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Coffee talk, prices heat up

**No change at Baylor
as costs increase
across the country**

By Laura Frase
Staff writer

For students scrounging around under the sofa cushions for change to fund their caffeine fix, they might want to start checking their neighbor's couch to cover the 5-cent, or 1.9 percent, increase of Starbucks drinks.

Starbucks increased its prices

on handcrafted beverages yesterday in all company-operated stores in the United States, Bertha Gonzaba, regional director for Starbucks Coffee Company, said.

"Starbucks regularly evaluates business costs and has determined that a price increase is appropriate in our current environment of rising energy, fuel and supply chain costs," Gonzaba said.

The last Starbucks price change was in October 2004 and raised coffee prices by 11 cents.

And for the first time in nine years, Starbucks also has increased the price on whole bean coffee, Gonzaba said.

While the on-campus Starbucks has yet to raise its prices because of the nationwide increase, the regular prices of Baylor Starbucks still remain higher than other area Starbucks, said a Baylor Starbucks employee, who didn't wish to be named.

At the Baylor Starbucks, a tall iced mocha costs \$2.95, while the same drink in Lacy Lakeview is only \$2.90. A grande

caramel frappuccino is \$3.75 on campus, but \$3.70 at the same Lacy Lakeview location.

Because of the nationwide increase and slightly higher prices in the on-campus Starbucks, students are raising their voices against the price swells.

Junior Catherine Ward is a frequent visitor to the on-campus Starbucks and is from Richland, Wash., near the Starbucks Seattle headquarters.

Averaging four or five coffee breaks a week, Ward is appalled

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Starbucks employee Adrian Bennett, an Austin senior, restocks drinks Monday at the Starbucks in the Dutton Avenue Office and Parking Facility.



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Face full of foam

Christine Browder, a Dallas freshman, attacks Little Rock, Ark., freshman Kyle McLeod with a handful of shaving cream during Freshman Follies Tuesday night at Bear Park. Freshman Follies is one of Baylor's oldest traditions and was moved from Minglewood Bowl to Bear Park.

N. Korea preps to test nukes

**Kim Jong Il says communist nation
still open to possible disarmament**

By Bo-Mi Lim
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea triggered global alarm Tuesday by saying it will conduct a nuclear test, a key step in the manufacture of atomic bombs that it views as a deterrent against any U.S. attack. But it also said it was committed to nuclear disarmament, suggesting a willingness to negotiate.

The contradictory statement fits a North Korean pattern of ratcheting up tension on the Korean Peninsula, a Cold War-era flashpoint, in an attempt to win concessions like economic aid. The strategy has had mixed results in recent years as the totalitarian regime sinks deeper into isolation and poverty, with China serving as its lifeline for food and fuel.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called North Korea's announcement "a very provocative act."

It came as the standoff deepened over Iran's nuclear program, with senior U.N. diplomats saying six world powers would begin negotiations Friday in London on possibly imposing sanctions against Tehran for refusing to suspend uranium enrichment.

It was the first time North Korea had publicly announced its intent to conduct a nuclear test. Previously, it had warned that it might conduct a test, depending on U.S. actions.

"The U.S. extreme threat of a nuclear war and sanctions and pressure compel the Democratic Republic of Korea (DPRK) to conduct a nuclear test, an essential process for bolstering nuclear deterrent, as a self-defense measure in response," said a statement by North Korea's Foreign Ministry and carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

Yet it said it wanted to "settle hostile relations" between the North and the United States, and that it "will do its utmost to realize the denuclearization of the peninsula."

Many North Korea watchers believe the country's dictator, Kim Jong Il, knows that all-out con-

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Voting made easy with ballot-by-mail

By Van Darden
Staff writer

Students interested in voting on Nov. 7 have until Tuesday to register and until Oct. 31 to send in an application for ballot-by-mail, said McLennan County's elections administrator Kathy Van Wolfe.

"Students should call their home county's elections office and request an application for ballot by mail," Van Wolfe said.

"Or, if students are registered in their home county and want to change their residence to McLennan County, they can pick up that form at city hall, many post offices, libraries or online."

Van Wolfe said students can drop off those forms at her office at 214 N. 4th St., Suite 300, or send it by mail to the county's elections office.

Scott Haywood, director of communications for Texas Secretary of

State Roger Williams, said students may download their voter registration application at www.sos.state.tx.us.

"Students wishing to vote in their home county without changing residence can also download the application for ballot by mail on our Web site and then turn it into the early voting clerk in their home county," Haywood said.

Jana Hixson, associate director for Baylor's Office of Public Affairs,

said students can also pick up their voter registration forms in the public affairs office or in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"If a student picks up a form from us or at the SUB, the postage is already paid, so he or she can send it in for free," Hixson said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 17.2 percent of Americans ages 18 to 24 voted in the No-

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Student spreads good news on bike

By Ashleigh Boutte
Reporter

A cardboard sign and his bike: These are the items that he uses to spread the gospel.

Physics graduate student and Dallas native Michael Devin, a member of Antioch Community Church, rides around campus and the city carrying a sign on his back that reads "HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER" to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

"I just felt like I was being urged to do it," Devin said.

Devin said he is a pretty shy person and is unable to speak about the gospel to other peo-

ple, so he accomplishes what he feels is his mission by covering the region between Baylor and Richland Mall wearing one of his many signs.

"I continued to think about it several months before I actually went out and did it," Devin said, "I felt like it was a calling."

Devin said he has about eight different signs that he wears.

Dr. Walter Wilcox, a professor of physics, is a close friend of Devin's and said he admires what he does.

"Each time I see him he has a better version of the sign," Wil-

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Kristina Bateman/Lariat staff

Michael Devin, a Dallas native and physics graduate student, has been spreading the gospel on his bicycle for more than two years. Devin's route takes him from Baylor's campus to Richland Mall.

Killer's final letter reveals troubled past

By Mark Scoloro
The Associated Press

QUARRYVILLE, Pa. — The gunman who killed five girls in an Amish schoolroom confided to his wife during the siege that he molested two relatives 20 years ago when he was a boy and was tormented by dreams of doing it again, authorities said Tuesday.

Investigators also said that Charles Carl Roberts IV, 32, plotted his takeover of the school for nearly a week and that the items he brought, including flexible plastic ties, eyebolts and lubricating jelly, suggest he may have been

planning to sexually assault the Amish girls before police closed in.

"It's very possible that he intended to victimize these children in many ways prior to executing them and killing himself," State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller said. But Roberts "became disorganized when we arrived" and shot himself in the head.

Holding up a copy of the gunman's suicide note at a packed news conference, Miller also suggested that Roberts was haunted by the death of his prematurely born daughter

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Keep waiting, girls: Right guy will come along someday

I figured out the other day that college is a great place to meet girls. I say this because there's a lot of them here. For example, every time I look up while walking around campus, most of the people I see are girls. Walking in front of me, walking behind me, walking past me; they're everywhere. Except the boys bathroom. But that's because they're next door in the ladies' room, likely in groups of 10 or 20.

But if there are 10 of them in the ladies' room, there are probably only three-and-a-third guys in the men's room.

That's not because we have better bladder control; it's because there's a ratio of roughly a lot more girls than guys here at Baylor.

Obviously, being a man at this institution, my odds for finding a girl to date and even (dare I say?) smooch should be pretty good. After all, how many

of those child-and-family studies majors really plan on child-and-family studying for a job? No sir, they want to meet a nice boy who will smooch them and eventually marry them.

However, they're going to be let down. My friends tell me that a prerequisite for guys planning to attend Baylor is to lose any and all ability to ask girls out. As I understand it, my kind, don't bother with that sort of thing. Instead, we do other stuff.

For example: We will ask you girl-folks to "Ambiguous Coffee." This happens when we think we might like one of you, but we don't want to declare it out-and-out. We just ask you to go get coffee.

And since God wired you girls with weird stuff like estrogen, you really like direction and clarity. But that's something we don't provide. We won't tell you if we're just going to hang out as buddies, or if we really

point of view

BY BEN HUMENIUK



want to date you and end up wasting lots of money on you. We just say "let's get coffee," and it often ends up awkward.

Or we go the route of the "Friend With Benefits." That just means one of us sweet-talks one of you into smooching us a lot, and we occasionally have deep conversations with you that really play with your heartstrings, but we don't actually establish a real romantic relationship. Girls like you are left hanging, and you naturally go for the dreaded DTR. We then get real scared and excuse ourselves to watch SportsCenter, because you want to talk about feelings and that

always means trouble.

It's a little troubling that my gender can prove so lame sometimes.

But let me take a moment to shed some light on our weeniness. My next-door neighbor is a girl, and she and I were talking about this problem one night. According to her research, a girl's biggest fear when it comes to the opposite sex is, soberly enough, getting physically attacked. By contrast, a man's biggest fear is, get this ... getting rejected.

I'm pretty sure this is because we guys don't like to make ourselves vulnerable. If we get attacked fairly, mano-a-mano, we will fight back all day long. But we can't stand being helpless while someone else whales on us. We don't do well with sneak attacks; we must respond, like Ninjas or gladiators or something. That is part of being manly.

Imagine then, if we dudes don't really like the emotional stuff that much, what's more risky than exposing those emotions to a girl who can shoot you down or accept you as she pleases?

I'm not saying we are justified in being hesitant, but I do think we're a little hampered in stepping up.

You see, I think the other part of manliness is being bold and proactive, acting on choices regardless of how dangerous, risky or hopeless the outcome might look.

Regardless, at some point along the way, the generation or two of guys who preceded us crapped out and said it was okay for us to start being safe. They told us it was okay to hedge our bets and to stop taking real risks. They gave us permission to stop leading.

So that's when things got real screwed up and you girls ended

up inventing stuff like feminism and breaking glass ceilings and Sadie Hawkins dances. We stopped leading, and you guys did the responsible thing: You took over.

Girls, a lot of you are built to be strong and independent and all that stuff Lifetime movies talk about. There's no question in my mind that you are all worth getting asked out.

But please just be patient with us. We're a little immature here at school, but we're starting to figure out that we can grow. You can sigh and mourn the fact that chivalry is pushing up daisies as you begrudgingly keep the crush shirts coming. But don't be surprised when we start actually asking you guys to do stuff.

If you hold your breath long enough, it may finally get taken away.

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Editorial

Hidden treasures deserve home

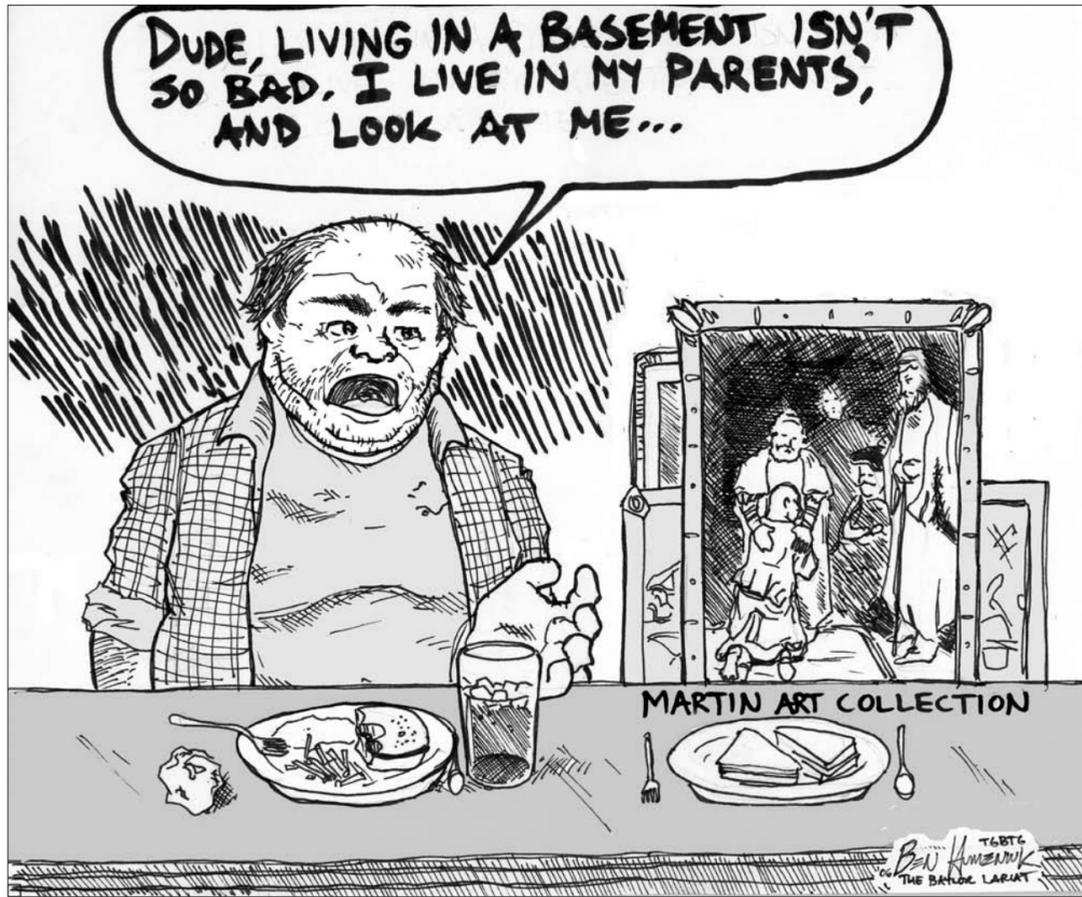
Safely tucked away in the basement of the Martin Museum of Art are priceless pieces of art, including a page from the original King James Bible and an original Rembrandt sketching. In addition, there are some paintings and prints by Goya, Salvador Dali and an Alexander Calder sculpture.

The approximate worth of all the art is \$2 million.

The administration would be wise to allot funds for a building to properly display all the Martin Museum is preserving. With the construction of an art museum, Baylor has a chance to work toward completing three of the imperatives of the Baylor 2012.

Imperative I has a goal of establishing an environment where learning can flourish. One of the best ways to learn is to consider art and all its complexities. By building an on-campus facility for all the art in Martin's basement, students would have easy access to exceptional, world-renowned art.

Imperative IV of Baylor 2012 is attracting and supporting a top-tier student body. If we adequately displayed all the academic qualities of Baylor, an avenue would be provided for future students to easily see the university's commitment to holistic learning.



Imperative VII involves providing outstanding academic facilities. We have an incredible sciences building that displays Baylor's commitment to science and research. And now the university needs to consider construction of a facility that reflects an equal commitment to art. It's time to remove this art from its tiny room in the base-

ment of Martin Museum and let it shine for everyone to see.

These pieces of art deserve a proper facility in which to be displayed. Baylor 2012 could be well on its way to completion with the construction of a state-of-the-art building where travelers and students alike could stop and appreciate its sculptures, sketches and

paintings.

Baylor should now seek to be known for its outstanding art collection, one that competes with Southern Methodist University's Meadows Museum. We believe Martin Museum's art collection could elevate Baylor in status — if only it had a proper place to be displayed.

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Give your body opportunity for longevity with lifestyle changes

All I wanted to do was have a peaceful weekend at home. When the stresses of college and life push me too hard, I flee to my sanctuary, three hours outside of Waco.

I can always count on a comfy couch, free room and board and a loving family. But just a couple of hours after arriving home, my mom dropped the "C-word." The word I never want to hear in the same sentence with a loved one: cancer.

My grandpa had just been diagnosed with prostate cancer. I vaguely remember my mom telling me, but the words "good" and "bad" really stuck out as she broke the news. Yes, it's good that the cancer was detected

early and hasn't yet spread. But at the same time, cancer is never good. In fact, my past experiences with family and cancer have always ended badly.

I've already lost two grandparents, my dad's father and my mom's mother, both to pancreatic cancer. I was still in diapers when my grandpa passed away. He was only 59. My dad tells me all about him, but he and I never got to have that special grandfather-granddaughter relationship. My grandma died at just 54 years old, shortly after our first trip to Disney World together. My mom's already lost one parent to cancer. I don't want to see her lose another, too.

This is a family matter, so

point of view

BY BRITTANY MCGUIRE



why am I sharing this private pain with you? Because people are being too careless with their lives, and they're leaving loved ones behind. Everyone dies, I know. But no one should die from something that's preventable. Granted, not every type of cancer is preventable. Prostate cancer is a common affliction in men over 60. There's still a very little chance of curing pancreatic cancer, the fourth-leading

cause of cancer-related death in the U.S. But there are little things, easy lifestyle changes, that could prolong your life.

First of all, stop the smoking. Not only is it toxic, disgusting and polluting my air supply if I'm near you, but it's stupid, too. I'll keep the long list of illnesses short for you: heart disease, various cancers and respiratory diseases. Smoking is the most preventable cause of illness and death, yet the American Lung Association estimated that 440,000 people will die from smoking-related illnesses this year.

I'm not stepping off my soapbox yet. I'm just moving on to bad habit No. 2. Quit the fake-

baking. Orange skin isn't attractive. Using a tanning booth can be just as dangerous as smoking. You can burn your eyes, absorb huge amounts of radiation and develop severe forms of skin cancer.

Natural sunlight activates the melanin in your skin, turning you that beautiful beach-bronze color. Tanning beds, however, attack the blood vessels deep in the skin, a damage far worse than a day at the beach might be. I'd take bad tan lines any day over burned blood vessels.

My beefs could go on and on. People aren't treating their bodies like temples. Smoking, severe drinking, morbid obesity, overindulging at the tanning

booth. These aren't just problems nationally, it's a problem here at Baylor.

Except for maybe an organic diet and training for a marathon, there was little my grandpa could do to prevent prostate cancer. But there are many things he can do to treat it, including good nutrition and as much physical exercise a 73-year-old man can handle. For those of you who do smoke, drink or jeopardize your health in any way, stop thinking about your own addictions and indulgences and think about the loved ones you might leave behind.

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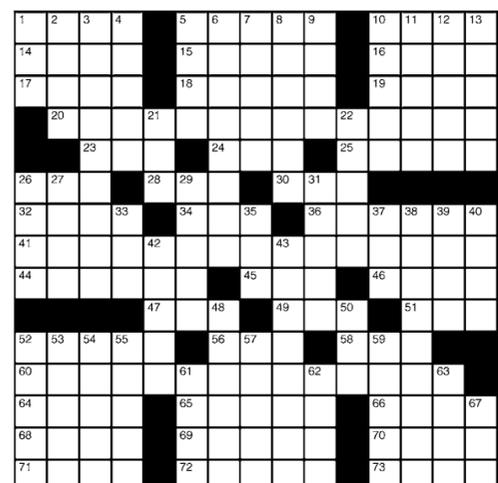
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Name recollection has more than nominal value

By Christine M. Tamer
Staff writer

Denny Kramer believes remembering names is as simple as L-I-R-A.

"Hearing one's name is the sweetest sound and most important sound you will hear in any language," the information systems and business communication professor said. "When we make the effort to remember a name, it goes a long way toward showing mutual respect and acceptance for both parties."

"When a person remembers someone's name, it shows that he or she is engaged and actively listening, communications professor Mark T. Morman said.

"I think it's reaffirming to remember somebody's name and reaffirming to them because it shows that you find them interesting," Morman said. "It also is a credibility issue and makes you look more credible because you are able to do that."

Remembering names is also important for business and networking purposes, said Director of Career Counseling Pat Carney Weaver.

She related the importance of remembering names to her husband's decision when choosing a mechanic.

"When my husband got his car repaired, they would say 'Dr. Weaver, how are you today?' Weaver said. "It gave him a feeling that they knew him and were going to do a good job. If you take the effort to do that (remember names), it makes people trust you more."

"In business or in general, it is important for us to remember that ultimately the people make the organization successful," Kramer said. "Getting to know people by their name should be just as important and natural as the technical aspects of the job."

The LIRA model

The "L" stands for Look and Listen.

"It is important to pay attention to what they look like," Kramer said. "Look at facial features, how tall they are, what they are wearing, what color their hair is, et cetera."

It is also crucial to actually listen when someone is speaking to you, Kramer said.

"We have a tendency to be thinking about what we are going to say rather than what the other person is saying," Kramer said.

"I" stands for Impression.

"Think of the impression you get when you meet someone for the first time," Kramer said. "Is it positive or negative? Does it remind you of something?"

"R" stands for repetition.

"In your mind be repeating their name," Kramer said. "During the conversation make a conscious effort to repeat their name."

External Vice President, Allan Marshall said he uses repetition when trying to remember names.

"I usually try to repeat a per-

son's name at least three times when having a conversation," Marshall said. "It helps me remember. The beauty of this job is that I get to interact with people, and I try to the best of my ability to remember all their names."

Paige Patton, Baylor public relations coordinator of news and information, tries to use a person's name as soon as possible after meeting them.

"I try to introduce them to someone else by using their name right after I meet them," Patton said. "Names are a small detail that can go a long way in conveying an image. It makes that person feel like you respect them."

"A" stands for association.

"See if that name reminds you of someone else that you already know," Kramer said. "A group of colleagues were trying to figure out a way to remember my name and they came up with the restaurant Denny's."

When memory fails

"If you remember someone's name it promotes not being embarrassed," Morman said. "Asking someone their name again can be quite embarrassing."

When Morman does not remember someone's name, he said he just admits it.

"Most people would rather you ask them their name than to kind of fake it," he said.

Tammy Woods, professor of social work, said she has learned a few tricks in remembering names through her experience as a teacher.

"In a classroom setting, if you work hard to remember students' names you build a rapport with them so quickly," Woods said.

Woods uses the picture roster of her student's to visualize their names and does icebreakers in her class so students can get to know one another, she said.

If Woods does not know a person's name she said she tries to talk to them without using their name, she said.

"Most of the time I am just able to talk to them without even mentioning their name," Woods said. "You can usually have a conversation without referring to names, but sometimes I actually ... tell them that I don't remember their name."

Patton recommends introducing someone to another person if it is difficult to remember his or her name.

"I'll try to introduce them to someone else and just let them give their name to the other person so I don't have to ask them for it," Patton said.

"Focusing on ways to remember names is important and the act of remembering someone's name is so important because we all want to hear our own names," Kramer said. "It is inherently important to anyone in any culture because our names have meanings."

"It goes a long way toward showing people that we respect and admire them."



Courtesy Photo

Students representing their county walk during the 2005 Special Olympics Fall Festival opening ceremony. About 1,400 athletes are expected to compete when the Special Olympics kicks off on Oct. 13. Held in Waco for the last three years, the festivities will move to College Station in 2007.

Special Olympics comes to Waco

By Ashley Stocker
Reporter

Blowing whistles, squeaking shoes and cheering crowds will soon fill the Waco community, as the annual Special Olympics Fall Festival returns to Waco on Oct. 13.

The festival, which has been held in Waco for the past three years, has seen a great deal of support from the Waco community in the past, said Kelly Coffey, director of public relations for Special Olympics.

In its final year before moving to College Station, an expected 1,400 athletes will travel to Waco to participate in the event.

Athletes will compete in sports such as aquatics/diving, bocce, golf, softball and triathlon.

These events will be held on the Baylor campus as well as throughout the Waco community, said Andi Baca, Special Olympics public relations coordinator.

"Volunteers will provide es-

sential services at every level of our games; our volunteers will be at the heart of every venue and every sport," Coffey said.

There are numerous volunteer positions available, from handing out water to timing races, Coffey said.

Volunteers are needed at all sports venues and at special events.

There is also no formal training required to volunteer at these events, Coffey said. When the volunteers arrive on the morning of the event, they will be briefed on what their jobs will be for that day.

Volunteers are needed throughout the weekend, but it is up to the volunteer how long he or she wants to help. The length of each shift varies and tends to be around four hours. Volunteers can choose one shift, two shifts, or as many as they are free to work throughout the weekend.

"It can be difficult for some Baylor students to volunteer since our games are during Fall Break, but we would love to have

any students remaining on campus get involved," Coffey said. "We always have a need for additional volunteers to make the games the best they can be for our athletes."

The games will officially kick off at opening ceremonies on Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Waco Convention Center.

The actual competition will kick off at 8 a.m. and run through 5 p.m. on Oct. 13 and 14, Baca said.

Special Olympics Texas provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for 24,675 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Texas, Baca said.

"(Through volunteering) you have a wonderful opportunity to be involved in a state level competition and demonstrate to Texas the extraordinary gifts of people with intellectual disabilities," Coffey said.

For more information and a complete list of volunteer opportunities and shifts, visit www.specialolympicstexas.org/volunteer/fallclassic.

Fashion Night lays down law against fad faux pas

By Katelyn Foster
Reporter

It should be a crime to look this good.

Dr. Mark Osler, assistant professor of law, and Kristin Simpson, professor of law, co-hosted Fashion Night at Baylor Law School Tuesday to educate law students about courtroom attire, business casual clothing and for firm picnic apparel.

Simpson said she believes a professional wardrobe is essential for students entering the workforce. In law school, students are taught how to use the law to solve problems, but fashion is also a necessity for success, she said.

"Professional dress is one of the tools lawyers use to solve problems such as getting a job, keeping a job and successfully advocating for a client," Simpson said.

This first-time event featured six panelists: Associate Dean Leah Jackson, Professors Jim Underwood and Patricia Wilson, Assistant Professors Rory

Ryan and Bridget Fuselier, and Jeffrey Manske, a local judge.

They discussed related topics and told personal stories of funny situations they've encountered in their careers regarding attire.

Osler told of a previous co-worker that wore a shirt with the word "juicy" on the front. Thereafter, she was always known as the "juicy" lady.

Panelists gave examples of what to wear and what not to wear. A fashion show, complete with disco music, demonstrated acceptable and unacceptable styles.

Model Brad Thomas from Shreveport, La., exemplified a fashion don't by wearing striped pants and a polyester shirt.

Some students said the faux pas are the main reason they attended the event. John Swanburg, a New York City first-year law student, agrees but also came to see his friends and professors model.

"I came to see the don'ts," San Antonio third-year law student Brooke Basden said. "I heard



Brad Thomas, a first-year law student from Shreveport, La., models what not to wear to a firm function Tuesday for Fashion Night, a show held at the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center on Tuesday.

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that dress shorts were a don't, and I thought they were a do."

Simpson said fashion disasters are important to exhibit because a person could lose a job offer because of a poor clothing choice.

Jackson said the goal is "not to be the topic of the catty conversation."

"Clothes can work against you," Osler said.

Do's include conservative attire that doesn't show skin.

A slide show pictured don'ts: hoochie shoes, bling, uncovered tattoos, exposed underwear and too much skin.

Simpson said what you wear, how you act and how you present yourself sends a message.

"Each appearance you make at a firm event is an interview opportunity," Manske said.

BEAR BRIEFS

Register to vote

Students for Social Justice will hold voter registration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in front of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Up 'Til Dawn meeting

Up 'Til Dawn will host an interest and informational meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. today in Bennett Auditorium.

Fitness registration

Registration for the Fitness Challenge will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday in the McLane Student Life Center Campus Recreation Offices. The cost is \$25 per team of four. Each team will compete in five separate events: sit-ups, push-ups, shuttle run, broad jump and obstacle course.

Museum exhibit

Feathered Treasures — Ceremonial Objects of the Amazon runs today through Sunday at the Mayborn Museum Complex. The exhibit features the culture of the Amazon, and it features head dresses, masks, breastplates and full-body costumes.

MSO meeting

The Medical Service Organization will host an interest and weekly meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. today in D109 Baylor Sciences Building.

AP0 blood drive

Alpha Phi Omega will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. Vans will be at the following donation locations: Penland Residence Hall, Fountain Mall and in between Waco Hall and Tidwell Bible Building.

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Defensive prowess holds key to Big 12 success

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

Following Baylor's 17-3 victory over Kansas State University in the team's conference opener, head Coach Guy Morriss said he had some concerns about his offense and special teams, but he was glowing about his defense.

He said the win and his defensive unit's ability to overcome adversity was a testament to the hard work of his defensive staff and players.

"They hung in there tough all night," Morriss said. "We put them in some bad positions.

"If anybody deserves a game ball, it's them."

Not only did the Baylor defense hold the Wildcats to a sin-

gle field goal, it also cleaned up mess after mess that four Baylor turnovers and poor special team play put them in. The Baylor defense held Kansas State to just three of 19 on third-down conversion attempts and forced five turnovers of its own.

Senior defensive end Marcus Foreman said he understands that the defense is the strength of the team and his unit will occasionally be called upon to secure victories.

"We were put in some pretty tough situations, but I feel we're a good enough defense that we can play ourselves out of that," he said.

The defense has done an adequate job so far this year, holding opponents to 323 yards per

contest and allowing just 14.8 points per game. But in three of four games this season, it wasn't enough.

Baylor went into Saturday's game with a 1-3 record, with losses of 10, 2 and 7 points. After the Bears' win over Kansas State, redshirt freshman linebacker Joe Pawelek said it felt good to finally close out a close game.

"It was big for us, especially for the Big 12 opener, coming out and trying to start a new kind of season. Defensively we really came together and the offense gave us enough points to win," he said.

"That's all we can ask for." After the first half, Baylor had dominated the Wildcats but

only had a 7-3 lead. The game looked like it might end the way so many Baylor games have: with wasted opportunities and a disappointing loss.

"We dropped a couple (of games) there that we felt like we should have won," Pawelek said. "We were put into some tough situations, and we responded with a couple of big turnovers. Really, we just played with a lot of effort, and that took care of a lot of our mistakes."

By stuffing the Kansas State offense and forcing two turnovers in the red zone, the Bears' defense refused to let another winnable game slip away.

"The defense did just about everything (Saturday)," Morriss said. "Those kids really came to

play." Perhaps the biggest factor that has led to Baylor's defense becoming one of the nation's best is the team's ability to force turnovers.

The Baylor defense is tied for the nation's lead in this category with 16 turnovers forced, and the team is 14th nationally in turnover margin, gaining one turnover per game more than its opponents.

Another area where the defense has excelled is shutting down its opposition early in games.

The Bears have given up just 13 points in the first halves of their five games this season, and they haven't given up a single point in the first quarter of their

last six games. Senior cornerback and defensive captain C.J. Wilson said this supports his claim that Baylor is a premier defense.

Wilson and his unit will have a chance to further drive this point home Saturday, when they travel to Boulder, Colo., to take on the University of Colorado Buffaloes. Colorado has the worst scoring offense in the Big 12, averaging just 9.8 points per game.

Wilson isn't fooled by the Buffaloes' slow start. He said he knows they're better than their record shows.

"For a team that's 0-5, they look pretty good. But they haven't played against a defense like ours," Wilson said.

Bears struggle against ranked foes

By Brittany McGuire
Sports writer

High school recruits are attracted to the Big 12 conference for one reason: some of the toughest competition the NCAA has to offer.

Four Big 12 volleyball teams were ranked in the top 25 in the latest CSTV/AVCA Division 1 Coaches Poll, released Monday. The Baylor Lady Bears volleyball team, in its toughest stretch of the season, is in the middle of consecutive matches against those four teams.

One week ago, the team fell 1-3 (23-30, 30-26, 30-32, 26-30) to No. 17 University of Missouri in Columbia in a match head Coach Jim Barnes thought Baylor could win.

"Certainly as a team we felt we had a great opportunity to win," he said. "We just didn't close out the game like we needed to."

Three days later at home, the Lady Bears were off to a quick start, winning game one against top-ranked University of Nebraska, but failed to pull away with the match win, losing again 1-3 (32-30, 18-30, 21-30, 24-30), dropping their Big 12 record to 2-3.

"It's encouraging that we picked a game off of each ranked team," senior Nicole LeBlanc said. "We're going into each game confident."

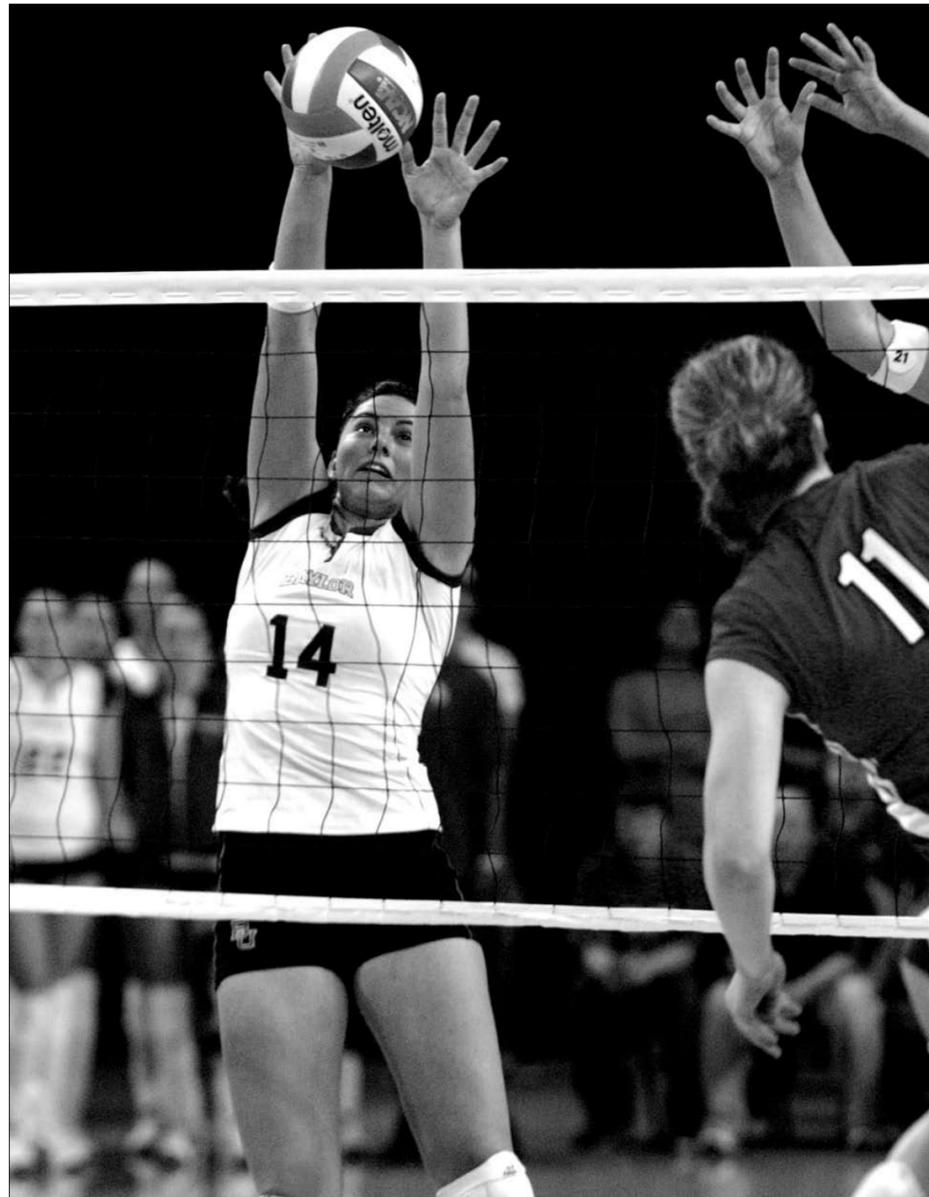
Earlier in the season, the team upset then-No. 24 Kansas State University, garnering some national interest. They even received 10 votes in the Sept. 18 top-25 poll.

However, Barnes said his team has struggled to play three full games against top competition since that game.

"We feel like we're getting better and better, but it's hard to see that when you're playing ranked teams," he said. "You're hoping to slowly catch up."

Despite the losses, several players have stepped up their play this season, including Arlington freshman Taylor Barnes and Katy freshman Katie Sanders, both players from a highly regarded recruiting class.

At setter, Barnes ranks seventh in the Big 12 with 223 assists, averaging more than 11 per game, while Sanders had a season-high 15 kills to lead the Lady Bears in the Nebraska match.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Freshman middle blocker Anna Breyfogle goes up for a block in the Bears' game against top-ranked Nebraska on Saturday. Nebraska is just one of the Lady Bears have scheduled against nationally ranked opponents the Lady Bears will face this season.

"You can't hold anything back against a team like that," Sanders said. "You play these types of teams so that you're ready to play at the tournament."

Also helping out the team are experienced seniors LeBlanc and Desiree Guillard-Young. LeBlanc finished the match against Nebraska with her 11th double-double of the season, and Guillard-Young became the fourth player in Baylor history

to record 500 career blocks.

The Lady Bears will have no time to rest. The team travels to Norman to face No. 25 University of Oklahoma tonight and will continue on the road for a Friday game against No. 11 University of Texas. Jim Barnes said he's confident the team can win on the road.

"It's going to be a dogfight," he said. "They're going to make us work. But we're capable of

playing at a top-25 level."

The team is in a situation where it needs to win crucial conference matches to advance to the NCAA tournament. LeBlanc said the team may receive an at-large bid to the tournament if it can get close to 20 season wins or finish in the top seven in the conference.

The Lady Bears are 13-4 on the season and are currently seventh in the Big 12.



Associated Press

Now in his eighth year as Oklahoma's head football coach, Bob Stoops enters Saturday's game against Texas with a 5-2 record in the Red River Rivalry.

Sooners shooting for Red River win

By Jeff Latzke
The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — For the first time in five years, Oklahoma enters Saturday's Texas showdown without beating the Longhorns the previous year. That makes no difference to Sooners head Coach Bob Stoops.

"Even when we were on our run, what'd I say every year? It doesn't matter what happened a year ago. We've got to go win it again," Stoops said Tuesday at his weekly news conference. "You've got to be able to do it all over again. Each year is different, each team is different, and I believe that now as well."

The Sooners lost last year's meeting at the Cotton Bowl 45-12, ending a five-game winning streak during which Oklahoma outscored Texas 189-54.

"What happens next year doesn't matter; what happened last year doesn't matter," Stoops said.

Even this year, Stoops doesn't expect the fact that the 13th-ranked Sooners (3-1) enter as the underdog to No. 7 Texas, the defending national champion, to provide much motivation.

"We've won it (as the) underdog and we've won it

being favored. ... We're not sitting here like that's our mantra. It's not our deal," Stoops said.

The Sooners are better in all three phases of the game than they were entering last season's Red River Rivalry, he said.

"It's not even close," Stoops said. "There's no question we're a much different football team coming into the game than we were a year ago. I don't even know that you can compare the two. And one of the biggest reasons, too, is Adrian Peterson's healthy. That changes everything."

Peterson had only three carries for 10 yards last season while nursing a sprained ankle. In his absence, the Sooners had a season-low 77 rushing yards on 33 carries.

Meanwhile, Texas is without its star from last year's game, quarterback Vince Young. Now the starting quarterback for the Tennessee Titans, Young threw for three touchdowns and ran for another last year against Oklahoma.

Stoops said some combination of Young's absence and his team's improvement has him feeling good heading into the weekend.

"We expect to win."

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Love for gospel music inspires preservation project

By Carlee Besier
Reporter

It's not just time that slips away. It's also the music. And that bothers Robert Darden, associate professor of journalism, who's on a mission to preserve gospel music.

"Every day I feel one more song is lost," Darden said.

Darden and Baylor received a \$350,000 grant to begin the Royce-Darden Digitization Project, a process of preserving and digitizing early black gospel music.

Darden's interest in black gospel music first began in the 1950s. His father was a captain in the Air Force, the first military organization to integrate. His father bought a hi-fi player and a couple of LPs, including one by Mahalia Jackson.

"I was enthralled with her voice," Darden said.

He said that during his adolescence, most of his friends were black and gospel music was a household staple.

Darden eventually went on to write for *Billboard Magazine*, where his interest in gospel music deepened, spurring him to begin researching it.

Darden's *People Get Ready! A New History of Black Gospel Music*, published in 2004, was the end product of his continued research.

"During my three years of research, I realized that over 75 percent of music recorded between 1945 and the 1970s had disappeared," Darden said.

This encouraged Darden to write

a column for the *New York Times*. He wrote about the importance of the genre to new generations and the role it has played on influencing today's music.

"Something needs to be done or future generations are going to hate us," Darden said. "This music is the root of all American music."

After the column was published in February 2005, Darden received a multitude of e-mails and phone calls from people who shared Darden's enthusiasm for gospel music and understood the need to preserve it.

One man, Charles Royce of Royce and Associates LLC, told Darden to find out what could be done to save the timeless records.

Darden discovered the work of the Arhoolie Association and its partnership with the Frontera Collections at UCLA, whose joint goal is to preserve early Mexican-American music by cleaning and digitizing original copies.

Darden sent this idea to Royce, who then presented the grant of \$350,000.

"It's not very often your passion intersects with something so important," Darden said.

John Wilson, director of library advancement at Baylor, served as a middleman between Darden, Royce and the university.

"I understood the concept and the need for what we were doing and was able to help translate that into writing the grant," Wilson said.

Wilson also supports this project because he said he believes it's "what

libraries are supposed to be doing."

Darden is partnering with the electronic library at Baylor to begin collecting, cleaning and digitizing old 78 records and LPs. Its goal is to find music dating from the 1930s to the 1970s.

Billie Peterson-Lugo, assistant director of electronic library resources, will help oversee the project.

The library plans to hire an audio engineer whose job will be to clean the records and make two copies of each song. One will be an initial sound file and the other will be formatted to sound more like the original did when it was played from a record.

"We don't want them to sound like CDs today," Peterson-Lugo said.

Record jackets and labels also will be scanned and digitized. A cataloger will be hired to describe in detail the artist, where the music was performed originally and who the collector was.

Many details regarding gospel music are still unknown.

Darden said he doesn't know exactly what or how many songs can be located from this time era. There are no books or catalogs compiling all this information.

"Whatever we do will be the first," Darden said.

The collection will be composed of donations, which can be a tax write-off, purchases from collectors or loans. Darden said if someone loans music to Baylor, it will be returned clean and digitized along with an extra copy.

To make a donation, contact Darden at 752-1468.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Journalism associate professor Robert Darden embraces old gospel records in his office Tuesday. Darden received a \$350,000 grant from Charles Royce, of Royce and Associates LLC, to begin the Royce-Darden Digitization Project. The project works to preserve and digitize early black gospel music.



Courtesy photo

Las Vegas band The Killers released *Sam's Town* Tuesday, its much-anticipated follow-up to its 2004 success *Hot Fuss*. The new album offers listeners more of an '80s influence than in previous works.

The Killers delve into darker territory

By Stephen Cortez
Contributor

Welcome to *Sam's Town*, the much-anticipated follow-up to the 2004 smash success *Hot Fuss* from Las Vegas's The Killers.

ALBUMREVIEW

When you follow up an album like *Hot Fuss*, where every track seemed like a single and every song was a sing-along, the expectations are guaranteed to be so grandiose that perfection is unattainable. This seems obvious upon listening to *Sam's Town*, as The Killers can't be accused of not swinging for the fences.

The band maintains the same charming disco-pop-rock bright-eyed boy style and symphonic production that took

America by storm in 2004. However, the Depeche Mode comparisons transition to more of an '80s U2 and Bruce Springsteen influx.

Hopeless romanticism is replaced by whimsical day dreams and a few biting moments that reveal the darker side of their casino-ridden hometown.

Every song is an epic you feel like you should be listening to on Broadway. The anticipatory buildups and background orchestrations are flawless.

The introductory title track "Sam's Town" kicks off the album with a bang and displays all of The Killers' strongest talents: airy chords, a catchy chorus and raw lyrics.

After "Enterlude" welcomes you to Killer's City, "When You Were Young" hits you with all of

the enchantment that you would expect from a Killers' single (ala "Mr. Brightside," "All These Things That I Have Done," etc.).

"Uncle Jonny" delves into some darker territory for the band, dealing with drug use instead of the usual spacier "mountain climbing" songs.

"Bones" follows the same path with lyrics like, "Don't you want to feel my bones on your bones? It's only natural." This is a bit of a deviation back to songs like "Somebody Told Me," a subtle reminder as to how the band became famous in the first place.

Sam's Town ends on high notes, "The River is Wild" and "Why Do I Keep Counting?" The tracks exude some of the more majestic moments on the album.

The marathon ends with

"Enterlude" (there was that "Enterlude," of course), which "hopes you enjoyed your stay."

In trying to create the perfect album, The Killers may have overdone it a little.

Sam's Town is riddled with massive orchestras in blockbuster fashion that tend to run into each other.

Also, vocalist Brandon Flowers tries to overextend his range occasionally, even though his reverberating voice provides much of the band's allure.

These are only minor flaws in what is truly an imposing album. You really can't fault someone for trying too hard, now can you?

Sam's Town has been hyped up quite a bit, and for once, deservedly so. This one is worth a visit, so enjoy your stay.

Grade: A-

Fashion design icons defy industry norms

By Joelle Diderich
Associated Press

PARIS — Jean Paul Gaultier and Vivienne Westwood challenged the adage that you can never be too rich or too thin, debuting ready-to-wear collections on Tuesday that were full of wit and subversion.

Some would call it biting the hand that feeds you, but provocation is second nature for the veteran designers, who both started out in the 1970s era of punk.

Gaultier celebrated 30 years in business with a retrospective of some of his most iconic looks, including the conical bra made famous by Madonna on her 1990 *Blond Ambition* tour, in front of guests including Janet Jackson and Lenny Kravitz.

For spring-summer 2007, he was inspired by the 1980s craze for aerobics. But in Gaultier's hands, this meant high-heeled sneakers, dumbbells made from disco glitter balls and an overweight model in a corset who drew loud cheers from the audience.

So much for the debate about skinny models.

"Working out and aerobics are great, but it's also great that she feels good about herself. The important thing is to feel comfortable with your own body," he said, referring to the plus-size model.

"I have always used slightly older people and also curvy girls. There is beauty in everything, not only in the very thin," he added.

Gaultier was the first designer to pluck models from the street, earning him a reputation as the enfant terrible of French fashion. Since adding couture to his activities in 1997, he has grown in stature and is now considered the spiritual heir of Yves Saint Laurent.

The genial Frenchman said his latest collection recaptured

some of the insouciance of his early days.

"It's a play on sports clothes to turn them into the complete opposite," he explained.

This included swinging flapper dresses with insets of athletic mesh, perspex visors crowned with tiaras and slinky hooded tops worn under tailored jackets with petal sleeves.

Glenda Bailey, editor in chief of *Harper's Bazaar* magazine, said his follies were tempered by a deep respect for traditional techniques.

"He's a great craftsman, he's a great tailor but also he's a great creator. That's what we look forward to every season," she said.

Westwood launched a stinging attack on trophy wives that make up a large portion of the luxury good industry's clientele.

"I am expensive. I am subsidized by all the poor people in the world. I dress as though I were a gift to unwrap. I am a rich American heiress looking for a husband," read her acerbic show notes.

Westwood steamed through iconic images of the American female, from a Calamity Jane in a light blue velvet bustier gown and oversized cowboy hat to Roosevelt-era housewives in toile de Jouy dresses cinched in at the waist.

The show marked the comeback of Sarah Stockbridge, who modeled Westwood's groundbreaking "mini crini" in the 1980s. In her kooky Miss World outfit, the 40-year-old oozed more attitude than all the teenage models in the show combined.

The designer said she's not afraid of driving away customers with her criticism of log-driven consumerism.

"I don't actually care, honestly," she said. "I'm saying, buy fashion, don't buy all that stamped-out trash. Buy less and buy well."

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Deadline for top-professor award rapidly approaching

By Van Darden
Staff writer

Looking to reward prodigious pedagogical performance, the office of the provost will begin accepting nominations for the fourth annual Cornelia Marschall Smith Professor of the Year award.

Nominations from students, faculty, staff and alumni should be delivered to the candidate's dean by 5 p.m. Nov. 1 and must include a letter explaining why the candidate deserves the award, a letter from the candi-

date agreeing to be nominated and the candidate's curriculum vitae.

The award is named in honor of Dr. Cornelia Marschall Smith, alumna '18, former professor and chairwoman of the biology department.

Dr. David L. Jeffrey, distinguished professor at the Honors College, helped create the award during his tenure as provost.

"We felt that for Baylor's strong commitment to high standards in the classroom, it was a good idea to acknowledge high achievement in scholarship

as well as high achievement in the classroom," Jeffrey said.

Jeffrey said the idea that people whose teaching extends to the whole of the academic world should be granted a higher level of respect and recognition.

Dr. James Bennighof, vice provost for academic affairs and policy, said the award itself consists of a plaque and a \$20,000 cash award to be presented at the University Honors Convocation April 11.

"The monetary size of the award is representative of the outstanding effort put forth by

these teachers," Bennighof said. "And the visibility of that should encourage these teachers to continue doing outstanding work."

During the fall of 2008, the award recipient will present an academic lecture on a topic of his or her choice. The 2006 award winner, Dr. Kevin Pinney, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, will present this year's lecture Oct. 17.

"My talk will be more of a journey through my experiences in research and teaching with an emphasis on the accomplishments of my students who

have contributed so much to my research over the years," Pinney said.

Pinney said winning the award was an extremely humbling experience.

"It really reflects the accomplishments of so many others who have helped me along the way, first and foremost my students and my research collaborators," Pinney said. "It's an award shared by all those people."

Past winners of the award include Dr. D. Thomas Hanks, professor of English and recipi-

ent of the inaugural award, and Dr. Robert M. Baird, professor of Philosophy.

"One thing I hope is to have enough sustained interest to get the very best nominees, year after year," Bennighof said.

"There's always a potential to get a lot of attention for the first two or three years you give an award, then watch as interest wanes."

Bennighof said he's confident there are enough outstanding teachers to maintain a yearly awards ceremony for the foreseeable future.

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in 1997. The baby, Elise, died 20 minutes after being delivered, Miller said.

Elise's death "changed my life forever," the milk truck driver and father of three wrote to his wife. "I haven't been the same since it affected me in a way I never felt possible. I am filled with so much hate, hate toward myself hate towards God and unimaginable emptiness it seems like everytime we do something fun I think about how Elise wasn't here to share it with us and I go right back to anger."

The state police commissioner identified the demons in Roberts' head a day after the shooting rampage shattered the sense of calm in Lancaster County's bucolic Pennsylvania Dutch Country, where the Amish live a peaceful, turn-the-other-cheek existence in an 18th-century world with no automobiles and no electrical appliances.

"He certainly was very troubled psychologically deep down and was dealing with things that nobody else knew he was dealing with," Miller said.

The death toll rose to six Tuesday, including the gunman, when two girls died of their wounds.

During the standoff, Roberts told his wife in a cell phone call from the one-room schoolhouse that he molested two

female relatives when they were 3 to 5 years old, Miller said. Roberts would have been around 11 or 12 at the time.

Also, in a suicide note left for his family, he said he "had dreams about doing what he did 20 years ago again," Miller said.

Police could not immediately confirm Roberts' claim that he molested two relatives.

Family members knew nothing of molestation in his past, Miller said. Police located the two relatives and were hoping to interview them.

Roberts had planned the attack for nearly a week, buying plastic ties from a hardware store on Sept. 26 and several other items less than an hour before entering the school, Miller said.

The crime bore some resemblance to an attack on a high school in Bailey, Colo., where a 53-year-old man took six girls hostage and sexually assaulted them before fatally shooting one girl and killing himself.

That attack occurred Sept. 27, the day after Roberts began buying materials for his siege.

"We're quite certain, based on what we know, that he had no intention of coming out of there alive," Miller said.

At the time Roberts' wife received the phone call, she was attending a meeting of a prayer group she led that prayed for the community's schoolchildren.

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November 2002 elections.

"This figure is much lower nationally than other ages," Haywood said.

"Young people, and especially students, need to get out and vote. The

young people are the future of our state."

According to the secretary of state's Web site, to be eligible to register in Texas, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, be 18 years old, not a convicted felon and not declared mentally incapacitated by a court of

law.

The Web site also states that students who consider their parents' address to be their permanent residence may use that address as their registration address but that they may not be additionally registered at their college address.

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at the increase in a cup of coffee.

"I think that's an attempt to pickpocket Baylor students' because they assume that college students are going to rely on caffeine a little more than the general population," Ward said.

With her three weekly visits, Irving senior Amanda Toller sees the rising price of gourmet coffee as a drain on her budget.

"I'm a college student, so I spend money on everything else," Toller said.

Despite a rise in price, Houston junior Jeremy Paxton remains loyal to his Starbucks addiction.

"I can tell you it won't stop me from getting my fix," Paxton said.

Teague junior Robert Smith disagreed with Paxton, saying he will decrease his visits.

"They are already a lot higher on campus and even if it's convenient, it will probably cause me to go there less or take the time to go to the other ones," Smith said.

Messages were left with Baylor Dining Services and Aramark but were not returned by deadline.

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cox said. "It's easier for him to carry and the letters are even written better."

Devin has been riding and carrying his signs for almost two years now.

"I get all different types of comments," Devin said.

He said people who don't like it don't really say much.

"But once a day somebody usually says something positive, which is really nice," Devin said.

However, one time while riding down the street somebody threw something out of a truck at him.

Devin said he just continued riding.

When someone comments on the signs, he said he usually tries to explain to them that his message is true.

"It really is," Devin said. "It's really amazing."

Devin wears his signs while he's back at home in Dallas with his parents as well.

"My parents thought it was weird when I first started doing it, and my dad was pretty mad, actually," he said.

Devin said at first he thought that he made many people uncomfortable.

"But I think they've gotten used to it now," Devin said.

Sometimes he tries to get some of his friends to go out and ride with him and he said that two of them actually took him up on his offer.

Houston sophomore Adams Amberg is a friend of Devin's and said he admires what Devin does in the community.

"I think it's great, and I think he's doing it honestly with a great heart," Amberg said.

Amberg said that he doesn't feel that Devin is trying to throw his faith in anyone's face.

"He's just wearing it on him," Amberg said. "I think it's awesome."

Fairfield sophomore David Pearce, is also a friend of Devin's, said he is impressed by his conviction.

"I'm really glad to see that he's bold enough to express his faith in God," Pearce said.

Wilcox said Devin is a person who is motivated to interact with others in such a way that he is able to share his faith by wearing it.

"I don't think he's self-conscious about it at all," Wilcox said.

"He's a very fine person," Waco resident James Leon said he's seen Devin riding near the campus on a couple of occasions.

"I think he's really brave to express his faith in that form," Leon said. "I personally couldn't do anything like that."

Pearce said that Devin is a very simple and reserved person.

"He truly wears his heart on his sleeve," Pearce said.

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frontation with the United States would lead to his destruction. Even if Kim seeks negotiations, though, the risk of a miscalculation that spirals out of control cannot be ruled out.

The North Korean statement did not say when a nuclear test might occur, but the prospect drew rebukes from Japan, South Korea and the United States. The allies, along with China and Russia, had participated in the stalled six-party talks aimed at getting the North to give up its nuclear ambitions.

The announcement was not a big surprise to many observers of North Korea because U.S. intelligence reports previously had indicated that Pyongyang might be preparing a nuclear test.

Many experts believe the North has enough radioactive material to build at least a half-dozen or more nuclear weapons.

In Cairo, Egypt, Rice said the United States would have to assess its options if the North carries out the test, without detailing what those options were. She stressed, however, that a North Korean test was an issue "for the neighborhood" and not just for the United States.

"It would be a very provocative act," Rice said. Still, she said, "they have not yet done it."

The White House, which has denied it has any intention of attacking the communist nation,

also denounced the threat.

"A provocative action of this nature would only further isolate the North Korean regime and deny the people of the North the benefits offered to them in the six-party talks that they so rightly deserve," said Frederick Jones, a spokesman for the National Security Council.

Japan's foreign minister, Taro Aso, called the North's nuclear test plans "totally unforgivable," and said Japan would react "sternly" if the North conducted the tests, according to Kyodo News agency.

The presidential office said South Korea had raised its "security level" and that security officials planned to hold an emergency meeting today. The United States keeps about 29,500 troops in South Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War.

China, North Korea's ally and chief benefactor, had no immediate comment. North Korea counters U.S. influence in the region, but China is believed to be increasingly frustrated with North Korea's go-it-alone belligerence.

In a worst-case scenario, a North Korean nuclear test could prompt Japan to seek its own nuclear deterrent, intensifying historical tensions with China and South Korea, both of which suffered under Japanese colonial rule in the early 20th century.

A test could also strain the alliance between the United States and South Korea, which

has sought to engage its neighbor.

The United States is likely to seek a military solution to the North Korean problem only as a last resort, partly because of the burden of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

U.S. Ambassador John Bolton raised the issue before a regularly scheduled meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday. He said he urged members "to come up not just with a knee-jerk reaction ... but to develop a coherent strategy to convince them that it's not in their interest to engage in nuclear testing."

But France's U.N. Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere said he wants a swift council statement, and China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya said the best place to deal with the threat is in the six-party talks. Wang urged stepped up efforts to get the North to return to the stalled talks.

After a brief discussion, members decided to meet today morning to address the issue.

North Korea has sometimes made a splash with statements or military actions on important anniversaries at home, or political events such as elections in South Korea and the United States.

The test declaration came ahead of congressional elections in the United States in November and shortly before the expected election of South Korea's foreign minister, Ban Ki-Moon, as secretary-general of the United Nations.

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