really pushes us to apply ourselves."

Callaway also has extensive documentary experience, including the award-winning film "The Secret Spot," which he co-directed. The film won best documentary at the Milano International FICTS Festival, two Telly Awards and received a best director nomination from the Krasnogorski Festival of Sport Films in Moscow.

Callaway said the project started when his brother started bugging him to make a documentary about water skiing.

"We grew up skiing on the Brazos River," Callaway said. "And then we found out all these national champions and world champions that ski out there."



They decided to shoot the film in HD and went all out, shooting for the entire summer, Callaway said.

Callaway's documentary experience includes work for Samsung and other independent films, including one project he is currently working on that features the Kiowa Indians.

"We had to get to know them and build trust with them," Callaway said.

He said he was able to see and experience the Kiowa culture in a way that many outsiders are never able. In one instance, the Kiowa chief singled Callaway out and allowed him to film a drum circle ritual, which outsiders are traditionally not allowed to take part in.

"It puts chills all up and down your spine," Callaway said. "These guys are just pounding this drum right next to me and chanting and screaming. It scared me to death."

Working with Baylor alumnus Brian Greene, Callaway has also shot and coordinated multi-camera projects all over the country for events including concerts and ultimate fighting. As a journalism lecturer at Baylor, Callaway said he feels he has a lot to offer students.

Lindale junior Joi Terry said his teaching brings an extra element to the class.

"It's really cool that he has so much experience. I actually value what he has to say," Terry said. "When he shows us his work, it gives me confidence in what I can do."

Although Callaway is currently a temporary full-time lecturer, he said he would like to stay.

"I enjoy teaching students," Callaway said. "I had great opportunities handed to me, and I feel that it's only right that I give back."



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Curtis Callaway has joined the journalism department, bringing a vast range of photography and film skills, including underwater photography with Jean-Michel Cousteau.



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Consul General warns about global effect of man

By MEGAN KEYSER
STAFF WRITER

Paul Lynch, the British Consul General for Houston, presented his lecture, “Do We Really Need Diplomats? A Case Study in Climate Change” Wednesday addressing growing global concerns of man’s harmful effect on the environment.

Lynch also discussed that one of his goals as a consulate general is to encourage a low carbon, high-growth economy.

“If we sum up what [consulates] aim to do in two words, they are to inform and influence,” Lynch said in his lecture.

Lynch, clad in a suit with Texas flag cuff links, discussed Texas’ part in the global battle against harmful green house emissions.

“Texas is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the United States,” Lynch said.

If Texas were its own country, Lynch said it would be the sixth highest emitter of carbon in the world.

These high numbers make Texas a particularly important objective on the United Kingdom’s list of major areas of interest.

“While working on this issue of global change, Texas is an important place to work,” Lynch said.

Thus, while working in the United States, Lynch focuses on the steps that can be taken to improve the environment, according to the policies of the United Kingdom.

“No country can do this on their own, not even the United

States,” Lynch said.

However, Lynch did discuss the ideas that are being implemented in the United Kingdom that are being suggested to the United States.

“The U.K. has cut its greenhouse emissions by 17 percent since 1990,” Lynch said.

Moreover, the U.K. is suggesting a cap on carbon emission, which would mean carbon usage would be monitored throughout the world in order to maintain lower carbon usage and ensure that harmful usage levels would never be reached, he said.

Lynch also discussed the estimation that if one percent of the global gross domestic product was dedicated to the cause of correcting the rising problems in the environment, the problem may

be solved.

The United Kingdom’s policies on globally conscious living were used as an example of a nation’s successful attempts to better their greenhouse gas emission.

At a casual reception after the lecture, Lynch and his vice consul, R. Mitchell Jeffrey Jr., mingled with students and Baylor faculty to answer questions and further discuss some of the topics of the lecture.

Lynch said he speaks at universities with the hope of informing a part of the population he says is at the core of global issues.

While visiting Baylor, he said he was looking for ways the consul and the university can work together toward common goals.

“I know a lot of work has already happened on campus to green buildings and green student life and I think that’s great,” Lynch said. “It just helps the debate and the information process to combat the problem and be continually involved in it.”

Baylor’s area of space science in the science department is one Lynch said has great potential for collaboration, and the U.K.’s expertise in satellites could be a good opportunity for research, he said.

Combined with the U.K.’s strong pharmaceutical development, Lynch said these individual strengths have inspired considerations of missions.

“We’re looking at some opportunities to maybe take some people backwards and forwards

if they’ve got some chances of working together or possibly bringing a small mission group across or something to visit, and they can be part of the work that’s going on here,” Lynch said.

“We wanted to get Paul up here so this was an opportunity to do it,” said Michael D. Morrison, director of international education, who extended the invitation to Lynch.

According to a Baylor press release, Dr. Lily Souza-Fuertes, director of Latin American studies, said the opportunity to hear a new perspective on global issues is unique.

Souza-Fuertes said there will be a series of lectures global and cultural topics throughout the fall semester.

Blink-182 reunites, goes on tour after 6-year breakup

By ASH ANDERSON

CONCERT | REVIEW

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Since the band’s breakup in 2003 to it’s reunion in 2009, avid fans of Blink-182 have been hankering for a comeback. Bassist Mark Hoppus and drummer Travis Barker (perhaps you’ve heard of him) parted ways with guitarist Tom DeLonge, each forming their respective bands. DeLonge’s Angels and Airwaves continues to influence the music scene, but the Hoppus/Barker combination of +44 failed to reach the anti-

pated heights.

But all that’s in the past. Well, sort of. Angels and Airwaves — known to fans as AVA — is still alive and well, but the trio is far more concerned about reconnecting with it’s fan base.

This was made clear at their Dallas show on Wednesday evening, one of the many stops on their comeback tour.

Although a new record was announced at this year’s Grammy awards, this tour is all about the hits. From the time I walked into the gate at the Superpages.com Center, I saw T-shirts that had been worn ragged, teenagers that weren’t old enough to un-

derstand the drama that the band had been through and the older folks, like myself, that grew up with the sappy lyrics and fountains of teenage angst that DeLonge’s signature whine swelled up.

However, Blink-182 wasn’t the only focus of the evening. Hardly an “opener,” Fall Out Boy played a full set to introduce the band that everyone came to see. Even Pete Wentz, bassist for Fall Out Boy, was excited to see Blink-182 play, and he let the audience know.

Murmurs ran through the crowd as silhouettes of the band members flew across the pur-

posefully thin curtain separating the stage from the rest of the arena. And that’s the quietest that the arena would be for the rest of the night. From the opening power chords of “Dumpweed,” the crowd was electric.

DeLonge and Hoppus engaged in their energetic and vulgar banter throughout the evening, while letting Barker laugh along and simply do what he does best: play his drums.

Though, one of the biggest crowd-pleasers and highlights of the evening was a far cry from anything vulgar.

Standing on the far right side of the stage, DeLonge shouted to

Hoppus, “I love you, Mark! Let’s go up and give Travis a hug!”

Hoppus responded by nodding, putting his bass down and walking up to the drum set to embrace Barker along with DeLonge.

The crowd’s response was magical. Applause, whistles and screams ignited the venue. People were just happy to see their favorite band back together.

After that tender moment, the band went straight into their signature songs. “The Rock Show,” “Feeling This” and “I Miss You” all drew huge responses from a pumped-up crowd.

Admittedly, this reviewer

climbed up on a friend’s shoulders to air drum along with “All the Small Things.” Not only did the crowd cheer me on, but other people got up on the shoulders of their friends to play bass and guitar along with my drums.

It’s moments like those that really bring a crowd together. Some people there were new to Blink-182, and it was great to see them get engaged with the music.

But most of all, it was a phenomenal experience to get to see people like me that grew up on the silly antics and simple – but true — lyrics that brought us all together for one night.

Wild West Bike Tour celebrates 25 years of fundraising

By SABRINA LANDWER
REPORTER

The Waco Wild West Bike Tour marks its 25-year anniversary Saturday morning with five courses, ranging from 10 to 100 miles, for riders of all fitness levels.

The tour begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Indian Spring Park, in front of the Hilton. Registration is \$30, and riders can sign up online or in person before the tour begins.

Proceeds will benefit Be The Match Foundation, which supports bone marrow transplants, and organizations such as Boy Scouts, the Texas Bicycle Coalition and the Children’s Cerebral Palsy Campaign.

“The objective of the ride is to

promote safe cycling in Central Texas and for families to enjoy themselves on a bike,” said Rusty Hansgen, route coordinator for the tour. He said last year’s tour raised \$5,000 for the Be The Match Foundation.

All five routes will begin and end at Indian Spring Park. The 10-mile course takes riders through Cameron Park and downtown Waco; the 26-mile tour passes by the Lake Waco Dam and loops around the Waco Regional Airport and the 50- and 65-mile tours take riders over several challenging climbs while circling Lake Waco and the Waco industrial park before returning to downtown via Robinson.

The 100-mile route goes through Texas’ oldest park, Moth-

er Neff State Park, and past former President George W. Bush’s Crawford ranch.

The 50-, 65- and 100-mile routes also feature a rest stop at the Mars snackfood factory in the Waco industrial park, where the company manufactures Skittles.

Riders can attend a spaghetti dinner at the pre-ride roundup from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Indian Spring Park and enjoy a free massage after the tour on Saturday. There will also be a raffle on Saturday.

“I participated in the bike ride

last year and had a great time,” Waco senior Blake Lynn. “It’s nice because you can go at your own pace. It’s not a race. The free massage at the end is one of the best parts.”

Richard Duhrkopf, a associate professor of biology and member

of the Waco Bike Club, said club members will be participating in the event as well as volunteering in various ways.

To register, get more information and download a map of each tour, visit the Waco Wild West Web site at www.wacowildwest.com.

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Emory freshman Brin Beaver sings “Is This What Love Feels Like?” at Baylor’s first Acoustic Cafe of the year Thursday at the Bill Daniel Student Center. Beaver has been playing the guitar for four years.

Acoustic artists talk tunes

By Kim Douglass
Reporter

The first Acoustic Cafe of the semester on Thursday night showcased five Baylor musicians. The Lariat talked to each of them before the event about their unique sounds and why they started making music in the first place.

Fort Worth senior Casey Graham said he has been playing music for about six years. Colleyville senior and cellist Alex Muller joined Graham in their band “Las Playas” Thursday night.

“We play what’s generally described as folk music, mixing our own original songs with traditional material where we can as well as our favorite contemporary songs,” Graham said.

Vocally, Muller began showcasing his talent in private.

“I’ve sung for as long as I can remember, though more to amuse myself than anything,” Muller said. “I started by serenading my bedroom walls and harmonizing with my brother.”

Franklin, Tenn., senior Michelle Piland offers styles that can

be compared to everyone from Kate Nash to Nicole Nordaman, with her own personal touch.

“I hope that people will enjoy and be moved by my music, which will inspire me to keep writing, developing my style and performing,” Piland said.

In her songs, Piland places the major elements of her life in the forefront. With the lyrics “Why can’t I reach my hands out, show my brother what you’re all about?” as a verse in her song “God is so much bigger,” she takes a simple style of guitar, utilized more by artists like Alison Krauss, and pairs it with deeply expressive lyrics.

By contrast, Laura Webb’s music is more expressive of the emotions felt from day to day. Her vocals, when soft, compare to Adele or Kate Nash. Something to pay close attention to are her harmonies. Neither guitar nor her vocal take dominance over the other; they work as a beautiful team.

Webb said she began her career traveling with a worship band and mixing her own original songs from time to time.

In her song “Hurting You Is,” Webb puts her own spin on the well-known breakup song. It’s honest, and rather than seeking vengeance or calling attention to the bad shared between two people, it acts as an explanation for why things simply didn’t work out.

Though a first-time Acoustic Cafe artist, Emory freshman Brin Beaver has made some big accomplishments at Baylor playing shows Common Grounds and this year’s After Dark.

Her music encompasses all that is worship music. From the light vocals and musical accompaniment, it is meant to put listeners in a place where they are, essentially, one with the Lord.

“I want people to hear the messages in my songs and minister through my music,” Beaver said.

Though many things can be said about these artists and the experiences they shared with their audience at Acoustic Cafe, the best way to describe it comes straight from Webb.

“If my audience is inspired, I am inspired,” she said.

Browned-butter pecan pie

By Caroline Scholes
Reporter

“I can make the best pecan pie you’ve ever eaten,” boasts journalism lecturer Kevin Tankersley.

He recounted making the following recipe for his browned butter-honey pecan pie in a bake-off with a customer of his former catering business. He won.

“Browned butter gives the pie more depth because it tones down the sweetness,” Tankersley said.

Kevin Tankersley’s Browned Butter-Honey Pecan Pie

1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup light corn syrup
1/4 cup honey
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon salt
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup chopped pecans
1 unbaked (9”) pastry shell
Whipped cream
Cook butter in a small saucepan over medium-low heat 6 to 8 minutes or until browned. (Do not stir.) Remove from heat, and set aside.

Combine corn syrup and next five ingredients; stir well with a wire whisk. Stir in browned butter and pecans. Pour mixture into pastry shell.

Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees, and bake 40 to 45 additional minutes or until center of pie is almost set. Cover pie with aluminum foil to prevent excessive browning after 25 minutes, if necessary.

Cool completely on a wire rack (pie will become firm as it cools). Serve with whipped cream.

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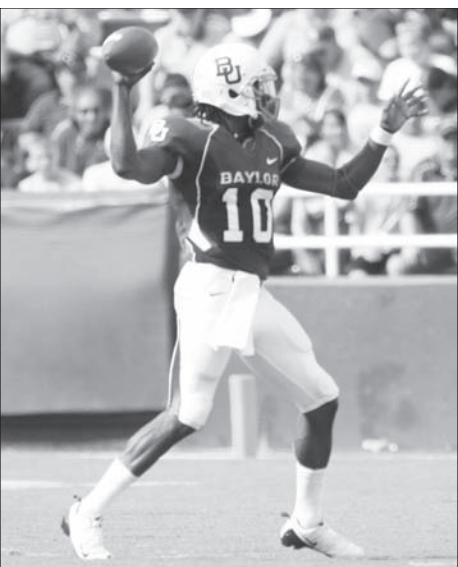
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The Art of recruiting



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Sophomore quarterback Robert Griffin steps back for a pass. Griffin followed Briles to Baylor after committing to the University of Houston.



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Eagles quarterback Kevin Kolb takes a snap earlier in the season. Kolb played for Art Briles at the University of Houston from 2003 to 2006.



McCLATCHY NEWS

University of Houston quarterback Case Keenum throws a pass during the Cougars' 45-35 win against Oklahoma State University.

By MATT LARSEN
REPORTER

Robert Griffin, Case Keenum and Kevin Kolb: three quarterbacks who combined for 24,561 total yards and 208 touchdowns in just seven college seasons. And they're still going. Though Kolb's college career at the University of Houston is done, Keenum still has hopes to put up big numbers for the Cougars this season and Griffin hopes to do the same for the Bears for the next three seasons. Most football coaches dream of recruiting and coaching one of these three record-breaking quarterbacks. Art Briles did so for all three.

Briles first started making splashes in the pool of Texas football at Stephenville High School in the 1990s when he won four state championships with his Yellowjackets. Kevin Kolb was on Brile's fourth championship team. Only a freshman at the time, Kolb got moved up to varsity to back up Briles' son Kendall (who would also go on to play for his father at U of H.)

Kolb stayed on Brile's radar during his time as an assistant coach at Texas Tech University, and when Briles made the move to take the head position at Houston, he knew where to look for his quarterback.

Although committed to play at Oklahoma State, Kolb knew he could not pass up the chance to play for Briles.

"I got to visit Houston and thought: I can't miss an opportunity to play for him and in the same offense that we played in in high school," Kolb said in a phone interview.

Kolb went on to lead the Cougar offense for four years and posted huge numbers that earned him a spot as a Heisman candidate.

But Kolb would be the first to tell you that it is not the numbers Briles allowed him to post that he values. "Personal [impact] definitely outweighs the career," he said. "I don't have role models because God is first, but I look up to him as a role model. At Houston he built up in me the fire to never lose. It didn't matter

what it was, he still did it in me, and that's what got me to this point."

When asked what separated Briles from other coaches, Kolb had to come back to the coach's contagious fire.

"He's almost psychotic about it, which is a good attribute for a coach," Kolb said. He went on to mention how Briles keeps his players playing loose, fast and smart.

After Kolb finished up his dazzling senior season at U of H with 3,845 total yards, 30 touchdowns and only four picks, it was Case Keenum's turn to shine under Briles guiding hand.

Though he only led the offense for a year, Keenum developed a strong relationship with the coach.

"I'd known Coach Briles for awhile," he said in a teleconference.

Keenum incidentally displayed Briles' eye for good quarterbacks when the quarterback later talked about quieting the critics of his size and high school numbers by way of his success this season and last.

"I think I've proven for other guys coming out of high school, like me, that aren't your prototypical guy. Whether or not they're the perfect specimen, they can go out there and play ball," Keenum said. "I'm very competitive. I go out there and try to win. No matter what that is."

The most recent of Briles protégés also chimed in his take on Briles.

"He has a lot of experience," said Copperas Cove sophomore Robert Griffin. "When he says something you believe it."

Griffin has been far from the only player to experience that trust between player and coach.

Kevin Kolb summed up Briles' trustworthy nature as well as hit home on the veteran coach's knack for recruitment and knack for winning in general.

"He has a way of showing trust in his players but expecting a lot," Kolb said. "That's why these guys are so good at Houston and at Baylor because they want to play for him. And shoot, if he can do that with every player then they're going to win and he does and that's why he wins."



SARAH GROMAN | LARIAT STAFF

Robert Griffin (No. 10) penetrates a running lane against the University of Connecticut. Griffin has been limited to 94 yards rushing so far in 2009.

Griffin determined to revert to previous run success

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

In Baylor's latest ticket advertisement, freshman Robert Griffin sidesteps a Northwestern State University defender and dashes down the field. After two games this season, fans have not seen the same rushing output from Griffin, but he still remains an integral part of the Bears' ground game.

Griffin has rushed 23 times for 94 yards this year, averaging 2.7 per carry compared to 4.9 in 2008. Though his average is down, Coach Art Briles credits opposing defenses and believes Griffin will continue to generate yardage with his feet.

"He's a big part of the running game," he said. "We've had two quality opponents that have a pretty good feel for us and are pretty good defensively."

Briles also thinks the offensive unit could give a more polished effort.

"We've had some execution breakdowns that are pretty blatant, and we have to have player responsibility," he said.

Much of Griffin's success

"I feel that I need to be a greater threat. We're back to ground zero."

Robert Griffin
BU Quarterback

relies on his ability to read linebackers and defensive ends who have increased their attention to his running threat. Though Connecticut held him to 37 yards, he trusts Briles to find a way to run more effectively.

"I feel that I need to be a greater threat," Griffin said. "We're back to ground zero. We'll do whatever Briles feels we need to do."

As teams attempt to prepare for Griffin, none can forget about the other part of Baylor's running game in Jay Finley. Finley garnered little media attention last year but quietly racked up 865 yards. Now a junior, his production may force teams to take notice.

And as soon as they begin thinking about Finley, Griffin be-

lieves the zone read will reopen with two dangerous running threats.

"If Jay keeps running well, teams are going to have to respect that. I'm not running as much, but teams are not taking away everything I have," Griffin said.

Some of Connecticut's defenders felt Griffin was afraid to take hits on the field, and after the game, defensive end Lindsey Witten said, "We got him early a couple of times and made him think twice about running."

Griffin disagrees and, although he realizes his running production was disappointing, his attitude stays the same.

"Nobody likes to get hit, but they weren't saying that when I ran over their linebacker on the goal line. I'm not afraid to run, but I'll do whatever I need," Griffin said.

Before entering conference play, Griffin and Finley have two opportunities to exploit run defense weaknesses.

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Bears back to work

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

Following a dismal loss last week against the University of Connecticut, Baylor's recuperating efforts begin when the Bears welcome Northwestern State University at 6 p.m. Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

In the two teams' previous meeting in 2008, Robert Griffin recorded his first career start. The young quarterback threw three touchdown passes and rushed for another as Baylor pounced on the Demons 51-6. That game marked the largest margin of victory the Bears have recorded since 1989.

With a 14-0 record all-time against Southland Conference opponents, the Bears look to continue their success with a win over the Demons. While Northwestern State is not a BCS team, Baylor Coach Art Briles says that doesn't factor into preparation for this game.

"We have to understand the mentality of the opponent coming into the game," Briles said. "From our coaches' standpoint and our team's standpoint, we faltered a little bit in previous weeks."

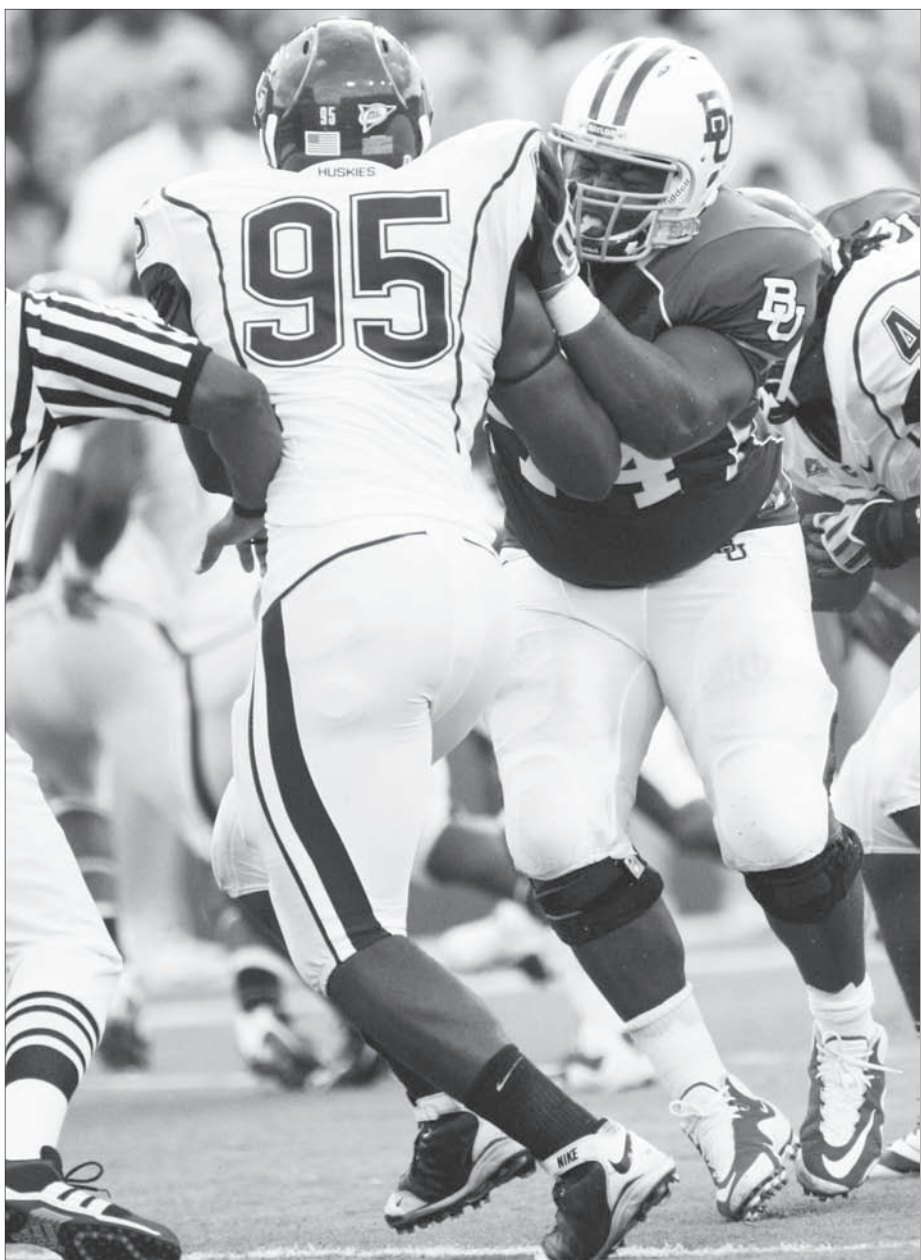
"There are good football players everywhere; what you have to do is take care of the football when you have advantages, and this week we have to get our crowd involved and take advantage of those opportunities."

Under first-year head coach and former Louisiana State University assistant Bradley Peveto, the Demons are looking to catch fire since starting the season with three-straight losses to the Universities of Houston, Grambling and North Dakota. Despite having a slow start, Briles doesn't consider Northwestern State an inferior opponent.

"They had a tough opener at Houston," Briles said. "They had some turnovers that really hurt them in the second week, and the game against North Dakota last week was a battle until the end. They are getting better on both sides of the ball. They're improving and they'll be tough, we know we have our hands full."

Offensively, the Demons have improved since their first game. Senior John Hundley opened the season as Northwestern State's starter, but after two unproductive performances, the job was recently handed to junior Tyler Wolf. Wolf started last week against North Dakota and completed 25-of-38 passes for 307 yards and three touchdowns as the Demons almost pulled off a win.

Wide receiver Darius Duffy has been the



SARAH GROMAN | LARIAT STAFF

Junior right tackle Phillip Blake makes a block during the Sept. 19 against the University of Connecticut. Blake and the Bears play host to Northwestern State University at 6 p.m. Saturday.

main target this season with 17 receptions and 144 yards.

Northwestern State also has two talented tailbacks in William Griffin and Quentin Castille, who have been sharing carries this season. Griffin averages 5.1 yards-per-carry with 219 yards and Castille averages 4 yards-per-carry with 162 total yards. Both Griffin and Castille have recorded one touchdown this season.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Demons run a "Purple Swarm" defense in which they emphasize an attacking style and swarming the football. The Demons employ a 4-3 scheme and return seven starters from the 2008 season.

Despite facing a defense that has giving up an average of 40 points per game this season, quarterback Robert Griffin doesn't plan

to let up.

"Every opponent is a formidable opponent," Griffin said. "We are going to go out there and play them like we have something to lose."

With hopes for their first bowl game in 15 years, the Bears must take advantage of this non-conference game. While history is on Baylor's side, there have been many examples this season showing anything can happen in college football. Senior center J.D. Walton expects his team to be focused and ready when it takes the field Saturday.

"We can't walk into games thinking we are just going to win," he said. "We have to walk in there with our heads on straight, ready to go."

Sports Briefs

Jerrells signs contract

Former Baylor point guard Curtis Jerrells has been invited to the San Antonio Spurs training camp. He finished his career as Baylor's third leading all-time scorer with 1,820 points. He averaged 16.3 points per game in 2008, and was a key element of Baylor's winningest senior class.

Volleyball's home stand continues Saturday

The Bears' four-game Big 12 conference home stand continues Saturday when they play host to the University of Kansas. Baylor defeated No. 11-ranked Iowa State University Wednesday night to set a new record for a victory against its highest-ranked opponent. The first serve is set for 1 p.m. at the Ferrell Center.

Soccer welcomes rivals over the weekend

The Baylor soccer team (4-1-2) will host the University of Texas and Texas A&M University this weekend. In the Bears' Big 12 home opener at 7 p.m. Friday, the No. 10-ranked Aggies storm into town after upsetting the No. 2-ranked University of Portland. Sunday afternoon, the Longhorns will travel to Waco.

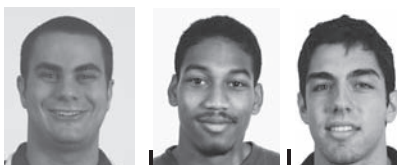
Men's golf travels north

Payne Gniewek returns to his home state of Michigan, and the Bears return to action after a two-week lapse, as they partake in the 2009 Wolverine at Radrick Farms. The No. 38-ranked Bears will join 13 other teams in the tournament and will play 54 holes throughout Saturday and Sunday.



Weekly NCAA picks

Sports editor Justin Baer and sports writers Chris Derrett and Kevin Tamer will predict outcomes of the weekend's games. Follow during the season as the three vie for bragging rights.

Week 4 Picks



Game	Baer	Derrett	Tamer
Baylor vs. Northwestern State	49-14 Baylor	49-10 Baylor	49-10 Baylor
No. 9 Miami vs. No. 11 Virginia Tech	38-20 Miami	28-27 Miami	24-21 Miami
Texas Tech vs. No. 17 Houston	49-45 Texas Tech	35-31 Houston	41-35 Texas Tech
Arkansas vs. No. 3 Alabama	24-17 Alabama	30-17 Alabama	31-14 Alabama
No. 2 Texas vs. UTEP	52-14 Texas	45-9 Texas	48-13 Texas
Last week's record	3-2	1-4	3-2
Overall record	9-6	7-8	10-5



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the complainers are victims of buyer's remorse rather than a door-to-door scam, with the remorse kicking in after customers realize the contract they signed actually requires them to pay thousands of dollars in service fees over the next few years.

These are facts the salesmen often forget to mention.

Overall, the Better Business Bureau has received 206 complaints in Texas so far this year against alarm companies, a 17 percent increase from 2008, San Antonio executive director Deane Taylor said. Though none of these complaints have originated from Waco specifically, the Waco and Hewitt police departments confirm receiving calls about door-to-door salesmen operating in the area in the last month. Still, while some argue semantics as to what constitutes a scam, APX was breaking a Hewitt city ordinance against door-to-door solicitation just by conducting business in the area. Even though Flesch and APX meet the DPS Private Security Bureau's qualifications for selling alarm systems in the state, cities have their own individual regulations and requirements regarding door-to-door solicitation, a spokeswoman for the city attorney's office said. Hewitt forbids most solicitation and Waco doesn't require any type of permit to sell.

Abuse within the Industry

Though the Utah-based sales company may only be guilty of aggressive and misleading sales tactics, their contemporaries in the door-to-door sales business have faced far worse allegations.

In May, the Better Business Bureau warned of deceptive door-to-door traveling magazine sales crews after it received 1,100 complaints against more than 50 different companies.

These sales crews typically recruit high school and college-age individuals through job advertisements, promising excitement and a chance to travel across the country. New hires are then trained to give customers emotionally charged sales pitches that have mostly proven false.

Also, several customers have complained they never receive any of the typically over-priced magazines, despite paying for them in full. The crews have been active in Central Texas, with several citizens having heard knocks at their doors.

"A guy came to my door selling a 'great deal' for magazines, showing me a list of several to choose from. When I said I wasn't interested, he went through the pitch about being a college kid selling these subscriptions as a summer job to help offset his tuition," said Robinson resident James Garrett. "This person was persistent, as they all are. I had to be very frank with him and finally shut the door in his face."

Investigative articles in The New York Times and The Houston Press have reported on a variety of abuses occurring on the magazine crews' nationwide tours; including managers beating, abandoning and withholding wages from salespeople who do not meet their quotas.

Protecting Yourself

With rampant negative publicity on door-to-door salesmen, some may question whether it is ever a wise decision to entertain this form of in-home commerce.

Before opening the door to a salesperson, officials encourage customers to research the company's reputation.

"Check with the Better Business Bureau before buying anything," said Richard Kitterman, executive director of Central Texas Better Business Bureau. "Our job is to report the records of complaints against these companies." Customers should also read over any contracts very carefully to ensure the words on the document match the words from the salesman's mouth, Taylor said. In addition, the Federal Trade Co.

So what, then, should Florence Owen make of her uninvited visitor?

Flesch was a licensed salesman with a licensed company and obviously did not commit any crimes like some of his contemporaries. But, his company is widely accused of scamming customers, and his mere presence at her door was in violation of a city law.

For all Owen knows, Flesch was a young man trying to earn an honest living, but it's hard to distinguish the bad apples in this profession that have brought suspicion upon the whole bunch from the good.

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to think through issues for themselves, Flynt said.

"Everything I thought I knew [about religion and the South] while growing up was challenged," San Antonio freshman Elena Noegel said. "My view now is a lot less stereotypical. I see now that there is a lot of diversity in the South and that (my) religious life is not much different from the rest of the world."

Flynt's visit gives professors deeper insight and offers a fresh outlook to students.

"Having nationally and internationally known speakers come and address their specialties is really a great way for giving students a different perspective. Nobody at Baylor does what Dr. Flynt does," said Dr. Rosalie Beck, assistant professor of religion. In addition to being a distinguished professor for many years, Flynt has won numerous teaching awards and published eleven books, according to the Auburn University Web site. His research focuses on Southern culture, Alabama politics, Southern religion, education reform and poverty.

The McGee Lecture Series will continue with Paul Fiddes, professor of systematic theology at the University of Oxford. His lecture will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, in Miller Chapel of the Tidwell Bible Building.

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what independent meant.

"This goes back a long way. It is not something that just happens," Garland said. "None of those things affected their performance. We made an error with the communication but we have apologized for that."

After the discussion senator Travis Johnson said he was disappointed in the way the university handled the alumni proposal.

"I think he avoided our questions and it sounded like he just kept repeating a PR memo he had been given ahead of time," Johnson said. "I think we should hear from the Alumni association directly before students can form an opinion on the matter."

Concerning the independent status of the association Johnson said, "Baylor is not like other schools. Baylor's the only school that walks the line between being a Bible college and a secular institution. Perhaps it makes sense then that Baylor could be the only school with an independent alumni association."

Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life felt differently about the outcome of the discussion.

"I think the dialogue was informative and Garland answered the questions to the best of his ability," Jackson said. "Having only been here for a short amount of time, some of the questions and issues went back to long before he was there. In the end he, like the rest of us, he wants what is best for Baylor."

On the subject of campus housing Garland said that he was very supportive of residential living and learning, yet the problems of overcrowding are related to finance.

"I guarantee there is no attitudinal halt, there is a financial halt. If I had 10 billion dollars, there are a lot of things I would like to do," Garland said.

As for the continuous problem of campus parking, Garland agreed that it was a large problem but he didn't know what was currently being done.

"We just need to walk more on campus," Garland said.

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Although the country has been experiencing high rates of unemployment during the current recess, Texas has maintained a lower unemployment rate than the rest of the nation, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

The commission released a report comparing the national unemployment average with that of Texas and its major cities.

The rate for the Texas rose slightly from 7.9 percent to 8 percent from July to August.

The unemployment rate of Waco was reported at 7.3 percent, a 2.3 percent increase from the year 2008.

"Despite our strong Texas economic foundation, the national recession continues to have an adverse impact on our state," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken.

"Nonetheless, the unemployment rate in Texas remained well below the 9.7 percent national rate."

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Veterans must complete two steps to receive payment: First, the VA must confirm that they are eligible: 189,597 of these claims have been processed, and another 60,071 are pending.

Second, veterans must obtain a certificate of enrollment, which confirms their college attendance. This is done through their school and the VA. There are some 12,258 certifications still pending.

In all, about 51,000 veterans, their spouses or children — who are also eligible for payment under the new bill — have notified the VA of their enrollment for the fall semester. Some 24,186 have been paid and about 27,000 are awaiting payment.

Meanwhile, it can take more than an hour to process one claim by hand. The VA has hired 760 additional claims examiners to handle the increased workload.

Most universities are working with students by granting deferrals and, in some cases, issuing vouchers to cover the cost of books.

But many veterans have taken

out loans, billed credit cards, asked their parents for money, or dipped into savings as they wait for their claims to be processed.

"Veterans have to operate on the assumption that they're not going to get their benefits, because you can't count on that money being there," said Jason Lindsay, 27, an Army veteran who is studying to earn his master's degree in global security at John Hopkins University. "You have to have a backup plan."

Lindsay, who served in Kuwait and Iraq, opted to take out a \$10,000 loan with a 5.6 percent annual interest rate to cover his tuition, books and living expenses for the semester.

By September, he still hadn't received any VA payments.

"We fought for our country," he said. "But then we get home and we have to fight for our benefits." It's quite a challenge of how to figure out a way to defer their tuition while at the same time meet their own budgetary obligations. "At the same time, it appears they're finding a way to

do it," he said.

Brandon Krapf, an Iraq veteran and American University student, is among veterans turning to family for help.

Krapf said he borrowed more than \$500 from his father to pay for books after the stipend he was expecting didn't arrive.

"Dad, you want my grades to tumble?" he told his father.


"He does not support me in the same sense that most college kids out of high school get support," Krapf, 27, said.

"He doesn't have the money himself."

Thomas, the Broward College student, is at an advantage: Because he earned a Purple Heart, his tuition is already covered by the state of Florida.

Nevertheless, the stipends were planned income he did not receive. His wife is picking up extra shifts at her job, and a planned vacation with his family to Sea World has been scratched.

He said he calls every Monday, hoping to find out when his claim will be processed.




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