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Texas A&M students chant and sing anti-Obama slogans and songs at a protest Friday at Spence Park on Texas A&M's campus. The students carry signs showing their views on his recently earned Nobel Peace Prize and various other aspects of his presidency.

Obama talks amid protests

President speaks on service at A&M as hundreds protest health care reform

Editor's note: This article was originally published Friday on the Lariat Web site.

By ADEOLA ARO
STAFF WRITER

President Barack Obama was met by hundreds of protesters Friday as he and former President George Bush Sr. made appearances at the Points of Light Presidential Forum on Service at Texas A&M University in College Station. Earlier last week Bush sent a letter to the Aggie community urging them to be on their best behavior. “This is not about politics,” Bush said. “This is about the importance of service to our communities and our country.” Obama greeted the Aggie community with the signature “Howdy,” causing the room to erupt with applause. However, despite Bush’s letter, Obama’s presence was met with some voices of dissent and people

holding banners protesting his current health care reform bill. One protester carried a sign that portrayed Obama as The Joker from the film “The Dark Knight.” “The Joker said one thing and did absolutely the opposite, and that is exactly what Obama is doing. He has a hidden agenda,” said Don Cowden, a geologist from Tomball. “We don’t want his health care, or any more taxes.” Two separate rally events were held. One sponsored by the College Republicans, where attendees listened to an array of speeches and musical selections that showcased strong discontent for the president’s current health care bill. The other rally was held by Young Conservatives of Texas A&M. The organization’s chairman, Justin Pulliam, said the theme of the event was “com-

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STEPHEN GREEN | ROUND-UP PHOTOGRAPHER
A protester thrusts her sign and yells outside of the Points of Light speech that featured President Obama on Friday at Spence Park on Texas A&M's campus.

Charges may come next week in balloon boy case

By P. SOLOMON BANDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Investigators pored over e-mails, phone records and financial documents from the home of Richard Heene on Monday as they weighed felony charges and sought to determine who else might have helped the alleged balloon-boy hoax get off the ground. The sheriff’s office said its findings will be forwarded to prosecutors next week to decide if Richard and Mayumi Heene should be charged with falsely reporting that their 6-year-old son had drifted away in a large home-built helium balloon to drum up publicity for a reality TV show. But the investigation could reach beyond the Heenes, possibly into the world of reality-show promotions. Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said documents show that a media outlet had agreed

to pay the Heenes. Alderden did not name the organization but said it was in an industry that blurs “the line between entertainment and news.” It was not clear whether the deal was signed before or after the alleged hoax, or whether the media outlet was a possible conspirator. If so, the organization could face charges as well. The Heenes are amateur storm chasers who apparently wanted to star in a reality show that focused on a range of absurd experiments, such as attracting UFOs with a weather balloon and conducting an electromagnetic analysis of a terminally ill patient’s spirit before death. Robert Thomas, a collaborator who worked with Richard Heene on the idea, provided an e-mail to the Web site Gawker.com outlining his plan for the show. The sheriff’s department questioned Thomas on Sunday after he revealed that Heene was planning a media stunt to promote the show, according to the



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Richard Heene walks back to his home in Fort Collins, Colo. The lawyer for Heene, who is accused of perpetrating the balloon boy hoax to promote a reality show, said he expects authorities to bring charges against his client.

researcher’s lawyer, Linda Lee. Thomas’ notes include Heene discussing a hoax — which Thomas opposed — that involved a hot air balloon, Lee said. “Pretty much he wanted to recreate this Roswell effect making it seem like there’s a UFO,” Lee said. “Heene believes the world is going to end in 2012,” she said. “Because of that, he wanted to make money quickly, become rich enough to build a bunker or something underground, where

he can be safe from the sun exploding.” Lee said her client worked with Heene from March until May. Thomas told investigators what he observed about the couple and “intimate details about their home life,” Lee said. “He noticed things that were definitely not right. ... Some of the things are kind of shocking that Mr. Heene did, but we’re not going to discuss specifics,”

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Gasoline prices on the rise for third week

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Despite persistently low demand, prices for gasoline have spiked over the past week along with crude oil, threatening one of the very few points of relief for the recession-stricken U.S. consumer: cheap gas. That may be frustrating for consumers with few signs people are driving more now than during what was a dismal summer for the travel industry. People aren’t buying much gasoline. “I wish it could go down under \$2,” said Cheryl Couture, 50, who was filling up at a Speedway station in Columbus, Ohio, where a gallon had risen to \$2.55. Couture has watched as gas prices have ticked higher. Prices have risen for three straight weeks, reaching a national average Monday of \$2.564 per gallon according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. The Energy Information Administration put the national average for unleaded regular at \$2.574 per gallon. Rather than rising consumer demand or a tightening of supply, the falling U.S. dollar is most likely to blame. All one needs to do is look at the price of crude, which crossed \$75 for the first time on Wednesday, then neared \$80 on Monday. A cheaper dollar lures more investors into the oil markets because oil is bought and sold with the U.S. currency. Investors,

many of whom are betting on a further rally in crude, can buy more oil when the greenback loses value against other currencies. The dollar has continued to fall throughout the month. And the rising price of crude is exacerbating problems that already existed for the refiners that make and sell gasoline. People are driving less, trucking companies are shipping less, and airlines are cutting back on jet fuel purchases because businesses travel has ebbed. That lack of demand has forced refiners to cut back production to levels more common in the aftermath of a hurricane. And because crude prices are rising, profit margins at refiners who must buy crude to make fuel are shrinking. As a result, they are making even less fuel. U.S. gasoline supplies fell by more than 5 million barrels last week, but are still well above normal levels at this time of year. Gasoline purchases by Americans plunged in late 2007 when the recession began to grip the country. Between November 2007 and October 2008, the nation collectively drove 100 billion fewer miles, the largest continuous decline in history, according to the Federal Highway Administration. Miles driven through July of this year are down 1.25 percent despite the cheapest gasoline in three to five years. San Antonio-based Valero

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BU to compete in battle of the brains event

By TRENT GOLDSTON
STAFF WRITER

Baylor is the headquarters of the Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest, known to many as the Battle of the Brains, which is a team-based computer programming competition sponsored by IBM. The competition involves tens of thousands of participants from 1,838 universities in 88 countries on six continents. Dr. William Poucher, professor of computer science and executive director of ICPC, said that Baylor has played a role in coordinating the competition for more than 25 years. “You probably didn’t know you had 21,000 of the brightest students in computer science whose education was enhanced by Baylor,” he said. Poucher said Baylor students work very hard to prepare for the competition. The first regional competition for Baylor is Nov. 7, although regional competitions have already started across the globe. “We have excellent students and they compete quite well,” Poucher said. “It’s very tough. It is, after all, the ultimate mind-sport.” During the competition, teams of three college students are challenged with complex, real-world problems and a demanding five-hour deadline. Using only a single computer, teams must race against time, utilizing all their skills. “They are asked to do a se-

mester’s worth of programming and problem solving in five hours. It’s ridiculous,” Poucher said. “It’s great to represent Baylor and be there.” Teams work to build software systems that solve a variety of problems while under the extreme pressure of the time restraints and strict judging. “For a well-versed computer science student, some of the problems require precision only,” said the IBM Web site. “Some problems require a knowledge and understanding of advanced algorithms. Still others are simply too hard to solve — except for the world’s brightest problem-solvers.” Poucher said this type of experience prepares students for real-world employment scenarios in the field of computer programming. “The problems [professional programmers] work on are the biggest problems in the world, and it takes teams to solve them. It keeps communities running. It makes global community possible,” Poucher said. “If you are selected to (participate) in the ACM programming contest, you are going to have all kinds of job opportunities.” Dr. Greg Hamerly, assistant professor of computer science, is one of the coaches for Baylor’s competing team. Hamerly said there are 11 students currently enrolled in a Baylor course, which prepares them for the event. He said that of those 11, six students will be chosen to compete.

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Heroes come in both rescuers, rescued form

Point of View



BY CATY HIRST

I grew up watching the Disney movies on a daily basis, which probably explains why I am a Scene It? Disney edition professional. I am still convinced that Mulan is the most bold princess in all the lands, Jasmine has the best pet tiger and Ariel is the coolest teenager to ever runaway away from the ocean. Basically, I am a huge Disney fan.

But a strange thing happened when I grew up and went to college. I heard people challenge the legitimacy of my favorite Disney movies, even criticizing my heroes, the princesses.

I was so surprised about the criticism I heard, I decided to write a research paper about it. I was convinced I would find a plethora of evidence to back my faith in the Disney princess genre.

I was wrong. Every source I encountered criticized the princesses for two reasons. The first reason, and most prevalent, was that their prince always rescues them. Second, the critics were disturbed that even the most independent princesses fall in love and get married.

Lena Lee, a professor at the School of Human & Consumer Sciences at Ohio University, claims that the princesses create an image for women that is “weak, passive and victimized, so that they are incapable of independent action or of living an authentic life.”

According to Karen Wohlend, a professor at Indiana University, Disney makes women “objects of display” by making them useless to the plot development.

Despite the critics’ complaints about Disney movies, I was convinced there must be more to this story. So I did some research on my own, and the first thing I did was rewatch my Disney movies.

Yes, the prince rescues the princess, but the critics are leaving out a very crucial factor in modern Disney movies: The princess rescues the prince just as often, if not more, than she is rescued.

For example, in “The Little Mermaid” Ariel rescues Prince Eric multiple times. In the beginning of the movie, Ariel saves Prince Eric from drowning and carries him safely to shore. Ariel saves Prince Eric from marrying the sea witch, as he was made helpless by a magical spell. At the end of the movie, Ariel prevents the sea witch from killing Prince Eric with the trident.

Needing to be rescued does not demonstrate helplessness or subordination on any of the characters’ parts; it simply represents equal participation in a conflict-based story.

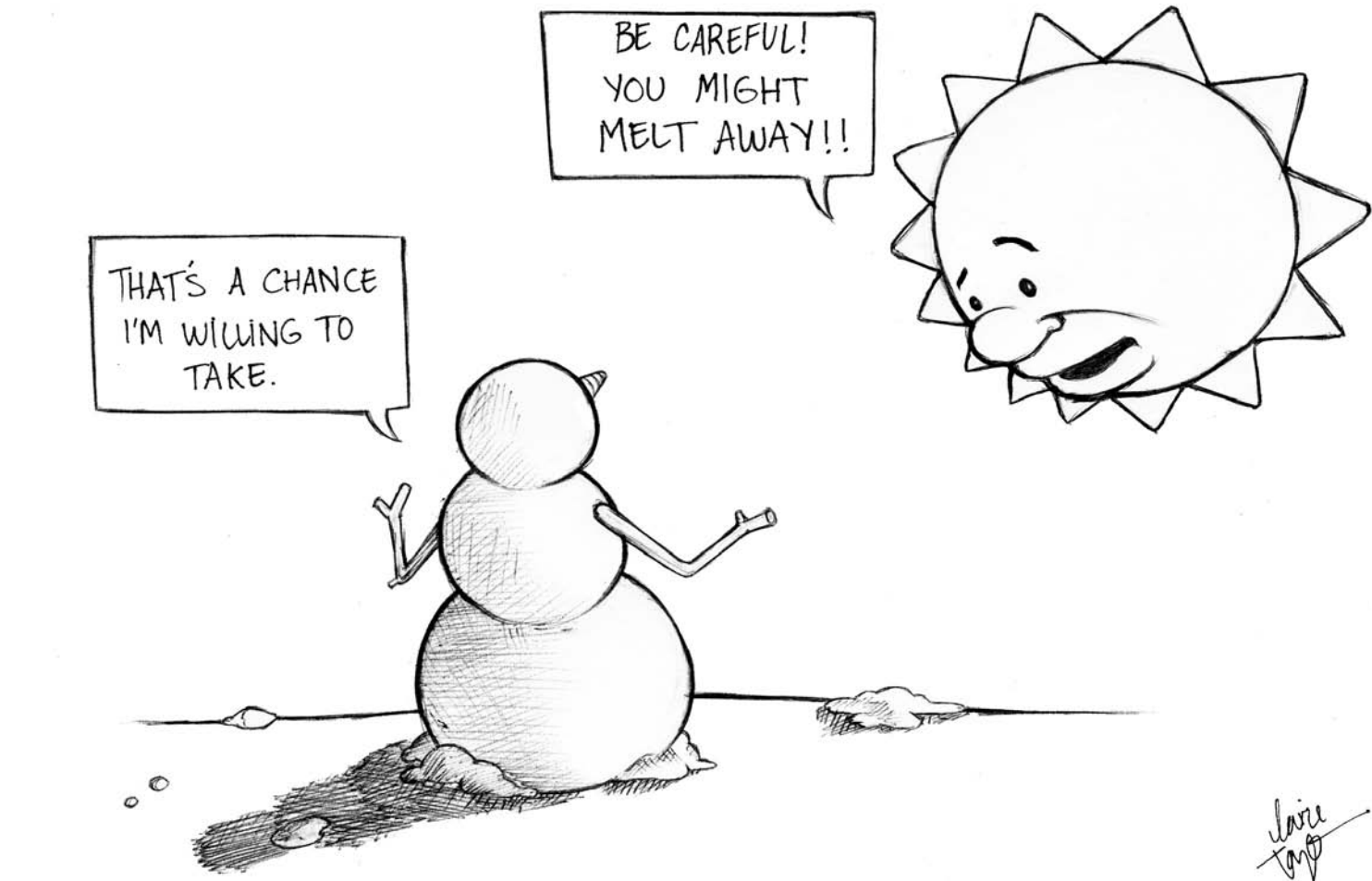
Even the most renowned superheroes of all times require rescuing, simply because they are active participants in the narrative. Odysseus is rescued from his troubles by the gods in “The Odyssey,” Beowulf is rescued from an evil dragon in “Beowulf” and Isolde rescues Tristan in “Tristan.”

These characters defined the epic hero, yet all are rescued. It is typical of the hero to both rescue and be rescued, and it is representative of real life, for who never needs rescuing during the course of their life?

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Snowe boldly, admirably risks cold shoulder from her party

Editorial

For months, Republicans in Congress have unanimously voted down health care legislation and refused to budge on the issue. The stalemate has divided Congress and stalled action.

America’s Healthy Future Act, the Senate Finance Committee’s health care bill, was approved 14-9 in Congress Oct. 13, when Maine Sen. Olympia J. Snowe made a courageous move as the only congressional Republican to join 13 Democrats in voting for the bill.

According to the Congressional Budget Office analysis, available on the Finance Committee’s Web site, the proposed bill would cost a total of \$829 billion, and starting in July 2013, would require all residents to have insurance and aid low-income families.

It is also the most conservative of the previous five health care bills to pass through Senate, causing dissension among liberals regarding the bill.

According to Senate finance committee chairman Max Baucus,D-Mont., the bill will succeed in Congress if it garners 60 votes to end the Republican Party’s filibuster.

For this reason, Snowe’s role as a moderate, open-minded Republican was pivotal to the

Democratic party’s health care push. Most importantly for the Democrats, her vote will allow them to claim the bill is bipartisan.

However, partisan politics aside, Snowe seems to be one of the few congressional politicians who has placed the best interests of America over her party in the health care debate. In fact, she’s built her Senate career on a centrist stance and concern for issues, not politics.

This political move was necessary to open constructive dialogue that will hopefully aid in ending a deadlock within the Republican Party.

The GOP has been plagued by sweeping concerns about the bill, such as significantly increasing federal power, raising taxes and increasing the deficit. These concerns have led to a complete stalemate within the party, stalling debate.

Snowe said that by backing the bill, she hoped to move it along and create action where inaction has been present for months, despite her trepidations about the bill itself.

“Is this bill all that I would want?” Snowe

told the Senate Finance Committee. “Far from it. Is it all that it can be? No. But when history calls, history calls. And I happen to think that the consequences of inaction dictate the urgency of Congress to take every opportunity to demonstrate its capacity to solve the monumental issues of our time.”

Snowe’s recent vote and others against the GOP in the past year have begun to make her unpopular within the GOP and risked her standing within the party.

For this reason, Snowe’s vote is that much more poignant. It shows that she has transcended party politics to further debate in Congress. It should be about what is right for the country, not the party, as Snowe has brazenly exhibited.

In the opinion of The Lariat, the health care debate should not be about party politics or loyalties; it must primarily concern the American people and what is best for the nation.

By backing the Senate Finance Committee’s bill, Sen. Snowe made a tremendous step in bridging the gap between parties and moving forward. Snowe’s action proves important to democratic debate and a move in the right direction.

Alumni, current students should speak up while they still can

It is no secret that Baylor’s regents and the Baylor Alumni Association have had a rocky relationship these last few years. Unfortunately, though, issues between the university and the BAA have been thrust into the lives of students, as university administrators seek to sway public opinion in favor of the alumni association takeover.

In 2007, I was presented with the opportunity to represent students on the BAA board of directors—an opportunity I gladly accepted. Not only was I provided with an audience with whom I could share student concerns, but I was also able to see how much the BAA staff and directors genuinely care for the future of the university.

Through my service on the BAA Board, I was able to gain insight into the concerns of past students, meet prominent alumni from all over the world, and appreciate the honest way in which the BAA communicates university news to alumni.

Working alongside my peers in student government, I began to notice similarities between the BAA Board and the Student Senate. Both representative groups were willing to articulate their beliefs and challenge university decisions, even in the midst of pressure from the university’s leadership. Why? Because Baylor’s students and alumni have much at stake in the future of the university.

Regardless of whether current students recognize it or not, the issues between the regents and the BAA are important.

In the 1980s, it was the independent voice of alumni who helped rally support against the threat of a fundamentalist takeover of Baylor.

In the early 2000s, it was the BAA that gave voice to the multiple votes and referendum issued by the Faculty Senate on former president Robert

Point of View

BY BRYAN FONVILLE



Sloan’s administration.

And just last year, it was the BAA that amplified the concerns of students in the selection of Baylor’s next president.

To this day, the BAA continues to represent the interests of Baylor’s alumni body: advocating for improvements to the university’s shared governance, for the preservation of Baylor’s commitment to learning and faith, and for the affordable cost of a Baylor education.

Alumni (and today’s current students) want to know that their children and future children will have the same (if not better) student experience that they had during their days at Baylor.

Since tuition revenue currently accounts for approximately 75 percent of the university’s operations, students (and their parents) have reason to be alarmed by Baylor’s treatment of the alumni association, especially as reports continue to indicate alumni are reluctant to give and are skeptical of the university’s direction under this Board of Regents.

Just over a year ago, an independent study — performed at the request of Baylor’s Regents —determined that the university had lost approximately \$400 million in donations because of

perceptions of infighting.

This money could have been used for student scholarships, renovations to existing campus buildings or new academic programs. Knowing this information, why then would Baylor’s regents pick a fight with Baylor’s alumni association, and why now?

This is a defining moment in Baylor’s history, and students have the opportunity to influence Baylor’s future by exercising their voice and asking critical questions of the university’s administration.

While students are only on campus for four or five years, it’s important to remember that we are alumni for the rest of our lives. Once we graduate, we cannot change our Baylor affiliation. Most of us will never become Baylor faculty, staff, administrators or regents. All of us will, however, forever be alumni.

The regents’ proposal to the BAA has far-reaching and long-lasting ramifications. It is much easier to give up our voice than it is to get it back.

The regents have asked the BAA (the student government of the post-graduate world) to hand over its independent voice. In a few years, that independent voice will be the voice of today’s students. Speak up — while you still can — and together we can ensure that generations of future students continue to have an association representing alumni interests, supporting and defending Baylor’s unique place in this world and forever lighting the ways of time.

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Lee said. Lee said investigators told her Thomas does not face charges, but she is seeking immunity for him before he turns over documents and e-mails with Heene, "just to be safe." Thomas has said he had no idea that a possible hoax would involve the Heene children.

With television cameras and reporters set up outside the Heene home, Richard Heene's lawyer, David Lane, stressed that the Heenes are willing to turn themselves in to avoid the spectacle of a public arrest.

Lane declined to say directly whether he believes the incident was a hoax but said the Heenes are innocent unless convicted. The Heenes remained holed up in their home until mid-afternoon, when they left in a pickup truck without commenting.

If prosecutors "can prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt, that's one thing. If they can't prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt, that's another," Lane told The Associated Press.

Mayumi Heene retained her own lawyer, signaling the family is gearing up for a legal fight. "I've got to see what the charges are before I can comment on the facts of the case," he said.

Alderden said the children were still with the parents and that child protective services had been contacted to investigate their well-being.

Christian said neither he nor his client has been contacted by authorities about whether the couple's children might be taken from them.

Christian said it's routine for a couple to have separate lawyers if each might face criminal charges.

"I think if Mr. Heene had it in his mind to do something, I just don't think she would have enough strength to stand up against him," Lee said.

Alderden said he is seeking charges against the Heenes that include conspiracy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, making a false report to authorities and attempting to influence

a public servant.

The most serious charges are felonies and carry a maximum sentence of six years in prison. Alderden said authorities would be seeking restitution for the costs, though he did not have an estimate.

It's also possible that Heene could face federal charges because he called the Federal Aviation Administration to report his son missing in the balloon. Those charges could include lying to the federal government, a count similar to the one that sent Martha Stewart to prison in her stock-fraud case.

On Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" on Monday, Alderden said the FAA potentially could seek civil penalties and restitution.

The balloon spectacle was not the first time Richard Heene has run afoul of the law.

He was arrested in April 1997 and charged with three misdemeanors — vandalism, vehicle tampering and disturbing the peace, according to court documents. He pleaded no contest to vandalism and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, two years probation and ordered to pay \$100 restitution, according to Frank Mateljan, a spokesman for the Los Angeles city attorney's office.

The Heenes twice appeared on ABC's "Wife Swap," including an episode in March in which they talk about their belief that they are the descendants of aliens and discuss their approach to parenting. At one point, Richard Heene is seen screaming and throwing a drink in a participant's face.

The producer of "Wife Swap" had a show in development with the Heenes but said the deal is now off. The TLC cable network also said Heene had pitched a reality show months ago, but it passed on the offer.

On the Heenes' front door Monday hung a paper sign that said, "civil liberties don't leave home without them." On the doorstep, some people left a box for letters of support, with an American flag on top.

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Exhibit commemorates 30th anniversary

By JENNA THOMPSON
REPORTER

The W.R. Poage Legislative Library will feature unique political memorabilia throughout the semester in celebration of its 30th anniversary.

The memorabilia includes old presidential campaign buttons and a \$10,000 hat which once belonged to former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

An open house was held on Thursday as part of the anniversary of the library and offered tours of the Hightower Book Vault, a vault designed to preserve books and prevent aging.

The main function of the library is to house political papers and other documents for public use.

"What we do is we get congressional papers and we file them," said Honduras senior Leisel Walters, a student worker at the Poage Library. "[We] put them up on the Baylor Web site so that students can access them and even people outside the library and Baylor can come and research here."

The political exhibits display old photographs, signed pamphlets and a campaign button collection.

One exhibit with personal effects from former President Johnson features a button of his that was valued at \$7,000.

Visitors were given the opportunity to set foot in the Hightower Book Vault, a glass-paneled room kept between 58 and 65 degrees to help preserve the materials. Items preserved in the vault

include donated books and papers from former U.S. Rep. Jack Hightower. Hightower is a Baylor alumnus who also served as a Texas Supreme Court justice.

Poage Library has been expanding its collections over the years and has acquired donated materials from all over the United States.

One expansion project involved a cooperative effort with Moody Memorial Library in which more than 24 newspapers published the day after Sept. 11 were saved and digitized for future viewing.

"We've sort of evolved from being congressional collections to adding more political materials: the JFK materials, Sept. 11, 2001, materials, the editorial cartoon materials," said Ben Rogers, director of Poage Legislative Library.

Many materials in the library are for in-library use only and students may come and request to view them.

"They aren't exactly allowed to walk where we do the processing because it's fragile material and it's years old," Walters said. "If they need a book they can come and check one out. There are other books only for library use. They can come here and read it or research it."

Poage Library has also worked to make its materials available to viewers online.

"We are putting almost everything that the library has on the Web site," said India graduate student Guarau Gupta, a Poage Library worker. "We make a lot of photo pages. We upload a lot



SHANNA TAYLOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Photos and memorabilia from the opening of the W.R. Poage Legislative Library fill a display case in the library's exhibition room Monday.

of pictures [and] videos."

The past few years the library has tried to put emphasis on becoming more of a presence on campus.

"At the 25th anniversary in 2004, we started doing more open houses and we started a lecture series," Rogers said. "We've had more opportunity to put a face on the library with the exhibit."

Poage Library, a building attached to the west side of the Moody Memorial Library, is a little-known resource to most students.

"It's just been in quiet seclusion," Rogers said. "[It is] the se-

cret library."

It is the hope of the workers at the library that more students will begin to take advantage of the resources the library has to offer.

"I think that the biggest contribution that this library makes to campus is giving accessibility to students to papers they wouldn't otherwise have," Walters said. "For example, not everyone can go to D.C. and look around and have all these papers at their disposal. They're available to students and most of the time they're not taken advantage of, which is a shame."

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By **ASH ANDERSON**
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In the trailer for “Paranormal Activity,” a huge crowd of patrons being treated to an early screening of the movie are shown gasping, covering their mouths and contorting into poses of sheer horror.

After seeing the movie for

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myself, all I can say is: What is wrong with those people?

Marketed as “the scariest film ever made,” and so frightening

that you “shouldn’t see it alone,” I was expecting a decent movie.

Instead, what I got was a movie that moved at a slower pace than the slowest-drying concrete.

The story is mind-numbingly simple.

Katie and Micha (Katie Featherston and Micha Sloat) are suburbanites that are seemingly being haunted by a demonic entity.

Weird stuff happens when they’re asleep — I’m not going to spoil anything, but some of the events are just so minor that you can’t help but wondering when you’re supposed to be scared.

Honestly, I was waiting for a lot more but was left unsatisfied



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Katie Featherston attempts to sleep after supposedly being terrorized by an unknown entity during the night. She and her boyfriend try to tape some of the footage, only to be frightened by what they witness.

by the time the credits began to roll.

I can understand the hype behind the movie.

One camera, an \$11,000 budget and a barrage of psychological struggles sound like the perfect combination for a strangehold on the psyche of the average moviegoer.

Sadly, all of the conflicts fall flat when one takes the time to process what is happening on the screen.

If you’re anything like me, you’ll be more annoyed than anything. You’ll sit there any think that it’s going to get better, but it doesn’t.

This is not a thinking-man’s

movie. In fact, I found myself wondering how anyone could find some of these “frights” the least bit scary.

Many critics and audiences have compared the camera work to that of 1999’s “The Blair Witch Project,” and they’re correct to, but the camera work alone cannot save this movie from being excruciatingly dull.

Perhaps the biggest letdown is that I was the victim of enormous amounts of hype for the movie.

Unfortunately, “Paranormal Activity” is a poor exercise in horror, and one of the most disappointing films in recent memory.

Grade: D

Religion professor dishes on heavenly coffee rolls

By **CAROLINE SCHOLES**
REPORTER

Dr. Eric Holleyman, a professor of religion, grew up in Florida eating his mom’s delicious coffee rolls.

“This is something that my mom made when I was growing up,” Holleyman said.

His wife, Clara Holleyman, now makes it for their family by adding her own twist — decorating the rolls like wreaths for Christmas. She makes the rolls every year for their son’s friend, who loves the coffee rolls.

“They make a great gift to give to people,” Holleyman said.

The recipe has been passed down from generation to generation in his family.

“I can’t remember a time when I went home and my mother hadn’t made several batches for me and my brothers,” Holleyman said.

Coffee Rolls

- Ingredients:**
- 2 pkg yeast
 - ¼ c. water
 - ¼ c. shortening
 - ½ c. sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 c. milk
 - 5 c. plain flour
 - Oleo
 - Cinnamon
 - Brown sugar
 - Chopped Pecans
- Icing:**
- 1 c. powdered sugar
 - ½ t. vanilla
 - 2 Tbsp warm milk

- Directions:**
- Mix 1 ¼ c. flour, sugar, salt and yeast in a bowl.
 - Heat milk, water and shortening to lukewarm and pour over flour mixture and beat 2 minutes.
 - Add eggs and ½ c. flour and beat 2 minutes on high.
 - Stir in additional flour to make soft dough.
 - Turn out onto lightly floured board and knead 20-25 times or until satiny.
 - Place in greased bowl, cover and let rise until double.
 - Punch down.
 - Divide into 3 equal parts.
 - Roll into rectangles and spread with oleo and sprinkle with mixture of brown sugar, nuts and cinnamon.
 - Roll, shape into ring and place in pans.
 - Let rise until double.
 - Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.
 - Combine powdered sugar, vanilla and warm milk.
 - Drizzle over warm rings and sprinkle with chopped nuts.

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We're talkin' about practice

Men's basketball begins preparing for 2009-2010

By Matt Larsen
Reporter

The squeak of green-and-white sneakers on hardwood floors returned Friday evening to the Ferrell Center as the men's basketball team had its first official practice of the 2009-2010 season.

Seven new freshmen and one junior joined the returning core that helped lead the Bears to the NIT final last April.

"We haven't had this large of a new group in a long time," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said. "I think this year, defense and rebounding-wise, we have an opportunity to be better with size and length and athleticism."

After getting to match up with the newcomers on the court, junior guard LaceDarius Dunn and senior guard Tweety Carter praised the youngsters.

"[They're] great guys — willing to learn and willing to listen," Dunn said.

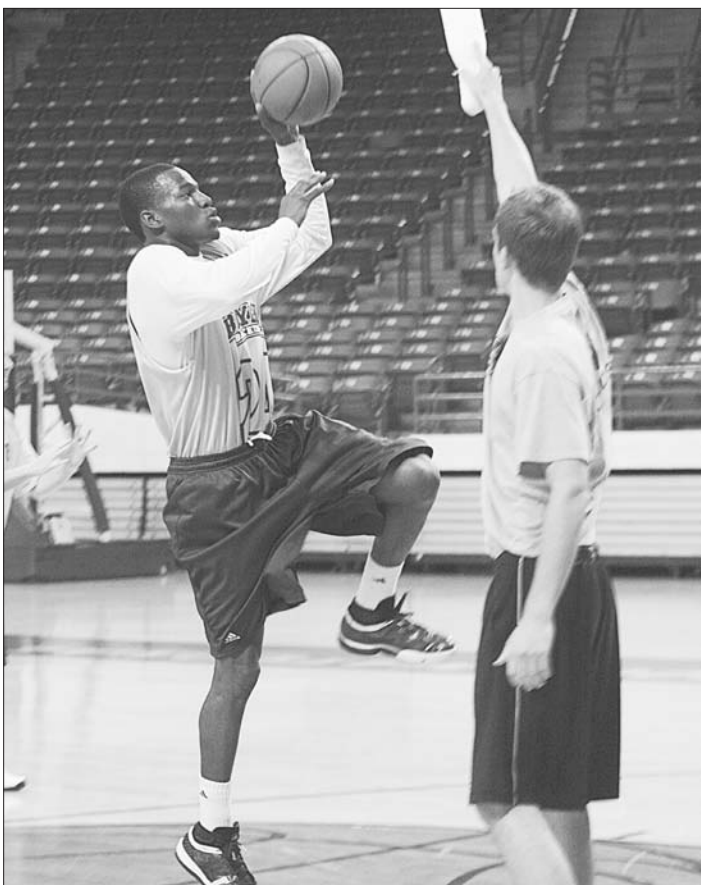
"As long as you have players who are going to work hard, you can't go wrong," Carter said.

The Bears have been conditioning and weightlifting until this point, and both Dunn and Carter voiced their excitement to be back on the court as well as working with the new members.

"[It's good] getting to know each other's strengths and weaknesses on the court. Just being back, I'm really ready," Dunn said.

The team is ready to get into the game, Carter said. "We're ready to take on a challenge."

Dunn and Carter will be



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Monroe, La., junior LaceDarius Dunn attempts a shot in practice Monday afternoon at the Ferrell Center. Dunn is Baylor's leading returning scorer with 15.7 points per game.

joined this season by a teammate who has been waiting twice as long for his time to play in front of the Baylor fans at the Ferrell Center.

Junior Ekpe Udoh transferred from the University of Michigan, and by NCAA rules was required to sit out the 2008-2009 season.

As ready as ever, the 6-foot-10 junior plays both forward and center and is expected to contribute significantly to the Bears inside play this season.

Sophomore forward Quincy Acy matched up against Udoh in the first few practices and quickly made note of his work on both sides of the ball, but especially his strong defense.

"I guard him everyday. He's tough," Acy said. "You [have] to adjust your shot so you don't get it blocked."

Drew knew Udoh's talent defensively from practices last year and expressed his pleasure with

his progression offensively.

"If we could have done anything to have him play last year, he would have been one of those missing pieces from the standpoint," Drew said. "He's a great player defensively and offensively he's really improved."

Although excited about the potential of his returners and newcomers, Drew addressed the issues that arose in the first couple of practices as a result of boasting a roster with seven freshmen.

"It's taking a lot longer to explain what were looking for with different concepts offensively and defensively," Drew said.

With a herd of young players, Drew watched for leaders to emerge among his returners during the first few practices, and Carter caught his eye.

"Any time you have a senior point guard, that makes the coach sleep a little better at night," Drew said.

Connecticut cornerback killed in on-campus fight

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

Less than 12 hours after celebrating his team's homecoming victory over Louisville, Connecticut football coach Randy Edsall was at a hospital identifying the body of one of the game's star players.

Jasper Howard, 20, of Miami, was stabbed to death in a fight following an on-campus, university sanctioned dance. Monday, the day after the stabbing, police continued to interview those attending the dance in search for possible witnesses.

Police released the name of a second victim, Brian Parker, a 19-year-old wide receiver on the Huskies' football team. Parker was also stabbed, but was released from a Connecticut hospital.

Edsall said he and the team were heartbroken and devastated over the loss of Howard, a junior and the team's starting cornerback who came to the school to get away from the violence on the streets of his hometown. He was the first person in his family to go to college.

"I know Jasper loved the University of Connecticut, and he loved his teammates," Edsall said. "And he loved the opportunity he was getting here at UConn."

UConn Police Major Ronald Blicher said this is the first homicide at the university in the more than 30 years he has been associated with the school.

Blicher said Howard was stabbed during a fight between two groups that included students and nonstudents.

The altercation broke out just after a fire alarm went off in the student center, forcing around 300 people to evacuate from a party and dance sponsored by the school's West Indian Awareness Organization.

"We spoke at least once every week. He was a great kid, coachable, dependable, real tough mentally and talented."

Corey Bell
Former coach

Police cordoned off the crime scene near the university's Gampe Pavilion basketball arena for much of the day.

"Certainly not all 300 saw this event," Blicher said. "We have been actively interviewing people through the night and day, and we continue to seek anybody who might have information."

Police were trying to determine if the alarm and the fight were related. About 40 university and state police officers were working on the case. The university community was sent messages warning them to be cautious, but Blicher said officials don't believe anyone else is in danger and that the stabbing did not appear premeditated.

"The university does not have an individual walking around just stabbing people," Blicher said.

Howard's death was especially tragic because he was about to become a father, Edsall said. Neither police nor the university provided any additional information about the expectant mother, whom Edsall identified as Howard's girlfriend.

The coach gathered his team at its training facility at 6 a.m. to deliver the news.

"As Jazz looks down on us, I can promise him and his family, that son or daughter will have 105 uncles," punter Desi Cullen, a team captain, said at a Sunday afternoon news conference.

Howard was taken to Memorial Hospital but he was later air-

lifted to Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, where he died.

Edsall drove to the hospital Sunday morning and was asked to identify Howard's body.

Howard had a career-high 11 tackles Saturday and made perhaps the game's biggest play, forcing a fumble as Louisville was about to score with UConn up 21-13 in the third quarter.

"I felt my hand go on the ball and I felt that I had a chance to get it out," he said after the game. "I just stripped it out. It was a big play. We needed it."

Corey Bell, the director of football operations at the University of Miami who coached Howard at Miami Edison High School, told The Miami-Herald on Sunday that he was stunned when he heard about the killing.

"I'm real close to all my guys, but Jazz and I were real close," Bell said. "We spoke at least once every week. He was a great kid, coachable, dependable, real tough mentally and talented. He had dreams of getting to the next level and making it and taking care of his mom and his sister."

The University of Miami's media relations office did not immediately return phone and e-mail messages from The Associated Press Sunday.

UConn was arranging for Howard's parents to come to Connecticut. He also had two teenage sisters.

Edsall said the team will not practice until Tuesday, but plans to play next Saturday at West Virginia. He said they would wear some remembrance of Howard, and would plan a more permanent memorial at the team's training center.

In a game against Baylor on Sept. 19, Howard started and had three tackles for the Huskies.

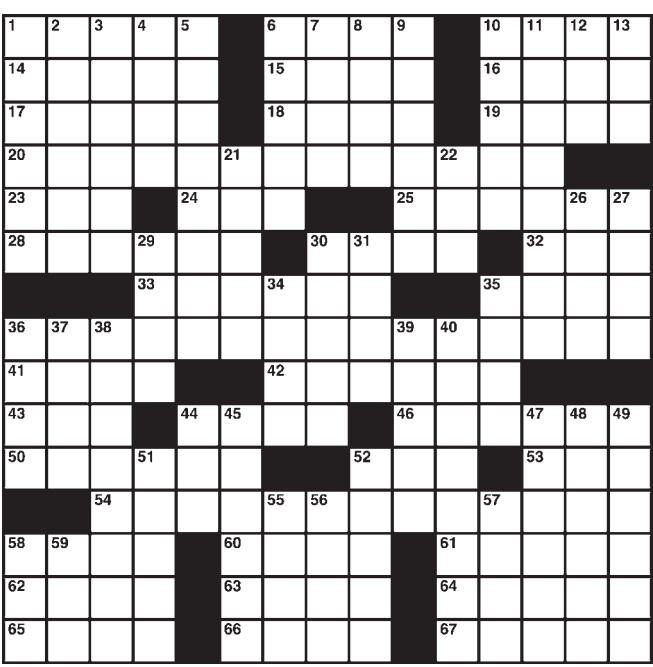
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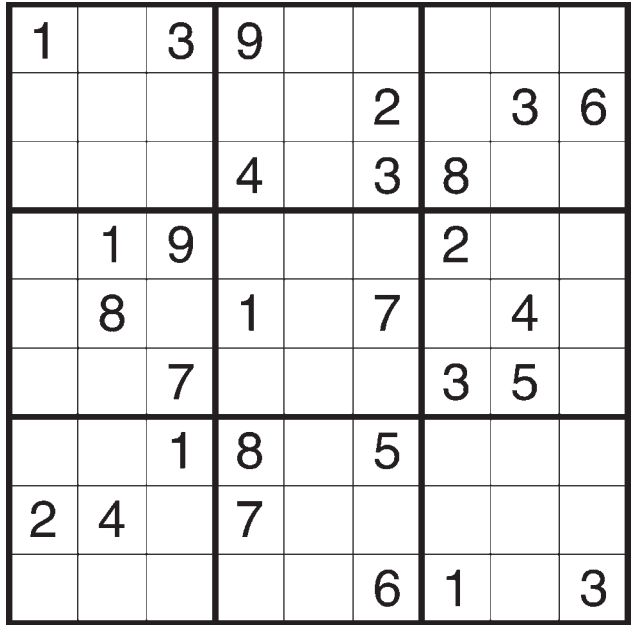
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Training for the competition is a lot of hard work, Hamerly said.

"It's an ongoing process. Students will take this course several times at different levels of difficulty," Hamerly said. "Baylor students have been doing better and better every year for the past four or five years. Two years ago, our top-placing team got seventh place [in the region] and this last year our top-placing team got fourth place."

Dr. David Sturgill, associate professor and graduate program director for computer science, is also a coach for the Baylor team and is in charge of the course that trains the students.

"We meet once a week for three hours," Sturgill said. "Across the course of the semester, a student may solve 50 different problems. We get a lot of work out of the students, and they get a lot of benefit of practicing the type of problem solving they might have to do when they are a working computer scientist."

The regional competitions, which are held around the globe, lead up to ACM ICPC World Finals, which will be held in February 2010 in Harbin, China and will feature the world's top 100 teams.

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Energy Corp. last month said it would idle two units at its Delaware City, Del., plant, cutting about 150 jobs, and Sunoco Inc. earlier this month said it would indefinitely idle its West Deptford, N.J., facility, which has about 400 full-time workers.

"Refiners don't want to own crude, it's Wall Street traders who want it and I'd like for someone to explain that to me," said energy analyst Stephen Schork. "If we're spending a greater proportion of our incomes on gas right now, that doesn't bode well. It's less money we're spending elsewhere."

Prices remain relatively low so it's not clear how that would affect consumer thinking on fuel costs. Few people noticed that this has been the biggest run up in October gasoline prices since at least 2000.

James Hamilton, an economist at the University of California San Diego, doesn't expect the recent jump to be an economic tipping point like last summer when gasoline prices spiked to a record \$4.11 a gallon.

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munity service, not community health care."

"We took that into consideration as we planned our event," Pulliam said.

"We are all in favor of community service and we are glad that President Obama and former President Bush are putting an emphasis on community service in America."

People continued to protest while the forum began.

At the forum, there was a service leaders' roundtable discussion that featured four panelists, including the Director of the White House Office of Social Innovation and her predecessors from the three previous presidential administrations.

Byron Johnson, director of the Institute for Studies of Religion, was invited to participate in the discussion.

Johnson said the discussion was an opportunity to highlight the achievements in service from each administration.

"At some level it's all very positive and a celebration of 20 years of putting public service as a priority and (sending) a message to the public," Johnson said.

"Public service is important and nonprofit contributes in such massive ways to civil society."

Former President Bush, who started the Points of Light Institute 20 years ago as a way to recognize service leaders for their efforts in the community, made a surprise appearance at the luncheon.

In recognizing that initiative, Obama said Bush "didn't call for one blinding light to shine from Washington, but for a vast galaxy of people and institutions to solve problems in their own

backyards."

The president said he's optimistic about the future, despite the recession and security threats, because young Americans today are more engaged in service activities than any generation in decades.

"In the end, service binds us to each other and to our community and to our country in a way that nothing else can," Obama said.

Johnson was one of approximately 50 guests invited to attend the roundtable discussion and participate in a question and answer session with the panelists.

Protesters gathered because they believe in freedom of choice and protection from government mandates, Pulliam said.

"It's not right for me to pay for someone else's health care. Liberty is freedom to make your own decisions."

Sugar Land freshman Cody Orr, a representative from Baylor's Young Conservatives, said he and others were at the protest to show that college students are concerned about issues going on in today's society.

"We are here to show people that a lot college kids are conservative and we don't support what President Obama is doing," Orr said.

"I don't support his health care policy because it fails to address some of the most important issues of health care reform."

However, several bystanders felt the forum wasn't the proper venue for a protest.

Sarah Classen, an A&M sophomore from Dallas, said she felt embarrassed by some of the protesters and their signs.

"I understand they have a different political stance, but there is

a proper time and place," Classen said.

"Today is not about politics, it's about service."

Pulliam said that since this was Obama's first visit to Texas since his election into office, it was a good venue to protest their views to the community.

"When a sitting president goes anywhere, he is protested," Pulliam said. "We do not agree with his socialist policies."

Pulliam said the day's events were successful.

"We've gotten a lot of dialogue going on," Pulliam said. "We passed out information sheets. We've had a very peaceful, respectful showing of our opinions."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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