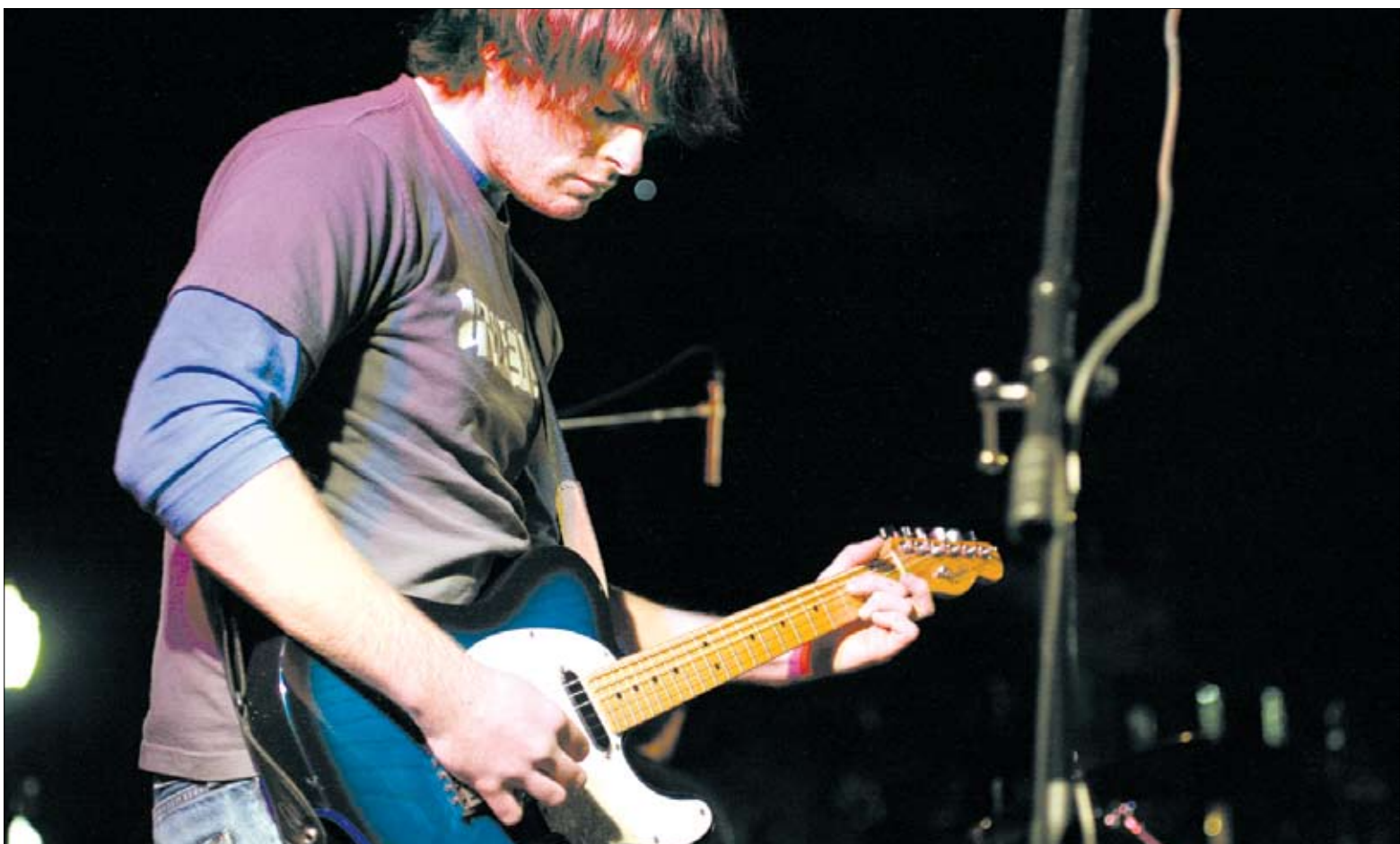


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Battling it out

Waco senior Brian Patterson, the lead guitarist in McKinney sophomore Zaire Adams' band, performs at Fountain Mall on Tuesday at Shipwrecked, a battle of the bands. The winner of the contest will open for Switchfoot at the BYX Island Party in April.



File art

Roxanne Wilson, a Baylor alumna who competed on NBC's *The Apprentice*, spoke to students last September about her experiences.

Reality star returns

Roxanne Wilson to share insight on faith, business

By Melissa Limmer
Staff writer

Baylor continues its celebration of National Women's History Month with a luncheon today featuring Roxanne Wilson, a Baylor graduate and finalist on season five of *The Apprentice*. The luncheon will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. Wilson will talk about her new book, *Footprints in the Boardroom*, a prayer journal from her time on the show. "The book is about my journey and how my faith led me through it," Wilson said. During the high-tension experience of being on a reality show, she said the journal allowed her to keep things in perspective and remember who she is, "which is a child of God." Wilson will also talk about the relationship between faith and business, and keeping balance in a busy life. "You can have your faith and be successful in business," she said.

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Chaplain search continues with three new finalists

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

After a comparatively short search process, three new finalists have been named for the university chaplain position. Dates were announced Tuesday for their on-campus interviews. Interim Chaplain Byron Weathersbee is not among the finalists — he interviewed for the permanent position during the first search, but was turned down with the other two finalists. The new finalists are Dr. Maxie B. Burch, associate pastor for faith development at North Phoenix Baptist Church; Dr. Allen D. Callahan, interim associate protestant chaplain at Brown University; and Dr. Fredrick J. Streets, university chaplain at Yale University. "I'm very pleased with how hard the committee has worked to seek out some very fine candidates," said Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for learning and engagement and chairman of the search committee. Burch received a master's degree in divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984, then a doctorate from Baylor in 1994. He also served as a lecturer in church history and theology at George W. Truett Theological Seminary. He will interview March 22. Callahan graduated from Princeton University in 1982, then received a master's and doctorate

from Harvard University. According to his resume, he understands 11 languages and has taught at seven universities, including Harvard University and Seminário Teológico Batista do Nordeste in Bahia, Brazil. Callahan will interview on March 26. Streets received his master's of divinity from Yale University Divinity School in 1975, then a doctorate in social welfare from Yeshiva University in 1997. He currently serves as chaplain for Yale University. Streets will interview on March 28. San Angelo senior Rosie Gregg, who met with each of the former fi-

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Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Dr. Sarah Jane Murray, assistant professor of medieval literature and French, and research assistant Amanda Weppeler, a Cypress junior, peruse a medieval manuscript Thursday in Murray's office in Tidwell Bible Building.

Modern age meets Middle Ages

Professor, team use computers to catalog medieval manuscript

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

More than 800 years ago, a scribe labored to copy down a Latin translation of one of Plato's dialogues, the *Timaeus*. Elsewhere, a different scribe copied down the Old French story *Chanson de Roland*. The manuscripts, complete with centuries of notes in the margins, were later combined

into one codex called Digby 23 and eventually bequeathed to Oxford University, where it has rested quietly since the 13th century. Some of the margin notes, called glosses, may have been unread for years, said Dr. Sarah Jane Murray, assistant professor of medieval literature and French at Baylor. If Murray has her way, Digby 23 will still rest quietly in Oxford, but it won't be unread. She proposes to make the manuscript and all its notes available on a Web site: <http://timaeus.baylor.edu/home>. "The glosses are important historical witnesses to the way

that people at the time were reading the *Timaeus*," Murray said. "Language is a cultural witness of society at the time and to be able to provide scholars a chance to study it is very interesting." Murray first became interested in the possibilities offered by the field of humanities computing, using electronic technologies to study humanities, as a graduate student at Princeton University, where she was involved with one of the earliest humanities computing projects. Please see **BOOK**, page 6

Faculty faith study stopped

'Potential misuses' of survey stirs concern at Senate meeting

By Claire St. Amant and Jon Schroeder
Staff writers

Despite receiving a \$4,890 grant from the Institute for Faith and Learning and the Lilly Endowment, Dr. Michael Sherr has decided not to pursue further development on the Christian faculty vocation model. Sherr, assistant professor of social work, told the *Lariat* via e-mail Monday that his decision to not go through with the third part of the study was "on his own initiative." The model was slated for a pilot test at Baylor in the fall and consisted of a scaled survey of questions designed to provide feedback about the integration of faith and learning in the classroom. Ronny Fritz, assistant director of the Institute for Faith and Learning, said Sherr's decision was a "private matter." "When a professor whom we've awarded a grant decides not to pursue the research, it's never made the news," Fritz said. In this case, however, many faculty members deemed it worthy of attention. The model was on the Faculty Senate agenda Tuesday. A letter written by Dr. Diana Garland was handed out at the Faculty Senate meeting. Garland, dean of the School of Social Work, wrote, "This experience has underscored the value of collegial conversation. We hope this experience will encourage direct conversations about the research we do and its implications. We look forward to creating opportunities for such exchanges." At the meeting, faculty senators shared concerns, mostly about "potential misuses" of the project, said Dr. Dianna Vitanza, Faculty Senate chairwoman. Other issues were also raised — the project was funded by Baylor's Institute for Faith and Learning, and some Senate members were concerned that it was funded without enough consultation with the university committee responsible for human resources and research. Garland also announced the return of money earmarked for the third part of the study, Vitanza said. Dr. D. Thomas Hanks, an English professor, said while he sympathized with Sherr's goal to discover more about the relationship between faith and learning, he was relieved to see the study dissolved. "I think it's very useful to look at how we blend faith and learning, but I just don't think a ques-

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Jury convicts Libby of lying, obstructing investigation

By Michael J. Sniffen
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Once the closest adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby was convicted Tuesday of lying and obstructing a leak investigation that shook the top levels of the Bush administration. Four guilty verdicts ended a seven-week CIA leak trial that focused new attention on the Bush administration's much-

criticized handling of intelligence reports about weapons of mass destruction in the run-up to the Iraq war. In the end, jurors said they did not believe Libby's main defense: that he hadn't lied but merely had a bad memory. Their decisions made Libby the highest-ranking White House official convicted in a government scandal since National Security Adviser John Poindexter in the Iran-Contra affair two decades ago.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald said the verdict closed the nearly four-year investigation into how the name of Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, and her classified job at the CIA were leaked to reporters in 2003 — just days after Wilson publicly accused the administration of doctoring prewar intelligence. No one will be charged with the leak itself, which the trial confirmed came first from then-Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage.

"The results are actually sad," Fitzgerald told reporters after the verdict. "It's sad that we had a situation where a high-level official person who worked in the office of the vice president obstructed justice and lied under oath. We wish that it had not happened, but it did." One juror, former Washington Post reporter Denis Collins, said the jury did not believe Libby's main defense: that he never lied but just had a faulty memory. Juror Jeff Comer

agreed. Collins said the jurors spent a week charting the testimony and evidence on 34 poster-size pages. "There were good managerial type people on this jury who took everything apart and put it in the right place," Collins said. "After that, it wasn't a matter of opinion. It was just there." Libby is free pending sentencing. His lawyers will ask that he remain so through any appeal.

Poverty simulation reproduces lives of ‘least of these’

Two weekends ago, I went from being a member of the middle class to below the federal poverty line in the blink of an eye.

As some of you may know, as part of your grade in the Poverty in Waco class, you have to give up a weekend of your life to do a poverty simulation. I can't tell you any of the particulars about the simulation out of respect for the program and its leaders because, remember, part of being poor is being powerless. But what I can tell you is what I learned.

I learned that I am incredibly spoiled. I always compare myself to other Baylor students

and think that I'm much more levelheaded – that my parents only gave me things I needed. Well, that's obviously not true.

I don't need a computer. I don't need a cell phone. I don't need a car, and I definitely don't need a television.

But I have all of these things when more than 30 percent of Waco's children are living in poverty and when 77 percent of Waco's children qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Where's the fairness in that? Now I've never been rolling in money. My 13-inch TV is the same one I've had since I was 14. My car is a hand-me-down from my grandfather and has a dent

point of view

BY MELINDA HENDERSON

in the side that I can't afford to fix. I complain quite often about the awful whirring sound my Dell makes, but could you imagine how grateful any of the children in the Waco projects would be for my computer?

We're so caught up in the "American dream" that we've lost sight of what Christianity is really about. It's not about suc-



cess for yourself or for family. It's not even about going to church on Sunday mornings and tithing your 10 percent.

Being a Christian is about reaching out and showing God's love to others. Somewhere along the way we've lost this vision. In the New Testament, tithes went to the people based on who needed it – not the church.

These days only about 1 percent of an average church's tithes go to the poor because middle-class America has decided that comfortable seating and expensive sound equipment is better for the church experience.

Oh, and don't forget pastor salaries. Those middle class pas-

tors have to look just as good as their membership, right?

Enough ragging on mega-churches (that should be a whole other column on its own.)

In Matthew 25, Jesus is talking with his disciples in the weeks before his death and he tells them "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

It's so clear. Jesus is the homeless man we turn away from. Jesus is the prostitute that's never heard the Word. Jesus is that small child in the projects.

So whatever we do to "the least of these," we do to God.

This past weekend truly

affirmed my decision to work with people. Even though I do a lot of volunteer work in the community, I know I could do more. This weekend taught me where God's calling me, and I'm going to go there.

I strongly encourage you to do the poverty simulation. It's such a humbling experience, and it really shows you what's important in life. It's not money, cell phones or computers.

It's the relationships you form, the love you give and the compassion you have for other people outside of your comfort zone.

Melinda Henderson is a junior journalism major from Humble.

Editorial

BU attendance policy sells students short

"For better, for worse, in sickness and in health." A marriage vow? Or what you have to tell your professor at the beginning of the semester in order to pass your class?

It's time for Baylor to rethink its attendance policy. For those unfamiliar with the rules, the policy states that students must attend 75 percent of a course's class sessions in order to pass.

There is no differentiation between excused and unexcused absences, and even university-sponsored events count against the record.

For a Tuesday-Thursday class, if a student misses more than seven classes, he or she automatically fails that class. Many professors go above and beyond the mandated attendance policy and take points off after two or three absences.

People often say things are done no differently in the "real world." But is an attendance policy preparation for the real world?

It's surprising this argument holds water at the university level. Many college students, working part or full time to make ends meet and struggling to pay bills, would scoff at the notion that college is somehow not yet the real world.

All pretense of educational institutions acting in loco parentis should end after high school, but people continue to defend strict attendance policies on the basis that they teach young people responsibility.

Most students who are responsible enough to do well in a course can realize the repercussions of missing class on their own.

They may miss a class lecture and notes, vital information for a test,

homework assignments and quizzes.

Many students also realize they're paying a high price for their education, and those who do not realize this should. Assuming a full course load of five three-credit classes, missing a Tuesday-Thursday class is the equivalent of wasting roughly \$69 each time. But it's \$69 that the student may be choosing to waste for legitimate reasons.

Not to place too strong an emphasis on the economic model, but when students miss courses because they're attending a school event or are seriously ill and would otherwise infect half the student body, having the shield of university policy thrown up in defense of point deduction is of little consolation to students.

Baylor's attendance policy differs significantly from other schools, many of which have no formal policy at all. For example, Texas A&M University's student rules state, "The university views class attendance as an individual student responsibility. Students are expected to attend class and to complete all assignments. Instructors are expected to give adequate notice of the dates on which major tests will be given and assignments will be due."

The rules explain that excused absences include things such as illness, injury, family death, a university-sponsored event and several other reasons. The policy isn't lenient beyond all rationality, but it still allows for contingencies.

Other universities, such as Texas Christian University, the University of Texas at Austin and UT-San Antonio, leave attendance policies up to the discretion of the professor. All three



excuse university-sponsored events, and UT and UTSA make exceptions for religious holidays as well.

Baylor's only concession to any sort of argument about the policy is that professors are "expected" to work with students to make up work if their absence is due to a university-sponsored event.

The whole premise of an "excused" absence is a moot point at Baylor to begin with. There is no concession for a serious sickness – documented or

not – or death in the family. Unfortunately, due to the unpredictable nature of life, things such as sickness and death often occur during the semester. Sometimes students need to attend funerals, go to the health center or stay home in bed during the week.

Professors may be sympathetic to students' pleas for lenience on their own, but it's disappointing that official university policy won't protect a student in case they aren't. The bot-

tom line is, students often have legitimate reasons to miss their classes. The fact that Baylor doesn't do an adequate job of addressing this is disconcerting to say the least.

As delinquent as some people think college students are, the truth is that many of us deliberate about missing a class, even when we truly need to because we know the value of what we'll be missing.

What students shouldn't have to worry about is failing.

Letters to the editor

Blame parents, not schools

In response to Jordan Daniel's column "Public school system creates dumb college students," I don't think it is entirely the public school system that is responsible for churning out dumb college students.

I feel for the most part it is society and parenting that is the root cause.

I could understand if the school system wasn't providing an adequate level of service or opportunity, but overall I think it is.

It comes down to parenting and instilling a sense of willingness to work for achievements in students, rather than sitting around waiting for them to happen – or worse, expecting them

to happen.

Take a hundred students and ask them who their idols, heroes or influencers are and what they want to do when they grow up.

I'm sure the answer will be music stars and athletes not engineers, astronauts, scientists, physicists, writers and thinkers.

We as a society have a warped sense of what an idol should be. Rather than teaching kids that their future is like a lottery, why don't we show what people can do when you study, learn and increase your knowledge.

You can do so much more than try out for *American Idol* or play a sport for a couple of years before you blow out a knee or get run up on drug charges.

Maybe they could discover new planets, find cures, solve

complicated problems, create new things that enrich people's lives. I guess it takes too much effort these days in our drive-through, super-sized, need-it-now society.

Our parents worked hard to make life easier for us, but now this newer generation just expects stuff to happen for them. It's just sad.

Dave Scott
Port Richey, Fla.

'Lariat' needs to chill out

After several weeks of reading some snide and catty editorials in *The Lariat*, I have come to the conclusion that members of the editorial board are having a series of very bad days.

Why else I wonder, would editorials that, in my opinion,

show no forethought or attempt to conduct thorough background research be written?

Take for instance the recent editorial on Professor Michael Sherr's study of faith integration in the classroom and student feedback.

I've spoken with Sherr about his work, and the editorial grossly misrepresented its purpose and design.

I am led to believe then, that the editorial board made no effort to sit down with Sherr and discuss the study and its implications in this university's setting.

If they had, such an editorial might never have been written. I believe a personal apology to Sherr is in order; at least, it would be a courteous and

mature gesture.

I can relate to the desire to let students know what issues concern them, and how those issues are being presented and dealt with on campus.

What I cannot relate to is the juvenile and tacky manner in which the board reveals its dissatisfaction with some situations.

Tuesday's editorial on the gag order imposed by student government made no bones about the board's unhappiness with the order.

But the manner in which it was presented shows that the board would rather write their editorials with venom than rationality.

Any attempts to make a case for lifting the gag order are swal-

lowed whole by statements like, "If you can't think of one, don't feel bad because we couldn't either."

That's not good editorial writing, and it certainly doesn't win an argument.

My advice to the board members is that the next time they come across a situation that rubs them the wrong way, they should take the time to make a phone call or two and get all the information available.

They should try to see the other side of the argument – a key point in editorial writing.

Then sit down with an experienced faculty member and flesh out a more effective way of delivering opinions.

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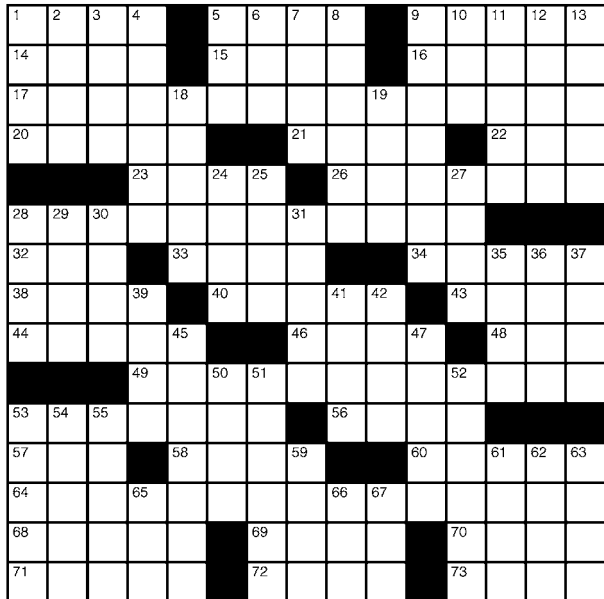
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By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

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

NATO launches offensive against Taliban

By Fisnik Abrashi
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — In its largest offensive yet, thousands of NATO troops moved Tuesday into the mountains of southern Afghanistan where hundreds of hardcore Taliban insurgents hold sway — an operation in the world’s biggest opium-producing region aimed at winning over a population long supportive of militant fighters.

Composed of 4,500 NATO and 1,000 Afghan troops, Operation Achilles marks the start of NATO’s major spring military action, said Col. Tom Collins, spokesman for NATO’s International Security Assistance Force.

NATO hopes to establish security among a population now harboring Taliban militants and drug traffickers, and rid the region of its shadow Taliban government. That would allow President Hamid Karzai’s administration to make its first move into a lawless region overflowing with the poppies funding the Taliban insurgency.

“What you are going to see in the coming weeks is the enemy reacting to the strategic



Associated Press

An Afghan police officer, right, checks a vehicle passenger Tuesday as they enter Lashkar Gah City the provincial capital of Helmand province Tuesday.

initiative of the government of Afghanistan and the (NATO) forces it’s partnered with,” Collins said. “It is us moving into (Taliban) areas, not the other way around.”

The offensive is NATO’s largest-ever in the country. But it involves only half the number of soldiers that fought in a U.S. offensive in the same region just nine months ago, when some

11,000 U.S.-led troops attacked fighters in northern Helmand province during Operation Mountain Thrust.

Although 1,500 U.S. troops along with British, Canadian and Dutch soldiers were returning to the region, the situation was “fundamentally different” this year, and NATO had a much better opportunity to establish a permanent presence because

more troops were in the country.

The offensive “is focused on improving security in areas where Taliban extremists, narco-traffickers and foreign terrorists are currently operating,” Collins said. “Once the security situation is improved, we will begin short- and long-term reconstruction projects.”

Officials estimate there are hundreds of hardcore Taliban insurgents in the area, as well as hundreds — or perhaps thousands — of foot soldiers hired to fight for the group.

He said NATO was working closely with the government to prevent civilian casualties, which have dogged military operations here and caused an outcry by Karzai and other Afghans.

Up to 20 civilian deaths in three incidents Sunday and Monday can be attributed to U.S. or NATO military action, Afghan officials and witnesses say. Afghan defense officials said four Taliban insurgents were killed in the first day of the offensive.

Britain’s Ministry of Defense said a British soldier was also killed in Helmand, but not as

part of the operation. Helmand is the world’s biggest producer of opium, and a new U.N. drug assessment indicates this year’s poppy harvest could be higher than last year’s record output.

The U.N. says Taliban fighters protect poppy farmers and tax the crop, deriving money for their insurgency.

The government has little control over many parts of northern Helmand, and the British troops stationed there battle almost daily with militants.

U.S. intelligence officials say Taliban fighters have flooded into Helmand over the last several months, and there are now more fighters there than anywhere else in the country.

“We cannot allow extremists, criminals and Taliban to decide what happens in this country,” Maj. Gen. Ton van Loon, ISAF’s southern commander, told reporters. “We need to make sure the government of Afghanistan with our support ... secures the area.”

The Taliban still controls the some towns in the Helmand province.

Collins said NATO forces would not move in until the government approves it.

Harvard professor to lecture on history, religion

By Aileen Wong
Reporter

Steven Ozment, the McLean Professor of Ancient and Modern History at Harvard University, will present the Charles Edmondson Historical Lecture from 3:30 to 5 p.m. today and Thursday in 100 Morrison Hall.

Today Ozment will cover

part one of his lecture, “Lucas Cranach, the Elder, in Art and History,” and Thursday he will present “Cranach’s Nudes: Art and Reform.”

“The goal was to bring world-renowned speakers to the Waco and Baylor community for the benefit of students and faculty,” Dr. Jeffrey Hamilton, chairman of the history department, said.

“The speakers that are chosen are always distinguished faculty speakers.”

Ozment will talk about Cranach and his effects on European history in the 1500s. The two lectures are geared toward a wide variety of interests, including history, religion and art.

“He takes a broad view of things, and his approach will

appeal to many people,” Dr. David Hendon, professor of history, said.

Hamilton said Ozment was selected to speak this year because there is a great deal of interest in The Reformation.

“The Edmondson Historical Lecture is important because it brings noted historians from around the country to the Baylor

campus in order to interact with the students and faculty,” said Dr. Julie Sweet, assistant professor of history.

Ozment has written 10 books, including one used as a Baylor text. *The Age of Reform, 1220-1550*, won the Schaff History Prize and was nominated for the 1981 National Book Award.

BEAR BRIEFS

Join Mission Week

Applications for the Mission Week 2007 steering committee are now available at Bobo Baptist Student Center. For more information, visit www.baylorbsm.org.

Bank CEO to lecture

A lecture on leadership in private enterprise will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. today 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. today in 221 Waco Hall East. For additional information, contact Leta_Horan@baylor.edu.

Benefit play at Hippodrome

The Vagina Monologues will be performed at 8 p.m. today at the Waco Hippodrome. Tickets can be purchased at the door and cost \$10.

Attend a movie screening

The Waco Area Friends of Peace will screen a documentary, *The U.S. vs. John Lennon* at 6 p.m. Thursday in the meeting room at Poppa Rollo’s Pizza. A buffet will be served and a discussion will follow the film.

To submit a bear brief, e-mail Lariat@baylor.edu.

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Geology prof works with grad students to reduce pollution

By Nathan McCoy
Reporter

Dr. Joe Yelderman, a geology professor, presented research that found a way to protect the environment surrounding individual septic tank systems Tuesday evening at the Waco Convention Center.

Yelderman worked with graduate students to install a submerged bed wetland, which relies on common gravel and several plants to remove pollutants from the septic waste. The experiment was installed on

Waco Metropolitan Area Regional Sewage System property.

Over the last year, Yelderman's team has conducted two consecutive six-month studies of the submerged wetland.

The team evaluated its findings under a widely accepted set of treatment system requirements called Standard 40.

This was the first time a submerged-bed wetland has been measured against the Standard 40 protocol, Yelderman said.

During each six-month period, stress tests were conducted on the wetland.

The wetland continued to function properly while each test was performed.

Yelderman said he feels positive about the research, but additional research will need to be conducted in order to reach a more confident conclusion.



Yelderman

"There's still a lot more at this stage to analyze and look at, but I think we're going to have some really good data on how wetlands treat wastewater," Yelderman said.

His research was presented at the Texas On-Site Wastewater Treatment Research Council Conference, which is held annually in Waco. Cathy Rutherford, program specialist for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, said they just voted to expand Yelderman's wetland project Monday during their quarterly meeting.

"It looks like we're going to be doing these studies at least for another year or two," Yelderman said.

He added that the team will continue researching until at least May.

"As a university, we'll run things as long as you give us money," he said.

The conference has been held in Waco for "eight or nine years," Rutherford said. However, this is the first year the council has held its quarterly meeting to vote on projects and initiatives in Waco instead of Austin.

The Texas On-Site Wastewater Treatment Research Council is a governor-appointed council that consists of 11 members.

Septic system installers, apprentices and design representatives come to the conference every year to receive continuing education credits needed in order for them to keep their licenses to practice, Rutherford said.

The council sponsors research relative to on-site wastewater industry, and also votes on projects, educates others and issues publications, Rutherford said.

Walter Reed uproar refuels Iraq debate

By Anne Flaherty
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats are using the uproar over Walter Reed Army Medical Center as their latest cudgel to batter President Bush for his Iraq war policies as the administration shows signs it fears political damage from the revelations.

Reports of patient neglect and shoddy outpatient rooms at the hospital have brought Army brass to Capitol Hill to explain and apologize.

Bush's handling of the war has been widely unpopular with voters, and reports about Walter Reed come on the heels of his decision to send more troops to Iraq - which has also met a negative response from the public.

Democrats are stepping up

their anti-war rhetoric and casting Walter Reed as the latest Bush administration failure in planning for the war and other contingencies.

"This is the Katrina of 2007," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., comparing the hospital scandal to the 2005 hurricane that left Gulf Coast residents stranded for days without federal assistance.

For its part, the Bush administration has moved quickly to try to contain the political damage.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates forced Army Secretary Francis Harvey to resign last Friday, and Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman, who was in charge of Walter Reed since August 2006, was ousted from his post a day earlier.

The rapid removal of the two officials was followed by a promise by Vice President Dick Cheney and the president himself that the problems would be fixed, and the creation of high-profile panels to unearth gaps in the system.

In a speech at the American Legion on Tuesday, Bush announced he had asked former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and former Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, a Democrat, to lead a bipartisan probe into the mistreatment of wounded troops.

Bush also directed Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson to set up a task force of officials from various agencies to identify problems in treating wounded troops.

To underscore the message that he cares about the troops, Bush referred to the group as a task force on "returning global war on terror heroes."

To further make that point, the administration invited journalists to a naturalization ceremony next Monday at Walter Reed, when Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Emilio Gonzalez, director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration, will swear in five wounded soldiers as new American citizens.

Bush administration officials also headed to Capitol Hill on Tuesday and apologized profusely, one by one saying they were at fault for not delving deeper into reports of staffing problems and a maintenance backlog at Walter Reed.



Associated Press

Annette McLeod, wife of Cpl. Wendell McLeod, center, flanked by Staff Sgt. John Shannon, left, and Spec. Jeremy Duncan, testifies Monday during a hearing at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington.

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copies of the book will be available to purchase and be signed at the luncheon. Returning to her alma mater is an experience Wilson said "feels like coming home ... I am very honored."

While at Baylor, Wilson was the first female member and president of the Chamber of Commerce.

"I think it is great that she is willing to come back and share her experiences," said Jessica Hickey, a Wolfe City senior and president of Chamber. "As (with) any of our alumni who have been successful, we look up to her."

In an e-mail interview, Ashley Stone, graduate assistant for multicultural affairs, said the theme for this year's Women's History Month is "Be Whole,

Be You." Stone said this theme comes from Deuteronomy 6:5, which says to "love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength."

Stone also said Wilson was chosen to speak because she is an example of someone who has excelled academically and professionally while staying active in her church and community.

"We felt it was important to

bring in a speaker who modeled the very idea we were basing our month on," Stone said.

Stone said she believed it is important for Baylor to celebrate Women's History Month because "it allows us to not only look back at great women who have paved the way for us, but is an opportunity to educate and better ourselves and continue to pave the way for those who will follow us."

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Bears baseball beats Bobcats, 6-4

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

In a sloppy game that saw six errors between the two teams, the Baylor baseball team (10-6) came from behind to beat the Texas State University Bobcats 6-4.

Despite his team committing three errors, head Coach Steve Smith said he was pleased with the way his team played the game.

"I thought we played very well," Smith said. "It wasn't a perfect game, but I thought we competed very well. I enjoyed watching us play tonight."

The Bears trailed for much of

the game. They didn't take their first lead until the bottom of the sixth inning, when they scored two runs on a hit and two walks to make the score 5-4.

Three of the Bears' six runs came off of Texas State relievers Jason Baca and Eric Weaver, who entered the game with ERAs of 1.35 and 0.00 respectively in a combined 32 1/3 innings.

"We saw good pitching tonight, but our guys battled and battled and battled."

Sophomore third baseman Seth Hammock tacked on an insurance run in the eighth inning when he hit his first career home run to lead off the inning. After walking, ground-

ing out and striking out in his first three at-bats, Hammock delivered a 1-1 fastball over the wall in left center field to ice the game.

"I was trying to get on base any way I could, and luckily I got a pitch in my last at bat to hit hard and I didn't really miss it," Hammock said.

One of the bright spots Smith pointed to in the win was the work of his pitchers. While freshman pitcher Wade Mackey made his second career start, the Bears threw five pitchers in the game, who combined to give up two earned runs while walking just one Texas State batter.

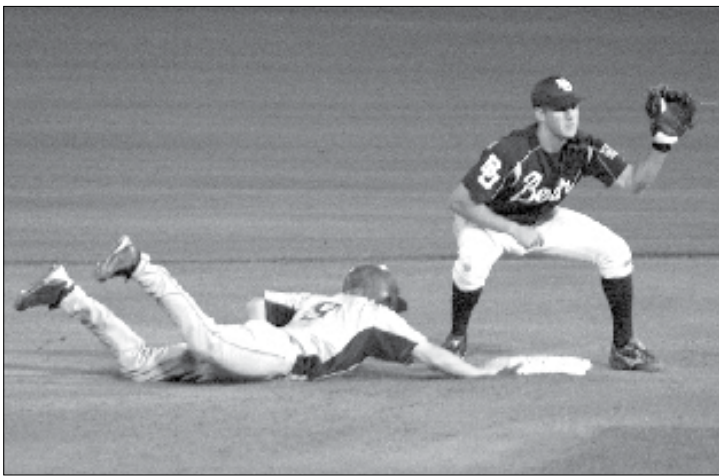
"Usually when you're parad-

ing that many pitchers out there, it's because your behind, but this was a team effort," Smith said. "Guys were put in situations and they were able to be successful in them."

Smith said another encouraging sign he saw was the approach of his young hitters, especially freshman second baseman Shaver Hansen.

After tallying just four hits in his first 35 at-bats - two of which were bunt singles - Hansen recorded two line drive singles and an RBI on Tuesday.

"I went up there trying to be more competitive," Hansen said. "But as far as hits go, they'll come, you just have to keep



David Poe/Lariat staff

The Baylor baseball team slid past the Texas State Bobcats Tuesday night to win 6-4.

going up there like it's your first at-bat."

He added that they got "good jobs for the most part out of our

pitching. We gave up some hits but we only walked them one time. We sent five guys out there tonight."

Lady Bears gear up for first post-season game vs. Kansas

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

After clawing their way to a third place finish in the Big 12, the Lady Bears have finally arrived at the post-season.

"This is the third season," head Coach Kim Mulkey said. "You kind of divide the season into three parts: non-conference, conference and post-season. For those of us who think we're already in the NCAA (Tournament), the conference tournament is something that could help with your seed or hurt your seed. We're all just going to be elated to get to the NCAA tournament."

While the Lady Bears appear

destined for a reasonably high seed in the NCAA tournament, finishing the regular season ranked No. 16, they can't look too far down the road. They still have to get through the Big 12 tournament this week.

After receiving a bye and the third overall seed in the Big 12 tournament, Baylor will play the University of Kansas, the No. 11 seed, at 8:30 p.m. today in Oklahoma City.

Kansas upset the No. 6 seeded Oklahoma State University Cowgirls Tuesday night and will likely need to win the Big 12 tournament to earn a bid to the NCAA tournament. That alone makes them a worthy challenge, Mulkey said.

"When you get to the post-season conference tournament, it's an opportunity for teams that need to help themselves to upset the teams they know are going to the NCAA Tournament," Mulkey said. "We don't want to fall in that trap of losing to someone we shouldn't lose to."

Baylor's regular season schedule can only help its quest for a high seed come Selection Sunday. Only one team, No. 2 University of Tennessee, played and beat more teams in the RPI Top 50 than Baylor.

Further propping up their post-season resume, all six of Baylor's losses this season came to ranked opponents.

So while other Big 12 teams use the conference tournament as a staging ground for their NCAA hopes, Baylor will simply be trying to make it through in one piece.

"The most important thing is the NCAA tournament," Mulkey said. "For those of us who already think we're in the NCAA tournament...you just try and avoid injury (in the conference tournament)."

Senior transfer Bernice Mosby, who's carried Baylor through some of its toughest stretches, will be playing in her first Big 12 tournament this week.

She may be prepared, she said, but she is still uncertain as to how Big 12 competition looks

in the post-season.

"I'm pretty excited," said Mosby, who was named first team All-Big 12 as well as the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year last week. "This conference is so physical, and I'm looking forward to my first Big 12 tournament."

And while the Lady Bears are more familiar with the Big 12 than anywhere else, they'll be looking forward to seeing some fresh competition come NCAA tournament time.

"It's going to be refreshing just to play somebody outside of our conference," Mosby said. "It's kind of like a new start, so we're all pretty excited about that."

Sophomore post Rachel Al-

lison went through the Big 12 tournament and onto the Sweet 16 last year, and she said poised and calm in the post-season are just as important as experience.

"In the past two games we've had a little downslide, but we're looking past that," Allison said. "We're going into the tournament with a whole different mindset, just to go in there and win."

While their season was certainly a successful one, the Lady Bears will enter the post-season on a two-game losing skid, tying their longest of the season.

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“As I became involved in the process, it taught me new ways to read documents that really cannot be approached in critical editions,” Murray said. “It taught me the value of the manuscript but also the value of electronic technologies to help us study manuscripts and to learn to ask new questions about the medieval period that we could not have asked before.”

The Digby 23 project differs from other projects because it does not just transcribe what the text says, but also all the different characters used in the text.

“Just like secretaries used to use shorthand, scribes used different symbols to represent different words,” said Amanda Weppler, a Cypress junior and one of Murray’s research assistants. “There are also some that don’t seem to serve a specific purpose except stylistically.”

This may not seem important, Murray admitted, but she added, “We’re trying to preserve, as best we can, all the information in the manuscript. So we are not telling people what to study; we’re making it possible for people to ask any question they want about the manuscript.”

This is also important for scholars who are interested in studying not just the text it-

self but also how the language changed over time and how scholars in the past studied the text.

“If you’re interested in studying how the **Timaeus** or the **Song of Roland** was read by medieval readers, they were nothing like the paperbacks that are published today,” Murray said. “And we’re interested in studying how people read the **Timaeus** then.”

The Digby 23 project will also eventually allow scholars to search for other things in the manuscript, such as themes and images. Many projects just scan manuscripts online so people can view them, Murray said.

“The problem with this is ... we’re using the computer just as a photocopy machine that’s making pictures available, but you still have to read them by hand just as you would if you were sitting in front of the manuscript,” she said. “Imagine a world where all the manuscript images were completely searchable.”

Murray said she and her team hope to create a transcription of each image that is not meant to be read, but allows the engine to make the picture searchable.

Another way technology is

changing the study of humanities is by offering scholars a different way to make an argument, according to Vika Zafrin, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in humanities computing at Brown University.

“(Humanities Computing) is research and presentation of materials that either can’t be easily done on paper or can’t be done on paper at all,” she said.

“We now have the technology to do all kinds of exciting things.”

She said she was especially interested to see that the Digby 23 project would be encoding themes in the manuscript.

Generally, projects similar to this track the number of times each word is used in the text and what part of speech it is. Murray and her team intend to not only do this, but also to cite each time different themes occur in the text.

For example, a search for “love” will pull up every passage in the text that relates to that theme.

Identifying what part of speech a word is in a sentence is not subject to debate, Zafrin said.

“But saying, ‘This word

means fear in this sentence’ is,” she said. “Encoding themes is inherently subjective.”

She also said the normal process of writing a scholarly article in response to another article can take months or even years because of the peer-review process, but sites like the Digby 23 project Web site offer a quick and easy way for scholars to respond to one another.

“It’s a really exciting way to express an argument differently than a linear-written article and should be more likely to elicit responses because it’s easier to provide a short response to very specific questions,” she said.

Murray is assisted by Stephen Bush, a Waco graduate student, and Weppler. Bush manages the technical aspects of running the Web site and Weppler transcribes the text.

Weppler, who also invents names for new or unusual characters, said this experience has taught her more than just how to read medieval Latin.

“I’ve also learned the ability to be flexible and solve problems,” she said.

“I’ve learned to deduce what a word means and what a symbol means, even if I’m not familiar with a symbol. It’s pretty rare for even graduate students to get to do this sort of thing. This is really a remarkable opportunity.”

The Digby 23 project has been funded by a grant from the Young Investigator Develop-

ment program of Baylor, Murray said. This funding has enabled her to pay Weppler and Bush, as well as to cover other start-up expenses.

“I would love to get to the stage where we have enough funding to employ a team of students and not just two,” Murray said.

She said she has applied for a \$30,000 Digital Innovation Grant from the National Endowment for Humanities, which would allow the team to finish building the prototype over the next year.

“We’re excited, but at the same time we realize that the competition is fierce and it would be almost completely unexpected for us to win the first time around, so we’ll re-apply,” she said.

Murray said one of the things she enjoys about her research on the Digby 23 manuscript is exploring connections between the two texts.

Though people often assume their attachment was arbitrary, Murray said she believes there is a reason the texts were put together.

“Everybody has assumed that these two manuscripts were attached for no reason whatsoever, because what would a minstrel story about knights have to do with Plato’s dialogue?” she said.

Timaeus, Murray said, contains the first written account of the myth of Atlantis. In the

dialogue, a Greek lawgiver visits Egypt and marvels at how old and wise Egypt is. An Egyptian priest tells him that Athens is old as well.

“He says, ‘We’re nothing compared to Athens, but you don’t know your own history,’” Murray said.

The priest tells the story of a country called Atlantis, which tried to conquer Europe and Asia. Athens saved the world by defeating Atlantis in battle, but shortly afterward a tidal wave swallowed the whole city.

Since Athens did not write the story down, no one remembered it but the Egyptians, who recorded it in their temples.

The story connects to Charson de Roland because Roland is the first recorded account of a great battle in French history, Murray said. This battle helped to define France as a nation.

“Plato, I suppose, understands the point of the myth because he’s the first person to write it down and so it comes to us,” Murray said.

“The motto, I think, of the myth of Atlantis is that, without writing, we have no knowledge of the past. Without writing, we have no idea where we came from. Without writing, we too are children.”

And it seems that, with the help of Murray and her research team, these myths will be re-recorded in a new form of writing to reach yet another generation.

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tionnaire is the way to do it,” he said.

Hanks expressed concern over the effect of using surveys in complex personal matters such as one’s religion.

“I would be nervous about seeing my integration of faith and learning codified,” he said. “Because to codify always means to reduce.”

Hanks said his own courses on medieval literature lend themselves to blatant discussions of Christian principles, but professors who teach classes in physics or fashion design would have to go about integrating differently.

“I think every member of

Baylor’s faculty is interested in the relationship between faith and learning,” he said. “But I also think many regard that as a personal issue.”

In his own informal research, Hanks said he found students do want to see professors bring their faith to the classroom, but not in a forced way.

“I’m always asking my students how they’d like to see faith and learning blended,” he said. “They almost always say they don’t want to be preached at or given a Sunday school lesson.”

Hank said he hopes the conversation about faith and learning continues at Baylor with open-ended questions.

“I would be uncomfortable with any questionnaire that im-

plied there was only one way to fill in the blanks,” he said.

In addition to discussing Sherr’s study, senators also talked about the new faculty center, which will replace the Harrington House Faculty Center and be built near the Bobo Baptist Student Center on Fifth Street.

Senators also discussed the possibility of developing an online voting process for next year’s Faculty Senate elections.

The idea is in an early “talking stage,” although this semester’s ballot vote has been under way since Tuesday for open positions in the Faculty Senate.

As senators’ terms expire, eight arts and sciences positions will be opening along with one position each in education, law, business and music.

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nalists with a group of students, said she still hopes search committee members don’t regret turning away all the former finalists, but was impressed by the resumes of the new finalists.

“It really does surprise me that Baylor is getting this level of applicants,” she said. “I thought the last three were qualified. (The new finalists) are overqualified – outstanding candidates for the job.”

Student Body President Mark Laymon, a Richardson senior, said he’s not surprised at the quality of the candidates being considered the second time going through the search

process.

“I think at Baylor a chaplain would have a unique opportunity ... to really engage (students) on an academic and spiritual level,” he said, adding that in the eyes of chaplain candidates, “Baylor only continues to become a more attractive school.”

Laymon said he’s most concerned that this candidate be “excited about this position and have a vision for it.” He added that a strong faith would also be an important quality in a candidate.

Chris Paxton, a Houston freshman currently enrolled in Chapel, said the new finalist candidates seem impressive. Still, he said, “I believe Dr. Weathersbee would have been the right choice.” Patton said

in his opinion, a candidate’s attitude toward students and his speaking ability are the most important qualities in a university chaplain.

The search committee is still receiving applications and has reviewed dozens in this round of the process, Shushok said. Search committee members have also conducted phone interviews with candidates, three of whom became finalists.

After the on-campus interviews, the search committee will make a recommendation to Vice President for Student Life Dr. Samuel “Dub” Oliver.

That recommendation could be for one of the candidates, but the committee could also recommend several or none of them.

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