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Publishers’ tactics keep book prices up

By Laura Frase
Staff writer

With each passing semester, students become more suspicious of a conspiracy by textbook publishers to take as much money from students as possible.

And those conspiracy theories may not be so crazy.

New research by the Student Public Interest Research Groups has discovered six possible ways that textbooks publishers yank

more money from the pockets of college students.

Researchers identified six common exercises of publishing companies, ranging from increasing prices without changing the product, to grouping books together to raise costs, to prohibiting students from selling books back.

While the Spirit Shop no longer sells textbooks, site manager David Taylor has his fair share of time dealing with high textbook prices when the store did

stock textbooks.

Taylor said he believes prices are high because there is no alternative to textbooks.

“The students really don’t have a choice,” he said. “We have to buy those books and (publishers) know that.”

The newest editions of textbooks have always cleaned out students’ pockets, but some textbooks aren’t updating their editions and are still raising prices, which the study identifies as increased prices with the

same product.

“For this study, we found an example of a textbook increase in price within the same edition at twice the rate of inflation,” the study stated. “Pearson’s *Conceptual Physics 10th edition* increased 13 percent over one year, from \$112.40 in 2005 to \$126.65 in 2006.”

In instances like this, Taylor encourages students to buy used textbooks.

“Buy used as much as you can,” Taylor said. “That’s what

the publishers don’t want you to do.”

According to the study, shrink-wrap on a textbook or bundled textbooks – meaning several textbooks packaged together – can almost double their worth in some instances.

“As of 2004, bundled textbooks cost 10 percent more on average than their unbundled counterparts,” the study stated. “We found examples of bundled books, however, that are considerably more expensive, costing

46 to 48 percent more than the standard edition.”

Researchers found an unbundled version of *International Economics* published by Pearson going for \$86.09, but found a 48 percent increase in cost when non-essential items were bundled with the book, raising the price to \$127.75.

“A lot of times publishers will shrink-wrap books and include one small new piece or some-

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Community aids police drug sting

Dozens of suspects rounded up
after months-long operation

By Christine M. Tamer
Staff writer

In an ongoing investigation targeting street-level drug dealers, the Waco Police Department began serving arrest warrants Thursday. The majority of charges were for the delivery of crack cocaine.

As of Thursday afternoon, 20 arrests had been made.

“It’s obvious we have street-level narcotics dealings going on from what has occurred in this operation,” said Steve Anderson, spokesman for the Waco Police Department.

With cooperation of area residents, phase one of the investigation began in the summer and resulted in 38 suspects being identified and 50 arrest warrants being issued, Anderson said.

Warrants were not served until Thursday because of the nature of the investigation, he said.

“Anytime you have a narcotics operation going on, you are conducting business in a certain way,” Anderson said. “If you go out and arrest them right away, they will know who made the case on them.”

The investigation began after receiving a variety of complaints from Waco neighborhoods, Anderson said.

“Neighborhoods had enough and said we are tired of this and can’t tolerate this anymore,” Anderson said.

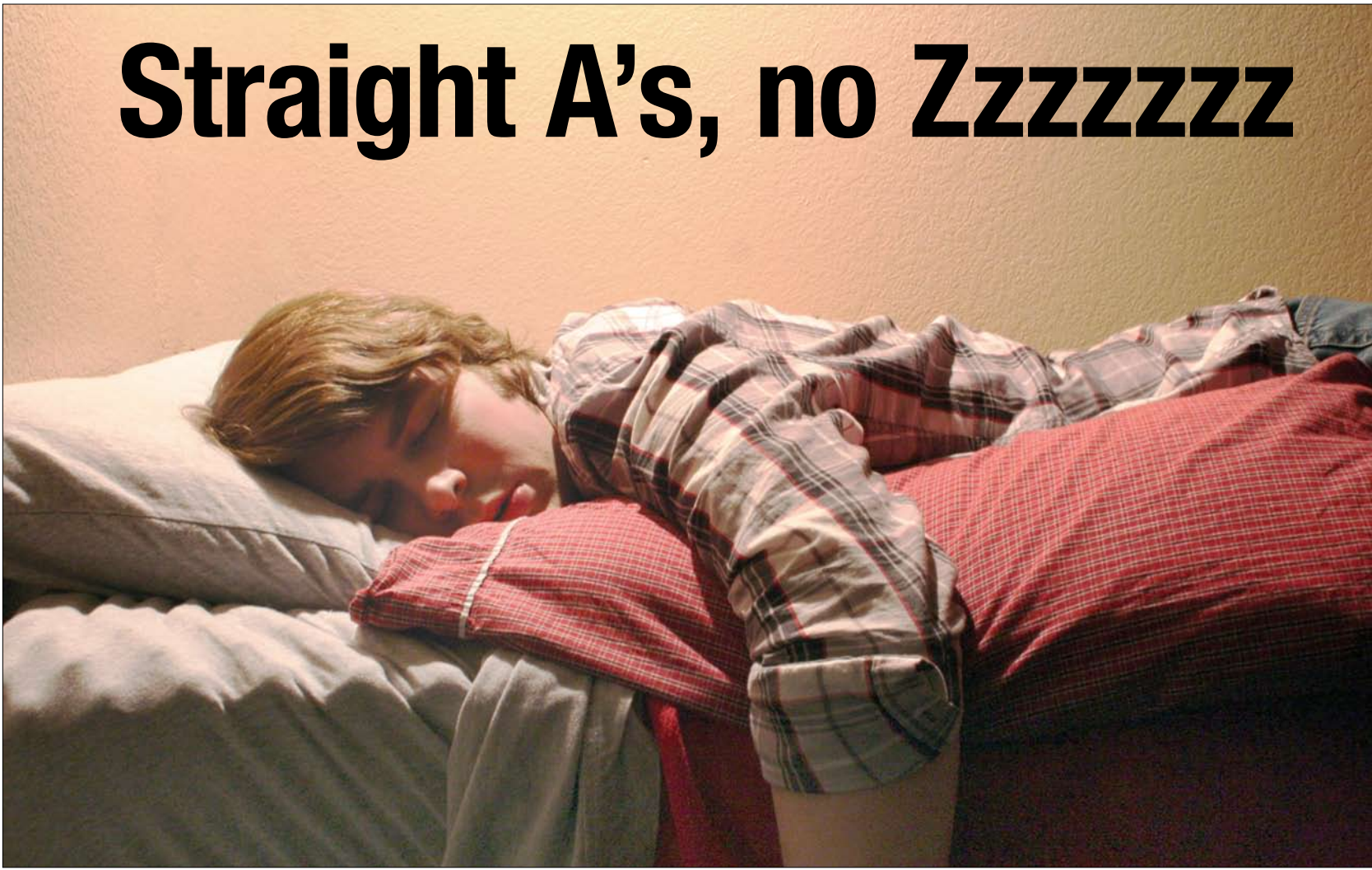
The success of the investigation was attributed to a cooperative effort between Waco Police and city residents.

“It was a combination of everyone working together,” Anderson said. “It was people who live in these neighborhoods deciding they don’t want this here and getting information on open narcotic dealings in neighborhoods.”

Since January 2006, there have been a total of 929 narcotics offenses in 25 Waco neighborhoods, according to Waco police.

“Until you have that (neighborhood involvement) in a community, you are not going to get

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Aaron Turney/Lariat staff

A recent study at Stanford University revealed a connection between the amount of sleep students get each night to their GPAs. The research confirmed that students who are will-

ing to sacrifice an hour of sleep for an extra hour to study have higher GPAs than those who are not willing.

Stanford study finds correlation between sleep, GPA

By Lizza Lopez
Reporter

Sleep. Who has time for it?

It’s recommended that adults get seven to nine hours of sleep a day. The average college student sleeps somewhere in the range of five to seven hours a day, according to the National Sleep Foundation.

Some feel a sufficient amount of sleep obtained per night is detrimental to daily functioning, while others feel sleep is overrated and would rather give up those hours of sleep to study.

Matthew Stolzar, a Stanford University graduate, conducted a study regarding the use college students made of their time and how productive they were as a result.

“Sleep is very interesting from the economist’s point of view because it has a cost in that time spent sleeping that cannot be used to generate wealth in the labor market,” Stolzar said. “But at the same time, sleep can improve one’s productivity, and thus potentially allow them to generate higher wealth at a later time.”

Stolzar analyzed 81 Stanford undergraduate students over the

course of one week and examined their daily activities every hour.

“Sleep, like any good or service, is decided by most individuals on an incentive basis,” Stolzar said. “I wanted to analyze what incentives caused college students to get more or less sleep.”

Stolzar found the notion that sleep increases productivity was false when applied to college students. Students with higher GPAs were more apt to sacrifice sleep time for study time than those who were drawn to leisure activities.

“I think there are two explana-

tions for this,” Stolzar said. “The first is that some students are more willing to sacrifice health for grades, and thus on average are more willing to give up an hour of sleep for an extra hour of studying than others. My other explanation is that some students function better on low amounts of sleep than others, and this provides them with the academic advantage of having more available time to study.”

Dr. Charles Weaver, professor of neuroscience and psychology, said

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Bush, Dem leader meet in Oval Office

By Laurie Kellman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Now that voters have rejected one-party rule in Washington, can a president of one party and a Congress led by the other play nicely enough to accomplish anything in the next two years?

It’s been done in the past.

Still, President Bush and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle will have to put aside at least some of their pre-election rancor and suppress any desire to get even.

For his part, Bush tried to move past the bitter tone of the campaign within hours of its end by granting a top demand of the Democrats: the ouster of Defense Secretary Donald H.

Rumsfeld. And he invited newly empowered Democratic leaders to lunch at the White House, serving California Rep. Nancy Pelosi her favorite food, chocolate.

For her part, Pelosi stopped calling Bush incompetent and dangerous. Instead, she made a point of deeming the lunch lovely and speaking of “some areas” where bipartisanship was possible.

Pelosi has made clear that House Democrats will move immediately on their agenda, much of it opposed by Bush, which includes cutting student loan interest rates, funding embryonic stem cell research, authorizing the federal government to nego-

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Associated Press

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., speaks Thursday with President Bush and members of the media at the White House. Pelosi is expected to become the speaker of the House.

Medicine pulled off shelves after metal detected in pills

By Andrew Bridges
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Check your medicine cabinet: Millions of bottles of the widely used pain reliever acetaminophen, some sold as long as three years ago, are being recalled because they may contain metal fragments.

The recall affects 11 million bottles containing varying quantities of 500-milligram acetaminophen caplets made by the Perrigo Co. The pills were sold under store brands by Wal-Mart, CVS, Safeway and more than 120 other major retailers, the Food and Drug Administration said. At least two chains, CVS Corp. and SuperValu Inc., started pulling the pills from store shelves Thursday.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or illness. The contaminated pills included metal fragments ranging in size from “microdots” to portions of

wire one-third of an inch long, the FDA said. The FDA could not describe further the type of metal.

Perrigo discovered the metal bits during quality-control checks done after the company discovered its equipment was wearing down prematurely, the FDA said. Agency officials declined to say whether the metal found in the pills caused the damage or resulted from it.

A company investigation turned up metal in roughly 200 pills of the 70 million it passed through a metal detector, according to the FDA.

Consumers who take any of the contaminated pills could have minor stomach discomfort or possible cuts to the mouth and throat, the FDA said, adding that the risk of serious injury was remote.

Acetaminophen is best known as the

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Different denominations all have something to offer

I like to play the field. What can I say, one denomination just doesn't do it for me. I love the *Book of Common Prayer* used by the Episcopal Church. There is nothing common about it. Its thoughtful, beautiful language intercedes for my feeble mind and echoes the desires of my heart. But there is something so wonderfully personal about praying your own prayer, with words that have never been strung together quite that way before. Rocking out to David Crowder at University Baptist Church is definitely a religious experience, but I also love how sacred it feels to sing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

out of a hymnal. I don't limit God to one style of worship or even one church doctrine. He's too big for that. I'm tired of seeing Christians tear each other apart for the sake of "theology." When Jesus prayed for himself and for all believers before being arrested in the garden of Gethsemane, his words were "that they may be one ... and be brought to complete unity." Wow. We Christians have kind of missed that part. Instead of uniting, we have split off left and right to form more denominations than there were apostles. And what's worse than the initial split is that we still won't work together. I'm an Episcamethopist, I

point of view



BY CLAIRE ST. AMANT

should know; I've seen it from three different angles. When I told my Episcopal priest that I was going on a mission trip with the Southern Baptist Convention, he looked more perplexed than excited. And when I reached the mission field in Melo, Uruguay, and the issue of denominations reared its ugly head, I was met with raised eyebrows and wrinkled foreheads. It seemed I was the only one who was willing to call myself a Christian without inserting a subtitle. After attending a Methodist Church in Waco for a couple of years, I noticed my friends starting conversations like "Well, Claire is a Methodist. You should ask her ..."

I had to laugh at comments like that. I'm no more a Methodist than I am a Baptist or an Episcopalian. I don't know whose doctrine has it all right, or all wrong, but I'd venture to say the answer falls somewhere in the middle. I'm a kaleidoscope of Christianity, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I have learned so much about the character of

God from each denominational experience. I hate to think of all I would have missed by getting hung up on titles. If you never venture outside the walls of your own denomination, you will scarcely have the opportunity to authentically question what you believe. I've known people who go to their own priest/minister/pastor whenever they have questions about theological issues or church practices. Well, that's a great place to start. But please, for the love of God, don't stop there. Pick up the Bible. See what Jesus has to say about infant baptism or transubstantiation. If you really want answers, if you really want to hear the his-

tory behind a ruling, you need to cross denominational lines. If you merely want your questions quieted and conformed to the beliefs you already hold, then you don't have a very long walk to the church office. When the apostle Paul said in the book of Galations "there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus," I tend to think he meant there is neither Catholic nor Protestant, Baptist nor Lutheran as well. I won't settle down with one denomination. Not just yet, anyway. I'm learning too much by dating around. Claire St. Amant is a junior professional writing major from Katy.

Editorial Honesty should return to leadership

Turning on a TV in the United States guarantees you at least a couple of things: someone in a public position has either lied or cheated. The past few months have been particularly disappointing in both the political and religious spheres of U.S. leadership. And we as students should pay close attention to it all. In September, after the "overly friendly" e-mails that he sent to a 16-year-old boy were discovered, Mark Foley resigned from Congress. The most shocking part of the whole situation: He was a member of the House Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children. Earlier this month, after an independent investigation board found the Rev. Ted Haggard guilty of "sexually immoral conduct," he agreed to step down as pastor of New Life Church, which has a congregation of 14,000. Haggard also resigned as the president of the National Association of Evangelicals which boasts 45,000 churches with 30 million members. Mike Jones, who alleges that Haggard paid him for sex, went public with this information after becoming upset with Haggard's support for a Colorado constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage. Jones said he wanted to expose Hag-



gard's hypocrisy. While these are just two men who have chosen not to practice what they preach, it's time for leaders to hear our voice. We want American leaders to live sincere lives. It's not enough to have ministers and public officials who simply give roaring speeches and entertaining sermons that affirm our beliefs and agendas. We're looking for those who will

live up to high standards in and out of the spotlight. You are setting an example for all Americans, particularly American youth. No longer will we be content with what you promise to do; we want to see you walk your talk. Those in leadership today would be wise to wake up and realize that the rising generation is looking for a change. We didn't give a shrug of indifference when Foley had inappropriate

relations with a young boy, even while he served on a committee whose purpose was to defend exploited children. Nor did we laugh and look the other way when Haggard first denied even knowing Jones and then later resigned for "sexually immoral conduct." A note to all the politicians who are now setting agendas for the presidential campaign in 2008: We're watching your every move.

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Running after the right dreams empowers any athlete to be a hero

By age 11, I knew I was going to be an Olympic 400-meter runner. After seeing my sports hero Michael Johnson win gold at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, how could I not follow in his footsteps? By eighth grade, I came to my senses. Instead of running the 400, I was going to run both the 400 and 800 meter. With my distance talent starting to show coupled with my speed, why not go for it? By ninth grade it was the 800 and the mile. I still can't figure out if everyone else was just getting faster in the sprints, or if I was just getting slower. One thing I did

know for certain: I could run, and run, and when I started feeling a little tired, I could keep on running. At 17 I finally grew out of my Olympic-hopeful phase, but I wasn't ready to give up on running as a career. Plenty of distance runners can make a fruitful living without ever having competed at the Olympic games. Last year's ING New York City offered a \$130,000 prize for the top female finisher, the largest first-place prize in marathon history. I could definitely make a living off of \$130,000 a year. Hey, if

sports take



BY BRITTANY MCGUIRE

all went well, I could still make my Olympic debut in the marathon. Sadly, all that changed four years ago. Enter Baylor University, home of some of the greatest track and field athletes and coaches. Freshman year crushed my ego like a sledgehammer. Here I was, just turned 18,

and one of the top athletes in the state. I thought I'd easily transition into college cross country and track. Now enter Baylor women's cross country team, where everyone is just as good as you are. What a blow that was. I was our eighth runner that year (for those that don't know, only seven run at the NCAA championships). And just my luck, I missed out on nationals that year. It was Baylor's first appearance since 1998. To turn what could be a very

long life story short, I trained harder than I ever had in my entire running career, pushed out 70-mile weeks of nothing but running, and earned my spot on the team the following years here. Even better, the women's cross country team has made it to nationals the past three years, an amazing feat since only 31 teams from the entire country qualify. From my senior year in high school to my senior year of college, I've learned a lot of things. I finally figured out that my chance at Beijing in 2008 are slim to none, but I refuse, repeat

REFUSE, to ever let my team down. The NCAA South Central Regional Championships are being held Saturday at Cottonwood Creek Golfcourse here in Waco, our doorway to nationals. The top two teams from each region are granted automatic bids, but why settle for being No. 2? I've learned that while I might not be breaking the 400-meter world record any time soon, I, along with the other girls who pound out the miles with me, still have a chance to be a hero. Brittany McGuire is a senior business journalism major from Humble.

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Author calls for peace, religious dialogue

By Grace Maalouf
Reporter

At a time when religious issues dominate society, it's imperative for people worldwide to recapture religious dialogue, Bruce Feiler told an audience of Baylor students, faculty and visitors Thursday night at Waco Hall.

"The idea that one religion is going to be the only religion in world is deadlier than it's ever been," Feiler said.

A best-selling author and journalist, Feiler delivered a lecture titled "Can We All Get Along?: Building Bridges Among the Religions in the 21st Century," to about 700 people as part of the fifth-annual Ferguson-Clark author lecture series.

Feiler said the events of Sept. 11, 2001, inspired him to find out if Abraham, the spiritual father of 14 million Jews, 2 billion Christians and 1 billion Muslims could play a part in religious reconciliation.

So he traveled to the lands where the religions began.

"I wanted to figure out, is religion just tearing us apart? Or can religion in some

small way help bring us back together?" Feiler said.

Feiler traced the spiritual and exploratory journey that took him through Biblical lands such as Israel and Iraq, where he visited sites pivotal in the development of modern religious traditions.

Feiler emphasized the importance the city of Babylon in particular had to his travels.

Babylon was where the Jews, exiled from their homeland and separated from the temple, opened religion more to the community and "decided God belongs to everyone, not to one person or group," Feiler said.

"The idea that an untouchable, invisible god lives all over the world—that idea began in Babylon," he said.

In Iran, Feiler studied ancient Persian ruler Cyrus the Great, who allowed everyone in his domain to practice their own religion.

Feiler said the Hebrew Bible extensively praises Cyrus, who he called the inventor of pluralism.

"The message is God reaches out to anyone," Feiler said.

"God will embrace anyone who em-



Aaron Turney/Lariat staff

Author Bruce Feiler spoke Thursday night in Waco Hall about the need for interfaith cooperation.

braces him, no matter your religion, no matter your nationality."

Feiler said the Bible can't be read as saying one group of people has an exclusive claim to the truth, and is "too important to western civilization to be ceded to one side in the debate about God."

Feiler said the religious questions society deals with are too important to ignore or hope other people solve.

"This question is so important it has to happen in every neighborhood, every community and every heart," Feiler said.

"Why not here? Why not you?"

After the lecture, audience members had already begun the discussions.

Terrell sophomore Gautej Koradia said Feiler did a good job addressing the coexistence of Christianity, Islam and Judaism, but failed to mention religions such as Hindiusm and Buddhism.

"All doesn't just include monotheism," Koradia said.

Seguin freshman Brittany Davis took issue with Feiler's view of biblical interpretation.

"He said that in every generation, the Bible is interpreted differently, and he said that's all right," Davis said.

"I didn't really agree with that."

BEAR BRIEFS

Alcohol awareness week

Monday's chapel speaker, Justin Lookadoo, will kick off the Student Life Alcohol Work Team's week-long event dedicated to building awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse. A memorial wall will also be set up for students to sign the names of loved ones lost to drunk driving in front of the McLane Student Life Center.

Impact spotlight

Food, fun and friendship can be found at 7 p.m. tonight at Impact Spotlight in Kayser Auditorium of Hankamer School of Business. Admission is free for all.

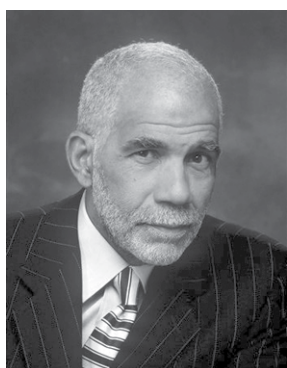
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TV journalist dies at 65

By Frazier Moore
The Associated Press



NEW YORK — Ed Bradley, the award-winning television journalist who broke racial barriers at CBS News and created a distinctive, powerful body of work during his 26 years on "60 Minutes," died Thursday. He was 65.

Bradley died of leukemia at Mount Sinai hospital, CBS News announced.

He landed many memorable interviews, including the Duke lacrosse players accused of rape and the only TV interview with Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

Bradley "was tough in an interview, he was insistent on getting an interview," said for-

mer CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite, "and at the same time when the interview was over, when the subject had taken a pretty heavy lashing by him, they left as friends. He was that kind of guy."

Bradley was "considered intelligent, smooth, cool, a great reporter, beloved and respected by all his colleagues here at CBS News," Katie Couric said.

Bradley is survived by his wife, Patricia Blanchet.

Race held in memory of former cadet

Proceeds to benefit leukemia research

By Allie Cook
Reporter

Students in the Arnold Air Society will honor a former cadet who died in 1993 of leukemia with the 13th annual Lisa Burmeister Run for Hope on Saturday.

Described as "an outstanding cadet in everything she did" by co-chair and Wylie senior Kimber Ray, a 5K race is the kind of event Burmeister would likely have participated in herself.

Burmeister was a member of Arnold Air Society and a member of the James T. Connally squadron of the Baylor Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

While attending Baylor in 1993, Burmeister had a sudden onset of leukemia while home

for Christmas break.

She died within two weeks of the diagnosis. Because of the tragic circumstances surrounding one of their own, the Arnold Air Society began the Run for Hope the year after her death.

All proceeds will go toward the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training, which funds blood cancer research, education and patient services.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society bills itself the world's largest voluntary health organization in research, education and patient support for those with blood cancers.

"I think it's important to honor her and help find a cure for the disease," Ray said.

Run for Hope co-chair Lacey Morris, a Ward, Ark., sophomore, said she wanted to help put on the event for the sake of a good cause.

"It's not a fundraiser (for the

Arnold Air Society) in any way, shape or form," Morris said. "It's (good) to help carry on her memory and help people know about the damaging effects of leukemia and lymphoma."

Morris said several Baylor Air Force ROTC members usually run the race, as well as other Baylor students and individuals from the community.

This is Morris's first year to participate as a co-chair. She said she will not be running the race due to her responsibilities in overseeing the event.

Last year's Run for Hope brought out about 120 participants, Ray said.

Boerne senior Michael Wilkinson, also co-chair of the event, said the event coordinators expect about 100 people this year.

"I think it's a really good cause for raising money for the Luekemia (and Lymphoma) Society," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson said the three co-chairs have been working hard to promote the event through poster advertisements, banners and talking to other student organizations.

They have also promoted the event at locations around Waco, such as Academy Sports and Outdoors.

The race will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the Harris House.

Students can pick up registration forms in the Student Activities office, the McLane Student Life Center, the AFOTC Building and on Wacostriders.com.

Run for Hope only costs \$10 for students and \$15 for runners from the community.

Run for Hope's sponsor, Bird-Kultgen Ford, has provided T-shirts for every participant, as well as cash prizes for the winners in every age group.

Thanks to all who participated and helped Alpha Delta Pi raise \$500 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities!

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By Brad Briggs
Reporter

Students could be getting announcements from the university in a whole new way. Student Senate heard a presentation Thursday night to consider the possibility. Clayton Stewart, representing Mobile Campus, explained to the Senate what his company offers universities across the nation. Mobile Campus provides university announcements to students through text messaging. Students would also receive special discount coupon offers from local businesses. The service could be used in conjunction with regular mass e-mails Baylor already sends out. The head of an organization could simply go to the Mobile Campus Web site, type out the message and it would be sent, Stewart said. "Text messaging is becoming more and more common and we feel like it is faster and more convenient than e-mail," Stewart said. He said that students would be able to sign up for the service and pick which types of discount offers they would like to receive. They would also be able to choose additional organizations to receive announcements from. Stewart also said the university would be able to send text messages to students in the event of an emergency. It would promptly notify students of the situation. In addition, Stewart said 5 percent of the revenue Mobile Campus makes from the discount offers would be directed back to the university. Stewart said most universities choose sources like the Student Life Fund. Student Senate members expressed interest in the possibility of this new technology. "It's a pretty good idea," said Littleton, Colo., senior Luke Baker. "I think the concept would work, but it may be difficult to convince the administration to pass this." Other Senate members said they were concerned about the program as well. Georgetown senior Jacqueline Simpson said that because the program has only been implemented at larger universities, it may not be as successful at Baylor. "The amount of revenue that we get may not be as they present it to be," she said.



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Sweet victory

Democrat Jim Webb announces his victory Thursday in Virginia's pivotal Senate race, giving the Democrats total control of both the House and Senate for the first time in 12 years, at Courthouse Plaza in Arlington, Va. A 60-year-old Naval Academy graduate, Webb bitterly opposed the war in Iraq and became a Democrat.

Future sisters prepare for recruitment

By Laura Klingsporn
Reporter

It means no talking: to boys, roommates who aren't going through rush or any current sorority members. At least not until Fall parties are over. Sorority recruitment begins today with the start of fall parties at the Stacy Riddle Forum. More than 800 women will flock to the sorority rooms to decide if they will pledge and to which sorority. Fall parties are a chance for potential new members to meet sororities and learn about them. Although fall parties are exciting, Carly Cozza, a Fountain Hills, Ariz., sophomore and Pi Beta Phi member, said they're

accompanied by very specific rules. Laura Barth, public relations chairwoman of the Panhellenic Council, said some of the most well-known rules are those known as "silence" rules. Many students also know about the gift-giving rules. Silence rules dictate that from the minute Fall parties begin, potential new members are not allowed to talk to members of sororities outside official recruitment events, any males and non-sorority girls not going through recruitment. It would be inappropriate for sorority members to call potential members right after recruitment events, Cozza said. "It's important for (potential mem-

bers) to be able to debrief. Gift-giving rules state that a member of a sorority may not give a potential new member anything with monetary value. This includes paying for coffee, making dinner without the potential new members paying for it or giving a flower. Sorority members are allowed to give potential new members items during sponsored events as long as they take the item back before the potential new member leaves the room. "If the rules weren't in place there would be no way to regulate a level playing field for all of the sororities," Barth said. Rush chairs are charged with the task of educating their sororities about recruitment,

Barth said. Members of the Panhellenic council will walk around recruitment events to help ensure rules are not broken. "Some of (the rules) are a little intense, but it is important to follow them," said Jennifer Jones, an Austin sophomore and Chi Omega member. The Panhellenic president, vice president for recruitment, vice president for judicial and the coordinator of Greek Life all review violations of recruitment rules. According to Baylor's rules, all recruitment violations will be handled according to the policies and procedures stated in the NPC Manual of Information.

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tiate lower drug prices for Medicare patients and imposing a national cap on industrial carbon dioxide emissions. She also has said that the election results mean Democrats not only want, but expect, Bush to make a change of direction in Iraq. "I look forward to working in a confidence-building way with the president, recognizing that we have our differences and we will debate them," Pelosi said at the president's side. "We've made history. Now we have to make progress." For his part, Bush has said that he'll listen to all suggestions on Iraq, except for those that involve pulling troops out before the mission is complete.

As Bush's press secretary, Tony Snow, put it, echoing what Bush said a day earlier, the White House's intention is to cooperate but "don't trim back on your principles." Yet to be seen is whether the conciliatory gestures and promises to work together can endure long enough for Congress and the president to produce laws addressing big problems and restore trust in the government. Role models exist. So does the motivation to follow their lead as the two years before the 2008 elections tick away. Providing the opportunity: a slate of stalled legislation on immigration, Iraq and terrorism that voters named as important in exit polls this week. Bush and Congress might follow the lead of President Eisenhower and the new Democratic majority of 1954, which established the Interstate highway system less than two years later.

They can look to President Nixon, who signed into law major environmental initiatives, the Clean Air Act and the Environmental Protection Agency, negotiated with Democratic majorities. Ronald Reagan and the Democratic House and Senate passed legislation sustaining Social Security. A key deficit reduction program and the Americans With Disabilities Act became law when Democrats ran the Congress and Bush's father was president. And in the 1990s, President

Clinton and a new Republican majority overhauled the nation's welfare laws, an achievement each side hailed as one of its best. Many experts say that Democrats and Republicans are too polarized for that to happen now, despite the initial overtures of good will. "White House officials do not expect that a Democratic-controlled Congress would work with them in any sincere or meaningful way," said George C. Edwards III, a political science professor at Texas A&M University. "True or not, this perception could become a self-fulfilling prophecy." However, both Bush and the Democrats have reasons to mend fences. In the twilight of a wartime presidency, Bush could polish his legacy by reviving his uniter-not-a-divider campaign promise of 2000. Lawmakers in both parties, some of them beginning what amounts to a two-year job interview for the presidency, also have an incentive to move away from confrontation politics. If they need a reminder, they might look at the 61 percent disapproval rating Congress received in the exit polls this week.

As for Bush, he's got a long way to build on the 43 percent approval rating those same polls gave him. Opportunities for forging compromises addressing serious problems include: ♦ Overhauling immigration policy to bestow legal status on some of the 11 million illegal immigrants in the country. ♦ Agreeing on a course for the war in Iraq, the top issue voters identified in pre-election polls. ♦ Fixing the alternative minimum tax, a measure that was intended to close tax loopholes for millionaires but that now, through inflation, threatens to impose higher taxes on millions of middle-income families. ♦ Addressing looming insolvencies in the Social Security and Medicare programs as post-World War II baby boomers retire. ♦ Improving health programs for the nation's 24 million veterans and the tens of thousands more who will pile into the system as a result of Iraq and Afghan wars. Associated Press Writer Jennifer Loven contributed to this story.

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drug in products sold under the Tylenol brand. But it is available in typically less expensive generic versions. The drug, along with aspirin and ibuprofen, is one of the most widely used pain relievers available without a doctor's note.

The recall does not affect Tylenol. Nor should the recall cause a shortage of acetaminophen, the FDA said.

The retail market for the pain relievers is worth more than \$2 billion a year, according to Perrigo. The company says it is the world's largest manufacturer of store-brand nonprescription drugs.

Kevin Vincent, 44, of Arlington, Va., said his wife buys store brand acetaminophen and he wanted to find out more about the problem.

"If it's not something that has any chance of recurring, then I really wouldn't worry," he said.

The 129 retailers that could potentially be affected by the recall include Wal-Mart Stores Inc., CVS, Safeway Stores and SuperValu. They typically sell the Perrigo-made pills under their own or other private labels.

CVS will stop selling its own brand of 500-milligram acetaminophen caplets and pull bottles from store shelves nationwide, spokesman Mike DeAngelis said. SuperValu also began removing the pills from its Albertsons, Cub Foods and other stores, spokeswoman Haley Meyer said. Messages left

Thursday with the other chains were not immediately returned.

Perrigo, based in Allegan, Mich., said the pills contained raw material purchased from a third-party supplier and affected 383 batches. Messages left Thursday with two company spokesmen were not immediately returned.

The FDA declined to identify the source of the raw materials. The agency does not suspect the contamination was deliberate, said Dr. Douglas Throckmorton, deputy director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

Molly Walsh, 21, a George Washington University student shopping at a CVS pharmacy in Washington, said she did not plan to toss any of the store-brand drugs at home. Nor did she plan to stop buying the generic products.

"It's still going to be cheaper and I'm still going to be broke after the recall," Walsh said.

Consumers with questions can call Perrigo toll free at 877-546-0454.

The FDA did not know in which states the pills had been sold, but recommended that customers determine whether products they bought are being recalled by checking the store list on the FDA Web site, <http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firm-recalls/perrigo/perrigocustlist.html> and the batch list, <http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firm-recalls/perrigo/perrigobatchlist.html>

The batch numbers appear on the container's label.

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a grip on these types of problems," Anderson said. "When we have neighbors saying we need help and we want it and accept it, then you are going to win."

Waco police encourage citizens to get involved through several community outreach programs, including Citizens on Patrol, Citizens Police Academy and Neighborhood Watch.

Tulsa junior Ian McCracken is a student at the Citizen's Police Academy. McCracken, an information systems and marketing major, said that while the program does not relate to his major, it's a good way to give back to the community.

"The Waco Police Department really encourages community policing, where you get involved in the community and ask for their help and, in return, they offer you help in trying to find what people should not be in your neighborhood," McCracken said. "I think it's a way for us to give to the Waco community who gives us a lot."

Dr. Joseph Brown, associate professor of political science, said several students who concentrate their major on criminal justice greatly value the programs offered by the Waco Police Department.

"There is some real advantage to a student participating because a criminal justice major anticipates working with law enforcement," Brown said. "That experience would be invaluable because it's hands-on and they get a chance to see and experience some things that they wouldn't ordinarily see outside of that internship program."

The program also helps students who decide they want to be involved in criminal justice.

"By seeing what goes on, one can get a better understand of what this particular career area entails," Brown said.

Officer Greg Perkins of the Baylor Police Department encourages students to get involved in a Waco Police Department program.

"It gives you an insight on the laws and what's going on in the community," he said. "It also gives you insight on what you can do to try and change things in your field of work."

Students can become a member one of these outreach programs by applying on the Waco Police Department Web site.

"I did a lot of community policing work," Perkins said. "It gets you out to meet people who you wouldn't normally meet. It gets you out of your comfort zone."

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thing when everything else stays the same," Taylor said. "And you're required to buy it new when there is really nothing new but those one or two small things."

Most students expect a newer edition of a textbook to be filled with updated data critical to their education.

However, the study found that many publishing companies merely change the appearance and modify changes such as the price of gas used in a calculus problem, but still increase the textbook price up, which researchers titled "new covers, old content."

Dr. Walter Holmes, a biology professor, has noticed the lack of changes in the editions as well as the price increase.

"They're almost all the same — the same size, the same page numbers," he said. "The chapters are almost identical."

Even though students pay increased prices for bundled textbooks, many take advantage of selling them back to bookstores for a small return. However, publishing companies have come up with new plans to prohibit students from selling books back with what researchers term "resell sabotage" with modern bundles.

"Textbooks increasingly come wrapped with one-time-use components, such as one-time passwords to Web site with problems sets, that prevent the entire book package from being resold at the end of a semester," the study found.

"We don't like this," Taylor said.

"Used bookstores are on the

student's side."

In an attempt to befriend college students, textbook publishers offer "low-cost" options where students may purchase a soft copy that can be inserted into a binder rather than the costly hard cover.

But the Student Public Interest Research Groups looked a little closer and found that the "low-cost" option has a higher net cost than the hard cover because students can't sell back the low-cost option.

Customized books have become increasingly popular, allowing professors to select certain material from textbooks for the class curriculum, but researchers discovered this plan of action could cost students more money.

According to the study, textbooks that are specialized for one school or one professor have decreased value, or no value at all, because "they cannot be sold in the wider used book market."

At one time, professors such as Holmes looked at the price and features surrounding certain textbooks when they chose them for courses but soon stopped because, now, "they all cost about the same within \$2 of one another," he said.

While the Student Public Interest Research Groups advocates for cheaper textbooks, Holmes said he doesn't see a change happening in the near future.

"They provide a service, but I don't know if it's a fair price or not," he said. "There's an awful lot of money in textbooks. People don't write these textbooks out of the kindness of their hearts."

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students who get better grades probably need less sleep to begin with.

"The fact that students with higher GPAs sleep less hours doesn't surprise me at all," Weaver said. "It doesn't mean that all you have to do to get good grades is sleep less; it's what you do with those extra hours."

Weaver said that different factors must be considered when looking at studies such as the one conducted by Stolz-

zar. "The type of research done in this study is correlational research," Weaver said. "You always have to be careful when looking at correlational research because several factors come into play that affect your results. In this case, how you displace your study hours is one of them."

The correlation between sleep and grades is far greater than many would think.

"Students don't get enough

sleep and then try to make up for it by sleeping until noon on Saturdays, or catch naps during the day," Weaver said.

Naps take away from nightly sleep, causing people to go to bed late night after night. "What you should do is wake up at the same time of day regardless of when you fall asleep," Weaver said. "What if you go to sleep at 6 a.m.? Should you still get up at 8? Yes."

Weaver said that although this will cause people to be tired the next day, it will make it possible to be able to sleep properly the following night.

Stolzar found in his study that choice of major also has an effect on GPA. The average GPA for undergraduate Stanford students looking to obtain

a Bachelors of Science degree was a 3.52 as opposed to those looking to obtain a Bachelors of Arts degree, who averaged a 3.63. Stolzar also found students looking to obtain a science degree studied about 6.76 hours a day, and those looking

to obtain a liberal arts degree studied 6.67 hours a day.

Although these numbers are close in range, it does suggest that hours spent studying has a smaller effect on liberal arts majors than they do on science majors.

In a poll conducted by the Lariat of 75 psychology majors at Baylor, the average amount of time spent studying was about five hours and the average amount of sleep was seven hours daily.

In his study, Stolzar gave

subjects nine choices of time uses and instructed them to pick the one activity that most reflected how they spent each hour of the day.

Those nine time uses included sleep, class, studying/homework and jobs.

Paola Revuelta, a junior from The Woodlands, said she usually gets six hours of sleep and studies for about seven hours daily, including the weekends.

"I have pulled all-nighters before, but that is mainly because of procrastination," Revuelta said.

"I wish there was more time in the day so I could get all that I need to get done and still feel rested."

Weaver said sleep helps students consolidate information we have previously learned.

"One of the best things you can do after studying is sleep. It seems to allow memories of the day become more permanent," Weaver said. "You're better off sleeping after midnight, and then waking up at eight for your 9 a.m. exam."





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Student club dances to the beat for leisure, workout

By **Orie Achonwa**
Reporter

You move your feet to the beat of the music, but it's not quite dancing. You manipulate the arrows of the game console, but it's not exactly a video game.

Dance Dance Revolution is a combination of dancing and gaming.

Dance Dance Revolution is a video game controlled by the player's feet, but it's also an entertaining activity that provides a good workout.

"The activity is like dancing, except with an element of challenge and competition involved," Oceanside, Calif., junior Celeste Mitchell said. "It combines really good music with coordination, rhythm and skill."

Mitchell has been playing the energetic game for seven years now due to friends who play the game.

"I started playing more seriously in college because a friend had a PlayStation 2, the game and the pads," she said.

Because elements of physical endurance are included in the game, some schools are utilizing it in the classrooms.

"West Virginia put DDR in every school as a component for physical education," said Dr. Michael Korpi, professor of communication studies. "It's used as a fitness activity to decrease childhood obesity."

The Baylor DDR Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in 100 Morrison Hall.

The organization originated in the fall of 2004 with Conroe senior Chris Cable and was officially chartered in spring 2005.

The game is played on a dance pad divided into a 3-by-3 matrix of square panels for players to dance on. Each panel directs the player to move left, right, up or down with their feet. The arrows correspond to the beat of the song playing.

The pads are compatible for systems like PlayStation, Xbox and StepMania.

"DDR is sort of like karaoke for the feet," Waco senior Mika

Okamura said. "You move your feet to every arrow that appears on the screen like you would sing for every word that shows on a karaoke screen."

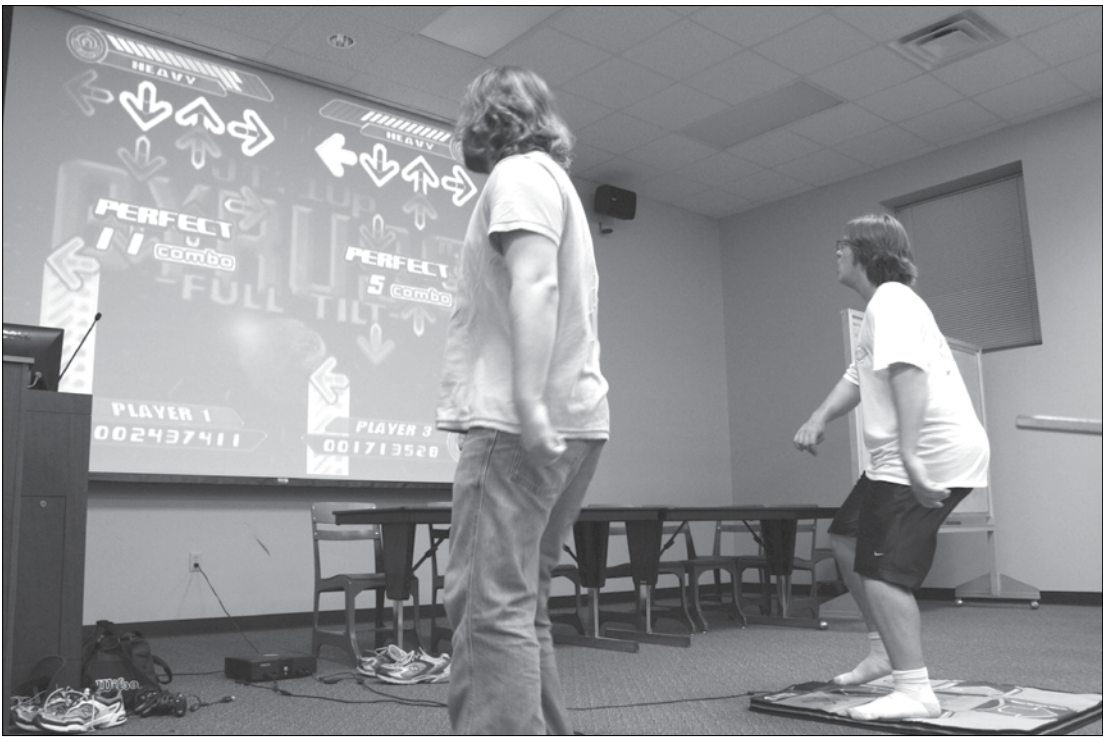
Success in the game depends on the player's skill level. Players who are able to move their feet in time with the beat are the high scorers. More experienced players also have been known to add their own flair to the game while their dancing.

"Really good players add hand movements as they're playing," Okamura said.

The accumulated scores are displayed on the screen's dance gauge. The dance gauge drains when a player misses a step or steps too late. The game ends when it's empty.

Arcades carry DDR machines for public use, and game console divisions like Sony's PlayStation have created video games for home use.

"DDR is a game for active people to enjoy," Okamura said. "People who like to dance should try it."



Amanda Bray/Lariat staff

Shreveport, La., senior Kurt Gehi, left, and San Antonio junior Grant Johnson bust a move with the Dance Dance Revolution Club on Thursday evening.

Avoid stress of holiday gift shopping by keeping things simple

By **Rebecca Boone**
The Associated Press

The holidays were coming up, and Mandy Moore had no idea what to get the man she had been dating for a couple of months. Instead of guessing, the single mom and hairstylist decided just to ask.

She figured he'd request a homemade dinner or a special date.

When he gave her a list of presents, she panicked: Was she supposed to choose one? Or, gasp, did he expect her to buy everything? Caught in the grip of holiday gift anxiety, Moore did what seemed the only safe

thing: She bought him everything.

"He wanted a jacket from Old Navy, cologne that was like \$70 and all of these other things," said Moore, of Meridian, Idaho. "I thought he must have spent beau coup bucks on me, so even though I'd pretty much already gone through my Christmas funds, I bought it all."

When the day came to exchange gifts, she felt pretty foolish.

"He got me a jogging outfit, like a Sporty Spice track outfit — something I'd never wear," she said. "And here I was with seven or eight boxes."

Stress over holiday giving

is a trap many people fall into, said Raymond Crowel, a clinical psychologist and vice president for research and practice at the National Mental Health Association in Alexandria, Va.

"People think that somehow they're going to find the perfect gift for everyone on their list or even just for their mate," Crowel said. "We spend an enormous amount of time running around for that, and the closer we get to holiday time, it's in the panic mode."

In fact, finding the perfect gift is a fantasy, he said.

"There's tremendous pressure to buy a gift that says, 'I know you so well I know exactly

what you want,' " Crowel said. "That's a sure setup for failure. ... It's a danger to try to convey more with a gift than you'll be able to convey — that's what words are for."

Instead, he said, focus on the giving, not the gift.

Kristin Johnson, supervisor of a day-care center in Camas, Wash., said she always wished she could get her husband, J.J., "a boat or a four-wheeler or something spectacular." Then she realized that the abundant childhood Christmases she remembers weren't really about presents. Her favorite memories are the year her mother remarried or the year her husband

proposed.

How to avoid falling prey to holiday gift anxiety?

1. Think about what you're trying to convey.

"Are you giving gifts to compete or to balance ... the cost of what they gave you? Or is it to simply say, 'I care,' and the gift matters less than the thought," Crowel said.

2. Ditch the notion that the quality of a gift depends on its cost.

"It's much more the act and the intent that's important," Crowel said.

3. Remember: It's not about you.

"Too often gifts become too

much about the giver. They want to have the gift reflect on them in a certain way," Rodino said. Picture the recipient instead.

4. If the stress of buying presents is becoming too much, reduce the list of recipients or create a "tiered" list.

"Office partners maybe don't have quite the level of significance that family has," Crowel said. "Getting a great personalized gift for 20 people at the office can make you crazy."

5. If all else fails, try to look beyond the holiday season.

"The anxiety caused by going over budget, especially in January, is pretty significant," Crowel said.

Ridley Scott, Russell Crowe tackle romance in 'A Good Year'

By **Christy Lemire**
The Associated Press

You have to at least give Russell Crowe and director Ridley Scott credit for trying something different.

MOVIE REVIEW

With *A Good Year*, they've come up with a film that could not possibly be more the opposite of their epic, Oscar-winning *Gladiator*. They've drained out all the carnage, fury and blood and replaced them with sunshine, laughter and bottles upon bottles of red wine.

It's an ambitious experiment and not a completely successful one. *A Good Year* often feels desperately strained in its whimsy, and as it morphs from travelogue to slapsticky French farce to shameless chick flick, it grows nauseating in its sickly sweet romantic dialogue. (In two languages, no less. Bien sur!)

For a while, though, it is sort of a curiosity and a refreshing change to see the typically meaty, serious Crowe try on light, physical comedy.

The script from Marc Klein (who also wrote the gooey *Serendipity*), based on the novel by Scott's longtime friend Peter Mayle, finds Crowe's Max Skinner



Max Skinner (Russell Crowe) settles into an intoxicating new chapter in his life in *A Good Year*. The romantic comedy, which opens in theaters today, is a first for director Ridley Scott, whose past movies include *Hannibal*, *Gladiator* and 1979's *Alien*.

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ner traveling to Provence following the death of his beloved uncle (a rascally Albert Finney), who raised him there on his sprawling vineyard.

Max, a soulless London banker, got too busy making money and screwing people over to keep in touch with the old man, so he's surprised to learn that he's inherited the property. He travels down there (in a tiny rental car with a faulty, French-speaking navigation system, an early indication of where we're headed tonally) and finds the place has decayed from his idyllic, childhood memories.

In flashbacks that can be a bit corny, we see Uncle Henry offering advice about the importance of a good, blue suit and schooling young Max (Fred die Highmore) in tennis, which apparently helped plant the seeds for grown-up Max's ruthless competitive drive. (Whether in past or present, cinematographer Philippe Le Sourd's camera work makes the French countryside look naturally irresistible, all awash in rich color and warm, golden light.)

High off the rush from a questionable seven-figure bond trade, Max has no intention of

staying at the chateau and wants to sell it as quickly as possible, even though the longtime winegrower (Didier Bourdon) and his colorful wife (Isabelle Candelier) live and work there and remain loyal to the land and its vines.

Just as he's trying to unload the estate, a young woman shows up claiming to be Uncle Henry's long-lost daughter. Twenty-year-old Christie (Abbie Cornish) grew up in California's Napa Valley, so she knows a little something about wine herself, but Max naturally doesn't trust her and may have to fight her for

control of the property.

At the same time, Max finds himself distracted by a very beautiful, very sensual woman with the very French name of Fanny Chanel (Marion Cotillard), who runs a cafe in the village. And his cell phone keeps ringing and vibrating incessantly with calls from his secretary back in London, the sharply dressed, smart-alecky Gemma (Archie Panjabi).

Scott mostly manages this chaos with all the finesse of a sitcom.

And while Crowe mainly functions as a fish out of water, he can be undeniably sexy and charismatic, and it's a pleasure to watch him reveal that little-seen side of his personality. (This is the kind of role Tom Cruise has made his trademark: a cocky guy at the top of his game who has his comeuppance and ultimately becomes a better person.)

Like the visually and thematically similar *Under the Tuscan Sun*, which aimed for the same grown-up, cultured audience *A Good Year* so clearly seeks, the destination is the destination. Seeing the film makes you feel like you're on vacation for two hours; at least it makes you want to savor a glass of wine afterward.

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Diversity: Baylor’s unofficial slogan. Whether it’s instating cultural groups on campus, hosting panel discussions or taking steps to vary the racial makeup of Penland and Collins Residence Halls, Baylor encourages diversity on every level. While unabashedly Baptist, Baylor has openly accepted assorted Christian denominational ministries in addition to establishing a Center for Jewish Studies. The denominational diversity extends from the Baptist Student Center to Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal and Catholic student associations.

“Baylor is becoming less Baptist, percentage-wise,” said Kevin Dougherty, assistant professor of sociology and an affiliate with the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion. According to the fall 2006 profile of undergraduate students, 78 percent of students are Protestant, with 41 percent of those students listed as Baptist. Non-Baptist groups are restricted from holding meetings on campus but otherwise are free to reach out to students through chalking, fliers and other advertisements, Methodist Student Center Director Robert Flowers said.

From the outside, it would appear different denominations co-exist harmoniously on campus, but there is an undercurrent of angst stemming from different stances on theological issues and worship styles, said Father Jim Deaconson of St. Peter’s Catholic Student Center. “Denominations are very good at criticizing what they don’t understand in each other,” he said. “Baylor isn’t officially anti-Catholicism, but it’s kind of built in.”

As more religious organizations develop on campus and Baptists become less dominant, there will be more “competition for power and influence among the groups,” Dougherty said. “The more differences groups have between each other, the more they see each other as competitors rather than partners,” he said. Increasing religious diversity, Dougherty said, is also increasing tension. But it has a positive side as well. “People have more places to belong at Baylor than ever before,” he said. “You don’t have to be Baptist to plug in.”

Although Deaconson considers his ministry one of the Baylor groups, he also expressed concern for the current “low ebb of interdenominational ministry” on campus and worldwide. Citing current controversies within denominations, Deaconson said groups are too engrossed with their own activities to have an ecumenical focus and think about ways to work with other denominations. “I’m open to being ecumenical,” he said. “It just doesn’t seem

to be the time for it.” A senior lecturer in the sociology department, Kathryn Mueller said a focus on denominations has resurfaced in the last decade after about 20 years of dormancy. “In the ’60s when Kennedy became the first Catholic president, people were talking about denominations,” she said. “It was a big deal for a lot of people.” Mueller attributes the resurgence of denominational debates to a rise in Christian fundamentalism and televangelists. “Some people feel it’s necessary to separate themselves from other Christians,” she said. The Council of Campus Ministries (CCM) is a place where Christian leaders from different denominations gather together and talk about ministry. Deaconson participates in monthly CCM meetings, but not every group is attending, he said. “At a Baptist university, the Catholic guy can’t realistically be the leader, but I can be an influence for more unity,” he said. Other groups feel like the division is important. Director of Reformed University Fellowship Peter Hatton said he wants to remain distinct from other denominations.

“Uniting together with other campus ministries is not an agenda of mine,” he said. Hatton, a member of the CCM, said he is “open to dialogue” with other denominations but “cautious of the idea of ‘unifying’ with another group.” Hatton expressed a mutual respect for other campus ministries that have Calvinistic leanings. He also stated a unity of “core beliefs” with other ministries such as that Jesus was the son of God and the existence of the trinity. “We are reformed, and we want to preserve our theology,” he said. Mueller said religious belief systems are a complex social phenomenon. “Many times, people who lack meaningful integration with other Christian faiths could become ethnocentric and less accepting of others with different views than their own,” she said. Associate director of Baptist Student Ministries Rae Wright said it is possible to unite with other denominations without losing your sense of identity.

“As Christians, we often confuse unity with conformity,” Wright said. Pointing out how partnering with other ministries is an opportunity to learn from each other, Wright encourages members of different denominations to find fellowship with each other. “It takes a lot of work to find a way to relate to someone who holds different values than you do, but it is worth working for,” she said. Wright also believes in preserving denominations for the sake of theology and organization. “It’s a positive thing to have a denomination because it establishes a set of beliefs to organize a ministry around,” she said. However, Wright recognizes the idea of Christian culture reaching a “post-denominational age.” She said the BSM hopes to reflect the fact that many students no longer align themselves with a certain denomination. The BSM welcomes those from any faith background to participate in leadership, provided the student professes faith in Jesus and abides by Baylor standards, Wright said. “We don’t make where you attend church an issue,” she said. “The Baptist part of the BSM describes who pays for the programs, not who gets in and can participate.” The Catholic Student Center reiterated Wright’s comments.

Religious leaders encourage denominational diversity

With a 41 percent Baptist student body, how is Baylor incorporating other Christian denominations into the campus landscape?

Claire St. Amant - Reporter

“I’m open to working with whoever wants to work with us,” Deaconson said. “To me, Christianity is above denominations.” Another group, Campus Crusade for Christ, operates officially as “interdenominational,” Director Jeff Lark said. Even though the ministry was founded in 1951 by a member of the Presbyterian Church, Lark said denominational diversity of staff and students has always existed.

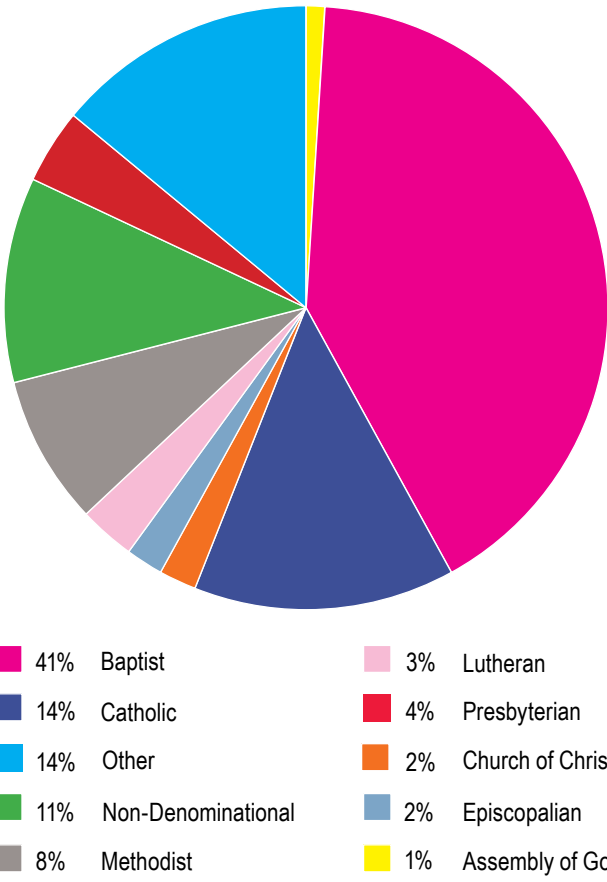
“It has been very beneficial for us to not affiliate with a specific denomination because no one feels left out or turned off due to our title,” he said. “We can reach more students for Christ than groups who only attract a certain denominational following.” Demonstrating a desire to unite with other denominations, the Methodist Student Center cooperates with Church Under the Bridge and does a monthly Saturday ministry in Waco through a partnership with a Baptist church, Director Robert Flowers said. “Ecumenical ministry is something Methodists are committed to in order to foster unity among Christians,” he said. “But not everyone’s on board with it.”

Referencing *The Dialogical Imperative: A Christian Reflection on Interfaith Encounter* by David Lochhead, Flowers explained there is a “level of competition” within Christianity that has dictated how different groups relate to each other historically. Besides competition, the book says all religions and sects, including Christianity, relate to each other through “hostility and isolation” in addition to the idea of partnership.

“We are all a part of the same family, even when we have different views,” Flowers said. With a desire to unite denominational endeavors on campus and worldwide, Flowers has been trying to develop partnerships. Two years ago, Flowers sent out letters to different church leaders, asking who was interested in partnering in ministry. “I never heard back from anyone,” he said. “It’s really quite sad.”

Mueller said one way to encourage cooperation among denominations is to promote “socialization and integration” as way to examine one’s beliefs and understand why other people hold the views they do. “Separation among Christians has to end,” Deaconson said. “There is one Jesus.” ●

Baylor broken down by religious affiliation



Nationwide search continues for permanent university chaplain

By Lauren Hightower Reporter

Baylor has been without a permanent university chaplain since December 2005. To fill the vacant position, Baylor did the only thing a good Baptist institution could do: an interim chaplain was found, and a search committee was formed. The search for a university chaplain has been a high priority for Student Learning and Engagement. Dr. Frank Shushok, the dean for Student Learning and Engagement and chair of the search committee, said the committee is conducting a na-

tional search for candidates. Candidates are required to have a doctoral degree in religion, Christian education or a related field. “It’s a fair requirement in a community of scholars,” Dr. Randall O’Brien, executive vice president and provost, said. “The campus minister without the title may not be held with the same level of esteem.” O’Brien also said he would prefer the new chaplain to be a licensed, if not ordained, minister. The committee is putting a strong emphasis on the candidate’s need for a Baptist background.

“I think it would be challenging for someone to come to Baylor in a chaplain position from another faith,” Shushok said. Part of the responsibilities of university chaplain is to provide support to different spiritual student organizations, such as the Baptist Student Ministries, and pastoral care to the university faculty and staff. The chaplain will also form relationships with the surrounding community and local churches. “I would like to see someone who can build relationships with not just students, but out-

side churches as well,” said Allan Marshall, student body external vice president and member of the search committee. O’Brien expressed a wish for the chaplain to reach beyond the Baptist spiritual community into different denominations, such as connecting with the Methodist Student Center or the Catholic Student Center. He said it is important to find a chaplain who can “focus on what we have in common instead of what is different.” Both O’Brien and Marshall expressed a desire for a chaplain who is willing to connect with other religious groups on cam-

pus, such as the Muslim Student Association, in order to promote awareness of religious diversity on campus. O’Brien hopes the new chaplain would “respect and value other religious traditions.” More than anything, O’Brien said he would like to find someone capable of being a good spiritual role model to the faculty and students. He said the chaplain should “be a model for loving and learning, for ministry and mind.” Marshall said he would like the chaplain to provide a “moral guide” for students and have a good partnership and dialogue

with the faculty. Shushok said the chaplain should “embrace the Baptist identity, but have a heart for ecumenicalism.” “I’d be excited about someone who cares about Baylor and upholds the university’s unique institutions in an effective way,” Shushok said. Marshall says the committee has no set timeline for when the position should be filled. He said the members of the committee wish to “take our time and do what’s best for Baylor.” Shushok said he would like to see the position filled by the end of the semester.