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Former regent, philanthropist dies at 91



Baugh

By Grace Maalouf
Copy desk chief

Former Baylor Regent John F. Baugh died Monday in San Antonio at age 91.

Baugh, a philanthropist who donated money to various Baylor programs, projects and buildings, was 91. He served as a trustee and regent from 1987-1996.

"He's been an incredible philanthropist in the church and in the world," said Diana Garland, dean of the School of Social Work, which received funding for programs and projects from the Baugh family.

"He certainly has made a significance for good at Baylor University and far beyond," she added.

Baugh founded the Houston-based Sysco Corporation in 1969, a food service distributor and mar-

keter that has grown to become the largest in North America, with sales of \$30.3 billion in 2005 and nearly 400,000 customers.

Baugh received numerous awards from Baylor, including the George W. Truett Distinguished Church Service Award in 1994 and the Abner V. McCall Religious Liberty Award in 2004.

"John Baugh was one of those iconic figures in Baptist life who

was deeply dedicated to his family and his faith," said Baylor President John Lilley in a press release Monday. "He was the complete entrepreneur not only in the founding of SYSCO Corporation but in every endeavor to which he committed himself. Baylor University greatly benefited from his long service as regent and benefactor."

Baugh's donations to Baylor were estimated at more than \$20

million, according to the Associated Baptist Press. He founded the John F. Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship in the Hankamer School of Business, which is now one of the top 10 entrepreneurship programs in the nation.

The Baughs were some of the founding benefactors of George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

He is survived by his wife, Eula Mae, and his daughter, Barbara.

Local reps favor book tax holiday

Professor calls idea of altering laws 'cynical and silly game'

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

Baylor students haven't approached Waco's state representatives yet about passing pending tax-free textbook legislation – but they may not need to.

All three of Waco's representatives in the Texas State Legislature already want to eliminate textbook taxes.

Three bills, Senate Bill 49, its companion House Bill 1890 and House Bill 1434, are up for consideration. Senate Bill 49 and House Bill 1890 would give students two 10-day slots each year to buy textbooks without paying taxes. House Bill 1434 would give students two month-long opportunities to buy books tax-free.

If any of the bills pass both the House of Representatives and the Senate with a two-thirds vote, the exemption would take effect before classes begin in the fall.

If the bills don't receive the needed votes, they cannot become law until October at the earliest.

None of the three Waco representatives in the state legislature has co-authored any of the bills, as three Texas state senators and three representatives with colleges in their districts already have done.

But Kevin Vickers, Austin chief of staff for Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, said Dunnam supports the "idea" of the legislation, although he hasn't committed to either of the House bills yet.

Dunnam recently voiced private concerns about the cost of textbooks, Vickers said.

Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson, R-Waco, said he also supports the House bills, especially House Bill 1434.

"Either one would definitely be an improvement," he said, adding that he would prefer the longer time frame.

Anderson said he has talked with students about tax-free textbooks, specifically mentioning a group of five Texas A&M University students he recently met with.

Although still "flying blind" since fiscal reports on the bills' effects have not been presented to the House, Anderson said, "I think it'd be a plus, overall."

General consensus in the House seems to be that one of the bills will pass before the session ends in May, but only time will tell, Anderson said.

"I am in favor of making higher education more affordable, and because we have a little wiggle room in the budget this session, I think we will take a close look at this legislation to see if

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Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Fancy footwork

Vitebsk, Belarus, freshman Dennis Ruder practices his rainbow kick Monday at Bear Park behind South Russell Residence Hall.

Warrant sweep catches dozens

By Melissa Limmer
Staff writer

The Great Texas Warrant Roundup – while it may sound like the title of an old Western movie, it's a reality that hit home Saturday for Texas residents with outstanding warrants.

Forty-two Waco residents have been arrested so far in this statewide "roundup" which targeted mainly outstanding traffic tickets, including three Baylor students, said Steve Anderson, spokesman for the Waco Police Department.

Anderson said 64 people avoided arrest by paying their outstanding tickets.

According to Sgt. Mike Hollier of the Arlington Police Department, founder and co-coordinator of the roundup, 153 law enforcement agencies from around the state are taking part in this new effort to arrest individuals with outstanding warrants.

Waco, Houston, Austin and San Antonio are all participating. Hundreds of thousands of notices were mailed by the individual agencies to notify peo-

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Health society comes to Baylor

By Sapna Prasad
Reporter

Forty years after the founding of Eta Sigma Gamma, Baylor's new Epsilon Alpha chapter is the first national professional health education society at the school.

Founded in 1967 on the ideals of teaching, service and research, the mission of the honorary society is the promotion of health education.

The new student-led society is made up of a mix of graduate and undergraduate students who have declared a major or concentration in health education, said Meg Davis, president of Eta Sigma Gamma and graduate research assistant in the department of health, human performance and recreation.

Davis said she met with 20 students three weeks ago to elect officers and to discuss a

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Members of Baylor's Model United Nations accept their awards Saturday at a competition held by the University of California at Berkeley.



Courtesy photo

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Baylor's Model United Nations team won several awards this weekend in a competition held at the University of California at Berkeley. The team won second place for small delegation, and half of the team members brought home individual awards.

"Considering half of our team were freshman or it was their first time to compete, I think it says something about the team," said Austin junior James Nortey, who won Best Delegate. "I think we have the potential to be a really competitive team."

Competing as Algeria, Birmingham,

Ala., senior Jonathan Turner and El Paso junior Jen Kim each won a Verbal Accolade and Georgetown sophomore Travis Hobbs won Honorable Mention.

Nortey said it was his first time to compete in Model United Nations and that he hadn't heard about the competition until recently.

"It was very exciting," he said. "I didn't think I'd get that far."

Competing as Sweden, Boxford, Mass., sophomore Abbie Rosen and Cassville, Mo., sophomore Seth Reed won Honorable Mention.

Team members first tried out to join Baylor's Model United Nations team and

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Public school system creates dumb college students

It happens every day on every campus across the country. It's inevitable, much like the rising sun or Dwyane Wade flopping around on the hardwood trying to get a foul called.

Some student in your class is going to raise his hand and say something stupid, and in my college years, the number of stupid people and the stupidity of their questions seem to get more significant with each passing semester.

This begs the question: "Is college really for everyone?"

In the past few decades, teachers, principals and parents

have been telling everyone they have to go to college and that the key to success is getting that rolled-up parchment so you can mount it on your wall, point to it and say, "Hey, look how smart I am!"

Many students go to college just to get a degree or to socialize.

They have no intention of using their degree, expanding their horizons or even getting smarter; they just want to ease on by.

Unfortunately, the state of our education system allows them to do just that. Most kids breeze

point of view



BY JORDAN DANIEL

through elementary, junior high and high school because they've been "taught the test" and nothing else.

They arrive their freshman year of college woefully unprepared for basic math, English and history courses. Part of the reason is standardized testing

and the other reason is that college students as a whole simply just aren't as smart as they used to be.

Right now, sitting next to you in class is probably someone who has no right being in college in the first place.

Some students just don't want to work hard and have trouble writing two-page essays on what they plan to do over spring break.

Why are we encouraging everyone in our society to go to college? All we're doing is diluting the value of a college degree and flooding the job market with

a poor representation of what a college education should be.

A recent study by Stanford University revealed that 88 percent of high school students aspire to go to college. It also showed that nearly half of students who do attend college have to enroll in remedial courses.

Doesn't that defeat the purpose of college? Should someone be in college if they have to take remedial courses when they enroll?

But it's only partly the fault of students that they're unprepared. Teachers and counselors in high school typically focus on

the students in upper-level and Advanced Placement courses.

Thus many students don't know what to expect from college. They think they'll be able to breeze through like they already did in high school.

I know that's the way it was when I was at Waco High School.

There's a lot wrong with higher education in America. Great potential is being squandered and valuable space is being occupied by apathetic nonachievers.

Jordan Daniel is a senior journalism major from Waco.

Editorial

Gag order leaves us in the dark

Oh, the contradictions. Last semester Internal Vice President Travis Plummer wrote a column in **The Lariat** about student government's new intentions of transparency in its endeavors.

Last week Student Court, the judicial branch of student government, imposed a gag order on a case scheduled to be heard today.

Apparently the intentions of student government leaders don't extend to Student Court, which is no different from any of the other areas of government where transparency is needed.

Student body Attorney General Ben Collins is pressing charges against the African Student Association "for not following procedure regarding allocations from the Student Life Fund."

Too bad we can't tell you more about the situation, but the court swiftly imposed a "no-talking" rule in order to ensure a fair trial to everyone involved, according to Chief Justice James Nortey.

Can someone please tell us an example of a Student Court case that didn't receive a fair trial because those involved explained what was going on?

If you can't think of one, don't feel bad because we couldn't either.



Gag orders are attempts to keep information from the public. They don't however, keep **The Lariat** (or any media) from reporting what is known about a

case. We made sure to let readers know what we could about the situation in last week's story, including the imposition of the gag order.

The case being heard tonight concerning the African Student Association involves the Student Life Fund, which contains money from every sin-

gle student on the Baylor campus. This gag order insults all students by not letting us know the situation beforehand, especially when it involves our own money.

This also creates an interesting double standard. No gag order was used two weeks ago when Student Foundation was taken to Student Court over the constitutionality of a bill to allocate Student Life money for Bearathon.

According to Nortey, this is the first gag order placed on a proceeding in recent memory.

What makes the African Student Association any different?

The purpose of the branches of student government — executive, legislative and judicial — is to create a system of checks and balances. But observers of the system can't see these checks and balances at work when branches try to conceal information.

The claim that the gag order is in place to ensure a fair trial to everyone who is involved, as Nortey said, is not a good enough reason for this imposition. Attempts to control information usually heightens speculation in any case.

To ensure fairness, an opportunity to address any rumors or gossip should be afforded to all parties.

There's absolutely no need for a gag order in this case. At least no reason has been given that has adequately justified the Court's actions.

Student Court has created an inconsistency in the issuance of gag orders which could lead to a continued attempt to withhold information from the public.

This directly contradicts numerous statements made by members of student government pledging for renewed transparency and openness.

Letters to the editor

Study didn't intend to judge

It is important for me that the campus community be aware of the misrepresentations and false assumptions presented in the Feb. 28 editorial, "Vocation study neglects unseen side of faith."

Suppositions about the purpose and intent of research I was in the process of completing were made in this piece that are erroneous.

The fact is, I began this study in 2003 at another university and was attempting to complete my prior commitment. I came to Baylor in fall 2006.

The study was designed to provide an optional service to faculties in small Christian colleges as a way to receive feedback on how students perceived faculty members' integration of faith expression in the classroom.

Stories I have heard from students of how meaningful their professors have been to them in their willingness to be open to experiences of faith have touched me deeply and that was what prompted my interest in this research.

The study was never intended to be evaluative of one's faith

— a practice I don't believe is advisable. The study was never intended to evaluate faculty academically and it was never intended for use at Baylor.

No one at Baylor, either in the School of Social Work or the administration, asked me to do this study.

As a new faculty member here, I did not realize the institutional sensitivity and history around these issues.

One of the great benefits of working here has been my dialogue with colleagues across campus. In those conversations, I have come to understand this environment better.

It would be grievous to me if the instrument I wanted to develop to be beneficial were used for other purposes.

Consequently, on my own initiative, I have decided not to pursue the third part of the study.

As a Jew who converted to Christianity within the last 15 years, my choice to be at Baylor is very much about my heart and desire to follow Christ's call on my life.

The **Lariat's** inflammatory statement that this instrument could be used to create a "climate of religious McCarthyism"

is abhorrent to me — both professionally and personally.

Dr. Michael E. Sherr
Assistant professor
School of Social Work.

Study would hold BU back

Last week's Feb. 28 editorial, "Vocation study neglects unseen side of faith," addresses a very important issue at Baylor.

The question of whether professors should be quantitatively rated based on their integration of faith and learning will have a direct effect on the caliber of professors that Baylor will be able to attract in the future. It is bad enough that Baylor will not hire otherwise capable professors who are not Christians or Jews. But to require professors to forcibly integrate faith into their curriculum is inappropriate and out of place in the top-tier university that Baylor so fervently aspires to be. The discussion of the faith and religious views of a professor has precisely nothing to do with his or her teaching ability or knowledge in their field.

If Baylor truly aspires to be a top-tier university, it will have to accept that some professors who are otherwise capable may have theological disagreements with

the Baptist main line, or even that they may not be Christian.

If Baylor continues down the path of this "litmus test," as the editors put it, it risks marginalizing itself and becoming an institution analogous to Liberty University or Bryan College. That would be a tragedy.

Greg Stephanos
University Scholars 2010
StuFu's service a 'pleasure'

In response to the Mar. 2 editorial "StuFu isn't Lilley's servant," we respond that Student Foundation is unashamedly dedicated to serving Baylor University and building goodwill among alumni and students.

When approached by the university to help President Lilley host his guests at this season's basketball games, we willingly jumped at the opportunity.

This chance to serve allowed us to do what Student Foundation does best: host guests and friends of Baylor. President Lilley uses basketball games as an opportunity to show his gratitude to alumni and friends of Baylor.

What better way to show appreciation than have students of Baylor personally make them comfortable?

Contrary to the opinion in the editorial, it is actually very rare that President Lilley asks a Student Foundation member to get him a refreshment or hot dog. Our president is more concerned about his guests and making sure they are comfortable and that they feel appreciated.

Student Foundation members take pleasure in working with the president and are honored to help out whenever needed.

It is a privilege to further our mission statement to "... (build) goodwill among alumni and students" by working with distinguished Baylor alumni, faculty and friends at basketball games.

We hope the university will continue to call on us for help at future events where members of Student Foundation may be used to continue building the Baylor community and show the "Baylor spirit" to our alumni and friends.

Brooks Hanson, Brenna Myers
Student Foundation Co-Presidents, 2006-2007.

StuFu hosts visitors at games

The Mar. 2 editorial "StuFu isn't Lilley's servant" reflects a misunderstanding of the impor-

tant work of Student Foundation in assisting the university's fundraising.

As we continue our work to achieve the ambitious goals of Baylor 2012, it is important that the ongoing role in our development program of Student Foundation is clearly understood.

Student Foundation members reflect the best of Baylor and provide a vivid example of the spirit, intelligence, self-confidence and graciousness that defines our student body.

When it comes to interfacing with university friends who visit us, they're genial hosts making guests feel welcome and appreciated.

Quite often, these guests are generous benefactors supporting numerous programs and scholarships that directly benefit students.

Athletic events provide President Lilley an opportunity to visit with people who can help Baylor University and its students.

The kindnesses extended by Student Foundation is rendered in service not to the Lilleys, but to the guests who accompany them.

Dennis Prescott
Vicepresidentfordevelopment

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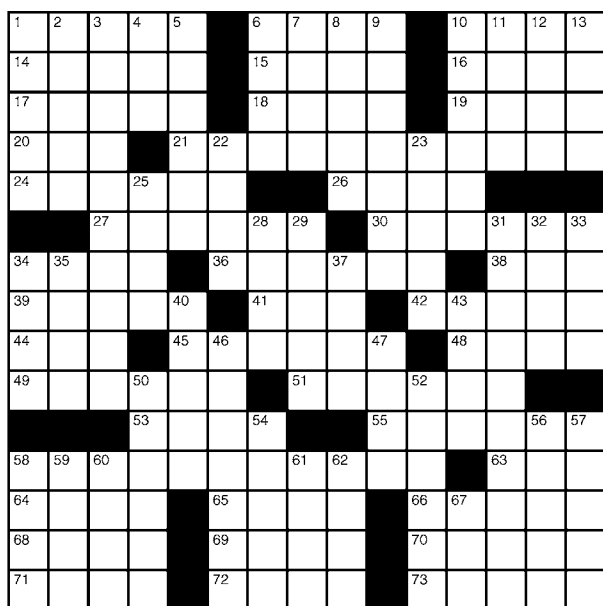
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By Allan E. Parrish
Mentor, OH

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For today's crossword and sudoku answers, visit www.baylor.edu/Lariat

School supply drive to benefit African children

University Ministries, UBC join to support Kenyan education

By Bethany Poller Reporter

While Baylor students walk around campus with brand-name backpacks and expensive calculators, children at a Kenyan orphanage barely have enough school supplies to get an education.

To alleviate this problem, a missions team from University Baptist Church will hold a school supply drive for Simba Village Orphanage today

through Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

UBC is partnering with University Ministries to send 32 students to Nairobi, Kenya, to take supplies and help the children there, said UBC Community Pastor Ben Dudley.

"We had a group go last year," Dudley said. "And we're going to send a group each May."

During the past year, members of UBC have sponsored children at Simba Village, but the orphanage still needs a large number of school supplies.

"These kids need a lot," said Waxahachie junior Kelley Ross, a UBC team member. "They're running out of the supplies we brought them before."

Team members are asking for items such as pencils, paper and rulers.

"We're just asking for the basic supplies kids use in school," Ross said.

Many of the children need backpacks, and even a Baylor student's used backpack is better than the ones available to them, Dudley said.

"I was there in January when they were trying to buy backpacks for 130 kids," Dudley said.

"The backpacks they could afford were Camel cigarette backpacks. They were really cheap," he said.

They will accept any school supplies at the drive, even

slightly used items.

"We'll take them if they're used within reason," said UBC team leader Amanda Horton, University Ministries office manager. "We don't want them to have the nub of a crayon or markers that are going to run out."

Dudley said the children will take whatever they can get. If there's something that can't be used, the community will find a local use for it.

Dudley said every person is allowed to bring two bags with them on the flight.

Each person will use one bag to pack supplies.

"It costs so much to ship stuff over there," Dudley said. "Our

team has 32 people, so we can fill up 32 50-pound bags. We would love to take as much as we can get."

While in Kenya, the members of the UBC team are going to work on a project to supply energy to the orphanage, Dudley said.

The project will use cows to provide milk and manure. Not only can the manure be used for fertilization purposes, but also as energy to power the orphanage.

The cooking stove can be converted from the gases to prepare food.

For a list of suggested school supplies, visit the UBC Web site at www.ubcwaco.org.

BEAR BRIEFS

CEO to lecture students
A lecture on leadership in private enterprise will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Alexander Reading Room. The guest speaker will be David Brooks, chairman and CEO of Independent Bank Group.

Audition for Showtime!
The Baylor School of Music ensemble, Showtime!, will hold open auditions at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday in 221 Waco Hall East. For additional information, contact Leta_Horan@baylor.edu.

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Hundreds compete in fifth Bearathon

By Yvonne Pham Reporter

More than 400 runners participated Saturday in Student Foundation's fifth annual Bearathon.

Among Baylor students, overall male open winner, Grapevine senior Robert Morrow, finished with a time of 1:15:22.2. Wichita, Kan., freshman Jon Pankow finished in second place and Nazareth graduate student Trinity Robb finished in third place.

Overall female open winner, Edinburg junior Jennifer Marquez, finished with a time of 1:43:37.1. Katy freshman Jennifer Bonn finished in second place and Katy freshman Michelle Messenger finished in third place.

The 13.1-mile course took participants through the Baylor campus, Cameron Park and downtown Waco.

Student volunteers from 12 organizations handed out re-



Melea Burke/ Lariat staff

Grapevine senior Robert Morrow crosses the finish line for first place in one hour and 15 minutes at the fifth annual Bearathon Saturday.

freshments from Baylor Dining Services and words of encouragement at each mile marker, and music played throughout the course to pump up participants.

"From what I could tell, all the runners enjoyed the race,"

Waxahachie junior Steven Walton said. "The weather was perfect, which played a big role in the success of the race."

RunFar Timing Services provided participants with electronic chips that marked exact starting and ending times.

Truett to hold Parchman lectures

Honored theologian to speak about issues in Christian ministry

By Brittany Mihalcin Reporter

World-renowned theologian, author and ordained minister of the United Methodist Church, Dr. Justo L. Gonzalez has been chosen as this year's speaker for the Parchman Endowed Lecture, which begins today and ends on Thursday.

Gonzalez is the youngest person to be awarded a doctorate in historical theology at Yale University and is now a faculty member of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

He will lecture at 9:30 a.m. daily in the Paul Powell chapel of George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

The three lectures are "The God Who Rests," "After the Divine Image" and "The Eternal Sabbath," respectively.

"Some call him the dean of Hispanic-American theology," said Dr. Roldan-Figueroa, assistant professor of historical theology. Gonzalez was the founder of the Hispanic Theo-

logical Initiative. This program was initially intended to provide funding and mentoring for master's-level students to pursue study in theology.

Roldan-Figueroa said it has now become a pipeline for master's students to transition to doctorate programs in the area of theology.

The Hispanic Theological Initiative awards four outstanding Hispanic doctoral students a \$15,000 grant each year during the life of the program.

More than 275 awards have been given.

Because of this program, the number of Hispanic scholars of religion teaching in theological schools, seminaries, and colleges has increased from 69 to 107.

"Dr. Gonzalez is making a great contribution to theological education in the U.S.," said past recipient Roldan-Figueroa. "This is his most endearing legacy."

Gonzalez has written more than 100 books, but Roldan-Figueroa said the best known of these books is **The Story of Christianity** and the three-volume **History of Christian Thought**.

"The Parchman Endowed Lectures are significant lectures that not only our student are in-

involved in but also the community," said Rene Maciel, assistant dean of George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

"These lectures are the largest endowed lectures with the most noted speakers."

Associate professor of Christian scriptures Todd Still said the speaker is decided upon by a vote during a committee meeting composed of seminary faculty and a student representative.

Established in 1999, the Parchman Endowed Lectures support the mission and curriculum of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary. Chosen lecturers are world-renowned theologians.

According to the Truett Seminary catalog, the lectures focus on concerns of both theory and practice related to issues in Christian ministry and encourage dynamic discussion on topics related to theological studies.

Past lecturers have included The Message author Eugene Peterson; James Forbes, senior minister of Riverside Church in NYC; Old Testament scholar and author Walter Brueggemann; and British particle physicist and theologian John Polkinghorne.

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BRAND NEW student housing ... few homes left

WACO, TX – A striking new development has Baylor students buzzing, but some fear students might miss their golden opportunity.

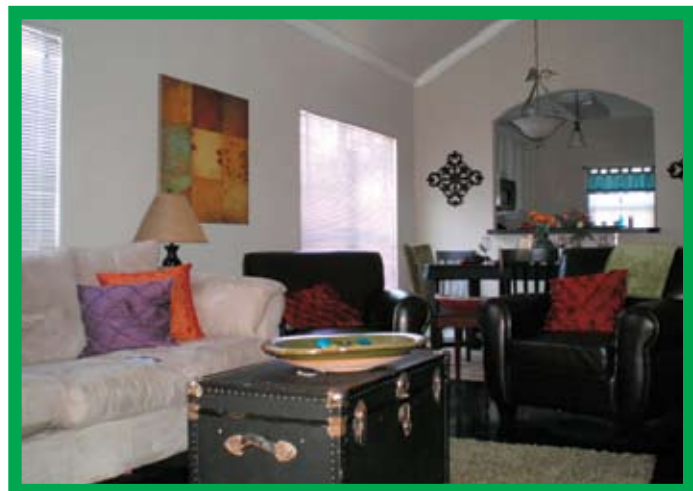
"We built multiple homes, because we wanted to provide the best housing we could for Baylor students in one of the safest areas in town," Doug Sherman of **Breckenridge Development** said. "Now that so many have been leased, we want to make sure



interested students get a look at the last few we have available."

Sherman said these homes were built with students in mind, offering amenities like **hot tubs, large kitchens with new appliances, spacious bedrooms and an abundance of natural light.**

"If my daughter were still at Baylor, there's no question I'd want her living here," Sherman said. "For the price, it's a very hard deal to pass up."



Experts say procrastinators will miss their chance

WACO, TX – Ryan Gibson has seen it before. And he doesn't expect this year to be any different, he said.

Gibson works with **Campus Realtors** to find

the best housing fit for Baylor students. One of the biggest obstacles he faces each spring is the same culprit teachers recognize at finals time – procrastinators.

"There's a pervasive idea that good things always come to those who wait," Gibson said. "Though that might be true in

some things, it just doesn't work that way with quality student housing."

Long-time procrastinator Eddie Jopp knows the pain of waiting too long.

"I admit, I'm not the best at recognizing the time to act," Jopp said. "That's why this year is my third sophomore year at Baylor."

"But this year, I assure you I won't miss the chance to live at these new homes. That's just plain foolish."



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Bears hoping for March madness

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

With an 86-82 victory over Oklahoma State University Saturday, the Baylor basketball team (14-15, 4-12) closed out a regular season that was considered by many a disappointment.

After being picked by Big 12 coaches before the season began to finish seventh in the conference, the Bears finished the 2007 season 11th with a 4-12 record in conference play—a mark that matched the team's Big 12 record in 2006 when NCAA sanctions took away its nonconference schedule.

But as far as head Coach Scott Drew is concerned, his team has shown signs over the last few weeks to suggest it's not quite ready for the offseason.

With the first round of the Big 12 Championship beginning Thursday in Oklahoma City, and with an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament going to the winner, the Bears are hoping to make a miracle run.

With the way the Bears' season has gone to this point, their odds are long. But Drew said his

team, which has been within 10 points of winning all but five of its games, has the confidence and ability to compete with the conference's best teams.

"We've been playing good basketball for a while now," Drew said. "Hopefully we can get some guys healthy and be ready for the first time to have a chance to compete with everybody in the tournament.

"We're excited because we feel like we can play with anybody, and we want to show that up there," he said. The Bears' first-round matchup pits them against the University of Missouri (18-11, 7-9) at 8:20 p.m. Thursday — a game that will be televised nationally on ESPN2.

The last time these two teams met on Feb. 14, the Tigers beat the Bears 78-71, pulling away in the game's final minutes.

But after winning two of its final five games and playing wire-to-wire with No. 7 Texas A&M University and No. 14 University of Texas, Baylor enters Thursday's matchup a confident team.

"It was definitely good to beat Oklahoma State in our last home

game and get some positive momentum going into the tournament," Drew said. "I think we're excited to be starting over with a clean slate. Everyone is 0-0 up there, there's an NCAA berth on the line, so I think everyone will be excited."

For a team that has played and lost many close games this season, learning to win has been a struggle. But junior guard Aaron Bruce, who's averaging 11.2 points and 3.5 assists per game this season, said this team is peaking at the right time.

"Now we've been put in close game situations quite a few times, so we've learned to band together and do the important things at the important times," he said.

Drew said he thinks the Bears' win on Saturday was a sign of maturity for his team. While the Bears saw an 18-point second half lead dwindle to just three, they made plays at the end to preserve the victory.

"When things haven't gone your way during the season and you've lost a lot of close games, it's almost fitting to see a team throw in the towel," Drew said. "The fact that we haven't shows

the character of these guys and bodes well for the future of this team."

Sophomore guard Curtis Jerrells, who's leading the Bears with 14.3 points and 3.9 assists per game, said he and his teammates have put the regular season behind them and are shifting their focus to the post-season.

"If we're satisfied with winning our last game, we're going to go to Oklahoma City and be on our way home after the first game," Jerrells said. "This tournament is another opportunity for us. With our (regular season) record, we won't see a post-season, but here's an opportunity to get an automatic bid (to the NCAA tournament). We definitely got the talent; it's just a matter of going out and doing it."

Drew said his team knows it can to erase the feelings of disappointment surrounding this season with a good Big 12 tournament run.

"We've said all along that we control our own destiny," Drew said. "Even these last few games, we control how our season finishes and when it finishes."



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Four Baylor defenders converge on Oklahoma State's James On Curry during the Bears' 86-82 win over the Cowboys on Saturday. Curry scored 40 points in the loss, but the Bears managed to contain him in the game's final minutes.

Softball stays perfect at home with sweep of Louisiana Tech

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

After winning 5-0 and 8-0 in a doubleheader Saturday afternoon, the No. 16 Lady Bears (20-4) completed a sweep of Louisiana Tech (13-11) by defeating the Lady Techsters 4-1 in the final game of a three-game series Sunday afternoon at Gettysman Stadium.

"It's always tough to beat a team three times regardless where they are ranked or unranked in the polls," head Coach Glenn Moore said. "Overall, I was pretty pleased with the fact that we won three games this weekend."

While Moore said he's happy his team was able to extend its home record to 13-0, he said there's still room for improvement.

"I am a little disappointed in our offensive production right now, but we're working through it, and I am seeing some good things," Moore said.

Sophomore pitcher Brittany Turner struggled to find the strike zone early in the game Sunday, but she battled back and picked up her second win, allowing one earned run on two hits in 5 1/3 innings. She recorded four strikeouts and four walks in the game.

"I started out a little bit tight, but my teammates were awe-

some and picked me up. They helped me out so much and made sure I kept relaxed," Turner said.

Senior pitcher Lisa Ferguson, who pitched a complete game shutout in the first game of the series, earned the save for the Lady Bears on Sunday, allowing just one hit while striking out three over 1 2/3 innings.

Nicole Wesley painfully made her way into the record books for the Lady Bears. The freshman center fielder was hit by a pitch twice, allowing her to steal four bases and tie a Baylor record.

"Stealing is what I love to do best," Wesley said. "I was just upset I didn't get the chance to actually hit the ball."

The Lady Bears got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning when Baylor called the double steal with runners on the corners. Nicole Wesley stole home while Ashley Monceaux, who had reached on an error, took second base. Monceaux was then brought around to score when Chelsi Lake pound-

ed a double off the left center field wall to give the Lady Bears the early 2-0 lead.

Turner found herself in a jam in the top of the second when she walked Emma Barnes to load the bases with two outs. But she worked her way out of trouble by striking out Tech's Amberly Waits to hold the Lady Techsters scoreless.

Baylor's bats were held silent until Kelsey Sage laced a one out fastball into left field. Sage then stole second and advanced to third on a throwing error. Alex Colyer was walked to put runners on the corners, and leadoff hitter Tiffany Wesley brought in Sage to put Baylor up by three.

The Lady Techsters got their lone offensive spark of the day in the top of the sixth inning when clean-up hitter Kylie Bassett blasted a home run over the left-center field fence. That brought in reliever Lisa Ferguson, who shut down Louisiana Tech the rest of the way.

Baylor added an unnecessary insurance run in the bottom half of the inning as freshman Kirsten Shortrige smashed her second home run of the season over the right field wall.

The Lady Bears, who are five games into a 10-game home stand, hit the diamond again at 4 p.m. Wednesday when they host Sam Houston State University for a doubleheader.



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‘Wonderful Town’ in Waco for one-night performance

By Allie Cook and Aileen Wong
Entertainment editor and reporter

It’s a typical story – small-town girls on an adventure in the Big Apple hoping to make it big – but the presentation is anything but classic.

The Waco Hippodrome will feature Leonard Bernstein’s 2003 revival of *Wonderful Town* at 7:30 p.m. today. Today’s performance is the only opportunity to catch this musical in Waco.

Nicole McClendon, company manager for the production of *Wonderful Town*, calls it “brilliant.”

“It’s a wonderful production clearly about the joys of life and love and celebrating life and love,” Scott Baker, executive director of the Waco Hippodrome, said.

The musical, which first premiered in 1953, follows two sisters, Ruth and Eileen, who move from a small town in Ohio to New York City in search of love, fortune and success.

Along the way, however, they encounter several unexpected situations, from falling in love with a Walgreens manager to learning the conga with a group of Brazilian soldiers.

The musical is based on Ruth McKenney’s collection of stories, *My Sister Eileen*.

McClendon said the production company coming to Waco

has been traveling since November throughout the U.S. and in Canada. It comes to Waco after performing in Amarillo. The company includes a 14-piece orchestra and 20 performers.

McClendon said the music sets this show apart from others.

“The score is really amazing,” McClendon said. “It’s very fun.”

The other distinguishing factor is the set-up on stage, she said.

“Normally the orchestra is hidden in the pit, but in this production, the orchestra is up on the stage you can actually see the people playing,” McClendon said. “And that’s what makes it different.”

Debra Lynn plays the older sister in the story, Ruth Sherwood.

“She’s the more responsible older sister,” Lynn said. “She feels the need to take responsibility of her younger sister.”

Ruth’s efforts of caring for her sister are foiled by their initial bad luck upon coming to the city, Lynn said

“She’s a writer, peddling her stories,” Lynn said. “My role is the classic, sardonic, 1930s dame – rye and witty, like Katharine Hepburn.”

Lynn said she is honored to “step into the shoes” of Donna Murphy, who played Ruth in the 2003 Broadway production.

“I saw the revival about 15



Courtesy photo

A traveling production of *Wonderful Town* will be staged at the Waco Hippodrome at 7:30 p.m. today. There will only be one performance, and students can buy special discount tickets in the balcony for \$10.

times,” Lynn said.

“I love Donna Murphy. I had the opportunity to meet her and she’s a gifted and talented actress and performer.”

Lynn also said she loves the

lyrics in the show.

“It make it easy for an actress to perform a show because it’s written so well,” Lynn said. “It’s a gift when a lyricist writes it so well.”

The lyrics in the show were written by Betty Comden and Adolph Green.

Although *Wonderful Town* isn’t as well known as Bernstein’s other hits, such as *West*

Side Story and *Candide*, Baker said he thinks it should be more popular.

“It is one of the better shows on Broadway,” Baker said. “Many people consider it the best of his New York musicals.”

Baker said he believes developing the arts in Waco is two-fold.

The arts play a significant role in the development of a city, and people’s participation in the arts help them develop personally, he said.

“Every city that is growing needs its culture to develop. Arts have always been a part of what it means to be simply human,” Baker said.

“It’s an imaginative outlet and cathartic entertainment. We are more fully human than if we were without the arts.”

The 1953 premiere of *Wonderful Town* won six Tony Awards, and the 2003 revival was nominated in six categories and walked away with the Tony for Best Choreography.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today or at the door. Prices range from \$22 to \$47.

The Hippodrome is also offering a discount for students, allowing them to purchase \$10 balcony tickets the night of the show.

For more information, call the Waco Hippodrome at 752-9797.

Murder mystery’s all-star cast makes up for lengthiness

By Tamara Parker
Contributor

It’s always difficult to predict how unsolved murder films will turn out.

MOVIE REVIEW

Last year’s *Black Dahlia* is the perfect example of ascript that leaves audiences confused about Los Angeles’ most celebrated unsolved murder of the 1940s. But *Zodiac* tells this true-life 1970s

tale differently, and for the most part, successfully.

Zodiac is the terrifying, factual drama about the deranged serial killer who eluded northern California police for more than two decades.

The film starts off fast, depicting the first slayings of the murderer right away. Soon after, the killer, who calls himself “Zodiac,” begins writing letters to the *San Francisco Chronicle* and other newspapers claiming responsibility.

He encloses in them coded

messages and instructions that the letter be printed on the front page or more murders will follow.

David Fincher, the director of other mystifying films, such as *Se7en* and *Fight Club*, takes to the camera again to fill the screen with anxiety and uncertainty about the Bay Area’s most notorious killing spree.

In fact, it’s the anxiety and suspense that keeps the audience intrigued until the film’s unresolved ending.

Usually in this genre of films,

we have the clearly stated protagonist, with numerous side-kicks along for the ride.

However, one of the best parts about *Zodiac* is the all-star cast that manages to turn each of the characters into lead roles. From Robert Downey Jr. playing the drunken reporter, to Jake Gyllenhaal portraying the mild-mannered cartoonist, all the way to Mark Ruffalo starring as the lead homicide detective, it seems as if everyone in Hollywood wanted in on this piece.

Zodiac has its definite slow

scenes. Although each scene does seem important to the overall flow of the story, it feels as if it could have been told in two hours instead of three.

But what really falls flat in this film is how it doesn’t distinguish how each man’s life in this film was slowly, but surely, destroyed by the Zodiac crimes. Each leading character declines year by year in his growing obsession with the case.

This is the core of the story, but we unfortunately don’t see this clearly enough in the film.

There’s no doubt that the mood Fincher creates in *Zodiac* is dark, but the action is pretty lacking. The acting is superb, but sometimes that isn’t enough for a lengthy film such as this.

If you are thinking this is a great horror film, think again.


Zodiac is definitely the psychological thriller that leaves its audiences playing detective long after they’ve left the theater.

But it may also make them wish they’d driven through Starbucks on the way in.

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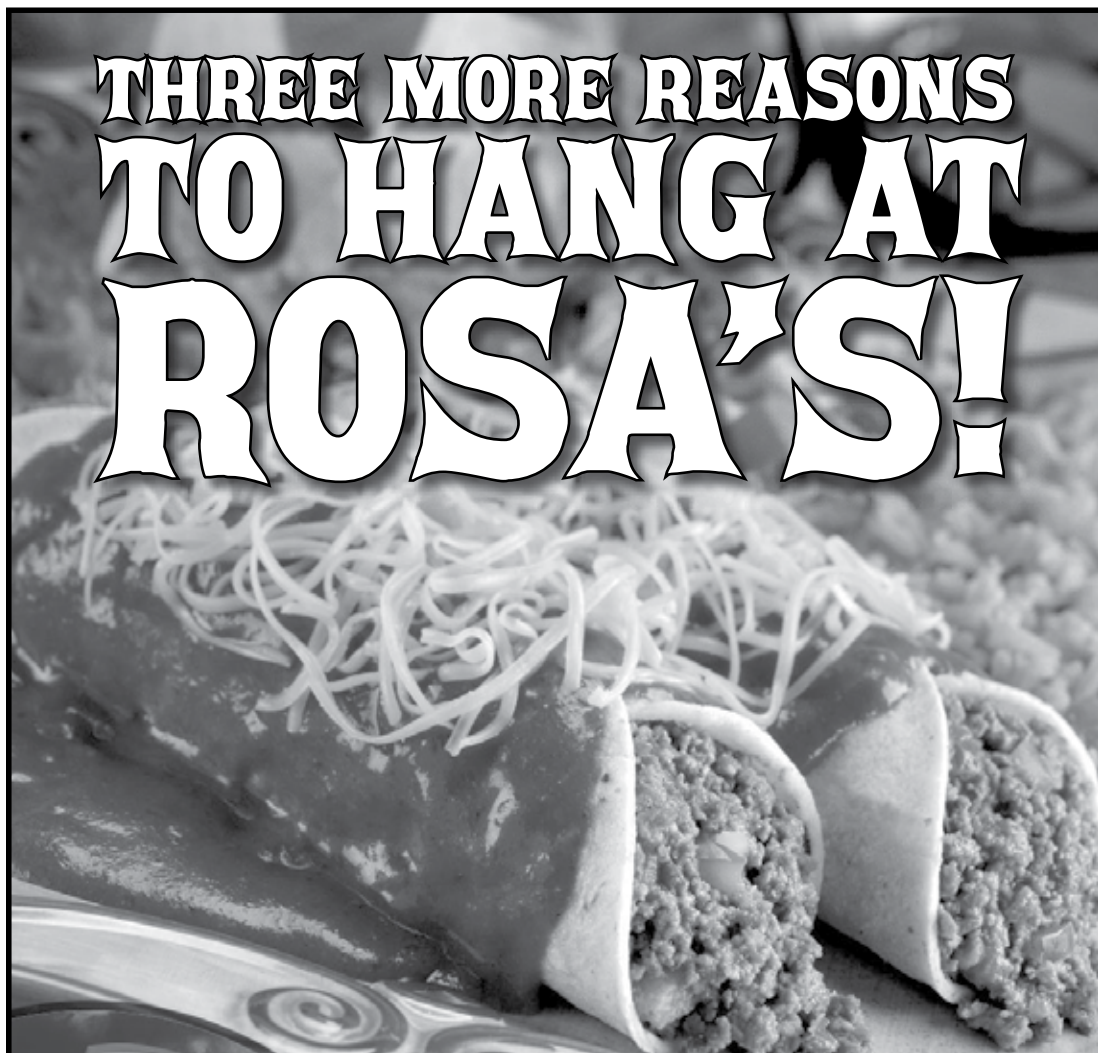
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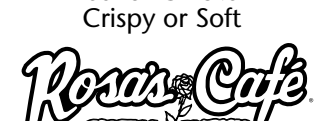
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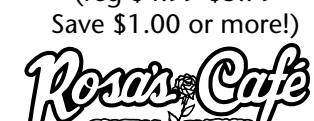
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Global issues series to address China-Mexico link

By **Star De La Cruz**
Reporter

Dr. Mark Anderson, assistant professor of Spanish Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of North Texas, will speak today in 116 Draper Academic Building for the Global Issues Lecture Series. His lecture is titled "Brazos Abiertos, Puños Cerrados: Mexican Cultural Responses to Chinese Immigration." The term "brazos abiertos, puños cerrados" translates to "open arms, fists closed." Anderson's presentation will examine the way Mexican

society reacted to Chinese immigration. He said when the U.S. passed the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1943, which prohibited Chinese immigration into the U.S., many of the Chinese immigrants went to Mexico instead, and those who were residing in California fled to Mexico. Mexico welcomed them, but the nation ran into a few unexpected problems. "Just like the current situation here with Mexicans, Chinese were taking jobs in Mexico that Mexicans wouldn't and for lower salaries," said Dr. Luis Matias-Cruz, Spanish professor.

"In 1910 and 1911 there was a strong anti-Chinese sentiment and around 300 Chinese immigrants were killed." Matias-Cruz said he is looking forward to the presentation because it explores the idea that Mexicans are not multicultural. "There is a lack of information that we are a product of a mix of races, including Chinese, and knowing this we can understand Mexico better," he said. Dr. Lizbeth Souza-Fuertes, associate professor and director of Latin American Studies, said the Chinese and Oriental influence was not only present in Mexico, but it was an issue for

the entire Western hemisphere in the early 1900s, including Brazil, Cuba and particularly Peru. "I'm excited about Dr. Anderson's lecture and I'm sure everyone who attends will enjoy learning about a topic that's not very popular but has changed the relations between countries as well as cultural changes that have taken place," Souza-Fuertes said. Anderson said the impact Chinese immigrants had on Mexico is a global issue, not only because they live in an interconnected world of transnational commerce and culture, but be-

cause immigration and dislocation are two of the key issues for understanding the modern world of globalization. "The Chinese diasporas at the end of the nineteenth century represents a case study in immigration," Anderson said. "On the other hand, the contradictory relationship of the Mexican state and citizens with Chinese immigrants reflects tensions that displaced people face throughout world." Anderson said he doesn't think Mexicans are currently prejudiced against Chinese people, but there is some resentment against the Chinese in

Mexico. He said this is because many of the foreign companies that employed Mexican labor previously have relocated to China, and the cheapness of Chinese products has undercut local manufacturing. "Racial tensions still haven't disappeared from the world," Anderson said. "My hope is that my presentation would give students another tool for understanding both the history of racial discrimination and the way in which anti-immigrant sentiment and institutionalized racism are used unscrupulously by politicians to push forward a political agenda."

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we can provide some relief for students," Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, said. Student Senate passed a resolution Thursday supporting the bills, all three of which are now in committee. But even while Baylor student representatives and all three of Waco's legislators support the bills, they have their critics as well. Dr. John Pisciotta, associate professor of economics, said he doesn't see the pending legisla-

tion as a reasonable solution to the problem. "I would vote no," he said. As an alternative solution, Pisciotta has students in some of his classes use an e-book, which carries a price tag of about \$60. Another alternative to paying the Texas sales tax can be found on Amazon.com, he said. "I don't think we ought to be messing with our tax laws," he said, adding that he doesn't like the train of thought behind Texas' tax-free holiday. "Government policies

should be stable," Pisciotta said, calling the idea of creating specific benefits and tax-free items a "rather cynical and silly game." Like stores that mark their prices up, then constantly keep their items on sales, the idea of a tax-free holiday or a specific exemption gives consumers a false sense that their government is doing them a favor, Pisciotta said. Still, he said he can see this legislation passing. Pisciotta said there are additional problems with the

specific legislation. He said the bills don't compensate for schools on quarterly schedules and the law would only benefit a small group of people. Pisciotta said income tax law as we now know it, began in a similar way, when exemptions and benefits for specific publics were added. When that happens, "You make a nightmare of it," he said. "I would tell students to go put your nose in a textbook, however expensive it might be, and really start studying for your midterms."

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ple who have warrants active against them. The roundup is part of the state law enforcement's new effort to work together more often, and it's the first time police agencies have come together for a warrant roundup, Hollier said. He also said the majority of the outstanding warrants are for traffic violations, but individuals can also be arrested for other Class C misdemeanor charges. "The warrant roundup is for traffic tickets that have not been paid, but if someone is wanted for something else that warrant will also be served," Anderson said. Hollier said ideally a ticket will be paid on time, but sometimes law enforcement agencies have to take the initiative. "Arrest is a last resort," he

said. "But courts over the last five years are beginning to recognize a problem with noncompliance." In order to avoid arrest, individuals are being urged to take care of outstanding warrants on their own. While the roundup is scheduled to end March 10, Hollier warned that arrests won't end with the roundup. Police departments throughout the state will continue to work together to take action against people with outstanding warrants, he said. The Baylor Police Department is not part of the roundup, but Police Chief Jim Doak said the Baylor police did work with the Waco police to provide information and officers when requested. Doak said moving violations on-campus are handled by Waco police.

"Arrest is a last resort."

Steve Anderson
Waco Police Department

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then competed again to earn a place on the traveling team, which went to the Berkeley competition. "We have a great team, but the students who went really had to work hard to get there," Kim said. "I think we really have the potential to start getting more consistent awards." Model United Nations members compete both as teams and as individuals during the competition, Kim said. They are judged on debate skills, writing resolutions, parliamentary procedure, diplomatic relations with other committees and knowledge of

international politics. "It's more than just debating. You have to have general knowledge of how the U.N. works," Kim said. "You have to keep up with current events and know how things factor into what your country is going to do." Turner said he enjoys the competition because of the experience he's gained as a team member. "I enjoy it because it gives you a greater understanding of how the real U.N. works and gives you experience of life and how real diplomacy works," he said. "That's one of the reason I do it."

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way to reach out to the Baylor and Waco communities. "Our goal is to show students how broad the health field can be," Davis said. "Even though we are in the very early stages of organization, we want to focus on increasing holistic health awareness and education." Dr. Beth Lanning, associate professor of health education and Eta Sigma Gamma's faculty adviser, completed the paperwork necessary to establish the Epsilon Alpha chapter at Baylor. The department of health, human performance and recreation also sponsored the \$400

dues required to register the organization. "The society really ties into what we're doing in our department and it will definitely raise awareness of our health program," Lanning said. As an undergraduate at Texas A&M University, Davis said she was initially a premed student. After nearly passing out while shadowing a surgery, she changed her major from biology to health education. Davis said becoming a member of Eta Sigma Gamma changed her life. She said the society opened her eyes to the diversity of the health profession and gave her a chance

to network with others in her field. "It took me a while to find my niche, but I love it," Davis said. Charis Wacker, a Sherman junior and vice president of the society, said she hopes to see the organization grow into something health education students can use to get connected with other students who share their interests. Wacker said it is a great way to get a taste of the jobs the health profession has to offer. "This is a great way for students to get involved and build relationships with professors in the program," Wacker said. Davis said the organization

is considering a variety of fundraising and service opportunities as a starting point, including a stress reliever program during finals week. He said the officers are also considering a mentoring program between the graduate and undergraduate members, as well as hosting speakers at their meetings. "Health education is up and coming," Davis said. "Our ideals of teaching, service and research are meant to benefit the spiritual, physical and emotional health of our community." Eta Sigma Gamma will hold its second meeting at 6 p.m. today in 229 Rena Marrs McLean Gymnasium.



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