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No. 10 quarterback Robert Griffin went down during the second quarter of Saturday's game against Northwestern State with an ACL tear on Saturday. Baylor earned its first home win of the season beating the Demons 68-13.

# Season ends for Griffin, Baker

**Bears' plagued with injuries Saturday against Northwestern**

By CHRIS DERRETT  
 SPORTS WRITER

Art Briles and his Bears have little time to recuperate after Robert Griffin was diagnosed Sunday afternoon with a season-ending isolated tear in his anterior cruciate ligament.

Both he and senior Mikail Baker will miss the remainder of the season with ACL tears suffered in Saturday's 68-13 win against Northwestern State.

"When it happened the pain was a 10, but going back out there it was probably a

four or five," Griffin said in the postgame press conference.

"Once I got off the field and started jogging I got some stability back and was fine."

Briles was initially relieved to see his quarterback re-enter the game and still feels it speaks volumes about Griffin's determination.

But upon hearing the news of Griffin's injury Sunday afternoon, Briles realized this is the first time in his coaching career to lose a starting quarterback to injury.

He and the team will now rely on Blake Szymanski to call the signals

Szymanski started 10 games as a redshirt sophomore in 2007, averaging 258.5 passing yards per game. In Guy Morriss' pass-heavy of-

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fense he completed 264 of 461 passes for 2,844 yards that year and 22 touchdowns. Currently, Szymanski's completion percentage of 56.4 places him third on Baylor's all time list in that category.

He saw limited action in 2008, completing 4 of 7 passes for 28 yards.

2009 will now be a medical redshirt year for Griffin.

Szymanski is listed as day-to-day after suffering a shoulder contusion on his throwing arm in last Saturday's game but is expected to start Satur-

day against Kent State University.

While Szymanski isn't as athletic as Griffin, Briles believes the dropoff between the two quarterbacks is minimal.

"I like him because he's weathered," Briles said in his weekly teleconference Monday morning.

"His path hasn't been easy, and he's stayed very loyal and stayed very consistent with his emotions for this football program and this university."

Regardless of his practice time, Briles expressed no doubt that Szymanski will be fully prepared to perform.

Baylor's running back ability in Jay Finley, Jarred Salubi and Terrance Ganaway also calls into question whether the Bears will become more

run-oriented following Griffin's injury.

Briles, however, has no drastic changes in mind.

"(The running backs) are good, but we're not changing our philosophy," Briles said. "We'll try to blend what (Szymanski) brings to what we already have on the team."

Finley sat out last Saturday's game with an ankle injury but is expected to return as needed against Kent State.

If Szymanski is unable to play, quarterback duties go to freshman Nick Florence.

Florence graduated from South Garland High School in 2008, where he led his team to a district 10-5A championship.

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## Students, Garland discuss alumni proposal

ADEOLA ARO  
 STAFF WRITER

Interim President Dr. David Garland met privately with student leaders Friday afternoon in a question-and-answer session to clarify any questions concerning the proposal for the Baylor Alumni Association to dissolve its charter and become a part of the university.

The senators and student body officers were given the opportunity to clarify any misconceptions about the proposal, and be properly informed of the facts.

Jordan Hannah, student body president, said he received a call from Garland on Friday afternoon to meet with him and the other author of the proposal, Baylor Board of Regents Chairman Dary Stone. Hannah said it was "a last-minute opportunity to gather facts."

Phone calls to Garland and Stone had not been returned as of press time Monday. While Hannah did not say whether the meeting was called in response to the Student Senate meeting held on Thursday, he said the proposal was not the only issue addressed in the meeting, though it did get the conversation started.

"We really got to have a good dialogue about the proposal and even talked about issues pertinent to students on campus. We also talked about tuition and

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## French minister defends filmmaker

By ANGELA DOLAND  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Was Roman Polanski "thrown to the lions because of ancient history?" That's what the French culture minister says — though not everyone in France agrees.

The French government has rushed to the filmmaker's defense since he was arrested this weekend in Switzerland on a U.S. warrant in connection with his guilty plea to having having sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

Government ministers and France's cultural world have lauded Polanski as a great artist, a family man and a survivor of countless hardships who deserves peace at age 76.

In Paris, Polanski is not a fugitive wanted for a sex crime, but rather a revered artist and public figure who has never had much reason to hide.

While Polanski would have risked arrest to attend the 2003 Academy Awards in Los Angeles — where he was named best director for "The Pianist" — he is free to climb the red carpet at every Cannes Film Festival.

Actor Harrison Ford eventually delivered the golden Oscar statuette to Polanski at another French film festival in the Normandy beach town of Deauville.

Polanski, who has dual French and Polish nationality, has long been protected by

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## Service group searching for future student leaders

**Manna Project will end in May unless others take up cause**

By JENNA THOMPSON  
 REPORTER

Baylor's chapter of the Manna Project will close out its current course of work in May, after serving in Ecuador and raising funds for the past two years, unless students pick up where they left off. Manna Project International is a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve developing communities overseas through a holistic, community-based approach.

The Baylor Manna Project chapter was founded completely by students about two years ago, said Dallas senior and chapter president Erik Klintmalm.

"We were just trying to see what the interest was, and if it was going to work," Klintmalm said.

After this year, the founders of the Baylor chapter will graduate, and their initiative will be over, but they are open to

the possibility of other students picking up where they leave off.

Manna Project chapters currently operate at 10 universities around the nation, including Duke, Vanderbilt, Tulane and Iowa State. Each chapter takes a slightly different approach to serving its community and working overseas. Some emphasize funding for international sites, and others focus on tutoring.

"Our slogan is 'communities serving communities.' That sums it up pretty perfectly," said Andrew Preston, U.S. director of Manna Project International, in an e-mail to the Lariat. "We want to establish a global network of (Manna Project International) communities that work hand-in-hand with members of underserved communities to foster holistic development initiatives."

Because of its comprehensive approach, the Manna Project covers a broad range of efforts and can be hard to define. Students are basically doing whatever they can to help the community by using their skills to

better those around them.

"Some people shy away from it because people want something that's very structured and narrow," Klintmalm said.

The Baylor chapter has worked on international sites, as well as coordinated local efforts in the Waco area.

"Manna Project at Baylor is serving the community in any way possible. Basically we take peoples talents and plant them into the community," said Shreveport, La., senior Minette Hand, vice president of the Baylor chapter. "We've done some work at the World Hunger Farm, and we've talked to them about doing an organic greenhouse as well."

The students in the chapter held a crawfish boil last semester in order to raise money for the organization, and they plan on having several events this year in order to promote awareness and raise money, Hand said. The program is encouraging recent college graduates to

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COURTESY PHOTO

Erik Klintmalm plays with children during Spring Break last year in Ecuador. He is a Dallas senior and the president of the organization.



## Lariat Letters

### Skepticism raised concerning coverage of alumni association, other controversial issues

I respectfully submit, via The Lariat, two questions to the current Baylor administration and the Baylor Alumni Association, asking that each party share its answer in the public forum of this semi-autonomous newspaper. As most students and faculty know, the Baylor administration recently denied tenure to over 10 faculty members, a denial that ran counter to the tenure committee’s approval recommendation for many of those denied tenure.

For those individuals, like me, who do not reside in Waco (or even Texas), we heard about the denials through the proverbial grapevine. Controversial news, it seems, reaches concerned alumni long after the local Baylor family hears it.

Am I to believe, then, that to keep me better informed about controversial news, that the official ‘voice of the university’, The Baylor Magazine, would publish a potentially image-damaging article, such as one that acknowledged the administration-decided denials? I suspect they would not- how would such a step promote a positive appearance for the university?

But, I also suspect that The Baylor Line, the magazine that exists to keep alumni informed about their alma mater, would publish such an article on the issue, along with an investigative story regarding the decision.

My questions, then, are simply these: Would The Baylor Magazine and The Baylor Line each independently publish a story worthy of the attention of the alumni even though that story might cast the administration or university in a negative light? Would the new, “joined” university-held and overseen magazine commit to publishing an equally controversial article?

The floor is now open for a public response from both parties, and if President [David] Garland and Regent [Dary] Stone truly believe in “vigorous debate,” as Stone recently claimed in The Waco Tribune, they will respond to my call, and I suspect Mr. Kilgore would gladly engage both men in a public debate on these questions.

At a minimum, I firmly believe the entire Baylor family— both on- and off-campus — deserve answers to these questions.

The administration, the Baylor Board of Regents and the Baylor Alumni Association owe the current and former students, faculty, staff and family members who truly love their university and ‘bleed green and gold,’ an honest answer to the two questions I posed.

Equally important, I ask that all Lariat readers ponder a simple and historically-grounded fact: pro-governmental (or organizational) news that comes at the expense of independent, questioning voices, or that silences dissent or dissenting voices, breeds censorship and distrust and the marketplace of ideas ceases to exist when only one voice proposes to speak for the masses, or only speaks that which it wants to hear.

Respectfully,  
Jay M. Hudkins  
B.S.E. 1991, M.A. 1992

### Alumnus praises difficult questions from student senate of Dr. Garland

Kudos on the recent story regarding Dr. Garland’s meeting with the student senate.

I am pleased with the student senate asking informed and legitimate questions of Dr. Garland, but am quite disappointed in Dr. Garland’s evasive tone in his attempt to answer their questions.

I am glad to see that current students, the future alumni of this great institution, are looking critically at the Baylor Board of Regents’ attempt to stifle the free flow of communication between the university and alumni.

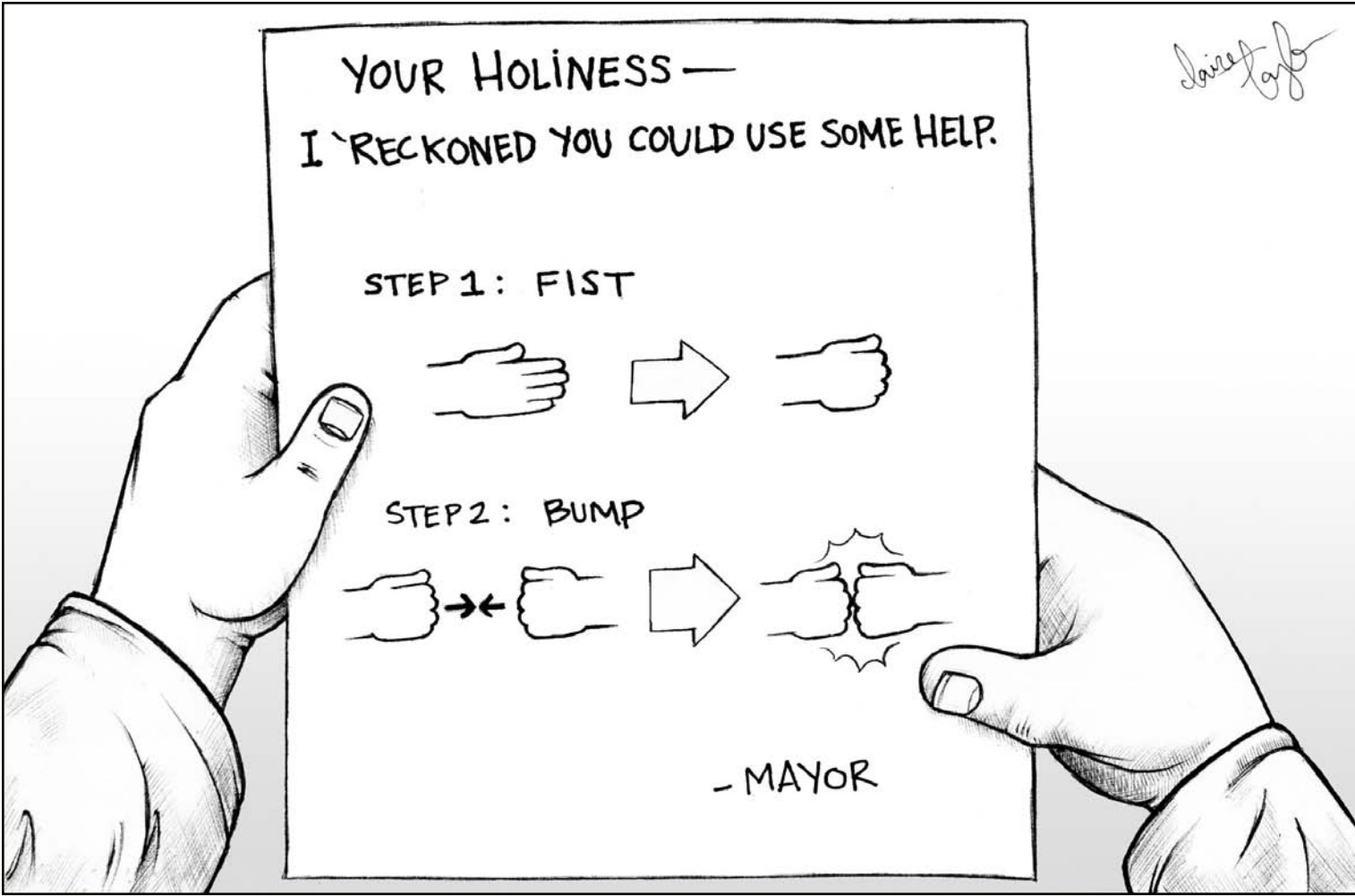
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# Fist bump less of an issue than reported by other media outlets

## Editorial

Memphis Mayor Pro Tem Myron Lowery welcomed the Dalai Lama to his city using his local and customary form of greeting – the fist bump.

The 14th Dalai Lama was in Tennessee on Wednesday to accept the National Civil Rights Museum’s 2009 Freedom Award.

The mayors of several cities surrounding Memphis welcomed the Dalai Lama on the banks of the Mississippi River.

“A day before His Holiness came to the city, I spoke to the Dalai Lama’s protocol team,” Lowery said in his commentary article to CNN.

The mayor pre-planned to teach the Dalai Lama the fist bump because he is renowned in his city for greeting constituents and employees with the hand gesture in question.

The mayor took extra precaution in the exchange and made sure the spiritual leader would not have been “upset or offended being greeted this way.”

That is an extra step of pre-planning for which the mayor should be commended. However, many local Memphis reporters criticized the mayor’s greeting as improper.

The spiritual leader wrapped white scarves around the mayors’ necks, a customary tradition of the Dalai Lama.

Prior to Lowery’s scarf exchange with the Tibetan leader, currently exiled from Tibet, the mayor taught the Dalai Lama how to fist bump. A little confused, but nonetheless jolly, the Dalai Lama and the mayor greeted each other the way many friends do. Lowery would later call this action the “fist bump heard around the world.”

“I know His Holiness is always happy to participate in local customs, however obscure,” Lowery said to CNN. “He is about peace and harmony, and a fist bump is just another expression of warm friendship that he again returned to me before he left.”

Many believed otherwise. Lowery said he received numerous phone calls citing that his encounter with the Dalai Lama was “disrespectful” and “unusual.”

While The Lariat recognizes that the customs of Tibet greatly differ from those in the U.S., the comments against Mayor Lowery’s fist bump hold little weight with the Lariat because, according to Lowery, it was an agreed upon exchanging of customs.

“It (is) a running theme in city hall. The mayor (will) greet you with a fist bump,” Lowery said.

The mayor’s fist bump was not the only newsworthy bump, considering First Couple

Barack and Michelle Obama exchanged a fist bump in June 2008 when President Obama won the presidential nomination.

Extreme opinions were expressed over the couple’s gesture, too. Some ranted that their fist bump showed a relaxed and comfortable relationship; others cited the gesture as a “terrorist jab.”

Global interactions are chances for barriers to be broken and for nations to begin understanding the culture and customs of others.

Limiting the way public officials gesture is intrusive and promotes a lack of personality within the political world.

Variety and diversity in every aspect of a person, even in the way they give their ‘hello,’ should not only be embraced but accepted.

The mayor’s action with the Dalai Lama was anything but offensive.

Each man shared his local customs, personality and sense of humor.

The mayor was simply attempting to be hospitable.

“I wanted to make an impression, and break the ice, in my Southern hospitality sort of way.”

The Lariat feels his actions were admirable and appropriate.

Come on, Memphis media, lighten up.

# Music alleviates strained moods

Music is my therapy. No question about it. Whenever I’m having a bad day, I’ll grab my iPod and scroll straight towards Simon and Garfunkel or Elliott Smith.

However, I’m not the only person who uses music to make myself feel better. An entire field, called music therapy, uses all benefits of music – physical, mental, spiritual and emotional – to maintain or help to improve the health of clients.

There is even an American Music Therapy Association, whose goal is to improve the quality of life for those who are well and meet the needs of those with disabilities and illnesses, according to the organization’s Web site.

For some people, the simple expression and power of a song can be enough to calm or de-stress after a long day.

For others, it’s the lyrics of certain songs that are moving enough to affect their mood. A lot of people relate songs to certain people or times in their lives. While many people may not recognize the effect that music has on them, perhaps even on a daily basis, chances are everyone can say that music has impacted them in some way or another.

Being a music fanatic, I rely on it constantly and seem to always have a song playing. I’m one

Point of View

BY MEGAN DURON

of those people who uses music to remember certain times in my past. I can’t listen to an Oasis, Modest Mouse or Dave Matthews Band song without remembering some high school experience, and immediately my mood is impacted by great memories of high school sleepovers, my first love, football games and skipping study hall.

Even the songs I didn’t listen to regularly, but that were popular during the time, for example, \*NSYNC (and when I say didn’t listen to, I mean didn’t admit to listening to), bring back nostalgic memories of that simple time in my life.

Then, of course, I turn to my comfort songs. The songs I play any time and instantly feel 100 percent better.

And honestly, what better way is there to improve your mood than to drive with the windows down and Bob Dylan playing loudly? It’s an

instant endorphin-emitter.

Some songs keep me motivated even when I’m running. Hardly a day that goes by that I don’t hit the Bear Trail with some Lil’ Wayne to keep me going.

Just the fast-paced beat and rhythm of the songs alone push me to run faster when I want to slow down.

Whether it’s a psychological explanation or medical fact, I’m not sure, but I truly don’t care. It works.

And, of course, I can’t forget road trip tunes. Who wants to take a long drive with friends in complete silence?

Songs that everyone can sing along to, whether it be Britney Spears or The Rolling Stones, make for a better trip and overall experience.

I have to admit, I’ve certainly made up an excuse to take a road trip with friends (for instance, I “needed” kolaches in West) only for the release of blaring some tunes along the way.

There is absolutely no doubt that music can improve your mood.

It has proven to be therapeutic.

So go turn on some tunes next time you’re down and I guarantee you won’t regret it.

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# The new All-American sport: recycling

## Bins at football games encourage recycling among Bears fans

By CATY HIRST  
COPY EDITOR

The Baylor sustainability committee continues to extend its efforts to encourage students to recycle through promotions at home football games.

The sustainability committee is recruiting volunteers to promote recycling during half time and tailgate of football games. Volunteers will stand at a recycle station, which have a recycling bin and trash can. These students direct fans to the correct bin for their trash.

Many of the volunteers at Saturday's game were helping for extra credit in Dr. Larry Lehr's 1301 environmental studies class. Lehr, a senior lecturer in the environmental science department, is happy to offer his students extra credit to participate in sustainability efforts.

"We are trying to support Baylor's sustainability efforts and this whole thing is to help people become aware, not just about Baylor's efforts, but sustainability in

general," Lehr said. Though this extra credit is offered to each of Lehr's students only once, there are about 260 students that have this opportunity.

"I am very grateful that we can get faculty involved and students involved through the curriculum," said sustainability coordinator Smith Getterman. "It is a win-win for everyone."

Though recycling at football games doesn't make a huge impact, it is still important.

"It basically doubles our resources," Lehr said. "Are we going to make a huge impact from one game? Probably not, but the thought is to condition people's thinking to change their everyday actions."

Although extra credit was a motivation for some students to get involved, many were still excited to be there. "Educating people about recycling is a good thing," Los Angeles sophomore Paige Vidrine said.

Not all students were volunteering for extra credit. Katy sophomore Jared Brimberry was there for personal reasons.

"It is a good idea not to be wasteful, to make the best use of things," Brimberry said. "People are supposed to be responsible.

There is no good reason not to clean up your mess."

Many students said they often neglect to recycle because it is inconvenient.

"If the recycle bin is closer, then I will recycle," Garland sophomore Craig Baird said. "If the recycle bin and the trash bins are next to each other I will recycle, but I honestly won't search for the recycle bin if the trash bin is right in front of me."

The recycle bins at the football game were placed right next to many trash cans to make it easier for students to recycle. Getterman said about 20 recycle stations were set up throughout the stadium and tailgating area.

"I try to recycle if I see a recycling bin," said Denver, Colo., senior Andrew Chi. "Recycling is a good thing because it saves the planet."

Other students believe there is not enough motivation to recycle. Kingwood senior Eric Simonis said he doesn't recycle. "Partially because I am lazy, partially because I don't know where the bins are and partially because there is no incentive or personal benefit," Simonis said.

For some people, recycling simply does not occur to them.

Round Rock sophomore Chris Hashem said he doesn't recycle either.

"I have never really recycled before," Hashem said. "I just throw things away in the trash. It's not that I don't care about the environment, I've just never recycled things."

However, Hope, Ark., freshman Josh Barbaree said he is happy to recycle his trash.

Despite the lack of enthusiasm for recycling in some students, Getterman said the number of volunteers from the last game doubled on Saturday.

"I am pleased with the students that turned out and I look forward to the rest of the season because we have students groups getting involved. Chi Omega, Tri Delta and Alpha Tau Omega have all committed to coming out and volunteering at football games," Getterman said.

"I am grateful that organizations want to get involved and that they see this is a way they can lead the rest of the student body."

Getterman believes that Saturday's recycling efforts were a success.

"Anytime we can get students to come out and give their time to



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Katy sophomore Jared Brimberry oversees one of the recycling stations Saturday at the tailgate area of the Ferrell Center while Houston sophomore Drew Hodge throws away an empty water bottle. Recycling bins are located in the stands and the tailgate area during every football game.

help make Baylor a little greener and to help educate people, it is a success," Getterman said. "The

students are great and they are always very helpful and very enthusiastic."

# Recruiter brings experince of Peace Corps

## Former Peace Corps members share stories of global connection

By TRENT GOLDSTON  
STAFF WRITER

Recruiters from the Peace Corps were on campus Tuesday to speak with students about the possibilities offered in a life of service.

Samantha Garvin, the Peace Corps regional recruiter, said the organization gave her the opportunity to change lives.

"I think it's great to be there on the ground, at grassroots level, really getting to know people, giving them an understanding about us and our culture," Garvin said.

After leaving a life as a hotel manager, Garvin joined the Peace Corps and was sent to Honduras. There, she was able to do things she would have never thought possible, Garvin said.

"If you care about something and you have a passion for something, you can bring that to your community."

Valerie Flynn  
Peace Corps recruiter

"The Peace Corps has some really amazing cultural experiences that you get. I've had babies named after me. I had the chance to work on some really

cool projects," Garvin said. "I helped to bring a university to the community."

Those who join the Peace Corps can really make an interesting impact on the community, Garvin said.

The Peace Corps is a 27-month commitment, which involves three months of overseas training and two years of service.

Valerie Flynn, also a recruiter for Peace Corps, recently returned from serving in China. Flynn taught English there, and although she left with no prior experience with the Chinese language, she said that she has returned a fluent speaker.

"When I was an undergrad, I was really passionate about service," Flynn said. "Honestly I can't even project to you how much it changed my life and how phenomenal this experience was."

When Flynn was first assigned to help train teachers, she was confused and out of her element.

"I couldn't understand how I was qualified," Flynn said. "While I was in China I realized that I was absolutely qualified. It was absolutely relevant work."

Flynn not only taught English, but also worked in a village and was able to get to know the community and integrate with them.

"As their token foreigner they will absolutely protect you," Flynn said. "Everyone knew who I was. People were always looking out for me."

Flynn said that she was able to bring her own special element to her work overseas.

"If you care about something



MATTHEW HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Sarah Garvin, regional peace corps recruiter, presents on the field work that peace corps offers. Through the presentation, Baylor students have the chance to get a feel for how a peace corps opportunity can unfold.

and you have a passion for something, you can bring that to your community," Flynn said.

"I really care about children, and when I was in high school and college I had a part-time job working with adults with special needs."

Seeing how children and adults with special needs typically did not receive an education, Flynn used her prior experience to help start a nonprofit centered on the education of those individuals.

"Special education, recreational therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy: This was something I didn't know that much

about, but I was able to bring it to the community," Flynn said. "It's totally sustainable and this nonprofit is still running in the community."

Flynn stressed that despite what people think they want or know going into the Peace Corps, their perceptions will change and will grow in the process.

Las Vegas senior Sara Lemons attended the event and said that she found it very interesting.

"It made me really think about the future," Lemons said. "It gave me a lot to think about and it seems like a great organization to be with if you want to make a difference."

# Law students buy participation grade

By KELSEY MOHR  
REPORTER

What if indulgences were acceptable and students could pay their way out of class participation? There would be no fear that the homework you didn't finish last night would come back to haunt you come class time.

Thursday is Immunity Day at the Baylor Law School, which allows students to pay money to get out of speaking in class. It is put on by the Student Bar Association to raise money for the Waco community.

"We just really want to focus on the local Waco community," said April Holland, Student Bar Association second-year secretary.

Holland said that every quarter the law students get really excited about it.

Law school is set up symposium-style and students prepare vigorously for every class. On any given day, students are called upon to stand up and discuss the reading for that day.

"You won't get called on for the day for a certain price," said Glenn Orman, Student Bar Association president.

It is a lot like any other class day, just a little more laid back. For one day the first quarters, students do not have the same level of fear in their eyes, Orman said.

For professors, however, the day does not promise as much excitement. "The good news is not everyone signs up so it doesn't change class all that much," said law professor Ron Beal.

Immunity is given on a class-by-class basis where each professor sets his or her own monetary rate.

"We have the absolute right to set the amount," Beal said. "I always take it into consideration that there are students who

don't have all the money in the world."

The Student Bar Association recommends anywhere from \$5 to \$35 for the professors to charge their students. For Beal, the rate suggested by the association was \$10.

"You can tell by the dollar amount that it [my class] must not be hard," Beal joked.

The most expensive course is usually Practice Court, which costs about \$35, Orman said.

The trick was getting the professors to agree to such a plan, but it has not been very difficult to get them involved.

"The professors have been extremely generous," Orman said. "A lot of professors are very charitable and match their students."

The charity that was picked for this quarter's Immunity Day is Caritas, a charity that provides emergency assistance to Wacoans who need it.

"We've raised between \$4,000 and \$6,000 for the community in the past fall, winter and spring quarters," Orman said.

Baylor Law School is different than many other law schools since more curriculum is required.

"They have to come whether they like it or not," Beal said.

It may not be a day to party, but it is definitely an event that has a high participation rate.

"I will be paying for all my classes on Thursday," Holland said.

These law school indulgences will be available to buy today and Wednesday. There is a party for the students on Wednesday night since homework does not take up their evening.

Excitement is in the air and the dread that being called upon brings to so many of us will be at its lowest for the semester at the law school this week.

"I always partake," Orman said.

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# ‘Surrogates’ fails to substitute good sci-fi

By **STEPHEN JABLONSKI**  
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

The sci-fi genre has always been plagued with a built-in hit-or-miss quality.

## MOVIE | REVIEW

So a novel concept from the mind of science fiction writer Philip K Dick can end up as richly vibrant and immersive as portrayed in the likes of “Blade Runner” or fall short of coherence and complexity as in a movie like “Total Recall.”

I’ll admit, I was intrigued by “Surrogates” technology replacing the human experience is a prevalent and interesting concept.

We’re a culture that spends a great deal of life immersed in machines and virtual realities, so any further analysis of this concept is

ripe with potential in action, philosophy and story. Just like “The Matrix” was.

Who remembers what happened with that storyline?

Like the CG-dependent, Keanu Reeves-led flicks, “Surrogates” quickly reveals itself as an hour and a half long concept that seems to have been pitched as, “What if Madame Toussaud’s took over the world?” (with acting performances to match).

The intriguing themes are all there but only braised over: The potential for identity theft or manipulation, numbed human experience, extreme takeover of the id.

They’re only passed through in gimmicks — a beautiful blonde controlled by a sweaty, beater-clad slob dies while making out with a tuxedoed gentleman controlled by a wiry, dorm-ridden undergrad.

The world is hastily painted

through headlines and fake soundbites:

“We’re not supposed to experience a world through a machine” and a minority of the public protests against the “invasion of the inhuman.”

There’s also an interesting mention of the development of the technology: A history of prosthetic technology and monkeys moving robots with their minds (this actually happened: Sandra Blakeslee of the New York Times reported the study in a January 2008 article called “Monkey’s thoughts propel robot, a step that may help humans”).

They cram the idea of robots helping people down your eyeballs and ear holes as fast as they can, and it’s rarely spoken of in depth again.

Once it gets all the heady stuff out of the way we’re off and running. The FBI takes the case with the representation of

Tom Greer (Bruce Willis) and a large corporation is at the helm of the whole “surrogate” social phenomena but then there’s the zealous “meatbags” that refuse to conform.

And then we’ll sprinkle in a few plot twists, a little bit of action, a weapon that threatens the lives of everyone hooked in to their designated department store models and we’ve got ourselves a mediocre with weeklong box office top potential.

What further irks me about ungroomed science fiction is when the world is sloppily constructed (push up my glasses, adjust my suspenders). Keyboards? You’ve got to be kidding me. We’ve invented robot bodies to replace our own but we’re still using keyboards? And cars? The Prius? I think by now we’re a little beyond that.

“Surrogates” had the makings of an interesting concept that fell



Bruce Willis stars in “Surrogates,” from Touchstone Pictures.

short because of sloppy writing and a hope that post production alone could bolster the movie (and it never does).

If you’re looking for a science fiction movie with a few

car crashes and if plenty of sexy robots walking the streets is your thing, “Surrogates” isn’t bad.

Grade: C-

# Barrymore and Page team up in ‘Whip It’

By **CHRISTOPHER KELLY**  
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

A bouncy, female-centric portrait of a misfit teenager finding her place in the world, “Whip It” isn’t the most original movie you’ll see this year. But first-time director Drew Barrymore illustrates an edict which vastly more experienced filmmakers would be wise to follow: If you surround yourself with a stellar cast and invest the proceedings with heart and energy, you’ll earn the audience’s attention.

Ellen Page, in yet another variation of her “Juno” persona, plays Bliss Cavendar, a hipper-than-thou teen living in a dead-end Texas town. When her prim-and-proper mother (Marcia Gay Harden) takes her to Austin for a shopping trip, Bliss learns about a world that she knew nothing about previously: Roller derby.



Drew Barrymore, Ellen Page, and Kristen Wiig team up as a roller derby team in “Whip It.”

A few days later, she sneaks back to Austin with her best friend (Alia Shawkat) and attends a match. The women she meets there — tomboyish and independent-minded just

like herself — are an inspiration. Before long, she earns a place on “The Hurl Scouts” and is sneaking off regularly for practice and matches.

Based on a young adult

novel called “Roller Girl” by University of Texas grad Shauna Cross, “Whip It” plugs into an intriguing, real-life milieu: The roller derby leagues that sprang up in Austin in the early 2000s, and inspired a derby renaissance across the country.

The most interesting aspects of the script (also by Cross) focus on the women who populate this oddball sport. We meet a single mother who goes by the stage name Maggie Mayhem (Kristen Wiig); after elbowing, bumping, grinding and skating on the rink, she rushes home to care for her son. Barrymore plays a delightful klutz named Smashlee Simpson.

Most compelling of all is Juliette Lewis as Iron Maven, Bliss’ chief rival, a woman in her late 30s who has struggled for years to find something she was good at — and who now fiercely resists sharing

her spotlight with anyone.

Less successful are the exchanges between Bliss and her mother, and the all-too-predictable central plot device: Will Bliss be able to keep her derby life secret from her parents, or will everything be exposed on the night of the teen beauty pageant in which her mother has begged her to compete? Take nothing away from Harden and Page, who invest these scenes with conviction.

Harden, especially, deserves props for transforming a paper-thin conceit into a flesh-and-blood character. But there’s no escaping the fact that we’ve seen this same conflict played out hundreds of times before.

Fortunately, the saving graces here are many: Barrymore films the roller derby scenes with evident joy. She also does a surprisingly savvy job bringing to life the weird-and-proud-of-it vibe of Aus-

tin — all the more impressive considering that most of the film was shot in Michigan.

And everywhere you turn, there’s another sly, completely unexpected supporting performance. Watch out for Andrew Wilson (Luke and Owen’s older brother), who plays The Hurl Scouts’ coach. Wilson never once condescends to his character’s zeal — this may be one of the most affectionate portraits of coaching ever seen.

Just as arresting is Shawkat (“Arrested Development”) as Bliss’ best friend, an unshowy part that this fine young actress plays with understated grace and charm. If nothing else, Barrymore is a superb director of actors — and “Whip It” is finally so confident and sincere that it leaves you eager to see what this budding auteur will do next.

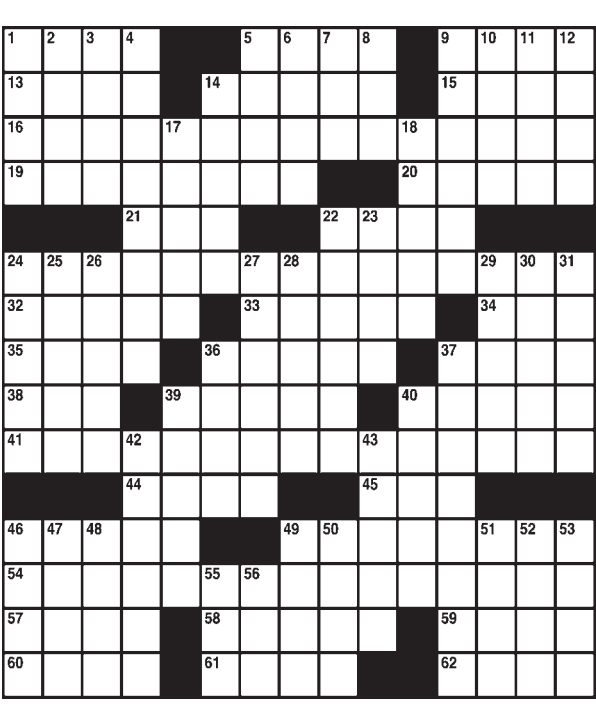
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# Bears' lopsided win overshadowed by injuries



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Redshirt freshman Jarred Salubi escapes Northwestern State University defenders en route to a 76-yard touchdown run Saturday evening at Floyd Casey Stadium. It was the Waco native's first-career touchdown.

## Tamer's Twelve

By KEVIN TAMER  
SPORTS WRITER

### 1. Texas

Colt McCoy threw three first-half touchdowns and passed for 286 yards as the Longhorns cruised past UTEP 64-7. The defense smothered the Miners, as it forced five turnovers and held the Miners offense to 53 total yards and seven first downs. The Longhorns should blow by Colorado next week, but their biggest test comes two weeks from now at the Red River Shootout.

### 2. Oklahoma

The bye week gave the Sooners a chance to get some much-needed rest for the game against the University of Miami this Saturday. Regardless of whether Sam Bradford is cleared to play, the Sooners' defense must continue its recent success if it want to take down a hungry Miami team that is coming off a loss to Virginia Tech.

### 3. Oklahoma State

Dez Bryant and Kendall Hunter watched from the sidelines as the Cowboys pounded Grambling State 56-6. Keith Toston ran for 84 yards and three first-half touchdowns and freshman wide receiver Damerson Fooks found the end zone twice. Now the Cowboys open their Big 12 conference slate when they take on Texas A&M.

### 4. Kansas

Todd Reesing threw for 331 yards and tossed three touchdowns as the Jayhawks moved to 4-0 for the second time in the last three years. However, the defense has room for improvement after allowing Southern Miss quarterback Austin Davis to throw for 331 yards and three touchdowns.

### 5. Nebraska

Wearing throwback jerseys in honor of the 300th-straight sell-out in Lincoln, the Cornhuskers put on a show for the fans as they blew out Louisiana-Lafayette 55-0. Zac Lee passed for 238 yards and a touchdown, while Roy Helu Jr. rushed for two touchdowns as well.

### 6. Missouri

Chase Daniel who? Sophomore quarterback Blaine Gabbert continued his success, as he passed for 414 yards and three touchdowns in the Tigers win over Nevada. The defense came up big, as it forced two turnovers inside Tiger territory and the offense capitalized on it. We will see if the Tigers are for real as they take on Nebraska next week.

### 7. Texas Tech

The Red Raiders let Houston steal the game away from them with a 95-yard touchdown drive with 49 seconds left in the game. Texas Tech had a successful run game as Baron Batch ran for 115 yards and two scores and Taylor Potts threw for 321 yards and a touchdown. The Raiders will regret letting this game slip away, but will likely be able to avenge this loss with a win over New Mexico next week.

### 8. Texas A&M

Jerrold Johnson tied a Texas A&M quarterback record with three rushing touchdowns and tossed three touchdown passes as the Aggies rolled over UAB 56-19. The Aggies rank among the top seven teams nationally in rushing, passing, total offense and scoring. However, we will see if those numbers actually mean anything, as the Aggies take on Arkansas this week.

### 9. Baylor

Who knew a 68-13 win against

By KEVIN TAMER  
SPORTS WRITER

The Bears left Floyd Casey Stadium with a 68-13 victory against Northwestern State University on Saturday night. In doing so, Baylor produced its highest-scoring game since 1942, when the Bears defeated Blackland Air Force Base 68-0.

Its historic offensive production was negated by Baylor losing quarterback Robert Griffin and kick returner Mikail Baker to season-ending knee injuries.

On the Bears' first possession of the game, the offense failed to convert on fourth-and-second after Griffin kept the ball on an option run. Griffin remained on the ground for several minutes and appeared to injure his knee on the play.

Unaware of the seriousness of the injury, Griffin re-entered the game on the next drive, showing no sign of pain as he completed a 17-yard pass to David Gettis, which event yielded a 1-yard Terrence Ganaway touchdown.

"I knew I had to get back in the game, no matter what was wrong with my knee," Griffin said after Saturday's game. "I knew my offensive line would protect me. I

went back out there and scored, and we didn't stop."

After that, the Bears scored on consecutive drives as Griffin connected with sophomore wide receiver Kendall Wright for a 42-yard touchdown and found him again during a 38-yard touchdown.

The Bears then looked to their running game, as freshman running back Jarred Salubi broke free for a 76-yard touchdown, the first of his career.

Salubi and Ganaway split carries in replacement of running back Jay Finley, who didn't play because of an ankle injury. Before the half was over, Ganaway found the end zone again on a 9-yard run and Griffin capped off the scoring frenzy with a 42-yard heave to senior wide receiver David Gettis to extend Baylor's lead 41-10.

With a 31-point lead and a potentially injured knee, Griffin sat out for the remainder of the game after throwing for 226 yards and three touchdowns in the first half. Blake Szymanski, who started in 2007, substituted for Griffin at halftime and was 3-of-5 for 58 yards and a touchdown before leaving the game with a contusion to his right shoulder. Head

coach Art Briles has confidence Szymanski will be fully recovered by Saturday's match against Kent State University, and believes his experience will alleviate the loss of Griffin.

"If Blake is able to play, he is

"I knew I had to get back in the game, no matter what was wrong with my knee."

Robert Griffin  
Quarterback

going to be the guy," Briles said. "We have a lot of confidence in him. His path hasn't been easy and he has stayed very consistent with his emotions for this football team."

As if losing its icon wasn't already detrimental, Baylor's special teams and defense took a hit, as senior defensive back and return specialist Mikail Baker left the game with an ACL tear and a tear to his medial and lateral me-

niscus, which will sideline him for the season.

However, the scoring didn't stop with Griffin and Baker's absences. Baylor's defense showed its ability to make a big play as defensive lineman Jason Lamb intercepted a Tyler Wolfe pass and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown.

Lamb's interception returned for a touchdown was a first for Baylor since cornerback C.J. Wilson accomplished the feat in 2007 against the Demon Deacons.

"It felt great to score," Lamb said of his first career touchdown. "Our offense came out firing and scoring those two touchdowns on defense put some points on the board pretty quick."

Later in the third quarter, freshman Chance Casey mimicked Lamb's act. The Crosby freshman leaped in the air and hauled down an interception, then blazed by the Northwestern State offense for a 66-yard touchdown return.

Baylor advances its record to 2-1 overall with the victory. The Bears will look to continue their success Saturday as they play their final non-conference game at home against Kent State University.

## Sports Briefs

### Finley listed as probable for Saturday against Kent

Head coach Art Briles said Monday that running back Jay Finley will most likely start Saturday against Kent State University. Finley, a junior from Corsicana, led the Bears in 2008 with 865 rushing yards. Finley had run for 121 yards against the University of Connecticut on Sept. 19 before injuring his right ankle in the third quarter.

### Kent and OU football games to be televised

Saturday's game against Kent State University will be broadcast on Fox Sports Southwest with a 6:10 p.m. kickoff the Big 12 office announced Monday. Also, the Bears' Big 12 opener against the No. 8-ranked University of Oklahoma will be televised Oct. 10. Kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla.

### Rux wins title at HEB Baylor Intercollegiate

Waco junior Jordan Rux won both the individual and doubles title at the HEB Baylor Intercollegiate over the weekend. Rux swept the No. 1 player in the nation, Oleksandr Nedovyesov of Okla-

homa State University, in the tournament's semifinal 6-4, 7-6(4). Rux proceeded to defeat Moritz Baumann of Wisconsin 6-2, 6-2. In the doubles tournament, Rux teamed up with Maros Horny to win the championship.

### Barnes earns player of the week; volleyball team moves up in polls

Arlington senior Taylor Barnes was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. Barnes led the volleyball team to a 3-0 sweep against No. 11 Iowa State University and another sweep against the University of Kansas Saturday. Barnes had a triple-double against the cyclones, tallying 10 kills, 11 digs and 38 assists.

Meanwhile, Barnes and her squad are now ranked No. 19 in the American Volleyball Coaches' Association Poll. The ranking is tied for the highest in school history.

### Golf finishes fourth

Cody Paladino finished seventh at the 2009 Wolverine at Radrick Farms Tournament over the weekend. Paladino, a Michigan State University transfer, earned his top finish of the young season, with a 6-under-par (210 total throughout the 54-hole tournament).

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safety,” Hannah said. “When you get an opportunity to meet the president, you want to take advantage of it.”

Hannah said the student government members made it very clear that the student body had not taken a particular stance on the issue and that student government is still in the fact-finding stage.

“We want to have facts behind what we’re bringing up when we go to administrators. We need to back up what we’re saying with figures,” Hannah said. “We’re making efforts to find out what students think so we can gauge their opinion on the subject. It’s a very sensitive subject and we’re working with a couple ideas like setting up a table in the SUB with a survey to gauge students’ opinion on the subject.

“On big issues, we need to make sure we have students’ opinions in mind before we make statements and opinions like that. With an issue as big as this, we need to make sure we know students’ opinions and we don’t have the information now to do that and that’s what we’re trying to gather.”

Hannah said he believes this is the best way to serve students. Monday evening, Hannah sent an e-mail to student government members asking them not to speak to The Lariat about matters related to the BAA, the meeting on Friday or the student government retreat Saturday.

Ben Aguinaga, a junior class senator from Sweeny, said there will be a working resolution concerning the proposal on Thursday at the Student Senate meeting. He declined to further comment about the resolution. Students are encouraged to attend the student senate meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday in 101 Cashion Academic Center.

“I am sure the issue will be brought up again, in any case, we want to hear their opinion on the issues. If it’s anyone we should be listening to, it should be each student and their opinion. That’s who we were elected by and we are accountable to,” Hannah said.

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Florence grayshirted at Baylor last year.

He was clocked in the 40-yard dash at 4.6 seconds and was rated the No. 22 dual-threat quarterback in the nation by Rivals.com. “What Nick brings to the table is a lot of intelligence and a lot of youth,” Briles said. “Which a lot of times in these situations isn’t bad,” Briles said. “And he does have a lively arm with a little bit of escape-ability to him.” As for spending the remainder of the season feeling sorry for themselves, Briles will have none of it. “Our guys will adjust and fight,” Briles said. “Right now we’re just going to try and grind it out.”

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serve at the international sites as 13-month program directors.

“Each program director runs their own development initiative, encompassing fields such as health, education and business development,” Preston said. “We currently run two permanent sites in Managua, Nicaragua and Quito, Ecuador.”

Last spring break, the Baylor chapter took a group of students to the Manna Project site in Lum-bisi, Ecuador, where they built an organic greenhouse and tutored children.

“There were five of us, and we built everything with our hands,” Klintmalm said. “We also stayed with local families. It was a small, tight-knit village.”

The students worked to do whatever was needed in the community, utilizing local resources in the process.

“Sunrise to sundown, we were working with our hands and really making a difference,” Hand said. “We dug the holes with a tuna can and a shovel. I can’t explain how primitive it was, but it was so much fun. These people are very thankful.”

The students in the chapter sold stationery drawn by children from the Ecuador site and plan on selling more after Nov. 1. The stationery features the children’s own renditions of famous works and have been popular with parents and students at Baylor.

The founders look back on their two years with a sense of accomplishment and pride.

“The thing that’s so great about it is that you can set it up however you want. It’s not just stuck to the way we envisioned it,” Klintmalm said. “We got a lot done. The national chapter was really excited.”

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France’s refusal to extradite its citizens.

But there’s more to it than that: France’s indulgence toward artists has played into sympathy for him among the country’s elites, as has the French distaste for peering into public figures’ private lives.

Few, if any, prominent figures came out publicly against Polanski, but there were signs that many ordinary French people disagreed with the government’s position.

Many newspaper readers responded with angry comments on the newspapers’ Web sites lashing out at France’s government and cultural leaders.

One comment in Le Figaro read: “Our so-called intelligen-

tsia lacks modesty, restraint and impartiality when one of its own has behaved badly.”

Polanski has lived in France since he fled the United States in 1978, after pleading guilty to one count of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor but before being formally sentenced.

By all reports he leads a quiet life with his wife, actress Emmanuelle Seigner, and their two children.

His early life was marked by tragedy — his mother died at Auschwitz during the Holocaust, and his second wife, actress Sharon Tate, was murdered in 1969 by followers of Charles Manson.

She was eight months pregnant.

While French Cabinet minis-

ters are generally cautious about commenting on the legal affairs of other countries, saying they don’t want to interfere, they have been astonishingly outspoken on behalf of Polanski, who could be extradited to the United States.

Both French Culture Minister Frederic Mitterrand and Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner stressed Polanski’s artistic gifts in their defense of him.

Kouchner called the arrest “sinister,” adding: “A man of such talent, recognized in the entire world, recognized especially in the country that arrested him — all this just isn’t nice.”

To some here, the slap of American justice seemed particularly sharp as the arrest came as Polanski was entering Switzer-

land to receive a lifetime achievement award from the Zurich Film Festival.

Mitterrand said: “To see him like that, thrown to the lions because of ancient history, really doesn’t make any sense.”

Mitterrand continued with a jab against the United States: “In the same way that there is a generous America that we like, there is also a scary America that has just shown its face.”

Polanski’s victim, Samantha Geimer, who identified herself publicly years ago, has joined in Polanski’s bid for dismissal, saying she wants the case to be over.

She sued Polanski and reached an undisclosed settlement.

Justice Minister Michele Alliot-Marie was one of the few

leading figures here to mention Polanski’s victim in her appraisal of his case.

The former justice minister said it “poses a problem” that the U.S. is still seeking his extradition — since Geimer herself wants to move on.

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